



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

Switch your Sprinklers off in Winter Why switching off matters!

If we all work together and switch off our sprinklers, we'll save around 5 billion litres of water this winter.

For over a decade now, over 90% of Western Australians have shown their support by switching off before 1 June and letting mother nature take care of their gardens, saving water for our drier months.

Winter brings cooler temperatures and lower evaporation rates, meaning the plants in our gardens don't need as much water. Most lawns also go dormant over winter, so you can leave your sprinklers off and let the rain take care of your lawn and garden instead.

Even throughout the year, your garden isn't as thirsty as you think. The water needs of your lawn and garden change with the seasons. Adjust your sprinkler run times with the 'Seasonal Adjustment' setting on your irrigation controller.



For more info visit:
www.wongan.wa.gov.au/residents/environmental-health/watering-days.aspx

FUNDING SECURED

Have you heard? Our local Bike it to Ballidu committee have teamed up with cycling experts WestCycle to make this year's BITB event bigger and better than ever before, helping to put our Shire on the map!





WestCycle have secured further funding of \$30,000 in a grant application through the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries to make this event one to remember!

Follow Bike it to Ballidu on Facebook to stay tuned for all the information you need to know about this year's event.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 23rd September 2023

ROADWORKS

-  **CONSTRUCTION CREW:** Annual Leave
-  **MAINTENANCE GRADERS:** Area 1 – Wongan Hills. Area 2 - Kirwan.
-  **BACKHOE CREW:** Dowerin-Kalannie Road – Culvert installation – Temporary traffic lights in place, reduce speed.
-  **MAINTENANCE CREW -** Guide Posts and signs and pothole repairs Burakin, Cadoux, Wongan Hills



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Since 1999, Bike it to Ballidu has been a beloved bike event that welcomes everyone in the Wongan-Ballidu area. Bike it to Ballidu has always been about bringing people together and having fun, and now, in 2023, it's time to take it to the next level. The Bike it to Ballidu committee, along with WestCycle and the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu, are teaming up to turn this race into an incredible gravel adventure.

Wongan-Ballidu is a hidden gem of epic landscapes less than two hours from Perth. Think rolling hills, vast canola fields, sparkling lakes, farmer's paths, salt plains, wildflower sanctuaries, forested growths, Mid-West scrub – it's mindblowing vistas whichever way you point your eyeballs!

But that's not all – we're putting the fun into 'Fungan Hills' with novelty segments, including gravel pits, speed traps, and even ball pits! The kids should love that one... as well as the infamous fancy dress competition for riders.

The Ballidu after-party has acquired mythical status over the years, and we plan to keep it that way, so take advantage of the camping options at the local oval and stay the night or even the weekend! What better way to have a thorough 'gravel debrief' than with a bunch of other gravel lords over a cold beverage, local food, as prizes are given with live music in the mix! Can you achieve 'Ballidude' status!?

It's all about pushing the limits, creating lifelong memories and cultivating a sense of community.

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

THE FIRST 50 LOCAL WONGAN-BALLIDU RIDERS WILL RECEIVE 50% DISCOUNT OFF THEIR REGISTRATION FEE. USE PROMO CODE "50LOCAL50"
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www.ballidugravel.com.au



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