



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

## SHIRE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

*Each week meet a member of our team!*

**Gena Egerton-Warburton - Parks and Gardens Officer**

Gena has worked for the Shire for 3 years as a Parks and Gardens Officer following her passion for the outdoors and gardening. Gena moved to Wongan Hills in 2004, when she first worked for the Shire as a Plant Operator before leaving to work alongside her partner Brian, in his business as a carpenter. She is now back with the team and we couldn't be happier.

Gena has lived all over WA after moving here from SA when she was just 8 years old. Gena spent most of her childhood growing up on stations and loves the great outdoors! Also a lover of animals, owning her own horse and various other animals, Gena is a qualified Vet Nurse.

Gena really is the Jack of all trades... Gena travelled to Tasmania in her younger years for a holiday but ended up loving it so much, she stayed 12 months gaining a Certificate in Wool Classing. For many years after, Gena worked in various country areas as a rouseabout.

As a big lover of the outdoors, it is no shock that Gena loves a camping road trip, describing her favourite as a recent trip to Karinjinjini with her family.



## STARGAZE IN WONGAN

Please note there was an incorrect date printed for the below event last week. Please note the correct date is 12 April.

The total solar eclipse is almost upon us! With April, comes planning for not only the Eclipse but the Easter holidays. RSVP now for this FREE stargazing event in Wongan Hills!

**Wednesday 12 April**

**6.30-9.00pm**

**Wongan Hills Airport**

RSVP now at :

[www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wongan-hills-dark-sky-stargazing-night-tickets-546799691597?](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wongan-hills-dark-sky-stargazing-night-tickets-546799691597?fbclid=IwAR3HAKROKCF8mGELkKezXOA7D-QBDfmc-HZ1EoXaEyvHIWlyHOLtHQXFPU)

[fbclid=IwAR3HAKROKCF8mGELkKezXOA7D-QBDfmc-HZ1EoXaEyvHIWlyHOLtHQXFPU](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wongan-hills-dark-sky-stargazing-night-tickets-546799691597?fbclid=IwAR3HAKROKCF8mGELkKezXOA7D-QBDfmc-HZ1EoXaEyvHIWlyHOLtHQXFPU) or by scanning the QR code.



## ROADWORKS



**CONSTRUCTION CREW:** Road Widening Burakin-Wialki Road for 3km. Speed Restrictions and temporary traffic lights in place.



**MAINTENANCE GRADERS:** Area 1 – Training Course Attendance. Area 2 – Lake Hinds



**BACKHOE CREW:** Bowling Green Construction





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## PLANT OPERATOR

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu are seeking to employ three (3) permanent Plant Operators to join our Works and Services Department, below are the positions available:

Maintenance Truck Crew x 2  
Backhoe Operator/Offsider x 1

The applicants must hold a minimum of a "C" class motor driver's licence. Preference will be given to those applicants holding a "HR" or "HC" class motor driver's licence. Training will be available for the successful candidates.

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 at [www.wongan.wa.gov.au](http://www.wongan.wa.gov.au)

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, Tuesday 11th April 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](mailto:stephen.casey@wongan.wa.gov.au)



## WE ARE HIRING!

## FESTIVAL OF SMALL HALLS

Festival of Small Halls is a series of tours that takes the best folk and contemporary acoustic artists performing at two of our country's largest festivals, and sends them on the road to tiny halls in communities all over Australia. It is produced by Woodfordia Inc in partnership with many other wonderful Australian festivals, regional partners and great lovers and supporters of folk and contemporary acoustic music. It's an opportunity for music-lovers from welcoming communities to invite artists from Home and Abroad into their towns, and a way of exploring this vast country in the spirit of hospitality and great fun.

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu have jumped on board this year and the Festival of Small Halls is coming to a small town near you this Autumn!

Saturday 6 May  
6.30-9.00pm  
Wongan Hills Civic Centre

Tickets available online, CRC & Newsagent

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

The community development fund grants are still open for another month.

CDF grants are provided to support participation and facilitate projects, events and improve facilities in alignment with the recreational, social and cultural needs of our community. Council invests significantly in this annual program and is proud to have supported projects that deliver to our community through the CDF Program.

APPLY NOW by visiting the Shires website!





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## CITIZENS AWARDS DINNER 2023

Last Friday Cr Mandy Stephenson together with residents of Wongan-Ballidu celebrated the 2023 Citizen of the Year awards. Natalie Bear Pantry provided delicious catering and Rod Clarke together with Lorraine Richards served on the bar. It was a wonderful evening celebrating the achievements of those persons awarded this year's Community Service Awards.

Citizen of the Year - Alfreda Lyon

Community Group of the Year - Ballidu Contemporary Art Society

Community Event of the Year - Opening of the Community Gardens

Well done to this year's winners and we thank you for your exceptional contributions to our community which make the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu a great place to live.







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