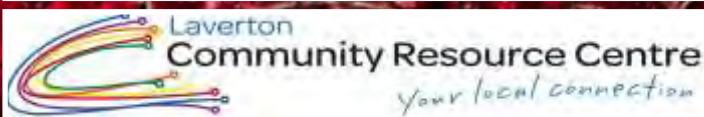


THE STURT PEA



*Happy
Valentines
Day*

February 2020



SHIRE OF
LAVERTON
Discover the Outback Spirit

Emergency Numbers

After hours GP Helpline

1800 022 222

Community Health

(08) 9031 1311

Crisis Care (free call)

1800 625 800

Department of Child Protection

(08) 9088 2900

Doctor's Surgery

(08) 9031 1093

One Tree Women's Crisis Centre

(08) 9031 1899

Police, Ambulance, Fire & Rescue

000 or 112 (mobile)

Health Direct

13 23 51

Hospital

(08) 9088 2600

Horizon Power

13 23 51

Police

(08) 9088 2777

Poisons Information

13 11 26

Royal Flying Doctor Service
(emergencies only)

1800 625 800

Water Corporation

13 13 75

Accommodation

Boomers Village

(08) 9031 1135

Desert Inn Hotel

(08) 9031 1188

Laverton Caravan Park

(08) 9031 1072

Laverton Chalet/Motel

(08) 9031 1130

Oasis Serviced Apartments

0488 613 830

Building Services & Construction

Rod Hill- Painter and Decorator

0407 079 074

Café/Fast Food/Pub

Desert Deli

0498 215 116

Great Beyond Visitor Centre

(08) 9031 1361

Desert Inn

(08) 9031 1188

Children's Services

Story & Rhyme Time

(08) 9031 1800

Youth Centre - Contact Shire of
Laverton

(08) 9031 1202

Earth Works

C&A Taylor Grading

0427 819 564

Desert Sands Cartage Contractors

(08) 9031 1326

Education

Cosmo Newberry School

(08) 9037 5943

Laverton Kindergarten

(08) 9031 1020

Laverton School

(08) 9031 1020

Mt Margaret School

(08) 9037 5959

Mulga Queen School

(08) 9031 3300

Electrical and Refrigeration

AS Refrigeration

(08) 9031 1221

Powerchill

(08) 9031 1172

PWT Electricians

0438 444 962

Auto Electrical Repairs & Air
Conditioning

0408 092 332

Multiple Trades & Maintenance

9378 3395

Funeral Directors

Leonora Funerals

0408 951 186

Freight

Laverton Freight Yard

0488 717 628

Justices of the Peace

Mrs Shaneane Marjorie Weldon

0458745391

Mr Robert Martin Wedge

0417 951 153

Public Transport

Gold Rush Tours

1800 620 440

Mining/Exploration

Goldfields Australia-Granny Smith
Mine

(08) 9088 2105

Sunrise Dam Gold Mine

(08) 9080 3765

Murrin Murrin Mine Site

(08) 9212 8400

Windarra Mine Site

(08) 9031 1611

Lynas Corporation Mt Weld

(08) 9031 1645

Gruyere Project, Yamarna

(08) 9037-5963

Dacian Gold, Mt Morgans Gold Operation

(08) 6323 9100

Pest Control

Mobile Pest and Weed Control

(08) 9093 2809

Post Office

Laverton Post Office

(08) 9031 1101

Recreation Clubs

Laverton Gym—Contact Shire of Laverton

(08) 9031 1202

Laverton Race Club

0417 951 153

Laverton Sports Club Inc.

(08) 9031 1220

Laverton Sporting Shooters Association

0418 935 518

Religion

**The Church of The Resurrection -
Fr Robert O'Bryan**

0457980852

LA Outback Church

0497 642 260

Service Station/Mechanic

Laverton Motors

(08) 9031 1210

**Laverton Auto Electrics -Mechanical
Repairs and Tyre Services-fully licensed
repairer.**

0408 092 332

Shire of Laverton

Reception

(08) 9031 1202

Great Beyond Visitor Centre

(08) 9031 1361

**Laverton Community Resource Centre/
Library**

(08) 9031 1800

Shire Councillors

President Cr. Patrick Hill

0419 925 371

**Deputy President Cr. Shaneane
Weldon**

0458 745 391

Cr. Gary Buckmaster

0427 476 474

Cr. Jack Carmody

0488 581 729

Cr. Robin Prentice

0409 311 442

Cr. Rex Ryles

0418 935 518

Cr. Rex Weldon

0427 348 516

Shopping

Laverton Supermarket

(08) 9031 1675

Tourist/Recreation

Laverton Outback Gallery

(08) 9031 1395

Great Beyond Visitor Centre

(08) 9031 1361

Pastoral Properties

Banjawarn Station

(08) 9037 5977

Bandya Station

(08) 9031 3727

Delita Station

(08) 9037 5954

Erlistoun Station

(08) 9031 3954

Lake Wells Station

(08) 9037 5962

Laverton Downs Station

(08) 9037 5998

Minara Station

(08) 9037 5966

Mt Weld Station

0438 188 769

Prenti Downs Station

(08) 9981 2111

0488 581 729

White Cliffs Station

(08) 9037 5950

Wonganoo Station

(08) 9037 5942

Yamarna Station

(08) 9037 5963

**If you wish to add
your number to this
list, or you do not
wish to be listed,
please contact the
Laverton
Community Resource
Centre.**

(08) 9031 1800

Laverton@ crc.net.au



2020 DATES FOR ORDINARY MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

As decided at the Shire's December 2019 Ordinary Meeting of Council, the Ordinary Meetings of Council will be held in the Council Chambers of the Shire Administration Building at 9 MacPherson Place, Laverton, commencing at 5:00pm on the following dates in 2020:

Thursday 27 February 2020	Thursday 27 August 2020
Thursday 26 March 2020	Thursday 24 September 2020
Thursday 23 April 2020	Thursday 22 October 2020
Thursday 28 May 2020	Thursday 26 November 2020
Thursday 25 June 2020	Thursday 10 December 2020
Thursday 23 July 2020	

Please note that all Ordinary Meetings of Council are open to the public and all residents are invited to attend.

Meeting agenda are available for public perusal online at the Community Resource Centre, on the Shire website or at the Shire Administration office, at least three days prior to the meeting date.

Phil Marshall
Acting Chief Executive Officer



POOL ENTRY FEES

DAILY	
Adult	\$3.00
Child (5 to 17 years)	\$2.00
Spectators	Free
SEASON TICKETS	
Adults	\$80.00
Child (5 to 17 years)	\$40.00
Family (2 adults & 2 children)	\$200.00
MONTHLY TICKETS – ITINERANT RESIDENTS ONLY	
Any individual person	\$40.00
CONCESSION TICKETS – 50 Tickets	
Adults	\$80.00
Child (5 to 17 years)	\$40.00
EXCLUSIVE HIRE (Alcohol Prohibited)	
Daytime – per hour or part there of	\$82.50
Nighttime – per hour or part there of	\$110.00
SWIMMING LESSONS	
Bronze Medallion	Full Course - \$185.00
	Requalification - \$85.00
Private lessons	On enquiry
AQUA AEROBICS	
45 minutes	\$5.00

March Flies

Once again, March flies have appeared around the northern Goldfields following the recent rains. Here is some information about the insects and their health impacts, as well as some ways of avoiding them.



What are March flies?

March flies (also sometimes known as horse flies or tabanids) are stout-bodied flies measuring 6mm to 25mm in length with large eyes. There are some 200 species in Australia. They can be a serious pest of humans, livestock, domestic animals and wildlife.

The females of most species of March fly take a blood meal after inflicting a painful bite with their piercing mouthparts. They can be annoyingly persistent when attempting to bite. The adults of both sexes feed on nectar and plant juices.

Where and when do they occur?

March flies can occur anywhere in WA, and in a range of habitats. The adults are most active during daylight hours during the warmer months, particularly on sunny, calm days. In the tropics, they can continue to be active through the drier winter months.

The breeding places include damp soil, rotting vegetation, sand and rot holes in trees, with the larvae feeding on animal and plant material within the substrate. The life cycle can take many months or even years, depending on the species and soil temperatures. After emerging, the adults mate and the females disperse from the breeding site in search of blood meals. The adults live for 3-4 weeks.

What are the health impacts?

March flies are not known to transmit disease to humans or livestock in Australia. However, their bites can cause adverse allergic reactions in some people, sometimes requiring hospitalisation. Livestock can suffer severe blood loss from repeated biting.



One small, brown species occurring mainly in the north-west (Pilbara and Kimberley) of Western Australia, appears to produce serious symptoms in some people, including hives, fever, wheezing and in severe cases, anaphylaxis.

The allergic reaction occurs in response to the saliva injected by the fly to prevent the blood from clotting. The application of an ice pack or a mild antihistamine may relieve painful bites. Secondary infection due to scratching the bites may require the application of antiseptic cream or systemic antibiotics. Patients with a severe allergic reaction should seek urgent medical assistance and advice.

How do I avoid being bitten?

Control of these flies using pesticides is generally not possible due to their extensive breeding areas and ability to fly long distances from breeding sites.

March flies are known to be attracted to dark blue, so it is advisable to avoid wearing blue and other dark colours. Light-coloured loose-fitting clothing and insect repellents will provide protection when March flies are present.

The most effective repellents for March flies contain diethyl toluamide (DEET) at between 5 and 20 percent (50-200g/litre) and are most effective in lotion form. As with all chemicals, repellents should be applied in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, especially to infants and young children.

Fly trapping may be useful for reducing populations in localised areas such as schools and workplaces.

Dark coloured boards (e.g. 60cm square), coated with a permanently sticky adhesive have been used with some effect overseas. Other commercially-available traps may be sourced through the internet.

Further Information

For more information about March flies please contact your local government Environmental Health Officer

or

Environmental Health Directorate
Department of Health
PO Box 8172
PERTH BUSINESS CENTRE WA 6849

Telephone: (08) 9388 4999
Facsimile: (08) 9388 4905



Laverton Community Resource Centre News- February 2020

What is coming up?

- Wednesday 5 February- Story and Rhyme Time, 10:30am
- Thursday 27 February- Seniors Morning Tea, 10:00am
- Wednesday 25 March- Teddy Bears Picnic, LLCCA, 10:30am
- Saturday 28 March- Community Market Day, 9:00am, Great Beyond
- April 14-17- Holiday Science Program

Happy New Year to all our Readers and welcome to the first edition of the Laverton Sturt Pea magazine for 2020.

You will find in this edition many photographs from our end of year 2019 celebrations, thank you to everyone who were involved and supported these events and programs. The CRC Team are looking forward to re-commencing our regular programs in February. Commencement dates can be found on the calendar at the back of this publication.

The CRC Team are busy coordinating some upcoming events including our annual Teddy Bears Picnic, Community Market Day, Project Planning Workshop and Science Holiday Program- yes it is returning by request of many Laverton children, the program will be run over 4 days in the April School Holidays.

2020 is also the year of our biennial Laverfest celebrations! The Great Beyond Visitor Centre and CRC Teams are busy preparing a program for the celebration, the celebration is scheduled to be held over the long weekend in September commencing on the evening of Friday 25 through to Monday 28. Save the dates and look out for more information over the coming months.

Enjoy the Read,
Johanna McGuire
Manager Laverton Community Resource Centre

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Contact :

Shop 4, Laver Place,
Laverton, WA, 6440
laverton@crc.net.au
(08) 9031 1800



LAVERTON COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

SCHOOL HOLIDAY SCIENCE PROGRAM IS BACK!

TUESDAY 14 APRIL - FRIDAY 17 APRIL

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE DETAILS
CLOSER TO THE DATE!



Teddy Bears Picnic



WHAT: Teddy Bears Picnic

WHERE: LLCCA

WHEN: Wednesday 25 March 2020
10:30am - 12:00pm

All Parents / Caregivers and Children aged 0-5 years are invited to a morning full of fun! Crafts, Face Painting, Stories, Rhymes, a Picnic Lunch and of course Teddy Bears!



SENIORS MORNING TEA

THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2020

TIME: 10:00AM

LOCATION: LAVERTON COMMUNITY
RESOURCE CENTRE

BINGO, TRIVIA, TEA AND COFFEE - HEAD ALONG TO OUR
SENIORS MORNING TEA FOR A WHOLE LOT OF FUN!
PRIZES TO BE WON!



Better **BEGINNINGS** STORY AND RHYME Time



Better Beginnings
Story & Rhyme Time

Did You Know?
Our brains develop most rapidly during the first few years of life.

Did You Know?
Learning to read starts from BIRTH. You can help your baby learn important literacy skills by talking, singing, playing and reading to your baby.

Laverton Story and
Rhyme
Time recommences -
Wednesday 5
February 10:30am at
the CRC

Did You Know?
Literacy is the ability to read, write, speak and listen. Literacy helps us communicate well with the people around us everyday.

Did You Know?
Attending programs like Story & Rhyme Time with your child can improve your child's chances of success in life.





2019 Laverton Christmas Lights Competition

ON FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER THE LAVERTON COMMUNITY CAME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THE 2019 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION FOR THE 5TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR. MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY GATHERED AROUND THE AUGUSTA STREET ROTUNDA FOR A TWILIGHT BBQ. MEANWHILE, THE JOLLY MAN IN RED PAYED A VISIT WITH 2 BIG STOCKINGS FULL OF PRESENTS FOR THE KIDS. WITH THE SETTING OF THE SUN, BELLIES FULL AND CHILDREN HAPPY - THE COMMUNITY BUSES WERE LOADED AND THE CONVOY COMMENCED, WITH THE JUDGES VEHICLE IN THE LEAD 2 BUSES AND 6 COMMUNITY VEHICLES IN TOW.

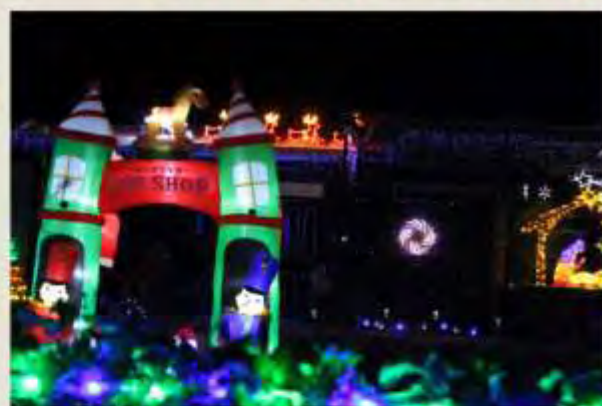
THE 2019 JUDGING PANEL WAS MADE UP OF:
DONNA GIBSON - HORIZON POWER
PHILLIP MARSHALL - SHIRE OF LAVERTON
JANICE BRIGGS - LAVERTON COMMUNITY

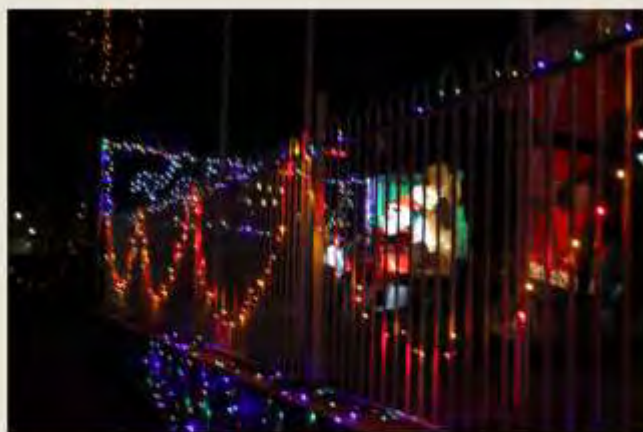
THE WINNERS OF THE 2019 LAVERTON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION WERE:
CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS - CHRISTOPHER HEDLAM
BEST RESIDENTIAL - AMY MAHONEY AND ELIZABETH JONES
BEST BUSINESS - LAVERTON SPORTS CLUB
PEOPLES CHOICE - THE TAYLOR FAMILY

THE JUDGES DID NOT HAVE AN EASY TIME MAKING THIS DECISION, AND WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND ALL OF THE PARTICIPANTS AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE LAVERTON ROADHOUSE FOR THEIR SPECTACULAR TYRE CHRISTMAS TREE AND THE BLAIR FAMILY FOR THE FANTASTIC AND ENTERTAINING SNOWMAN!

THE LAVERTON COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS, VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS:

HORIZON POWER
THE SHIRE OF LAVERTON AND YOUTH SERVICES TEAM
HENRY PAWLACZYK
JULIA PO AND ASH JENNINGS
THE LAVERTON POLICE
JANICE BRIGGS
GREAT BEYOND VISITOR CENTRE









Better Beginnings Story & Rhyme Time Christmas Break-up 2019

On Wednesday December 11 2019, the Laverton Community Resource Centre hosted the Better Beginnings Story and Rhyme Time Christmas party.

The morning commenced with craft, each child making and decorating their very own Christmas Crown. Following this the children enjoyed rhymes, stories, pass-the-parcel, a visit from Santa and a light lunch.

The staff at the Community Resource Centre would like to thank all of our wonderful parents, caregivers and children that attend and support our program each Wednesday.

Story and Rhyme time will recommence on Wednesday 5 February 2019



Seniors Christmas Morning Tea

On the morning of the 12 December, the Laverton Community Resource Centre had the pleasure of holding the Seniors Morning Tea Christmas break-up. The morning started with a delicious morning tea then onto a range of enjoyable Christmas games. The staff at the Community Resource Centre would like to thank everyone that attended and we look forward to seeing you all again on the 27th of February for the start up of Seniors Morning Tea 2020.





Have you thought of joining the....

LAVERTON MEN'S SHED

Looking for something to fill in
your Sunday?

Why not head down to the
Laverton Men's Shed.

Start a new project or finish an old
one or simply just have a cuppa and
a chat.

Open Sunday's from 9.00am.

If you would like to join the Laverton Men's Shed,
membership forms are available from the Great
Beyond Visitor Centre or you can drop past the Shed
on a Sunday morning and join up. A small
membership fee applies.

lavertonmensshed@gmail.com

COMMUNITY MARKET DAY

SATURDAY 28 MARCH 2020

GREAT BEYOND VISITOR CENTRE

8:00-11:00

If you would like to have a stall, contact the
Community Resource Centre on
9031 1800 or email crassist@laverton.wa.gov.au

APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2020



VALENTINES DAY

FRIDAY 14 FEB 2020

In 1537, England's King Henry VIII officially declared Feb. 14 the holiday of St. Valentine's.

Emperor Claudius II didn't want Roman men to marry during wartime. Bishop Valentine went against his wishes and performed secret weddings. For this, Valentine was jailed and executed. While in jail he wrote a note to the jailer's daughter signing it "from your Valentine."

In Victorian times, it was considered bad luck to sign a Valentine's Day card.

Approx 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged each year.

If you do not have a significant other, do not worry! You can celebrate Singles Awareness Day (SAD) instead. (Feb 15)

Richard Cadbury produced the first box of chocolates for this holiday in the late 1800s.

220,000 is the average number of wedding proposals on Valentine's Day each year.

Every Valentine's Day, the Italian city of Verona, where Shakespeare's lovers Romeo and Juliet lived, receives about 1,000 letters addressed to Juliet.



Live in the Outback and do not have access to fresh roses? Not to worry! Australia Post has your back! Simply place an order through them and your delivery will arrive on valentines day!

THE GREAT BEYOND

Visitor Centre News



BUSH FIRE RELIEF FUNDRAISER

Great Beyond Staff will be volunteering their time to hold a Bush Fire Relief Fundraiser on **Saturday 1 February from 9.00am.**

Come and buy some yummy cakes or a good old fashion sausage sizzle!

There are also some great prizes up for grabs our raffle.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

We need your help to make Australia beautiful by taking part in Clean Up Australia Day! We are seeking volunteers to spend a couple of hours to help tidy up the town streets. Check out posters around town.

Saturday 14 March from 9.00am

LABOUR DAY LONG WEEKEND

Just a reminder that the Great Beyond's usual Public Holiday Trading hours will apply on the March long weekend.

Saturday 29 Feb: 9am-1pm
Sunday 1 March: 9am-1pm
Monday 2 March: 9am-1pm

COME IN & CHECK OUT...

- Range of Valentines Day Cards & Gifts
- New merchandise including Laverton Magnets, Key rings, Stickers, Stubby Holders & Tea Towels - great for gifts!
- New 'Non Dairy' range of cakes & cookies in the Cafe
- Senior's Exhibition - free to community members until the end of February
- The expansion plans for the Great Beyond Visitor Centre



Monday - Friday
9.00am - 4.30pm

Saturday - Sunday
9.00am - 1.00pm

P: 9031 1361

E: greatbeyond@laverton.wa.gov.au

Facebook: [TheGreatBeyondLaverton](https://www.facebook.com/TheGreatBeyondLaverton)

5 Augusta Street, Laverton, WA, 6440

SAVE THE DATE

THE SHIRE OF LAVERTON PRESENTS

LAVERFEST 2020

Three Days of Activities & Fun!



Cultural Food Markets - Family Fun Day -
Gala Ball - Sporting Events -
Live Entertainment - And so much more.

September 25-28, 2020 | Laverton



Laverton Community Bushfire Appeal

Saturday 1st February

Where: Great Beyond Visitor Centre

Time: 10am-12pm

Raffle

Cake Stall

Sausage Sizzle

*All proceeds raised on the day will be donated
to the WWF Organisation*

PLEASE CONTACT EMILY OR LIZZIE AT THE
GREAT BEYOND VISITOR CENTRE ON
9031 1361 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

BUSHFIRE APPEAL RAFFLE

\$5 Per Ticket

All proceeds raised will be donated to the
WWF Organisation

1. Skippers Flights

(2 return flights from Laverton to Perth)

2. 4x Hay Bales

3. Boomerang & Tapping Sticks

4. Dinner for 2 (Desert Inn)

5. Food Hamper

6. Dinner for 2 (Boomers Village)

Tickets sold at The Great Beyond,
CRC & Post Office



A Message from the Catholic Parish of Church of the Resurrection, Laverton

Please Note: Due to extra commitments with Nagle Catholic College, and a shortage of priests, at this stage, Fr Robert, will only be visiting once every two Months.

be held Saturday 22nd February, Commencing at 6.00pm, next to the Great Beyond.

I do personally apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Please call me for any urgent matters.

**For further details contact Fr Robert O'Bryan on
0457980852**

Email: olmcchurch@westnet.com.au

Hello to all Laverton Community Members and Sturt Pea readers



As this is the first edition of the magazine for the year, and with some big changes at the station taking place, I thought it was appropriate that I wrote some words as way of introduction for myself and the other new team members joining the Laverton Police Station.

My name is Emma Barnes and I am the new Senior Sergeant, Officer in Charge of Laverton Police Station. I was previously stationed at Gosnells Police Station and have spent most of my career working in frontline positions in both metro and country police stations. Don't let my youthful looks fool you, I have been with WA Police Force for over 20 years! I am very pleased to be in town and am looking forward to the challenges ahead.

You may be aware that there has also been a changeover of sergeants at the station, with both Dale Grice and Rob Shields transferring out to take on new positions. Sergeant James Brooks arrived in town prior to Christmas along with his wife, First Class Constable Jess Brooks. The pair transferred from Kalgoorlie Police Station and have been serving in the Goldfields-Esperance District for more than three years. Jess will soon be on temporary leave from the team to take on the new challenge of motherhood as the couple add to their family.

Also arriving in February will be Sergeant Jason Jenkins. He is transferring from Morley Police Station and has previous experience working within the Goldfields-Esperance District. His diverse background and skill set will be an asset to the station and we look forward to welcoming him to town.

We are also pleased to have some new constables joining us at the station. Constable Mark Lang arrived in Laverton prior to Christmas. He is enjoying the diversity in his new role and is looking forward to kicking the footy with some of the town youth during the cooler months. Constable Danica Brassington will also be arriving shortly, transferring from Kalgoorlie Police Station.

It really is an exciting time at the station with so many new faces joining us. Each new team member brings with them their own unique set of skills, knowledge, enthusiasm and ideas. I am very keen for myself and the rest of the station to actively participate in community activities wherever possible and we welcome any ideas you may have of new ways that we can further support the community.

On another note, most of you will be aware that there has been an increase in temporary population, which has resulted in increased offending and antisocial behaviour over the Christmas period. I can assure you that your officers have been working tirelessly over the festive period, responding to all calls promptly and ensuring those responsible for offending are being dealt with appropriately. We are also working collaboratively with other agencies and community groups to facilitate the safe travel home for some dislodged people.

It is also a timely reminder that if you call the station on 9088 2777 after business hours, your call may divert through to Kalgoorlie. Unfortunately, this is the tyranny of being in a country location. If officers are out on a task and not within phone reception, we must divert the calls to ensure you can always reach a member of the WA Police Force when you need us. Please do not let this be a deterrent for reporting incidents. Local officers will be made aware of the call and will attend to your requests as soon as they are available.

Finally, if we have not had the pleasure of meeting yet, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to come and say hello to me and the team at the station. I am not one who likes having my photo taken, hence why I haven't added one to this article, but if you are curious as to what your new officers in town look like, please pop in and say hello. The station is open daily during business hours and I am never too far away. We look forward to getting to know you all and working with the community of Laverton.





Laverton Youth Services

School holiday fun

Youth Services have been busy providing lots of fun activities to keep the kids entertained during the holidays.

From bike rides, and Blue Light Disco (thanks to Laverton Police), to Bingo, BBQ, burgers, baking and birthdays!



Check out some of our work on our YouTube channel



Laverton Youth Centre

Laverton Youth Services



School Holiday highlights

Huge thanks to the YMCA for organising the big inflatable slide and movie night.

A great time was had by all. Well done to the winners in our Lego Building Challenge!



Youth Officer, Kevin Naidu

Tel: 0418 162 958

Keep an eye out for activity updates on our Facebook page



@LavertonYouthServices

Laverton kids clean up the Oval

Great job kids of Laverton for helping to clean up the Oval, and thanks go to the Curtin Volunteers for all their support too.



The kids earned a well-deserved delicious milkshake from the Great Beyond Visitor Centre.

"People should put their rubbish in the bins and not mess up the Oval, we want to play where it is safe from glass and mess."



Shire of Laverton celebrates Australia Day



The Shire of Laverton held a pool party at the Laverton Aquatic Centre to celebrate Australia Day.

One hundred and twenty-five people attended and enjoyed a fun morning and bbq breakfast.

- Shire President Cllr Patrick Hill thanked everyone for attending, and all those involved in making the event such a great success:
- The Gold Fields crew for cooking the delicious breakfast
- Mhairi Dunbar from Lynas Corp, Laverton Town Crew and the Curtin Volunteers for their support and help in setting up the event
- Laverton Youth Services for organising activities for the children
- Janine Rowe and Crystal for managing the wonderful pool facility
- Rita Hazelden and Terri Hill for their help in serving the breakfast
- Jo Morgan for organising the event and putting it all together





Shire of Laverton celebrates International Day of People with Disability

International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD), is a United Nations day that promotes inclusivity and celebrates the achievements and contributions of people with disability.

By gathering together to celebrate this day, we can help to break down barriers for the 4.3 million Australians living with disability and contribute to positive change in our community.

The Shire of Laverton commemorated International Day of People with Disability on Monday 2 December 2019, by holding a Pool Party at the newly built, accessible Aquatic Centre.

Thank you to all who attended the fun-filled afternoon of games, activities, an Aquafit session, and a delicious sausage sizzle.

Following its success, we aim to make celebrating IDPwD an annual event.

Working together through the Shire of Laverton's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, (DAIP) 2019 to 2024, we hope to remove some of the barriers for people with disability and create a more inclusive community for people to reach their full potential.

Jo Morgan, Community Development Manager



Gruyere Gold Mine

Responsible Use of Cyanide

At Gruyere, we recognise that we have a responsibility for the safe management of all the chemicals we use in the gold mining and production process. Cyanide is used at Gruyere to extract gold from the ore. Cyanide has been safely used in mining operations around the world for over a hundred years. Gruyere is a signatory to the International Cyanide Management Code (ICMC). The Code is voluntary and has been developed to improve cyanide management practices and to assist in the protection of human health and the environment.

Transportation of Cyanide to site

Cyanide is transported to site as a solution held in specially engineered containers (isotainers). All delivery drivers are accredited to transport dangerous goods and have been trained in cyanide management. The delivery route for the cyanide has been selected to minimise the risk to people and the environment as far as practicable. The cyanide is first transported by train from Perth to Kalgoorlie before making the final journey by road.

Safety and Training

Gruyere promotes and encourages the safety, health and well-being of its workforce. To ensure people can work with cyanide in a safe and responsible manner, employees and contractors receive comprehensive cyanide management training and cyanide-specific Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). In addition, we undergo regular external audits and inspection by relevant agencies to ensure compliance to the Code.

Environment and Community

Sustainable development is an important aspect of Gruyere's operations. This includes monitoring, maintaining and enhancing the local environment that we operate in and engaging with the surrounding communities. Gruyere submits an Annual Environmental Report (AER) that includes cyanide monitoring data. Monitoring activities include daily wildlife observations and water quality sampling.

Community engagement and consultation is important to us at Gruyere. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the use of cyanide at our operation, please contact us via email at community@gruyerejv.com

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safeTALK

Free Suicide Alert Training for Community

safeTALK is a 3.5hr suicide alertness workshop offering valuable skills to every audience member, regardless of professional experience or prior training. Most people with thoughts of suicide don't truly want to die but are struggling with the pain in their lives. Through their words and actions, they may be inviting help to stay alive. This workshop is for anyone aged 18 and over who wants to develop the skills to recognise these invitations and take action by connecting them with life-saving resources. While safeTALK is designed for professionals and community members alike, this workshop may not be appropriate for those who are grieving or have been recently impacted by Suicide. We ask that you read carefully consider if this training is suitable for you, at this point in time. If you're unsure, please contact LivingWorks Facilitator Lorna Hirsch; M **0411 555 422** E lorna.hirsch@livingworks.com.au

Thursday 26th March 2020

Facilitated by Lorna Hirsch and Wayne McIntosh

9am - 1pm OR 3pm - 7pm

Laverton Town Hall

Lunch or Light Dinner Provided

Registration Essential

To register or for general enquiries, please contact Susan Kusters

P **9021 3069** M **0438 554 856** E susan.kusters@hopecs.org.au

This workshop has been fully funded by WAPHA and with support from Hope Community Services, has been provided **FREE** of charge for all participants. Elsewhere, this workshop may cost up to \$50.00pp.



If you need support now please contact Lifeline WA on **13 11 14** or the Suicide Call Back Service on **1300 659 467**



ASIST

Free Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training

ASIST is a two-day interactive workshop in suicide first-aid founded on the principle that everyone can make a difference in preventing suicide. ASIST teaches participants to recognise when someone may be thinking about suicide and work with them to create a plan that will support their immediate safety. Although ASIST is widely used by healthcare providers, participants don't need any formal training to attend the workshop. This workshop is for anyone aged 18 and older who wants to develop the skills to intervene and help save a life from suicide. While ASIST is designed for professionals and community members alike, this workshop may not be appropriate for those who are grieving or have been recently impacted by Suicide. We ask that you carefully consider if this training is suitable for you, at this point in time. If you're unsure, please contact LivingWorks Facilitator Lorna Hirsch; M: 0411 555 422 E lorna.hirsch@livingworks.com.au

24-25 March 2020

Facilitated by Lorna Hirsch and Stephen Morrison

9am - 4pm

Laverton Town Hall

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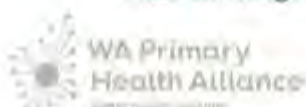
Registration Essential

We ask that you only register if you can commit to attending **BOTH FULL DAYS** of training

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Robin is an enthusiastic campaigner for job opportunities through creating more apprenticeships for young men and young women. The Federal Government has partially embraced the Pauline Hanson's One Nation Policy of subsidising apprentice wages 75% in the first year, 50% in the second and 25% in the third year.

Robin Scott moved the Disallowance Motion which defeated the Government's attempt to increase the Gold Royalty by 50%. Robin is determined to protect and promote mining and led the defence against water charges for prospectors and small miners.

Robin's priorities for 2019 include:

- Water pipeline south from the Kimberley
- Supply good clean water for all regional people
- Reopen the Department of Mines Industry Regulation Safety Office in Norseman
- Sealing the Wiluna-Meekatharra Road
- Insist on rapid delivery of the promised MRI machine for Kalgoorlie
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Get in touch

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Laverton CHSP Office on 9088 2600
To find out more you can also visit the
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Leap Year

Why do we have leap years?

Every 4 years the month of February has 29 days instead of 28, why is this? Unfortunately the Earth's orbit does not take exactly 365 days, it takes a messy 365.2422 so on the 365th day the earth hasn't quite circled all the way back to its starting point. The lag of 0.2422 days might seem small but it adds up over time- in fact every 4 years and adds another day to our calendar month of February. Having the additional day every 4 years keeps our calendar aligned with the astronomical seasons.

Facts about leap year/day

- You have a 1 in 1,500 chance of being born on a leap day
- According to the honor society of leap year babies there are approximately 4 million leap year babies in the world
- According to the world heritage encyclopedia, in the 1800 British born James Milne Wilson, who later became the eighth premier of Tasmania, was born on a leap day and died on a leap day. Wilson died on February 29th 1880 on his '17th' birthday or aged 68 in regular years.
- Women often choose this day to propose marriage to men
- The first traces of a 365 day calendar with a leap year was in the Egyptian empire. The goal of the Egyptians was to create a calendar that mimicked the solar calendar allowing them to keep their seasons on track
- In the past some cultures didn't have a leap day on February 29th instead February 24th occurred twice
- People born on February 29th are called 'Leaplings' or 'Leapers'
- Astrologers believe people born on February 29th have unusual talents, such as the ability to burp the alphabet or paint like Picasso.
- The frog is a symbol associated with February 29th

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Shed the chains of addiction in the New Year

Every January 1, people all over the world make New Year's resolutions. If you are smoker, why not make a resolution to quit smoking? Smoking is still number one cause of preventable death and disease in Australia. Quitting smoking can cut your risk of diseases and save more than \$10000 in a year, that's double benefit. Why not buy a nice car or treat your family with a holiday trip from this saving.

The negative effects of smoking are always overlooked due to the fact that they are not immediately visible compared to alcohol and drug users. Tobacco smoke contains more than 7000 chemicals, including tar, nicotine, carbon monoxide, hydrogen cyanide, metals, radioactive compounds and pesticides. At least 70 chemicals are known to cause cancer. Smoking can cause 16 types of cancer, heart diseases, lung diseases, eye diseases, problems in pregnancy, premature wrinkles and low fertility.

Quitting smoking can be challenging. Most people make multiple quit attempts. That's because nicotine is a very addictive drug. But don't give up trying just because you haven't succeeded in the past. Research has shown that smokers on average make 12-14 quit attempts before quitting for good. Think about your past attempts to quit—what worked and what didn't. If one method didn't work, don't hesitate to try another method. You can learn something new every time you try to quit. This time might be a good time for you to quit.

Identify your reasons to quit – Most common reasons are to improve health and avoid diseases; protect family; save money; and regain confidence and control.

Understand your smoking – Nicotine withdrawal, habits and routines, stress, social situations and the amount of alcohol you've had, each contribute to the urge to smoke. Together they make quitting a challenge. Understanding your smoking helps to anticipate cravings and plan for your quit attempt.

Choose the best way to quit – Doctor, nurse or pharmacist can provide information, encouragement and tips on creating your personalised quitting plan. They can assist you with choosing the best medicines to quit. Contact the Tobacco Action Mob at Bega for resources and support. You can also call Quitline on 137848 and use 'My Quit Buddy' smartphone app.















Get ready – Set a quit date; stay away from smokers; change your routine; practice quitting; take medication regularly as advised; and try eating healthy.

Get up everyday determined not to smoke. Reward yourself from the money saved by not smoking. Come up with a list of small gifts that you can give yourself. Make this the year you quit smoking for good. Shed the chains of addiction and take back your life. You are worth it.

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		Story & Rhyme Time @ CRC 10:30am 			BUSY BEE 8am @ Laverton Sports Club 	Mens Shed 9:00am 
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		Story & Rhyme Time @ CRC 10:30am 		VALENTINE'S DAY 		Mens Shed 9:00am 
				TRAFFIC LIGHT PARTY 7pm @ Laverton Sports Club 		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Story & Rhyme Time @ CRC 10:30am 			Church 6:00pm 	Mens Shed 9:00am 
24	25	26	27	28	29	
		Story & Rhyme Time @ CRC 10:30am 	Seniors Morning Tea 			
			Council Meeting 5:00pm @ Council Chambers			