

THE STURT PEA



April 2020



Laverton
Community Resource Centre
Your local connection



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

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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

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Laverton Freight Yard

0488 717 628

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Mrs Shaneane Marjorie Weldon

0458745391

Mr Robert Martin Wedge

0417 951 153

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Gold Rush Tours

1800 620 440

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Goldfields Australia-Granny Smith
Mine

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Sunrise Dam Gold Mine

(08) 9080 3765

Murrin Murrin Mine Site

(08) 9212 8400

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(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

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The Church of The Resurrection -
Fr Robert O'Bryan
0457980852

LA Outback Church
0497 642 260

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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

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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

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your number to this
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wish to be listed,
please contact the
Laverton
Community Resource
Centre.

(08) 9031 1800
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Shire News

Corona Virus (COVID-19)

At the time of writing the following information was relevant, however it is a moving "target" and things are changing on a daily basis, so PLEASE KEEP YOURSELF UPDATED

The impact from COVID-19 is ever evolving and causing many disruptions to our daily routines. However it is essential that we continue to follow the guidance and advice from the Federal & State Governments and their respective agencies.

The requirement for conscientious **HEALTH AND HYGIENE** cannot be too strongly emphasised and is paramount to minimising the impact that the virus will have on the community.

The best way to protect yourself and others against COVID-19 is to practice good hand and sneezing / cough hygiene, you should:

- Wash and sanitise your hands frequently
- Cover your nose and mouth with your elbow or paper tissue immediately and wash your hands
- Refrain from touching your mouth and nose
- If you develop a fever, cough or difficulty breathing, contact your health provider – preferably by phone – and inform them of your symptoms
- Practice good food hygiene

Further and up to date information on the COVID-19 Virus is available on the Department of Health Website, health.wa.gov.au or call 1800 020 080.

COVID-19 Parental / Family Responsibility

It is of utmost importance for every member of the community to take this matter very seriously and demonstrate absolute responsibility to their family and community members.

We cannot stress enough how important it is for parents to ensure their family members practice good hygiene and have minimal contact with others during this time.

IT IS TIME FOR PARENTS TO STEP UP AND BE GOOD ROLE MODELS AND CITIZENS AND CONTROL THEIR CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL.

THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS THE CAPACITY TO HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND WE NEED TO TAKE EVERY ACTION POSSIBLE TO AVOID CONTRACTING THE VIRUS.

COVID-19 Closure of Certain Places

The World Health Organisation declared COVID-19 a pandemic on 11 March 2020.

At 11:50am on Monday 23 March 2020, the Commissioner of Police issued a Direction regarding the closure of Certain Places of Business, Worship and Entertainment.

The Direction covers affected places, being: pubs, bars and clubs (not including a bottleshop), hotels (not including accommodation, takeaway meals or drinks or a meal delivery service), gyms, indoor sporting centres, casinos, cinemas, nightclubs, entertainment venues of any other kind, restaurants, cafes (except for takeaway meals, drinks or meal delivery) and places of worship.

We understand it is the Premier's intent that Local Government cultural institutions are required to be closed pursuant to this order, noting that the State has already closed its libraries, art galleries and museums. We are awaiting a further order to provide further clarification on this matter and other affected places not currently defined which is being drafted.

In addition, and subsequent to the above announcement, the Commissioner has also issued a notice closing access to / from Remote Aboriginal Communities for non-essential services and / or visitation.

To enforce the above and the closure of the Northern Territory and South Australian borders the Police have established a road block at the western entry to the Great Central Road.

COVID-19 Impact on Council Services / Events

In following the guidelines / instructions issued by the Federal / State Governments the following services / events have been impacted:

- Shire Administration Office – restricted access (see below)
- Great Beyond Visitor Centre – restricted access for take away service only
- Cashless Debit card – restricted access to maintain recommended separation limits between people
- Laverton Aquatic Centre – Closed, as per Government direction
- Community Resource Centre – Closed, as per Government direction
- Youth Centre – Closed, as per Government direction
- Community Hall – Closed, as per Government direction
- ANZAC Day: the ceremony has been cancelled. However we will be raising and then lowering the flag to half-mast at 6:00am (sunrise) and then raising the flag at noon. Anyone wishing to lay a wreath at the war memorial is welcome to attend at 6:00am and do so
- Teddy Bears Picnic – postponed
- Weekly Story and Rhyme Time program – postponed
- Monthly Seniors Morning Tea – postponed
- Laverfest – In doubt

In these interesting times, the council is mindful of continuing to provide service to the community and even at a point we may close the front doors to the Administration Office to protect you and our staff alike. The service will be still provided through email or telephone contact during normal business hours. Please do not hesitate to contact the office on 90311202 should you have any questions or enquiries.

Council Works and Services

Currently working on the Great Central Road undertaking road reconstruction works between 133.00km and 150.00km (Gruyere Turn off).

Maintenance Grading

- Mt Shenton/Yamana Road from the intersection of the Great Central Road to Gruyere JV Mine access
- Great Central Road from the end of the works 133km and heading towards Laverton.

Town Works Crew have been kept busy as usual with their daily activities, general routine maintenance, street pick up - debris and litter, mowing and brush cutting, main street – extra shrubs have been planted, cemetery – planting trees/shrubs and a water tank has been taken to site, road patching on Old Laverton Road, airport routine inspections and reporting, repairing damage caused by vandalism.

Vandalism

- Smashed Windows at the CDC/Cashless Card offices
- Broken handrail and paving at the CRC
- Smashed pipes and broken fence at the town oval
- Smashed bollard lighting main street precinct
- Graffiti on play equipment and Pool areas

Mechanical team are busy as usual keeping the fleet going, the men are either in the workshop or out on site servicing and repairing plant and equipment.

The Street lighting in the main street has been repaired.

WANDRRA Flood damage

- Lake Wells Road – Sections identified have been completed
- Prenti Downs Road – Sections identified have been completed
- White Cliffs/Yamana Road – currently marking out identified locations, contractors mobilising to site ready to start works.

Well done to all the staff for their efforts.

Peter Naylor
Chief Executive Officer



Michelle Donaldson

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Peter Naylor
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Laverton

27th March, 2020

Dear Peter,

The GNRBA wish to bring to your attention concerns brought to light by our members, the Goldfield and Nullarbor Pastoralists. People are moving around as prospectors on Pastoral lands, in the belief they are not causing anybody any harm. Fortunately for Pastoralists, they are in a good position to manage the current COVID-19 pandemic due to their isolated locations. Having the 'travelling public' in this space (the pastoralists home) at this time is not acceptable. These people need to go home. This is not essential travel, the chances of them being outside of their residing region is very high, which as of today, is not permitted by the WA Government for non-essential travel. When these people run out of supplies (and this is already happening) they will look (as they historically have done) for support from Pastoralists.

I appreciate the gold price is currently very attractive and it is not unreasonable to think, especially if you have recently become unemployed, that Prospecting would be a smart and safe option. This is not the case.

Additionally, as circumstances become a little more desperate and people/prospectors out on Pastoral land do run out of supplies, the increase in theft (diesel, tools, saleable items) will also be felt by Pastoralists. Under current conditions the general public may feel comfortable poking around in the bush but this poses a biosecurity risk to Pastoralists, their families and employees.

It would be very much appreciated if you could, at this unknown time, please assist the GNRBA in making these travellers aware of what they are doing and encourage them to go home.

Yours Sincerely

Michelle Donaldson
Chief Executive Officer

Goldfields Nullarbor Rangelands Biosecurity Association (GNRBA)



Laverton Community Resource Centre News- April 2020

Happy Easter
TO ALL OUR READERS

Most of you will be aware that following restrictions placed on Public Libraries and Community Centres by the Prime Minister the Laverton CRC has had to close its doors to the public.

The CRC Team are still hard at work behind the closed doors and can be contacted via email, laverton@crc.net.au or phone (08) 9031 1800. We are able to offer external assistance and support in regards to secretarial services and some Department of Transport inquiries, alternatively Department of Transport can be contacted by phone on 13 11 56 or online at [/transport.wa.gov.au](http://transport.wa.gov.au). Contact us and we will assist where we can.

Due to the closure all of our upcoming events have had to be postponed, we hope to reschedule them in the near future. Our two programs- Better Beginnings Story and Rhyme Time and Seniors Morning Tea have also been postponed, however we might be going online for the Story and Rhyme Time program in the coming weeks- watch this space! To our regular Seniors, look out for little care packages in your mail boxes.

You will find lots of helpful advice in this months Sturt Pea in regards to COVID-19 and how you can protect yourself and loved ones along with information on symptoms and what to do if you do become infected.

I wish you all a Happy Easter, take care and stay at home wherever possible.



Enjoy the Read,
Johanna McGuire
Manager Laverton Community Resource Centre

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Contact :

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Laverton, WA, 6440
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(08) 9031 1800



Laverton Community Resource Centre will be **closed** to the public from **4:00pm Wednesday 25 March** until further notice

The CRC Team can be contacted via email-
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CRC NEWS



Public Notice-Closure Laverton Community Resource Centre

Please be advised that the Laverton Community Resource Centre will be closing its doors to the public today **4:00pm, Wednesday 25 March 2020** to comply with the new restrictions imposed on Public Libraries and Community and Recreation Centres by the Australian Prime Minister.

The closure has not been made lightly and with Coronavirus becoming foremost in our thoughts it is only appropriate to ensure the protection of all involved at the CRC.

Throughout the closure Laverton CRC will be contactable via email, laverton@crc.net.au and by phone **(08) 9031 1800**.

With our doors closing the following programs, events and services will be postponed until further notice;

- Better Beginnings Story and Rhyme Time
- Seniors Morning Tea
- Teddy Bear's Picnic
- Community Market Day
- Project Planning Workshop
- Science School Holiday Program
- **Department of Transport**- Registrations and Licence renewals can be completed through DOTDIRECT online - transport.wa.gov.au - for all other inquiries please contact Driver and Vehicle Licensing on 13 11 56.

The monthly **Sturt Pea** will continue to be printed and can be collected at the Laverton Post Office and outside the CRC, alternatively they can be emailed through electronically, contact us if you would like to be added to the electronic mailing list.

Thankyou for your understanding, take care everyone, we look forward to being able to open our doors again in the near future.

Laverton CRC Team



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LAVERTON COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

POSTPONED

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY
SCIENCE
PROGRAM**



SENIORS MORNING TEA

POSTPONED

Sadly, in light of the current social distancing requirements due to the COVID-19 situation, the monthly Seniors Morning Tea will be **Postponed** until Further Notice.

The CRC Team will miss you, please take care and we look forward to seeing you in the near future when we reconvene



Better Beginnings Story and Rhyme Time

Laverton
Community Resource Centre



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 to read by talking to them and reading to them.

Today!
POSTPONED
Story & Rhyme Time
10:30am @ CRC

Did You Know?
Reading to your child helps them develop the ability to read, write, speak and communicate. It also helps them to become a confident reader and writer.

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





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PROJECT PLANNING! WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

POSTPONED



COVID-19 COMMUNITY FACILITIES UPDATE 30 March 2020



Shire Office

- Remains open for business, however we encourage essential visits only.
- Hygiene practices are in place to safe guard our employees.
- Please ensure social distancing rules are adhered to when visiting the office
- Please do not visit if you are feeling unwell.



Shire Depot

- The Shire depot is closed to general public, please ensure that you do not visit this facility
- staff are contactable by phone or email.
- Hygiene practices are in place to safe guard our employees.



Laverton Pool

- Closed for the season



Community Centres

- Laverton CRC/Library- is closed until further notice.
- Laverton Youth Centre- is closed until further notice.
- CDC Office- normal opening hours, however only serving from the window to safe guard our employees.



Overnight Camping

- Laverton Caravan Park- is closed until further notice



Laverton Gym

- Laverton Gym- is closed until further notice



Public Facilities

- Public toilets remain open- We are currently servicing daily. Due to the supply and theft issues, in the eventuality that we run out of resources and are unable to maintain appropriate hygiene standards, we will need to close the public facilities around the shire.
- All rubbish collection schedules remain unchanged.



Playgrounds

- Playgrounds remain open however the use is not recommended and the shire cannot guarantee hygiene standards are met.



Recreation Facilities

- Oval and outdoor courts remain open to gatherings of less than 2 people.
- Social distancing practices must be adhered to (1.5m rule).
- Laverton Sports Club- sporting facilities closed- Club open Tuesdays 6pm-7pm for takeaways only and for members only.



Town Hall

- Laverton Town Hall- is closed until further notice.



Great Beyond Visitor Centre

- Museum, gift shop and toilets closed to the public- Cafe open for takeaways only until further notice.



**THE GREAT BEYOND
VISITOR CENTRE**

5 Augusta Street

PO Box 42
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P (08) 9031 1561
greatbeyond@laverton.wa.gov.au
www.laverton.wa.gov.au



Dear Customers,

While we value your business, the recent announcement by the Federal Government has left us no choice but to serve our food & beverages as a take-away only.

As social distancing rules are now in full effect, our café is no longer allowed to seat patrons. While we appreciate you supporting our business, after receiving your order or goods you will then have to sadly leave our establishment.

As Coronavirus is spreading across the nation rapidly, there are a few measures we have put in place;

- Hand sanitiser is available in our store, please use it before approaching the counter.
- We will not be accepting Keep-Cups or travel mugs, all drinks will be served in single use takeaway cups.
- We will gladly put your food and utensils in a takeaway container for you.
- We encourage our customers to pay for their goods using a card as cash is a potential carrier of the Coronavirus.

The health of our staff and customers is very important to us and we will be reviewing the health guidelines as they change.

Thank you for your understanding,
The Great Beyond Team.



Please note that due to the ever changing regulations regarding COVID-19, or if the safety of our staff is compromised, the Great Beyond may close its doors sometime in the near future. However we will stay open for as long as we can to help support the Laverton community.



CLEAN UP LAVERTON DAY 2020

We would like to thank all the volunteers who came to help clean up Laverton. We had 32 volunteers show up on the day so thanks for all of your hard work.

We ended up collecting 220 garbage bags full of rubbish and also a lots of larger items to be taken to the tip! Special thanks to Rod, George and Gary for the use of your trucks and Janine for opening up the pool where we finished the day with lunch and those who were keen enough had a swim.



THANK YOU!!



TOP 10 SURVIVAL TIPS FOR SMALL BUSINESS

1. Protect your cash flow

Minimise your expenses and only spend money when you have to. Ask yourself the question, what's your new break even, or how low can you go to ensure you're still profitable? Your business is always going to have expenses and the harder times get, the harder it can be to keep the cash flowing in. Start by reviewing your income, expenses and bank statements, what costs can you control or eliminate?

2. Contact your customers

Communicate what's happening with your business, and listen to what's happening to theirs. Let them know that you're open, or any changes you might be making. Pick up the phone and build on your relationship with your customers and ask them what you might be able to do differently so they can continue to use your services. Continue to talk with your customers who may not be able to spend with you now, but will be able to in the future.

3. Ask: Is there something new that I could do? Could you introduce something new and do something different?

Can you do more of a particular service or product in this new environment, or could you introduce a new product or service entirely? Get creative and communicate how your business can run remotely or within the correct social distancing measures. Can you offer delivery, online payments or remote services so that you are using your skills in a new way?

4. Follow up outstanding payments

Be empathetic and flexible, but don't avoid this task. Have hard conversations early. Don't assume your customers are having a hard time as well and don't let your payment terms extend out too far. Be polite and clear, follow up on what you are owed, remind them of the credit terms. Make sure any invoices you send out include payment terms.

5. Look after your personal finances

Check your bank statements and cut back on non-essentials. Make sure you pay yourself so you can look after your personal expenses. You and your family's well being is the top priority; look at all of your costs and what you might be able to cut back on temporarily. Access the financial help that's being made available through Government support packages

6. Connect with your network

Connect with both your personal and professional community to see how you can support each other. Know that someone else might have the knowledge you need, you just have to ask. Brainstorm ideas with others, and communicate if you're feeling that times are tough. Build, maintain and share within your network – avoid the impact of any isolation by phoning, emailing or connecting with other people on social media.

7. Focus on your strengths

Remember you started this business using your strengths and your strengths are still there. Go back to your business plan and remind yourself why you started your business. Complete a SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) to remind yourself what you are great at, what's changed and where you might need help

8. Manage your stock inventory

See what can be done to reduce inventory costs without sacrificing the quality of goods or inconveniencing customers. Are you ordering too many of particular items? Can an item be sourced somewhere else at a better price? Which four products represent 80% of your business's revenue? Focus on the stock that you know will sell.

9. Keep marketing

Keep marketing, but keep it simple. Make sure your name is out there knowing you may have to look at more cost effective ways. Don't invest in a marketing campaign if your budget doesn't allow for it – and make sure customers know what's happening with your business. Even if your business does need to make significant changes, you can still communicate why your customers are "yours" in the first place. Share images, stories and your products – help customers find your products and services as they might choose you over another service so you need to keep promoting your business. Look at what marketing activities have got the best results in the past, and see if this might work again.

10. Learn about Government business support packages

We have published the best sites to visit to find out what support is available. In addition please contact your local Many Rivers business coach to discuss what support you could access.

If you think we can help, please contact :

Janine Thornton
Microenterprise Development Manager

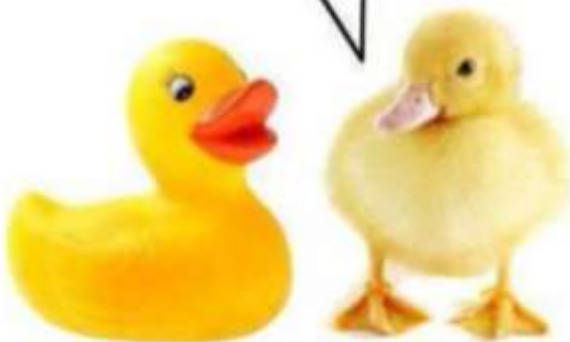
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I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU
GOT PLASTIC SURGERY!!!



**What do you call a rabbit with
fleas?**

Bugs Bunny!

**What is the Easter Bunny's favourite
kind of music?**

Hip-hop, of course!

**Why did the Easter Bunny cross
the road?**

To prove he wasn't Chicken!

**Why shouldn't you tell an Easter
egg a joke?**

It might crack up!

**How do you make a rabbit
stew?**

Make it wait for 3 hours!

**How many eggs can you put in an
empty basket?**

Only one- because then it is not empty
any more!



DARTS NIGHT



POSTPONED

**For the Health of the Sports
Club Members
Darts will be Postponed until
further notice**





LAVERTON SPORTS CLUB-CLOSURE

Due to restrictions imposed upon
Pubs and Clubs in light of the
Coronavirus

Laverton Sports Club has had to
close its doors to the Public until
further notice

Members will be emailed of alternate
arrangements in regards to takeaway in the near
future.

Laverton Youth Services



Due to the recent Covid -19 Policies in place, the Laverton Youth Centre will be closed until further notice. Closure will include all after school, weekend and school holiday activities.

Watch this space and our social media platforms for future updates.

Laverton Youth Services and the kids of Laverton would like to give a BIG Thank you to Ms Janine our pool manager for this season. Thank you for allowing us to cool off during the hot summer days, Swim for Fruit Program and for keeping us safe and in check even when we were being silly. We will see you next season !



Keep an eye out for activity updates on our Facebook page



@LavertonYouthServices

How to Protect you, family and community from Coronavirus



How to wash your Hands!

- 1 Wet hands at tap and use soap.



- 2 Rub hands together. Rub back of hands, thumbs and between fingers.



- 3 Keep rubbing till you make lots of bubbles.



- 4 Wash soap off with water



Do not dry hands on shirt! Use clean towel.



Palya! Your hands are clean and germ free.



Ngaanyatjarra
Health Service

Anyone can help life go on.

Every beat of this ordinary life is an extraordinary thing.
And we need your help to protect it.

St John volunteers are urgently needed in Laverton, so if you want to help life go on in your community, here's what you need to know.

Who can apply?

Volunteers must be over 18 and hold a current unrestricted WA Driver's Licence with a suitable driving history. You'll also need a National Police Clearance.

Are there any fitness or age requirements?

Your safety and the safety of our patients is a priority, so while there are no age or fitness requirements, you will need a basic level of fitness and be able to perform simple tasks such as squatting and lifting. You'll also need to complete a medical questionnaire and if required, receive medical sign-off before starting.

What are the initial and ongoing training requirements?

If you already have a Provide First Aid qualification, you'll need to do 3-5 days of initial training to become a Volunteer Ambulance Officer. You'll also need to complete monthly training as part of our Continuing Education Program.

What level of education and ability do I need to complete the minimum level of training?

Our Ambulance Officer training is similar to other vocational training courses in complexity, so you won't need a specific level of education to apply. Applicants with literacy and numeracy difficulties, or other adult learning requirements, will receive our full support.

How much of my free time will I have to provide?

Ambulance calls can range from less than an hour to several hours depending on their nature. We know that different people have different circumstances, so any amount of time you can volunteer will be valuable, whether you are studying, working full time, not currently working, or retired.

What are the current ambulance resources in Laverton?

We have 2 ambulances in Laverton plus the support of a team of regional community paramedics.

What jobs will I need to do?

As a Volunteer Ambulance Officer, you'll receive the highest quality training to give you essential life support skills. Much of our work is non-life threatening and involves routine patient transport. There are also no immediate expectations on what type of jobs you're required to attend to once you've completed your initial training. Your local team will help you become more experienced over time.

What type of support services will you provide me?

Along with high quality training, we have a range of programs in place to help our volunteers keep on track, with access to professional services through our Wellbeing and Support team.

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Catholic Diocese of Geraldton W A

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

Under instructions from the Federal Government, all Catholic Dioceses in Australia, have suspended the public celebration of Mass. This means that there will be no Mass offered in Laverton until further notice.

Statement from The Most Rev Michael Morrissey on revised and temporary changes to be implemented within the Diocese of Geraldton in relation to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Follows in part:

Temporary Suspension of the Public Celebration of the Mass & Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion All public Masses and Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at all churches and chapels across the Diocese of Geraldton will be temporarily suspended from receipt of these directives on Thursday 19 March 2020.

I personally have a great love for the Mass and believe many others feel the same. I, as Bishop Michael has asked us to do will celebrate mass in private and will remember you all in my daily Masses. Please join me and the many other Christian people round Australia and the world will pray for an end to this virus that has hit the world so quickly.

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish Mullewa Linking with the parishes of St Joseph's Mingenew, St Finbar's Yalgoo, Church of the Holy Cross Morawa, St Joseph's Perenjori; Sacred Heart, Leonora; Church of the Resurrection, Laverton; St Francis of Assisi, (Christian Peace Centre), Leinster.

For further details Contact Fr Robert O'Bryan on 0457980852; Email: olmcchurch@westnet.com.au

Disease Prevention



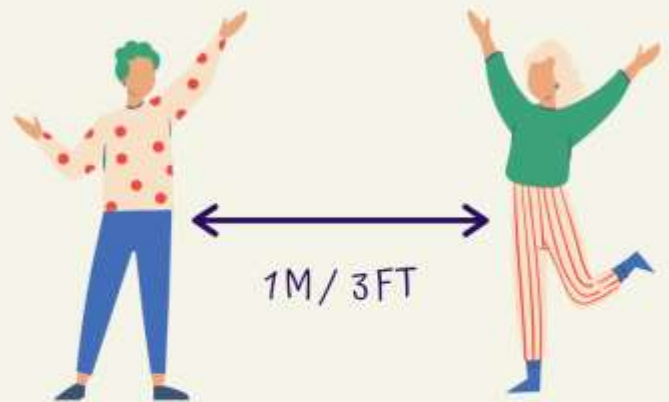
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STOP THE SPREAD



WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY

Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.



MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING

Maintain at least 1 metre (3 feet) distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.



AVOID TOUCHING EYES, NOSE AND MOUTH

Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth.



IF YOU HAVE A FEVER, COUGH AND DIFFICULTY BREATHING, SEEK MEDICAL CARE EARLY

Stay home if you feel unwell. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and call in advance.

LAVERTON ABORIGINAL ART GALLERY CLOSED

In light of the escalation of COVID-19 cases and tighter movement controls in Western Australia, we have decided that it is appropriate for the Laverton Art Gallery to temporarily close. Our key priority is the health and safety of our staff and our local community. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and will update you again when the Gallery reopens.

The LCCA will still be contactable through phone and email.

For safety of staff working in the LCCA Premises the gates will be closed to the public.

Phone numbers for **Pakaanu Aboriginal Corporation, Wirrpanda Foundation and LCCA** are also provided on the gate if you need to contact.



Kind Regards
Julie Ovans
LCCA Coordinator
Ph: (08) 9031 1395
Email: admin@llcca.org.au

Hello to all Laverton Community Members and Sturt Pea readers

Our original article for publication is now on hold as I would like to provide you all with some information from a police perspective in relation to changing times as we all feel the effects of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19).



The situation is dynamic and changing and I, like everyone is not able to predict the future. I have participated in talks with other community stakeholders and I want to share with you all some recommendations for your own personal safety and that of your loved ones.

If you have decided that the children under your care are not going to attend school at the moment due to risks associated with COVID-19, that is completely your choice. Making this choice means that you are responsible for these children whilst they are not at school. Off school means that they need to stay at home and not congregate in large groups or cause any types of anti-social disturbances, both in school hours and after. Community expects you to parent these children, I do not want to see them walking in town.

Section 67 *Emergency Management Act 2005* in conjunction with the *Biosecurity Areas*, have been enacted, this means that no travel to or from remote Aboriginal Communities is permitted, unless certain circumstances exist, including essential works, need for urgent supplies or medical emergencies. If you usually live in a remote Aboriginal Community, like Cosmo Newberry or Mount Margaret, go back to these communities and stay there. Do not keep travelling between different areas. The *Biosecurity Area* now extends through the entirety of the Ngaanyatjaraku area

My officers are currently providing a 24-hour vehicle control point on the Great Central Road. As you can imagine this is a challenging task to maintain, but this check point is essentially in place to prevent traffic passing not only between Western Australia, Northern Territory and South Australia, but also into *Biosecurity Area*. All three states as you may be aware have closed borders. No travel into this land is permitted unless you have a validated reason no tourists will be allowed through. This is one measure put in place to attempt to slow down the spread of COVID-19.

Both the Prime Minister and Premier are constantly relaying the message about social distancing and staying in your house unless you absolutely need to leave. I also encourage this for all readers, as well as personal hygiene. We are practicing these habits at the Police Station, you may notice there is a sign on our front door, do not come in but open the door and call out for attention, we will keep our distance from you whilst talking. This is not only to protect ourselves from possible contamination, but also yourself, as we do not want COVID-19 spreading through Laverton and our community. There may also be times during the day that the door is shut, we are still around and working, you can still get through to officers from Laverton on our usual number of 90882777. We can not be everywhere at once!

PLEASE

I cannot say this enough and it is not for any other reason then we do care for your health and wellbeing and the whole communities. Do not sit in large groups and spend unnecessary time outside, in town. Maintain your personal hygiene and distance from each other and if you are from a remote community go back and stay there. These are challenging times for our station and everyone, we are doing all we can to keep you as safe as we humanly can. Help us too by doing the right thing, COVID-19 will have devastating affects on communities.

None of my officers are leaving town, we are all working and are here to help and guide you. If you have any concerns I encourage you to pick up your telephone and give us a call instead of coming down!!!

Take care of each other.

Emma Barnes
Senior Sergeant
Laverton Police



24/03/20



In accordance with the Government and Health Department's recommendations for social distancing, One Tree regrets to inform you that our Kungka and Women's group has been cancelled until further notice.

We will continue to support the community regarding Crisis Intervention and Family Domestic Violence. In order to encourage and maintain good hygiene practices, we will still be providing showers and laundry services as usual.

If you are looking for something to do while self-isolating, why not take the opportunity to do some spring cleaning of your wardrobe? We are currently running low on larger sized ladies' clothes and children's clothes and will be very appreciative of your donations.

We hope you all stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all back with us when we recommence our usual gatherings.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE CONTRACTED COVID-19

SOME GOOD ADVICE FROM A NURSE...

"WHAT I HAVE SEEN A LOT OF ARE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HOW TO TRY TO AVOID GETTING CORONAVIRUS IN THE FIRST PLACE -- GOOD HAND WASHING, PERSONAL HYGIENE AND SOCIAL DISTANCING -- BUT WHAT I HAVE NOT SEEN A LOT OF IS ADVICE FOR WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU ACTUALLY GET IT, WHICH MANY OF US WILL. SO AS YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD NURSE LET ME MAKE SOME SUGGESTIONS:

YOU BASICALLY JUST WANT TO PREPARE AS THOUGH YOU KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO GET A NASTY RESPIRATORY BUG, LIKE BRONCHITIS OR PNEUMONIA. YOU JUST HAVE THE FORESIGHT TO KNOW IT MIGHT COME YOUR WAY!

THINGS YOU SHOULD ACTUALLY BUY AHEAD OF TIME (NOT SURE WHAT THE OBSESSION WITH TOILET PAPER IS?):

KLEENEX,
PARACETAMOL,

WHATEVER YOUR GENERIC, MUCUS THINNING COUGH MEDICINE OF CHOICE IS (CHECK THE LABEL AND MAKE SURE YOU'RE NOT DOUBLING UP ON PARACETAMOL)

HONEY AND LEMON CAN WORK JUST AS WELL!

VICK VAPORUB FOR YOUR CHEST IS ALSO A GREAT SUGGESTION.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE A HUMIDIFIER THAT WOULD BE A GOOD THING TO BUY AND USE IN YOUR ROOM WHEN YOU GO TO BED OVERNIGHT. (YOU CAN ALSO JUST TURN THE SHOWER ON HOT AND SIT IN THE BATHROOM BREATHING IN THE STEAM).

IF YOU HAVE A HISTORY OF ASTHMA AND YOU HAVE A PRESCRIPTION INHALER, MAKE SURE THE ONE YOU HAVE ISN'T EXPIRED AND REFILL IT/GET A NEW ONE IF NECESSARY.

THIS IS ALSO A GOOD TIME TO MEAL PREP: MAKE A BIG BATCH OF YOUR FAVORITE SOUP TO FREEZE AND HAVE ON HAND.

STOCK UP ON WHATEVER YOUR FAVORITE CLEAR FLUIDS ARE TO DRINK - THOUGH TAP WATER IS FINE YOU MAY APPRECIATE SOME VARIETY!

FOR SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT AND A FEVER OVER 38°C, TAKE PARACETAMOL RATHER THAN IBUPROFEN.

HYDRATE (DRINK!) HYDRATE, HYDRATE!

REST LOTS. YOU SHOULD NOT BE LEAVING YOUR HOUSE! EVEN IF YOU ARE FEELING BETTER YOU MAY STILL BE INFECTIOUS FOR FOURTEEN DAYS AND OLDER PEOPLE AND THOSE WITH EXISTING HEALTH CONDITIONS SHOULD BE AVOIDED!

ASK FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO LEAVE SUPPLIES OUTSIDE TO AVOID CONTACT.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL UNLESS YOU ARE HAVING TROUBLE

BREATHING OR YOUR FEVER IS VERY HIGH (OVER 39°C) AND UNMANAGED WITH MEDS. 90% OF HEALTHY ADULT CASES THUS FAR HAVE BEEN MANAGED AT HOME WITH BASIC REST/HYDRATION/OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDS.

IF YOU ARE WORRIED OR IN DISTRESS OR FEEL YOUR SYMPTOMS ARE GETTING WORSE, RING 111 AND THEY WILL ADVISE IF YOU NEED TO GO TO HOSPITAL. THE HOSPITAL BEDS WILL BE USED FOR PEOPLE WHO ACTIVELY NEED OXYGEN/BREATHING TREATMENTS/IV FLUIDS.

IF YOU HAVE A PRE-EXISTING LUNG CONDITION (COPD, EMPHYSEMA, LUNG CANCER) OR ARE ON IMMUNE SUPPRESSANTS, NOW IS A GREAT TIME TO TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR SPECIALIST ABOUT WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE YOU TO DO IF YOU GET SICK.

ONE MAJOR RELIEF TO YOU PARENTS IS THAT KIDS DO VERY WELL WITH CORONAVIRUS— THEY USUALLY BOUNCE BACK IN A FEW DAYS (BUT THEY WILL STILL BE INFECTIOUS), JUST USE PAEDIATRIC DOSING.

BE CALM AND PREPARE RATIONALLY AND EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Laverton School

It is with pleasure that I write my first article for the Sturt Pea as the new Principal. We made a great start to the year and it was heartening to see how much families, mining companies, local organisations and the community work together and are so invested in Laverton School and services for youth. We have had some very successful events, including our Welcome Back to School family afternoon, Attendance Rewards Day and Harmony Day feast. Thank you to everyone who attended our events, we really do appreciate it.

We have been out learning on country (see two-way science article) and we thank our Wongi Elders for teaching us so much about the land. Our girls have travelled to Kalgoorlie with Shooting Stars to spend the weekend watching our national netball teams compete and students went to Perth to compete in Little Athletics and football carnivals. All that in the first 5 weeks of Term 1!

Unfortunately, we are now in very different times. The school is working very hard to stay connected to our students, families, businesses and community organisations. We are providing work from home packages and will communicate with our families how we will keep learning from home going as time goes on. We wish all our supporters in the Laverton district well and look forward to when we can resume normal operations.

Please contact the school on 9031 1020 if you have any questions.

Diana Kirkland
Laverton School Principal



Two-Way On Country Learning at Laverton School

Visit to Beasley Creek

Recently students at Laverton School participated in an On Country excursion to Beasley Creek where they collected data for their Two Way Science investigations. While out on country primary students set a number of pitfall traps to ethically collect different types of invertebrate. The secondary students made observations about the water quality and collected waterbugs to further identify and analyse at school. Wongi Elders Janice, Bruce and Doreen joined us on the excursion to share their local knowledge and the significance of Beasley Creek to the Wongi people. Our two-way science helps us all to learn about the Wongi people.

It was great to see students learning science on country, learning from Elders in the community and discovering ways they can further care for the environment in the Wongatha area. Laverton School would like to say a huge thank you to Janice, Bruce, Doreen and Kevin for your time and sharing of knowledge with us.

Sam Boon

Science and Physical Education Teacher









LAVERTON MEN'S SHED

The health & wellbeing of the Men's Shed community is the highest priority of our association.

Following the Federal Government's advice on non-essential services temporarily ceasing operations, we have decided to take the advice of the Australian Men's Shed Association and temporarily CLOSE the Laverton Men's Shed.

As of MONDAY 1 APRIL
the Laverton Men's Shed
will remain CLOSED until further
notice.

During this closure we encourage all Shedders to maintain contact with each other via phone, email or social media - look out for your mates.

lavertonmensshed@gmail.com



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WA Country Health Service

Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) in Laverton

CHSP provides support services to older people to help them to continue to live independently in their own homes and in the community

Services include: meal delivery or preparation assistance, help with showering or personal care, house cleaning, laundry, local transport, shopping, activity days, home maintenance and social support.

Get in touch

The WA Country Health Service provides CHSP services in your area and will help you with your My Aged Care application.

For more information please phone:
Laverton CHSP Office on 9088 2600
To find out more you can also visit the
My Aged Care website
<https://www.myagedcare.gov.au/> and
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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
- Big upgrade for palliative care in the regions
- Aged care facility for Leonora
- New hospital for Laverton
- New Hospital for Meekatharra
- Ensure the Nursing posts are manned by more than one nurse and are secure and safe for staff
- Abolish fringe benefit tax to encourage FIFO workers to live locally
- Speed up dog fencing and increase the number of professional doggers
- More jobs through quicker approvals for mines

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Matts Movie Reviews



Detective Pikachu. PG

Summary: The story begins when ace detective Harry Goodman goes mysteriously missing, prompting his 21-year-old son Tim to find out what happened. Aiding in the investigation is Harry's former Pokémon partner, Detective Pikachu: a hilariously wise-cracking, adorable super-sleuth who is a puzzlement even to himself. Finding that they are uniquely equipped to communicate with one another, Tim and Pikachu join forces on a thrilling adventure to unravel the tangled mystery. Chasing clues together through the neon-lit streets of Ryme City - a sprawling, modern metropolis where humans and Pokémon live side by side in a hyper-realistic live-action world - they encounter a diverse cast of Pokémon characters and uncover a shocking plot that could destroy this peaceful co-existence and threaten the whole Pokémon universe.

There's something admirable about a film that isn't afraid to have some fun with a property so established - and beloved - by its core audience...— Online review

Gemini Man is a great reminder that occasionally a throwback can feel like a breath of fresh air...— Online review

Gemini Man. M

Summary: Gemini Man is an innovative action-thriller starring Will Smith as Henry Brogan, an elite assassin, who is suddenly targeted and pursued by a mysterious young operative that seemingly can predict his every move.



Matts Movie Reviews



Coco. PG

Summary: Despite his family's baffling generations-old ban on music, Miguel (voice of newcomer Anthony Gonzalez) dreams of becoming an accomplished musician like his idol, Ernesto de la Cruz (voice of Benjamin Bratt). Desperate to prove his talent, Miguel finds himself in the stunning and colorful Land of the Dead following a mysterious chain of events. Along the way, he meets charming trickster Hector (voice of Gael García Bernal), and together, they set off on an extraordinary journey to unlock the real story behind Miguel's family history.

Funny, irreverent and eye-popping. It will also make you want to cry at least once but possibly as many as three times.— Online review

Hugely enjoyable, frequently funny romantic comedy with a superb script and a terrific central performance from Katherine Heigl. Online review

27 Dresses. PG

Summary: Jane is an idealistic, romantic and completely selfless woman—a perennial bridal attendant whose own happy ending is nowhere in sight. But, when younger sister Tess captures the heart of Jane's boss—with whom she is secretly in love—Jane begins to re-examine her "always-a-bridesmaid" lifestyle.





Our Elders are at risk



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- **Cough or sneeze into your elbow**
- **Don't touch anything**



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MY FAMILY ARE AT RISK FROM COVID-19

Thai parcels with crunch salad

Serves 6

Ingredients

- 100g Vermicelli noodles
- 2Tsp Sesame oil
- 1 Medium carrot, cut into thin strips
- 1 Cup finely chopped cooked chicken
- 1Tbsp Fish sauce
- 1 Tsp Sugar
- 2 Tbsp Sweet chilli sauce
- 0.5 Cup roughly chopped coriander
- 0.5 Cup roughly chopped mint
- grated rind and juice of a lime
- 12 Rice papper wrappers
- 125g Snowpeas, cut into thin strips
- 1 Cup finely shredded red cabbage
- 1 Cup bean sprouts
- 2 Tbsp fish sauce, extra
- 0.3 Cup sweet chilli sauce, extra



Method

1. Place noodles in a medium bowl. Pour over enough boiling water to cover. Stand until just tender, drain, then snip with kitchen scissors.
2. Heat oil in a frying pan over medium heat; add carrot, chicken, fish sauce and sugar; cook 3 minutes. Combine with vermicelli, sweet chilli sauce, coriander, mint and lime rind and juice, mix well.
3. Soak rice paper wrappers in hot water for a few seconds, until soft; drain on a clean paper towel; divide filling between rice paper, roll into parcels. set aside.
4. Cover snow peas with boiling water, stand for 2 minutes, drain. Mix with cabbage and bean sprouts. Combine extra fish sauce and extra sweet chilli sauce; drizzle 2 tbsp over salad. Serve remaining dressing with parcels.

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