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NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

What an evening to remember! We officially opened the Westonia Community Hub on the 16th of October 2026 with Lachlan Hunter doing the honours of unveiling the plaque. Brad who also joined us for the occasion who said a few words on behalf of Bendigo who were a big financial contributions to the project and were an important part of how we made this possible.



Following the opening, we threw the doors wide open and invited everyone to have a look around and see what our new community space has to offer. It was fantastic to see people exploring the facilities and getting a feel for what this space will mean for our little community.

From there, we relocated to the street for the party, where the celebrations continued well into the evening. The museums were both open for people to look around as many of our own locals haven't seen our new Coopers Garage.

A massive THANKYOU to Uncle Diesels who always makes sure everyone is well fed and nobody went home hungry, including giving out some seconds, thirds, and fourths! Wessy loves seeing you in town!



We also want to give a huge shoutout to all our helpers who jumped in wherever they were needed, from strategically placing flowers on tables with the wind being against us to pressure cleaning everything in sight and raking up every single leaf on the ground! Another big thank you goes to Kay Geier who made the curtain for the plaque super last minute as we completely forgot how we were going to unveil it. Lastly, thankyou to the playground fundraiser group who ran the bar and made sure no one was thirsty during the evening.



Thankyou to everyone who attended and helped make the night such a success. There was plenty of work behind the scenes to bring it all together and it was wonderful to see it all come to life.

Here's to new beginnings, a fantastic community space in Westonia!

THANK YOU!

A massive thank you to the Westonia community for their support on Friday night for our Bar fundraiser at the Night at the Museum community event. Your ongoing support for our next generations is truly appreciated. We were able to raise another $2,300 all thanks to you and thank you to anyone that made a donation even if they weren't drinking. A big thank you to Heather, Bill and Lani who all volunteered their time to help Mikayla behind the bar and Jonesy who is always willing to help us with any bar questions and supplies. We can't wait to see you at the next one!

Sincerely,
Mikayla, Denver and The Westonia Playground Group

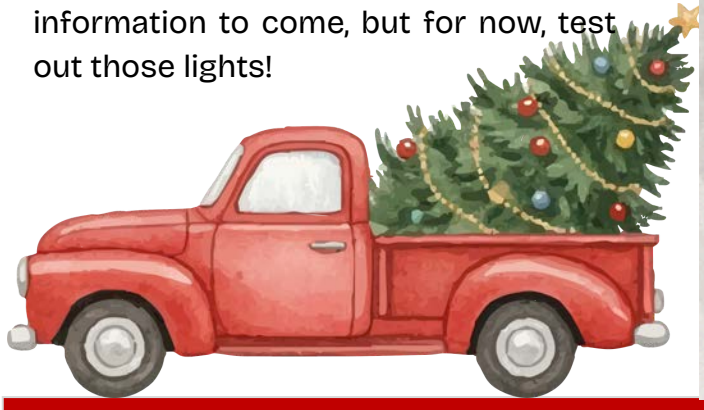
Westonia Playground Group
Growing a better future together



XMAS LIGHT COMPETITION

It's nearly time to fill the house with Christmas decorations again!

Westonia is holding a Christmas light competition in December, more information to come, but for now, test out those lights!



PLEASING TO SEE THE DEVELOPMENT AROUND TOWN

As usual, our Westonians are keeping busy and it's great to see so much happening around town. With new sheds going up, house pads being prepared and properties ready for their next chapter. We look forward to seeing these projects progress and watching our little town continue to grow.









2ND NOVEMBER: KATE CREES

4TH NOVEMBER: ROBERT MORALES

5TH NOVEMBER: JOCELYN ANTONIO

7TH NOVEMBER: CHANTELLE PEDROTTI

10TH NOVEMBER: CLINTON TOWNROW (STIX)

11TH NOVEMBER: ROSS DELLA BOSCA, MARGARET CREES, CHRISTINE GEIER, PETER LILLY

8TH NOVEMBER: ERNIE DOUGLAS

20TH NOVEMBER: PRISCILLA STEPHENS

21ST NOVEMBER: MITCH CREWS

24TH NOVEMBER: CHLOE CORSINI

25TH NOVEMBER: JOAN HUXTABLE

28TH NOVEMBER: JACKSON KELLY (HALE)

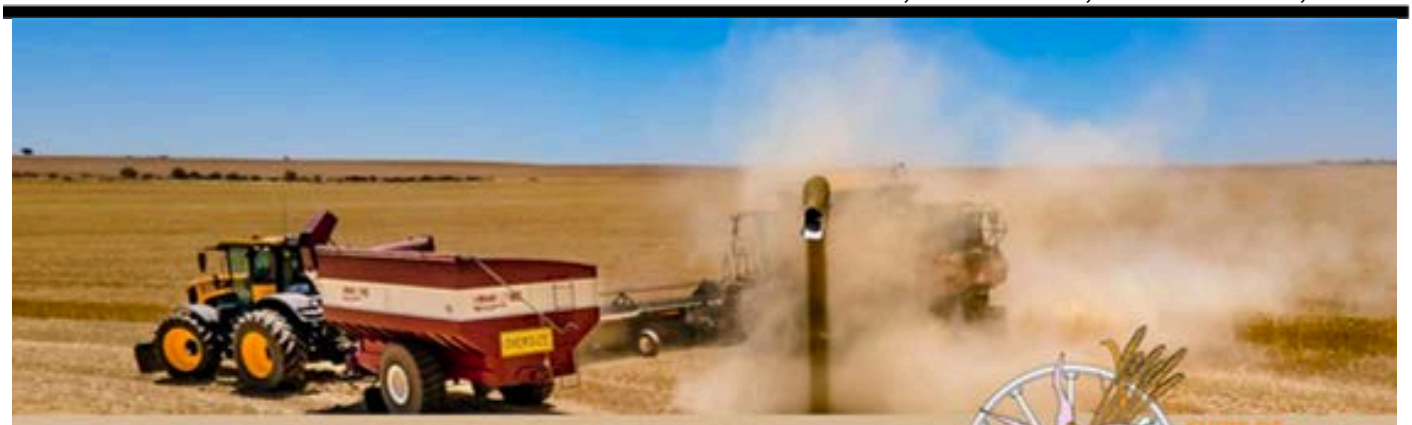


WESSY AND SURROUNDS MUMS & BUBS

The kids have been having a fabulous time catching up once a fortnight for Mums & Bubs. Last week, they had a trial run for the new playground!

We've started a new playgroup and families from Mukka, Munty, Moorine and Wesssy are coming over for a casual catch up and play. Each fortnight we do something different, this week we met in the playground and enjoyed the sand and the shade! Great location and we can't wait for the real deal!

Next playgroup is Monday 2nd 9:30-11 and we are doing water play.
Contact Zoe for more info - 0438 921 563



HARVEST ROAD SAFETY

SHIRE OF WESTONIA

Just as the caravanners have started to slow down in Westonia, harvest has started up in full swing. The roads are busy with trucks and machinery being moved to new paddocks. With larger vehicles, slower moving machinery and unexpected turns, we need to all take extra care behind the wheel. Driving more cautious is needed during this time, here are some tips to be extra careful on our roads;



Take the extra time at crossroads, it may be familiar to you but never assume the road is clear. Take your time, look both ways and check again before pulling out.





Report any damage or road safety concerns to the Shire to prevent an accident from occuring



Allocate extra time for your trips, there's no need to rush. Take into consideration being stuck behind machinery and trucks turning off and on the highway on side roads.



Farm machinery and trucks can be long, wide and slow moving. Only overtake when you have a clear view of the road ahead



Put the phone away, the messages will still be there when you reach your destination. Looking down for a short period of time can lead to you not seeing a vehicle pull on the road infront of you or someone slowing down to turn.

Lets lookout for each other, harvest is a busy and important time of year for our farmers. A little patience, courtesy and awareness from every road user can help everyone where they need to go safely.

Shire Office - 9046 7063
CEO - 0427 467 063

Important Contacts

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Frank Corsini | 0429 467 042

Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Michael Crook | 0428 449 004

Westonia Brigade Fire Control Officer
Frank Corsini | 0429 467 042
Colin Lindley | 0427 467 004
Brad Penny | 0429 467 046

Walgoolan Brigade Fire Control Officer
Jason Wahlsten | 0429 447 020
Shaun Crees | 0428 447 057

Warralakin Brigade Fire Control Officer
Michael Crook | 0428 449 004
David Crook | 0428 440 127
Brayden Brennan | 0447 098 662

Shire Fire Control Officer
Bill Price | 0427 467 063
Denver Simmonds | 0400 086 897

(General enquiries ONLY. In an emergency call 000)

Harvest Ban SMS
Call 9046 7063 to subscribe

SHIRE OF WESTONIA
A vibrant community lifestyle



How does it work?
Harvest ban updates and road closures can be obtained via this service.

How to be added or removed?
To be added, on our website, look for Services > bush fire services page & register for the SMS Service
To be removed, contact the Shire Office

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EMERGENCY



A NIGHT OF FUN ENTERTAINMENT WAS HAD BY ALL

Saturday 17th October a group of Country Music enthusiasts travelled to Merredin to join the Pre Harvest Festivities.

The music was provided by Perth band - " The Stumblers" who proved to be a very versatile, multi talented group of musicians consisting of six members four of which are ladies.

Sarah - Singer/songwriter, played the Banjo, Dobro, Rhythm Guitar .

Rebecca - Violin, Piano Accordion, back up vocals.

Kristy - Keyboard, Tambourine and shakers.

Fiona - Bass, Violin

Dan - Lead Vocals, Lead Guitar,

Stevie Ray - Drummer and back up vocals.

Their chose of covers and own material was well received. One outstanding performance was their rendition of the Devil went down to Georgia.

During the Band breaks the entertainment continued with everyone on the floor that was able to have fun learning a Country Bush Dance which was very entertaining sitting down and just watching.

The next break saw the Merredin Boot scooters do a demonstration then others joined them on the floor (for some cardio workout.)

Last break the band bought out a horse race track complete with horses and jockeys (plus some nasty pitfalls scatter across the field) - that felt more like a snakes and ladders game but a good laugh at the end and some valuable fund raising achieved.

The Westonia crew manned the Raffle table and at the end of the night had raised $570 for the Merredin St John's Ambulance.

Raffle results:

Scratchie Board was won by - Jackie D

$100 Boards won by - Ros H, Liz R, Ray M.

2nd boards. - Liz R, Lesley L, Pam L.

Westonia Cafe & Gallery Morning Tea Vouchers won by Audene/Peter and Joan /Steve

A Big Thank You to everyone who supported the raffles.





At scrabble this week, we celebrated Brenda Newby's birthday! Brenda only visits us once a month so it was lovely that she was here close to her birthday. Brenda is a very good Scrabbler so it was no surprise that she won a game aswell.





WESTONIA BOWLS CLUB

Welcome back to the fold to Ada Barnett. And a special welcome to our newest and definitely the best looking bowler, Lani Hale. Lani has put her hand up to accompany Kay, Ainslie and Diane to Quairading on November 6th for their Opening Day. Look out all the opposition!



Our winners for the Club day held on Sunday the 25th were Kay, Marie and Drake. Thank you to our Sunday Captain, Bounder, for organizing the Teams and doing the leg work to ensure everything runs smoothly.



Unfortunately the Pennant season for the men has got off to a rockey start. Their home game against Bruce Rock on the 16th October saw Bruce Rock come out on top 87 (7 points) to 58 (1 point). Well done to the team of Brighty, Fred, Packhorse and Drake who were the only team to record a win on the day.



Merredin Club came to Westonia for a night game on Saturday 24th October. Westonia went down 63 (0 points) to Club 99 (8 points). There were some close games but again our men could not get over the line. They do however serve the best steak and chips. Their next game will be against Civic in Merredin.

The women played their second pennant game at home against Tammin and recorded their first win of the season with a solid 4 points Westonia to 0 points Tammin.





WESTONIA BOWLING CLUB

The Wessy Wanderers are again wandering all over the wheatbelt. Our first open day was at Bruce Rock on the 18th October with the team of Ainslie, Kay, Heather and Kylie. No wins on this particular day. Ainslie, Heather, Kay and Shirley attended the Tammin Open Day on Saturday 24th with a much better result. Three wins from three games to come out third overall on shots up. Kay won the wine raffle, Ainslie won the pot of gold, Shirley drew the luckey lead prize and Ainslie drew the lucky skipper prize. Heather and Ainslie then followed up with winning money on their agressive rewarding drives and yard ons. Altogether a wonderful day.



Next Sunday will be another Club Day 2 for 2.30 start. Sundays are all about socializing and enjoyment so non members are welcome to join in and learn the game. The Club has sets of bowls for anyone wishing to give it a try.





Melbourne Cup

WESTONIA TAVERN



Open from 11AM

$35 Lunch & Dessert
*Bookings Essential

9046 7012 westoniapub@hotmail.com

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

Westonia Community Hub

EVERYONE WELCOME

OPEN WEEK

9 NOVEMBER
MONDAY
Hub open
10am - 1pm



What's on:
9/11/26 all rooms open, including Mens shed, sewing room, WW Pool, Games room & Activity Rooms 1 & 2
10/11/26 Scrabble @ 1pm
12/11/26 Bingo @ 1pm

SENIORS ROAD TRIPS



Christmas Shopping in Northam

Friday 27th November

Leaving Community Hub at 9am

Please RSVP to Shire Office







The Westonia Community Co-op Bus Driver Position

The Co-op are seeking a qualified bus driver to operate their bus run from the Nungarin area into the schools in Merredin - Monday to Friday for the school year.

The morning bus leaves the Co-op yard at 6.45 am and returns about 9.00 am and the afternoon bus leaves the Co-op yard about 2.15 pm and returns about 4.30 pm.

There is regular cleaning/maintenance of the bus required when needed and occasional reporting to the Bus Services. Liaison with parents is critical.

Wages are approximately $224.00 daily as set by Bus Services and Superannuation is paid at 12%.

Requirements of the position are

- F Class License
- Working with Children Clearance
- Police Clearance
- Medical as per F Class Licence

Please email wessyshop@bigpond.com or call 9046 7222 for more information and an information package.

Applications addressing the selection criteria close 5.00pm on Monday 30th November and should be addressed to the undersigned:

Mr Peter Antonio
Chairman of Directors
Westonia Community Cooperative
Wolfram Street
WESTONIA WA6423
wessyshop@bigpond.com



Assorted Items

Saturday 7th November -
Sunday 8th November

9AM-2PM

23 Pyrites Street

FOR SALE

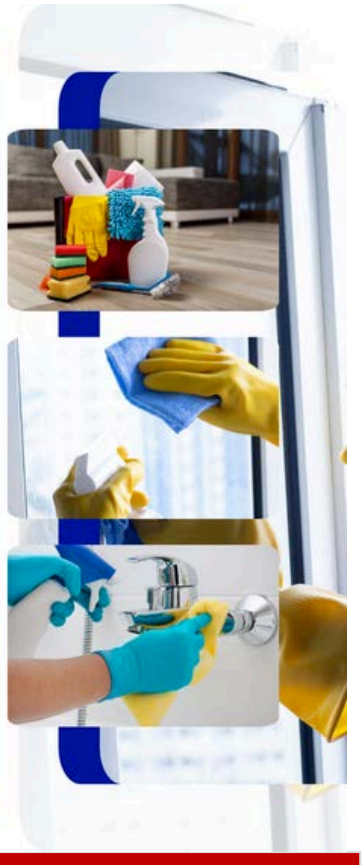
Each side sold separately
Contact Bill 0427 467 063













Can you host a couple of medical students for three nights?

Wheatbelt Medical Student Immersion Program

TUESDAY 16 TO FRIDAY 19 MARCH 2027

Share what **living in the Wheatbelt** is like with **doctors of the future**

One hundred medical students will be coming to the Wheatbelt in March 2027.

During their stay, they will visit local farms, industry, general practices, hospitals and schools, and participate in community activities.

We need you to provide real-life experiences that will give them an understanding of what it is like to live in the Wheatbelt and perhaps inspire them to become rural doctors.

The students will visit the following towns:

- Bruce Rock
- Cunderdin
- Kellerberrin
- Merredin
- Narrogin
- Southern Cross
- Tammin
- Westonia

As a host, we will ask you to provide accommodation for two or three students, to assist with transporting them to/from town, and share what it is like to live in your town with the students. You are invited to come along to a Thank You Dinner with the students on the Thursday night.

Why host?

This is a life-changing experience for the students, with many having no previous exposure to rural life or the Wheatbelt.

By providing these rural immersion opportunities early in their degree, it has been proven that students are:

- more likely to explore rural career opportunities; and
- better able to provide patient-centred care to rural people.

Some students previously hosted through this program continue to keep in touch and visit their host families. Some have returned for seasonal work or placements, while others have joined mentoring programs. The experience has inspired some host family members to pursue tertiary studies in health and medicine. Many former students now practise as doctors in the Wheatbelt and other parts of remote WA and Australia.

For further information, contact **Rural Health West**:
T 08 6389 4509
E futureworkforce@ruralhealthwest.com.au

We want to hear from you if you would like to host, even if you need the students to roll out a swag in the living room.

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BENDIGO BANK WESSY ON THE GREEN



FOOD VANS ■ LIVE MUSIC ■ STALLS

KIDS ENTERTAINMENT ■ FIRE WORKS

DATE

10 APRIL 2027

TIME

2PM - LATE

Westonia Community Resource Centre

Community Bank Mukinbudin Bendigo Bank

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Shire of Westonia

CEACA
Supporting Wheatbelt Communities

AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN WHEATBELT

Community Housing

CEACA Inc is a registered Community Housing Provider in the Wheatbelt of WA and a not-for-profit charitable property owner and manager of community housing for seniors, people living with a disability and low-income households.

CEACA Inc currently owns and manages 63 community housing properties in Bruce Rock, Kellerberrin, Mt Marshall, Merredin, Mukinbudin, Westonia, Wyalkatchem and Yilgarn.

All units are unfurnished, come with two bedrooms, air-conditioning, solar and easy-care gardens. CEACA works with Elders Real Estate to manage these properties.

CEACA manages its own waitlist.

If you would like to apply for one of these units, you can do so in the following ways:

- Call 0414 136 687.
- Send an email to info@ceaca.org.au.
- Visit our website: www.ceaca.org.au to download an application form or complete an online application.

Coming Soon!



CEACA Limited is a registered Community Housing Provider in the Wheatbelt of WA and a not-for-profit charitable property owner and manager of social housing for seniors, people living with a disability and low-income households.

In 2026, CEACA Limited was successful in securing Federal and State funding for the construction of 54 two-bedroom social housing properties that will be constructed across 17 sites in the following shires:

Bruce Rock, Dowerin, Kellerberrin, Mt Marshall, Mukinbudin, Narembeen, Quairading, Westonia, Wyalkatchem, Yilgarn.



The new homes, of modular construction, will be built to Silver Liveable Housing Australia standards, ensuring they are accessible and suitable for seniors and people living with a disability. The units will be prioritised for low income (Band A) applicants.

Construction of the units commenced in August 2026, and the anticipated completion of all properties will be in the first quarter of 2028.

Expressions of Interest Opening 2027

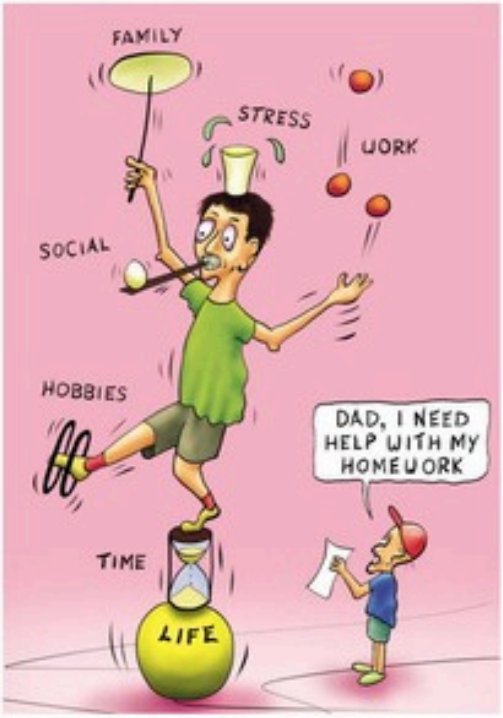
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Your Wellbeing – What's Important to You?

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
November 2026

There are some great awareness campaigns run throughout the year that aim to raise awareness and put men's health and wellbeing in the spotlight. As important as these campaigns are, it is still up to us as individuals to take time and reflect on our own wellbeing needs and what we need to focus on amongst all our daily activities. We are all busy and the context of our lives differ, so don't forget to put yourself first, it's not being selfish, but an important part of self-preservation!



No matter if we are a farmer, contractor, working in agribusiness, or a community member, we can sometimes forget the little things during these busy times. We all have stress spikes in our lives. Whether we are farmers dealing with seeding and harvest, accountants during tax time, a salesperson during stocktake, or a parent dealing with the never-ending jobs and caring responsibilities.

Most of us just accept that during our stress spikes we need to go hard and work long hours. But it's also important to understand that no one can work 24/7. Even if we think we can, something is going to give. Here are a few simple tips to remember, especially during busy times, around issues that can impact us blokes:

Fatigue is one of the biggest causes of accidents, injuries and deaths, so know your limits. Are we getting enough sleep? We need 7-8 hours. Limit nicotine, caffeine, alcohol and big heavy meals late at night. Give yourself a chance to relax before bed and avoid bright screens / electronic devices.

Fuelling our body – Eat a good source of fibre i.e. whole grains, legumes, and fruits such as apples, berries, citrus fruits and pears. Fibre stays in the stomach longer than other foods which means feeling full for longer. Eating carbs with a low GI (slow release) helps with blood sugar control, which means sustaining our energy levels in a more balanced way.

Balanced diet – A varied and healthy diet of protein and good fats is important - red meat, chicken and fish with some greens. Our snacks can be healthy like apples, avocados, bananas, fruit/nut mix and remember to stay hydrated and drink lots of water.

Road safety - Road conditions in regional WA don't have a good reputation as it is. It's important to remember the transport industry is an important part of country life and truckies are just trying to make a living, so respect needs to go both ways. Extra trucks are going to be in and out of receival points, farm gates and at crossroads during seeding/harvest and the holiday period. Give appropriate space and don't push your overtaking, be patient and don't drive tired.

Managing our relationships - We must remember that it is not your responsibility to make other people, including your spouse, happy. It is up to each person to create that for themselves. We do, however, play a significant role in whether others feel appreciated and respected, which is a good start for any relationship.

Our wellbeing is important and we must take a proactive approach to managing it. It would be great if we could all spend as much time as possible being happy, healthy and well. However life is full of certainty and uncertainty, each morning the sun comes up, and using the analogy of being stuck on an island, we never know what the tide may bring in, so look after yourself first! This will better enable us to then take care of those around us in our family, community group and/or workplace setting.

@RMHI_4blokes
Working with Warriors Podcast
regionalmenshealth.com.au

2026 November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 Swimming Pool Opening for the Season	02 Mums and Bubs	03 Melbourne Cup	04	05	06	07
08	09 **Dr Olga Day** COMMUNITY HUB OPEN WEEK	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 	17	18	19 **Council Meeting**	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 **Robyns Beauty Salon**	27 Northam Xmas Shopping trip	28
29 Croquet - Wessy Oval 12PM onwards	30 	01	02	03	04	05
06	07	Notes:				

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