🎨 REMEMBRANCE POPPIES REVITALISED 🎨

This Remembrance Day, the iconic metal poppies in Wongan Hills once again stood proudly, freshly painted and glowing in the sunshine as a tribute to those who served and sacrificed for our country.

These beautiful sculptures have a special connection to our community's history. They were originally crafted in 2005 by Colin Joynes, when he and his family operated the Wongan Hills Garden Centre.

During the COVID lockdowns, when ANZAC services were unable to go ahead, the poppies took on an even deeper meaning. In a quiet act of community pride, they were secretly painted red for ANZAC Day, transforming into a heartfelt tribute that reminded residents that remembrance could continue, even without gatherings or ceremonies.

This year, the poppies have been given a fresh coat of paint once more, ready for Remembrance Day 2025. Their vivid red colour stands as a symbol of sacrifice, courage, and the enduring gratitude of the Wongan Hills community.

A big thank you to all involved in keeping this meaningful display looking its best for our community. These poppies continue to serve as a gentle and powerful reminder of those who gave their lives in service, and of the small acts of care that keep their memory alive each year.

Lest we forget.







Strategic Community Plan Workshops

Thank you to everyone who attended our Strategic Community Plan (SCP) engagement sessions in Ballidu, Wongan Hills, and Cadoux. With sessions held in Wongan Hills, Ballidu and Cadoux, it was great to see over 60 people attend across the sessions. 11 of our young citizens also attended a special workshop held at the Wongan Hills District High School.

Your ideas and feedback will help shape the Shire's vision, values, and priorities for the future, guiding how we deliver services, plan projects, and invest in our future.

We truly appreciate the time and thought that community members contributed to these discussions. Your input ensures that the Strategic Community Plan reflects the aspirations and needs of everyone across Wongan-Ballidu.

Disability Access & Inclusion Plan Workshop

A big thank you also to those who joined us for the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) workshop at the Wongan Hills Seniors Recreation Centre.

Your insights will help us identify priorities and actions to improve accessibility and inclusion across our Shire.

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu remains committed to creating an inclusive community where everyone has access to facilities, services, and opportunities.

We're grateful to all who took the time to attend and share their views. Your participation helps build a stronger, more connected community.









PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD STARTS NOVEMBER 15TH

As of Saturday, 15th November 2025 the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu enters the Prohibited Burning Period, which will remain in effect until 13th February 2026 (inclusive).

During this time no ignition of fires or solid fuels are permitted. Please help keep our community safe.

Please visit the DFES website for further information or Emergency WA for updates and warnings:

www.emergency.wa.gov.au

To join the Harvest Ban SMS Notification list please sign up via our online form on our website:

www.wongan.wa.gov.au/community/emergenc y-management/harvest-and-vehiclemovement-bans.aspx

TO FIND OUT IF THERE IS A CURRENT BAN PLEASE CALL 9671 2501



ATTENTION TRUCK DRIVERS - HARVEST 2025

As we move into the busy harvest season, the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu reminds all operators to travel only on RAV-rated roads appropriate for your vehicle configuration. Please ensure road conditions and speed limits are followed at all times. This helps protect our road network and ensures the safety of all road users.

If your vehicle is permitted to travel on a school bus route, we ask that you avoid travel during school bus times wherever possible. If you are unsure of these times, please contact your local school bus contractor for clarification.

Failure to comply with RAV conditions or road restrictions may result in fines issued by WA Police or enforcement from Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Services (HVS).

We know harvest is a particularly busy period, but safety and compliance must remain a top priority. Your cooperation helps keep our community and roadways safe for everyone.

Thank you for doing your part this harvest season and helping us protect the roads we all rely on.



NEWSLETTER



NEW FIRE DANGER RATING SIGN INSTALLED

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu is pleased to share that the new Fire Danger Rating Sign is now up and running at the corner of Wongan Road and Ninan Street.

This sign provides our community with up-to-date fire danger information to help everyone stay informed and prepared throughout the fire season. The sign will automatically update every 30 minutes to ensure that the fire risk rating is accurate.

The installation was discussed and agreed upon through the Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC), with funding included in the 2024/25 Budget. The project was fully Council funded, with no external funding assistance.

Thank you to all involved!



CHRISTMAS LIGHT COMPETITION 2025

It's time to make Wongan Hills and Ballidu shine bright this festive season!

Turn on your lights between Monday 8 December and Sunday 14 December for the judges' scoring and join in the Christmas fun.

To take part, register your address with the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu Customer Service Centre by calling 9671 2500. Please note that unregistered addresses won't be included in the judging.

Categories include:

Wongan Hills Best House (1st, 2nd & 3rd) Wongan Hills Best Business/Public Building Ballidu Best House Ballidu Best Business/Public Building

Winners will be announced at the Australia Day Breakfast 2026.

Let's make our towns sparkle with Christmas spirit!

AQUA AEROBICS WITH JUDY

Judy is launching Aqua Aerobics at the Wongan Hills Swimming Pool from Monday 17 November to Wednesday 17 December 2025.

Weekly session times:

Mondays: 8:15am–9:00am Wednesdays: 8:15am–9:00am Wednesdays: 4:45pm–5:30pm Fridays: 8:15am–9:00am

Fees:

⇒ Special offer: Your first two classes in Week 1 are complimentary. Come and give it a try!

- Casual: \$20 per class
- 1 session per week (5 weeks, upfront): \$85

Usual pool entry fee is payable at the gate.

- 2+ sessions per week (5 weeks, upfront): \$150

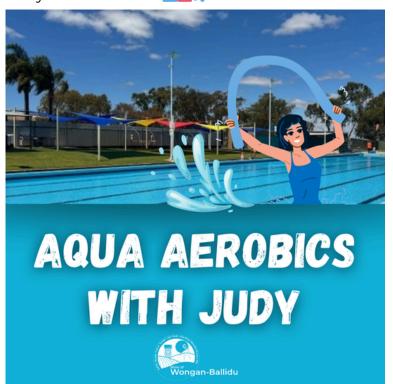
Important:

Class fees are paid separately to Judy.

A minimum of 8 participants per class is required for sessions to proceed.

How to enrol:

Email judiohara67@gmail.com to register your interest. Judy will send you the enrolment form and medical questionnaire to complete and return. See you in the water!





WELCOME BRANDON – HORTICULTURAL TRAINEE

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu is pleased to announce the appointment of Brandon Smith as Horticultural Trainee.

Brandon is a familiar face, having previously completed work experience with the Shire while attending Wongan Hills District High School. After showing great enthusiasm during his placement, he has now joined the Parks and Gardens team full-time.

In his new role, Brandon will assist with the care, maintenance, and presentation of our parks, gardens, and public spaces across the Shire. His work will support the ongoing upkeep of community areas that residents and visitors alike enjoy throughout the year.

The Shire looks forward to seeing Brandon continue to develop his skills while contributing to projects that help keep our towns vibrant and welcoming.

Please join us in welcoming Brandon to the team!



COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN Wongan-Ballidu

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



CURRENT ROADWORKS



CONSTRUCTION CREW – Ballidu East Road 5km Reconstruction.



BACKHOE CREW – Ganzer Street Preparation for Kerbing and Asphalt, Swimming Pool/Sportsground Preparation for Footpath.



MAINTENANCE GRADERS – Ballermina Road and Silver Road.



MAINTENANCE CREW – Various Locations Seal Repairs and Sign Maintenance.



TOWN MAINTENANCE – Various Locations Paving Repairs, Footpath Inspections and General Street Cleaning.

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

Upcoming Office Closures

- Tuesday 18th November 9am to 1pm
- Wednesday 19th November All day.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Ordinary Council Meeting

Wednesday 26th November - 3pm - Wongan Hills Shire Chambers

STAY IN TOUCH

- 08 9671 2500
- www.wongan.wa.gov.au
- shire@wongan.wa.gov.au
- Shire of Wongan-Ballidu & Wongan Hills CRC Customer Service Centre

"The Station"

1 Wongan Road (PO Box 84) <u>WONGAN</u> HILLS WA 6603

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram



SIGN-UP FOR SHIRE E-NEWS

www.wongan.wa.gov.au/forms/sign-up-to-the-shires-enewsletter!/24