

*From the CEO*

## December Community Update

Hello everyone,

It's hard to believe that we're in the final weeks of 2024 already. I hope you've all been enjoying the various end of year celebrations that have been taking place, as well as those yet to come.

The town Christmas party took place over the weekend, and it was a perfect day to be cooling off in the pool. It was great to see so many Leonora kids receiving a gift from Santa, enjoying a BBQ, and taking part in some fun indoor activities in addition swimming and inflatables. An amazing effort from all involved.

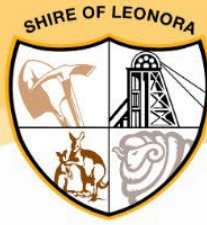
Hoover House held a cocktail evening in the last week of November, which was a great night out for all who attended. Congratulations to our fantastic staff on another successful event, and we look forward to seeing more of them in the new year.

On that note, Gwalia Museum and Hoover House have already closed to the public for the year due to high-grade asbestos removal works commencing this week. This will see all affected items either removed or treated to ensure ongoing visitor safety and will result in all impacted exhibits being reopened in 2025.

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

Council's final meeting for 2024 was held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December with the following matters considered:

- Annual Report. Council accepted the annual report for year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.
- 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.
- Driver Access and Equity Grant. Council accepted additional funds from the Department of Transport to continue and expand the existing driving program after a successful funding application.
- Community Grants Round. Recommendations were made to Council by the assessment panel, with applicants due to be notified of outcomes and reporting requirements this week.



### **Basketball backboards**

I'm very pleased to advise that after a lengthy wait due to overseas suppliers, new backboards were installed in the rec centre at the end of November. The Shire started the procurement process several months ago, ensuring that they're international standard and will allow for more robust play.

### **Christmas Closures**

A reminder that 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), and rubbish collections will take place on Fridays over this period instead of the usual Thursdays.

All other site closures are available on our website under Public Notices.

Please note that with Council not set to meet again until February, the next community update won't be available until February either.

On behalf of the Shire, I'd like to wish everyone an enjoyable holiday season, and safe travels to those who will be venturing elsewhere over the school holidays. I look forward to seeing you all in the new year and continuing to work with our community.

**HAPPY**  
*Holidays*

*Ty Matson*  
CEO

### **Document links:**

Council meeting documents

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

Shire Christmas closures

<https://www.leonora.wa.gov.au/publicnotices/shire-christmas-closures/58>