



# What's New in the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu?

## SHIRE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Each week meet a member of our team!

**Stuart Taylor - Chief Executive Officer**

Stuart has worked for the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu for 14 years and has 34 years experience within Local Government. Stuart first started his Local Government career in 1988 in the Town of Albany and has loved working within the community sector ever since.

Stuart is a huge Hawthorn Hawkes fan, however, often goes to watch the West Coast Eagles play in Perth following his wife's passion for the...currently losing team (*\*sensitive household topic*).

Stuart also has a passion for motorbikes and is rumoured to own a red scooter...(if only he did Boomer delivery's on his scooter.)



## BIKE IT TO BALLIDU

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu is committed to supporting the Bike it to Ballidu event and has allocated \$10,000 in funding to the Ballidu Progress Association to support this great day and help make it bigger, better and safer for our community!

This years event is being held on Saturday 15th October 2022 and registrations are now open. Head to:

[www.balliduprogressgroup.com/bikeittoballidu](http://www.balliduprogressgroup.com/bikeittoballidu) to find out how you can be a part of the day and sign up!

Who will be the best dressed this year?!?

## ROADWORKS



Construction Crew - Shoulder widening Ballidu East Road, between Hourigan Road and Davey Road intersections, speed restrictions in place, Ballidu Airstrip, Dowerin-Kalannie Road.



Maintenance Graders & Crew - Area 2 - Manmanning area, working south. Shoulder grading at same location, slowing moving convoy of equipment, please slow down - Weather Dependant.



Backhoe Crew - Major Road Works - Hospital Road, lane closure in place, temporary traffic lights and speed restrictions. Seek alternative route if possible.

## MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

### Wongan Hills Airstrip

On Thursday 5 August 2021, the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu announced its successful bid to secure \$300,000 of funding through the Australian Government's Regional Airports Program. The program aims to improve the safety of aircraft, operators and passengers using regional airports and aerodromes and will be used for upgrades to infrastructure at the Wongan Hills airport.

On completion, the project will deliver the following outcomes:

- 1) Expansion of the heli-pad, apron and public parking areas
- 2) Widening the taxiway
- 3) Fencing and drainage works
- 4) Construction of a shelter for patient transfers

The project is currently at stage 3. Our works crew are installing a vermin proof fence at the site.



## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu will hold a Special Council Meeting on the 13 July 2022 at 3pm in the Council Chambers for the adoption of the 2022/2023 Budget.

## What has your President been up to?

Cr Mandy Stephenson visited Bridget Seaton's Quiet Places expo in Ballidu and was excited to see such incredible pieces of Art being showcased in our region. Cr Stephenson looks forward to the next exhibition "Artworks in Black and White" and thanks John Gould from the Ballidu Contemporary Arts Society for his time showing her around, and all the committee for their fantastic work.

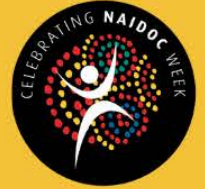






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## NAIDOC Week 2022



Last week the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu in partnership with our local Westpac branch hosted its first NAIDOC week event. The team from the Westpac branch were successful in a \$500 grant application which funded the event with further support from the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu and the Wongan Hills Community Resource Centre. We couldn't have been happier with the turnout on the day and there were smiles all around.

Tracey and Richie, members of the local Ballardong Noongar community opened the day with a Welcome to Country and a Smoking Ceremony. Catrina from Ballardong Dreams provided Aboriginal artefacts, art and brought her knowledge of Aboriginal culture and history to share, whilst Kelly provided face painting for the children.

The Shire thanks everyone who got involved to "GET UP, STAND UP, SHOW UP"!! Shire CEO, Stuart Taylor says "The day was a great success with the community coming together and showcasing true community spirit. We look forward to celebrating this important event every year, hopefully bigger and better, growing the event and being more inclusive!"



Artworks by Catrina Smith - Ballardong Dreams



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