



# Tower St Times

## Sept/Oct '26

*Swimming Pool*  
*open!*

*11am - 7pm Tuesday to Sunday*  
*Free entry*



**Senior's Morning Tea**

**Leonora Library**

**10am**

**Tuesday 13th October**

### Leonora Lawn Bowls

**Sundays 1pm**

All welcome, no experience necessary

- come along and learn

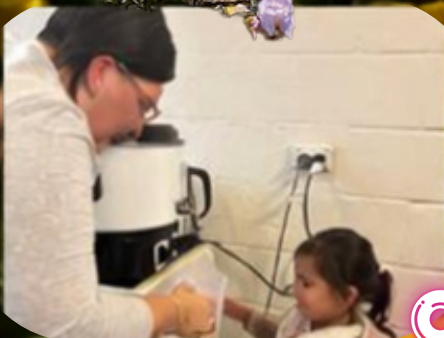
Bowls available if needed

BYO food and drinks

Flat sole shoes, bare feet or thongs

Watch a competition, or join a competition!

**Free Day Pass (green fee), or \$50 a year membership**

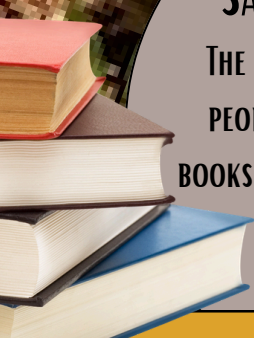


The CRC recently hosted a candle making workshop for the community. Participants were able to learn the skills to make their own beautiful candles and then take home their creations. Keep an eye on our socials for the next crafty opportunity!

### CANDLE MAKING WORKSHOP

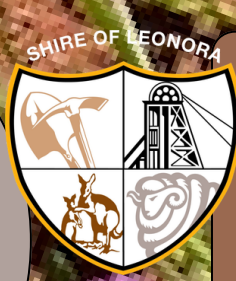






## SATURDAY LIBRARY

THE LIBRARY WILL BE OPEN FOR  
PEOPLE TO COME AND BORROW  
BOOKS ON A WEEKEND ON SATURDAY  
OCT 24 10AM-1PM



## SHIRE BUSHFIRE CONTROL NOTICE:

Restricted burning period  
October 1-31

## SHIRE UPDATES - TY MATSON, SHIRE CEO

The Shire has received the Management Order for Lot 14, the site of the **Rifle Club and future Eastern Precinct**. This area will incorporate the **new multi-use Racing Club facility** and other recreation amenities. This outcome has been **more than two and a half years in the making**, and we can now proceed with planning and construction of the new facility.

Shire staff and Councillors have been involved in developing concept designs for the site; however, significant investment at this stage has not been possible while uncertainty remained around securing the land.

**The next stage is to finalise the draft designs.** These will be reviewed and, if endorsed by Council, released for public comment. You may recall that considerable work was undertaken on this project a couple of years ago, and that information will help inform the draft designs.

The **Rifle Range project will proceed independently**. The intention is to **combine the rifle, pistol and shotgun ranges into a single facility**. Due to changes in firearms legislation, the range will need to be slightly realigned to ensure the safety of Nambi Road users. The Shire has been working closely with the Leonora Combined Discipline Shooting Club to ensure compliance with the new club requirements and has involved the club in the design of the new range. This process will now continue, with Council to consider the updated designs before a submission is made to WA Police for approval of the range. I appreciate the patience of everyone involved, as this has been a lengthy process.

The Shire was recently advised that it will receive more than **\$5.6 million in Disaster Relief Funding for the 2024 flooding events**, which caused significant damage to our road network. The Shire will now commence the procurement process to undertake these works.

Senior staff, including myself, recently **met with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage to continue advocating for the release of State land** for residential and industrial development. These discussions were productive, and we are optimistic they will result in additional land becoming available. The Shire's role is one of advocacy, and should the State proceed, further approvals and stakeholder engagement will be required before the land can be unlocked for development.

Council met for its **Ordinary Council Meeting on 22 September 2026** and considered a range of **matters affecting the community**. The meeting included the **Shire of Leonora Local Public Health Plan, Safer Leonora Plan 2026-2031 and the Compliance Audit Return**, land administration decisions, governance matters and strategic projects designed to support future growth and service delivery across the Shire. Further information is available on the Shire's website. The next meeting of Council is **scheduled for Tuesday October 20** and members of the public are welcome to attend.

## A Big Thank You to Our Local School Kids

A big thank you to the local school kids who have made some wonderful seats from recycled pallets for our cemetery.

The seats are a great addition and give people a comfortable place to sit when visiting loved ones and spending time at the cemetery. It's also fantastic to see old materials being given a new life and put to such good use.

Terry Demasson visits his wife Di regularly and wishes to let the kids know how much he appreciates the seat that was placed by her grave.

We really appreciate the time, effort and care that has gone into making them. Thank you from the whole community — they are very much appreciated!

## LEONORA CEMETERY NOW ONLINE

The Shire of Leonora has recently added our local cemetery to the global Chronicle cemetery website.

This means that anyone can now **locate the grave of a loved one** or search the final resting place of a **historic identity** that once lived in the area.

You can now also check **which gravesites are still available**. Please note that the website is updated periodically and may not always reflect accurate information.

**Check out the website at [map.chronicle.rip/leonora\\_cemetery](http://map.chronicle.rip/leonora_cemetery)**

When you are next at our cemetery, take the time to check out the amazing work of the volunteer team at **Outback Grave Markers**. They have researched and identified many of those resting in our oldest graves and have placed beautiful markers to name them and share their story.



Shire of  
Leonora



# LEONORA VACSWIM ENROLMENTS

ENROLMENTS CLOSE 14 OCT 2026

LEONORA DATES & DETAILS CAN BE FOUND AT THE LINK HERE  
[EDUCATION.WA.EDU.AU](https://education.wa.edu.au)



## LEONORA STATE BATTERY COMMUNITY UPDATE

The future of the Leonora State Battery remains the subject of discussion between the Perth Mint and members of the local community.

A group of local residents has expressed interest in the future of the Battery and is seeking opportunities to preserve its heritage significance and potential future. The Shire of Leonora is facilitating communication between the Perth Mint and interested local residents to support an open exchange of information and views. The Shire will continue to provide updates as information becomes available.

# MEET A LEO LOCAL CORTEAHA AND AMBER THOMAS

***Local girls Cortheah and Amber have opened their own beauty salon in Leonora. Check out The Desert Glow here: [facebook.com/TheDesertGlow](https://facebook.com/TheDesertGlow)***  
***The girls are fully qualified to offer professional services in all lash and brow treatments, as well as spray tanning.***

***The Shire of Leonora has been proud to support Cortheah and Amber as well as other young people in the community in gaining their certificates in numerous skills and qualifications through the CRC.***





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## HARD SUDOKU

**SATURDAY  
OCT 31, 2026**

**TRICK OR TREAT!**

**GWALIA**  
ghost town & museum

**@ THE GHOST TOWN HOUSES**

**6.00 PM**

COME JOIN US AS WE TRANSFORM OUR GHOSTTOWN INTO A MEGA TRICK  
OR TREAT EXPERIENCE FOR ALL THE FAMILY

**THRILLING MUSIC, HAUNTED VIBES,  
JAIL HOUSE SAUSAGE SIZZLE, FREE BUS IN AND OUT OF TOWN  
PICK UP FROM THE POST OFFICE**

**BYO SLY GROG BAR**

BEST COSTUME AND BEST DECORATED HOUSE WINS A  
GRAND PRIZE!

RSVP IF YOU DARE! WITH NADINE @ HOOVER CAFE



## DANCE EXERCISE WITH KIM AND VANESSA

EVERYONE WELCOME!  
6PM  
MONDAYS

LEONORA  
REC CENTRE



# **Update from Principal Mohamed Yusef**

## ***Term 3 at Leonora District High School***

This term has gone so quickly with so many activities and learning experiences. The past 4 weeks have been full of exciting learning opportunities, celebrations and sporting activities at Leonora District High School. Our students have embraced every experience with enthusiasm, curiosity and pride.

### **Vocational Learning in Kalgoorlie**

From 17–21 August, 13 students from Years 6–12 participated in our Vocational Training Block in Kalgoorlie.

Students completed practical training in smartphone diagnostics and repairs. They learned how to safely disassemble and reassemble phones, identify different components, diagnose common faults and complete repairs.

Students also participated in remote drone pilot training. They learned how to operate drones safely in line with Australian aviation regulations and developed their flying skills by navigating obstacle courses and completing practical challenges.

This successful program connected classroom learning with future training and employment opportunities. It also helped students develop teamwork, independence, responsibility and confidence. We are incredibly proud of how well they represented our school.

### **Robotics and Hands-On Learning**

Students across the school have enjoyed exciting robotics activities. They learned how to program and control robots, solve problems and work together to complete a range of challenges.

It was wonderful to see our students having fun while developing important skills in technology, coding, communication and critical thinking. These practical activities encourage students to explore future opportunities in science, engineering and technology.

### **Celebrating Book Week**

Book Week was another wonderful highlight. Students and staff came together to celebrate reading, storytelling and creativity.

Students created and shared their own stories, while classrooms prepared fantastic displays and performances. Everyone enjoyed dressing as their favourite book characters for our Book Week Parade, and our staff joined in the fun by dressing up and sharing their stories.

Book Week reminded us that everyone has a story to tell and that our different experiences make our school community special.

### **An Action-Packed Week of Sport**

Book Week was followed by an exciting week of sporting activities, including tennis coaching, Motiv8 Sports sessions and our annual Athletics Carnival.

The Athletics Carnival was a fantastic day filled with participation, teamwork and outstanding sportsmanship. The competition between Roos and Emus was incredibly close, with only four points separating the two factions.

Congratulations to Emus, the winners of the 2026 Athletics Carnival!

We sincerely thank Bec for the significant planning and preparation that went into organising the carnival. We also acknowledge the Leonora Shire team for professionally preparing and marking our school oval. The support of our staff, families and community helped make the day a wonderful success.

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### **After-School Laser Tag**

Our students also enjoyed an exciting afternoon of laser tag at school. There was plenty of laughter, teamwork and friendly competition as students worked together and made their way through the different challenges.

It was wonderful to see so many students participating, having fun and creating positive memories with their friends.

### **Attendance and Wellbeing**

It is great to see more students attending school regularly and engaging in classroom activities. There is plenty of practical, hands-on learning happening across the school, and every hour at school counts. On 18 September 2026, students who have achieved at least 85% attendance during Term 3 and maintained their Good Standing will enjoy a special trip to Kalgoorlie. We encourage all students to attend school every day so they can make the most of every learning opportunity.

We have also introduced our Girls' and Boys' Wellbeing Hubs. The hubs are open every day from 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm and provide safe, welcoming and engaging spaces where students can relax, have fun and spend positive time with their friends.

Students can enjoy painting, jewellery-making, listening to music, playing board games, participating in dance competitions or simply spending time together. I am proud that this new initiative is available to our students every day under the supervision of our wonderful staff.

Breakfast and lunch continue to be provided each day. Students can begin their morning with a delicious hot breakfast, with Wednesday remaining our special Pancake Day. Huge shout-out to Sodexo for their continuous support of our school and for helping ensure our students have fresh food every week.

### **Proud of Our School Community**

These wonderful experiences reflect the commitment of our staff, families, community partners and supporters, who continue to create outstanding opportunities for our students.

We are proud of the enthusiasm, creativity, teamwork and sportsmanship our students have demonstrated throughout these busy weeks. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making each activity and event so successful.

At Leonora District High School, We Care, We Succeed.

**Mohamed Youssef – Principal**



# LEONORA CUP – THIS SATURDAY

The Leonora Cup is on again this Saturday, 10 October, with the annual race day set to bring plenty of action, fashion and entertainment to Leonora.

This year's Cup Day is a special one, marking 126 years of racing at Leonora and the final meeting to be held at the historic track.

Along with a great day of racing, there will be plenty happening off the track, including Fashions on the Field. Racegoers are encouraged to dress up and get involved, with Best Dressed competitions running throughout the day. There is also a new Novelty Team of Four category.

There will be plenty of activities for the kids too, including face painting, a bouncy castle, games and twin bucking bulls.

With food and drinks available, BJ the DJ between races and the Leonora Cup as the feature race, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

The celebrations will continue into the evening with a buffet BBQ, bush two-up, boot-scooting and live music from the Hunt Street Band.

Whether you're there for the racing, the fashion or simply to catch up with friends and enjoy the day, the Leonora Cup is a great opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate the final chapter of racing at the historic Leonora Racecourse.

THE KALGOORLIE BOULDER TRAM IS IN TOWN!  
THE TRAM WILL BE VISITING LEONORA FOR  
THE LEONORA CUP WEEKEND - TRANSPORTING  
RACEGOERS TO AND FROM THE RACECOURSE.  
ON SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> THERE WILL ALSO BE GUIDED  
TOURS OF GWALIA.

BOOK TICKETS FOR THE RACES AND THE TRAM  
ONLINE AT  
[EVENTS.HUMANITIX.COM/GENESIS-LEONORA-  
CUP-2026](https://EVENTS.HUMANITIX.COM/GENESIS-LEONORA-CUP-2026)



## GENESIS MINERALS LEONORA CUP 2026

10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  
LEONORA RACING CLUB  
RACECOURSE ROAD,  
GATES OPEN AT 12PM.

### THE LAST HURRAH!

JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED DAY AND NIGHT AT THE  
HISTORIC LEONORA RACE TRACK!

\*TICKETED EVENT\*





# A Glimpse into our Golden Past

## FIND ON STATION STARTS GOLD RUSH

Caretakers are guarding a goldmining lease near Leonora said to have yielded about 200oz of gold nuggets in the past week.

A Perth-based private company, Englebrecht Prospecting and Exploration Pty Ltd, has taken out an option to buy the 9.7-hectare lease for \$300,000.

A spokesman for the company, Mr V. Plato, said yesterday that the agreement, written on the page of an exercise book, was signed at the gold find late on Wednesday.

The signatories were the company's director, and the two men who found the gold and pegged the lease. Mr 'Snowy' Barnes and Mr Peter Thompson.

Mr Plato said that the two prospectors had dug a hole about 3m deep on a rabbit warren where the first nugget was found.

The hole had yielded

more than 200oz of gold nuggets. Nuggets were still being found at the bottom when digging stopped.

The next step would be a geological examination and probably drilling to test the extent of the strike.

Mr Englebrecht returned to Leonora late yesterday to obtain more leases around the tenement.

The Leonora mining registrar, Mr Jeff Hayle, said yesterday that the lease was pegged by Mr Barnes and Mr Thompson on Monday and six others were pegged around it by local residents the next day.

Scores of people visited his office yesterday seeking information on the location of the find.

News of the gold find has attracted hundreds

of people to Braemar station.

The station owner, Mr Neil Hadfield, estimated yesterday that about 2000 people had been on the property in the past week.

Most had been well behaved, but he had to repair several fencing sections which had been knocked down.

The nuggets were found in an area that had been regularly searched by fossickers with spasmodic results.

It was about 8km north-east of Leonora and within 1km of a popular fossicking spot.

### BRIGHT COLOUR

The gold had an unusual bright colour and was in a soft, limestone type of rock, Mr Hadfield said. Gold normally was associated with quartz.

Mr Barnes and Mr Thompson are said to have found the first nugget close to the surface at the mouth of a rabbit warren. They were using a metal detector.

Further digging produced more nuggets, and eventually an earth-moving contractor was called in to use a backhoe.

Mr Barnes who is in his 70s, has been prospecting in the Leonora district for many years. Mr Thompson was visiting from Kalgoorlie when the strike was made.

They could not be reached yesterday.



12<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 1980





# BLAZERS UPDATE



The Blazers Men's team finished the preliminary rounds of the **2026 Let's Talk Basketball Tournament** in **Carnarvon** with a 5-1 record despite being reduced to six players through injuries. After defeating Gumarda 27-23 in a hard-fought semi-final, **Blazers faced tournament favourites Amigos in the grand final**, eventually falling 49-39.

**Jaymarl Hogarth** led the team's scoring with 104 points across the tournament. **Braelen Darcy** received team MVP and overall tournament runner-up MVP honours, while **Denzel Humphries** and **Amos Ring Jnr** shared the team's runner-up MVP and Reginald Carmichael Johnson Award.

Blazers thank Sunny, Gail Bellotti, Hannah and everyone involved in organising the carnival, as well as Genesis Minerals Limited for sponsoring the team's participation. The tournament continues to provide an important platform for mental health awareness and suicide prevention among young people in regional communities. Although Blazers fell short of defending their title, their resilience, achievements and commitment to the carnival's wider purpose made it a memorable experience.