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NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATION WRAP-UP

What a fantastic morning we had celebrating NAIDOC Week at the CRC! The event brought our community together to honour culture, share stories, and enjoy some wonderful hands-on experiences.

NAIDOC Week is a time to recognise and celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the world's oldest continuing culture. It's an opportunity for all Australians to come together, learn, and pay respect to the strength, resilience, and rich traditions that have been carried forward for tens of thousands of years.

A huge thank you to Tracey De Grussa, Naomi Booth, Dulcie Ryder and our dedicated CRC team for putting together such a meaningful event. From the moving Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony, to the tasty native tasters, ochre painting, and basket weaving workshop, it was a day full of connection and reflection.

Thanks to everyone who came along and joined us in celebrating NAIDOC Week 2025.





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🚧 HAVE YOUR SAY – NAME A LANEWAY IN WONGAN HILLS 🚧

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu has received a request to name the laneway behind the main row of shops (from the old Westpac building to the old Newsagency) in Wongan Hills. In line with our road naming policy, we're now inviting any additional naming suggestions before a final decision is made. This process ensures we honour local history and recognise the contributions of community members, while giving everyone a fair chance to put forward a name.

When considering names, our policy gives priority to:

- ✓ Avoiding duplication within the Shire
- ✓ Honouring Freemen of the Shire, past Shire Presidents, Chairmen of the Road Board, and Elected Members, especially those with long service
- ✓ Using the surnames of deceased community members
- ✓ Recognising former pioneers whose properties were predominantly served by nearby historic roads

If these aren't applicable, other suitable names that reflect the history and meet the guidelines.

✉ **Have a suggestion?**

We'd love to hear it! Please submit your proposed names and some background/history of why the name is relevant to the laneway by emailing shire@wongan.wa.gov.au

Please submit your proposals by 4pm on Friday, 18th July.





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IMPROVING OUR COMMUNITY

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu has been busy delivering a range of important infrastructure projects across our region, all proudly funded by the Australian Government through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP).

Here's a snapshot of the works recently completed:

✓ Airstrip Line Marking

Upgrades to all line marking at the Wongan Hills Airstrip to enhance safety and usability.

✓ Storm Water Drainage – South of Wongan Hills

Installation of side entry pits, 500m of pipework and kerbing. This system harvests rainwater to irrigate our ovals while improving the southern entrance to town.

✓ Storm Water Drainage – North of Wongan Hills

New side entry pits, 220m of pipework and kerbing. Also designed to capture rainwater for our sporting grounds and beautify the northern entrance.

✓ Ballidu Footpath Upgrade

165m of new concrete footpath installed on Federation Street, making it safer and more accessible for all pedestrians.

✓ Wongan Hills Swimming Pool Carpark

Upgrades to the existing surface, with 2,230m² of fresh asphalt laid to improve parking for visitors to our much-loved pool.

These projects not only improve safety and amenity but also help sustain our local facilities and environment. Thank you to the community for your patience during these works. We look forward to seeing everyone enjoy these improved spaces!





EVACUATION CENTRE

TRAINING IN WONGAN HILLS

Shire staff, along with key stakeholders from our community and neighbouring local governments, attended an Evacuation Centre Training session provided by the Department of Communities in Wongan Hills last week.


This important training ensures that we are well prepared to support our community should an emergency arise.



UPDATE:

BALLIDU CONSULTATION SESSION – DATE CHANGE

Please note that the Ballidu community consultation session for the proposed Caravel Minerals Copper Mine has been rescheduled out of respect for a funeral being held on the original date.

 The session will now take place on Thursday 17th July, from 5:00pm to 6:00pm at the Ballidu Heritage Centre.

We were thrilled to have 46 community members join us for the first session, with another 30 people attending in Cadoux. If you have any questions or would like to contribute to the discussion, we encourage you to come along to any of the upcoming sessions.

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 ND JULY	5.30PM-6.30PM	WONGAN HILLS CRC FUNCTION ROOM
THURSDAY 3 RD JULY	4.30PM-5.30PM	CADOUX TRADERS
WEDNESDAY 9 TH JULY	10AM-11AM	WONGAN-BALLIDU SENIORS RECREATION CENTRE LESSER HALL - CIVIC CENTRE
TUESDAY 15 TH JULY	5.30PM-6.30PM	WONGAN HILLS CRC FUNCTION ROOM
THURSDAY 17 TH JULY	5PM-6PM	BALLIDU HERITAGE CENTRE
THURSDAY 24 TH JULY	10AM-11AM	WONGAN HILLS CRC FUNCTION ROOM



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COUNCIL MINUTES PUBLISHED

The minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 25 June 2025 are now available to view online.

To stay up to date with local decisions and discussions that help shape our Shire, head to the link below:

www.wongan.wa.gov.au/.../wednesday-25-june-2025.../6



CURRENT ROADWORKS



CONSTRUCTION CREW – Shoulder Grading Manmanning Road, Moonijin West Road, Oliver Road and Hospital Road.

BACKHOE CREW – Culvert Upgrades/Site Cleanup Ballidu East Road.



MAINTENANCE GRADER – Shoulder Grading Manmanning Road, Moonijin West Road, Oliver Road and Hospital Road.



MAINTENANCE CREW – Traffic Management for Shoulder Grading.



BACKHOE CREW – Site Cleanup/Culvert Upgrades Ballidu East Road. Drainage Maintenance Federation Street.



TOWN MAINTENANCE – Kerb Backfilling Wongan Rd & General Street Cleaning.

All Above Worksites Will Be Under The Direction Of Traffic Management



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Copper Mine Community Consultation Sessions

Tuesday 15th July - 5.30pm - CRC Function Room

Thursday 17th July - 5pm - Ballidu Heritage Centre

Thursday 24th July - 10am - CRC Function Room

Ordinary Council Meeting

Wednesday 23rd July - 3pm - Wongan Hills Shire Chambers

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