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Leonora



The Central Hotel, circa 1905



WELCOME TO THE LATEST EDITION OF YOUR LOCAL NEWSLETTER:

- NEW SHIRE OF LEONORA COUNCILORS
- COUNCIL MEETING UPDATES
- IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
- WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Did you know? Male Zebra finches (Nyii Nyii) learn their songs from their fathers, and no two songs are exactly alike.

Zebra finches pair for life and will build their nests just about anywhere - trees, shrubs and even abandoned rabbit burrows.



1-31 October **Mental Health Month**
1 October **International Day of Older Persons**
10 October **World Mental Health Day**
12-18 October **National Carers Week**
12-18 October **Anti-Poverty Week**
20 October **Diwali**
20-26 October **Aussie Bird Count**
31 October **Halloween**

**NEXT COUNCIL
MEETING 21 OCTOBER**



Your local community news

The next Senior's Morning Tea catch up's are planned for Tuesday 30/09 and Tuesday 28/10. 10am at the Library - all local Seniors welcome!



Introducing Adult's Book Club!



Starting in October the Library will host a once-a-month Book Club evening Thursday 6pm

Numbers will be capped at 10 so please phone Vanessa on 9037 7016 to secure your spot!

More details to follow on Facebook soon



GENESIS MINERALS LEONORA CUP



11 OCTOBER 2025
LEONORA RACE CLUB

THIS COULD BE THE VERY LAST RACE MEET AT THIS HISTORIC VENUE SO GET YOUR FROCKS AND SUITS READY!



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Council Nominations and Ordinary Council Meeting

Nominations for Council closed on September 4. With equal nominations to vacancies, all candidates were elected unopposed. Long-serving community members **Richard Cotterill and Larnie Petersen** will step down from their roles effective 18 October, marking the end of their dedicated service. **Alex Taylor and Tanya Nardone** are returning for another term, while it will be the first for **Naomi Sprigg Dos Santos and Cheryl Cotterill**.

An Ordinary meeting of Council was held on the 19th September - the next meeting will be held on the 21st October. Community members are welcome to attend.



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Pet Registrations – Dogs & Cats

Did you know there are around 180 registered dogs in the Shire of Leonora – and potentially up to 200 unregistered? Registering your dog (and cat) isn't just the law – it helps our Ranger return lost pets quickly and safely.

Dog Fees (per pet):

- **Sterilised:** \$20 (1 year), \$42.50 (3 years), \$100 (lifetime)
- **Unsterilised:** \$50 (1 year), \$120 (3 years), \$250 (lifetime)
- Pensioner and Working Dog discounts apply (proof required)

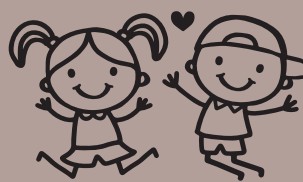
Cat Fees (sterilised only):

- \$20 (1 year), \$42.50 (3 years), \$100 (lifetime)
- Pensioner discount available

Register your pet today – it's the law and helps keep them safe!

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 12



LEONORA BUSH MISSION 2025

SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 3

MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS

TUES 30th – FRI 3rd

BUS PICK UP AND DROP OFF

FOR BREAKFAST CLUB & MORNING SESSION

BREAKFAST CLUB @ THE YOUTH CENTRE — 8:30AM

MORNING SESSION 9AM – 12PM @ THE REC CENTRE

AFTERNOON FUN! 3–4PM (TUES – THURS)

THE REC CENTRE / SPORTS OVAL

EVERYONE DROPPED OFF AT THE REC CENTRE

(NO BUS PICK UP/DROP OFF)

THE BUS WILL BRING OLDER KIDS TO THE SPORTS OVAL



World Mental Health Day – October 10

World Mental Health Day reminds us that mental health is just as important as physical health. This year's theme, "Mental health is a universal human right," highlights the need for accessible support for all.

Let's continue to check in, speak up, and support one another.

Need support? Help is available:

☎ Lifeline: 13 11 14

☎ Beyond Blue: 1300 22 4636

Join the Aussie Bird Count - Australia's biggest citizen-science event from 20-26 October

Birds are everywhere – and they tell us a lot about the health of our environment. Sadly, **one in six Australian bird species is under threat of extinction**, making it more important than ever to keep an eye on them.

The **Aussie Bird Count** is a fun and simple way to get involved. Just **spend 20 minutes** counting and identifying the birds you see in and around **Leonora** (or anywhere!) and help create a national snapshot of Australia's birdlife. Learn more or get involved at: aussiebirdcount.org.au

Ngalia Heritage Research Council AC invites community members to participate in Bird Life Australia's Bird Count this October in the Leonora area and have created an **easy-to-use checklist and guide to identifying local native birds** which is available at the Library. This handy resource also provides the traditional Ngalia (language) names for many of the birds we have in our local area. Come on in and grab a copy for the family to complete together – see how many birds you can identify and **help provide vital data** to help protect our native bird populations

Fun Fact: You Might Be Saying "Gwalia" Wrong!
Did you know one of Leonora's most iconic places is often mispronounced?

Gwalia – our historic gold mining townsite just south of Leonora – is correctly pronounced "G-war-lia" or "G-or-lia" (not "Gwah-lee-uh" as it's often heard by new people to town or FIFO miners).

Originally named after the ancient Welsh word for "Wales," Gwalia has deep roots in both local and international history. In the late 1890s, Welsh miners played a significant role in developing the area's gold mining industry, and the name was a nod to their homeland.

NB- the tourism ad on TV is going to be updated with correct pronunciation soon!



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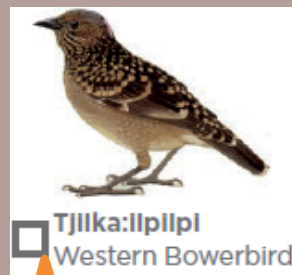
Tjilka:llpilpi, Western Bowerbird



☐ Kurrantl
Rufous Fieldwren



☐ Kaanka
Little Crow



☐ Tjilka:llpilpi
Western Bowerbird



☐ Wilnwliln
Whistling Kite



Happy Diwali – Festival of Lights

Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is a major celebration for millions around the world. It symbolises the victory of light over darkness and good over evil.

Celebrated with diyas, fireworks, sweets, and family gatherings, Diwali is a joyful time to reflect, renew, and share light with others. This year, Diwali falls on Monday, October 20. Wishing everyone a bright and happy Diwali!