



# NEWSLETTER

## OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CEMETERY TOILET

Today we celebrated the official grand opening of the new cemetery toilet, with just under 40 community members coming together for the event. Shire President Cr Mandy Stephenson delivered a speech highlighting the rich history of the cemetery and the strong community effort that brought this project to life.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was joined by representatives from the many groups who supported the project, including Wongan Hills Rotary Club, Wongan Hills Progress Association, Kondut Sports Council, Wongan-Ballidu Development Group, and Wongan Hills Community Association. There were plenty of smiles and even a few chuckles as the ribbon was cut, with some light-hearted debate about who might be the very first to test out the new toilet!

Guests also enjoyed a community sausage sizzle generously provided with the support of the Rotary Club – the perfect way to celebrate a project that truly demonstrates what can be achieved when Council and community work hand in hand.

The project received widespread attention online and even across WA radio, shining a spotlight on our community spirit and the power of working together. A plaque has now been installed at the site to acknowledge the generous contributions that made this facility possible.

Looking ahead, exciting works continue at the cemetery with the introduction of Chronicle, a digital program that will allow families to easily locate loved ones' plots, view headstone photos, and even create online memorials.

A huge thank you goes to Lorna and Paul, whose suggestion first set the project in motion. Thank you again to everyone involved for showing how much can be achieved when Council and community work hand in hand. A special thanks also goes to our Regulatory Services and Works & Services teams, who went above and beyond to create the wonderful surroundings around the toilet, including a paved path to ensure that the toilet is accessible to all.





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## WELCOME DAVID – BUSHFIRE RISK MITIGATION COORDINATOR

We're delighted to welcome David as our new Bushfire Risk Mitigation Coordinator, a role he will be sharing across several shires, spending two days each week here in Wongan-Ballidu.

David's passion for fire and emergency services began after returning home from the USA, where he spotted a volunteer sign on his drive back. That simple moment sparked a commitment that saw him dedicate seven years of service to the Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service (VFRS) in Roleystone.

As his involvement grew, David realised that the active lifestyle and the opportunity to make a tangible difference in communities was something he wanted to pursue professionally. To prepare, he qualified as a tree-climbing arborist and went on to work with the City of Gosnells, gaining practical skills highly relevant to bushfire risk mitigation.

When the opportunity for this coordinator role came up, David knew it was the type of position he'd been preparing for. He's excited to bring his skills and passion into the role, connect with the community, and make a meaningful contribution.

Outside of work, David is a proud family man with a wife and two children. He enjoys sailing and cycling, and brings with him a strong passion for community safety and connection.

We're very pleased to welcome David into the team. His background, dedication, and enthusiasm will be a real asset, and we look forward to the contribution he'll make here in the Shire.



## OFFICE CLOSURE

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu and Wongan Hills CRC Customer Service Centre and Shire Administration Office will be closed for a staff meeting:



**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**  
**9:00am to 10:30am**

*We apologise for any inconvenience caused.*



## OFFICE CLOSURE – STAFF MEETING

Please be advised that the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu and Wongan Hills CRC Customer Service Centre will be closed for a staff meeting on:

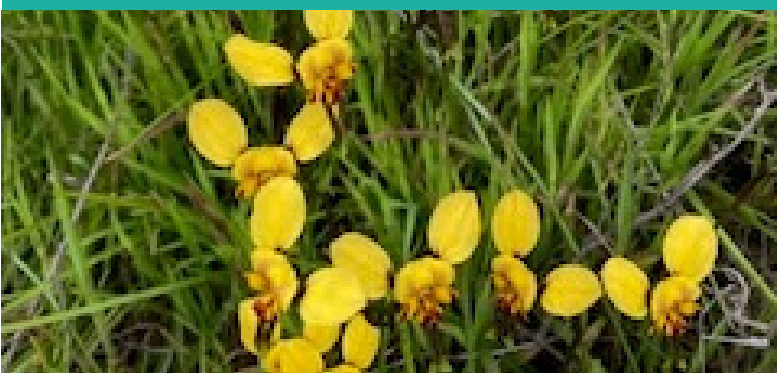
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Normal services will resume immediately after. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding.





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## WASTE MANAGEMENT IN WONGAN HILLS

Did you know property owners in our Shire receive Tip Passes with their rates? These passes allow you to dispose of bulk goods, general waste, and household waste free of charge at the Wongan Hills Tip. Be sure to check your pass for which items are accepted.

We also offer a Bulk Waste Trailer for larger clean-ups. **Please note: the trailer will not be available from 23 December 2025 to 5 January 2026**, so plan ahead!

**For more details visit:**

[www.wongan.wa.gov.au/residents/waste-and-recycling/bulk-waste-management-and-trailer-hire.aspx](http://www.wongan.wa.gov.au/residents/waste-and-recycling/bulk-waste-management-and-trailer-hire.aspx)

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## BIKE IT TO BALLIDU – WHAT A SUCCESS!

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu is proud to have been a major sponsor of Bike it to Ballidu Gravel 2025, contributing \$35,000 to support this incredible event – and we're excited to confirm our support for next year's event as well!

This year saw an amazing turnout with just under 600 riders taking part. Shire CEO Sam Dolzadelli spoke at the event, celebrating not only the outstanding number of participants but also the fantastic community spirit on display. He highlighted the economic development benefits the event brings to our region and acknowledged the tireless efforts of the volunteers who make the event possible.

It was also fantastic to see Cr Stuart Boekeman getting involved on the track, showing true community spirit by participating in the ride.

A huge thank you to everyone who made this year's event such a resounding success, we can't wait to see you all back again in 2026!





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## RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD COMMENCES SOON

Now is the time for all landowners needing firebreaks to get started, and for residential, rural townsite 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.

**Sign up to our Emergency SMS Alerts and Harvest Ban Alerts here:**

[www.wongan.wa.gov.au/community/emergency-management/harvest-and-vehicle-movement-bans.aspx](http://www.wongan.wa.gov.au/community/emergency-management/harvest-and-vehicle-movement-bans.aspx)

**The for more information, view the 2025/2026 Shire of Wongan-Ballidu Bushfire Newsletter here:**

[www.wongan.wa.gov.au/profiles/wongan/assets/clientdata/bushfire\\_newsletter\\_2526\\_\\_5\\_.pdf](http://www.wongan.wa.gov.au/profiles/wongan/assets/clientdata/bushfire_newsletter_2526__5_.pdf)

## CURRENT ROADWORKS



CONSTRUCTION CREW – Ballidu East Road - 5km Reconstruction.



MAINTENANCE GRADER –  
**Area 1:** Jenks Road, Newton Road and Lloyd Road.  
**Area 2:** Manmanning Road and Cadoux South Road.



MAINTENANCE CREW – Wongan Cadoux Road and Dowerin Kalannie Road Seal Repairs.



DRAINAGE CREW – Ward Road and Manmanning Road Crossover Installations.



TOWN MAINTENANCE - Various Locations Verge, Street and Footpath Maintenance.



CONTRACTORS - Wilson Street and Ackland Street Drainage Installation.

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



## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Ordinary Council Meeting

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - 3pm - Wongan Hills Shire Chambers

## STAY IN TOUCH

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