



SHIRE OF KONDININ

NOTICE OF MEETING

Councillors: Please be advised that the next meeting of the
**Medical and Community Services
Committee Meeting**

Will be held at the Kondinin Council Chambers on 20th May 2026

1:00 PM Medical and Community Services Committee Meeting

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Wednesday, 20 May 2026

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10 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

10.1 PLANNING & ASSETS

10.1.1 Community Development Report

FILE NUMBER:

DATE: 14 May 2026

AUTHOR: Amanda Kemp, Community Development Officer

AUTHORISED OFFICER: Bruce Wright, Chief Executive Officer

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Author - nil

Authoriser - nil

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

UPDATE

Several well-attended community events and engagement activities have taken place across the Shire:

-Kondinin CRC Easter Egg Hunt

-Scouts WA Overnight Camp (Hyden) – Visits to Wave Rock and Mulka’s Cave, along with a community clean-up of the industrial area

-ANZAC Day Dawn Services:

Kondinin – approximately 300 attendees

Hyden – approximately 160 attendees

Attendance numbers were strong in both towns and did not decline despite fuel cost pressures.

Hyden recorded higher attendance than in previous years, Thanks to BBB Site services staff for donating their time to help with Breakfast and the donation of 3 Banners to use for Anzac Services.

Community Meetings held in Karlgarin, Kondinin and Hyden, it was fantastic to see so many of our community participating and engaging with council on our future.

Council continues to support forthcoming community events and planning initiatives:

-Kondinin CRC Community Lunch and Biggest Morning Tea – 12 May 2026

-Hyden CRC Biggest Afternoon Tea and Bake-Off – 17 May 2026

-Blue Tree Project Community BBQ Kondinin – 23 June 2026

-Brendan Cullen – *The Desert Swimmer* (Mental Health and Succession Planning), Hyden – August 2026 (pending confirmation)

-Planning underway with the Kondinin Art Group for the Kondinin Art Acquisition Prize

-Planning underway for September Markets in Hyden

-Planning underway for Kondinin Twilight Markets

- Looking in to the options available for installation of Smiley Face Digital Sped Signs(similar to Narembeen) for installation on the main Highways coming through Kondinin and Hyden Townsites.

10.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

10.2.1 Shire of Kondinin - Medical Services & Aged Care - Advocacy Position

FILE NUMBER:**DATE:** 14 May 2026**AUTHOR:** Bruce Wright, Chief Executive Officer**AUTHORISED OFFICER:** Bruce Wright, Chief Executive Officer**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** Author - Nil

Authoriser - Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Nous Report - Integrated Care Australia Report - *Under Separate Cover*
2. LGRHFA - Information - *Under Separate Cover*

RECOMMENDATION

That the Medical and Community Services Committee:

1. Endorses the building on existing work undertaken by the Shire to initiate a comprehensive Shire Health and Aged Care Needs Analysis.
2. Endorses the development of an Integrated Health and Ageing Strategic Policy framework to inform the Council Plan.
3. Endorses and recognises health and aged care as a combined strategic priority, noting the service interdependences within the Shire.
4. Endorses membership and participation in the Local Government Rural Health Funding Alliance (LGRHFA) to strengthen advocacy.

SUMMARY

This report seeks Committee endorsement that health services and aged care must be addressed as a single, integrated system essential to the Shire's long-term sustainability.

Local aged care capacity remains critically limited which constrains the ability to meet existing and future demand. Community feedback from the 2026 Shire Community Survey further confirms that residents perceive clear gaps in both aged care and health services, including limited access to aged care facilities, insufficient home care support, and an absence of strategic planning for service expansion.

At the same time, while significant funding exists at the Commonwealth and State levels, there is strong evidence that rural communities are not consistently able to access these resources, and that responsibility for maintaining essential services is increasingly shifting onto local government. Information provided through the Local Government Rural Health Funding Alliance confirms that some rural councils are already contributing substantial proportions of their rate revenue to sustain primary health services due to these systemic funding gaps.

In response to these challenges, this report recommends a structured approach focused on needs analysis, targeted advocacy, alignment with available funding programs and participating in

coordinated national advocacy through the Local Government Rural Health Funding Alliance (which has been established to address these funding and service inequities in rural and regional communities).

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

COUNCIL'S ROLE

Advocacy

When Council advocates on its own behalf or on behalf of its community to another level of government/body/agency.

BACKGROUND

The Shire of Kondinin operates within a regional service environment where aged care and health services are closely linked. Current aged care facilities have a limited scale which in turn restrict any ability to respond to increasing demand in an ageing community.

The local healthcare system functions as an integrated, multi-purpose service model, combining aged care, hospital care and community health services. This structure means that the availability of aged care is directly dependent on the sustainability of local health services, including access to general practitioners and allied health support.

Regional communities face structural challenges that include workforce shortages, constraints associated with a small population base and limited-service scale and reduced viability for service providers. These challenges mean that without a strategic intervention, service gaps will continue to widen.

Community Survey

The Shire's 2026 Community Survey provides clear evidence of community concern regarding health and aged care services.

Respondents identified a need for expanded aged care facilities, improved access to services and additional support for older residents. Comments included direct calls for increased aged care housing, improved service access and concerns regarding the limited availability of Yeerakine Lodge. Feedback also identified gaps in home-based care, with respondents noting the absence of support services for elderly residents wishing to remain in their homes.

Importantly, the survey also reflects an expectation that Council will play a role in addressing these issues, particularly where other levels of government are perceived to be absent. At the same time, respondents acknowledged that the Shire has limited financial capacity and should not be required to fully fund these services.

This reinforces the need for a clearly defined strategic role that focuses on advocacy and facilitation rather than direct service provision.

Funding Framework

Australia's aged care system is primarily funded by the Commonwealth Government, with total expenditure of approximately \$36.4 billion annually. Recent federal budgets include an additional \$3.7 billion investment over four years to expand residential care capacity, support home care reforms and to strengthen the workforce.

Key Commonwealth funding streams include residential aged care subsidies, home care packages and capital funding programs aimed at increasing bed supply, particularly in underserved regions. These provide potential opportunities for regional communities to develop or expand aged care infrastructure where viable proposals can be demonstrated.

At the State level, the Western Australian Government has committed approximately \$140 million toward aged care and related health initiatives, including a \$100 million low-interest loan scheme to support infrastructure development and integrated care models.

Despite these funding streams, access remains a challenge for smaller rural communities which often lack the scale or provider interest required to attract investment. This creates a reliance on local government facilitation or intervention.

The Local Government Rural Health Funding Alliance has confirmed that some rural councils are already contributing significant proportions of their rate revenue to sustain essential health services, highlighting the financial risks to regional local government.

Integrated Health and Ageing Strategic Policy Framework

An Integrated Health and Ageing Strategic Policy framework reflects contemporary planning practice by aligning health, aged care and community services into a coordinated, place-based system. This approach is consistent with national and international policy directions, including the Australian Government's integrated care initiatives ([Integrated Care and Commissioning initiative | Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing](#)), the World Health Organisation (WHO) Integrated Care for Older People (ICOPE) model ([Ageing and Health](#)), and Australia's Rural Health Framework ([National Strategic Framework for Rural and Remote Health](#)), all of which emphasise coordinated, person-centred care and strong local partnerships.

The framework should provide a clear policy position for Council as an advocate and facilitator, supported by evidence of local need, including population trends, service capacity (such as Yeerakine Lodge), and identified gaps in health and aged care. It should also address enabling factors such as workforce, housing and infrastructure, while aligning with available State and Commonwealth funding. Finally, it should set out a practical implementation and advocacy approach, with defined priorities, partnerships and measurable outcomes to guide long-term delivery and inform the Council Plan.

The framework will be developed through a staged, evidence-based process. It will begin with a comprehensive needs analysis, supported by stakeholder engagement to identify service gaps, workforce constraints and future demand. This evidence will inform the preparation of a draft strategic framework outlining Council's policy position, priorities, funding approach and advocacy actions. The framework will then be finalised, adopted and supported by an action plan.

Although not strictly time bound, the following timeline is proposed for consideration:

Short Term (0–12 months)

Undertake a comprehensive Health and Aged Care Needs Analysis to inform the framework, formalise advocacy priorities, participate in the LGRHFA, and engage with key stakeholders to identify immediate service gaps and risks.

Medium Term (1–3 years)

Develop partnerships with service providers, align and submit funding applications, and progress planning for expanded aged care capacity and improved service delivery models in line with the strategic framework.

Long Term (3–10 years)

Facilitate the delivery of additional aged care capacity, strengthen local health services, and continue coordinated advocacy to support sustainable funding and long-term service outcomes guided by the framework.

FINANCIAL

Not applicable at this time

RISK

There is a risk that aged care demand will continue to increase without a corresponding increase in service capacity resulting in residents being forced to relocate outside the district. There is also a risk that declining access to primary health services will undermine the viability of existing aged care services, further worsening service gaps.

Financially, there is a growing risk that local government will be required to fund services beyond its core mandate, reducing capacity to invest in infrastructure and essential services.

POLICY

This report seeks endorsement to commence policy development.

STATUTORY

Council's involvement is supported by the Local Government Act 1995 (WA), including its general functions to provide for the wellbeing of the community and within its power, to provide financial assistance where appropriate.

However, Council must ensure that its actions remain within its statutory role and do not result in the assumption of responsibilities that sit with other levels of government.

STRATEGIC**Theme**

1. COMMUNITY

Goal

- 1.2 Facilitate and advocate for quality health services, health facilities and programs in the Shire

Strategy

- 1.2.2 Seniors have access to local support services and social programs

COMMENT

In the spirit of the Nous report, fragmented systems deliver fragmented outcomes. Integrated care is essential to improving both efficiency and service outcomes, particularly in rural communities where resources are limited. While the Shire does not have the scale or commercial capacity to directly deliver an integrated model, a clear and coordinated strategic approach is now required to underpin advocacy, planning and sustainable service outcomes over the next ten years.

CONSULTATION

Shire of Kondinin Community Survey

WACHS

Community Groups

10.2.2 Livingston Medical Services Report

FILE NUMBER:**DATE:** 14 May 2026**AUTHOR:** Bruce Wright, Chief Executive Officer**AUTHORISED OFFICER:** Bruce Wright, Chief Executive Officer**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** Author - Nil

Authoriser - Nil

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Livingston Medical - Kondinin & Hyden Medical Centre Report -
*Under Separate Cover***RECOMMENDATION**

That the Medical and Community Services Committee:

1. Notes the Kondinin & Hyden Medical Services Report prepared by Livingston Medical (attached).
2. Recognises the current high level of service delivery and positive customer feedback associated with Livingston Medical.

SUMMARY

This report provides a high-level update on the operations and performance of the Kondinin and Hyden Medical Centres.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

COUNCIL'S ROLE**Executive**

The substantial direction setting and oversight role of the Council. E.g. adopting plans and reports, accepting tenders, directing operations, setting and amending budgets.

BACKGROUND

The centres are currently operating in a stable and improving position, with services delivered across both towns on alternating days to ensure consistent weekly access. A key development has been the appointment of Dr Robert Perry, who has been well received by the community and is contributing to growing patient confidence, with some patients returning from surrounding areas.

Service delivery has expanded to include telehealth consultations, tele-psychology, pre-employment medicals, lung function testing and hearing services, supported by the recent addition of a part-time nurse.

The practice is currently managing approximately 630 active patients, with the doctor seeing around 25 patients per day, indicating a steady but growing level of activity.

Overall, the medical centres are demonstrating positive growth and improved service capability, with continuity of care planned through locum arrangements during upcoming leave periods. The current

path indicates a strengthening local health service, which is critical to supporting broader community wellbeing and aged care outcomes.

STRATEGIC

Theme

1. COMMUNITY
4. CIVIC LEADERSHIP

Goal

- 1.2 Facilitate and advocate for quality health services, health facilities and programs in the Shire
- 4.2 We are a compliant and resourced Local Government

Strategy

- 1.2.1 Local health facilities, visiting allied health and volunteer health services are retained
- 4.2.2 Financial sustainability in achieving community aspirations

10.2.3 Medical & Community Services Committee - Terms of Reference & Action Tracker

FILE NUMBER:**DATE:** 14 May 2026**AUTHOR:** Bruce Wright, Chief Executive Officer**AUTHORISED OFFICER:** Bruce Wright, Chief Executive Officer**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** Author - Nil

Authoriser - Nil

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Terms of Reference - *Under Separate Cover***UPDATE**

The Committee Terms of Reference have been previously endorsed by Council.

The key objectives of the Committee are to:

1. Provide oversight and advice on the delivery and sustainability of medical and health services within the Shire.
2. Support the planning, coordination, and improvement of aged care facilities and services.
3. Advise Council on strategies and initiatives that promote community wellbeing, social inclusion, and resilience.
4. Monitor partnerships, funding, and service delivery arrangements with external health and community service providers.
5. Identify opportunities to improve local access to medical practitioners, allied health professionals, and aged care programs.
6. Ensure that community and aged care services align with the Shire's Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan (as amended and to incorporate the Council Plan).
7. Advise Council on strategies, plans, and programs that promote community engagement, health, and wellbeing.
8. Support initiatives that encourage volunteering, youth development, seniors' participation, disability access, and inclusion.
9. Monitor and provide input into the implementation of the Community Strategic Plan, or similar strategies.
10. Identify and advocate for funding opportunities, partnerships, and collaborations with government, non-profit, and community organisations.
11. Provide input on the use, development, and management of community facilities, services, and events.
12. Support Council in responding to emerging community issues and priorities.
13. Make recommendations to Council to ensure programs and services are inclusive, accessible, and sustainable.

To assist the Committee to monitor priority actions and outcomes, a tracker has been developed and will be included in future meetings of the committee (attached).

10.2.4 Medical & Community Services - Meeting Schedule - 2026

FILE NUMBER:

DATE: 14 May 2026

AUTHOR: Bruce Wright, Chief Executive Officer

AUTHORISED OFFICER: Bruce Wright, Chief Executive Officer

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Author - Nil
Authoriser - Nil

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That the Medical and Community Services Committee:

1. Endorses the Medical & Community Services Committee 2026 meeting schedule to include:

Date	Time	Location
22 July 2026	1pm	Council Chambers Kondinin
23 September 2026	1pm	Hyden CRC
18 November 2026	1pm	Hyden CRC

SUMMARY

This report seeks Committee endorsement of the proposed meeting schedule for the Medical & Community Services Committee for the remainder of 2026.

It is proposed that Committee meetings be held on the following dates:

22 July 2026 – 1.00pm, Council Chambers Kondinin

23 September 2026 – 1.00pm, Hyden CRC

18 November 2026 – 1.00pm, Hyden CRC

All meetings are proposed to be held prior to the Ordinary Meeting of Council on each respective date.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

COUNCIL'S ROLE

Advocacy

When Council advocates on its own behalf or on behalf of its community to another level of government/body/agency.

Executive

The substantial direction setting and oversight role of the Council. E.g. adopting plans and reports, accepting tenders, directing operations, setting and amending budgets.

STRATEGIC

Theme

1. COMMUNITY

Goal

- 1.2 Facilitate and advocate for quality health services, health facilities and programs in the Shire

Strategy

- 1.2.1 Local health facilities, visiting allied health and volunteer health services are retained
- 1.2.2 Seniors have access to local support services and social programs

10.2.5 Proposed Renaming of Koorikin Road, Kondinin

FILE NUMBER:**DATE:** 14 May 2026**AUTHOR:** Bruce Wright, Chief Executive Officer**AUTHORISED OFFICER:** Bruce Wright, Chief Executive Officer**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** Author - Nil

Authoriser - Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Mr Don Pegrum - Correspondence to the Shire - *Under Separate Cover*
2. Landgate - Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia - *Under Separate Cover*

RECOMMENDATION

That the Medical and Community Services Committee:

1. Supports in principle the proposed renaming of Koorikin Road to Pegrum Road and the reassignment of the Koorikin Road name to Kulin Rock Road North; and
2. Authorises Administration to undertake the required process in accordance with the Landgate Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia.

OR

1. Declines to support the proposed renaming of Koorikin Road on the basis that it does not meet the requirements of the Landgate Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia, specifically:
 - The policy discourages unnecessary renaming of established roads
 - No compelling public interest or safety reason has been demonstrated

SUMMARY

Council has received a request from Mr Don Pegrum to rename Koorikin Road to Pegrum Road, and to reassign the name "Koorikin Road" to a section of Kulin Rock Road North.

The proposal is based on recognition of the Pegrum family's long-standing farming history in the area and an intention to better align road names with local historical context.

The request constitutes a renaming of an existing road, which must be assessed against the (Landgate) Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia.

In its current form, the application is unlikely to satisfy the Landgate criteria for renaming and accordingly, the Committee is presented with two options for consideration:

- Option 1 is valid if the Committee seeks to test community support before deciding
- Option 2 is valid if the Committee is satisfied that the application does not meet the prescribed requirements of Landgate.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

COUNCIL'S ROLE

Advocacy

When Council advocates on its own behalf or on behalf of its community to another level of government/body/agency.

BACKGROUND

Council has received a written request from Mr Don Pegrum seeking the renaming of Koorikin Road to Pegrum Road, along with a related proposal to reassign the name "Koorikin Road" to a section of Kulin Rock Road North.

The proposal is based on the historical connection of the Pegrum family to the area, noting that the family has been farming within the Shire since the 1920s and continues to have a direct association with land along Koorikin Road. The applicant has indicated that the proposal is intended to recognise this long-standing contribution and to better reflect the historical context of the locality.

Renaming a road is a formal process governed by the Landgate Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia, which provide a legislative and policy framework for the naming and renaming of roads, localities and geographic features. These policies are designed to ensure that naming decisions are made in the public interest, maintain clarity for emergency services and navigation, and preserve the cultural and historical integrity of place names across the State.

Within this framework, road names are intended to be enduring, and proposals to change existing names are generally discouraged unless a clear and compelling justification can be demonstrated, such as public safety, duplication or service delivery issues. The policies also emphasise the importance of community consultation and broad community support for any renaming proposal, particularly where existing residents and property addresses may be affected.

Accordingly, the proposal must be considered not only in terms of its historical merit, but also against the broader policy requirements relating to necessity, community impact and compliance with established naming standards.

It should also be noted that a number of roads throughout the Shire bear the names of adjacent farming families. These naming conventions are considered to reflect historical practices and are likely to have occurred prior to the introduction of the Land Administration Act 1997 (WA) and the Landgate Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia, first released in 2017 and subsequently updated in November 2020. These current frameworks place more stringent requirements on the renaming of existing roads and the use of commemorative naming.

FINANCIAL

The proposed road renaming does not have a direct financial impact at this stage. However, should the proposal proceed, costs would be incurred in relation to community consultation, administration, signage replacement and potential updates to addressing systems. Under the Landgate policy, non-essential name changes may also attract service charges which should be met by the Applicant.

RISK

Policy compliance.

It is understood that similar applications within the Shire have failed.

POLICY

Landgate - Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia

STATUTORY

Land Administration Act 1997

Under the Land Administration Act 1997, the Minister for Lands has ultimate authority for the naming and renaming of roads in Western Australia, with Landgate undertaking the assessment and approval process in accordance with the Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia.

STRATEGIC**Theme**

4. CIVIC LEADERSHIP

Goal

4.2 We are a compliant and resourced Local Government

4.1 Skilled, capable and transparent team

Strategy

4.2.1 External audits and reviews confirm compliance with relevant Local Government legislation

4.1.3 We engage with the community on key projects and we provide regular, transparent communication

COMMENT

The proposal demonstrates genuine historical interest and local significance; however, under the Landgate Naming Policies, renaming existing roads requires a significantly higher threshold than historical recognition alone.

Without evidence of a compelling public interest reason, or broad community support, the proposal is unlikely to meet the required policy standards in its current form.

Mr Pegrum has been consulted and advised that the Landgate Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia may present constraints to the success of the proposal. Notwithstanding this advice, the applicant has expressed a desire to proceed, on the basis that community consultation be undertaken to determine the level of local support.

CONSULTATION

Mr Pegrum

11 BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

12 CLOSE OF MEETING

12.1 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

12.2 CLOSURE