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CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

Recently we had the pleasure of welcoming 3 new Australian citizens at a Citizenship Ceremony held in the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu. Led by CEO Sam Dolzadelli, the ceremony was a meaningful and memorable occasion for everyone present. We were delighted to have Lachlan Hunter MP attend the ceremony and read the Minister's speech on behalf of the Honourable Tony Burke MP - Minister for Home Affairs. Minister for Immigration and Citizenship.

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 Saritha Kumari
Mr Neil O'Keeffe
And one other person.

In addition to our 3 new citizens, there was also a special acknowledgment of citizenship from the Commonwealth of Australia presented to:
Miss Anugraha Joji Tharian

What a wonderful day to become an Aussie!





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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Applications for the 2026/2027 Community Development Fund are now open!

The Community Development Fund supports local community groups and organisations to deliver projects, events and initiatives that strengthen our community and enhance life in Wongan-Ballidu.

If you have an idea that will make a positive difference in our community, now is the time to apply.

Applications close at 4:00pm on Friday 31 July 2026.

Before applying, be sure to read the guidelines and eligibility criteria to ensure your project meets the funding requirements.

Find out more and apply online:

www.wongan.wa.gov.au/community/community-services/community-development-fund.aspx

If you have any questions about the application process, please contact the Shire

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
This consultation will **close on Friday 31st July 2026 at 4pm.**

Your feedback helps shape the future of our community!

**SHIRE OF WONGAN-
BALLIDU COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT FUND
GRANTS NOW OPEN**

**Local Law
Review**

**Have
Your
Say!**



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WONGAN-BALLIDU TOURISM STRATEGY ADOPTED

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 22 July 2026, Council adopted the Wongan-Ballidu Tourism Strategy, providing a long-term roadmap to guide the future of tourism across the Shire.

The strategy identifies opportunities to enhance the visitor experience, showcase our unique natural, cultural and agricultural attractions, support local businesses, and encourage sustainable tourism growth.

Thank you to everyone who contributed throughout the development of the strategy. Feedback from community members, local businesses, tourism operators and stakeholders has helped shape a shared vision for the future of tourism in Wongan-Ballidu.

The Tourism Strategy is now available to view on the Shire's website:

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

2026/2027 BUDGET ADOPTED

At the July Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 22nd July 2026, Council adopted the 2026/2027 Budget. The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu's 2026/27 Annual Budget is available on our website:

www.wongan.wa.gov.au/council/corporate-documents/budget-and-annual-report.aspx

The budget outlines the Shire's planned income and expenditure for the year ahead, including funding for key projects, community services, and essential infrastructure.

The 2026/2027 fees and charges are already in effect and will remain valid until 30 June 2027. These detail the costs for a range of Shire services and facilities and can be viewed below:

www.wongan.wa.gov.au/council/corporate-documents/fees-and-charges.aspx

Stay informed and see how we're investing in the future of our community.





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ROADWORKS NOTICE – NORTHAM-PITHARA ROAD

Main Roads Western Australia has advised that roadworks will be undertaken on Northam-Pithara Road.

The works commenced on 22 July 2026 and are expected to continue until the first week of August 2026.

Traffic management will be in place for the duration of the works. A minimum lane width of 3.5 metres will be maintained, however motorists should expect changed traffic conditions and allow extra travel time where possible.

Contact MRWA for further information:
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www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/contact-us/

CURRENT ROADWORKS



CONSTRUCTION CREW - Various locations maintenance grading and Dowerin Kalannie Road reconstruction.



MAINTENANCE GRADERS –

Area 1: Ballermina Road and various locations West of Ballidu.

Area 2: Rabbit Proof Fence Road, Kirwan Road and Manmanning Road.



BACKHOE CREW - Various locations drainage maintenance.



TOWN MAINTENANCE - Various locations street cleaning and footpath maintenance.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Ordinary Council Meeting

Wednesday 19th August - 3pm - Wongan Hills Council Chambers

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