



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

WORKS COMPLETED

Roadworks on Manmanning Road and Banksia Crescent, which formed part of the 22/23 road program, have now been completed with new asphalt surfacing in areas.

Banksia Crescent - A new asphalt surface has been laid.

Manmanning Road - Pavement repairs from Northam Pithara Road to Carter Street have been completed.



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Last week was National Volunteer Week and we wanted to take the opportunity to thank and celebrate the many volunteers who live in our community and consistently give their time to give back to our community.

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu has over 70 community groups which play an integral role in keeping our community alive and well supported, from emergency services to running activities to welcoming visitors to our town through tourism and lots lots more.

THANK YOU to all our wonderful volunteers, without you, our Shire wouldn't be what it is today.






ELECTRIC VEHICLE PURCHASE

Following a successful grant application to install new electric vehicle charging stations in Wongan Hills and as the Shire moves towards a more sustainable future for our region, Council has approved its first full electric vehicle purchase, which will form part of the Shire's Administration fleet.

Alongside supporting the Federal and State Governments Climate Change Strategies, having a fully electric vehicle will mean less costs for the Shire with regards to fuel and servicing being an economical outcome for the new budget. Moving forward, we aim to continue to move in this direction for the Shire's fleet.



ROADWORKS

-  **CONSTRUCTION CREW:** Road Widening Hospital Road for 2.6km. Speed Restrictions and temporary traffic lights in place.
-  **MAINTENANCE GRADERS:** Area 1 – Ballidu. Area 2 – Wongan Hills
-  **BACKHOE CREW:** Culvert Replacement Waddington-Wongan Hills Road. Speed Restrictions and temporary traffic lights in place.
-  **MAINTENANCE CREW -** Guide Posts and signs Burakin, Cadoux, Wongan Hills.
-  **MISCELLANEOUS -** Paving – Ackland Street.



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National Road Safety Week 2023 14 - 21 May



Last Thursday, the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu organised the reenactment of a car crash scene for students at WHDHS to raise awareness of the importance of road safety.

The local Police, Wongan Hills Volunteer Fire and Rescue and St Johns Ambulance Volunteers safely extracted a student from WHDHS out of the vehicle, as well as providing care to a second victim (a WHDHS teacher).

We care about your life and do not want to see anyone in a car accident on our roads. National Road Safety Week highlights the importance of driving safely and Driving to Survive!

Please take care whilst driving and get home safely to your loved ones.

Thanks to our local emergency volunteers and Police for taking part, Ava and Mr Lewis for being involved in the scenario from Wongan Hills District High School, Cliff Simpson from WALGA RoadWise for all assisting in making today happen and the Road Safety Commission for the grant funding which has contributed to this weeks activities. Head down to the Visitors Centre Car Park from 10am on Saturday for our "Drive to Stay Alive Community Jive" Road Safety Event.





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DRIVE TO STAY ALIVE COMMUNITY JIVE

On Saturday, following a successful grant application through the Road Safety Commission, to host a community event during National Road Safety Week, the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu held a community fun day at the Visitors Centre Car Park - "Drive to Stay Alive Community Jive" to raise awareness about all things road safety!

Using the grant funds, to promote road safety in our town as an ongoing message, a bench has been made and installed opposite the Wongan Hills Visitors Centre to encourage drivers to stop on their journey and to not drive tired. The bench symbolises National Road Safety Week, with yellow ribbons welded as part of the bench. These ribbons were made by our local Men's Shed to commemorate all the lives which have been tragically lost on roads through vehicle accidents within our Shire. This bench was presented on Saturday, during our event with Cr Mandy Stephenson officially unveiling the bench whilst we remembered those who have passed.

MLA Shane Love was also in attendance promoting our messages and sharing his thoughts on the importance of driving so others survive, a key message of National Road Safety Week 2023.

The morning was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended with free kids entertainment such as a bouncy castle, facepainting and Apex brought along their well-loved train, whilst Wongan Hills Rotary Club cooked us all a BBQ lunch. Our local emergency service volunteers and local Police showed up to further support our message with a wood raffle by Wongan Hills Volunteer Fire and Rescue.

Thanks to everyone who contributed in the weeks activities of National Road Safety Week and the Road Safety Commission for our successful funding which helped make it all happen!





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