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HONOURING IAN SMITH AT THE WONGAN HILLS WILDFLOWER WALK!

On Sunday morning, 35 community members gathered at the Wongan Hills Wildflower Walk for the unveiling of a new sign honouring Ian Smith and his contributions to the area. 💚

The sign was officially unveiled by Rod Clarke and Don Sadler, who originally came up with the idea to create the shelter at the Wildflower Walk. Among those in attendance were Shire President Cr Stuart Boekeman, Deputy Shire President Cr Mandy Stephenson and Cr Lorrice Richards, who joined community members in recognising Ian's contributions.

A special thank you to Wongan-Ballidu Bushcare and the Wongan Hills Tourism Group, who brought this project to life with assistance from the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu. Their efforts and ongoing dedication to preserving and showcasing our local natural environment are greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the unveiling a memorable occasion!









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THAT'S A WRAP ON THE REYNOLDSON RESERVE WILDFLOWER FESTIVAL! 🌿🌸

What a wonderful weekend celebrating our beautiful wildflowers, local community and everything Wongan-Ballidu has to offer!

From the Friday night Sundowner, which welcomed over 160 people, to the markets, live entertainment, wildflower tours and family activities, it was fantastic to see so many people out enjoying the festivities!

A huge thank you to the Wongan Hills Tourism Group and their many dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make this festival possible each year. Your hard work, planning and commitment to our community are greatly appreciated!

Thank you also to everyone who attended. If you have a moment, we would love to hear your feedback!





















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FOOTBALL OVAL RENOVATIONS BEGINNING SOON

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu will be carrying out important renovation works on the Football and Hockey Ovals starting Tuesday, 3rd November 2026. These works will continue for approximately 2 weeks.

These works are part of our ongoing commitment to maintain high-quality community facilities that can be enjoyed by local clubs, sporting groups, and the wider community.

We appreciate your patience while these upgrades are underway and will provide updates once works are complete.

Thank you for helping us keep our sporting grounds in top condition!



TIDY TOWNS AWARDS FINALISTS ANNOUNCED!

We're excited to share that Wongan-Ballidu has two finalists in the 2026 Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards! 🎉

👏 **Wongan Youth Group has been named a finalist in the Young Legends category!**

👏 **Amanda Chapman is a finalist for the Leadership Award!**

A fantastic achievement and well-deserved recognition of the contributions both make to our community. 💚

Congratulations to all involved, and best of luck at the awards! 🤞

🔗 Check out the other finalists on the Keep Australia Beautiful Council (KABC) website: https://www.kabc.wa.gov.au/



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GET READY TO MAKE A SPLASH THIS SUMMER!

The Wongan Hills Memorial Swimming Pool will be opened on the 31st of October, so it's time to dust off those bathers and get ready for another fantastic swimming season! 🌞

🎟️ **POOL SEASON PASSES**

Planning on spending plenty of time at the pool this summer? Season passes are a great way to make the most of the warmer weather and are available from the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu & Wongan Hills CRC Customer Service Centre.

🏊 **FREE STUDENT ATTENDANCE PASSES!**

Congratulations again to the 137 Wongan Hills District High School students who achieved 85% or higher attendance across Terms 1–3! 👏 Eligible students can now collect their FREE swimming pool season pass by bringing their school attendance award to the Shire Customer Service Centre.

We can't wait to welcome everyone back to the pool!

For more information on pool passes, visit: *www.wongan.wa.gov.au/community/sports/swimming-pool.aspx*



COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS – NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN!

Do you know someone who goes above and beyond for our community?

Nominations are currently open for the 2027 Shire of Wongan-Ballidu Community Service Awards, recognising outstanding contributions in the following categories:

- **Citizen of the Year**
- **Young Citizen of the Year (under 36)**
- **Community Event of the Year**
- **Community Group of the Year**

Help us celebrate the people and groups who make our Shire such a great place to live!

Nominations close 4:00pm, Tuesday 1 December 2026.

Winners announced on Australia Day 2027.

Visit our website for all the information you need, nomination form and guidelines:

ww.wongan.wa.gov.au/council/governance/communityserviceawards.aspx



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STAY INFORMED THIS HARVEST SEASON! 🔥

With harvest underway, now is a great time to make sure you're signed up to the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu's FREE SMS Alert Service!

📲 Receive important notifications directly to your phone, including Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans and emergency community information.

Whether you're a farmer, contractor or community member, staying informed helps everyone plan ahead and stay safe during harvest.

✅ Don't miss an important update, sign up today!

www.wongan.wa.gov.au/community/emergency-management/harvest-and-vehicle-movement-bans.aspx



CURRENT ROADWORKS

- **Construction Crew -** Hospital Road 4km reconstruction.
- **Maintenance Graders -** Various locations cleaning and maintaining drains, offshoots and backslopes.
- **Pavement Maintenance -** Various locations pavement repairs and sign replacements and maintenance.
- **Town Maintenance** - General street, verge and footpath maintenance.

All Above Worksites Will Be Under The Direction Of Traffic Management

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Ordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday 25th November - 3.00pm - Council Chambers

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