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The Echo

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KEY DATES & UP COMING EVENTS

APRIL

ANZAC Day Dawn Services 25th April in Kondinin @ Yeerakine Rock 5.45am
Hyden @ CWA Memorial Garden 6am



Lest We Forget

ANZAC Day Dawn Services Kondinin and Hyden – Student Volunteers

We are looking for any students from Kondinin or Hyden who would like to assist at our ANZAC Day Dawn Services.

This is a wonderful opportunity to be involved in an important community event and pay your respects.

If you are interested, please get in touch with Amanda:
cdo@kondinin.wa.gov.au

Kondinin Office Hours

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

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PRACTICAL DRIVING ASSESSMENT

Wednesday 1st April
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
22 April @ Hyden CRC

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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Kondinin Aquatic Centre

The Last Day of the season will be Tuesday 31st March 2026

The Shire would like to thank Shaun, Ann and Mia for a fantastic summer season at the pool. From awesome movie nights to a great swimming club season, your hard work and enthusiasm helps create a fun and welcoming space for the whole community.

Hyden Swimming Pool

The Last Day of the season will be Tuesday 31st March 2026

The Shire of Kondinin thanks Lucy and Contract Aquatic Services for a fantastic summer season. From the fun of Mega Splash to a great movie night, it was wonderful to see the community enjoying the pool. We hope to see you again next season!

KONDININ COMMUNITY GARDEN WATERING ROSTER

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to water the Community Garden. Your help is much appreciated!

If you are unable to do your rostered watering please call the Shire office or email cdo@kondinin.wa.gov.au

AREA 1 (SOUTHERN SECTION OF GARDEN)

The planter box at the men's toilets, the pots on the deck, the mulberry tree, the plants behind the stand up sleepers near the fire pit, the bush tucker garden, the rosemary path, any other pots in this vicinity of the garden not connected to reticulation and under the old kiosk.

AREA 2 (NORTHERN SECTION OF GARDEN)

The handbags on the fence, plants around the nature play area in the pots, beds and path, the plants behind the stand-up sleepers and along the fence between the garden and nature play area, the succulents in the bath tubs, the planter box in the ladies toilet, the pot plants under the kiosk and the planter boxes under the kiosk.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WEEK 1 (RECYCLE BIN WEEK)	AREA 2 Janna Lockyer	AREA 1 Tammy Garlick	AREA 2 Jo McCubbing	AREA 1	AREA 2 Hannah Repacholi	AREA 1	AREA 2 Tory Young
WEEK 2 (NON- RECYCLE BIN WEEK)	AREA 1 Carla Repacholi	AREA 2 Jess Smith	AREA 1 Toni Smeed	AREA 2 Hannah Repacholi	AREA 1 Vanessa Pascoe	AREA 2	AREA 1 Tory Young

If you are unable to complete your rostered watering, please let us know as soon as possible. With the current hot weather, the garden is really feeling the heat and regular watering is essential. We want to make sure the plants stay healthy and avoid losing them. Thank you to everyone helping keep the Community Garden thriving

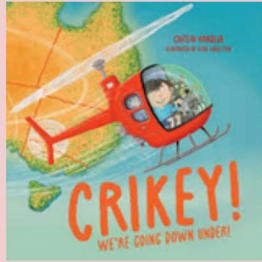


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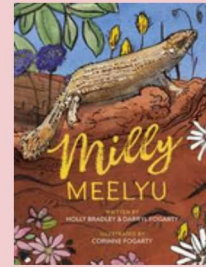
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Read All About It: Library Shelves Out New Stories

Kondinin Library
Juniors

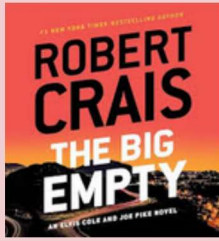


Crikey! We're Going Down Under! by Chris Kunz is a fun children's adventure following a journey across Australia, filled with quirky wildlife, humour, and exciting discoveries

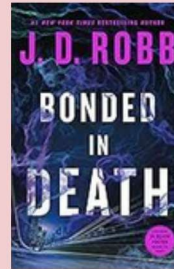


Milly Meelyu by Bradleigh Jarrad Fogarty is a beautifully illustrated children's story celebrating connection to Country through the journey of a young goanna.

Adults



The Big Empty by Robert Crais is a gripping crime thriller where Elvis Cole and Joe Pike investigate a missing person case that leads into a dangerous web of secrets and deception



Bonded in Death by J. D. Robb is a futuristic crime thriller where Eve Dallas investigates a deadly case tied to betrayal, loyalty, and long-buried secrets

DVD



PAW Patrol: Aqua Pups is an underwater adventure where the PAW Patrol team dive into the ocean to rescue sea creatures and stop trouble in the deep.



A group of reformed animal criminals try to stay on the right path, but are pulled back into one last high-stakes heist that tests their loyalty, teamwork, and whether they're truly "good guys" after all.

Hyden Library
Juniors

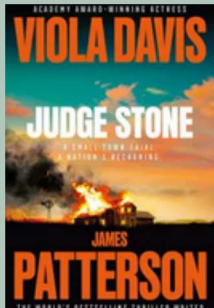


Beach Party by Mary Fowler is a fun children's story about friends enjoying a day at the beach, filled with adventure, teamwork, and seaside surprises.

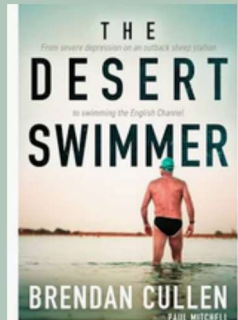


Super Epic Dragon Quest: The Mighty Wing is a fun, action-packed kids' adventure where two friends team up with a dragon for a wild and hilarious quest filled with magic, danger, and laughs.

Adults



Judge Stone by James Patterson follows a tough, uncompromising judge who delivers swift justice—both inside and outside the courtroom.



The Desert Swimmer by Brendan Cullen is a gripping Australian outback story of survival, resilience, and self-discovery set against a harsh and unforgiving landscape.

DVD



Nobody 2 is an action-packed sequel where a seemingly ordinary man with a violent past is pulled back into danger, unleashing his skills to protect his family.

Audio Book



The Book of Beginnings by Sally Page is a heartwarming story about a woman who discovers new purpose and unexpected connections while working in a stationery shop.



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From the Chambers.....



Ordinary Council Meeting 25th March 2026

The Council:

- Received and endorsed the Monthly Financial Report (Statement of Financial Activity and Statement of Financial Position) for February 2026.
- Received and endorsed the List of Accounts paid for February 2026.
- Received and adopted the Minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee Meeting held 10 February 2026.
- Received and adopted the Minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held 5 March 2026.
- Endorsed and adopted the new Community Chest Policy, including a \$14,000 annual allocation and two funding rounds.
- Received the 2025–2026 Community Survey results and endorsed the findings to inform future planning and decision-making.
- Considered and did not support the Shire of Wickepin's request to join the Roe Tourism Association.
- Considered and did not support the proposed disposal of bore infrastructure located on Kondinin–Hyden Road.
- Received supporting documentation relating to the King Rocks Wind Farm development approval, noting further detailed plans will be provided.

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



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Capital Works Updates

Hyden Golf Club Upgrade

Over the last 12 months the Hyden Golf Club amenities area has undergone a much needed upgrade. The project was undertaken by Kondinin Building Services and has comprised the internal demolition of the existing amenities replaced with new toilets, showers and change areas. The works have also comprised an expansion of the amenity area within the rear of the existing roof structure resulting in the total area now comprising 4 showers, 5 toilets, 2 urinals and associated vanity and change rooms areas. These new works complement the new flooring of the function area, internal painting of the function area and new ceiling in the function and kitchen area all undertaken at the Hyden Golf Club over the last few years.

A big thank you to the Hyden Golf Club, in particular Di Hughes, Tom Hughes and Trevor Hinck who have worked closely with the Shire's Administration over the last two years through both the planning and construction phase ensuring that the works meet the needs of the golf club and the broader community.

A shout out to Kondinin Building Services and their subcontractors who have done a terrific job in carrying out the project.





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Capital Works Updates

Kondinin Pavillion

Works on the Kondinin Pavilion upgrade have progressed well throughout January and February 2026 following delays late in 2025 due to ageing infrastructure and remediation works. The project remains on track for completion by May 2026.

The project, awarded to ACORP Construction for \$2,089,718 (ex GST), is funded through \$384,860 from the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund, \$543,234 from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Fund, \$400,000 from the Kondinin Community Recreation Council, and \$761,624 from the Shire of Kondinin.

The Recreation Council's \$400,000 community cropping contribution means the Shire's share is around one-third of the total cost, aligning with FACS 003 – Sporting Club and Amenities Policy and supporting priorities in the Strategic Community Plan 2022–2032 and Sport and Recreation Plan 2021–2031.



Karlgarin Bowling Club

The Karlgarin Bowling Club project has been made possible thanks to strong community support and collaboration.

The Karlgarin Country Club generously gifted the land to the Shire of Kondinin, which is now part of a Crown Reserve vested for a bowling green, enabling the project to proceed.

The Karlgarin Progress Association contributed \$150,000 towards the new bowling club building, with the Karlgarin Bowling Club contributing a further \$80,000. These contributions represent approximately 40% of the total project cost of \$561,189, in line with the FACS 003 – Sporting Club and Amenities Policy.

The Karlgarin Country Club has also agreed to cover one-third of the cost of the new boundary fence. Members of the Karlgarin Bowling Club have also volunteered many hours of their time to help make the project happen and continue to assist with this combined community project.





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Capital Works Updates

Sealing of Kondinin Airstrip and Associated Asphalt of Taxiway and Apron

The tender for the Sealing of the Kondinin Airstrip and Associated Asphalt of Taxiway and Apron Works was awarded by Council at its Special Meeting held on the 23 February 2026 to contractors Key Civil. Works have now commenced on carting base course material scheduled to be laid and compacted by the end of March with the final trim completed and the airstrip ready for seal by early April 2026. The lay and compaction of asphalt over the existing bitumen taxiway is scheduled to be undertaken in April 2026. It anticipated that all works will be completed by the end of April 2026 providing an all-weather facility to improve local regional air safety and emergency service efficiencies.

The Kondinin Airstrip has been closed from 11 March to 30 April 2026 inclusive for the works to be undertaken. The Royal Flying Doctors Service, the Kondinin Hospital, St John Ambulance and other relevant user groups have been advised of the closure and provided with alternative airstrips within close proximity to be used during this period.

This project has been made possible through grant funding received from the Department of Transport's Regional Development Scheme (RADS) Program, together with a cash and in-kind contribution from the Shire of Kulin and the Shire of Kondinin.





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Medical Centre Updates

New GP Obstetrician for Kondinin and Hyden

For many people living in regional Western Australia, access to consistent, wide-ranging healthcare can make all the difference—not just in a crisis, but across the everyday milestones of life. Dr Rob Perry brings a breadth of experience and a down-to-earth approach to general practice, shaped by a pathway that began in Perth's southern suburbs and has taken him through rural training, Navy service, and years of obstetric care supporting families across WA.

A local beginning, and a clear calling

Dr Perry grew up in the southern suburbs of Perth and first studied Pharmacy before moving into Medicine at the University of Notre Dame. That early foundation in medicines and patient care continues to inform his style as a GP—practical, thorough, and focused on helping people understand their options.

A pivotal part of his medical training was spending a year of medical school in Kalgoorlie, where he “fell in love with the idea of being a rural generalist.” Rural general practice is, by nature, comprehensive. It's about being ready to look after the whole community—children, adults, older patients, families—often with fewer layers of specialist services nearby. That breadth, and the strong relationships it enables, is what drew Dr Perry towards regional medicine.

Service in the Royal Australian Navy

After medical school, Dr Perry served in the Royal Australian Navy, an experience that adds another layer to his clinical perspective. Defence service environments demand calm decision-making, teamwork, and preparedness—qualities that translate naturally into primary care, urgent presentations, and the real-world complexity of community medicine. It also aligns closely with one of his ongoing clinical interests: Veteran's health.

Supporting families through pregnancy and birth

Following his time in the Navy, Dr Perry turned his attention to obstetrics, helping thousands of families through pregnancy, birth, and the critical postnatal period. His experience spans Perth and a range of rural locations across Western Australia, giving him an understanding of both metropolitan resources and the realities of regional care.

Obstetric work is demanding and deeply human: it involves proactive planning, clear communication, and readiness for the unexpected. Those strengths continue to underpin his general practice today, particularly in his care of women across all life stages—from contraception and reproductive health through to perimenopause and beyond.

Comprehensive care across all stages of life

Today, Dr Rob provides comprehensive general practice care through all stages of life, supporting patients with both everyday health needs and more complex, longer-term concerns. His clinical interests include:

- Women's health
- Veteran's health
- Mental health
- Emergency medicine

This combination reflects the practical reality of rural general practice—where a GP may be caring for multiple generations of the same family and helping patients navigate everything from preventative screening to acute presentations.



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Practical procedures and in-clinic diagnostic support

One of the ways Dr Perry supports accessible, timely care is through a strong procedural skillset delivered in the clinic setting. He is skilled in:

- Mirena insertion and removal
- Implanon insertion and removal
- Vasectomy
- Point-of-care ultrasound

Point-of-care ultrasound is a particularly valuable tool in regional settings. Having accessible in-clinic imaging can help guide quicker clinical decisions, support timely diagnosis, and contribute to more comprehensive care—especially when travel or wait times for external imaging may be a barrier.

Caring close to home in Kondinin and Hyden

Dr Perry's work reflects a commitment to regional communities—bringing broad, hands-on medical care to where it's needed. Patients can access care through Livingston Medical's local sites in:

Kondinin
120 Graham St

Hyden
3 Naughton St

Taking bookings from 16th March 2026

To make an appointment or find out more:

Livingston Medical

Phone: 9889 1753

Website: livingstonmedical.com.au



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INTRODUCING OUR NEW GP OBSTETRICIAN

DR ROB PERRY

B.Pharm, MBBS, DRANZCOG, FRACGP

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After serving in the Royal Australian Navy, Rob turned his attention to **obstetrics, helping thousands of families through their pregnancy and birth**, gaining experience in Perth and various rural locations in WA.



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Services include:

- Mirena & Implanon Insertion and Removal
- Vasectomy
- Infant Checks & Postnatal Checks
- Obstetric Care & Ultrasound Scans
- Point-Of-Care Ultrasound - providing accessible in-clinic imaging to support timely diagnosis and comprehensive care.

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CHANGE OF OPENING HOURS

EFFECTIVE 16TH MARCH 2026

**Kondinin & Hyden will be changing
opening days and hours.**

KONDININ

Monday 9am - 5pm

Wednesday 8am - 5pm

HYDEN

Tuesday 8am - 5pm

Thursday 8am - 3pm



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Community Happenings

Kondinin Triathlon – 14 March 2026

The Kondinin Triathlon held on Saturday 14 March was another fantastic event for our community. It was a great introduction for me to experience the event for the first time, and what a brilliant day it was!

A sincere thank you to all the volunteers who assisted both out on the course and in the pool area.

Your time and effort play a vital role in ensuring the event runs smoothly and safely.

A huge thank you to Shaun and Ann, managers of the Kondinin Aquatic Centre. Your passion and dedication make events like this possible, and Shaun, your drive and commitment to the triathlon in particular is truly outstanding.

Thank you also to our CEO for assisting out on the course and for presenting the awards on the day — your support is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to all of this year’s winners and participants — a fantastic effort by everyone involved.

This event continues to be a highlight on the community calendar, and it’s great to see such strong support and participation each year.

Category	Winner	Winning time
▶ Junior 12-16	David Valenta	35:58.9
▶ Long Individual	Jake Garlick	1:18:26.7
▶ Short Individual	Tory Young	48:21.5
▶ Short Team	Jen Henderer, Tammy Wilkins	50:30.7
▶ Under 12 individual	Milla Browning	16:36.6
▶ Under 12 Team	Tom Huxley Hamish	15:32.1





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Community Happenings



Community Chest Fund – Supporting Local Initiatives

Starting in the 2026/2027 financial year, the Shire of Kondinin will continue to support local community groups through the Community Chest Fund, recognising the important role organisations play in building connection, participation and wellbeing across our Shire. This fund provides small-scale financial and in-kind assistance to support grassroots projects, events and initiatives that benefit the local community. Eligible groups can apply for up to \$500 once per financial year, helping bring ideas to life and strengthen community engagement.

Funding rounds will be available twice a year, with applications opening in July/August and February/March. Local not-for-profit organisations, community groups and schools delivering broader community benefit are encouraged to apply.

Applications are assessed on community benefit, alignment with Shire priorities, value for money and the ability to deliver the proposed activity.

The Community Chest Funding Policy works alongside the existing Community Grants Program Policy, helping to support smaller-scale initiatives and events, provide a clear and consistent process for funding requests, and ensure funding is allocated in line with available budgets and good governance practices. The Community Grants Program will continue to operate annually for larger funding requests and more substantial community projects.

Community groups are encouraged to plan ahead if they wish to apply, as the Community Chest Fund will become the main way the Shire supports smaller local initiatives and events. While some flexibility has been available in the past, ad hoc funding requests will be limited, with a stronger focus on applying through the scheduled funding programs.

Applications will be available on the Shire Website from July 2026.



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Community Happenings

Gourmet in the Garden

Gourmet in the Garden 2026 was once again a fantastic success, continuing to build on six years of dedication, collaboration and hard work from both the community and the Shire of Kondinin. The event has truly become a highlight on the local calendar and a wonderful showcase of what can be achieved when a community comes together.

A sincere thank you to the main organising committee — Helen Crane, Tammy Garlick and Ann Franich — whose ongoing commitment, time and attention to detail ensure the event continues to grow and thrive each year.

We would also like to acknowledge the many community members who contributed along the way, whether through volunteering, donations, or lending a helping hand in the lead-up and on the day. Every contribution, no matter how big or small, plays an important role in the success of events like this.

A big thank you to the Shire works crew for their efforts in setting up and packing down the marquee, tables and chairs, particularly in very hot conditions this year. Your hard work behind the scenes does not go unnoticed and is always greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to our six student waiters who worked incredibly hard throughout the evening and did a fantastic job, particularly assisting with dishes — your help was invaluable and very much appreciated.

Finally, thank you to Melissa Palinkas and her team from The Young George for once again delivering an exceptional dining experience, and to the Tippy Turtle Bar team who kept everyone well looked after throughout the evening despite a very busy service.

For this event to continue to be successful, we rely on the ongoing support of our community volunteers. If you are interested in getting involved, we would love to hear from you — please get in touch.

We look forward to continuing to build on this success and bringing the community together again for future events.





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Community Happenings

Citizenship Ceremony

On Saturday 28 March, the Shire of Kondinin proudly held a Citizenship Ceremony at the Hyden CWA, formally welcoming six members of our community as Australian citizens. While these individuals are already valued and contributing members of our community, it was a special occasion to recognise and celebrate this important milestone as they officially become Australian citizens.

The ceremony was officiated by Shire President Kent Mouritz.

We warmly congratulate our newest citizens, Niall Watson and the Falconer family – James, Krystie, Khloe, Alex and Liam – on this significant achievement.

The morning concluded with a lovely morning tea, generously prepared by the Hyden CWA ladies, providing a wonderful opportunity to come together and celebrate.





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ANZAC DAY

FRIDAY 25TH OF APRIL



5:45 AM - Dawn Service at Yeerakine Rock, Sloan Road Kondinin.

Walk up Yeerakine Rock or transport available from first car park from 5:00am to 5:40am

Recommend to bring a torch and wear warm clothes.

7:30 AM - ANZAC March from the front of the Kondinin Shire Office on Gordon Street to the Kondinin Memorial Garden.

7:45 AM - Gun Fire Breakfast at the Kondinin Town Hall.

A return bus service will be running from Kondinin town to Yeerakine Rock. Pick up will be from 4:50am-5:10am at the Kondinin Aquatic Centre, we strongly recommend using this as parking at Yeerakine Rock is limited.

For more information, please contact Kondinin Shire Office at 9889 1006.



RSLWA

Hyden Anzac Day 2026

Celebrating Women in Service



Hyden CWA War Memorial Garden
Saturday 25th April

From 6:00am

*We invite all guests to the join the gunfire breakfast
at the Hyden Hotel following the service.*



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COMMUNITY GRANTS 2026/2027

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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.