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CHEV BLITZ TRUCK

The Blitz has finally found its home in the confines of the Coopers Garage Museum and it certainly is a great inclusion to the collection.

Appreciation is extended to all involved in the restoration works overtime especially to Roadbend for the engine rebuild and to Jonesy who has coordinated the restoration and has put in an enormous amount of effort lending his own skillset to the rebuild, Great effort.



NEW GRADER

Council had a special delivery of the new cat Grader last week, ironically arriving on Kevin's Birthday!

The new grader will be a valuable asset to our works team, helping keep our roads in great condition.

Happy Birthday Kevin and welcome to the fleet WTCAT!

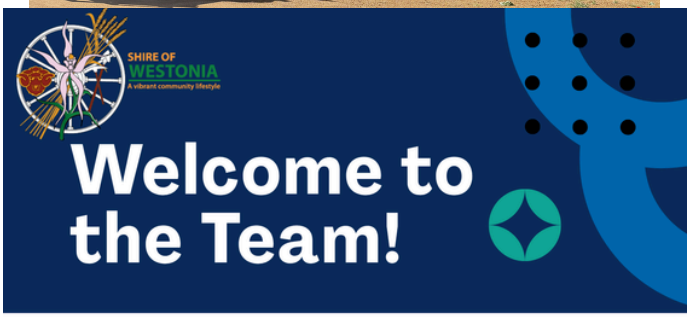


ARRIVAL OF FINAL UNIT

The third and final transportable house was delivered on Monday 12 October bringing our new workers accommodation project one step closer to completion. With no land availability in Westonia and the unit being loaded the wrong way on the trailer, Council had to think outside the box or in this case, outside of the property boundary and utilise the road as it's forever home.









We are thrilled to welcome Juan #2 aka, Tom Cruz to our garden crew! He will be helping our OG Juan for 3 months to get our gardens back to great condition.



Charlie Dixon has also commenced as our town maintenance person and will be a great addition to the town crew with his plumbing and gardening experience.

If you see these two working around town, make sure you say hello and welcome them to our community!

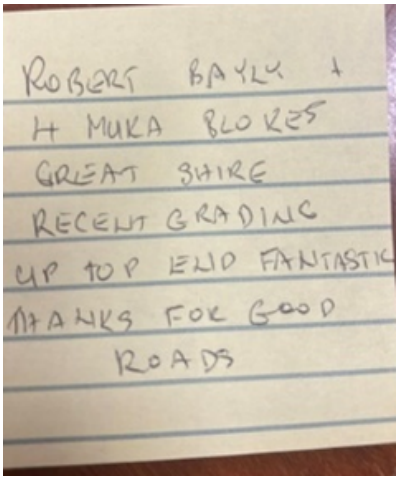
COUNCIL ROADWORKS

A HUGE thank you to the construction crew for putting in the extra hours over the past few months with the winter road grading program which is now completed.

A 4km section of Farina Road has been reconstructed and graveled from Echo Valley Road to the east.

We have received great feedback from rate payers & tourist alike about the standard of our Councils roads.





The crew are currently working in the Shire of Mukinbudin carrying out the final 2.4km section of road construction works on Nungarin North Road with hopeful completion in mid-October.





While we are between the different stages of construction in Mukinbudin the crew have been out and about bitumen patching north of town, carting sand for the Water Corp contract on the pipeline and have commenced maintenance grading bitumen edges, drains and batters.

The works crew's next Council projects are gravel construction of 5km of Hodgeson Road and 400 metres of Smyth Road.

Council has also picked up another 5.4km road construction contract in conjunction with the Shire of Nungarin on their section of Nungarin North Road commencing in late October.





PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - COMMUNITY EVENT - PART WOLFRAM STREET WESTONIA

It is hereby notified for public information that the Chief Executive Officer, under Delegated Authority of the Shire of Westonia agrees to the temporary closure of Part of Wolfram Street, Westonia in accordance with the Road Traffic (Events on Roads) Regulations 1991 and Sections 3.50, 3.50 (a) and 3.51 of the Local Government Act 1995.

The temporary Road closure will occur at 4.00pm, Friday 16th October 2026 until 9.00pm and will involve closing a portion of the street from the island near the CWA building to the CAFÉ and Cement Street, from the park to the Depot. Bollards will be erected to ensure that traffic is controlled.

Apologies for any inconvenience.

Bill Price

Chief Executive Officer



The gardens around town are popping with colour at the moment and are looking amazing!



FIRST AID COURSE

Last chance to put your name down for the "Provide First Aid" course being held in November. Please let the Shire know if you are interested before the 18th of October.

KITCHEN UPGRADES

The kitchen at the stadium has had new cupboards installed for better storage and to help Kate who has been very busy working in there, preparing meals for the contractors in town staying in the Shire's accommodation



GUESS THE SHED

We have been loving the tourists guesses to what the new shed for the playground is for. Our two favourites are a horse arena (yes in the middle of town!) and a ladies bowling rink.





1ST OCTOBER: KEVIN PAUST
2ND OCTOBER: TIM & KILA DELLA BOSCA
12TH OCTOBER: LIZZIE TOWNROW
13TH OCTOBER: GARY ANGWIN
14TH OCTOBER: JOSH LINDLEY
15TH OCTOBER: HALLE CREES
16TH OCTOBER: JASMINE GEIER
17TH OCTOBER: BRITTANY ANTONIO
24TH OCTOBER: SOPHIE JANE CREES, GREG TAPP
26TH OCTOBER: BRADLEY GEIER
31ST OCTOBER: BRENDA NEWBEY

MENS SHED BUSY BEE

Appreciation is extended to Greg Tapp, Ray Mclaughlin and Packhorse for assisting in the inaugural busy bee for the Mens Shed.

Worked involved included spacing of benches and sorting out the variety of tools and machines that have been generously donated.

Some of the equipment is not suitable for the shed (IE 3 phase) so these will be bundled up for sale with funds being used for the purchase of appropriate items for the centre.

Next weeks busy bee will involve an audit of gear we have and what will need to be purchased moving forward.

CAMPBELL Transport

COMMUNITY INTRODUCTION

Campbell Transport will soon commence bulk haulage operations in the Westonia area, transporting gold ore to the Edna May Mine.

As we begin operating in the region, we would like to introduce ourselves to the local community and acknowledge that our trucks will become a more regular presence on roads in and around Westonia.

Campbell Transport is committed to operating safely, responsibly and with consideration for local residents and other road users. Our drivers are experienced in regional and remote haulage operations and are expected to maintain high standards of safety and professionalism at all times.

We understand that increased heavy vehicle movements can have an impact on a small community. We will work closely with our client and relevant authorities to manage our operations responsibly and minimise disruption wherever possible.

We appreciate the patience and cooperation of the Westonia community as these haulage operations commence and look forward to becoming a responsible and respectful member of the local area.

Campbell Transport



PICNIC AT BALADJIE

At 10:30am on Friday morning (25/9/26) ten intrepid explorers, along with baby Harvey, made the 46 km trek to Baladjie Rock. On the way we stopped off at Slippery's farm and met Pippa, Polly, Pepper & Peter Pig and twenty or so photo opportunistic Dorper sheep and lambs (with a little help from some tasty pellets). Back on the bus and we were on our way, checking on the crops and the wildflowers as we drove. We arrived at our destination at around 11:30am and met up with the rest of our fellow explorers. Baladjie was in full bloom with bright pink Pig Face and there was still some water on the lake. We found ourselves a beaut spot, under a shire shelter to picnic. The weather was perfect and the fly's didn't bother us, especially the smart few who remembered their nets. After a kick of the footy and a wander around, we were back on the road, and home again before we knew it. A great day out thanks to everyone who shared it.







NEXT TRIP – SOUTHERN CROSS WEDNESDAY THE 28/10/26
BOOKINGS – CONTACT WESTONIA SHIRE ADMINISTRATION

PUTTS FOR PINK – GOLF DAY ⛳

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our Putts for Pink Golf Day such a fantastic success!

We had 24 players hit the course, followed by a few more joining us for lunch, bringing our community together for a great day of golf, laughs and fundraising for an important cause.

Together, we raised **$2,665.29** for breast cancer awareness which is an incredible effort and something our community should be very proud of! This amount isn't inclusive of the proceeds for the shirt order.

A big thank you to everyone who played, donated prizes, made sweets for the cake stall, purchased raffle tickets, helped organise the day and came along to show their support. Your generosity and involvement helped make the day what it was.

A massive thankyou to Kerryn and Lily Townrow for looking after the Wessy kiddos so we could play golf!

Our raffle winners were;
1st prize - Kay Geier
2nd prize - Harry Day
3rd Prize - Connor Pearce
Best dressed 👚 - Max Abel
Golf winners ⛳
Lani and Kila
Vaughn and Dean
Steve and Angus







Thankyou Kasey for being our photographer for the day!

If you have ordered a shirt, the order has been placed and we will be in contact with you when they arrive.

It's wonderful to see our little community get behind such a meaningful cause. Thank you all for being part of it! 💕

Mitch & Chan xx





WESTONIA GOLF CLUB

What a way to finish the official season for the Golf Club. With Putts for Pink on Saturday 10th October and then the week before on Saturday 3rd October we had Slipperys Earthmoving day. Thank you to Slippery and Stacey for a wonderful day. As well as all the Food, a sheep on the spit, we also had Just Duane entertaining everyone into the night.

Winners for the ladies on the day was Lani. Men's winner was Graham the big hitting legend from Warralakin. Runner up was Daimon. Every one went home a winner with prizes won on all 18 holes.

Happy birthday to Tim Della Bosca, the Clubs patron. Kila showed us all that "have baby will golf" with her inovative golf buggy on the day.











Well done to all members of the Golf Club for a wonderful season. A special thanks to our Captain, Steve Hale for all the work he has done during the season.

WESTONIA BOWLS CLUB

We had 22 members turn up for our open day on Sunday 4th October. Plenty of banter and laughter on the green followed by a sausage sizzle and a few beverages to officially open the 2026-2027 bowling season.





Winners for the day were Bill Marie and Yokka. Runners up were Jonesy, Helen and Lunny. Thank you to the Lockyer/Faithfull families for sponsoring the day.

Pennant season for the men commenced on Saturday 10th October with an away trip to Narembeen. Narembeen proved too strong on their hown ground with a 7 points to 1 win over Wessy. Well done to Drake, Michael Lloyd, Bill and Jonesy who were selected by the Opposition team as the best players for Westonia on the day.





Our first Club Day was held on Sunday the 11th October with 18 players taking to the green in a shuffle triples competition. Congratulations to Bill who has put his hand up to do an umpiring course following some doubtful decisions made by the current umpire of the day. Runner up triple team for the day were Joc, Marie and Drake. The winning team on 2 points and a huge plus 20 shots up were Kay, Liz and Yokka.

Good luck to the Ladies pennant teams for Wednesday 14th October. They will be travelling to Corrigin for their first match of the season.

Just a reminder to members that Subs are now due. The Club will be putting in an order for uniforms in the next weeks. Please contact Ainslie if you require new uniforms.

Westonia Craft Group

Raffle Ticket #54 – Zeta was the lucky winner in our handmade Travel Bag raffle.

Thank you to our community and the wider community for your support.

YTD has been very busy in the sewing room, community projects being the making of curtains for the Caravan Park on-site accommodation rooms, mending of a flag or two and making a replacement gear stick boot.

Our big project which had many steps was making travel bags taking 3 months to complete. The result was outstanding, well-done ladies.

Many smaller projects were also sewn up eg. Hair scrunchies, table runners, potholders, nesting baskets, zippy pouches, drawstring bags etc.

The sewing room group will be doing a display at the Hub for Seniors' Week in November to showcase our work. We will also have a few little items for sale.

I will be stepping back from sewing for a few months to take on my other community love BOWLS. A special Thankyou to my group for your commitment, ideas and magnificent work achieved so far in 2026.

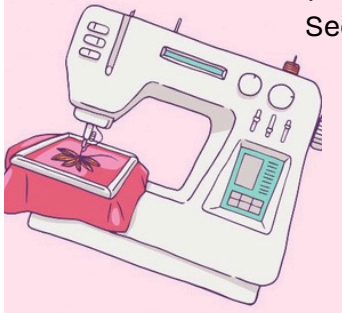
Planning ahead:

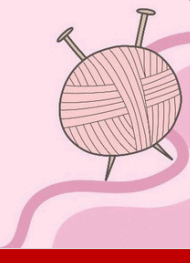
Projects for 2027 – Making a bucket hat from scratch, measuring, drafting your own pattern, cutting and constructing.

Community project – assembling and sewing the quilt top in remembrance of local people who served in WW services. We may have to call on a few volunteers to help with this project.

See ya when I'm looking at ya

Cheers Kay









MELBOURNE Cup Day

Tuesday, 3rd November
11:00AM
Westonia Community Hub

Sweep

Best Hat Door Prize



Bring a plate to share
BYO Drinks
All are Welcome

Lunch

AT SOUTHERN CROSS
Wednesday, 28th October
Southern Star Cafe
10:30am - Meet at Community Hub
Call the Shire to make a booking for the bus

SENIORS ROAD TRIPS



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Christmas Shopping

in Northam
Friday 27th November
Leaving Community Hub at 9am
Please RSVP to Shire Office

Further Council information is available at Shire of Westonia 41 Wolfram Street, Westonia 6423
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Plonk & Donk

$5 if you are not a member at the Community Hub

CORN DOLLY MAKING

Thursday, 8th October

6pm

Activity Room 1 - Community Hub

BYO drinks & nibbles to share

Bruce Rock Progress Presents

HIGH TEA IN THE MUSEUM GARDEN

Friday 30th October
10am
Pre-Booked tickets Essential

$25 per head Pre-booked
$35 per head on the day

Tickets can be purchased at Bruce Rock CRC or Trybooking
Details to follow.

Book your seat

WESTONIA AND SURROUNDS

Free!

MUMS AND BUBS

Join us for a fortnightly play!

9:30-11:00 at Westonia Rec Centre

Scan the QR code to join our chat or contact Zoe 0438 921 563.

ALL WELCOME -2026 DATES:

Monday 5th October
Monday 19th October
Monday 2nd November
Monday 16th November
Monday 30th November
Monday 14th December

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12 October 2026

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MEDIA RELEASE

CEACA Announces Mia Davies as new Chairperson

Central East Accommodation & Care Alliance Inc (CEACA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mia Davies as its new Independent Chairperson. Mia's appointment marks an exciting new chapter for CEACA as it continues to deliver housing solutions that support seniors to age in place, people living with disability and low-income residents, and strengthen regional communities across the Wheatbelt.

Mia brings more than 25 years of strategic leadership, governance and public policy experience to the role. Her distinguished career includes service as a Cabinet Minister, Leader of The Nationals WA and Leader of the Opposition, together with extensive experience working with regional communities, local governments and industry stakeholders across Western Australia. More recently, she has held a senior corporate leadership role with Procon Developments Australia and serves in governance positions with the Royal Agricultural Society of WA and the Northam Chamber of Commerce.

Her longstanding connection with the Wheatbelt and understanding of CEACA's purpose, combined with her commitment to regional development, position her strongly to lead the organisation through its next phase of growth and housing investment.

"I've been on the journey with CEACA since its earliest days, when 11 Wheatbelt local governments came together to tackle a challenge that no single community could address alone.

The model is a powerful example of what can be achieved when regional communities work together and has delivered real outcomes for the Wheatbelt, helping people remain living in the communities they call home.

"I'm looking forward to working with the Board, member Shires and funding partners to lead CEACA into its next chapter and acknowledge Tuck Waldron's outstanding leadership and contribution over the past eight years." Mia said

Outgoing Chairperson Terry 'Tuck' Waldron proudly welcomed Mia's appointment.
"Mia brings an exceptional combination of leadership, governance and a deep understanding of the Wheatbelt. Her experience at the highest levels of government, together with her ongoing commitment to regional communities, makes her ideally placed to guide CEACA through its next stage of development." Tuck said

CEACA extends its thanks and appreciation to Hon Terry 'Tuck' Waldron AM for his outstanding service as Chairperson over the past 8 years. Tuck's leadership has been pivotal in shaping CEACA's growth and success, most notably through his stewardship of the Wheatbelt Expansion Project, which will see the delivery of 54 new homes in Wheatbelt communities through a significant partnership with State and Federal governments. His dedication to improving housing opportunities for regional Western Australians has left a lasting legacy, and CEACA is deeply grateful for his contribution.

About CEACA

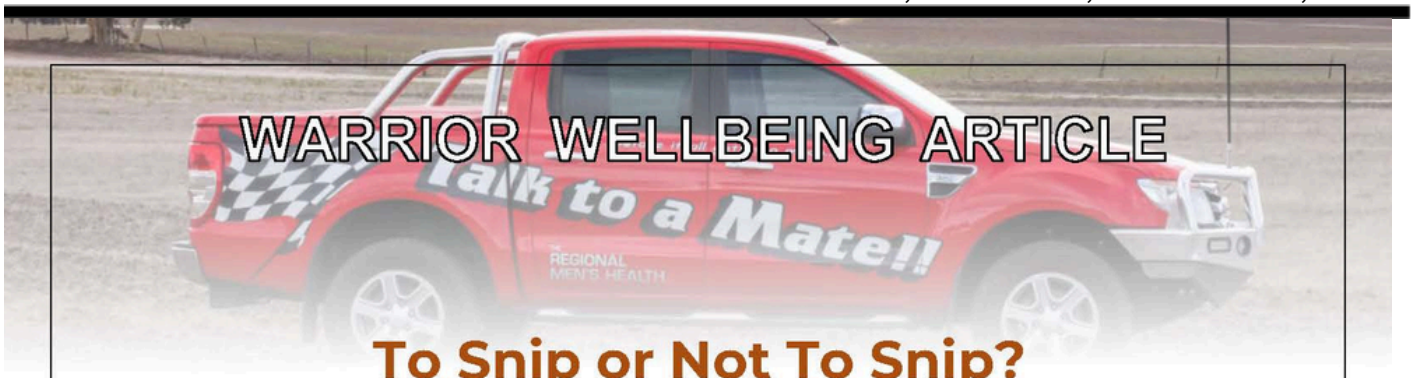
Central East Accommodation & Care Alliance (CEACA) is a leading Community Housing Provider and registered charity operating in the Wheatbelt of WA. Formed as an alliance of 11 Shires, CEACA provides much needed housing for seniors, people living with a disability and on low incomes, enabling residents to remain close to family and participate in their local community. CEACA is currently building 54 new modular homes across 17 sites in the Wheatbelt through a significant partnership with the Australian and Western Australian Governments, with completion expected in early 2028.



Want to help out with the planning of future events in Westonia?
Come along to our working group meetings which are held regularly.
NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER @ 11AM, AT THE COMMUNITY HUB

Pre-Kindy Enrolments for 2027 are now open.
For enquires please contact St Mary's School.



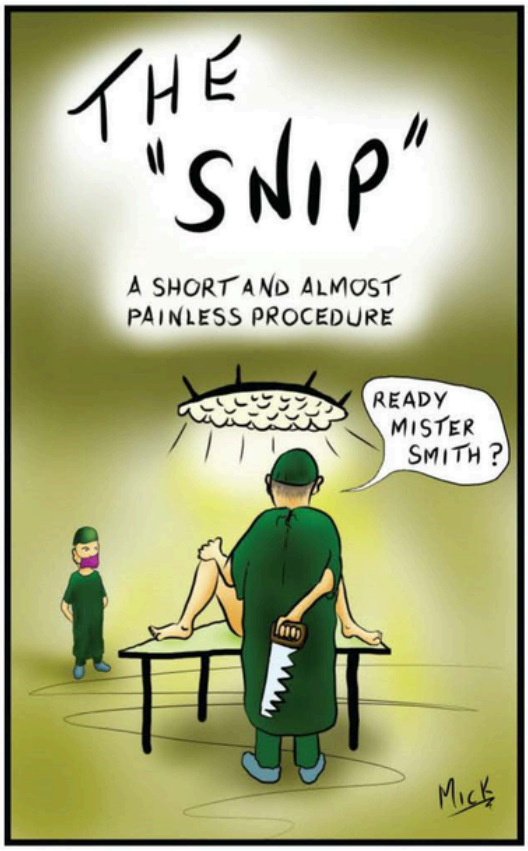


To Snip or Not To Snip?

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
October 2026

When we as blokes, arrive at the decision with our partners that the pitter-patter of tiny feet, 2am feeds and toxic nappies are not on the agenda any more, then some form of permanent contraception is one possible pathway. There are options for the ladies in our lives, but those options can involve major surgery and unwanted side effects. The male version in terms of permanent surgical sterilization is the vasectomy and by comparison it's minor surgery with little to no side effects.

The first question is, what exactly is a vasectomy? Quite simply it is the cutting and sealing of the tubes (vas deferens) that carries sperm from the testes to the penis. It is usually done under local anaesthetic via a very small incision on each side of the scrotum, and despite 'The Snip' being the slang term, it doesn't usually involve scissors.



The most important question in many bloke's minds is, *does it hurt*? and we're well within our rights to ask this. We've already spent a lifetime keeping our crown jewels out of harm's way and on the odd occasion that we haven't, well, it hasn't ended well. The short answer is no. Some bruising and slight discomfort over the first couple of days is normal but not debilitating. A warning to my three-year-old daughter not to jump off the end of the lounge into my lap four hours after surgery would have been useful in hindsight and I definitely wouldn't suggest riding your bike home after the op!

An important point to keep in mind, is the fact that the sperm already in your reproductive system will remain viable little swimmers for up to 3 months or until the *pipes are clear*. It's not uncommon for couples to fall pregnant in the months immediately following a vasectomy, an irony not immediately all that humorous to those affected.

A lot of guys worry that it will affect their experience of sex however this typically isn't the case, as outwardly there is no visible difference to ejaculate nor usually any change to sensation. The vasectomy in no way interferes with erectile function nor with orgasm which no doubt is a relief to those considering the procedure.

A vasectomy should be considered permanent even though there is a procedure known as a vasectomy reversal. A successful reversal is by no means guaranteed, with success anywhere between 40-90 % but falling away rapidly with age, time between surgeries, and other complications. For this reason, you need to be absolutely certain; besides, repeat operations on our 'agates' don't figure very highly on anyone's 'to do' list.

To decide whether a vasectomy is right for you, *the ball is in your court* so to speak. You need to be sure that you and your partner have completed your family and that you want to take responsibility for family planning. On the flip side, a vasectomy is not something to be rushed into if you are relatively young; recently separated, divorced or having relationship problems.

So, all in all it's a decision you and your partner need to make together, it is a major decision.

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THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE

2026 October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	01 BINGO **DR Olga Day**	02	03
04	05 Mums and bubs	06 SCRABBLE	07 Mens Shed Busy Bee 2 - 4pm	08 BINGO **Plonk & Donk 6PM**	09	10 **Breast Cancer Lunch @ Golf Club**
11	12 **Dr Olga Day**	13 SCRABBLE	14 Mens Shed Busy Bee 2 - 4pm	15 BINGO **Council Meeting** **Robyns Beauty Salon**	16 **Night at the Museum**	17
18	19 Mums and bubs	20 SCRABBLE	21 **Working group meeting @ old school 11pm**	22 BINGO	23	24
25	26	27 SCRABBLE	28 Seniors Bus trip to Southern Cross	29 BINGO	30 **Halloween Trick or Treat & Disco**	31
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