



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

## ROAD SAFETY WEEK IS COMING

National Road Safety Week (NRSW) is an annual initiative from the Safer Australian Roads and Highways Group, partnering road safety organisations and Government. The week highlights the impact of road trauma and ways to reduce it. This year it falls between the dates of 14 – 21 May.

Every year, approximately 1200 people are killed and another 44,000 are seriously injured on Australian roads. Traffic injury is the biggest killer of Australian children under 15 and the second-biggest killer of all Australians aged between 15 and 24. These numbers are growing every year but are preventable if we choose to Drive So Others Survive!



## NEW TEMPORARY SPEED SIGNS INSTALLED

As part of National Road Safety Week and raising awareness around this topic, the Shire has installed two temporary speed signs in Wongan Hills to help combat speeding in these areas. These signs will be on the side of Manmanning Road tracking your speed for 6 weeks.



## ROAD SAFETY WEEK CALENDAR

Thursday 18 May

On Thursday the Shire have organised a road safety educational exercise with Wongan Hills District High School where our local first responders will be re-enacting a vehicle accident scenario to show students the importance of road safety.

Saturday 20 May



Drive to Stay Alive Community Jive - Community event with the unveiling of a road safety bench which has been made to commemorate lives tragically lost on roads within our Shire. There will be a free BBQ lunch, bouncy castle, facepainting and the Apex train available.

## NRSW THEMES 2023

Sunday 14 May

Remember the 1200

Monday 15 May

Your Road Safety Pledge

Tuesday 16 May

Road Safety for Young People

Wednesday 17 May

Slow Down and Give Them Space

Thursday 18 May

How Safe is my Ride?

Friday 19 May

Let's All Get Home Safe

Saturday 20 May

Share the Path

Sunday 21 May

Take Care on Regional Roads





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## VERGE COLLECTION

Don't forget verge collection is happening this week!

Wongan Hills: 11/05/2023

Ballidu: 12/05/2023

Remember:

- Please place rubbish on the verge no earlier than ONE week ahead of collection date. Have items ready for
- collection by 6:00am on the advertised date. Our team will not return once a street has been cleared.
- Do not create a hazard.
- Do not obstruct footpaths or driveways and ensure neighbouring drivers have a clear sightline from their driveway.
- Do not stack material against walls or fences.
- Do not stack items on top of sprinklers and water meters.



## EV CHARGING STATION GRANT AWARDED

In looking to a more sustainable future for our Shire, the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu has been successful in a grant application to install 2 electric vehicle charging stations in Wongan Hills. Each charging station will have the ability to charge 2 vehicles at once. One will be situated in the Wongan Hills CRC car park which will be available for public use. The second will be installed in the car park of the Shire Administration Office for charging of Shire vehicles and fleet. It is Council's intention to support the Federal Government's targets towards a sustainable future and in doing so, Council have approved its first electric vehicle purchase in the budget.

## FESTIVAL OF SMALL HALLS

Last Saturday, the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu hosted the Festival of Small Halls at the Civic Centre. We were included on the WA tour of a live production by Woodfordia Inc with international artists visiting various small halls across regional WA. It was a great night enjoyed by all and we can't wait to invite them back again next year on the 2024 tour. Many thanks to Des and Rhonda at the Newsagent with their support selling tickets, as well as Rod Clarke, Mick Godfrey for being our MC on the night, Apex for running the bar, Wongan Hills Rotary Club for feeding the crowd and the amazing Georgie Sadler for jumping on board and singing as our local talent. Without the Progress Association and the support from Steve Clarke, the evening wouldn't have been the same. Thanks to Progress, who purchased tickets for 30 guests to attend and show thanks to community members who have made an amazing contribution to our community. Thanks Progress Association! See the next page for photos from the evening!

## ROADWORKS



**CONSTRUCTION CREW:** Road Widening Hospital Road for 2.6km. Speed Restrictions and temporary traffic lights in place.



**MAINTENANCE GRADERS:** Area 1 – Kondut. Area 2 – Wongan Hills



**BACKHOE CREW:** Culvert Replacement Waddington-Wongan Hills Road. Speed Restrictions and temporary traffic lights in place.



**MISCELLANEOUS - Verge Pick Up**





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