



# NEWSLETTER

## COUNCILLORS SWORN IN AND APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT AND DEPUTY PRESIDENT

At this month's Council Meeting, all five of the recently elected Councillors were officially sworn in, witnessed by Dave McFarlane, JP.

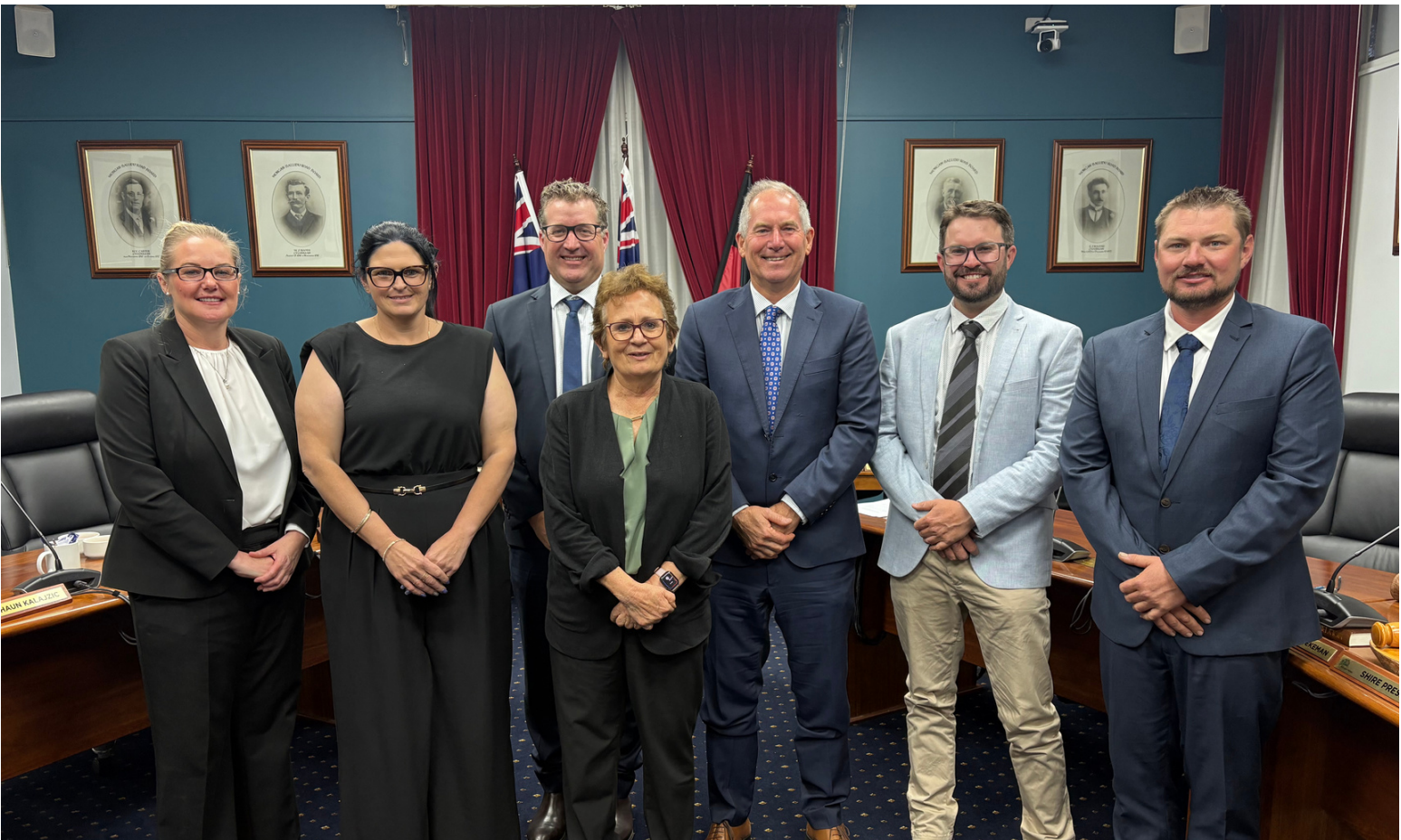
The Shire welcomes back returning councillors Cr Stuart Bookeman and Cr Mandy Stephenson, and the Shire's three new councillors, Cr Jarrod Hood, Cr Shaun Kalajzic and Cr Lorraine Richards.

Following the swearing-in ceremony, Council carried out the required elections for the positions of Shire President and Deputy Shire President.

The council has elected Cr Stuart Bookeman to the office of Shire President, and Cr Mandy Stephenson to the office of Deputy Shire President, both were sworn in being witnessed by Brian Donnellan, JP. Both will serve a two-year term, holding office until the 2027 Local Government Ordinary Elections.

The Shire would like to thank outgoing Shire President Cr Mandy Stephenson for the past 4 and a half years as Shire President. Cr Stephenson was passionate about supporting our volunteers and community groups in particular and played a huge role in advocating for their needs and strengthening local connections across the Shire.

Please join us in congratulating our new councillors on the commencement of their terms and our Shire President and Deputy Shire President on their appointments!





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**Pictured above (left to right):** New councillors; Cr Jarrod Hood, Cr Shaun Kalajzic and Cr Lorrice Richards being officially sworn in, as witnessed by Dave McFarlane, JP.

**Pictured to the left (left to right):** Returning councillors Cr Stuart Boekeman and Cr Mandy Stephenson being officially sworn in, and witnessed by Dave McFarlane, JP.

**Pictured below (left to right):** Shire President Cr Stuart Boekeman, and Deputy Shire President Cr Mandy Stephenson being officially sworn in, as witnessed by Brian Donnellan, JP.





**20TH  
ANNIVERSARY**

2025



# REYNOLDSON RESERVE WILDFLOWER FESTIVAL

**From Friday October 31<sup>st</sup>  
To Sunday November 2<sup>nd</sup>**



## REYNOLDSON RESERVE WILDFLOWER FESTIVAL IS ALMOST HERE!

It's nearly time for one of Wongan Hills' most loved annual events: the Reynoldson Reserve Wildflower Festival! 🌸🌟

**17 Friday 31st October – Sunday 2nd November**

Now in its 20th year, the festival is a true celebration of community, creativity, and the stunning natural beauty that surrounds us. Running from Friday 31st October to Sunday 2nd November, the weekend will be packed with markets, entertainment, art displays, and plenty of country charm.

 **Festival Highlights Include:**

- The Reynoldson Reserve Markets on Saturday with amazing local stallholders, delicious food, and family-friendly fun.
- Kids Corner with free games and the Spartan Obstacle Course.
- Old Macdonald's Travelling Farm.
- The magical Enchanted Characters Stilt Walkers.
- A series of local displays featuring art, poetry, wildflowers, and student artwork.
- Guided wildflower bus tours
- Live music, and so much more!

Whether you're a local or visiting for the weekend, this is the perfect time to experience the warmth, creativity, and natural beauty of our region. Come along, bring your friends and family, and help celebrate 20 years of the Reynoldson Reserve Wildflower Festival! 🌻





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## MEET SACHA – OUR NEW AGED CARE PROGRAM COORDINATOR

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu is excited to welcome Sacha to the team as our new Aged Care Program Coordinator.

Sacha has lived in Wongan Hills for more than ten years and is already well known in the community. She previously worked with the Shire as a CRC Customer Service Officer and, more recently, at the Wongan Hills District High School as a Special Needs Education Assistant. Her background reflects her passion for helping others and her strong connection to the local community.

In her new role, Sacha will be coordinating the Staying in Place Program, a community-driven initiative that helps older residents stay comfortable, confident, and connected while continuing to live in their own homes. She's passionate about making a meaningful difference in the community where she has raised her family and is eager to build relationships that support this goal.

Living on a farm near Gathercole Reserve, Sacha enjoys the peace and natural beauty of the area and recommends everyone visit to see the wonderful wildflowers in bloom. Outside of work, she loves cooking and reading.

Please join us in welcoming Sacha to her new role. We're thrilled to have her on board as part of this important community initiative.

## OUR STAYING IN PLACE PROGRAM IS OFFICIALLY UNDERWAY!

We're excited to share that our Staying in Place Program is now fully off the ground with our new Aged Care Program Coordinator, Sacha, joining the team!

This program aims to support older residents in our community to remain living independently and confidently in their own homes for as long as possible. Sacha will be working with local residents, families, and service providers to connect people with the support and resources they need.

We're proud to have received a \$10,000 Kickstart Grant to help get the program moving. Staying in Place Kickstart Program is supported by the State Government through Linkwest, with consultancy support provided by Pingelly CRC.

We're looking forward to seeing the positive impact this program will have across our community. Stay tuned for updates and opportunities to get involved. Visit our website or contact Sacha for more information! ❤️

<https://www.wongan.wa.gov.au/community/community-resource-centre/staying-in-place.aspx>



## Home Care and Support Service

**Proudly providing home support services locally**



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## GET YOUR POOL SEASON PASSES!

The Wongan Hills Memorial Swimming Pool is now open for the season! Don't forget to get your Season or Half-Season Pass!

### Pass types:

Family Pass – Season (2 Adults + 2 Children or 1 Adult + 3 Children): \$335.00

Family Pass – Half Season: \$168.00

Adult Pass – Season: \$121.00

Adult Pass – Half Season: \$60.00

Concession Pass – Season: \$94.00

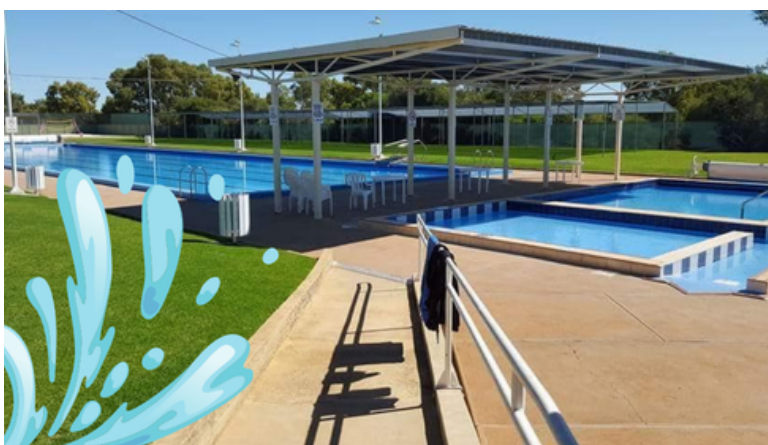
Concession Pass – Half Season: \$47.00

Child Pass – Season (3–15 years): \$94.00

Child Pass – Half Season: \$47.00

Passes can be purchased at the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu and Wongan Hills CRC Customer Service Centre.

Get ready to dive into another great summer at your local pool!



## GET YOUR SEASON POOL PASSES!



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## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN



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## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS – NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN!

Do you know someone who goes above and beyond for our community?

Nominations are now open for the 2026 Shire of Wongan-Ballidu Community Service Awards, recognising outstanding contributions in the following categories:

**Citizen of the Year**

**Young Citizen of the Year (under 36)**

**Community Event of the Year**

**Community Group of the Year**

Help us celebrate the people and groups who make our Shire such a great place to live!

**Nominations close 4:00pm, Monday 1 December 2025.**

Winners announced on Australia Day 2026!

Visit our website for all the information you need, nomination form and guidelines:

[www.wongan.wa.gov.au/council/governance/communityserviceawards.aspx](http://www.wongan.wa.gov.au/council/governance/communityserviceawards.aspx)





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## Upcoming Office Closure

- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November - 12pm to 1pm
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November - 9am to 1pm
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November - All day.



## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Ordinary Council Meeting

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November - 3pm - Wongan Hills Shire Chambers

### Strategic Community Plan

#### Community Engagement Workshops

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November - 5pm - Ballidu Heritage Centre

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November - 5pm - CRC Function Room

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November - 10am - CRC Function Room

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November - 5pm - Cadoux Recreation Centre

### Disability Access and Inclusion Plan

#### Community Engagement Workshop

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November - 10am - Seniors Recreation Centre

## ROADWORKS



## CURRENT ROADWORKS

 **CONSTRUCTION CREW** – Ballidu East Road 5km Reconstruction.

 **DRAINAGE CREW** – Waddington Road Culvert Upgrades.

 **MAINTENANCE GRADERS** – Freestone Road, Ballermina Road and Silver Road.

 **MAINTENANCE CREW** – Dowerin Kalannie Rod and Ballidu East Road Seal Repairs.

 **TOWN MAINTENANCE** – Wongan Hills and Ballidu Townsites General Street and Footpath Maintenance.

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

## STAY IN TOUCH

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