



# NEWSLETTER

## Wongan-Ballidu



### CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

On December 17<sup>th</sup>, we had the pleasure of welcoming four new Australian citizens at a Citizenship Ceremony held in the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu. Led by Shire President Cr Stuart Boekeman, the ceremony was a meaningful and memorable occasion for everyone present.

Becoming an Australian citizen is a special milestone, and we are truly delighted to welcome these new citizens into our community. Each brings their own story and experiences, helping to enrich the Shire we are proud to call home.

#### Warm congratulations to:

- Mrs Anna Henderson
- Mr Kurt Henderson
- Mrs Julie Robinson
- Ms Tanita Serrano

**What a wonderful day to become an Aussie!**





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## AUSTRALIA DAY SWIMMING POOL OPENING HOURS

26<sup>th</sup> January  
12-6pm



### AUSTRALIA DAY POOL HOURS

Please note the Wongan Hills Memorial Swimming Pool will have reduced opening hours on Australia Day (Monday 26 January) due to our Australia Day Pool Party.

ⓘ Open: 12.00pm – 6.00pm

✗ No morning session

For more information about the Australia Day Pool Party, please see our event poster on page 13.



## ANNUAL REPORT 2024/2025



### 2024/2025 ANNUAL REPORT

At the December Ordinary Meeting of Council, Council formally accepted the 2024/2025 Annual Report.

The Annual Report highlights the work delivered over the past year, key achievements, and how Council continues to support our community.

**You can view the full Annual Report here:**

[www.wongan.wa.gov.au/council/corporate-documents/budget-and-annual-report.aspx](http://www.wongan.wa.gov.au/council/corporate-documents/budget-and-annual-report.aspx)





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### NEW EMERGENCY GRAB BAG MAGNETS!

Our new Emergency Grab Bag magnets are designed to be placed on your fridge and act as a quick reminder of what to grab in an emergency. Whether that's a bushfire, storm, power outage, or another unexpected event where you need to be prepared to leave, or actually evacuate your home.

#### What is it?

A simple, easy-to-read checklist magnet that helps you remember the essentials to take if you need to leave quickly, as well as some blank lines to write in specific things for your situation. There's also a QR code you can snap with your phone and it'll take you directly to the Emergency.wa website for the latest alerts and warnings.

#### Why it matters?

In emergencies, stress and time pressure make it easy to forget important items. Having this magnet visible within your home helps you stay organised and prepared when it matters most. It's designed to be utilised by residents from all walks of life, so everyone in our community can be as prepared for disasters as can be!

**These magnets are available at the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu and Wongan Hill CRC Customer Service Centre, and the Wongan Hills Post Office.**



### ANIMAL WELFARE REMINDER

Residents are reminded that animal traps should not be set without first liaising with the Shire Ranger. This helps ensure there is appropriate availability to monitor, collect and manage animals in a timely and humane manner.

During busy periods, staffing availability can be limited, which increases the risk of animals being left unattended in traps. Please seek advice before undertaking any trapping activities.

General animal welfare reminder:

With warmer weather over summer, please remember to:

- Regularly check on animals in your care
- Ensure constant access to clean water and adequate shelter

Thank you for helping keep animals safe.

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### CORELLA MANAGEMENT

West Australian Field & Game Association will be carrying out a corella cull for the management and control of corellas within our area. This management strategy is in place for pest control due to the damage and impact on social and environmental issues caused.

#### **WHEN:**

Saturday 31st January

Sunday 1st February

**►** Please note Police are aware and all safety measures will be in place for the shoot. West Australian Field & Game Association are an accredited organisation for the culling of corellas.

#### **ACCESS RESTRICTIONS**

Please be informed that the upcoming shoot event is NOT open to the public. Once the cull begins there will be NO access to the pavilion and football ovals. Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated to assist in making it a smooth and safe event for everyone.

For more information please visit:  
[www.wongan.wa.gov.au/corella-management.aspx](http://www.wongan.wa.gov.au/corella-management.aspx)

If you have any other queries relating to this, please contact the Shire on 9671 2500.



#### **PLANNED CORELLA CULL**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

**at the Wongan Hills Sports Pavilion**



### **THIRD RATES INSTALMENT DUE SOON**

A friendly reminder that the third instalment of rates is due on Tuesday 27th January. 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

# **RATES DUE**



**TUESDAY  
27TH  
JANUARY**



**Shire of  
Wongan-Ballidu**



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## Wongan-Ballidu

Eligible kids can now get a **maximum of a 3 month pass** at participating regional pools through KidSport!

Find out if your child is eligible and where it's offered



[cits.wa.gov.au/regional-pools](http://cits.wa.gov.au/regional-pools)



**KIDS** KIDS **SPORT**

## FREE KIDS **SPORT** POOL PASS NOW AVAILABLE

Is your child between the ages of 5-18 and holds a valid health care or pensioner concession card?

Head to the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu and Wongan Hills CRC Customer Service Centre to apply and grab your FREE KidSport Pool Pass for the Wongan Hills Memorial Swimming Pool which is now available.

**Please bring your valid concession card.**

Any questions, please feel free to call us on 9671 2500.



## HARVEST BAN SMS SERVICE

[www.wongan.wa.gov.au](http://www.wongan.wa.gov.au) to sign up now!  
Or visit the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu Customer Service Centre

## CURRENT ROADWORKS



**CONSTRUCTION CREW** – Dowerin Kalannie Road Reconstruction.



**BACKHOE CREW** – Wongan Townsite - Various Locations.



**MAINTENANCE GRADERS** – Area 1: Old Wongan Koorda Road and Cadoux South Road



Area 2: Cadoux North Road and Kokardine East Road.



**MAINTENANCE CREW** – Various Locations Seal Repairs and Sign/Guide Post Maintenance.

**TOWN MAINTENANCE** – Various Locations Street and Footpath Maintenance.

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

## Upcoming Office Closures

- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January - All day.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Annual General Meeting of Electors

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February - 6pm - Wongan Hills CRC Function Room.

## STAY IN TOUCH

08 9671 2500

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