



NEWSLETTER

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WHEATBELT ZONE FORUM

Our CEO, Sam Dolzadelli, Cr Mandy Stephenson and Cr Dwight Coad attended the Wheatbelt Zone Forum on Friday in Northam alongside other local government representatives and key stakeholders. The Forum is a one-stop-shop opportunity to discuss key issues facing our communities.

Our newly appointed CEO, Sam, was asked to present at one of the sessions in conjunction with the Shire of Dandaragan's CEO. Sam's presentation focused predominantly on the topic of staff attraction and retention and how the Shire is currently performing in this space and what he and his team are doing to improve staff retention and make the Shire an employer of choice. It was acknowledged that the Shire's staff retention rate has not been of an acceptable standard, and it is a priority of Sam's to turn this around. We want to retain our amazing staff! We know Rome wasn't built in a day BUT... we are now on track, and in the coming years we hope to achieve our goal of becoming an employer of choice, especially for our local community residents.

Ever considered a career in Local Government? For many it is so much more than a job and it is a lifelong career. In small communities where employment opportunities are limited, we can offer a long-term career pathway with professional development and training along the way. Our CEO can personally attest to this, as he commenced his local government career a little over 8 years ago as a trainee, right here with the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu and now has the fantastic opportunity to lead our team and kick some big goals for the community!



RATES POSTED!

2024-2025 have now been posted and will be landing in your mailbox this week. The Shire wishes to advise ratepayers that due to a change in system and unforeseen circumstances out of our control, rate notices are not being emailed out in bulk for 2024-25. Rates noticed have been issued and can be expected in your mail in the coming days. If you do urgently require a notice to be emailed, please contact rates@wongan.wa.gov.au and this can be arranged on an as-need basis. We apologise for any inconvenience and ensure this will not be the case in future years."

Pay your rates in full by **Monday 30th September**, and be in the chance to win 1 of 6 prizes. Thank you to our partnering businesses:

- AFGRI - John Deere Fire Pit
- Boekeman Machinery - \$250 Voucher
- Dsatco - Bulk Bag Triple C Mulch
- TKB Mechanical - Wheel Alignment Voucher
- Dunnings - Truck Wash & Hand Cleaner
- Wongan Hills Mitre 10 - \$75 Voucher



BALLIDU COUNCIL MEETING

Each year, the Shire alternates one of its Council Meetings to be held in either Ballidu or Cadoux. This year's September Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held in Ballidu on Wednesday 25th September. The meeting will take place at the Ballidu Hall commencing at 3pm.

The public is able to attend and ask questions during Public Question Time. When confidential information needs to be considered, parts of the meeting may be closed to the public.



BULK WASTE MANAGEMENT & TRAILER HIRE

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu has purchased a new trailer for residents to hire in replacement of the verge side bulk waste collection for Wongan Hills and Ballidu townsites residents.

The Shire's Strategic Community Plan outlines our goal to lead by example for sustainability practices in both environment and business. By introducing this new service, materials will be better recycled reducing the amount of waste to landfill. It is also better value for money for rate payers after conducting budget modelling and analytical studies of our previous processes.

The hire of the trailer will be free of charge to eligible residents and will be dropped off at your property and collected at the end of hire.

Application for hire is available on the Shire's website. For more information and FAQ's please visit our website. Eligible residents will also have information regarding this new service included with their rates notices.

www.wongan.wa.gov.au/residents/waste-and-recycling/bulk-verge-and-roadside-collection.aspx



CURRENT ROADWORKS



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



MAINTENANCE GRADERS - Smith Road and Gabalong East Road. Traffic Management in use.



BACKHOE CREW - Litchfield Road followed by Kalguddering East Road - Road Verge Slashing. Traffic Management in use.



MAINTENANCE CREW - Various Locations - Pothole, Sign and Guidepost Maintenance. Traffic Management in use.



TOWN MAINTENANCE - Various Locations - Street Cleaning and Footpath Maintenance. Traffic Management in use.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Cuppa with a Cop

Wednesday 18th Sept - 6pm - CRC Library

Kite Making & Flower Spinning Workshop

Wednesday 25th Sept - 10am - WH Pavilion

Ordinary Council Meeting

Wednesday 25th September - 3pm - Ballidu Hall

STAY IN TOUCH

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