



# NEWSLETTER

## ARE YOU BUSHFIRE READY?

We've had such lovely rain recently, which has been great for the weeds - now is the time for all landowners needing firebreaks to get started, and for residential, rural townsites and commercial properties to have all annual grass and herbage reduced to a height of less than 75mm.

The restricted burning period commences on 13 October 2025, and it is important to ensure compliance with the fire break requirements during the restricted burning period between 13 October 2025 and 31 March 2026. The 2025/2026 Shire of Wongan-Ballidu Bushfire Newsletter will be distributed later in September including more information. Refer to the website for more information, or contact the shire on:

(08) 9671 2500  
[shire@wongan.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@wongan.wa.gov.au)



## ELECTION RESULTS

The 2025 Election was due to be held on Saturday, 18 October 2025. After receiving 5 nominations to fill 5 vacant positions, no election was required.

Congratulations to our new Elected Members for 2025!

Each councillor will hold office until the date set out next to the councillor's name.

### In order of draw;

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Jarrold HOOD     | 20 October 2029 |
| Stuart BOEKEMAN  | 20 October 2029 |
| Lorrice RICHARDS | 20 October 2029 |
| Mandy STEPHENSON | 16 October 2027 |
| Shaun KALAJZIC   | 16 October 2027 |





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## UPCOMING LAWN RENOVATIONS

WONGAN HILLS COMMUNITY PARK

TUESDAY 9TH – WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER



## UPCOMING LAWN RENOVATIONS AT THE COMMUNITY PARK

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu will be carrying out lawn renovations at the Wongan Hills Community Park from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

These works are part of our ongoing maintenance program to ensure our community spaces remain safe, attractive, and welcoming.

Please note that some areas may be restricted during this period. We thank you for your patience and understanding while these improvements take place.

We look forward to sharing refreshed and revitalised spaces for everyone to enjoy.

## OFFICIAL GRAND OPENING OF THE CEMETERY TOILET

THE SHIRE OF WONGAN-BALLIDU  
TOGETHER WITH COUNCILLORS  
WOULD LIKE TO INVITE THE PUBLIC  
TO ATTEND AND CELEBRATE THE  
OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NEW  
CEMETERY TOILET

THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
10AM-11AM  
WONGAN HILLS CEMETERY



## CEMETERY TOILET INSTALLATION PROJECT – OFFICIAL OPENING

This project was first identified as a priority in the Shire's Customer Service Survey and was proudly proposed and led by the Wongan Hills Rotary Club, with strong support from local community groups.

Funding has been made possible through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP), a Federal Government initiative, alongside contributions from the Rotary Club and local organisations.

**A very special thank you goes to all the community groups involved in making this project a reality, including:**

Wongan Hills Rotary Club  
Wongan Hills Progress Association  
Kondut Sports Council  
Wongan Hills Community Association  
Wongan-Ballidu Development Group



# NEWSLETTER

## COMMUNITY PARK BBQ IS READY FOR USE AGAIN!





Great news! The BBQ at the Community Park has now been repaired and is once again ready for everyone to enjoy.

After the disappointment of recent vandalism, it's wonderful to see this much-loved community facility back in action. Whether you're planning a family picnic, a catch-up with friends, or just a casual cook-up in the park, the BBQ is here for everyone to use.

A friendly reminder: please take care of the BBQ after each use so we can all continue to enjoy it. Let's keep our Community Park a welcoming, safe, and fun space for everyone!



## CURRENT ROADWORKS

-  CONSTRUCTION CREW – Moonijin West Road 2km Gravel Resheet.
-  MAINTENANCE GRADER –  
**Area 1:** Smith Road, Gabalong East Road and Fowler Road.  
**Area 2:** Vincent Road, Kokardine West Road.
-  MAINTENANCE CREW – Various Locations Seal Repairs, Signs and Guide Post Maintenance.
-  DRAINAGE CREW – Moonijin West Road Culvert Upgrades.

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



## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Official Grand Opening of the Cemetery Toilet

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September - 10am - Wongan Hills Cemetery

### Ordinary Council Meeting

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September - 3pm - Cadoux Recreation Centre

## STAY IN TOUCH

-  08 9671 2500
-  [www.wongan.wa.gov.au](http://www.wongan.wa.gov.au)
-  [shire@wongan.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@wongan.wa.gov.au)
-  Shire of Wongan-Ballidu & Wongan Hills CRC Customer Service Centre  
"The Station"  
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WONGAN HILLS WA 6603

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# 2025 Ordinary Election - Wongan-Ballidu



**Roll Close** 22 Aug 2025 5:00 PM  
**Close of Nominations** 4 Sep 2025 4:00 PM  
**Date of Election** 18 Oct 2025  
**Returning Officer** Mrs Andrea BEAR  
☎ 0427 493 382  
✉ [LGro\\_Wongan-Ballidu@elections.wa.gov.au](mailto:LGro_Wongan-Ballidu@elections.wa.gov.au)

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- [Close of Enrolments Notice](#)
- [Call for Nominations Notice](#)

## WONGAN-BALLIDU

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Vacancies      | <b>(5) Councillors</b>                     |
| Expiry of term | (3) 20 October 2029<br>(2) 16 October 2027 |
| Total electors | 970  |
| Results status | Results Declared                           |

| Candidates        | Appointment Description | Expiry of Term  |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| HOOD, Jarrod      | Elected Unopposed 1st   | 20 October 2029 |
| BOEKEMAN, Stuart  | Elected Unopposed 2nd   | 20 October 2029 |
| RICHARDS, Lorrice | Elected Unopposed 3rd   | 20 October 2029 |
| STEPHENSON, Mandy | Elected Unopposed 4th   | 16 October 2027 |
| KALAJZIC, Shaun   | Elected Unopposed 5th   | 16 October 2027 |

## Candidate Details



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|-------------------|--|
| Ballot paper name | <b>KALAJZIC, Shaun</b>   |
| Candidate name    | <b>Shaun Michael KALAJZIC</b>  |
| District          | <b>Shire of Wongan-Ballidu</b>   |
| Nominating for    | <b>Councillor for Shire of Wongan-Ballidu</b>  |
| Election type     | <b>Ordinary</b>  |
| Enrolment status  | <b>KALAJZIC, Shaun is eligible to stand for election as a resident of the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu.</b> |

Hello,

My name is Shaun Kalajzic and I am a fourth generation farmer north of Cadoux in the eastern part of the shire.

I am a very passionate young farmer who always puts the community first and tries to volunteer as much as I can to help where it's needed and enjoy being actively involved within the community.

I am nominating for a position on the shire council because I believe I will offer a youthful, hard-working representation of the younger members of the community whether it be in the towns or out in the wider community.

I am currently in my second year out of a 4 year term, sitting on the Grower Advisory Council with CBH, which is giving me a fascinating incite and knowledge into how large companies are operated and how they value input from people who share the same goals and vision moving forward. Also gives me a very good understanding into how Governance works.

I also am currently Captain of the Cadoux-Manmanning fire brigade and already sit on the BFAC committee with the shire.

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## Candidate Details



Ballot paper name

**HOOD, Jarrod**

Candidate name

**Jarrod James HOOD**

District

**Shire of Wongan-Ballidu**

Nominating for

**Councillor for Shire of Wongan-Ballidu**

Election type

**Ordinary**

Enrolment status

**HOOD, Jarrod is eligible to stand for election as a resident of the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu.**

My name is Jarrod Hood, and I am standing for council in the upcoming local government election.

My family has been farming in Ballidu since 1912. I'm now a Fourth-generation farmer raising our family with my wife and our two young boys here in Ballidu

Before returning to the farm, I worked as an auto electrician for Komatsu, gaining practical experience in machinery and operations. I was also employed at Jolly and Sons where I filled a sales and after sales support role.

I am currently the Captain of the Ballidu Fire and Emergency Services and have previously held the role of President of the Ballidu Progress Group.

My top priorities include improving roads, maintaining and upgrading local infrastructure. I'm not a politician, I'm a local, a volunteer, a father, and someone who cares deeply about this community's future.

I'd be honoured to have your support.

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## Candidate Details



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|-------------------|---|
| Ballot paper name | <b>BOEKEMAN, Stuart</b>   |
| Candidate name    | <b>Stuart BOEKEMAN</b>  |
| District          | <b>Shire of Wongan-Ballidu</b>  |
| Nominating for    | <b>Councillor for Shire of Wongan-Ballidu</b>   |
| Election type     | <b>Ordinary</b>   |
| Enrolment status  | <b>BOEKEMAN, Stuart is eligible to stand for election as the owner of rateable property in the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu.</b> |

I seek your re election as Councillor having served our Shire for the past 8 Years.

We have strived to improve our Shire which I feel we have achieved in many areas including our local GP Service.

I try and bring a common sense approach to all our Local Government decision making.

Having lived in our Shire all of my Life I am passionate about our local Communities and the greater Shire.

I strive to make our Community a better place for us all to live in.

I am a current member of numerous local Committees including our local Anglican Church Parish Council.

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## Candidate Details



Ballot paper name

**STEPHENSON, Mandy**

Candidate name

**Mandy STEPHENSON**

District

**Shire of Wongan-Ballidu**

Nominating for

**Councillor for Shire of Wongan-Ballidu**

Election type

**Ordinary**

Enrolment status

**STEPHENSON, Mandy is eligible to stand for election as a resident of the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu.**

I seek your re election as Councillor, having served our Shire for the past 8 years.

We have brought an approachable council to our communities I feel over this time, and I make myself available to all communities, volunteer groups and residents outside of council chambers, to see how we can better our shire together.

Living in our community for over 30 years, i understand our needs for good services in health, medical, emergency, childcare and senior care for our future.

Our achievements with retaining and increasing our local GP services has been very rewarding, and the start up and support, with the community senior centre, has seen the essential service in operation and very supportive.

My time serving on council as a Councillor and President has been very rewarding and honourable.

We have a great Shire, and I will again, be proud to serve on council.

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## Candidate Details



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|-------------------|--|
| Ballot paper name | <b>RICHARDS, Lorrice</b>   |
| Candidate name    | <b>Lorrice Ashleigh RICHARDS</b>   |
| District          | <b>Shire of Wongan-Ballidu</b>   |
| Nominating for    | <b>Councillor for Shire of Wongan-Ballidu</b>  |
| Election type     | <b>Ordinary</b>  |
| Enrolment status  | <b>RICHARDS, Lorrice is eligible to stand for election as a resident of the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu.</b> |

My name is Lorrice Richards, and have lived in the community for 19 years.

I am a current member of numerous committees including St John Ambulance Sub Centre and an active volunteer. As a parent I am also included in the local P&C. I am also a Justice of the Peace.

I am very passionate about our community and always looking at ways to improve.

I keen to take up a position on the council to actively shape to future of our community.

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