



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

COUNCIL ADOPTS BUDGET

At an Ordinary Meeting of Council, held on Wednesday 26th July 2023, Council adopted the new 2023/2024 Annual Budget inclusive of the Fees and Charges.

Council is pleased to present its 2023/2024 Annual Budget. The budget reflects the community outcomes as detailed in the Shire's Strategic Community Plan.

Council is committed to providing a high-level of service delivery and there is a range of initiatives implemented to ensure the continued support of our community.

Please head to the Shire's website for the new Annual Budget for the 2023/2024 financial year.

FEES AND CHARGES

Each year as part of the Annual Budget process, Council reviews its Schedule of Fees and Charges for its services, listing both statutory and Council fees.

The Schedule covers all fees and charges that the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu charges users or applicants for example: facility bookings, building applications, planning and development applications, animal registrations etc.

The new Fees and Charges now applicable are available on the Shire's website at: www.wongan.wa.gov.au/council/your-council/fees-and-charges.aspx







MAJOR PROJECTS

As part of the 2023/2024 budget, Council has committed funding to major capital works projects within our Shire to ensure the level of serviceability of Shire assets is of a high standard for many years to come.

- The Station Toilets Refurbishment \$240,000
- Purchase of Land & Buildings \$400,000
- Ballidu Hall - Preservation Works \$150,000
- Swimming Pool - Resurfacing & Repairs \$120,000



ROADWORKS

-  **CONSTRUCTION CREW:** Bitumen Shoulder Grading – Wongan Hills & Ballidu. Slow moving convoy, please use extreme caution when approaching or passing.
-  **MAINTENANCE GRADERS:** Bitumen Shoulder Grading (As Above).
-  **BACKHOE CREW:** Dowerin-Kalannie Road – Culvert installation – Temporary traffic lights in place, reduce speed.
-  **MAINTENANCE CREW - Annual Leave.**



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2023/2024 RATES

With the adoption of the Budget the new due dates for rates have been announced. Please note rates notices will be posted/emailed on 07.08.2023.

OPTION 1

Single Full Payment

Due - 11.09.2023

Do you have any questions about your rates. Call our office on 9671 2500 to speak to our Rates Officer, who will be able to assist with any enquiries you may have.

OPTION 2

Four Instalments

First - 11.09.2023
Second - 13.11.2023
Third - 15.01.2024
Fourth - 18.03.2024

WASTE PASSES

Eligible ratepayers will receive their annual tip pass with their rates notice in the mail. If you have signed up to eRates you will receive these independently of your rates notice via the post.

Eligible ratepayers will receive 4 general waste and household tip passes and 2 bulk good waste passes for use at the Wongan Hills Waste Management Facility on Hospital Road. For all other residents, fees apply.

Council have extended the trial of the 2 bulk goods waste passes and one verge side collection for a further year and will be requesting further feedback from residents and ratepayers regarding the service to carry out a second review next year.



FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

The Shire understands times are difficult in the current economy and ratepayers who are experiencing financial hardship in paying rates and charges should contact the Shire's Rates Officer on 9671 2500 prior to the due date shown on the rates notice to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

PENSIONER/SENIORS

Eligible and registered ratepayers have the opportunity to either:

- claim a rebate on the rates and Emergency Services Levy; or
- defer payment of the rates and Emergency Services Levy

To be eligible, the ratepayer must:

- own and occupy the property as at 1 July of that financial year.
- hold an eligible concession card (Pensioner Concession Card, WA Seniors Card, Commonwealth Seniors Health Card).
- be registered with the Water Corporation.

Visit the Water Corporation website to register your concession now. The Water Corporation will notify the Shire of all valid concessions eligible for a rates rebate.

www.watercorporation.com.au/Bill-and-account/Apply-for-a-concession

