



What's New in the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu?

SHIRE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Each week meet a member of our team!

Annie London - Cleaner

Annie is our longest standing staff member working for the Shire since 1999 and has lived in Wongan Hills for 27 years. Annie grew up in Dianella in Perth and moved out to the country with her husband when they had children for the country lifestyle.

Annie was a competitive netball and hockey player in her young years and now follows the West Coast Eagles AFL team in sport. Annie's Dad, Ray, was in the Australian Air Force, therefore Annie spent many of her childhood years living in Hong Kong with exceptional views over the airport runway from the hills and has many fond memories watching the planes soar in and land. Annie's sense of humour and kind nature is loved by all at the Shire.



ROADWORKS



Construction Crew:

Gravel Resheet Newton Road 2km, speed restrictions in place.



Maintenance Graders and Crew:

Waddington-Wongan Hills Road, Kondut and Ballidu Area
Shoulder grading at same location, slowing moving convoy of equipment, please slow down – Weather Dependant



Backhoe Crew:

Culvert Extensions – Dowerin-Kalannie Road, Cadoux to Kokardine, speed restrictions in place.



TREE PLANTING

Each year, the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu, in partnership with Boekeman Machinery take the Wongan Hills District High School kindergarten class for a tree planting day and each child plants a tree.

Did you know that planting trees reduces climate change? They absorb harmful CO2 from our air. Annually, an acre of trees absorbs the amount of CO2 equal to driving your car 26,000 miles. As the summer months arrive, trees help cool down the streets by providing shade and releasing water... luckily, there will be lots of shaded spots to sit in our community!

Not only are we encouraging our youths to get their hands dirty in the garden, our community is helping save the planet too!

This year the rain did not stop us! 250 trees were planted in 45 minutes. Massive thanks to Bruce Mitchell for organising a great planet saving day!



COUNCIL NEWS

At last week's Ordinary Meeting of Council, Shane Love MLA - The Member for Moore, stopped in at the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu to meet with Shire CEO, Stuart Taylor and Councillors. They discussed issues that small communities like Wongan-Ballidu face, such as housing, accommodation and bushfires.





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WILDFLOWERS

Wildflower season has now begun in the Shire of Wongan Ballidu. Our Shire has over 1,400 species and 24 which are unique to Wongan-Ballidu!

Check out last Saturdays West Australian for our Shire featuring in the newspaper!



PLANT OPERATOR

The opportunity has arisen for a permanent Plant Operator with the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu.

The applicants must hold a minimum of a "HR" class motor driver's licence. Preference will be given to those applicants holding a "HC" class motor driver's licence and a Construction Safety Awareness Certificate.

Applicants should first refer to the Position Description, available at:

www.wongan.wa.gov.au/employment

Applications close: 4.00pm, Friday 5th August.

For additional information regarding this vacancy, applicants are encouraged to contact Karl Mickle, Manager Works and Services on (08) 9671 2500 or by email karl.mickle@wongan.wa.gov.au.



**WE ARE
HIRING!**

JOIN OUR TEAM



R U OK? Day is our national day of action when we remind Australians that every day is the day to ask, 'are you OK?' and start a meaningful conversation whenever they spot the signs that someone they care about might be struggling with life.

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu supports this message and we will be hosting an event on Monday 5th September from 10.30AM at the CRC Function Room.

We will be providing morning tea and Jo Drayton, Suicide Prevention Coordinator from Holyoake will be conducting a presentation on the message behind R U OK? Day. We encourage all to wear something yellow and the Prevention Team from the Wheatbelt Suicide Prevention Project have donated a prize for the **BEST DRESSED IN YELLOW!**

R U OK?
A conversation could change a life.



AMUSEMENT PARLOUR

On Wednesday 27th July, Council considered and approved an application for development approval to establish an indoor amusement parlour located at U3, 39 Fenton Place, Wongan Hills.

The applicant has advised they will operate 3-8pm on weekdays and 10am-8pm on weekends.

The report presented to Council outlined the establishment of a business in the main street could provide economic benefits to local businesses and will therefore have a positive impact on our community.

