



Shire of Kondinin

2017/18 RATES NEWSLETTER

Introduction

The Shire of Kondinin's Shire President Cr Allen Smoker, Councillors, CEO and the administration team are pleased to provide this newsletter covering the 2017/18 budget, which totals over \$10 million in revenue and \$10 million in expenditure. It provides for significant capital expenditure encompassing a \$2.3 million road construction and maintenance program, improved sporting and recreation amenities, additional aged accommodation, plant replacement, building our reserve funds, employee housing, improved tourism and heritage amenities.



Light Horseman Statue at Yeerakine Rock, Kondinin, during an ANZAC Dawn Service

Council

Councillors

The Shire of Kondinin has nine councillors. They are

President – Cr Allen Smoker

Deputy President – Cr Sue Meeking

Cr Steve Jones, Cr Gerard Lynch, Cr Bruce Browning, Cr Rowena Butler, Cr Rex Growden,
Cr Murray James, Cr Gary Ilich.

Council meets on the third Wednesday of each month, February to December.

This year the following Councillors terms expire:

Cr Allen Smoker, Cr Sue Meeking, Cr Gerard Lynch, Cr Steve Jones, Cr Gary Ilich

Council Elections

Each councillor serves a four year term. Council elections are held every 2 years. There are 5 Councillor term's expiring for 2017. Candidate nominations open Thursday 7th September 2017 and close Thursday 14th September 2017. Should there be more than five candidates nominate, Council elections will be held in October 2017

If you are interested in nominating for councillor please contact the Shire for more information.

If you are interested in voting at Council elections please contact the Shire for more information.

Electors Meeting

The Council holds a general meeting of electors in February each year. Attendance at this meeting is open to all residents where Councillors and staff are on hand to answer any questions or queries electors may have covering the year under review.

Administration

The Shires administration team comprises the following:

John Read – Chief Executive Officer

Alan George – Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Vince Bugna – Manager of Finance

Tory Young – Manager Planning & Development

Mark Burgess – Manager of Works

Gary Valenta – Works Supervisor

Ian Holland – Executive & Technical Services Officer

Ellen Valenta – Senior Administration Officer

Heather Lockyer – Finance/Administration Officer

Ayu Muftidhati – Customer Services Officer

Cherith Smith - Hyden Administration & Library Officer

Rachel Hendry - Hyden Administration & Library Officer

Wayne Dicker-Lee – Pool Manager, Hyden Aquatic Centre

Shaun Franich – Pool Manager (Contract) Kondinin Aquatic Centre

Greg Gleeson – Shire Ranger (Contract)

2016/17 Budget Summary

1. Rates

- Rates have been levied based on a 2.5% increase on rates assessed last year across all rating categories except GRV Mining Infrastructure where an approximate 20% reduction has been imposed due to a change in valuation methodology adopted by the Valuer General and the desire to keep this differential rate below double the general rate.
- Rating revenue in the 2017/18 year is \$2.9million. A 5% discount applies for early payment.
- Pensioner and senior s rate rebates have recently been changed by the WA State Government. From July 1 2016 the rates rebate available to eligible pensioners was capped at a maximum of \$750. From July 1 2017 the rebates for Seniors Card holders on local government rates will be capped at \$100 per household.

2. Grants Commission

- Each year the Shire receives a Federal Assistance Grant (FAG). The 2017/18 total grant is \$1,684,818.

3. Law, Order & Public Safety

- Council reviews its Local Emergency Management Plan annually which details possible threats and counter disaster measures covering the Shire of Kondinin.
- Our bush fire brigades and local emergency services volunteers do a great job in countering bush fires and emergency incidents occurring in our area.

4. Health

- Since September, 2016 we have been fortunate to appoint Dr Alain Mackie as our Medical Doctor servicing the Shires of Kondinin and Kulin communities. The Shire appointed Ronelle Tyson as Practice Manager to assist Dr Mackie.
- Our Kondinin/Hyden St John Ambulance volunteers continue to do a great job in providing this important service.
- Environmental Health Services are provided to the Shire of Kondinin through RoeHealth, which comprises the Shires of Kondinin, Kulin, Narembeen, Corrigin and Lake Grace. RoeROC, comprising the Shires of Kondinin, Kulin, Narembeen and Corrigin, administers the Bending Regional Waste facility which services Shire members of RoeROC. Avon Waste are contracted to provide a weekly rubbish removal service to all towns in the four Shires.

5. Community Sporting/Progress Organisations

- The Shire of Kondinin is well serviced by several community organisations that contribute significantly to the promotion and provision of sporting and other community facilities. These include the Kondinin Community Recreation Council, Hyden Progress Association and Karlgarin Progress Association, who all have community farm projects which generates significant funds for the purpose of bettering community facilities. Hyden Sports Council also actively promote sport and sporting amenities in the Hyden area.
- Sporting activity in the Shire includes AFL football, tennis, netball, hockey, cricket, lawn bowls, golf, etc. This sporting activity assists in creating the very strong sense of community that exists in our towns in the Shire of Kondinin. The standard of sporting facilities which include grass football, cricket and hockey ovals, tennis courts, golf courses, two synthetic lawn bowl facilities, netball courts, swimming pools/aquatic centres, etc. serviced by sports clubs/recreation centres and pavilion premises, can be considered of a high standard. The 2017/18 budget provides for the continued maintenance and upkeep of these facilities.
- \$820,000 has been provided for the extension of the Kondinin Sports & Recreation Club premises, which includes significant grant funding and \$150,000 contribution from the local Kondinin Community and Recreation Council.
- The Shire's 2017/18 budget provides for \$92,000 in Community Grants to various community organisations.

6. Education & Welfare

A child care facility (Hyden Occasional Child Care Association – HOCCA) is operated by volunteers, providing an important service to the Hyden area. The Shire of Kondinin continues to assist the group financially.

7. Housing

The 2017/18 budget provides for the construction completion of a new Shire employee house in Kondinin to be located in Repacholi Parade.

8. Road Construction and Maintenance

The 2017/18 budget provides for the following works program totalling \$2,261,133.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION	\$	
• Kondinin Town Streets	421,927	
• East Hyden Bin Road	277,905	
• Mt Walker Rd	226,217	
• Aylmore Rd	60,700	
• Kondinin Lake Rd	53,900	
• Bending East Rd	58,513	
• Naremben Sth Rd	62,732	
• Notting Karlgarin Rd	58,513	
• Spurr Rd	85,376	
• Hyden Norseman Rd	90,440	
	TOTAL	\$1,396,223
 OTHER 2017/18 ROAD CONSTRUCTION (WANDRRA AGRN743)		
• Hyden Norseman Rd	37,000	
• Karlgarin East Rd	34,957	
• Karlgarin Lakes Rd	43,359	
• McLennan Rd	17,747	
• Notting Karlgarin Rd	10,926	
• Pederah East Rd	59,944	
• Roe Rd	3,209	
• Scrivener Rd	54,782	
• Tolland Rd	90,444	
• Worland Rd	67,427	TOTAL \$ 419,795
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM =		\$1,816,018
 ROAD MAINTENANCE PROGRAM		
• Maintenance Grading with two graders		\$ 283,005
• Road Maintenance Crew		\$ 162,110
	TOTAL	\$2,261,133

9. Plant Purchase

- In the 2017/18 budget provision has been made to replace our vibrating smooth drum roller, low loader, some light trucks as well as the changeover of several staff vehicles totalling \$420,000.
- The budget provides for a further \$100,000 to be paid into our Plant Replacement Reserve fund, taking the total in the reserve fund to \$685,000.

10. Aged Accommodation

The Shire of Kondinin strongly supports the provision of aged accommodation to encourage our elderly citizens to remain housed in their local community. Aged accommodation facilities provided in the Shire of Kondinin include Yeerakine Lodge located adjacent to the Kondinin Hospital providing four units, West Court Retirement Village catering for eight units located in Kondinin and Whispering Gums Retirement Village catering for six units located at Hyden.

The 2017/18 budget provides for a four unit extension to Yeerakine Lodge (\$992,000) which is currently underway. The project is funded by \$172,000 Shire contribution towards the National Stronger Regions grant funding application (\$600,000), to compliment the Kondinin/Kulin Aged Housing Committee contribution of \$150,000.

We are currently awaiting the decision of the new Labour State Government regarding whether funding, approved by the previous government, will be provided for the Wheatbelt South Aged Housing Alliance grant funding from the Wheatbelt Development Commission's (Royalties for Regions). Two additional units are planned for Westcourt Retirement Village in Kondinin and two additional units for Whispering Gums Retirement Village in Hyden.

11. Wave Rock Improvements

- The 2016/17 budget provides for approximately \$220,000 Wave Rock expenditure.

12. Other Amenities Provided in the 2017/18 Budget

- Hyden Main Street Beautification / Centenary Project \$100,000
- Karlgarin Centenary Project \$20,000
- Hyden Community Recreation Centre \$100,000
- Wave Rock Pedestrian Pathway Reseal \$26,964
- Solar Panels for Hyden Recreation Centre, Kondinin Aquatic Centre & Kondinin Shire Office \$80,000
- Hyden & Kondinin Oval reticulation Upgrades \$80,000
- Kondinin Hockey Field Upgrade and beautification of the area between the Kondinin Bowling Club and the oval, including sport figurine sculptures made by members of the local Kondinin Arts Group \$35,000.

Conclusion

The Shire of Kondinin maintains a healthy financial position. Once again, as in the 2016/17 year, no debt is being raised at all in the 2017/18 budget and the 2.5% rate increase can be considered modest. The 2017/18 year will allow the Shire to build further improvements to community amenities, build cash backed reserve funds to \$1.39 million and further consolidate our financial sustainability. The Shire's total debt/principal owing in respect of loans as at the 1/7/2017 is considered conservative at \$1,365,451, which comprises loan principals owing in respect of Hyden Sewerage (\$590,079), Kondinin Aquatic Centre (\$431,497), Doctor's Residence (\$211,434) and Housing (132,441). Debt/principal owing of \$175,431 comprises self-supporting loans to local progress associations.

Warm regards

John M Read
Chief Executive Officer

Budget Snapshot

2017/18 Annual Budget - Where the Funds Come From and Where They are Spent

