



NEWSLETTER

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SHIRE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Hayley Jones - Customer Service Officer Admin

Hayley joined the Shire in June as a Customer Service Officer (Admin) and is based at the Shire Administration Office. Hayley moved to Wongan Hills in December last year to be with her partner, Jaxson who lives locally.

Hayley was born in NSW moving to Perth when she was 7 years old. In her teenage years, Hayley and her family moved to Toodyay when she lived since.

Hayley was 1 of 5 siblings and grew up with a love of dance. Tap dancing being her secret talent, Hayley also has a love of reading and an interest in Criminal Psychology. This interest led her to study a Certificate in Criminal Psychology, an area of interest which she hopes to carry out further study in, in the future.

Hayley would like to one day visit Canada and Japan and experience the culture and check out all the sights. Hopefully she can overcome her fear of flying and make the adventure out of Australia.



RECURRENT COMMUNITY GRANTS & SUPPORT

Each year as part of the Annual Budget Council supports various community groups to continue their ongoing operations and contribute to the community. This year Council provided a huge \$119,861 to Community Groups in support of various annual events and operations. Key highlights include Bike it to Ballidu Gravel, Reynoldson Reserve Festival, The Harvest Festival, Australia Day Breakfast and much much more. These contributions reflect Councils commitment to creating a thriving and inclusive community with its people at the heart.

THANK YOU MENSHEDED

Thanks to our local Mensheded who refurbished Councils lectern, giving it a new life!



COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGE

Please note due to the Dowerin Field Days, Augusts Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on the third Wednesday of the month instead of the fourth.

Wednesday 21st August 2024

3pm

Council Chambers, Wongan Hills

CATCH UP WITH THE CEO & COUNCILLORS

Last Wednesday, we hosted a catch up with our new CEO, Sam Dolzadelli and all our Elected Members. We had a great turnout with afternoon tea and coffee available.

Thanks to everyone who attended and asked questions, this was a great forum to find out what's happening at the Shire and plans for the future, as well as chatting to your local Councillors about any concerns or ideas you may have!

Some of topics we chatted about were:

- The Swimming Pool
- The Museum
- Communication
- Co Location and the new CESM
- Drainage and the Dams
- Footpath Maintenance

We look forward to holding this event again next year!



APPOINTMENT OF NEW PARKS & GARDENS TEAM LEADER

Following Bruce's retirement, Chris Beeson has been promoted to the role of Parks & Gardens Team Leader & Horticulturist which he commenced in July. Chris has been with the Shire for 8 years completing his Cert III in Horticulture as well as the WALGA Supervisor Training.

We are confident Chris will fill the big boots Bruce leaves behind and wish him the best in his new role.





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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FUND RECIPIENTS

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu has a proud history of working in partnership with the community. One of the ways Council supports and empowers community groups is through the annual Community Development Grants program, which delivers funding for projects that:

- Reflect our community's priorities and vision, as set out in Council's Strategic Community Plan
- Strengthen communities and provide opportunities for enhanced participation in public life and community groups.
- Provide benefits to the local community and
- Contribute to the social, cultural, environmental and economic development of our community.

As part of the new 2024-2025 Annual Budget Council have allocated \$12,341 to support the following Community Development Fund applications following the round of funding which was open earlier this year for application:

- Wongan-Ballidu & Districts Mensed - Purchase of a new computer
- Wongan Hills Sport & Recreation Council - Training of volunteers
- Mainly Music - Training of Volunteers
- Art & Soul via Wongan Community Care - Youth Art Club
- Cubbyhouse - Refurbishment of Office and Administration Space.

We look forward to seeing the completion of these projects.

CURRENT ROADWORKS



CONSTRUCTION CREW - Kirwan West Road 2km gravel Resheet. Traffic Management in use.



MAINTENANCE GRADERS - Area 1 - Lake Hinds North Road and Smith Road. Traffic Management in use. Area 2 - Old Wongan Koorda Road. Traffic Management in use.



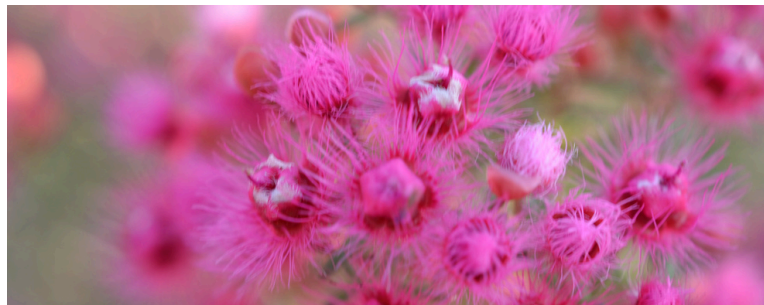
BACKHOE CREW - Various locations culvert/drainage maintenance and road verge slashing. Traffic Management in use.



MAINTENANCE CREW - Various locations pothole repairs and guidepost/sign maintenance. Traffic Management in use.



TOWN MAINTENANCE - Footpath maintenance and street cleaning. Traffic Management in use.



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Ordinary Council Meeting

Wed 21st August - Council Chambers - 3pm

STAY IN TOUCH

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