



# NEWSLETTER

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS DINNER 2026

We recently held our Community Service Awards Dinner to recognise our 2026 award winners and say thank you for the incredible contributions they have made to our community.

It was wonderful to see so many past award recipients in attendance, making it a truly special evening celebrating the people who help make Wongan-Ballidu such a great place to live.

Shire President Stuart Boekeman addressed the crowd and opened the awards night.

### Congratulations to our 2026 award recipients:

- Citizen of the Year 2026 – Brian Donnellan
- Young Citizen of the Year 2026 – Lesley Hasson
- Community Group of the Year 2026 – Wongan-Ballidu Seniors Recreation Centre
- Community Event of the Year 2026 – Boekeman Machinery Case IH Bike it to Ballidu Gravel 2025

The evening was well attended, with 82 people present, including Councillors and Shire Executive staff, including Chief Executive Officer Sam Dolzadelli, highlighting the strong community spirit behind these awards.

A big thank you to Tan Evans and staff for their efforts in setting up and running the evening, and to Marlee's Morish Morsels for the fantastic catering.

Congratulations again to all award winners and thank you to everyone who continues to contribute to our community







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## MEETING WITH LACHLAN HUNTER MP

The Shire recently welcomed Lachlan Hunter MP, who met with the Shire President Stuart Boekeman, Chief Executive Officer Sam Dolzadeli and executive staff to discuss a range of important local priorities.

A strong focus of the discussion was on housing demand, with ongoing pressures highlighting the need for increased availability and suitable options to support both current residents and future growth. The availability of aged care beds at the hospital was also raised, along with broader concerns around supporting our ageing population to remain living locally.

Further discussion centred on the Support at Home aged care packages, particularly the challenges around wait times and assessment processes, and the impact this has on residents needing timely support.

The meeting also provided an opportunity to discuss future opportunities and challenges, including the proposed copper mine, the importance of maintaining sustainable childcare services to support local families and access to local medical services.

These discussions are an important step in advocating for the needs of Wongan-Ballidu and ensuring that regional voices are heard in decision-making at a broader level.





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## YOUNG CREATORS' ART CLUB

We're excited to share that we've been successful in securing grant funding through Regional Arts WA to deliver our Young Creators Art Club for local young people!

This free program is designed for ages 12–18 and will provide a welcoming space for creativity, self-expression, and connection.

We're also thrilled to be partnering with the Wongan Hills Therapy Group to help deliver this program and support participants in a meaningful and engaging way.

**Fridays**  
**3:30pm – 5:00pm**  
**Ages 12–18**



Spaces are limited, so be sure to register via the QR code or link: <https://forms.gle/o1b5wdb9jDyV9PANA>

## KIDS ART CLUB & LEGO CLUB

We're excited to be partnering with the Wongan Hills Therapy Group to bring two fun and creative sessions to our local community this Term 2!

Our Kids Art Club is designed for ages 5–11, providing a welcoming space for creativity, imagination, and connection.

Wongan Hills Therapy Group will also be running the well-loved Kids & Teens LEGO Club, open to all ages, where participants can build, create, and let their imaginations run wild.

**Wednesdays**  
**Kids Art Club (Ages 5–11)**  
**3:00pm – 4:00pm**

**Kids & Teens LEGO Club (All Ages)**  
**4:00pm – 5:00pm**

Come along, get creative, and connect with others in a fun and inclusive environment! For more info and to register, visit the link: <https://forms.gle/o1b5wdb9jDyV9PANA>

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# YOUNG CREATORS CLUB

FREE

Step into a creative space built for older kids and teens—where self-expression is encouraged, creativity is explored, and meaningful connections are made.

**TEENS ART CLUB**

FRIDAY'S    AGES 12-18    3:30PM - 5PM

FOR MORE INFO - SEE REGISTRATION LINK IN POST

REGIONAL ARTS WA    GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA    Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport    Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

This project is proudly supported by the WA Government.

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# YOUNG CREATORS CLUB

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Join us in a creative, inclusive space where our youngest people can explore art, imagination, and connection within our community.

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## HIGH FIVE ART EXHIBITION NOW OPEN

CEO Sam Dolzadelli officially opened the Ballidu Contemporary Art Society High Five Art Exhibition on Saturday 18th April.

The exhibition will remain open throughout April and May 2026, showcasing a diverse collection of works from talented artists Judy Borrett, Frank Chmela, Jenifer Forrest, Jenny Jacobs and Emily Piggott.

The opening was a fantastic opportunity for attendees to meet the artists behind the work, hear what inspired their pieces and gain a deeper understanding of the meaning behind each artwork.

Be sure to stop in and experience this wonderful local exhibition while it's on display.



## FEDERATION PARK IMPROVEMENTS – CADOUX

You may have noticed some fresh improvements at Federation Park in Cadoux lately.

Mulching works have recently been completed, helping to tidy up the space, improve garden health and enhance the overall appearance of the park for the community to enjoy.

A thank you to Dowerin Workcamp for their work on this project





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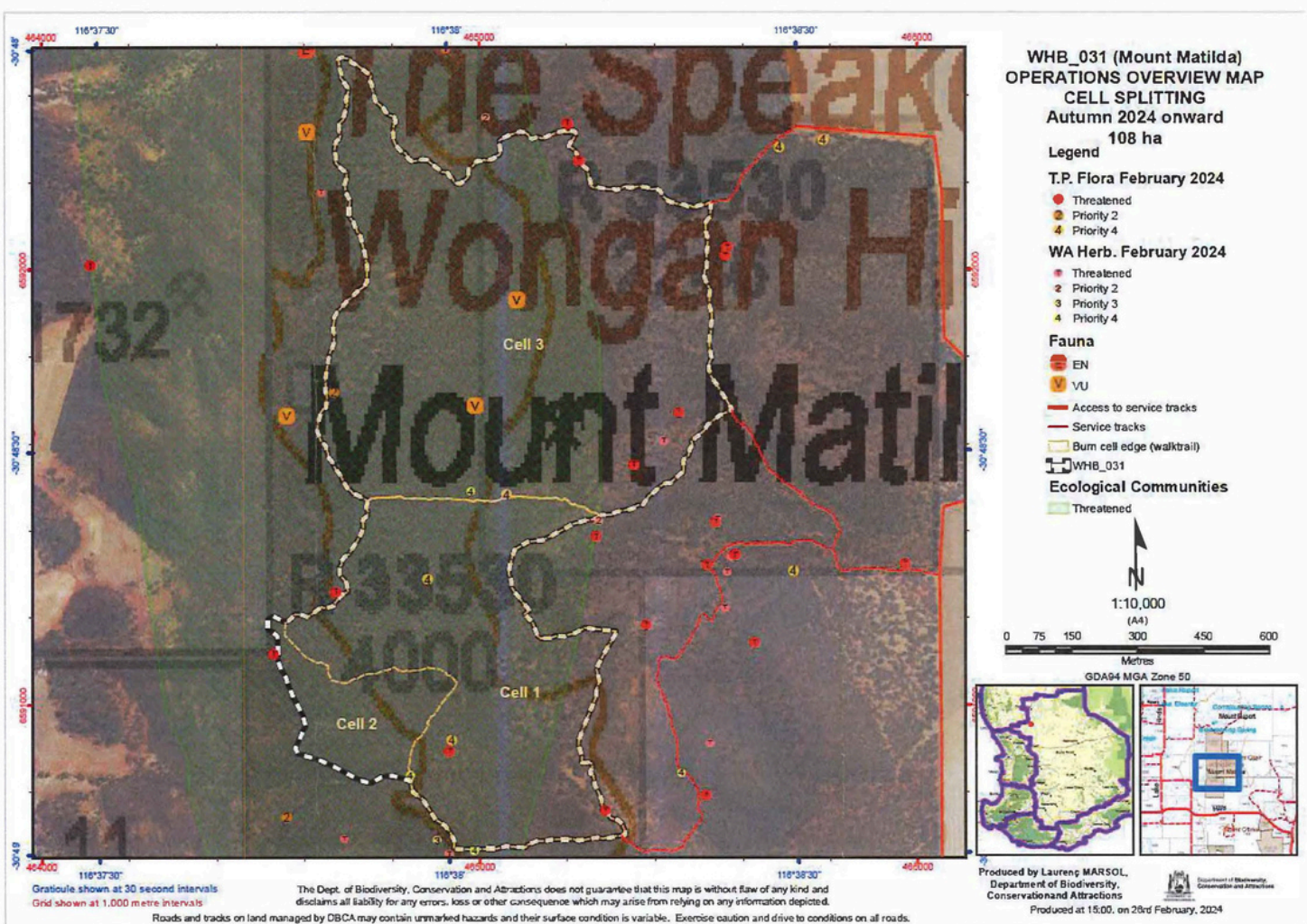
## PLANNED PRESCRIBED BURNS – MOUNT MATILDA NATURE RESERVE

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, Parks and Wildlife Service is planning to undertake two prescribed burns in the Mount Matilda Nature Reserve this autumn.

The burns will cover an area of approximately 108 hectares and are scheduled to take place between April and May, pending suitable weather conditions. Please note, this program may be carried out over 3 to 4 years.

Where burns are located near roads or walk trails, an approved Traffic Management Plan will be in place to help alert motorists and visitors to smoke and potential hazards.

These planned burns are an important part of managing the natural environment and reducing fuel loads within the reserve.



WHB\_031 Wongan Hills – 108ha

Graticule shown at 30 second intervals  
Grid shown at 1,000 metre intervals  
The Dept. of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions does not guarantee that this map is without flaw of any kind and disclaims all liability for any errors, loss or other consequence which may arise from relying on any information depicted.  
Roads and tracks on land managed by DBCA may contain unmarked hazards and their surface condition is variable. Exercise caution and drive to conditions on all roads.



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## GREEN WASTE INFORMATION

Planning a trip to the tip? Here's a quick update on green waste disposal in the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu:

### Free Disposal

Residents can dispose of one load of green waste up to a 6x4 trailer free of charge per day.

### Additional Loads

If you bring multiple loads in the same day, these will be classified as bulk green waste and fees will apply.

### Larger Loads

Any load larger than a 6x4 trailer is considered bulk green waste and will be charged as per the current fees and charges.

### Please note

Waste fees and charges are currently under review by Council as part of the upcoming budget process. Updates will be provided once confirmed.

For more information, please contact the Shire office.

## GREEN WASTE INFORMATION



## CURRENT ROADWORKS



**CONSTRUCTION CREW** - Smith Road 2km gravel resheet.



**MAINTENANCE GRADERS** - Various locations, drains and offshoots.



**BACKHOE CREW** - Manmanning Road backfilling kerb.



**TOWN MAINTENANCE** - Drainage maintenance and kerb backfilling.



**CONTRACTOR** - Verge mulching various locations East of Ballidu

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

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Ordinary Council Meeting

Wednesday 20th May - 3pm - Wongan Hills Council Chambers

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