



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

SHIRE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Each week meet a member of our team!

Tanya Johns - Student Support Officer

Tanya recently joined our team as a Student Support Officer, officially opening the study hub at the Wongan Hills CRC, which will be a place for regional students to study and seek support. This is a new venture for the Shire, and we couldn't be more excited to have Tanya and her wealth of experience on board. Tanya has worked in the education industry for 22 years as a Teacher, Curriculum Consultant, Deputy Principal and lastly worked with the School Curriculum & Standards Authority (SCSA) as Principal Consultant – Curriculum & Assessment.

Tanya returned to Wongan in April of last year after 27 years. Tanya went to school in Wongan Hills before leaving for university in 1995 and then went on to work all round WA.

Tanya has lived quite the active life, Tanya started powerlifting and competing prior to having children and also was a keen abseiler. Tanya has also taught English in Mauritius, which she describes as an eye opening but amazing experience. Tanya really is a jack of all trades, also joining a theatre club in Dampier, playing the lead role one year. With a passion for education and child development, we really did get lucky finding Tanya to join our team.



LUMEN WHEATBELT UNIVERSITY HUB



The Wongan Hills LUMEN Wheatbelt University Hub is NOW OPEN at the Wongan Hills CRC after the Shire signed a 3 year service agreement to support the service.

Head down this Thursday 2-6pm for their open day to check out the offices now available to students wanting to study and use the facility.

Do you know someone studying regionally? Let them know about this amazing new resource available to them.

ROADWORKS



CONSTRUCTION CREW: Road Widening Burakin-Wialki Road for 3km. Speed Restrictions and temporary traffic lights in place.



MAINTENANCE GRADERS: Area 1 – Cadoux, Area 2 – Wongan Hills



BACKHOE CREW: Wongan Hills.



COUNCIL MEETING

March Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held:

Wednesday 22 March 2023
3pm

Wongan Hills Council
Chambers



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BOWLING GREEN UPDATE

The Shire has received delivery of the new bowling green club house. This is now all plumbed up, awaiting the electrician to wire up. The storage shed has been erected while groundworks around the green are nearing completion with reticulation, drainage and floodlights all installed. Paving is scheduled for the end of the month. Shades are 80% complete with the roof sheeting to be installed in the coming weeks. The bowling green contractor is progressing with drainage and subbase material will start being imported onto the green area this week. Once the paving has been completed around the outside of the green the bowling green synthetic grass will be installed.



WHEATBELT MEDICAL STUDENT IMMERSION PROGRAM 2023

This week, we have a group of medical students from Curtin University visiting our Shire to experience what living regionally really looks like. Students will be staying with host families and be visiting our local school, hospital and taking part in various activities in our community, to get a real feel for country living. This program was introduced by Rural Health West and is supported by the Shire to try and encourage Dr's, once graduated to consider moving to the Wheatbelt to practice medicine in rural and regional areas of WA.



MENS SHED GRANT

Our local Men's Shed are pretty stoked with their new Hafco Metal Lathe which was partially funded by a grant through the Australian Men's Shed Association and the Shed contributed the remaining balance to the item themselves.

What do we think the first item they will make will be with their new machine? Stilts for John?

If you have ever considered joining our local Men's Shed, now couldn't be a better time to learn a new skill and make some fellow mates!

