



Shire of
Leonora

Tower St Times August '26



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KID'S ART PRIZE

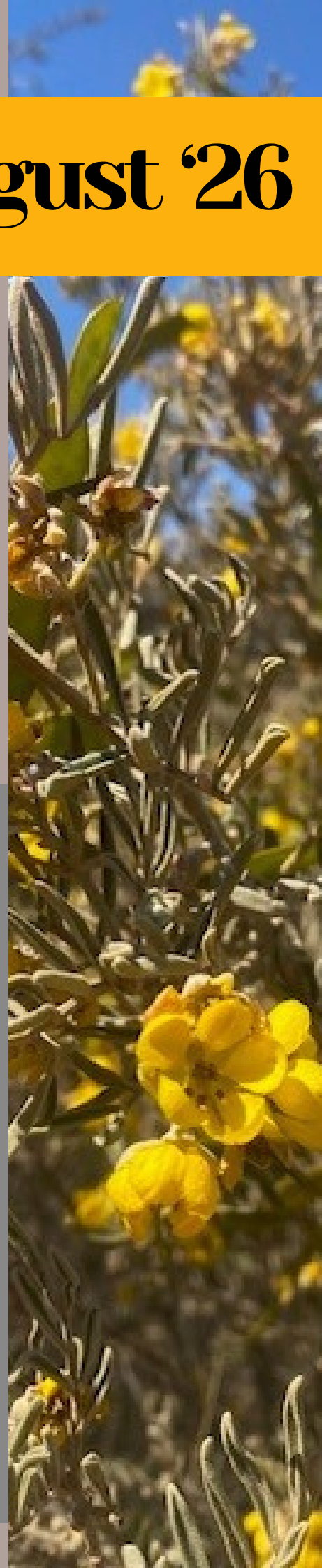
This weekend Leonora CRC will be hosting the inaugural Northern Goldfields Junior Art Prize.
See inside for more details!

WOMEN'S HEALTH CLINIC

Leonora Medical Centre have commenced a monthly clinic for women - see poster inside for further information.
Run by female nurse Jess

CENSUS 2026

Support now available in the CRC
Employment opportunities available for locals!



Message from the Manager of Works and Services

The Shire's works team has been busy this month, with the grader recently completing remediation works along Old Agnew Road. The grader is now moving on to the Terraces Access Road before continuing to Nambi Road. These works help improve road conditions and ensure safer travel for residents and visitors.

We're also pleased to share that a new delivery of trees will be arriving soon for planting throughout the Shire. These plantings will help enhance our public spaces, provide additional shade, and contribute to creating greener and more enjoyable community areas for everyone.

Unfortunately, the Shire has had to respond to several incidents of vandalism this month. Damage was caused to a number of properties, streetscapes, and the children's playground, requiring significant clean-up and repair works. We encourage everyone to take pride in our community and help look after the facilities and spaces that are provided for all residents to enjoy.

We have also once again seen an increase in littering at Malcolm Dam. Bins are available on site, so we kindly remind visitors to dispose of their rubbish responsibly and help keep this popular recreation area clean and enjoyable for everyone.

As winter continues, mornings are still quite chilly, so please remember to rug up, stay warm, and take care while out and about.

Thank you to everyone who continues to contribute to making our community a great place to live, work, and visit. **Tim Bell**



Leonora State Battery Update

The future of the historic Leonora State Battery remains the subject of **ongoing discussions between The Perth Mint and the local community**. The Perth Mints preference was to dismantle the infrastructure, however in response to community concerns they are working collaboratively with the Shire to map out a path forward.

A **dedicated group of Leonora residents is lobbying** to preserve the site, recognising its important heritage value. The **Shire of Leonora is acting as a conduit between the community and The Perth Mint**, helping to facilitate discussions and seek further information. As part of that process, the **Shire is pursuing additional details** about the extent of any potential contamination at the site to better inform future decisions.



Cherrie Blossom Candle & Co

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Join a unique hands on workshop where you'll craft your own decorative and aromatic candles from start to finish. Perfect for all skill levels!

✦ Overview of wax types and uses

✦ Choosing scents and adding essential oils

✦ Techniques for decorating and labeling

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Telecentre Building Leonora

✉ jgepis@leonora.wa.gov.au

☎ 0890377521

Leonora
Community Resource Centre
Your local connection



GAMES NIGHT



**6PM THURSDAY
AUGUST 20TH
LEONORA LIBRARY**



Shire of
Leonora



*Senior's
Morning Tea*
10am August 11th
Leonora Library



WANT TO BECOME
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ACRYLIC NAIL

BEGINNERS COURSE

✓ COMPLETE BEGINNER FRIENDLY
No experience needed!

COMING TO
LEONORA

 **25 – 28**
AUGUST 2026

 10:00AM – 2:00PM DAILY

 CERTIFICATE
OF COMPLETION

BOOK YOUR SPOT TODAY!

 jgepis@leonora.wa.gov.au

 **08 9037 7521**



 **Census**

Get help filling out the Census



**Need Help Completing Your Census?
We're here to help!**

A Census Worker will be available at the CRC Building:

-  **Location:** CRC Building
-  **Days:** Monday to Friday
-  **Time:** 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM



Shire Updates

It has been a busy couple of months in Leonora, with the **Town Hall Community Meeting on 30 June** bringing residents together to hear important updates from the **Shire of Leonora and Genesis Minerals** on local projects and initiatives. Representatives from **The Perth Mint** also attended to outline their plans for the Leonora State Battery, providing the community with an opportunity to hear more about the proposal and ask questions.

The **Shire of Leonora Council Meeting on 21 July** also addressed several important local matters. Council resolved to proceed with the **gazettal of Malcolm Dam Road**, enabling it to be formally recognised for ongoing road maintenance, and discussed the proposed permanent **closure of Racecourse Road** to public access, considering the reasons for the proposal and its potential impacts on the community.

The community also came together to celebrate **NAIDOC Week - 50 years of Deadly**, recognising the rich culture, history and achievements of Aboriginal people. The week's activities provided an opportunity to celebrate culture, strengthen community connections and acknowledge the enduring contribution of First Nations peoples to Leonora and the surrounding region.

NORTHERN GOLDFIELDS JUNIOR 2026 ART PRIZE

The concept of the Junior Art Prize came about through the ongoing success of the annual Leonora Art Prize. Our new venue at the CRC, while being more suitable, is smaller than the Recreation Centre where space wasn't an issue in previous years. Also the growing number of entries we are receiving means we have even less room than we require to hang artworks. Our committee consequently decided to create an event specifically for the children's age group with its own platform, and ability to become a recognized annual event on the calendar, and inclusive of Wiluna, Leinster, Laverton, Menzies and Leonora.

The Leonora Art Prize has always enjoyed great support and sponsorship from our surrounding shires. We are keen to give back and make better connections with our gold fields communities. By encouraging more children into an annual event designed uniquely for them, they can transition into the Youth section of the Leonora Art Prize at 12 to 17 years with more confidence.

The participation and enthusiasm from all shires and schools has been very encouraging and extremely helpful in making the first Junior Art Prize a rewarding event.

A big thank you to Ben Taylor from Northfields in Leinster and Larnie Peterson from Central Hotel for their sponsorship and support for this exhibition, and of course, to our major sponsors in the Leonora Art Prize 2026.

We welcome you to attend the opening award presentation on Saturday, 8th August at 12.30 pm. At the J. G. Epis Centre.

We are very lucky to once again have Michelle Warren from Warren Art Studio in Kalgoorlie to kindly make herself available for the judging.

Kaye Denslow - Leonora Art Prize Art Director



Rickie and Boyd Sprigg - Patrons of the Leonora Art Prize **The Leonora Art Prize Committee:**

Ross Norrie - President

Marie Pointon - Secretary

Larnie Peterson - Treasurer

Kaye Denslow - Art Director

Rosemary Reddingius - Team Member



LET YOUR CHILD'S CREATIVITY SHINE!

★ Leonora Art ★

PRIZE 2026

Presents

Northern Goldfields Junior Art Prize 2026

with grateful support from Northfields Leinster and
Central Hotel Leonora

★ COMMUNITY CONNECTION THROUGH ART ★

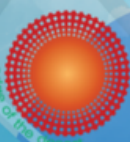
WE WELCOME YOU TO ATTEND THE AWARD
PRESENTATION FOR OUR FIRST JUNIOR ART PRIZE.

WHERE: JGEPIS CENTRE-TOWER STREET

WHEN: SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST 2026

TIME: 12:30pm-2:30pm

Lunch will be provided- Door Prizes and Treasure Hunt



LEONORA MEDICAL WOMEN'S HEALTH CLINIC

PRIVATE - SAFE - CONFIDENTIAL

SERVICES

Cervical Self-
Collection & Support

Sexual Health Checks

Bone Health Checks

Everyone welcome

Come with your mob

Women supporting
women

Run by a
female nurse

CLINIC DATES

First Week of the
Month

Wednesday 5th Aug

Wednesday 2nd Sept

Thursday 1st Oct

Walk in:

9:00am - 1:00pm

Appointments:

2:00pm - 5:00pm

Leonora Medical, 967 Sadie Canning Drive, Leonora
(08) 9037 6238

Update from the Principal - Leonora District High School

A Strong Start to Term 3: Culture, Learning and Community

The first three weeks of Term 3 have been exceptionally busy and rewarding at Leonora District High School. Our students, staff, families and community partners have worked together to provide meaningful opportunities that celebrate culture, strengthen learning, develop practical skills and build pride in our school.

Our approach continues to be guided by a simple belief: **Belonging first. Purpose next. Achievement follows.**

Sport, Participation and Teamwork

Term 3 began with students from Years 3–12 participating in the Stephen Michael Foundation Football Carnival in Laverton. Students represented Leonora District High School with pride and demonstrated teamwork, positive behaviour and sportsmanship throughout the day.

Participation in activities such as the football carnival is connected to our Good Standing and attendance expectations. These opportunities recognise students who attend regularly, engage positively in their learning and uphold our school values of Consider, Achieve, Respect and Engage.

We also welcomed representatives from the Subiaco Football Club, SEDA and the Stephen Michael Foundation for football clinics during NAIDOC Week. Students participated in skills sessions, mini games and a mixed secondary football match. These activities provided another opportunity for students to develop confidence, teamwork and positive relationships.

Celebrating NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week was one of the major highlights of the term. This year's celebration brought together students, staff, families, Elders, community members and partner organisations to recognise Aboriginal culture, history, strength and achievement.

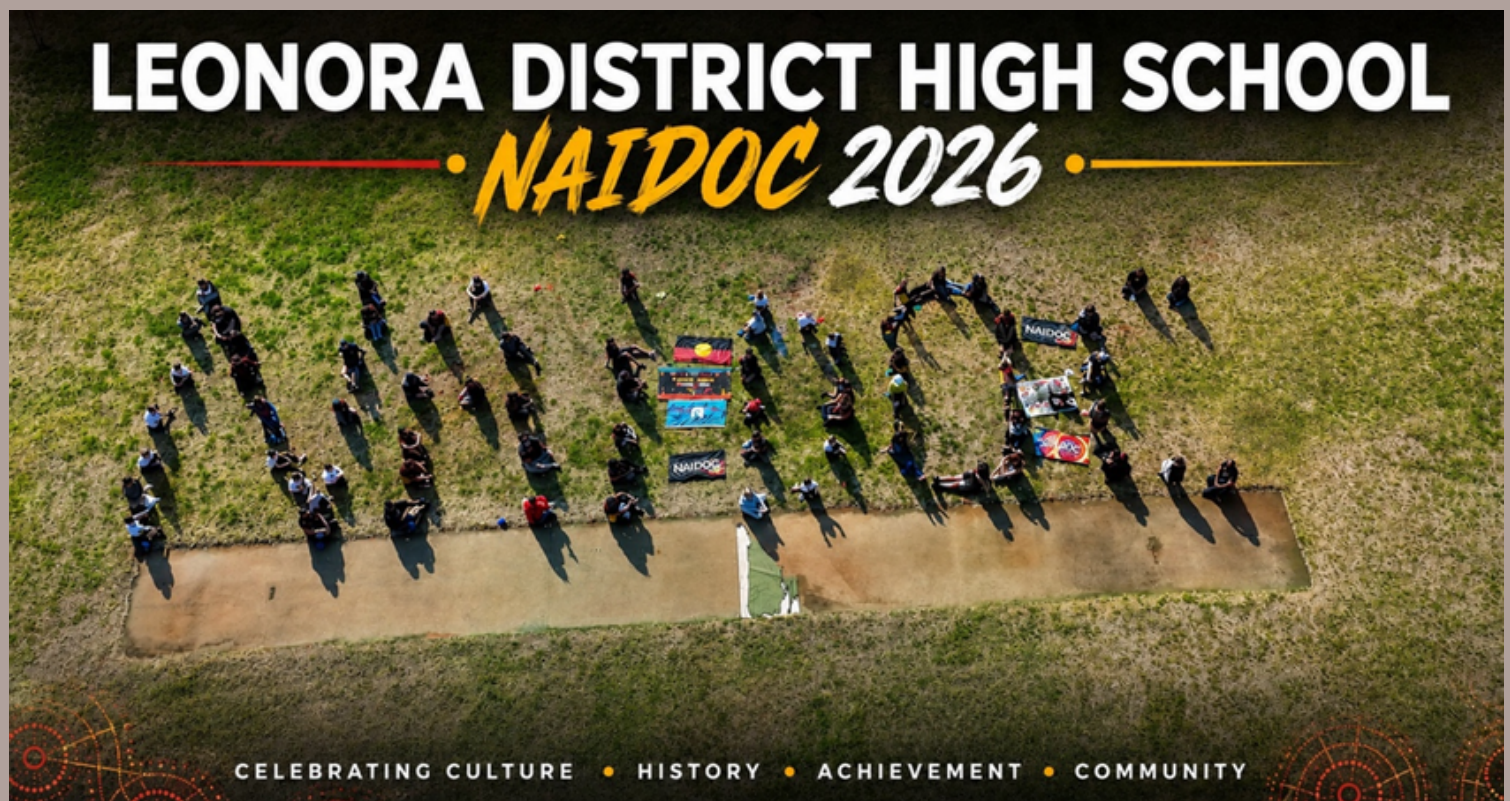
The week commenced with a whole-school muster and community march through Leonora. It was wonderful to see students, families, staff and community organisations walking together and demonstrating their pride in culture and community.

Following the march, students participated in cultural activities facilitated by local community members and partner organisations. Activities included Aboriginal art, keychain making, football skills, damper preparation, kangaroo stew and traditional kangaroo-tail cooking.

We sincerely thank the Waalitj Foundation, Subiaco Football Club, Stephen Michael Foundation and all community members who contributed their knowledge, time and energy. Special recognition goes to Vicki Abdullah, Calvin, Julie, Lisa, Rosemary and the many people who helped make the celebrations meaningful for our students.

The week concluded with our Bush Day at Malcolm Dam. Students worked in groups to establish their camp areas, prepare fires safely, cook damper and participate in cultural and outdoor learning activities.

Rosemary's pizza damper was once again a highlight and was thoroughly enjoyed by students, staff and families. Calvin, Leah and their team also supported the day by preparing the camp area, organising firewood and cooking kangaroo tails.



Update from the Principal - Leonora District High School - continued

Bush Day was a powerful example of On Country learning. Students learned through participation, observation, teamwork and conversations with community members. These experiences strengthen students' connection to Country, culture, school and each other.

Practical Learning and Future Pathways

Our secondary students continue to participate in practical projects that build employability skills, independence and pride.

One of the school's most significant recent projects was the construction of 26 benches for the Leonora Cemetery. Students designed, constructed and prepared the benches in the school workshop before helping deliver them to the cemetery.

Seeing students place benches near the resting places of local families and relatives was a deeply meaningful moment. The project demonstrated what our young people can achieve when they are given responsibility, practical opportunities and a genuine purpose for their learning.

Planning is also well underway for the Term 3 Vocational Study Camp in Kalgoorlie. Students will participate in smartphone and iPhone repair training, troubleshooting and diagnostic activities. They will also complete practical and theory components connected to the Certificate III Remote Pilot program.

This will be an intensive study camp, with structured learning, revision and assessment sessions. Students will be supported in small groups and will be expected to demonstrate commitment, independence and responsibility. Our Leonora Gold Mining Training Program also continues to grow. Students have already participated in mining-site excursions where they learned about geology, gold-processing operations, technology and local career pathways. Drone-pilot skills and their applications within the mining industry will form an important part of the next stage of the program.

Attendance, Learning and Student Support

Improving attendance remains one of our highest priorities. Every day at school provides students with opportunities to learn, build relationships and participate in the programs offered by the school.

During the first three weeks, staff have reviewed attendance information, identified students requiring additional support and strengthened communication with families. Teachers have also continued developing their use of Compass to ensure attendance and behaviour information is recorded accurately and consistently.

Our Census preparation has reinforced the importance of accurate attendance records and timely communication regarding student absences. We appreciate the support of families who contact the school when their children are unable to attend.

Targeted numeracy support has also commenced. Student achievement information, including classroom assessments, Brightpath and NAPLAN data, is being used to identify learning needs and establish small-group intervention programs.

Our Breakfast Club, Wellbeing Hub, Fun Friday activities, practical learning programs, On Country experiences and camps all form part of our broader strategy to strengthen belonging, engagement and attendance.

The Wellbeing Hub is available each day during lunchtime for students in Years 3-12, providing separate spaces where boys and girls can access support from school staff, the chaplain and other wellbeing personnel.

Preparing for the Weeks Ahead

Staff are now preparing for the School Athletics Carnival and the Regional Interschool Athletics Carnival, which Leonora District High School will host this term. We appreciate the support of the Shire of Leonora in assisting with the preparation and marking of the school oval.

The coming weeks will also include the vocational study camp, further Two-Way Science activities, On Country learning, athletics, community projects and additional opportunities for students to demonstrate their learning. The strong start to Term 3 has only been possible because of the commitment of our staff and the support of our families, community members and partner organisations.

Our staff have worked hard to organise activities, supervise students, prepare learning programs and ensure each experience is safe, structured and purposeful. I thank them for their continued professionalism and dedication.

I also thank our students for the pride they have shown in their school and community. Whether marching during NAIDOC Week, cooking damper at Malcolm Dam, representing the school in sport, completing practical projects or working hard in the classroom, our students continue to show what they can achieve.

Together, we will continue providing opportunities that help every student feel connected, develop confidence and succeed.

Mohamed Youssef

Principal

Leonora District High School

