

## END OF FINANCIAL YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

On Wednesday, we held our final Ordinary Meeting of Council for the 2023-2024 financial year, the first with our new Chief Executive Officer, Sam Dolzadelli. As we look forward with a new change in leadership, we have taken a moment to reflect on some of the achievements and major milestones we met this year.

- We welcomed lots of new faces to our Shire family, as well as saying goodbye to some valuable staff members who left their mark on our team.
- We celebrated 60 years of the Wongan Hills Memorial Swimming Pool. The pool also had a minor surface recoat and relining work on the pipes.
- We honoured the members of our community who were awarded for their remarkable contribution in the Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards 2024.
- The completion of the new bowling club facility saw the final sporting group join the colocation facility at the Wongan Hills Recreation Centre.
- Council secured and finalised a contract for supply of new staff housing with an estimated practical completion date in the coming financial year.
- The Community Park Redevelopment Project began with the concept design and community engagement completed.
- Solar panels were installed at Cadoux Recreation Centre.
- Internally, a new payroll system has been implemented and the new Customer Service Charter was adopted by Council.
- Major Road Projects consisted of:
  - 2km Road Widening on Waddington-Wongan Hills Road
  - 3.5km Road Widening on Burakin-Wialki Road
  - Drainage & Kerbing Upgrades in Cadoux
  - 10km of Gravel Resheeting in various locations
  - New footpaths on Ellis Street, Mitchell Street, Korralling Street.

We look forward to adopting the 2024-2025 budget at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council and working together over the next 12 months towards our collective goals, making the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu a better place to live.



*Pictured Back Left to Right: Cr Sue Starceвич, Cr Elyssa Giedraitis, Deputy Shire President Cr Dwight Coad, Cr Matt Sewell, Cr Stuart Boekeman, Cr Geoff Chambon, Front Left to Right: Shire President Cr Mandy Stephenson, Chief Executive Officer Sam Dolzadelli*

## DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATIONS

A new defibrillator has been installed outside the Wongan Hills Pharmacy. Please visit the Shire's website for all of the defibrillator locations in our Shire.

You never know when you might need to use a defibrillator, being aware of their location in an emergency could save a life. Visit our website now to stay in the know. Thanks to the Wongan Hills Progress Association for funding this defib.





# NEWSLETTER

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## HONOURING A LEGACY OF BEAUTY AND DEDICATION

Last week, we celebrated and honoured the retirement of our beloved horticulturist, Bruce, who has served our community with dedication and passion for over 13 years.

Bruce's expertise and hard work have transformed our town into a lush, vibrant haven that residents and visitors alike constantly praise. From the beautifully maintained parks to the stunning flowerbeds, Bruce's touch is evident in every corner of our town.

His wealth of experience and unwavering commitment to excellence have left a permanent mark on our community. As Bruce steps into retirement, we want to extend our deepest gratitude for his incredible contributions.

Thank you, Bruce, for making our town a more beautiful and serene place to live. Your legacy will continue to bloom in the gardens and green spaces you've so lovingly cared for.

Please join us in wishing Bruce a happy and fulfilling retirement!

Thanks to the Shire works crew for arranging the BBQ to celebrate yesterday afternoon and to Gena for organising the beautiful sign made by Walkers Diesel.



*Pictured: Manager Works & Services Stephen Casey and Bruce Mitchell*

## COUNCILLOR VISIT TO WHDHS



Last Thursday, Shire President Cr Mandy Stephenson and Cr Elyssa Giedraitis visited Wongan Hills District High School (WHDHS) to talk about their role as part of the Council for the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu.

As part of their Civics and Citizenship class, the year 4/5 students were able to ask the Councillors Local Government related questions and learn a little bit more about how the Council operates, their involvement in our community as Elected Members, what it involves and how important decisions are made.

Our community depends on local residents to elect to become a Councillor, to assist with matters relating to our community and help plan for our future. We hope the visit made by Shire President Cr Mandy Stephenson and Cr Elyssa Giedraitis has inspired some of the students to consider standing for Council in the future.



*Pictured: Shire President Cr Mandy Stephenson and Cr Elyssa Giedraitis with students from WHDHS year 4/5 class.*