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STAFF RECOGNITION AWARDS



We are proud to recognise four of our team members who have achieved important service milestones with the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu. Their dedication, skill and commitment to our community deserve to be celebrated.



10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Melissa Marcon – Manager Regulatory Services

Melissa plays a vital role in ensuring our community remains safe, compliant and well-supported through areas such as planning, environmental health and community safety. We thank her for her continued service and the important responsibilities she supports within the organisation.



10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Kristie Frearson – Payroll & Human Resources Officer

Kristie's work ensures our staff are supported, from payroll and HR processes through to recruitment and workforce guidance. Her attention to detail and commitment to staff wellbeing help keep our organisation operating smoothly and efficiently.



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🌟 5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Melissa Whyte – Works Administration Officer

Melissa is a key point of coordination for our Works team, supporting roadworks, maintenance and infrastructure operations across the Shire. Her organisation and responsiveness ensure that our essential services continue to run effectively.



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Gena Egerton-Warburton – Parks & Gardens

Gena's contribution can be seen across our parks, gardens and public spaces. Her hands-on work keeps our community areas healthy, welcoming and enjoyable for everyone, reflecting the pride we all share in our local environment.

To Melissa, Kristie, Melissa and Gena, thank you for the years you have dedicated to supporting our residents, strengthening our services and helping make Wongan-Ballidu a great place to live. Your contributions are truly appreciated, and we are grateful to have you as part of the Shire team. ❤️



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END OF TERM DINNER

On Wednesday evening, 26th November, we gathered to acknowledge and thank several Councillors concluding their terms with the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu. We are grateful for the time, care and dedication each has contributed to our community.



Cr Dwight Coad

We thank Dwight for his four years of service, including time as Deputy President and his involvement across multiple committees and regional groups. His contribution toward supporting essential services and infrastructure has been greatly valued.



Cr Brian Donnellan

We thank Brian for stepping into Council during an extraordinary vacancy and bringing strong engagement and 100% attendance during his term. His previous experience on Council (1999–2005) again proved valuable.



Cr Geoff Chambon

We thank Geoff for his involvement across planning, audit and works matters during his time on Council. We appreciate his willingness to serve and the perspective he brought to the role.





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A Special Thank You – Cr Mandy Stephenson

We also recognised and sincerely thanked Cr Mandy Stephenson for her 4½ years as Shire President, as well as her service since joining Council in 2017.

Mandy has made history as the first female President in the Shire's more than 100-year history, and her commitment has been exceptional, presiding over every Ordinary and Special Council Meeting during her Presidency and not missing a single meeting. Her leadership, support of community groups, volunteers and local tourism has made a significant impact.

We know Mandy will continue to bring the same level of dedication, leadership and commitment to her new role as Deputy Shire President, and we look forward to her ongoing contribution to our community.

To Dwight, Brian, Geoff and Mandy, thank you for the time you've given, the decisions you've shaped and the pride you have shown in our community. Local government relies on people who step forward to serve, and we deeply appreciate the commitment you have made to the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu and its future. ❤️





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Christmas Light Competition 2025

Turn your lights on between Monday 8 December & Sunday 14 December for the judges scoring!
Register your address at the Shire of Wongan Ballidu Customer Service Centre to enter on 9671 2500 (Unregistered addresses won't be included).

Wongan Hills Best House - 1st 2nd 3rd

Wongan Hills Best Business/Public Building

Ballidu Best House

Ballidu Best Business/Public Building

Winners announced at Australia Day Breakfast 2026



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!

COMMUNITY SURVEY

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. 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 QR code.

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**.

COMMUNITY SURVEY





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CURRENT ROADWORKS



CONSTRUCTION CREW – Ballidu East Road Reconstruction.



BACKHOE CREW – Wongan Townsite - Various Locations.



MAINTENANCE GRADERS – Lake Hinds Road, Parker Road and Fowler Road.

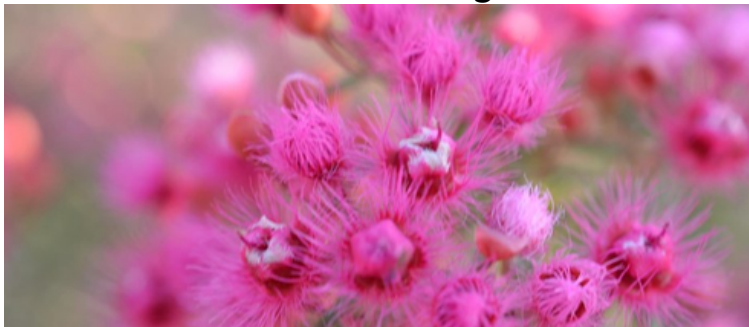


MAINTENANCE CREW – Various Locations Sign Maintenance.



TOWN MAINTENANCE – Various Locations street, footpath and Verge maintenance.

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



HARVEST BAN SMS SERVICE

www.wongan.wa.gov.au to sign up now!
Or visit the Shire of Wongan Ballidu Customer Service Centre

Upcoming Office Closures

- Friday 5th December - 3pm to 4:30pm

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Ordinary Council Meeting

Wednesday 17th December - 3pm - Wongan Hills Shire Chambers

STAY IN TOUCH

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Christmas Closure



Please note the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu and Wongan Hills CRC Customer Service Centre, and Shire Administration Office will close for the Christmas break on Wednesday 24th December at 12.00pm.

We will reopen on Monday 5th January 2026 at 9.00am.

Councillors, management and staff wish you a joyful and safe festive season and a Happy New Year!

