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SHIRE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Esther Mepham

we know bring your

dog to work days

would be popular

around here.

Student Support & Engagement Officer

Esther joined our team this week as our Student Support and Engagement Officer, being based down at the CRC with her role falling under the LUMEN umbrella. Esther was previously studying a teaching degree in Queensland, with her experience and bubbly personality perfect for this role. Esther grew up in Inverell in NSW and has since lived all over Australia for University and other experiences.

Inspired by her love of travelling, Esther embarked on a road trip which took her down the East Coast of Australia, across the Nullarbor and further exploring southwest of WA which led her to us in Wongan Hills. One of Esther's highlights was seeing the Bioluminescence in NSW which she stumbled across by chance! Travelling being a huge passion for Esther, she looks forward to one day in the future finishing the lap of Australia in her camper. Esther also has a love of art and a hidden talent in Archery.... maybe an Archery Club will be starting in town! Esther has a dog, Wren who is a Kelpie X and

PROHIBITED BURNING NOW IN PLACE

As of Wednesday 15th November, burning is now prohibited within the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu with the prohibited period ending on 13th February 2024.

Under Section 17 & 18 of the Bush Fires Act 1954, the restricted and prohibited burning periods are set by the DFES Commissioner for each Local Government area.

Any burning during the prohibited period are subject to fines.



EFTPOS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE POOL

Paying at the pool has never been easier with EFTPOS now available at the Wongan Hills Memorial Swimming Pool. Fees and Charges for entry to the pool are also available on our wesbite:

https://www.wongan.wa.gov.au/community/sp orts-and-recreation/swimming-pool.aspx



LET'S GET QUIZZICAL

Last Friday, the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu, together with the Wongan-Ballidu Seniors Recreation Centre hosted "Let's Get Quizzical" for Seniors Week 2023. We were successful in a grant application through COTA WA and the Department of Communities which enabled us to host this amazing fun event. The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu also provided additional funding as part of their 2023-2024 budget which paid for all the food which fed the crowd on Friday.

Quizzame, a quiz host company from Perth came to Wongan Hills to put on a great afternoon filled with fun and games, as well as an interesting take on a quiz afternoon with the team, "Where's Wendy?" taking first spot followed closely by "Fab 4".

Many prizes were donated by local businesses meaning almost every team walked away on the day with a prize in hand and no one was disappointed (except Jenny Duyster for not taking out first place... we do love a competitive streak on game day, better luck next time;)).

We couldn't be more pleased with the turnout with 75 in attendance. We were joined by a Caravan Club who were staying in town over the weekend as well as many locals who all thoroughly enjoyed the event... who thinks this should be an annual one?

Thank you to Irene, Elizabeth, Mick and Lorrice from the Wongan-Ballidu Seniors Recreation Centre for supporting and assisting make this event happen. If you haven't checked out the Seniors Recreation Centre yet, head on down during opening hours and look out for the activity calendar in the Boomer. There is something for everyone, with a warm and welcoming environment to share a cuppa with a friend... or make new ones.



