



The Tower St Times, November 2025



Shire of
Leonora



Railway line removal update – anticipated that this will be completed in the next 18 months. The line will be removed from along the Goldfields Hwy and the East of town.



Reminder: Next Local Seniors Morning Tea
Tuesday 16th Dec
at your library
10am

What to Do If You Find a Snake



As the weather warms up, snakes become more active and sightings are more common around Leonora. If you come across a snake, **stay calm** and **keep your distance**. Snakes are **always around**, even if we don't often see them, and they are generally **terrified of humans**. Their first instinct is to escape, not attack. The best thing you can do is **give them space** and let them find their way back to safety.

Do not attempt to catch or kill the snake. It is **illegal to harm or kill snakes**, and doing so can result in fines of up to **\$12,000**. In fact, **most snake bites occur when someone tries to capture or kill the snake.**

Snakes play an important role in maintaining a healthy, balanced ecosystem. They're also **excellent natural pest control and love eating mice!**

The **Shire has a team of trained and skilled snake handlers** equipped with the proper safety kits to **safely remove and relocate snakes** back into the bush.

If you spot a snake on your property or in a public area, please call the Shire office, and one of our handlers will attend as soon as possible.

Ordinary Council Meeting

The Shire of Leonora held an Ordinary Council meeting on Tuesday 18th November. Topics included pending applications for amendments to several business leases in town and the potential impact on the community, and the rates applicable to various mining companies. As always **members of the public are invited to attend** these meetings, and all **minutes are available** on the Shire website - www.leonora.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/ The **next Council meeting will be held on 12 December.**





**Church of Christ - 9.30am Sunday
Christian Fellowship with Pastor Spriggs**

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church
9.00am 4th Sunday of month**

**Remembrance Day Memorial
11 November**

This year's Remembrance Day memorial was a very moving and well-attended community event, with more than 100 people gathering to pay their respects – including students and staff from the school. It was wonderful to see the younger generation engaged and present for an important moment of reflection. This year marked 80 years since the end of World War II.

A number of wreaths were laid by members of the public, along with beautiful handmade wreaths created by the school kids. Their effort and creativity added a heartfelt touch.

The service was once again hosted by Terry Demasson, whose dedication and thoughtful preparation helped create a respectful and memorable tribute. We thank Demo sincerely for the care he puts into this event each year. The Prayer of Remembrance was read by Richard Cotterill, followed by an address from Vanessa Williams.

Overall, it was a touching and well-supported ceremony, reminding us all of the importance of pausing to honour those who have served and sacrificed. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to this special community event.

Public Update: Construction of the **new power generation facility** is anticipated to commence early in the new year. The **solar field** will be on the current airport site in the south west corner. A **diesel generator and battery** will also be built as backup. Gas cannot be used as the turbines take too long to wind up whereas diesel is almost instantaneous.



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Bree Nutley's homegrown Roma tomatoes

Joadi Harris's Garden Oasis

Joadi has a beautiful garden that fills both front and back yards of her home in Leonora. Ornamentals, natives and edibles all flourish under her care. Fruit trees and vines provide shade and cooling to her backyard. Joadi uses reticulation to keep her garden alive during our scorching summers



Roasted Homegrown Tomatoes with White Beans and Basil

Serves 2 to 4 Time: 30 minutes

- Approx 5 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 kilo very ripe cherry tomatoes, halved
- 6 garlic cloves, peeled
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 400g can cannellini or other white bean, drained
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced fresh basil leaves

Heat oven to 180 degrees. Pour 2 tbsp olive oil in a baking dish. Arrange the tomatoes, cut side up. Add garlic cloves and drizzle with another 2 tbsp olive oil, and sprinkle with 1 tsp salt and pepper. Roast the tomatoes for 20 minutes, until juicy. Remove from the oven and use a fork to lightly mash the tomatoes and garlic. Add drained beans and stir to combine. Return to the oven for 5 minutes. Drizzle with remaining olive oil, scatter with basil and serve ladled over crusty bread.



Mallee Fowl

The mallee fowl, or Nganamara, holds **deep cultural significance for Aboriginal people**. Inhabiting spinifex country north and east of Leonora, (where this photo of the nest was taken) down to mulga scrubland and mallee near Goongarrie and Morapoi, and even the banded ironstone ranges at Cashmere Range and Mt. Forrest. Its unique nesting habits—constructing **large mounds of sand and vegetation** to incubate eggs, carefully regulating temperature. As a **threatened species**, its dwindling numbers highlight the urgent need for conservation and the preservation of traditional land management practices, safeguarding a vital part of cultural heritage and the health of these diverse ecosystems. Kado Muir





What's Been Happening at Your CRC
It's been a busy few weeks at the CRC, with several community events bringing people together. We began with the Halloween Kids' Disco, where kids got dressed in their Halloween costumes and had a spooky but great time. This was followed by the Community Market Day on 8 November, offering local produce, handmade items, and a chance for locals to catch up. Next came Leonora's Open Day, highlighting local services, community groups, and organisations. Residents and students from the school got to check out the stalls and take away goody bags. We finished with the Winter Wonderland Kids Event on 14 November, where families enjoyed creative messy play, face painting and games. Thank you to everyone who took part and supported these events. Your involvement helps keep our community strong and connected.

