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CBH GRASS ROOTS GRANTS

The CBH Community Grass Roots Grants are now open for community groups to apply! CBH's Grass Roots Community Grants provide financial assistance to WA grain growing communities for projects and events which contribute to the health and vitality of their community.

Applications are now open until Saturday 31st August 2024!

If you require any assistance with your grant application, please reach out to Manager Community Services, Ross Rayson.

Applications are assessed on the following criteria:

- Located within a core grain growing community in WA
- Fit with CBH's purpose, values and behaviour
- Contribute to the vitality, development, wellbeing and/or safety of grain growing regions
- Promote a positive image of agricultural industry and as an employer
- Have value, relevance and credibility to our growers, customers, CBH and/or its employees
- Promote the development of future community and industry leaders

This is an amazing opportunity for groups to get some extra funds for your project or event, don't miss out!



2024-2025 BUDGET

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu's Annual Budget was adopted at the last Ordinary Meeting of Council and is now available on our website at:

www.wongan.wa.gov.au/council/corporate-documents/budget-and-annual-report

Council adopted the budget with a 5% increase to rates to cover CPI and continue to increase Council's ability to fund future investment. Rates will be posted no later than the 26th August with the first due date falling on the 30th September 2024.

Key Capital Works Projects for this financial year:

- The Station Public Toilets
- BFB and VFRS Co-location
- Building of Staff Housing
- Ballidu Hall Maintenance
- Swimming Pool Maintenance
- Mocardy Dam
- WH Recreation Complex

Look out for the budget bulletin which will be included in your rates notice with further information!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

With the adoption of the 2024-2025 budget, Council voted to support various community projects through the Community Development Fund Grant Application process which were submitted earlier this year. Applicants will be notified this week of the outcome of their application and a full list of successful recipients will be available next week. Thank you to all the groups who submitted an application.





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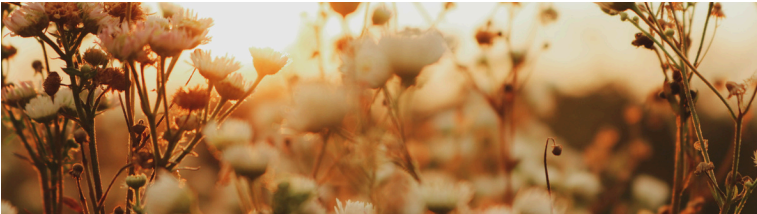
JOINT CESM

Earlier this year, the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu submitted a request to the Commissioner at the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) for the services of a Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM). A CESM will provide a wide array of services to the district, ranging from support in bushfire mitigation, volunteer training, incident response support, funding advocacy, as well as other emergency services support including involvement with the Local Emergency Management Committee. The Shire's previously identified need for a CESM was further highlighted following the significant bushfires which affected our Shire earlier this year. In the 2023-2024 financial year, the Shire lost 2000 hectares of land to bushfire devastation. Our local Bushfire Brigades and local Volunteer Brigades provide an exceptional service, and we are grateful for their dedication to the roles they play in supporting our community.

The Shire is very pleased to announce that we have been successful in securing a CESM through a shared service arrangement with the Shire of Victoria Plains. Nic Parry will join the Shire as a CESM on the week commencing 19th August 2024. Nic will be working with the Shire in a part-time capacity (two to three days per week). We look forward to working with Nic to carry out the Shires strategic planning goals in relation to emergency services management and preparing for the upcoming bushfire season.

CURRENT ROADWORKS

-  CONSTRUCTION CREW - Lloyd Road 2km Gravel Resheet. Traffic Management in use.
-  MAINTENANCE GRADERS - Area 1 - Lake Hinds North Road, Smith Road and Gabalong East Road. Area 2 - Manmanning Road and Old Wongan Koorda Road. Traffic Management in use.
-  BACKHOE CREW - Old Wongan Koorda Road and Manmanning Road Culvert/Drainage Maintenance. Traffic Management in use.
-  MAINTENANCE CREW - Civic Centre Carpark Maintenance. Guidepost and Sign Maintenance in various locations. Traffic Management in use



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Ordinary Council Meeting**
Wed 21st August - Council Chambers - 3pm
- Special Council Meeting**
Wed 7th August - Council Chambers - 4pm
- Catch up with the CEO & Councillors**
Wed 7th August - CRC Library - 4.30pm-6.30pm

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