



# NEWSLETTER

## Staying in Place – Supporting Seniors to Remain at Home

At its May 2025 meeting, the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu Council proudly endorsed the Staying in Place initiative—an innovative and community-led aged care model designed to support older residents in remaining independent, safe, and connected to their local area for as long as possible.

Originally developed by the Pingelly Community Resource Centre (CRC), Staying in Place has now expanded to over 46 locations across Western Australia and has recently received a \$250,000 funding boost from the Cook Government to extend the program further into the Wheatbelt. This endorsement marks a significant milestone for Wongan-Ballidu in responding to the growing need for place-based aged care solutions in regional areas.

Locally, the program will be coordinated through the Wongan Hills CRC, which will collaborate with aged care providers, community groups, and local service providers to deliver tailored support services. These may include help with everyday tasks, social engagement, medication collection, and personal care—enabling seniors to access the assistance they need while continuing to live comfortably at home.

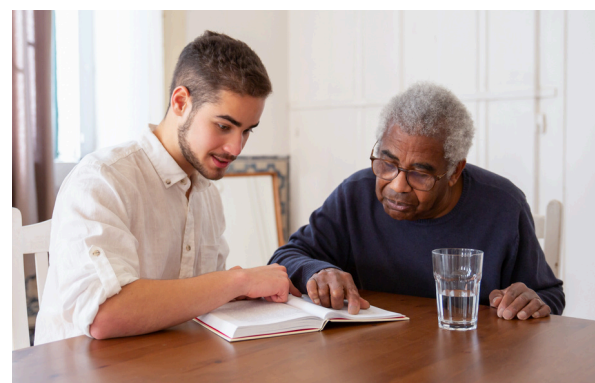
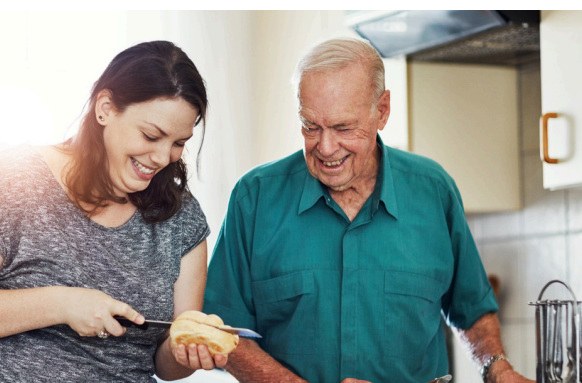


One of the key strengths of Staying in Place is its use of local support providers, which reduces or eliminates the travel costs that often limit the level of care available in remote communities. By accessing nearby services, seniors can make the most of available support, more frequently and affordably.

Another benefit of the program is the opportunity it creates for local people to become registered support workers through platforms like Mable. Individuals can set their own hourly rates and availability, offering services such as companionship, household help, transport, or basic personal care. Many of these roles do not require formal qualifications, making the program both flexible and accessible. This not only supports seniors but also provides a valuable income stream for community members looking for meaningful, part-time, or supplementary work.

Council's endorsement of Staying in Place reflects a commitment to building a more connected, caring, and resilient community—one where older residents are supported and valued, and local people have the opportunity to contribute to that care in practical, sustainable ways.

**More information** will be shared in the coming weeks, and the Wongan Hills CRC will be hosting information sessions for any community members or potential support workers interested in learning more about the Staying in Place initiative.





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### **This important maintenance will:**

- ✓ Reduce the risk of large falling limbs.
- ✓ Improve overall tree health.
- ✓ Help discourage Corellas from roosting, by promoting a denser canopy.

### **Please Note:**

- Parking will be reduced along Fenton Place during works to allow space for contractor equipment.
- Traffic management will be in place — please follow signage and directions for everyone's safety.

We thank you for your patience and understanding while this essential work is carried out to protect both our community and our trees.



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Led by the passionate Wongan Hills Tourism Group, this initiative will create a welcoming entry statement to the trail — enhancing the experience for both locals and visitors. The shelter will be similar in design to the one at Christmas Rock and will recognise the contributions of the late Ian Smith, whose work helped establish many of our local walk trails.

Pet-friendly and easy to access, the Wildflower Walk is a short, scenic loop through natural bushland — the perfect outing year-round.

A big thank you to the Tourism Group for continuing to enrich our community's natural spaces. We can't wait to see this project come to life!

Check out the May Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes for more information on this and other great projects happening around town.  
[www.wongan.wa.gov.au/council-meetings](http://www.wongan.wa.gov.au/council-meetings)





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## FREE MOVIE NIGHT – JUST A FARMER

Don't miss this one-night-only event that's sure to inspire and move you!

Join us for the powerful screening of Just A Farmer, followed by an exclusive Q&A with two incredible guest speakers:

- 🌱 Joel Jackson – Star of Just A Farmer
- 👉 Warren Davies – The Unbreakable Farmer

**17 Saturday, 28th June 2025**

**5:00 PM – 10:00 PM**

**Wongan Hills Civic Centre**

Food & drinks available on the night!

**Book now to avoid missing out:**

[www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1389677](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1389677)

This special event is proudly hosted by Blue Tree Project with support from the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu, Rural West, and Wongan Hills Rotary.

**BLUE TREE PROJECT**  
**MOVIE SCREENING**  
**JUST A FARMER**

**SAT JUNE 28TH, 2025 | 5-10 PM**  
**WONGAN HILLS CIVIC CENTRE**

A screening night of storytelling & inspiration, followed by Q&A session with special guests:

**Joel Jackson** – Star of 'Just A Farmer'  
**Warren Davies** – The Unbreakable Farmer

**FREE MOVIE NIGHT**

Food & drinks available.  
Reserve your seat via Try Booking Link.

## NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATION

Join us for a meaningful community gathering as we celebrate NAIDOC Week 2025 with this year's theme: The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy.

The day will begin with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony, followed by a sausage sizzle, tea and coffee, native Aboriginal tasters, and ochre painting.

Then at 11:00am, we're excited to host a Basket Weaving Workshop with Tracey de Grussa of Mangaart Miya.

**\$10 per person – RSVP is essential for this workshop only.**

**Call the CRC on 9671 2500 to reserve your place.**

Let's come together to learn, share and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. All are welcome.

**NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATION**

**OPEN COMMUNITY INVITE**  
**THURSDAY 10TH JULY**  
**10AM**  
**CRC FUNCTION ROOM**

**WELCOME TO COUNTRY & SMOKING CEREMONY**  
**SAUSAGE SIZZLE, TEA & COFFEE PROVIDED**  
**NATIVE ABORIGINAL TASTERS**  
**OCHRE PAINTING**

**BASKET WEAVING WORKSHOP**  
**TRACEY DE GRUSSA OF MANGAART MIYA**  
**\$10 PER HEAD**  
**RSVP ESSENTIAL FOR WORKSHOP ONLY.**  
**WORKSHOP STARTS AT 11AM.**  
**RSVP TO CRC ON 9671 2500**

**THE NEXT GENERATION: STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY**  
**6-13 JULY 2025**

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Wongan Hills Community Resource Centre  
Your local connection



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**KEEP YOUR  
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## REMINDER: KEEP YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE!

Have you recently moved or changed your postal address?

Now's the perfect time to make sure your details are current with the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu!

Keeping your postal information up to date ensures you receive important notices like rates, community updates, and other essential correspondence without delay.

### You can easily update your details:

Online:

[www.wongan.wa.gov.au/forms/eratesupdate-my-details/17](http://www.wongan.wa.gov.au/forms/eratesupdate-my-details/17)

Or in person at our Customer Service Centre.

Thank you for helping us stay connected with our community!

## CURRENT ROADWORKS



CONSTRUCTION CREW – Lake Hinds North Road 4km Gravel Resheet.



BACKHOE CREW – Ballidu East Road Culvert Upgrades.



MAINTENANCE GRADER –  
**Area 1** - Meadows Road, Damboring West Road and Rifle Range Road.  
**Area 2** - Rifle Range Road and Quain Road.



MAINTENANCE CREW – Manmanning Road and Stokes Road Verge Slashing.



TOWN MAINTENANCE – Various Locations Street, Footpath and Drainage Maintenance.



CONTRACTORS –  
-Verge Slashing  
-Kerbing

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

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Ordinary Council Meeting

Wednesday 25th June - 3pm - Wongan Hills Shire Chambers

### Just A Farmer Screening

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June - 5pm to 10pm - Wongan Hills Civic Centre

### NAIDOC Week Celebration

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July - 10am - Wongan Hills CRC Function Room

## STAY IN TOUCH

☎ 08 9671 2500

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