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CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

This week, 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:

Mr Ewan McLintock

Mr Joji Thankachan

Ms Angela Joji Tharian

What a wonderful day to become an Aussie!





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DRAFT STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN AND DRAFT DISABILITY ACCESS AND INCLUSION PLAN NOW OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

After extensive engagement with people who live, work, and play in the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu, the draft Strategic Community Plan (SCP) and draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) are now ready for public comment.

You can view these documents on our website:

www.wongan.wa.gov.au/council/corporate-documents/corporate-plans-and-strategies.aspx

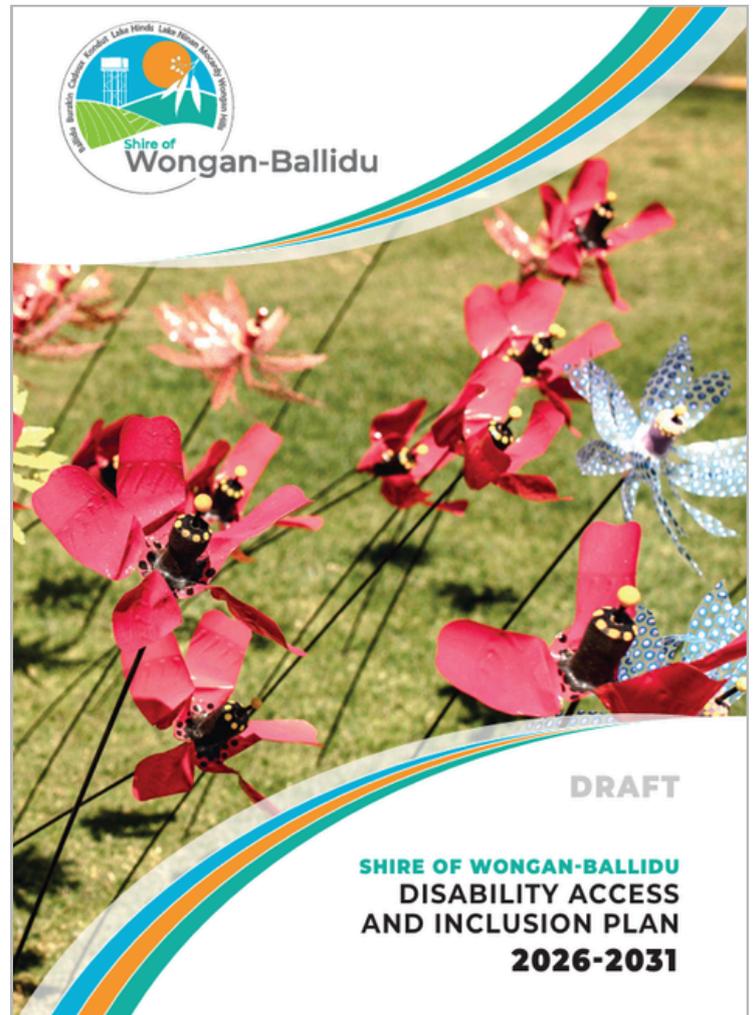
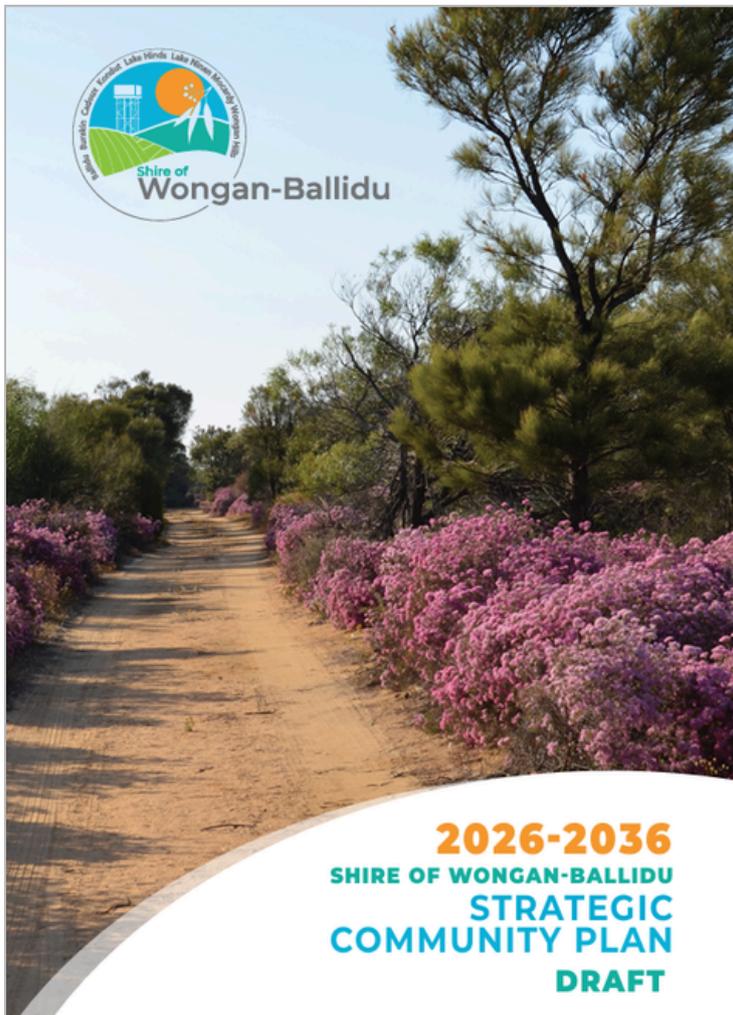


Share your feedback on the draft SCP and draft DAIP:

Your feedback will help us put the final touches on the language inside the draft document and make sure we haven't missed anything before the SCP and DAIP are adopted. Feedback can be sent to survey@ascentive.com.au or delivered to the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu and Wongan Hills Community Resource Centre Customer Service Centre.

The public comment period will close: **4pm 16th March 2026.**

Thank you to everyone who took part in our recent community engagement sessions and survey for the SCP and DAIP review. Your feedback has helped shape the priorities and direction for the future of the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu. A summary of that engagement can also be found on our website.





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WORKS COMPLETE – WONGAN HILLS CEMETERY

Works at the Wongan Hills Cemetery have now been completed.

The public toilet facilities are once again open and available for use.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while these works were carried out.

PLAYGROUND CLOSURE – COMMUNITY PARK

Please note the Community Park playground will be **closed from 9:00am to 12:00pm each day from Monday 9 March to Friday 13 March** while maintenance works are carried out. The playground will reopen for the afternoon each day once works are completed.

We appreciate your patience while these important maintenance works are undertaken to keep the playground safe and enjoyable for everyone.



COMMUNITY PARK PLAYGROUND CLOSURE

MONDAY 9TH - FRIDAY 13TH MARCH
CLOSED 9AM TO 12PM EACH DAY

2025/2026 RATES INCENTIVE PRIZE WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu 2025/2026 Rates Incentive Prize Draw!

Thank you to all ratepayers who paid their rates in full by the due date and were entered into the draw.

M Ranger & M Storer – Weber Baby Q from AFGRI

G & C Whyte – \$250 Voucher from Boekeman Machinery

S Williams – Bulk Bag Triple C Mulch from DSATCO Mulch

V Booth – Truck Wash & Hand Cleaner from Dunnings

C Barney – \$75 Voucher from Wongan Hills Mitre 10

D & K Hedland – Wheel Alignment Voucher from TKB Mechanical

A big thank you to our generous sponsors, AFGRI, Boekeman Machinery, DSATCO Mulch, Dunnings, Wongan Hills Mitre 10 and TKB Mechanical, for supporting this year's incentive draw.

Congratulations again to all our winners, and thank you to everyone who paid their rates on time.

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2025/2026 RATES INCENTIVE PRIZE WINNERS

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AND SHIRE EXECUTIVES

CUPPA WITH COUNCIL – COME ALONG FOR A CHAT!

Have a question, idea, or something you'd like to discuss with Council? This is a great opportunity to meet informally with Councillors and Shire Executives and have a relaxed conversation about local matters.

This event will follow the Council Meeting, which will be held at the Ballidu Heritage Centre from 3:00pm and is also open to the public. Community members are welcome to attend the meeting from 3:00pm onwards and then stay for Cuppa with Council afterwards.

 **Wednesday 25th March**

 **Cuppa with Council: 3:30pm – 4:30pm**

 **Ballidu Heritage Centre**

Whether you want to share feedback, learn more about what's happening in the Shire, or simply stop by for a friendly chat, everyone is welcome.

 Free tea, coffee and light nibbles provided.

No formal agenda, just a chance to connect, ask questions, and have your say in a relaxed setting. We hope to see you there! 😊

SUPERVISE SAM FOR THE DAY – NEW INITIATIVE

Supervise Sam for the Day is a new initiative in which our CEO will be undertaking to spend quality time on the ground with all of the different teams and roles we have in the Shire, who are responsible for delivering a large range of services to our community. The idea is to gain a hands-on understanding of what their day to day looks like, and discuss any suggestions they may have to improve service delivery.

Ultimately, the community benefits from this initiative as well, as it provides a fantastic opportunity to review feedback about our services, and spending time with staff delivering these services allows us to assess the feasibility of suggestions that have been made. In a world where money doesn't grow on trees, delivering services more efficiently and increasing productivity is how we can ensure our residents and ratepayers are getting best value for money.

Our first cab off the rank is the Wongan Hills Swimming Pool, where Sam has recently spent a session with Trevor learning all things swimming pools.





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SUPERVISE SAM FOR THE DAY – WONGAN HILLS MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL

I can count on one hand the amount of times in my life that I have had to wake up at 4:30am, but for Trevor and Adele, our dedicated Pool Managers, this is a normal routine occurrence.

Whilst the Wongan Hills pool opens on weekdays (except Thursday) at 6am to the public, what many will not realise is that for a Pool Manager, their day begins at least one hour prior to the opening to the public. There are many reasons for this, and I was excited to learn all about preparing to open the pool for the day. Whilst it was Friday 13th, I had full faith that with Trevor's experience and expertise, everything would go swimmingly!

Our morning was busy, and we carried out a range of tasks by 6am, just to ensure the facility was safe, clean and an enjoyable experience for all patrons coming through the gate on the day. The jobs that Trevor demonstrated included, but were not limited to, pre-start checks of both pump rooms, checks of the chlorine gas, checking water levels, undertaking a water test for both the main pool and small pool, finishing the pool vacuum cleaning cycle, removal of debris in the pool and on deck, cleaning of toilets and change rooms, plus much more!

As 6am came around, we had our early morning swimmers come in, and it reminded me of my younger swim club days before school, it was very picturesque. There are always odd jobs to be done at the pool even once open to the public, and we were kept busy until 10am when we shut the pool for the end of the morning session.

Swimming is an imperative lesson for life, and I would highly encourage everyone to learn to swim and come and enjoy the state-of-the-art pool we are so fortunate to have here in Wongan Hills.

I gained an even greater appreciation for the work and effort that goes into running the pool on a daily basis, and proud to have Trevor and Adele apart of our team at the Shire.





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AQUA AEROBICS UPDATE

We had hoped to run aqua aerobics again this pool season; however, we have not been able to secure an instructor.

We will continue to explore the possibility of offering aqua aerobics in future seasons.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing interest.

CURRENT ROADWORKS



CONSTRUCTION CREW – Dowerin Kalannie Road reconstruction.



MAINTENANCE GRADERS – Area 1 - Dowerin Kalannie Road Drains and Offshoots. Area 2 - Moonijin Road Drains and Offshoots.



TOWN MAINTENANCE – Wongan Refuse Site maintenance.

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



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Ordinary Council Meeting

Wednesday 25th March - 3pm - Ballidu Heritage Centre

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