



COUNCIL TO COMMUNITY

5th February 2020

Our Community News

Wheatbelt Medical Student Immersion Program

The Shire of Westonia in conjunction with Rural Health West, Country WA Primary Health Network & Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils (WEROCC). Medical students from Curtin Medical School and The University of Notre Dame Australia Fremantle School of Medicine will participate in a rural immersion experience in Westonia between the Tues. 10 to Fri. 13 March 20

The program aims to build student understanding of a rural life. During their stay, students will experience a farm safety course and visits to local general practices, hospitals and schools, Community events and Town Specific opportunities. This program will give them an understanding of what a country patient experiences when travelling to/from Perth for treatment. If a student is influenced by the program to consider a rural career, that will be the cherry on top.

Community Thank you Dinner

Thursday, March 12 2020 at 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM



Wanderers Stadium Diorite St, Westonia



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Availability of Annual Report 2018/2019 and Annual General Meeting of Electors

The Annual Report of the Shire of Westonia for 2018/19 is available for inspection at the Shire Office, Wolfram Street Westonia during office hours or via the Shire Website.

www.westonia.wa.gov.au

The Annual General Meeting of Electors will be held on Thursday 11th February 2020 at the Old Miners Hall, Wolfram Street, Westonia commencing at 6.00pm.

The purpose of the meeting of electors is to discuss the Annual Report for 2018/2019 and any other general business.

Ranger Services



Please Welcome Ranger Matthew and Stacey from WA Contract Ranger Services is temporarily providing Ranger Services to the Shire of Westonia. Matthew Sharpe and his Ranger Team provide Ranger Services to 30 neighbouring Shires.

If you have any questions regarding Ranger duties please call Matthew on 0400 240 787 or email ranger@merredin.wa.gov.au



Australia Day 2020



Australia Day Celebrations were held on Sunday the 26th of January, at Westonia's wanderers Stadium. This event was to all community members and visitors to town on the day. It was a very hot Sunday and the pool was a very good option for most. Celebrations at the stadium ran from 5pm onwards starting with a free Sausage sizzle, the bar was open and there were free Ice-creams at the pool all day. It was a great evening for everyone who attended.

A big thank you to those who volunteered their time to help out on the day from decorations to cooking the barbie to running the bar and more. Your help was greatly appreciated and valued! It was great to see people happy to step up to the plate when so many people were away.

Bush Fire Act 1954

Restricted burning period has commenced within the Shire of Westonia on 15th February 2020 Landholders will still require a permit to burn and adhere to burning permit conditions.

RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD



15 February 2020 to 31 March 2020

BURNING PERMIT REQUIRED

NO BURNING PERMITTED ON DAYS WHEN VERY HIGH, EXTREME OR CATESTROPHIC FIRE DANGER IS FORECAST



Roadworks



The construction crew have been making huge headway into the Boodarockin Road Sealing Project. A total of 28km of the road will have been reconstructed and 2 coat bitumen sealed. The gravel carting road trains have also made huge headway on the northern portion of the project on the final 7km of gravel heaps which will be levelled over the coming week.



Appreciation is extended to the contractors and adjacent landholders who have assisted in this project to date.

The maintenance grader is currently carrying out summer grading of rough areas and drains and batters program in the south of the Shire.

Next Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be held on **Thursday 20th February 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 14th February 2020**.

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

for more info:  (08)9046 7063
 www.westonia.wa.gov.au/council-meetings.



Practitioner News

Primary Care Nurse Practitioner

LAURA BLACK

NEXT VISIT Thurs 19th Dec 2019

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 2020 (Monday's)

Olga's regular appointments will resume on the following dates:

17th of February 2020

WEROC Tue 10th-13th March 2020

16th of March 2020 Olgas Bday

4th of May 2020

15th of June 2020

13th of July 2020

10th of August 2020

5th of October 2020

9th of November 2020

14th of December 2020

SCHOENPODIATRY 

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

7th February 2020

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

Bushfire Season News



HARVEST BAN SMS

Call 9046 7063 to subscribe and receive SMS notification when the Shire places a 'Harvest & Vehicle Movement Ban'.

*Note that DFES will issue 'Total Fire Bans' which differ to a Shire issued 'Harvest & Vehicle Movement Ban'. The Shire endeavours to advise when a 'Total Fire Ban' is in place but DFES should always be contacted in the first instance.

FOR ALL EMERGENCIES—DIAL 000

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 2020

Scheme Water Cannot be Guaranteed During a Bushfire - Reminder from Water Corp.

Water Corporation is prepared for bushfire season, however they cannot guarantee water pressure or water supply will be maintained in the event of a bushfire. **Extreme demand, fire damage and power cuts can all result in a total loss of water.**

If you plan to stay and defend your property during a bushfire, you must have your own independent water supply and pumping capability, and must not rely on scheme water. Full details on how to prepare for bushfire season can be found at www.firechat.wa.gov.au.

