

## JUST A FARMER EVENT: A NIGHT OF CONNECTION & CONVERSATION

On Saturday evening, the Wongan Hills Civic Centre was abuzz as community members gathered for a special screening of Just a Farmer. The event, hosted by Blue Tree Project with support from the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu, Rural West, and Wongan Hills Rotary, drew a fantastic crowd who came together to share in an evening of storytelling, reflection and connection.

The powerful Australian film Just a Farmer shone a light on life in rural communities, exploring both the joys and the often unspoken challenges. Following the screening, attendees were treated to an engaging Q&A with two special guests: Joel Jackson, star of the film, and Warren Davies, The Unbreakable Farmer. Both spoke openly about resilience, mental health, and the importance of looking out for one another in small communities.

It was a night filled with heartfelt conversation, laughs and moments that truly resonated. Many walked away not only entertained but reminded of the strength and spirit found in country towns like ours, and the critical importance of checking in on your mates.

A big thank you to all who attended and helped make the evening such a success. It's events like these that bring us together and start important conversations, reinforcing that in our community, no one is ever truly alone. ❤️







# NEWSLETTER

## 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.

## 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**

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

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## OPENING SOON: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu's annual Community Development Fund (CDF) is opening soon on Friday, 4th July 2025!

This program provides grants to support local projects that build stronger communities, enhance participation, and contribute to the social, cultural, environmental, and economic wellbeing of our Shire. From facility upgrades to community events, we're proud to back initiatives that make a real difference.

Applications close Friday, 1st August 2025, so now's the time to start planning!

👉 For details and application guidelines, visit: [www.wongan.wa.gov.au/community/community-services/community-development-fund.aspx](http://www.wongan.wa.gov.au/community/community-services/community-development-fund.aspx)



## WELCOME TO THE NEW FINANCIAL YEAR!

As we step into 2025/26, the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu looks forward to another year of working alongside our wonderful community.

From exciting projects and community events to maintaining the services and facilities you rely on, we're here to continue building a thriving, connected, and vibrant place to live, work and visit.

A friendly reminder that rates notices will be posted out in August, so please ensure your contact details are up to date.

Thank you for your ongoing support, we can't wait to see what we'll achieve together this year!

## CURRENT ROADWORKS



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



BACKHOE CREW – Ballidu East Road Culvert Upgrades.



MAINTENANCE GRADER –  
**Area 1** - 1 Kondut East Road and Kondut South East Road.  
**Area 2** - Rifle Range Road.



MAINTENANCE CREW – Yerecoin South East Road and Dowerin Kalannie Road Sign and Guide Post Replacement.



TOWN MAINTENANCE – Various Street and Footpath Maintenance.



CONTRACTORS  
– Fenton Place and Wongan Road Tree Pruning.  
– Wongan Road Concrete Crossovers.

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

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

### 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

### Ordinary Council Meeting

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - 3pm - Wongan Hills Shire Chambers

## STAY IN TOUCH

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