

# Merry Christmas

11 December 19

INFO FROM US TO YOU



SHIRE OF  
**WESTONIA**  
Live, Laugh & Love Every Day

## KEEP SAFE ON THE ROAD THIS CHRISTMAS

While we wind down for the year and enjoy all the wonderful things the season has to offer, Council wishes to encourage everyone to be aware of the keep safe on our roads message. The most important thing you can do this Christmas is to enjoy time with family and friends. If you're driving home or away for Christmas, keep safe on the roads by following these few safety tips.

**Plan extra time into your journey** If you're heading away for the holidays, or plan on you and the kids spending Christmas with the Grandparents, then chances are, you'll be sharing the road with many other families who are doing the same.

**Check the weather and conditions** Watch out for unpredictable weather and plan accordingly. Northern Australia can experience cyclones and flooding, and southern Australia has unfortunately played victim to some large bush fires. Keep abreast of the news and listen to local radio on your journey to keep up-to-date on any changes to the conditions ahead of you.

**Be aware of fatigue** The lead up to Christmas and the holiday period can be a very busy time of year. Christmas Day itself can be exhausting, with all the present opening, abundance of food and family times!

**Prepare for different driving conditions** At Christmas time, city folk can end up in the country, and country folk might end up touring the city. Driving conditions can feel very different if you're not used to it.

On behalf of the Council Members and staff, at the Shire of Westonia we wish you a safe and peaceful festive season and a happy and healthy New Year. Please drive safe if you are travelling!



## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 2019

The luncheon was held at the Westonia Tavern on a very warm Tuesday the 3rd of December. Forty attendees from all parts of the shire enjoyed the festivities and It was great to see

some new faces in the room. The air-conditioning was welcome relief though the heat didn't deter the guests from having a laugh and an end of year catch up over a beverage or two. The room was full of Christmas cheer, decorations and the meal was fabulous! Three courses starting with entre of prawn cocktails, for main a traditional Christmas

roast with all the trimmings and decadent deserts to finish. During the meal CEO Jamie Criddle reminisced over the years events and explained projects past, present and future within the Shire.

A huge thank you goes out to the Chad, Cindy, Ian and the Westonia Tavern Crew for all their hard work in making the Annual Christmas Luncheon a success. Thank you to all who attended. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year From Councillors and Staff at the Shire of Westonia



## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council Meeting will be held on **Thursday 19th December 19**, from 3.30pm. The meeting will be held at the Westonia CRC Building (Old Administration Building) The meeting's agenda will be published on Council's website from 5.00pm on **Friday 13th December 19**. For more info:  (08)9046 7063



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



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## 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:

20th of January 2020

17th of February 2020

WEROCK Mon 9th-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

## Free Australia Day Sausage Sizzle

Will be held on Sunday 26th January 2020 @ 5.00 pm at the Wanderers Stadium/Swimming Pool

Pool will be open from

11am—7pm

For enquiries please contact Westonia shire administration on 9046 7063. Further updates will be on our Facebook page closer to the event.



*Well, it is hard to believe that it is already time to say Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.*

*Everyone at Council would like to wish you and your family, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to another great year for Westonia in 2020.*

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



## CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT KAY GEIER!

Another chapter has come to an end. But you have plenty of new chapters to come. You have to be proud of yourself for working at the Shire of Westonia for over 20 years, and now it's time for you to enjoy your free time.



## COMMUNITY NOTICE



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](mailto:ranger@merredin.wa.gov.au)



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A vibrant community Shire



CEACA  
Supporting Age Friendly Communities

**CEACA AGED HOUSING UPDATE**

Construction of the 71 units across CEACA's 11 Member Councils is nearing completion.

Pindan, the contractor responsible for the build and construct phase of the CEACA Seniors Housing Project, have reported that construction of the entire project is 95% complete.

Pindan is currently pushing for all units to be complete by the end of January 2020, with occupancy targeted to commence in Mid-Late December 2019.

Hard and soft landscaping has commenced on all sites, along with other finishing touches such as cabinetry, installation of white goods and fencing.

Via a stringent application process conducted by Force Real Estate, the two (2) vacant units were allocated to Ian & Jess Mahoney and Arthur & Zeta Mather who were handed their keys this week and will move in prior to Christmas.

Congratulations and welcome to Westonia as permanent residents.



**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

**VACSWIM**

Unfortunately, Council could not secure an Early Start (short course) program prior to Xmas this year and as a result enrolments are only a third of previous years.

We will work on an early program for next year which will suit most parents in and around the community.

8 days @ 45 minute lessons Tuesday 31 December 2019 to Friday 10 January 2020 (no lessons Wednesday 1 January 2020)

Online enrolments closed. Late enrolment availability confirmed week beginning 23 December



**SHIRE OF WESTONIA & LOCAL BUSINESS CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR BREAK TRADING HOURS**

	Admin Office	Westonia CRC	Swimming Pool
Tuesday 24 Dec	8.30am - 12.00pm	9.00am - 12.00pm	<b>CLOSED</b>
Christmas Day	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Boxing Day	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	11.00am - 7.00pm
Friday 27 Dec	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	11.00am - 7.00pm
Saturday 28 Dec	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	11.00am - 7.00pm
Sunday 29 Dec	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	11.00am - 7.00pm
Monday 30 Dec	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	11.00am - 7.00pm
New Year's Eve	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
New Year's Day	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	11.00am - 7.00pm
Thursday 2 Jan	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	11.00am - 7.00pm
Friday 3 Jan	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	11.00am - 7.00pm
Saturday 4 Jan	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	11.00am - 7.00pm
Sunday 5 Jan	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	11.00am - 7.00pm
Monday 6 Jan	8.30am - 5.00pm	9.00am - 2.00pm	11.00am - 7.00pm

**Westonia Caravan Park will operate as Normal**



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## Fortnightly Roadworks Report



### Roadworks

The Boodarockin Road Sealing project has been progressing well and will have @ 13km sealed by Christmas. An additional 20 plus kms will have been gravel carted prior to the xmas break. There will be a significant amount of gravel heaps remaining on the road over the xmas/new year break so all road users are requested to please take care and adhere to traffic signs if travelling on this road.

The road crew and contractors will return back to work on Monday 6 January to complete the project.

### Recycling Depot

As advised previously the recycling bins are being well utilised by the community with the existing 2 x skipbin capacity barely keeping up with the volume between the monthly pickups. Council have again reintroduced the cardboard only skip which will hopefully help reduce the cardboard being put in the multi-use bins extending their capacity.



### Crossroad Signs

There seems to be some confusion with the Australian Standard cross road signs which include an arrow designating the direction that you are travelling. There is an impression that the arrow means

the road direction you are travelling has priority and that you do not have to give way at the intersection. **THIS IS DEFINITELY NOT THE CASE.** The crossroad is standard which requires all traffic to give way to your right unless signed otherwise. Council intend to cover the arrow on these signs to avoid the confusion. It is also recommended that with the amount of backpacker seasonal staff in the area that care be taken at all crossroads as there seems to be confusion on the road rules!!



## GREAT EASTERN HIGHWAY UPDATE

Main Roads are continuing to widen and install a new westbound passing lane on the Great Eastern Highway between Carrabin and Bodallin in the Shire of Westonia and Shire of Yilgarn.

From Friday 20 December 2019, two sealed lanes will be provided to accommodate increased traffic during the Christmas break.

Works will re-commence on 6 January 2020 with lane closures and speed restrictions. Please allow additional time for your journey.

Works are due to be completed by mid-2020.

For further information on the project, check out the Main Roads website or contact us on 138 138.



**Request for  
Quotation  
Executive Officer  
Consultant**



The Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Council (WEROC) is seeking to engage a suitably qualified Consultant to perform the role of part-time Executive Officer.

As a guide, it is estimated the annual requirement to perform this function is approximately 500 hours and the appointment is for an initial two-year term, commencing March 2020.

WEROC consists of the following five member Councils: Shire of Bruce Rock, Shire of Kellerberrin, Shire of Merredin, Shire of Westonia and Shire of Yilgarn. WEROC has an important role to play in advancing and developing the economic diversity within our region, the promotion of effective collaboration, advocacy within the member Shires' strategic planning, and forging partnerships that are aligned to the benefits of the Alliance.

The Executive Officer will provide the Alliance with high level executive support and lead strategic directions and key focus areas of WEROC. This position will require a sophisticated Consultant skilled in group facilitation, multi-agency collaboration, analysis of opportunities and strategic formulation. Experience with, and knowledge of, regional competitiveness and state and federal economic development as applicable to regional development is highly desirable.

Please refer to the request for quotation and consultant brief for further detail at Council's website or email [ea@brucerock.wa.gov.au](mailto:ea@brucerock.wa.gov.au). Quotations to be submitted by the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020.

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