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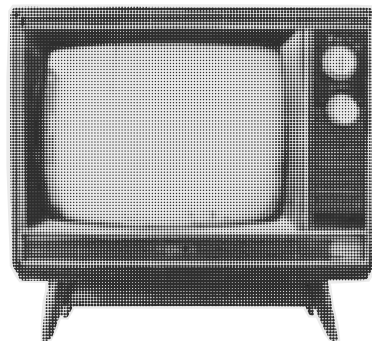
TV RETRANSMISSION SERVICE DECOMMISSION

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council on November 27th 2024, Council made the decision to decommission the TV retransmission service effective from 23 June 2026.

Why is this service being decommissioned?

As outlined in the letter sent to impacted ratepayers this week, the decision was made taking the following factors into consideration:

- The service is no longer economically viable, resulting in a net cost of -\$435,865 to the Shire since its inception, and ongoing maintenance and upkeep costs continue to increase due to the technological challenges.
- Only a small number of ratepayers use the service, however, all ratepayers are contributing to the cost through annual rates. (94 properties declared they used this service in a recent survey whilst the Shire currently has 905 rateable properties.)
- It is only available to Wongan Hills townsites with properties with close enough proximity to the tower and no line-of-sight issues, thus this service is not available to many ratepayers.
- The Shire acknowledges that, in particular over the past few years, this service has been operating inconsistently. The issue that is faced is that the quality and consistency of this service is out of the Shire's control with the technology being outdated.
- The service provider is based in Queensland, causing delays in addressing on-site issues and increases the service instability. It is not economically viable to engage another service provider.
- The Shire's retransmission licences expire on 22 June 2026, making this the most practical timeline, whilst also providing residents with 18 months' notice.



Want to learn more?

Join us for an information session to ask any questions you may have and find out information and resources for options moving forward:

 Date: **Wednesday, 12 February**

 Time: **6:00 pm**

 Location: **Wongan Hills CRC Function Room**


Please note: Letters regarding this decision were sent to ratepayers who currently have access to this service. It is the responsibility of ratepayers to inform their tenants.

A brochure with further information will be published on or before 12 February and will be made available at the information session as well as the Shire's website, the Boomer, Facebook, and over the counter.

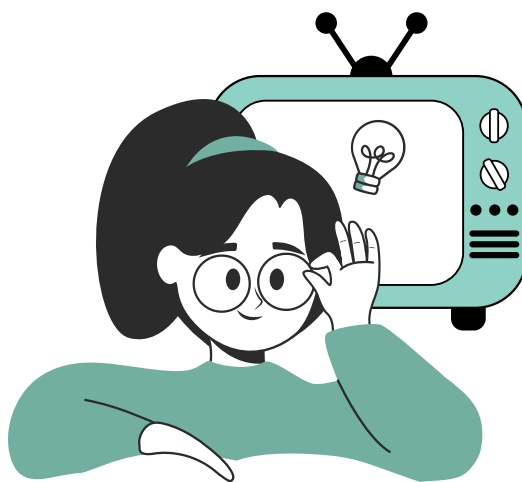
Have a question about this change?

If you have any questions, please contact the Shire via the contact information provided below:

 shire@wongan.wa.gov.au

 9671 2500

www.wongan.wa.gov.au/build/major-projects/decommissioning-of-wongan-hills-television-retransmission-service.aspx





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KIDSPORT POOL PASSES

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu is pleased to announce that applications are now open for the KidSport program, which provides eligible children with a free season pool pass to the Wongan Hills Memorial Swimming Pool.

Children aged 5-18 who hold a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card are eligible to apply. To submit an application, please visit the **Shire of Wongan-Ballidu and Wongan Hills CRC Customer Service Centre** and ensure you bring a valid concession card at the time of application.

For further enquiries, contact the Shire Office on 9671 2500 or come and see us at the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu and Wongan Hills CRC Customer Service Centre. This program is a great opportunity for families to enjoy a safe and active summer.

KidSport regional pools program
now available statewide!

Find out
if your child
is eligible

dlgsc.wa.gov.au/regional-pools



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AUSTRALIA DAY EVENTS

Australia Day Community Fun Day

Sunday 26th January - 12.00-6.00pm - Wongan Hills Memorial Swimming Pool

Australia Day BBQ Breakfast

Sunday 26th January - 7.30-9.30am - Wongan Hills Community Park Fenton Place

Ballidu Australia Day BBQ Breakfast

Sunday 26th January - 7.30-9.30am - Ballidu Alpha Park

POP UP YOUTH CENTRE

Our new Pop-Up Youth Centre will formally open in the January school holidays for youths' year 7 and up to the age of 18.

The Pop-Up Youth Centre will be open on the following dates in January between 10.30am-3.30pm:

Thursday 23rd January

Tuesday 28th January

Thursday 30th January

Access will be available from the main entrance at the Wongan Hills CRC and a sign in register will be required to be signed by all users.



CUSTOMER SERVICE RESTRUCTURE

The Shire Administration Office is now closed to the general public except for appointments only. All Shire and CRC customer service is now centralised from **Shire of Wongan-Ballidu and Wongan Hills Customer Service Centre** located at "The Station" 1 Wongan Road, Wongan Hills.





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THE STATION TOILET UPGRADES

We are pleased to announce that the contract for the upgrade to the Station Public Toilets has been awarded to HS Hyde and Son. Work will be commencing on Monday 3rd February, and at this stage is expected to be completed by 31 May 2025.

During this construction period, temporary fencing will be erected to ensure public safety. Two parking bays at the front of the toilet block (left of centre) will be allocated for the contractors during this period. During this period, the toilets in the hall next to the CRC Function room will be open to the public during the CRC's ordinary opening hours.

For public toilet use outside of these hours, the Community Park has toilets open 24/7. Opening hours will not be affected at the Wongan Hills Visitor's Centre whilst the construction work takes place.



HARVEST BAN SMS SERVICE

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu provides a free emergency SMS service to advise residents and relevant personnel of emergency notifications, such as when a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban has been imposed in our Shire. If you are not currently receiving the messages and would like to receive updates, please visit:

www.wongan.wa.gov.au/community/emergency-management/harvest-and-vehicle-movement-bans.aspx to sign up now or alternatively visit the Shire Administration Office for assistance in signing up.

CURRENT ROADWORKS



CONSTRUCTION CREW - Dowerin Kalannie Road 5km Reconstruction. Traffic management in place.



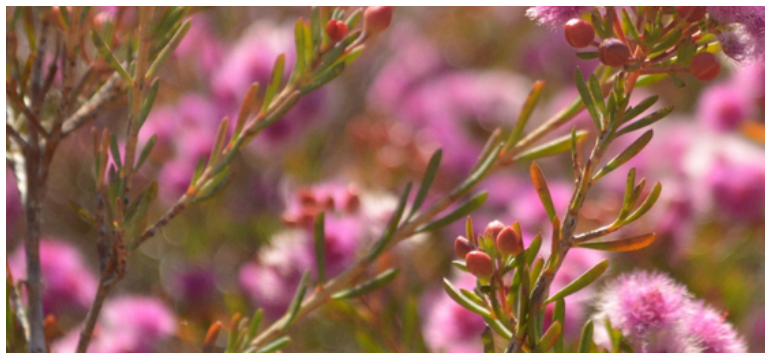
MAINTENANCE GRADERS - Area 1 Old Ballidu Road Maintenance Grading/Gravel Resheeting. Traffic management in place.



BACKHOE CREW - Stickland Street Kerb Removal and Wongan Road Drainage Works. Traffic management in place.



TOWN MAINTENANCE - Various Locations Sign Maintenance and Street Cleaning. Traffic management in place.



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Annual General Meeting of Electors

Wednesday 17th February - 7pm - Wongan Hills CRC Function Room

STAY IN TOUCH

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