

29th April 2026

The Echo

Produced by the Shire Of Kondinin



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Community Meetings Survey Results

We're inviting community members to come along and hear the results of the recent community survey, and to be part of the conversation about what comes next for our Shire.

These sessions are a great opportunity to ask questions, share your thoughts, and help shape future priorities for our communities.

Tuesday 28 April – 6:00pm | Karlgarin
Wednesday 29 April – 6:00pm | Kondinin
Thursday 30 April – 4:00pm | Hyden

We encourage everyone to attend their local session your input is important and valued.

Kondinin Office Hours

Office Hours: 8.30am-4.30pm | Licensing Hours: 8.30am-3.00pm
Email: cs@kondinin.wa.gov.au | Phone: 9889 1006

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KEY DATES & UP COMING EVENTS

MAY

Fri 1st May- Community Grant Applications Due

Sun 3rd May Mothers Day

Sunday 17th May - Kondinin CRC Community Lunch and Biggest Morning Tea from 11.30am

Thurs 21st May - Hyden CRC Biggest Afternoon Tea and Bake-off
2pm start

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PRACTICAL DRIVING ASSESSMENT

Wednesday 29th April
Wednesday 27th May
At the Kondinin Shire Office

Bookings are essential and limited. You must give more than 2 business days' notice of cancellation to avoid a cancellation fee. Please phone the Kondinin or Hyden Office to book an appointment.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Ordinary Council Meeting
20th May @ Kondinin Shire Chambers

WASTE TRANSFER STATION

KONDININ OPENING TIMES

Tuesday: 2pm — 5pm
Thursday: 2pm — 5pm
Saturday: 8am — 12pm
Sunday: 2pm — 5pm

HYDEN OPENING TIMES

Sunday & Monday: 8am - 12pm
Wednesday & Friday: - 8am - 11am
Saturday: 2pm - 5pm

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Meditation in Hyden – First Session

Join us for the first meditation session at the Hyden Golf Club and take some time to reset.



Tuesday 5 May at 4:15pm
\$5 per person

What to bring:

- Yoga mat
- Water bottle
- Soft blanket (in case it's cold)
- Comfortable clothing

No Experience necessary, everyone welcome.

If you are unable to make this session but would like to know more, please email felicityward01@gmail.com

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NOTICE OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2026

February, April, June, September & November will be held at the Hyden Community Resource Centre, 40 Naughton St, Hyden.

March, May, July & October will be held in the Council Chambers at the Kondinin Shire Office, 11 Gordon Street, Kondinin

August will be held at the Karlgarin Country Club, 40 Federal St, Karlgarin.



1. January No meeting
2. February 11th at Hyden CRC followed by Annual Electors Meeting commencing 6:00PM
3. March 18th at Kondinin Shire Office
4. April 22nd at Hyden CRC Building
5. May 20th at Kondinin Shire Office
6. June 17th at Hyden CRC Building
7. July 22nd at Kondinin Shire Office
8. August 19th at Karlgarin Country Club
9. September 23rd at Hyden CRC Building
10. October 21st at Kondinin Shire Office
11. November 18th at Hyden CRC Building
12. December 16th at Kondinin Shire Office

Per section 12(1) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 (WA), Council wishes to advise residents that these dates have been set for Ordinary Council Meetings for the 2025 year commencing at 4:00pm, unless otherwise advised.



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Read All About It: Library Shelves Out New Stories

Kondinin Library

Juniors

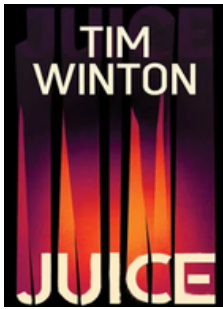


Bush Turkey Easter Hunt is a fun and cheeky picture book where Bush Turkey causes chaos on Easter morning, turning a simple egg hunt into a hilarious backyard adventure.



I'd Rather Be a Shark is a playful and encouraging story about a child who would rather be a shark than go to school, gently showing how facing fears can lead to confidence and new friendships.

Adults



Juice is a gritty, emotional story about survival and connection, following a young boy navigating a harsh, isolated world shaped by environmental collapse and human struggle



Rise and Shine is a practical and uplifting guide to creating calm, healthy morning routines that support better sleep, wellbeing, and more balanced family life.

DVD



Charming is a lighthearted animated fairy tale where a prince cursed to make every woman fall in love with him must break the spell before it robs his kingdom of true love forever



PAW Patrol: Ready, Race, Rescue! is a fun, fast-paced adventure where the PAW Patrol team enters an exciting race to stop a sneaky rival and save the day in Adventure Bay

Hyden Library

Juniors



A fun, rhyming story about a child trying to choose the perfect (and often wildly imaginative) gift to make Mum's Mother's Day extra special.



A gentle, heartfelt story using beautiful comparisons to show just how big and unconditional a parent's love can be.

Adults



A fast-paced crime thriller where Detective Jack Hawksworth must stop a wave of seemingly random, deadly attacks that are all mysteriously linked to a single blood transfusion.



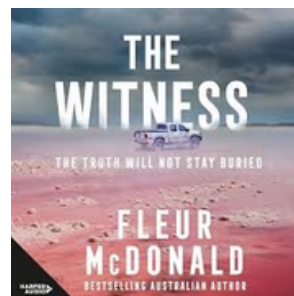
An insider account of Aussie driver Oscar Piastrì's meteoric journey from junior racing champion to Formula 1 title contender in just a few years.

DVD



The gripping final chapter of the Dutton family saga as they fight to survive hardship, conflict and changing times in the American West.

Audio Book



A gripping rural crime story where a young woman must confront danger and secrets after witnessing a crime that puts her own life at risk.



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From the Chambers.....



Ordinary Council Meeting April 22nd 2026

The Council:

- Received and endorsed the List of Accounts paid for March 2026
- Received and endorsed the Monthly Financial Report (Statement of Financial Activity and Statement of Financial Position) for March 2026
- Endorsed the installation of new wayfinding signage within the Wave Rock Precinct
- Supported a funding application for stormwater diversion from the Kondinin Airstrip to the CBH North Dam, including future Shire contribution
- Approved a full refund of planning fees for the proposed St John Ambulance Subcentre in Hyden
- Considered the proposal to close a section of road reserve at Walton Road, Karlgarin, and resolved to support the closure following the consideration of previous Council decisions
- Approved the regularisation of contracted Ranger Services, including a procurement exemption and three-year contract arrangement
- Adopted the updated Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates
- Supported a grant application for CCTV and Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras, including future budget allocation subject to funding success
- Received the Kondinin and Hyden Aquatic Centres Season Report, noting strong performance and community engagement

Please visit the Shire of Kondinin www.kondinin.wa.gov.au for further information



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Capital Works Updates

Sealing of Kondinin Airstrip and Asphalt of Taxiway

The Shire of Kondinin were successful in receiving \$224,340 of grant funding through the State Government's Regional Airports Development Scheme (RADS) (2025-2027). To be eligible for this funding, applicants are to meet the following criteria:

- The airport is located in regional or remote Western Australia
- The applicant is the airport owner or lease holder
- The applicant can demonstrate the procurement policy that will be followed for the project
- The airport is open to the public
- The airport is maintained on an on-going basis
- The project will provide public benefit

Council at its Ordinary Meeting held on 23 February 2026 awarded the tender to Key Civil to undertake the works. Mobilisation commenced in early March 2026 with the gravel pavement works being completed in mid-March 2026, the asphalt laid in early April 2026 and the bitumen seal and enrichment being undertaken on 25 and 26 April 2026 to complete the project.

The Shire is pleased with the works that have been completed which will greatly enhance the safety and efficiencies provided at the airstrip, in particular to the operations of the Royal Flying Doctors Service.

This project was made possible through the RADS funding, the Shire of Kondinin and the Shire of Kulin.





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Capital Works Updates

Kondinin Memorial Gardens Signage and Path Upgrade

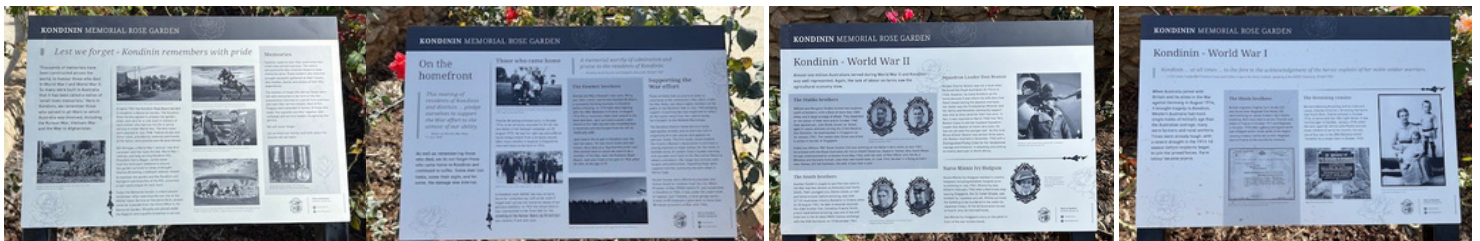
Through the Department of Veterans' Affairs 'Saluting Their Service Commemorations Program' the Shire of Kondinin received funding for new historical signage to be installed at the Kondinin Memorial Gardens. Four panels were prepared based around the themes of: The Significance of the Kondinin Memorial Gardens; WW1; WW2 and the Home Front. The panels provide historical information within a local context, strongly highlighting the lasting impact of war on rural communities.

The Shire of Kondinin wishes to thank the local community members and their extended families who kindly provided historical information and photographs to enlighten the panels with local context.

To complement the new signage, a new path has been installed extending from the RV camp / carpark on Jones Street through to the town's amenities and the Minnie Hodgeson mural. Minnie is referenced in the new signage as working as a nurse at the Kondinin Hospital before enlisting in 1941. Minnie's story, along with many others referenced in the new historical signage all have connections back to Kondinin.

The new path, signage and the upgraded landscaping has greatly enhanced this area of Kondinin to be enjoyed by locals and tourists alike.

The Shire of Kondinin would also like to thank the contractors Kondinin Building Services, Collard Plumbing and Gas, Wayfound and Reality Landscapes that have all contributed to the works completed.





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Capital Works Updates

New Water Tanks at Bending Community Standpipe

The Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program is jointly funded through the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund and WA's Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development. Through this funding, the Shire has purchased and installed two new 250KL water tanks at the Bending Community Standpipe. This has greatly increased the storage capacity at the site from 170KL to now 610KL, in turn enhancing access to water to this north-west area of the Shire. As part of the works the existing 110KL corrugated iron tank has remained in place and connected to the two new tanks and the smaller 60KL fibro tank has been removed to be reused elsewhere. The funding of \$60,000 received largely covered the purchase and installation of the tanks and associated plumbing, with the Shire providing a contribution towards site preparations and project management.



WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE

Staying Connected in Challenging Times

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE

May 2026

Things that we cannot control are our biggest stressors in life. In agriculture it is mostly weather issues followed by a multitude of other factors such as commodity prices, input costs (diesel, fertilizer availability and price), machinery breakdowns ... how long is a bit of string.

Every season is not without its challenges, and the effects are always felt across the whole community (farmers, people involved in agribusiness and those in the Agri-link industries like the mechanics and the Mitre 10 store). Everybody feels the pain.

No one can change what happens with the weather and/or influence the other factors, all we can do is manage our programs and control our business as best we can which importantly includes looking after ourselves and each other (our family, mates and neighbours).

Remaining connected is one way of doing this. So, what does this mean? Rural communities have an innate capacity to reach out and organize and participate in many bottoms up activities. RMHI has been attending a lot of these events including breakfasts, sundowners and many other gatherings over the years which allow the communities to have a conversation about where they are at individually and as a collective. There is less and less of us living in regional areas, add this to the nature of modern farming as well as a challenging season and isolation becomes more prevalent. It's so important that we maintain social connection, but it takes an effort.

Isolation is the enemy of good mental wellbeing. This is both in the physical sense (less of us) and the interpersonal sense (social networks around us). Staying connected is important and something we must work on, this can be achieved in part if we are mindful of living in the present and staying connected with others.

As blokes, we have a propensity to self-medicate. A lot of people think that is done by sex, drugs and rock and roll however in the work we do it is mostly blokes

spending more time in their cave, working harder, longer, and talking less (some ladies might find that hard to believe). It is important that we continue to talk about some of the pain and distress that as blokes we tend to suffer alone.

We describe *primary care* as what can we do to look after ourselves and others, invariably it is about connection. Some simple things we can do:

- Talk to a Mate® – realize that we are not alone.
- Talk to whoever needs to be informed about our situation (family, financiers, advisors).
- Keep an eye on others – drop into a neighbour and have a chat and a coffee. Take the time to ask someone *are you okay?*
- Slow the pace of our life a little, join a group that fits in with our passions and interests. It will make a difference.
- Maintain our sense of humour, laugh at ourselves and with others.



Australians are well known for their larrikinism and humour, Edward de Bono one of the world's foremost thinkers called humour *a key lubricant for life* and often referred to humour as *social glue and the best anti despair device we have*. I think he is right on the money, when we lose our sense of humour we are bugged.

✕ @RMHI_4blokes

📢 Working with Warriors Podcast

🌐 regionalmenshealth.com.au





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Community Happenings

Scouts Tidy Up in Hyden

A huge thank you to the visiting Scouts, who did an amazing job cleaning up the bush surrounding the Hyden recycling area – it looks so much better!

An incredible 17 tyres, various car parts, cardboard, and over 20 bags of rubbish have now been cleared away.

Your efforts are hugely appreciated by the Shire of Kondinin and the community.

We then followed up their stay with a visit to the Humps, Mulka's Cave, and the Gnamma Holes – a great way to experience the local area after such fantastic work!



Kondinin CRC Easter Egg Hunt

Great Kondinin Easter Egg Hunt! On Wednesday 1 April 2026, I joined Toni at the CRC to host a fantastic Easter-inspired afternoon, filled with crafts, games, and of course, the highlight of the day—a fun and exciting Easter egg hunt. A big thank you to those community members who generously donated Easter eggs, helping make the afternoon extra special for everyone involved.





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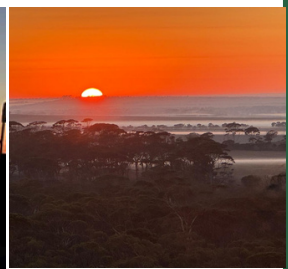
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Community Happenings Anzac Day 2026 – Kondinin

It was a perfect morning for the dawn service at Yeerakine Rock this year with little wind and warmer than many previous years. Before dawn as we walked or drove up the rock, the stars were magnificent and as the ceremony commenced and dawn broke the vista from the rock was incredible with the fog sitting just beneath the trees as the sun rose. Allen Smoker again kindly returned to Kondinin to oversee proceedings and provided a wonderful welcome to the service. This year the address was made by Angus Callendar representing the HMAS Armidale Association. By all accounts Angus enjoyed his trip to Kondinin and being involved in the service, noting 'it as an absolute honour to tell the story of Armidale and Teddy Sheean. I have been to many dawn services and seriously the Yeerakine Rock ceremony was something to behold. The community spirit and awareness associated with the Anzac Day ceremonies was extremely special'.

Considering all the volunteers involved in the coming together of the dawn service, the march and the gun fire breakfast this community spirit is certainly key to its success. A big shout out to all those that have volunteered their time both on the day and in the lead up to the event. From driving the buses and cars, lighting fires, preparing addresses, laying lanterns, directing cars, doing the PA system, riding horses participating in the service and catering for the breakfast and ensured that the event ran smoothly.

Each year more and more tourists / return travellers have been attending the service. Once such person noted 'My third dawn service in Kondinin and pure magic yet again'. Responding to this, last year the Shire introduced the shuttle buses from town and this year the Shire opened up the area to the south of the Kondinin oval for overflow parking which also worked well. Thank you to the Kondinin Burnouts Committee that have upgraded this area. It is great to see the area being used for dual purpose for local community events.





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Community Happenings

ANZAC Day - Hyden

A stunning but cool morning greeted us for this year's service, with a large crowd rising early to gather in reflection and pay their respects. The strong community turnout was a fitting tribute to the significance of the day.

This year, we honoured the contribution of women in our armed forces, recognising the vital roles they have played and continue to play, including nurses, service personnel and those in support positions.

We were privileged to hear from Sally Nicholl, who shared the story of her relative, Sarah Jewell, a Western Australian nurse who spent time near Wickiepin and served aboard the Centaur hospital ship, which was tragically sunk by a Japanese submarine off the Queensland coast. Her story was a powerful reminder of the courage, sacrifice and resilience of those who have served.

We were also pleased to be joined by a number of staff from the Windfarm Project—thank you for attending and being part of the morning alongside our community.

The Shire of Kondinin would like to sincerely thank everyone involved in the service and the following Gunfire Breakfast. In particular, we acknowledge the senior students of Hyden Primary School, Shire President Kent Mouritz, Tyron Utley, Michael Ward, the Hyden CWA for providing ANZAC biscuits, the Hyden Hotel and BBB Site Services for breakfast and the donation of banners, Dave Symcox from the Shire for his assistance with setup, and Jacinta Holmes for her beautiful wreaths.

We also extend our thanks to RSLWA for their grant support, which helped make this meaningful service possible.

Your contributions help ensure this important tradition continues to be honoured within our community.

Lest We Forget.





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Community Grant Program 2025-2026

Community Grants Program 2025/2026 Update

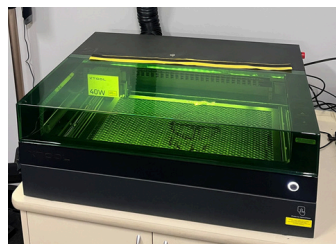
The Shire is pleased to see that the majority of projects funded through the 2025/2026 Community Grants Program have now been successfully completed, delivering positive outcomes and lasting benefits for our local communities. These projects continue to support participation, connection and community wellbeing across the Shire.

We thank all community groups and organisations for their efforts in delivering these initiatives and contributing to the vibrancy of our towns.

If you have not yet submitted your invoice to the Shire for your 2025/2026 Community Grant, please do so as soon as possible to ensure finalisation of funding.



Lighting at Yeerakine



Hyden CRC Engraver



Kondinin Burnouts portable toilet trailer



Lighting at JW West Place



Hyden CWA Name plaques for members



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COMMUNITY GRANTS 2026/2027

OPEN NOW

COMMUNITY GRANTS 2026/2027

The Shire of Kondinin is pleased to advise that Community Grants Program for 2026/2027 is now open.

Eligible incorporated not for profit organisations are invited to apply for up to \$7,500 cash or in-kind, for supported projects, programs or events.

Further information and Application Form, is available on the Shire's website, or by contacting Community Development Officer cdo@kondinin.wa.gov.au

Applications should be addressed to Bruce Wright Chief Executive Officer and can be delivered via post, email, or in person to McPherson Street Hyden WA 6359 or Gordon Street Kondinin 6367 and must be received by

CLOSES 4:30PM FRIDAY, 1ST OF MAY 2026

COMMUNITY GRANTS 2025/2026

A reminder that any groups who received funding in the 2025/2026 grant round, please complete projects and submit invoices to the Shire by 31st May 2026 to ensure that you receive your funding.



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Hyden's Biggest Afternoon Tea 2026

Cancer Council
Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

The Great Hyden Bake Off: Scones Edition!

THINK YOU BAKE THE BEST SCONES IN TOWN?

WHAT THE JUDGES ARE LOOKING FOR:

- Taste
- Texture
- Presentation

You can bake your scones in any flavour and decorate it however you like!

Entries are FREE!

Submit your completed form by **Tuesday 19th May 2026**
Deliver your scones to Hyden Community Resource Centre by **1:00pm, 21st May 2026**

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development | Cancer Council Australia's Biggest Morning Tea | Community Resource Centre

HYDEN'S Biggest Afternoon Tea

You're Invited to the Hyden's crc Biggest Afternoon Tea! In support of Cancer Council Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Thursday, 21 May 2026, Starting at 2:00 PM at Hyden CRC.

Come along for a fun-filled afternoon, enjoy some tasty treats, and help raise funds for cancer research and support. **Everyone is welcome!**

Delicious afternoon tea available \$5.00 per plate

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development | Cancer Council Australia's Biggest Morning Tea | Community Resource Centre

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF \$500

Please find the donation link in the description.

Cancer Council
Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Kondinin Community Resource Centre
Your local connection

INVITES YOU TO OUR COMBINED

Community Lunch and Biggest Morning Tea

Sunday 17th May
11.30am to 2.30pm
Kondinin Country Club

\$5.00 per person to be donated to the Cancer Council

RSVP to CRC
9889 1117 by 13th May

Made possible with the support of Linkwest and Richard Lockwood. Proudly supported by Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Neighbourhood Centre Week, and Cancer Council Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.

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- DISCOVER NEW WORLDS**
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- READ, LOG & WIN**
Read, log your activity and go in the draw to win weekly prizes!

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