



# NEWSLETTER

## **MOCK EMERGENCY EXERCISE RECAP**

On Saturday 14 June 2025, the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu and the Shire of Victoria Plains conducted a Joint Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) Mock Emergency Exercise.

Held at the intersection of Depot Road and Short Street in Wongan Hills, the scenario involved a ute crash into a power pole, carrying an IBC of Paraquat—a hazardous agricultural chemical. The exercise incorporated hazmat and road crash elements, with five mock casualties.

Nearly 40 participants from a range of agencies and organisations took part, including Western Power, Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES), Wongan Hills Police, Wongan Hills St John Ambulance, Wongan Hills Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service, Ballidu Volunteer Fire and Emergency Service, Wongan Hills District High School YES Cadets, and representatives from both Shires.

The exercise tested multi-agency response, including scene control transitions between WA Police and DFES, chemical identification, safe extrication, decontamination, and coordination using the Shire's Local Emergency Management Arrangements. It was a valuable learning experience that reinforced the importance of collaboration, clarified roles and responsibilities, and helped identify local resources.

These exercises are essential in ensuring our community is ready and resilient in times of crisis. Thank you to all involved for your commitment to community safety.







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**Just A Farmer** is a film focused on Rural Mental Health which authentically shows the challenges and triumphs of a farmer in rural Australia.



## JUST A FARMER – FREE MOVIE NIGHT!

Seats are filling fast – have you booked yours yet? Join us for an unforgettable evening of storytelling, resilience and rural spirit with *Just A Farmer*, followed by a live Q&A with special guests Joel Jackson and Warren Davies.

**17 Saturday 28 June 2025**

**5:00pm–10:00pm**

**Wongan Hills Civic Centre**

**FREE EVENT – Get your ticket now!**

Reserve your seat now:

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

Hosted by Blue Tree Project with support from the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu, Rural West, and Wongan Hills Rotary.

Don't miss your chance to be part of this inspiring night! 🌟

## 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 tastings, 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**

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

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## COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SESSIONS - PROPOSED COPPER MINE

The Shire will be hosting several community consultation sessions in relation to the proposed Copper Mine by Caravel Minerals.

The purpose of these sessions is to gain critical input from the community on a range of matters which the Council are discussing, as well as to provide an update on what is happening.

These sessions will run throughout the month of July, and we strongly encourage you to attend any of the sessions as detailed below.


DATE	TIME	LOCATION
WEDNESDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup> JULY	5.30PM-6.30PM	WONGAN HILLS CRC FUNCTION ROOM
THURSDAY 3 <sup>RD</sup> JULY	4.30PM-5.30PM	CADOUX TRADERS
WEDNESDAY 9 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	10AM-11AM	WONGAN-BALLIDU SENIORS RECREATION CENTRE LESSER HALL - CIVIC CENTRE
THURSDAY 10 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	5PM-6PM	BALLIDU HERITAGE CENTRE
TUESDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	5.30PM-6.30PM	WONGAN HILLS CRC FUNCTION ROOM
THURSDAY 24 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	10AM-11AM	WONGAN HILLS CRC FUNCTION ROOM



## COMMUNITY CONSULTATION – PROPOSED COPPER MINE

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu will be hosting a series of community consultation sessions throughout July regarding the proposed Caravel Minerals Copper Mine.

These sessions are an important opportunity for residents to have their say and stay informed. Council is seeking critical community input on key issues and will also provide updates on current discussions and developments.

We strongly encourage all community members to attend a session. 

 Session details are listed on the poster above.

## CURRENT ROADWORKS



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



BACKHOE CREW – Ballidu East Road Culvert Upgrades.



MAINTENANCE GRADER –  
**Area 1** - Ballidu South East Road and Kondut East Road.

**Area 2** - Rifle Range Road and Reynolds Road.



MAINTENANCE CREW – Wongan Road Backfilling Kerbline and Dowerin Kalannie Road Signs/Guide Post Installation.



TOWN MAINTENANCE – Wongan Road Backfilling Kerbline and Various Locations Street Cleaning.

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

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Ordinary Council Meeting

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June - 3pm - Wongan Hills Shire Chambers

### Just A Farmer Screening

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

### Copper Mine Community Consultation Sessions

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - 5.30 pm - CRC Function Room

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - 4.30pm - Cadoux Traders

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July - 10am - Seniors Centre

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July - 5pm - Ballidu Heritage Centre

### NAIDOC Week Celebration

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

## STAY IN TOUCH

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