



Governance Update

## MEETING DATES AND TIMES 2021

The Shire of Westonia hereby gives notice that the following dates, times and places of its Ordinary Meetings for the 2021 calendar year.

### Ordinary Council meetings:

- February – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>
- March – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>
- April – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>
- May – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>
- June – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>
- July – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>
- August – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>
- September–Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>
- October – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>
- November–Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>
- December – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>;

with all meetings commencing at 3.30pm in the Council Chamber, Wolfram Street, Westonia.

The Audit Committee meetings is at this stage proposed for the following dates:

- April – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>
- August – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 ; at 3.00pm in the Council Chamber.



Works Around Our Shire

## ROADWORKS

The Council road crew have completed their commitment with Lendlease on the Great Eastern Highway project and have commenced work on the reconstruction of the final 5km section of the M040 – Koorda Bullfinch Rd.

This work will take up all the crews time leading up to Christmas. Road users are encouraged to take heed of the traffic signs through the roadworks.

Council has completed the seal of the 200m section of gravel stabilised road on the Rabbit Proof Fence Road. It is intended to use the gravel stabilisation unit on the failed section of floodway located on Boodarockin Road prior to Christmas.

Staff have been assisting Des and Pete on the earthworks and installation of septic systems at the Elachbutting and Baladjie Rock camping areas.

**There will be NO CHANGE to the General Waste Collection Services for the Christmas Period.**



## SHIRE OFFICE/ MUSEUM CLOSURE

**The Shire of Westonia will close at 12pm on Thursday 24th December 2020 and Reopen on Monday 4th January 2021.**

## HOW DO I ..?



...report an unsightly property?

We all share a responsibility to keep our own property neat and tidy. This is especially so heading into summer, when long grass and rubbish can pose a fire hazard. Under Council's Local Laws, property owners are required to maintain their properties so they are not unsightly, dangerous or detrimental to the amenity of the neighbourhood. If you have concerns about an unsightly property in your neighbourhood, please contact us. Shire staff will inspect the property and, if found to be unsightly, will ask the property owner to clean it up. Fines are applied if the property owner ignores the initial request to clean up.

For more info:  (08)9046 7063

 [shire@westonia.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@westonia.wa.gov.au)





Practitioner News

**Primary Care  
Nurse Practitioner  
LAURA BLACK**

**Every Tuesday**

**9.00am—2.00 pm**

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



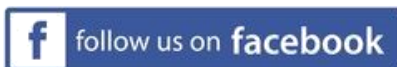
**DR OLGA WARD**

**MBBS, FRACGP, GDRGP,  
FARGP Procedural  
Surgical GP Westonia**

**SHIRE ADMIN on  
(08) 9046 7063**

**Consulting Dates 2021  
(Monday's)**

**18th of January 2021  
(Med Student Bailey  
Scotney from Badgy)  
22th of February 2021  
WEROC 16th-18th March  
2021  
29th of March 2021  
3rd of May 2021  
14th of June 2021  
12th of July 2021  
30th of August 2021  
4th of October 2021  
8th of November 2021  
13th of December 2021**



**FIREBREAKS MUST BE  
INSTALLED BY THE 1ST OF  
NOVEMBER .HAVE YOU  
DONE YOURS?**

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

**FOR ALL EMERGENCIES DIAL 000**

downloading and printing from Shire's website.

**CHIEF BUSHFIRE**

**CONTROL OFFICER**

**Frank Corsini | 0429 467 042**

**DEPUTY CHIEF BUSHFIRE  
CONTROL OFFICER**

**Mal Nicoletti | 0428 449 034**

*Hood-Penn Museum Update*

**The Hood-Penn Museum  
Busy Bee**

Tuesday 8th December

10am -12pm

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

*Governance Update*



The next Council Meeting will be held on **Thursday 19th November 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 13th November 2020**.

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

for more info: (08) 90467063

[www.westonia.wa.gov.au/council-meetings](http://www.westonia.wa.gov.au/council-meetings).





**DON'T FORGET TO BOOK!  
FOR THE 2020**

### CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

*Held at the SHED RESTAURANT (NORTHSIDE TAVERN MERRIEDIN)*

*Tuesday, 1st December 2020 at 12.00pm*

A Bus is available, leaving at 11:15am from Westonia Shire Office  
(Please advise whether you require the Bus when you RSVP!)

RSVP: Tuesday 24th November 2020

(If you live in Westonia or are a past longtime resident aged 65+ and  
have not yet received an invitation) please contact:  
Administration at the Shire of Westonia on 9046 7063



## NOW OPEN WESTONIA SWIMMING POOL

Opening hours :

**Monday, Wednesday,  
Thursday, Friday -**

**3 to 7pm**

**(school holidays)**

**11am to 7pm**

**Tuesday – closed**

**Weekends –**

**11am to 7pm**

**Public Holidays**

**11am – 7pm**

# Snake Safety

**Snakes will avoid people if they can.** But if they feel threatened and can't 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)**





### **Mosquito Management Notice**

During the summer months or warmer weather each year, the Shire of Westonia carries out a fogging program to help suppress the presence of mosquitoes in and around town. The active chemical within the 'fog' is called Aqua K-Othrine which is used by many Local Governments and State Government Agencies around Western Australia.

The fogging program usually commences in October and will cease in/around April of each year, depending on the temperatures and general weather conditions.

As the practice is weather dependent, fogging dates and frequency may vary from week to week, you will however, you will hear the machine operating, usually around dusk (from 5.30pm – 7pm) up to 3 times a week.

**If you become aware of the Shire fogging down your street, if possible, move indoors. If your evaporative air conditioner is in operation at the time, it is best to turn the fan off for the duration of the event (it is fine to keep the water component of the air-conditioner running). It is also advised to switch off any reverse cycle air-conditioners, and ensure doors and windows are closed for the duration of the fogging procedure (approx. 30 min). Aqua K-Othrine is a chemical with similar properties to that of household fly-spray and**

**while it is not toxic to humans, it is advised that exposure to the 'fog' should be limited if practicable.**

### **Going on Holiday?**

If you are visiting Perth, Mandurah, the coastal areas south of Mandurah down to Albany, or even the Kimberley/Pilbara region, please take precautions against being bitten by mosquitoes that may carry the Ross River, Barmah Forest and Murray Valley encephalitis virus by doing the following: (People travelling interstate and overseas can also be exposed to other mosquito diseases not found in WA, such as Dengue fever.)

Avoid outdoor exposure to mosquitoes from dusk and the first few hours after dark;

Wear protective (long, loose-fitting) clothing when outdoors;

Use a personal repellent containing diethyl toluamide (DEET) or picaridin. The most effective and long-lasting formulations are lotions or gels. Most natural or organic repellents are not as effective as DEET or picaridin. Refer to the [Guide to personal protection strategies against Australian mosquitoes](#);

Install insect screens on doors and windows of homes, and on enclosed outdoor recreation areas; Use mosquito nets and mosquito-proof tents if camping/living outdoor; and

Ensure infants and children are adequately protected, preferably with suitable clothing, bed nets or other forms of insect screening.

### **Check Possible Breeding Sites Around Home**

You should also check possible breeding sites around the home: Dispose of all containers which hold water; Keep ornamental ponds stocked with mosquito-eating fish, eg goldfish; Keep margins free of vegetation; Keep swimming pools well chlorinated and filtered and free of dead leaves. Fill or drain depressions in the ground that hold water; Vent pipes on septic tank systems must be fitted with mosquito proof cowls; Seal all gaps in lid and ensure leach drains are completely covered; Screen rainwater tanks with insect proof mesh, including inlet, overflow and inspection ports. Ensure guttering does not hold water; Empty pot plant drip trays once a week or fill with sand. Empty and clean animal and pet drinking water once a week; Some pot plants (such as bromeliads) hold water in their leaf axils. These should be emptied of water once a week.

Residual pyrethroid sprays, eg deltamethrin, permethrin can be used to further reduce nuisance mosquitoes. However this should not replace the removal and prevention of backyard breeding, which is a permanently effective control. Larval mosquito insecticides: S-methoprene is registered (in briquette formulation) for control of mosquito larvae (wigglers) in rain water tanks. A range of 'larvicides' are available for control of mosquito wigglers in other domestic breeding sites. However, the use of chemicals for adult or larval mosquito control should not replace the removal and prevention of backyard breeding, which is a permanently effective control.

For more information please contact the CEO, Jamie Criddle on 9046 7063 or Council's Environmental Health Officer, Mr Allan Ramsay, 9046 7063.