



# NEWSLETTER

## A WARM WELCOME TO VERE!

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu is pleased to introduce Vere Veresi, our new Finance Officer – Payroll & Projects.

Originally from Fiji, Vere brings more than 10 years of finance experience to the role. She recently relocated to the area with her husband and has quickly become a valued member of the Shire team.

Vere has a passion for learning and enjoys the variety that comes with working in local government. She is finding there is always something new to learn, with each day bringing different opportunities and challenges. Since joining the Shire, Vere has enjoyed getting to know her colleagues and becoming part of the local community. She describes the team as warm and welcoming and is enjoying the new environment and the opportunity to continue learning and developing in her role.

With her warm and sharing nature, Vere has fitted right in and is already making a positive contribution to the organisation.

Outside of work, Vere enjoys watching movies, visiting new places, shopping, meeting new people, getting together with family and friends, and cooking.

Please join us in welcoming Vere to the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu.



## HAVE YOUR SAY ON LOCAL LAWS

Under Section 3.16 of the Local Government Act 1995, all local governments must regularly review their local laws to ensure they're still relevant, effective, and up to date.

### The following Local Laws are currently under review and open for public comment:

- Local Law - Dogs (19/04/2016)
- Local Law - Cemeteries (21/10/2010)
- Local Law - Health (21/10/2010)
- Local Law - Parking & Parking Facilities (21/10/2010)
- Local Law - Property (21/10/2010)
- Local Law - Meeting Procedures 2010 (21/10/2010)
- Local Law - Bush Fire Brigades (21/10/2010)
- Local Law - Fencing (21/10/2010)

### Want to have your say?

To comment on any of the above Local Laws, please visit: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/NHSVC6V](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NHSVC6V)  
This consultation will **close on Friday 31st July 2026 at 4pm.**

Your feedback helps shape the future of our community!





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## GAINING WORKPLACE EXPERIENCE – AURORA

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu has enjoyed welcoming Year 10 student Aurora from Wongan Hills District High School for work experience.

Working alongside Works Administration Officer Mel Whyte, Aurora has gained valuable insight into how a workplace operates while developing her computer and administration skills. Her duties have included putting out the flags, scanning, filing and shredding documents, along with assisting with a variety of day-to-day office tasks.

At school, Aurora enjoys Art and Sewing as elective subjects and has embraced the opportunity to learn new skills during her time at the Shire. She hopes to one day pursue an office-based career and has enjoyed experiencing what working in an administrative role involves.

Throughout her placement, Aurora has been developing new skills, gaining practical workplace experience and building her confidence in an office environment. She has enjoyed learning about the day-to-day operations of local government and contributing to the team through a range of administrative tasks.

We look forward to having Aurora continue with us over the coming weeks and wish her all the best as she completes her placement.



## GAINING WORKPLACE EXPERIENCE – XIAN

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu has enjoyed welcoming Year 10 student Xian from Wongan Hills District High School for work experience.

Completing her placement at the Shire Customer Service Centre, Xian has been working alongside the Customer Service team while gaining valuable insight into the services provided by local government.

Xian was particularly interested in experiencing the Library environment and enjoys organisational tasks such as shelving and sorting books. She has also been a great help at the Kids Art Club and LEGO Club held each Wednesday at the CRC.

At school, Xian enjoys Art and Cooking as elective subjects and has appreciated the opportunity to explore different career pathways available in Wongan Hills. In the future, she hopes to pursue a career in nursing.

The Shire is proud to support local students through work experience opportunities and help them gain practical skills and knowledge for the future. We thank Xian for her contribution and wish her all the best as she continues her placement.





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## MAKE THE SWITCH TO E-RATES

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Please note: for the 2026/27 rating year, paper rates notices will still be issued alongside e-Rates notices. This will allow ratepayers time to transition to the new system.

## TELEVISION RETRANSMISSION SERVICE DECOMMISSIONED

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu's television retransmission service was permanently decommissioned on 23 June 2026 following a Council decision made in November 2024. During this time, letters were sent to impacted ratepayers advising them of the decision.

To support affected residents, the Shire provided an 18-month transition period prior to the service being switched off. During this time, information regarding the decommissioning and alternative television options was made available through a range of channels.

A community information session was held on 12 February 2025 to discuss the decommissioning and answer questions from residents. Information was also available on the Shire website throughout the transition period, with printed information available from the Shire's Customer Service Centre.

Reminders and updates were regularly published via social media and The Boomer to assist residents in making alternative arrangements.

As the service has now been decommissioned, it is no longer available and will not be reinstated. Further information regarding the decommissioning and alternative television options remains available on the Shire website and from the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu Customer Service Centre, where staff can provide copies of the information sheets.

[www.wongan.wa.gov.au/build/major-projects/decommissioning-of-wongan-hills-television-retransmission-service.aspx](http://www.wongan.wa.gov.au/build/major-projects/decommissioning-of-wongan-hills-television-retransmission-service.aspx)



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## VISITED WONGAN-BALLIDU? WE'D LOVE YOUR FEEDBACK!

Have you recently spent time exploring the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu? Tell us about your experience. Take our quick 2-minute Visitor Experience Survey and go into the draw to win a \$50 Visa gift card!

Your feedback helps us continue to improve and showcase everything our Shire has to offer, from our natural attractions to local experiences.

**Simply scan the QR code or follow the link below:**

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/HL8MWVM](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HL8MWVM)

Prize drawn 30 June 2026.



Take part in our quick 2-minute Tourism Visitor Experience Survey, and go into the draw to win a \$50 Visa gift card.

Your feedback will help to improve our community and visitor experiences within the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu



Win a  
**\$50 Visa  
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Prize drawn June 30<sup>th</sup> 2026

## CURRENT ROADWORKS



**CONSTRUCTION CREW** - Hourigan Road, Rifle Range Road and Quain Road gravel resheet and drainage works.



**MAINTENANCE GRADERS** –  
**Area 1:** Wilding Road, Serio Road and Ffoulkes Road.  
**Area 2:** Old Wongan Koorda Road.



**BACKHOE CREW** - Jensen Street crossover installation and Danubin Street drainage works.



**TOWN MAINTENANCE** - General street cleaning and verge maintenance.

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

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Ordinary Council Meeting

Wednesday 22nd July - 3pm - Wongan Hills Council Chambers

## STAY IN TOUCH

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