



COUNCIL TO COMMUNITY 29 September 2020



Works Around Our Shire

CHANGES TO THE USE OF SHIRE WATER STANDPIPES

Due to the Water Corporations changes to stand pipe water supply charges, there will be changes to the way the Shires standpipes are used and the cost of standpipe water from all Council Controlled Standpipes.

- The Shire of Westonia currently has nine (9) fixed water standpipes located within the Shire for use by the Shire, for fire-fighting purposes and the community. These Standpipes are located on Westonia-Carrabin Road, McPharlin Road, Carrabin townsite, Walgoolan townsite, Warralakin Road (Cranleigh), Warrachuppin/George Road, Boodarockin/George Road, Warralakin and Boodarockin (M40).

Earlier in 2019, the Water Corporation contacted rural Western Australian Local Government Authorities (LGA) and advised them that as of 1 July 2019, new water charges will apply to fixed standpipes based on the category of the standpipe and requested that all LGA categorise their standpipes. The Water Corporation presented options for LGAs to categorise their standpipes into, for the purpose of water usage billing. These options were discussed at Council's 20 June 2019 meeting. To view Council minutes please use this link <https://www.westonia.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/ordinary-meeting/june-2019/25/documents/0619-minutes-june-2019.pdf>

As a result, Council have invested over \$100,000 in the 2020/21 Budget to install electronic standpipe controllers to all Council owned and operated Standpipes and will require a swipe card to operate and purchase water.

Water availability for a fire emergency will remain the same, with all Fire Control Officers (FCO's) being issued with a card to unlock the standpipes. Cards will also be placed in all fire units. For firefighting access, nominated Shire staff will remotely switch the commercial standpipe system to "Fire Mode" whereby the need for a swipe card is not required and water is available to fight fires. There is no charge for water used during a fire event.

Council acknowledges that the need to have standpipes to provide water to the community is important. Customers wishing to purchase water from the commercial and community standpipes will be able to via an electronic standpipe management system using a swipe card. Swipe cards are available from the Shire Administration Office. Domestic cards (farmers) will be free for the first card and additional cards will be charged at \$20. Commercial cards (Mine/ Contractors) will be charged at \$20 upon completion of the required application form.

These swipe cards can be obtained by filling out the appropriate application form and attending the Shires Administration to pick up the card. To view Standpipe application form please use this link. [Click Here](#)

The cost of water from the standpipe will be charged at the designated price for each location. (See attached FAQ info sheet).

The proposed changes in water charges by the Water Corporation on rural fixed water standpipes have necessitated LGA to make changes on the way they manage their standpipe assets so as to:

- Recognise that water is a valuable, but scarce commodity;
- Provide a cost efficient standpipe service to the public and other users with a user pay system that can be effectively monitored;
- Provide water during fire emergencies; and
- Provide water to farmers in times of declared drought.

Answers to frequently asked questions are available. To view Standpipe application form please use this link. [Click Here](#)

Should you need further clarification or wish to comment then please direct your emails to shire@westonia.wa.gov.au or contact Jamie Criddle, CEO on 90467063





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(08) 9046 7063**

**Consulting Dates 2020
(Monday's)**

5th of October 2020

9th of November 2020

7th of December 2020



Practitioner News

Primary Care Nurse Practitioner

LAURA BLACK

**Every Tuesday
9.00am—2.00 pm**

**Booking made through
SHIRE ADMIN on
(08) 9046 7063**

Visiting Practitioner News

The podiatrist will be back in town on the following dates appointments are available starting at 9am

14th October 2020

Please call the Shire Office on **(08) 90467063** for more information or to make an appointment.

Hood-Penn Museum Update



The Hood-Penn Museum Busy Bee

**Tuesday October 13th
10am -12pm**

For all museum related enquiries please contact Lani on 90467063 during business hours
Thank you.

Governance Update



The next Council Meeting will be held on **15th October 2020**, from 3.30pm. The meeting will be held at the Westonia CRC Building (Old Shire Administration Building) The meeting's agenda will be published on Council's website from 5.00pm on **Friday 9th October 2020**

Public Question Time commences as 3:30pm and is limited to 15 minutes

Rates Incentive Competition WINNERS 2020/2021

Ratepayers who paid their rates in full, by 7th September 2020, were automatically entered into the 17th of September 2020 draw. To win one of the following fantastic prizes:

1st Prize winner; L. Turner

Has won a Hot Air Balloon Ride & Champagne Breakfast for two (with Windward Balloon Adventures) valued at \$700 & a \$60 Voucher for the Westonia CO-OP

Prize Sponsor: Edna May Operations Ramelius Resources Pty Ltd, Bank West, JR & A Hersey, Hi-Lo Constructions & Twinkarri Tree Pruning Services.

2nd Prize Winer; V & C Wallis

A \$500 Crown Gifts Voucher & \$160 Voucher for the Westonia Co-op

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3rd Prize Winner; P. Lilly & S. West

\$200 Grocery Voucher to spend at the Westonia Co-op & a \$300 Voucher for the Westonia Tavern.

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4th Prize Winner; HA & K Townrow

1 Carrabin Roadhouse Fuel voucher to the value of \$200 & a \$200 Voucher for the Westonia Tavern.

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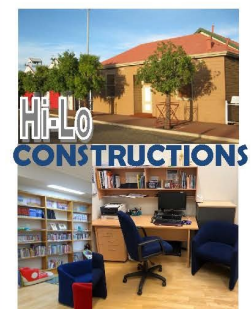


J.R. & A. HERSEY

Westonia Tavern



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BUSH FIRE INFORMATION 2020/2021



RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD

16 September 2020 to
31 October 2020
15 February 2021 to
31 March 2021

BURNING PERMIT REQUIRED

PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD

1 November 2020 to
14 February 2021

NO BURNING PERMITTED

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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