

BUDGET ADOPTION

The local government's budget is to be adopted by 31 August under section 6.2(1) of the Local Government Act 1995.

At this week's Ordinary Meeting of Council on Wednesday 24th July, Council will adopt the 2024-2025 Annual Budget.

Following adoption of the Annual Budget, the Shire will announce the capital works projects which have been scheduled for this financial year, as well as key dates for rates notices to be issued and paid for owners within the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu.

The new fees and charges for the 2024-2025 financial year will be announced and will be applicable as of Thursday 25th July.

If you have any queries relating to the Annual Budget, please contact our Shire Administration Office during business hours.



UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

With the 2024-2025 rates season just around the corner, don't forget to update your contact details with the Shire.

If you have changed your postal address, contact number or email, please visit our website or head to the Shire Administration Office to update your contact details now or visit our website:

www.wongan.wa.gov.au/forms/eratesupdate-my-details/17

Did you want to receive your rates via email? Sign up for e-Rates at the same time using the link above.

EXTRAORDINARY ELECTION

Following the resignation of Ms Elyssa Giedraitis, which was announced last week, the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu will now begin the process to hold an Extraordinary Election to fill the vacancy on Council.

Extraordinary elections (new elections, similar to a State or Federal by-election) are generally held when:

- there weren't enough candidates contesting the ordinary local government election to fill the available positions, or
- the departure of a sitting council member (eg due to resignation or disqualification) and the lack of "backfill" provisions or a lack of suitable candidates, requires a new election to fill available vacancies, or
- a sitting council member becomes Shire President or Mayor creating a vacancy in the council member's spot.

The Shire will announce the date for the upcoming Extraordinary Election in the coming weeks.



Are you interested in standing for Council? Read more on our website under "Local Elections"

VOTING IN A EXTRAORDINARY ELECTION

Voting in extraordinary local government elections is not compulsory, however it is strongly encouraged. This is your opportunity to have a say about who represents you on council. The electoral roll closes around 8 weeks before the election. To vote, you must be on the electoral roll before rolls close.

MAIN ROADS PROJECT UPDATE

Main Roads will continue upgrading the Northam Pithara Road over the next year. This will include sealing the shoulders and installing audible edge lines. These works are part of the Regional Road Safety Program which is improving safety on thousands of kilometres of regional roads across the state. The upgrades help to prevent crashes by providing a greater distance for drivers who veer off the road to recover.

Over recent years the shoulders have been sealed between Northam and Goomalling and sections between Waddington Road, Wongan Hills and Ballidu Bindi Road.

There has been a break over winter for shoulder sealing between Wongan Hills and Ballidu. A 28 km section on the left side of the road has been completed. The remaining shoulder sealing on the left side of the road and the right side of the road will recommence in early October 2024 and is scheduled for completion in early 2025.






Culverts are currently being extended in preparation for shoulder sealing between Slater Rd, Goomalling to Manmanning Road, Wongan Hills. Culvert extensions are expected to be completed by August 2024. Shoulder sealing works will commence around September 2024 to April 2025.

Significant distances of speed restrictions will be in place during the works with a gravel surface. We ask that you plan extra time for your journey.

Should you have any enquiries, please contact Main Roads via their website: www.mainroads.wa.gov.au or by phone on 138 138.



CURRENT ROADWORKS

-  CONSTRUCTION CREW - Shoulder Grading on the Bindi Bindi Road followed by Shoulder Grading on Manmanning Road. Working in convoy. Traffic Management in use.
-  MAINTENANCE GRADERS - As per Construction Crew.
-  BACKHOE CREW - Rubbish Tip Maintenance.
-  MAINTENANCE CREW - Pothole Repairs in various locations. Traffic Management in use.
-  TOWN MAINTENANCE - Verge/Footpath Maintenance in Various locations. Traffic Management in use.



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Ordinary Council Meeting

Wed 24th July - Council Chambers - 3pm

Catch up with the CEO & Councillors

Wed 7th August - CRC Library - 4.30pm-6.30pm

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