



# NEWSLETTER



*When Will We Meet Again...?*



A ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN BY THE SHIRE OF WONGAN-BALLIDU & ITS LOCAL EMERGENCY SERVICES



## Honouring Our First Responders and Launching our new Road Safety Campaign - 'When Will We Meet Again?'

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu recently held a special Emergency Services Event to thank and recognise our local first responders for the vital work they do in keeping our community safe.

This gathering also marked the official launch of the Shire's new road safety campaign, "When Will We Meet Again?"—a heartfelt reminder that while our emergency services are always there when we need them, we all hope to meet them under better circumstances than at a road accident or emergency. The campaign title highlights that our local first responders do not want to meet you out on the road but at a social gathering, a BBQ or a catch up with a friends.

The campaign encourages safer driving choices by asking a simple but powerful question: **When Will We Meet Again?** - challenging drivers to reflect on the role they play in preventing harm on our roads and ensuring our first responders are called upon less often for preventable incidents.

Thank you to all the ambulance officers, firefighters, police officers, and emergency service volunteers who attended. It was a small gesture of appreciation for the extraordinary contribution you make to the safety and wellbeing of our region. Shire President Cr Mandy Stephenson addressed the group with a heartfelt speech, expressing deep gratitude for the ongoing commitment, professionalism, and community spirit shown by all our first responders.

A huge thank you to the **Road Safety Commission** for funding both the When Will We Meet Again campaign and Emergency Services Event. Your support has helped us deliver an important message in a meaningful way.

We look forward to continuing this campaign throughout the year—and working towards safer roads for everyone.







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## Thank you:

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu extends its heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make the launch of our new road safety campaign, **"When Will We Meet Again?"**, a meaningful and memorable event.

### Special thanks to:

Wongan Hills Police  
Wongan Hills St John Ambulance  
Wongan Hills Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service  
Ballidu Volunteer Fire and Emergency Service

### Event Contributions:

- Road Safety Commission for funding both the When Will We Meet Again campaign and Emergency Services Event.
- Fire Truck Pizzeria for serving up delicious woodfired pizzas.
- Tan Evans for baking the beautifully presented biscuits.
- Steve Wickham, DFES Chaplain, for his thoughtful and supportive address.
- Steve and Rod Clarke for volunteering their time behind the bar.
- Sergeant Russell Evans, for speaking about the importance of support and the key role family and loved ones play in emergency service work.
- Jules Anderton for capturing the evening through photography.
- Lachlan Hunter MP for attending and showing his support.

To all those who serve, support, and stand beside our emergency services—thank you for your dedication, professionalism, and care for our community. ❤️







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## Special Recognition: Ross Lane

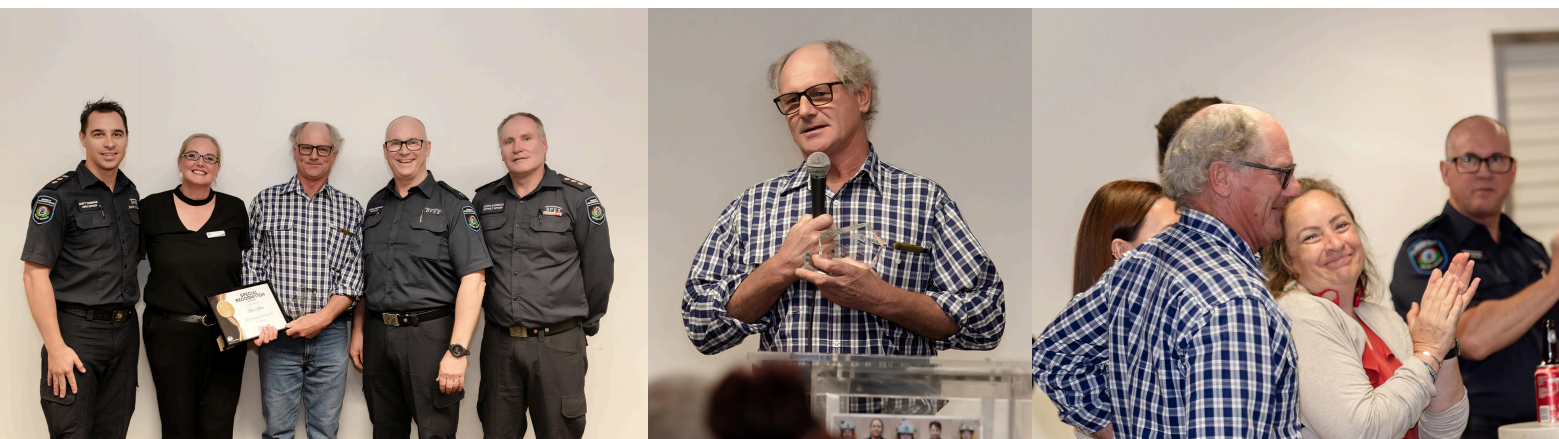
At our recent Emergency Services Event, Shire President Cr Mandy Stephenson presented a Special Recognition Award to Ross Lane for his outstanding service as Chief Bushfire Control Officer (CBFCO) in the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu.

Ross has been a dedicated Bush Fire Brigade volunteer since 2001, including 10 years as Captain of the Burakin Bush Fire Brigade, and is now entering his 10th year as Chief Bushfire Control Officer.

His contribution extends far beyond the fireground. Ross represents the Shire on the District Operations Advisory Committee, Bushfire Operations Committee, and Local Emergency Management Committee. He has also been actively involved in the Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) Review and with a WALGA working group advocating for increased Emergency Services Levy (ESL) funding to support local governments.

Ross received the 15-year National Medal in 2016 and is due to receive both the National 25-Year Clasp and the 25-Year Bush Fire Brigade Long Service Medal in 2026.

Ross brings an incredible depth of knowledge, experience, and commitment to our Shire, and we are truly fortunate to have someone of his calibre serving our community. His contribution is deeply valued and greatly appreciated. On behalf of the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu and Councillors, we would like to share our thanks and heartfelt gratitude to Ross.





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We are excited to announce that the Wongan Hills CRC has successfully secured a Small Grant for Neighbourhood Centre Week (NCW) 2025!

NCW is a nationwide initiative that celebrates the vital role of neighbourhood centres (CRC's) in local communities across Australia. With over 1000 centres across the country, these spaces are inclusive, welcoming everyone to participate, contribute, and connect.

Thanks to the generous support from Linkwest and Lotterywest, we will be hosting Let's Get Quizzical on Tuesday 14th May 2025 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Wongan-Ballidu Seniors Recreation Centre! This event is a great opportunity to bring our community together, fostering the spirit of collaboration, support, and inclusion. More information on this fantastic event to come soon...stay tuned!



## CURRENT ROADWORKS



**CONSTRUCTION CREW** – Dowerin Kalannie Road 5km Reconstruction.



**BACKHOE CREW** – Wongan Hills Cemetery Sand Pad for New Toilet. Old Wongan Koorda Road Culvert Replacements.



**MAINTENANCE GRADER** –  
**Area 1** - Gabalong East Road and Smith Road.  
**Area 2** - Dowerin Kalannie Road and Cadoux Koorda Road Cleaning Drains and Offshoots.



**TOWN MAINTENANCE** – Various Locations Street Cleaning and Cleaning Drains.

**CONTRACTORS:**



- Cadoux Refuse Site Maintenance.
- Footpath Replacement on Federation Street Ballidu.

**All Above Worksites Will Be Under The Direction Of Traffic Management**

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Ordinary Council Meeting

Wednesday 24th April- 3pm - Wongan Hills Shire Chambers

### Easter Basket Making and Egg Hunt

Thursday 17th April -2pm - CRC

### Pop-Up Youth Centre Pizza N Paint

Tuesday 22nd April - 2pm - CRC

### Kids Art and Craft Day

Thursday 26th April - 9.30am - CRC

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