



*From the CEO*

## November Community Update

Hi everyone,

The end of the year is fast approaching, and there's plenty going on.

Asbestos removal has commenced at the Gwalia Museum and townsite last week, with further works to take place in December. Keep an eye out for closure notifications, as the Museum and Hoover House will not be open to the public during the removal of higher-grade materials.

The CRC held a Teddy Bear's Picnic earlier this month which was a huge success – there was a great turn out of young children from the community, enjoying lots of fun activities and delicious food. Thanks to Leonora District High School and Leonora Early Learning Centre for bringing children along, and congratulations to the CRC for delivering another great event.

Early December will see the library host its first Saturday Stories event, where it will be open from 9am to 12pm on a Saturday so that parents can bring their children down to experience stories, activities and snacks at the library. This is an initiative to make the library more accessible to the community by opening outside of standard weekday hours, with a focus on fostering an interest in reading with our early learners.

On that note, congratulations to the Leonora Early Learning Centre, recently had a visit from the regulator. I am very pleased to announce that the centre passed with flying colours. A great outcome from the hard work put in by the team.

Finally, the Shire is doing feasibility studies into upgrading the current informal bypass. Once this has been undertaken it will be presented to Council for consideration.

### **Summary of the Ordinary Council Meeting**

Council met on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November with the following matters considered:

- Monthly Financial Statements. These documents contain comprehensive information on the Shire's current financial position.
- Accounts for Payment. This includes all spending by the Shire for the month.



## Community Grants Round

The Shire of Leonora's Community Grants Round is currently open, with applications closing on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

If your community-based group or organisation could benefit from additional assistance to please visit our website for more information, and to apply.

## Road Network

The Shire is progressing a disaster relief funding application to substantially repair the road network. The team is out repairing areas that require immediate repair however with 1,200 kilometres of unsealed roads this takes some time. Please remember to drive to conditions.

If roads are closed by the Shire then you will need a permit to travel on the road. Without this you may be charged for any damage you cause and are unlikely to have insurance. Driving on wet roads causes damage that affects every other road user.

## Christmas Closures

Facility closure dates will soon be available on our website, or at each of our locations.

The administration office and CRC will be closed from 4:30pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, re-opening on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

Rubbish collection over this break will be affected by public holidays, with domestic collections scheduled for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January instead of the usual Thursdays.

As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to either one of our Councillors or me.

*Ty Matson*  
CEO

### Document links:

Council meeting documents

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

Community Grants Round

<https://www.leonora.wa.gov.au/locals/our-community/community-grants.aspx>