# INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES AND THRIVING PLACES, OFFERING A VIBRANT FUTURE FOR ALL

This is our community vision, but what does it mean to you? How do you see this shaping your family, your lifestyle, and your future?

We want to hear your thoughts on the priorities that matter most. Tell us what projects should take centre stage, what opportunities we should explore, and how we can work together to achieve our shared vision by completing the **Community Survey**.

#### Why Your Voice Matters:

Council is currently reviewing the **Strategic Community Plan**, our guiding document for setting priorities over the next 4–10 years.

Throughout early November we held community engagement sessions in Ballidu, Cadoux and Wongan Hills, and while these conversations were valuable, we know there is more to learn from our community.

This survey is your chance to help shape the future direction of our Shire.

#### **Survey Details**

**Open**: 17 November – 8 December 2025 **Online** 

Complete the survey by visiting this link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3V3FV3H Or scan the OR code below.



#### **Hard Copy**

Paper copies are available at:

- Ballidu Trading Post
- Cadoux Traders
- Wongan-Ballidu Seniors Recreation Centre
- Wongan Hills CRC

Please return
completed surveys
to the marked
drop-off boxes at
each location by
9.30am, 8
December 2025.



### THE NEW AGED CARE ACT IS NOW IN PLACE

The new Aged Care Act has officially come into effect, bringing important improvements to how aged care is delivered across Australia.

#### Here's what it means for you:

- Stronger quality and safety standards
- More transparency about how providers operate
- A simpler, single assessment to access the right care
- A stronger, better-supported aged care workforce

At the heart of the new Act is a clear commitment that your rights matter in every part of your care.

Learn more about the act here:

#### www.health.gov.au/our-work/aged-care-act

Or to learn more about aged care and how it's changing, visit the My Aged Care website:

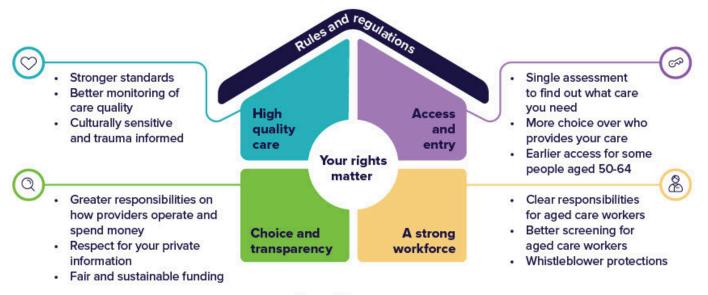
#### www.myagedcare.gov.au



# The new Aged Care Act puts you at the centre of your aged care

It will make aged care safer, fairer and more respectful.

This infographic outlines the main parts of the new Act and how they work together.



#### Your rights matter

- Respect for your choices
- · More independence
- Better complaints process
- · Choose who helps you to make decisions
- Respect for your culture and identity
- · Stay connected to your community





## PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD

As of Saturday, 15th November 2025 the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu entered 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



# SECOND RATES INSTALMENT DUE SOON

A friendly reminder that the second instalment of rates is **due on Monday 24 November**. If you're paying by instalments, please ensure your payment is made by the due date.

#### **HOW TO PAY:**

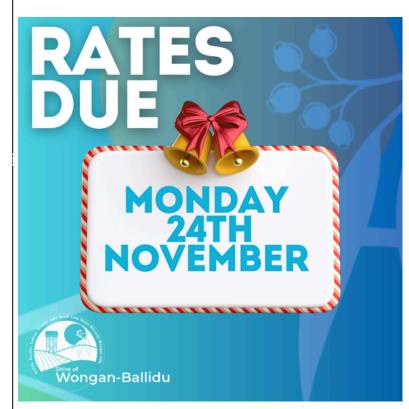
#### In person with cash, cheque, or card:

Shire of Wongan-Ballidu & Wongan Hills CRC Customer Service Centre

The Station, 1 Wongan Road, Wongan Hills WA 6603

#### Over the phone via card:

(08) 9671 2500



# **AQUA AEROBICS WITH JUDY**

Judy is launching Aqua Aerobics at the Wongan Hills Swimming Pool from Monday 24 November to Wednesday 17 December 2025.

#### Weekly session times:

Mondays: 8:15am-9:00am Wednesdays: 4:45pm-5:45pm

#### Fees:

- Casual: \$8 per class

#### Important:

Usual pool entry fee is payable at the gate. 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!





# **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!



# NEWSLETTER

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN



# 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 Reconstruction and Hourigan Road Gravel Resheet



**BACKHOE CREW** – Various Locations - Culvert Maintenance



**MAINTENANCE GRADERS** – Area 1 - Booth Road and Hooper Road.



**MAINTENANCE CREW** – Various Locations - Seal Repairs and Sign Maintenance



**TOWN MAINTENANCE** – Various Locations Verge Tree Pruning and General Street Cleaning



CONTRACTORS – Airport Road and Shields Crescent Footpath Installation. Ganzer Street Kerb Installation and Shields Crescent Kerb Repairs

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





## **UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

**Ordinary Council Meeting** 

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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

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# SIGN-UP FOR SHIRE E-NEWS

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