



COUNCIL TO COMMUNITY 1 APRIL 2020



New Restricted Burning Times in Place for April

From Wednesday, the Restricted Burning Time for Local Governments in the southern half of Western Australia - from the MidWest Gascoyne through to the Great Southern - will be extended to Thursday, 30 April.

The Bush Fire (Restricted Burning Times) Amendment Notice 2020 is due to be gazetted on Tuesday, **31 March** outlining that all 129 Local Governments in the southern half of the State will have their Restricted Burning Time extended to Thursday, **30 April**.

Local Governments whose Restricted Burning Times has already lapsed will recommence those restrictions on Wednesday, **1 April**. Local Governments which have Prohibited Burning Time in place until Thursday, **30 April** will not be impacted by these changes.

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services will release a media statement on Tuesday advising land owners planning to burn on their properties to contact their Local Government for a permit.

Shire Office Closure – Easter & ANZAC Period

Please note the Shire Offices and Public Library will be closed on the following Easter/ANZAC public holidays:

Good Friday – 10 April
Easter Monday – 13 April
ANZAC Day – 27 April

Coronavirus
(COVID-19)

PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT

National Cabinet welcomed the new coronavirus app and WhatsApp channel that were released today by the Commonwealth Government. The app is now available on Apple and Android devices. The WhatsApp channel can be accessed by entering [aus.gov.au/whatsapp](https://www.aus.gov.au/whatsapp) into your internet browser.

These new platforms provide a trusted source of information for Australians looking for important advice on how they can protect themselves and others, current restrictions on social gatherings, how they can access support and the latest data on Australian cases.

The app also allows Australians to voluntarily register if they are self-isolating to provide governments with important information to protect public health and safety.

National Cabinet noted that there have been significant measures put in place that restrict gatherings including limits on retail premises. In some jurisdictions, retail outlets need to be prepared for further measures and adapt to different ways of engaging customers such as online and home delivery services.

Indoor and Outdoor Public gatherings

National Cabinet agreed to limit both indoor and outdoor gatherings to two persons only.

Exceptions to this limit include:

- People of the same household going out together;
- Funerals - a maximum of 10 people;
- Wedding - a maximum of 5 people;
- Family units.

Individual states and territories may choose to mandate and/or enforce this requirement.

National Cabinet's strong guidance to all Australians is to stay home unless for:

- shopping for what you need - food and necessary supplies;

- medical or health care needs, including compassionate requirements;
- exercise in compliance with the public gathering requirements;
- work and study if you can't work or learn remotely.

National Cabinet agreed that playgrounds, skate parks and outside gyms in public places will be closed. Bootcamps will be reduced to two persons, including the trainer.

These measures will be in place from midnight tomorrow night.

Social Distancing - further measures

National Cabinet discussed further restrictions on activities and venues. Overseas experience indicates further restrictions on personal movement and businesses will be required should the severity of the outbreak worsen in Australia.

States and territories agreed they would implement further measures specific to their own region, including closing categories of venues, where medical advice supported this action. These measures would be risk-based and targeted at non-essential activities.

Australians will still be able to access the goods and services needed to safely and sustainably live their lives.

Advice for Senior Australians including those with existing health conditions

The care and wellbeing of senior Australians remains a priority in this uncertain time.

All Australians respect and value the contribution that older Australians make to our community.

Coronavirus has more serious impacts on older Australians, those over 70 years of age and Australians with existing health conditions or comorbidities.

National Cabinet's strong advice is for self-isolation at home to the maximum extent practicable for Australians:

- over 70 years of age;
- over 60 years of age who have existing health conditions or comorbidities;
- indigenous Australians over the age of 50 who have existing health conditions or comorbidities.

These groups should limit contact with others as much as possible when they travel outside.



Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
LAURA BLACK

NEXT VISIT

Tuesday 7th April 2020

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)

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

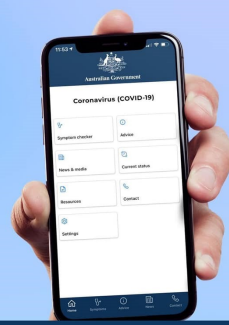
Due to COVID-19 Distancing Precautions, The Shire Medical Waiting Rooms will only Take 2 People at a Time other Patients will be requested to wait Outside or in Vehicles.

The next Council Meeting will be held on **Thursday 16th April 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 10th April 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



Stay informed on coronavirus with the **Coronavirus Australia** app

Stay up-to-date with the latest information and advice through the new [Australian Government](https://www.australian.gov.au/coronavirus) Coronavirus app, launched today.

iOS download here: <https://apps.apple.com/au/app/coronavirus-australia/id1503846231>

Android download here: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.gov.health.covid19>

A new WhatsApp channel has also been launched to supply you with the latest information. To access it go to www.aus.gov.au/whatsapp



COVID –19 Update Playground and Skate Facilities

In line with the National Cabinet advice regarding Indoor and Outdoor Public gatherings, the Shire of Westonia have made the decision to close All Local Government Playground and Skate Park facilities until further notice.

The Shire will continue to be guided by the Federal Government and Department of Health WA (DoH) in relation to appropriate responses relating to the COVID-19 issue and protecting the health and safety of community members, including our staff, will be the Shire's priority.

Jamie Criddle

Chief Executive Officer

get your **Flu Shot** here!
Be Flu Smart and get your Flu Shot Now!

Free flu vaccines are available now at Westonia Drs Surgery. Persons 65years and older

To book an appointment Please call the Shire Office on **(08) 90467063**



Significant change for medication prescriptions

Pharmacies will be able to supply prescription medicines where patients are: already under treatment with a medicine; their prescription has run out, and; they are unable to see a doctor in time

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Non-essential travel between WA regions will be restricted

Starts midnight, Tuesday 31/03/2020

Some exemptions will apply



Date: Tuesday, 31 March 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 and rabbits.

The baiting programme is due to commence after Monday, 6 April 2020 and be completed by Friday, 8 May 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 Autumn 2020 V1.0

