



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

SHIRE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Each week meet a member of our team!

Katelyn Borovina - Works Administration Officer
Katelyn has worked for the Shire for just under 3 years and currently works in the Works and Services Department assisting with the administration for the outside crew. Katelyn, a strong independent woman, keeps the crew in check and organised.

Katelyn was born locally in Wongan Hills and has lived here her whole life. Katelyn married her childhood sweetheart, Troy, who she now shares 3 children with. Katelyn describes the relationship as "love at first sight" and the two have been happily married since, recently celebrating their 13th wedding anniversary.

Although Troy is the love of her life, Katelyn also has two dogs which she truly adores and would love a 'bring your dog to work day' on a monthly basis... Studies have shown it improves one's mood at work!!

As well as her love for animals, Katelyn is a huge fan of the show 'Home and Away'. After work, she can be found on the couch in her pink dressing gown glued to the TV. She loves a visitor.. so if this is your vibe too... stop by for a cuppa and couch afternoon with Katelyn.



MEN'S SHED GRANT

The Shire have been awarded \$5,000 in a successful grant application on behalf of the Wongan-Ballidu & Districts Men's Shed to contribute to the purchase of a new metal lathe. The Shire applied for the funding through the National Shed Development Program, round 24, through the Australian Men's Shed Association. The lathe costs over \$7000 and the shed will be contributing the difference towards the item themselves. We look forward to seeing the new lathe in action once delivered.



RETRANSMISSION TOWER

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu is aware of an issue with some of the radio stations that are rebroadcasted from the retransmission site in Wongan Hills.

The Shire has replaced some of the components at the tower to help rectify the issue. JJJ and SBS radio are now working. Our contracted technicians are working with HOT FM and ABC to gain authorization to transmit, however, we have been advised this may take several days/weeks to obtain. We are working hard to ensure all services are up and running and we will keep you up to date as we progress.

ROADWORKS



CONSTRUCTION CREW: Road Widening Dowerin-Kalannie Road, north of Cadoux. Speed Restrictions and temporary traffic lights in place.



MAINTENANCE GRADERS: Area 2 – West Ballidu.



MAINTENANCE CREW: Assisting Construction.



BACKHOE CREW: Assisting Construction





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CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER - ADMIN

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu is seeking a full-time Customer Service Officer – Administration to work within our Customer Service Team handling telephone, front counter and written enquiries. You will have great people skills, a commitment to excellent customer service, excellent phone manner, good computer and administrative skills and experience in cash handling.

Conditions of Employment are in accordance with the Local Government Industry Award 2020 Level 4 with a salary range of \$48,926 to \$51,994 (depending on qualifications and experience), plus up to 13.5% superannuation.

Applicants should first refer to the Position Description, available on our website www.wongan.wa.gov.au

Written applications clearly marked "Customer Service Officer - Administration", full resume with work experience and the names of two (2) work related referees should be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer by the closing date.

Applications close: 4.00pm, Friday 27th January 2023.

For additional information regarding this vacancy, applicants are encouraged to contact Melissa Marcon, Manager Regulatory Services on (08) 9671 2500 or by email melissa.marcon@wongan.wa.gov.au



**WE ARE
HIRING!**

CALTROP - PEST PLANT

What you should know about caltrop:

Caltrop (*Tribulus terrestris*) is a summer-growing weed found widely throughout Western Australia. It is most common in areas of frequent spring and after summer rain. Under the Local Government Act 1995 it is a prescribed pest plant in a number of shires in the Perth metropolitan area, the southwest and the wheatbelt. However, it is not a declared plant, and there is no requirement to report it to the Department of Agriculture and Food, Western Australia.

What you should look for:

Caltrop has seeds that remain dormant in the soil for probably four to five years. They germinate after summer rain. Plants grow rapidly, flowering and forming new burrs within three to five weeks. The trailing stems of caltrop are long and wiry. They are covered with fine hairs. The stems lie prostrate on the ground, radiating from a central taproot. The leaves consist of several leaflets arranged opposite each other on the stems. The leaves are fern-like and greyish-green. The flowers are small, less than 1cm in diameter, and yellow with five petals. Wedge-shaped burrs are formed in clusters of five, each with four or more long sharp spines.

What you can do about it:

Small numbers of plants can be eliminated by hand grubbing. The plants may be placed in a bag and disposed of in a bin, or they could be dried and then burnt, if permitted by local council bylaws. Chemical control options can also be used, Reglone or glyphosate can be applied following the recommended chemical guidelines.

