



COUNCIL TO COMMUNITY 14 OCTOBER 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





DR OLGA WARD
MBBS, FRACGP, GDRGP,
FARGP Procedural
Surgical GP Westonia

SHIRE ADMIN on
(08) 9046 7063
Consulting Dates 2020
(Monday's)
9th of November 2020
7th of December 2020

Visiting Practitioner News



SCHOENPODIATRY

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.



Practitioner News

Primary Care
Nurse Practitioner
LAURA BLACK
Every Tuesday
9.00am—2.00 pm
Booking made through
SHIRE ADMIN on
(08) 9046 7063

HAVE YOU DONE YOUR FIREBREAKS?

All land owners, or occupiers are required to plough, scarify, cultivate, spray or otherwise clear and thereafter maintain free of all inflammable material until the 31st day of March 2021



IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

As Westonia approaches the Bushfire season the Shire would like to remind community members of Westonia's important contacts.

These contacts can also be found on the rear of the Fire Break Order 20/21 that went out with rates notices in July 2020. If community members have not received a copy of the Fire Break Order or have misplaced it, a copy of it is available for downloading and printing from Shire's website.

FOR ALL EMERGENCIES DIAL 000

CHIEF BUSHFIRE CONTROL OFFICER

Frank Corsini | 0429 467 042

DEPUTY CHIEF BUSHFIRE CONTROL OFFICER

Mal Nicoletti | 0428 449 034



UPDATE An update on the road works on Great Eastern Hwy. The shoulder sealing crew working between Merredin and Walgoolan are making good progress and should be finished in the next few weeks. The widening works and overtaking lane between Carrabin and Bodallin are also on track and should be finished in mid-November 2020. The pavement repair crew are working between Kellerberrin and Merredin over the next few weeks. They will then progress between Merredin and Walgoolan and are due to be completed by the end of October 2020. We thank you for your patience. If you need to contact Main Roads, we have a 24 hour call centre that can be contacted on 138 138. Information on roadworks can be found on our Travelmap <https://travelmap.mainroads.wa.gov.au/>



Is your pet registered?

Dog and cat registration and renewals will be hitting your post boxes at the end of September with registration renewals due by 31st October 2020.





WESTONIA SHIRE MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL

**OPENING SOON
NOVEMBER 2020**

Opening hours for the season will be:
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 3pm to 7pm
(school holidays) – 11am to 7pm
Tuesday – closed
Weekends – 11am to 7pm
Public Holidays – 11am – 7pm



Governance Update

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE OF MEETING DATE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 2020

It is hereby notified for public information that the ordinary meeting of Council scheduled for Thursday 15 October 2020 will now be held on Monday 19 October 2020, at the Westonia Council Chambers, Wolfram Street, Westonia, commencing at 3.30 pm. In accordance with Section 5.24 (1) of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulations, there will be a public question time at the re commencement of the meeting @ 3.30pm. The purpose of the change of meeting date is to allow for all members to be present for the meeting. Apologies for any inconvenience.
Jamie Criddle

Snake Safety

Snakes will avoid people if they can. But if they feel threatened and cant find a way to escape they will defend themselves by biting.

If You See a Snake

- **Stay calm and walk away from it**
Do NOT try to Catch it
Do NOT try to kill it
DO NOT make if feel threatened
Most people bitten by snakes are bitten when trying to Catch or kill the snake.

- **Report it** as you would any other hazard.
- **Warn others** away from it until it is dealt with by a suitably trained Person.

If you see the snake in a building leave the room and close it so the snake is contained until help comes

If You Are Bitten by a Snake
STAY CALM—DON'T PANIC By following these steps you should have plenty of time to get to a hospital for Anti-Venom.

- **Call for help immediately** You or someone call 000 (triple Zero) - do not hung up until the operator tells you to.
Do NOT try to suck out the poison
Do NOT cut the wound
Do Not apply an arterial tourniquet
Do NOT wash the bite
The hospital has the best chance of



identifying the snake by any venom still around the wound.

- **Apply a broad Bandage tightly across the bite and u the limb to immobilise it.** This helps prevent venom from entering the blood stream.
- **Stay as Calm and as still as possible while you are waiting for help to come.**

call 000 (triple Zero)



Natural Resource Management Update

Date: Wednesday, 16 September 2020

To: Westonia Landholders, Residents, and Visitors

Notice of Intention to Lay 1080 Poison in the Westonia Common.

Notice is hereby provided that the Shire of Westonia intends to lay 1080 poison baits in the Westonia Common for the control of foxes.

The baiting programme is due to commence after Monday, 28 September 2020 and be completed by Saturday, 14 November 2020.

Please be advised that 1080 is highly toxic. The consumption of an animal that has ingested a lethal or sub-lethal dose of 1080 poses a serious risk of secondary poisoning to humans and other species. Taking of carcasses, removal of hides, and shooting or trapping animals (for human or animal consumption) is prohibited during the baiting period and for at least 14 days after the completion of the baiting program.

Please ensure children and other persons in your care are restricted from entering the site of baiting. Please restrain your pets, working dogs and stock to avoid the possibility of poisoning through direct baiting or through eating 1080 poisoned animals.

If you would like further information about this proposed baiting programme please contact the Shire of Westonia through the details below.

Alternatively, you can speak to a Biosecurity Officer at the Department of Agriculture and Food, Western Australia (DAFWA). More information about the use of 1080 is available from DAFWA's website: www.agric.wa.gov.au.

Westonia Common General Baiting Area Spring 2020 V1.0

