



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

SHIRE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Each week meet a member of our team!

Melissa Marcon - Manager Regulatory Services
Melissa has worked for the Shire since September 2015, managing the Regulatory Services department. Melissa is responsible for various areas including building, planning and the management of Council owned buildings. Prior to working at the Shire, Melissa worked at the Agricultural Research Station just outside of Wongan, as the Manager for the InterGrain subbranch. Working for only 3 companies during her working life, Melissa is a loyal, longstanding employee who we hope sticks around for a little while longer with us!

Melissa was born in Norseman, moving to Perth when she was 12 years old. Melissa moved to Wongan for her now partner, David, in 2007. David and Melissa met at Speedway, a passion they both share, being heavily involved in Moora and Pithara Speedway over the years.

If you hadn't already noticed Melissa's keen photography skills across our Council documents, be sure to check out our website where many of Melissa's beautiful wildflower photographs are pictured. Melissa also enjoys cooking, boasting her chicken and spaghetti dish as her speciality... we are waiting for the dinner party invite...



OFFICE CLOSURE NOTICE

The Shire Administration Office and Wongan Hills CRC will be closed during the following times:

Thursday 23 February
9.00am-11.00am

We apologise for any inconvenience.



LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITIES INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (LRCI)

The Commonwealth Government have announced Phase 4 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program. The LRCI Program is a commitment from the Commonwealth Government to local, state and territory governments to deliver services and build infrastructure that delivers benefits and supports jobs in local communities.

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu have been allocated a further \$544,750 to be spent on eligible capital works projects. This new funding will be allocated in the 2023/24 Annual Budget.



Australian Government
Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

ROADWORKS



CONSTRUCTION CREW: Road Widening Dowerin-Kalannie Road, 2km South of Kokardine East Road. Speed Restrictions and temporary traffic lights in place.



MAINTENANCE GRADERS: Ballidu area.



MAINTENANCE CREW: Assisting construction crew.



BACKHOE CREW: Culvert Installation – Hospital Road. Speed Restrictions in place.



MISC: Bitumen Seal Dowerin-Kalannie Road. Speed Restrictions in place.



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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.

Conditions of Employment are in accordance with the Local Government Industry Award 2020 and with generous overtime available.

Applicants should first refer to the Position Description, available on our website: www.wongan.wa.gov.au/employment/plant-operator/10080.

Written applications clearly marked "Plant Operator", full resume with work experience and the names of two (2) work related referees should be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer by the closing date.

Applications close: 4.00pm, Friday 24th February 2023

For additional information regarding this vacancy, applicants are encouraged to contact Stephen Casey, Acting Manager Works and Services on (08) 9671 2500 or by email stephen.casey@wongan.wa.gov.au



WE ARE HIRING!

SHIRE OF WONGAN-BALLIDU SCHOLARSHIP

Each year the Wongan Hills District High School offers scholarships to students sponsored by various entities within our Shire. The Shire supports this initiative and in 2023 our scholarship is to be awarded to a student who displays a clear understanding of community needs by presenting their project or plan for a youth-orientated service, facility or event within the Shire.

Tyson Pascoe won the 2023 Shire of Wongan Ballidu Scholarship for his concept of a Multi-cage Sporting Facility. He interviewed extremely well and explained that the facility had the potential to be inclusive of the whole family, even those that are not too sporty. He knows exactly where he would like to have it built and would love to come and tell Council all about his idea.

Cr Kellie Anspach awarded Tyson his scholarship on behalf of the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu. Well done Tyson, what a great idea!





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THE WONGAN-BALLIDU SUB BRANCH OF THE SENIORS RECREATION COUNCIL OF WA GRAND OPENING

On Monday, Cr Dwight Coad officially opened the new Wongan-Ballidu Senior Citizens Recreation Centre (WBSCRC), operating from the Wongan Hills Civic Centre Lesser Hall as a sub branch of the Seniors Recreation Council of WA. Council approved the use of the Lesser Hall at no cost after a request was submitted to Council by the newly formed WBSCRC community group.

A 12-month service agreement has been made between the Shire and the WBSCRC community group, whereby the trial run of Senior Citizen's Recreation Centre will inform future developments of the initiative. Council is in support of the centre, being a place where seniors can go and enjoy the facilities and spend time. There is currently minimal existing activities available for our senior population and this is a great amenity now available in our community.

