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The Echo

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Community Information SMS Service

The Shire of Kondinin is introducing a new SMS notification service to provide timely updates directly to your mobile phone.

To register, use the QR below or collect a form from the Shire offices in Hyden or Kondinin.

Important: After registering, you must check your email (including Spam/Junk folders) and follow the confirmation link to complete your registration. Without this step, you will not receive SMS notifications.



Kondinin Office Hours

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

Hyden Office Hours

Office Hours: 10.00am-4.30pm, close between 1.00-1.30pm | Licensing: 10.00am-3.00pm
Email: hylib@kondinin.wa.gov.au | Phone: 9880 5160

All accounts forward to records@kondinin.wa.gov.au

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Local Advertisement

Full Page Ad - \$80
Half Page Ad - \$50
Quarter Colour Page Ad - \$25
Quarter B&W Page Ad -FREE
Noticeboard (5 lines) - \$20

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Full Page Ad - \$80
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KEY DATES & UP COMING EVENTS

JUNE

Meditation @Hyden Golf Course Tues
16th June From 4.15pm

School Cross Country @ Hyden Golf
Club Fri 19th June

Blue Tree Project Community BBQ
@Kondinin Country Club Tues 23rd June
from 6:30pm

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PRACTICAL DRIVING ASSESSMENT

Wednesday 27th May
Wednesday 24th June
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

Special Budget Meeting 27th May
11.30am @ Kondinin Chambers

Ordinary Council Meeting
17th June @ 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

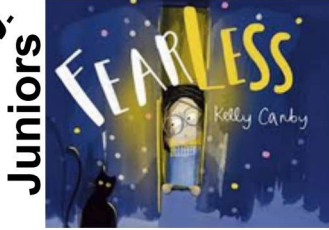


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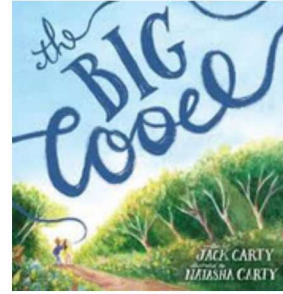
Read All About It: Library Shelves Out New Stories

Kondinin Library



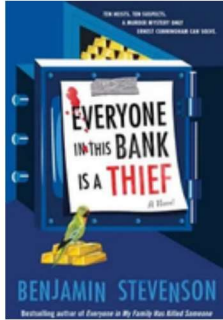
Juniors

A beautifully illustrated book that explores everyday anxiety and courage. It follows a girl who is terrified of almost everything and her seemingly fearless friend.



A brother and sister shout Cooe into the bush and it magically loops around the world, celebrating togetherness, connection and wonder.

Adults



A locked room mystery where 10 hostages are trapped in a bank during a heist, when a murder occurs everyone becomes a suspect.

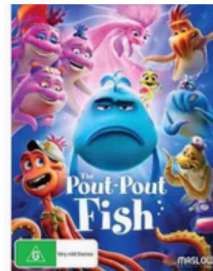


An Australian Crime thriller about a rock climber who discovers a woman's body on the Wimmera Plains.

DVD



A documentary film crew ventures into the Amazon rainforest and becomes hunted by a massive, deadly anaconda.



A cheerful but gloomy fish learns to overcome his constant frowning and discover happiness with the help of his underwater friends.

Hyden Library

Juniors

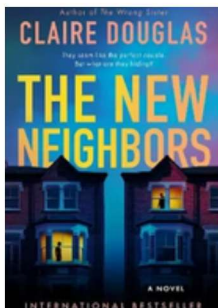


Fuzzball by Nathan Luff is a humorous children's story about an unusual, hairy creature and the chaos and mystery that follows its unexpected arrival.

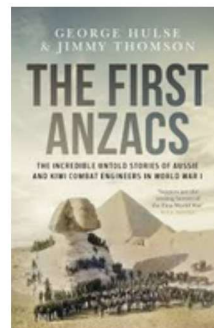


Prickles by Phil Cummings is a gentle story about a shy echidna who learns to find friendship and confidence despite feeling different from others.

Adults



The New Neighbours by Claire Douglas is a tense domestic thriller about a couple whose dream home turns into a nightmare when their seemingly friendly neighbours reveal dark secrets.



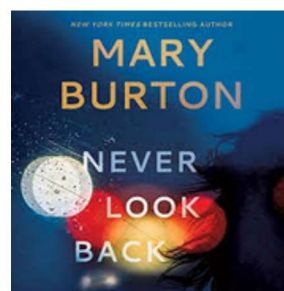
The First Anzacs by George Hulse is an engaging historical book that explores the experiences of Australian and New Zealand soldiers during the Gallipoli campaign in World War I.

DVD



The Housemaid is a tense psychological drama about a woman who takes a job in a wealthy household, only to become entangled in the dark and dangerous secrets of the family she serves.

Audio Book



Never Look Back by Mary Burton is a suspenseful thriller about a woman forced to confront a buried past when a series of crimes resurface, threatening her life and uncovering long-hidden secrets.



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From the Chambers.....



Ordinary Council Meeting May 20th 2026

The Council:

- Received and endorsed the List of Accounts paid for April 2026
- Received and endorsed the Monthly Financial Report (Statement of Financial Activity and Statement of Financial Position) for April 2026
- Considered the proposed 2026/27 Differential Rates and resolved to defer to a Special Council Meeting on 29 May 2026
- Approved continued funding for the Better Beginnings Programs in Hyden and Kondinin for a three-year period
- Endorsed membership with Auspire to support the Australia Day Citizenship Awards program
- Approved allocation of Community Grant funding totalling \$47,284 to local community groups and projects
- Endorsed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Hyden Community Resource Centre for the operation of the Hyden Discovery Centre
- Approved the regularisation of contracted ICT services, including a procurement exemption and three-year contract arrangement
- Adopted the updated Freedom of Information Statement to ensure compliance with legislation
- Approved revised Councillor fees, allowances, and CEO remuneration adjustments effective 1 July 2026
- Adopted the Councillor-Administration Communication Framework to strengthen governance and communication processes

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



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Capital Works Updates

Road Maintenance

The Shire has commenced shoulder widening and sealing works on East Hyden Bin Road as part of the Regional Road Safety Program. These improvements will enhance safety and road usability for all users.

Gravel sheeting has recently been completed on Billericay East and Lake Carmody roads, improving surface conditions and overall accessibility. Works are currently underway on Lake O'Connor Road, where gravel sheeting is in progress.

Ongoing maintenance grading continues across the road network, with a current focus on maintaining bus routes to ensure safe and reliable access for school transport.

Update on Kondinin Pavilion

The Kondinin Pavilion Project is progressing well and near completion. This week will see the internal fit out of the kitchen, the plumbing and electrical fixtures installed and the progression of the concrete work.

By the end of May 2026 the remaining outstanding works will be the change room bench seats, the concrete surrounds and installation of hand railings and ramps once the concrete works are completed. The project is anticipated to be all completed by the end of June 2026 to meet with grant milestones.

The KCRC are busy organising the internal appliances and kitchenware ready for first winter sports day at the upgraded facility.





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Capital Works Updates

Karlgarin RV Camping Site

The Shire has recently undertaken works to upgrade the surrounding area of Stafford Park, comprising an RV Dump Site and allocated RV Camping Bays.

These improvements complement this space that provides a BBQ, gazebo area, swing set and interpretive signage and art work commemorating 100 years of the Karlgarin Community.

Tourists have been seen enjoying this 24 hour stop over nestled amongst the shady trees providing the opportunity to visit the sites around Karlgarin, such as McCann's Rock and the Karlgarin Country Club for a meal on a Thursday evening.



Community Happenings

The Kondinin Hospital Ladies would like to thank all the community members and the football men who helped us on Monday with the catering and furniture arrangements for the McCubbing family.

Thank you, Ali at IGA, for your very generous donation.

We have a very generous community.

Thank you all.

Meditation in Hyden with Felicity

Come Along to the Hyden Golf Club and take some time to reset your mind and body.

next session is on Tuesday 16th June

arrive 4:15pm for 4:30pm start
\$5 per person

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

Led by Felicity Ward

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





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Community Happenings

Aged Care within the Shire Of Kondinin

Recent feedback from our community survey and meetings has highlighted aged care as an important priority for residents across the Shire. To better understand local needs and concerns, a short, targeted survey on aged care will be conducted in the near future.

Kondinin Wind Project Early Winds Fund Announced

A new funding opportunity is now available for the Kondinin community through the Kondinin Wind Project's Early Winds Fund.

This one-off fund has been established to recognise the community's ongoing support during the wind farm development process and to help kick-start local initiatives ahead of construction. It complements the larger Kondinin Community Benefits Fund, which is expected to provide ongoing funding once construction begins.

The Early Winds Fund will support community liveability projects delivered by not-for-profit organisations within a 10km radius of the Kondinin townsite. Eligible groups can apply for grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000 for projects to be completed within approximately 12 months. Collaborative applications that deliver strong and broad community benefit will be viewed favourably.

Applications open on 25 May 2026 and close on 6 July 2026, with successful applicants expected to be notified in August 2026. Applications will be submitted via the SmartyGrants portal, with the link available once the fund opens.

This initiative presents a valuable opportunity for local organisations to bring forward projects that enhance the wellbeing and vibrancy of the Kondinin community.

For further information, to request guidelines and application forms, or to seek assistance with your application, please contact:

Community Liaison Officer - Kyla Padfield

kpadfield@foresightgroupau.com.

m: 0461 575 165





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Community Happenings

Hyden CRC Biggest Bake-Off & Afternoon Tea

The Hyden CRC hosted a delightful Biggest Bake-Off and Afternoon Tea, bringing the community together for a fun and tasty event. This year's bake-off featured a competition for the best scone, with Pam Williamson taking out top honours for her delicious cheese and bacon scones, perfectly paired with quince jam. A wonderful selection of homemade baked goods was enjoyed by all, with plenty of opportunity to catch up and share in the friendly atmosphere.

Thank you to Marina Smith, Wendy Whitwell and Bruce Wright for judging the contest. With nine entries, it was no easy task deciding on an overall winner.

The bake-off, afternoon tea and raffle—which featured a fantastic range of items generously donated by local businesses—raised over \$1,600 for the Cancer Council, a wonderful cause that has impacted so many in our community.



Kondinin CRC Biggest Morning Tea and Community Lunch

Kondinin CRC recently hosted a fantastic combined Biggest Morning Tea Cancer Council fundraiser and community lunch, bringing locals together for an enjoyable and meaningful occasion.

The event was beautifully catered by the Kondinin P&C, with a wonderful variety of delicious food that was well received by all who attended.

There was a great mix of age groups in attendance, along with a number of visitors staying at the Kondinin Caravan Park, adding to the warm and welcoming atmosphere.

Guests also enjoyed a lively program of entertainment, with Toni leading a series of fun quizzes and activities that kept everyone engaged and on their toes.

The day was a great success, with \$720 raised for the Cancer Council, highlighting the strength of the community while supporting an important cause.

A special thank you to Toni and the Kondinin CRC for organising such a wonderful and enjoyable event.





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Community Happenings

Library Donation - The Life of James William West

Terri Strong (West) has kindly donated two copies of her book, The Life of James William West, to our local libraries.

This generous contribution provides the community with an opportunity to learn more about James William West's life and legacy, and ensures his story is preserved and shared for future generations.

We thank Terri for her thoughtful donation and for helping enrich our local history collection.

Community Grant Program 2026-2027

We are very pleased to announce that the following applicants have been successful in the Shire of Kondinin Community Grants Program for the 2026/2027 round:

- St John Ambulance - \$7,500.00
- Kondinin Primary School P&C - \$7,500.00
- Kondinin-Kulin Hockey Club - \$7,500.00
- Kondinin Lions Club - \$458.59
- Kondinin Community Resource Centre - \$588.86
- Kondinin Burnouts - \$7,500.00
- Hyden Golf Club - \$4,745.00
- Hyden Community Resource Centre - \$3,992.00
- Hyden Country Women's Association - \$7,500.00

These projects will commence in the 2026/2027 financial year.

Thank you to all groups who submitted an application. We look forward to seeing these initiatives come to life throughout 2026/2027. Further details on the grant process will be shared in the coming weeks in line with the Community Grants guidelines.

Community Chest Fund - Supporting Local Initiatives

From 2026/2027, the Shire of Kondinin will continue supporting local groups through the Community Chest Fund, providing up to \$500 per year for small community projects and events.

Funding rounds will open twice yearly (July/August and February/March), with applications assessed on community benefit and alignment with Shire priorities.

This fund complements the Community Grants Program for larger projects, with a stronger focus on applying through scheduled rounds.

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



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Community Happenings

BLUE TREE PROJECT PRESENTS



FREE COMMUNITY

SUNDOWNER

BBQ

for a cause

23
JUNE

KONDININ
KONDININ COUNTRY CLUB
EVENT KICKS OFF 6:30PM



SPEAKERS
FREEBIES & MORE!

Join us for an evening of speakers, conversation
& kickin' the stigma around mental health!

This program is funded by



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June Stargazing



Triple Planets, Twin Stars, Single Moon

The planets are stunning this winter! If you've been keeping an eye on the sky, you'll have seen Venus and Jupiter appearing brightly in the north western sky after sunset.

The evening delight continues for stargazers at 6pm on 17th June. In the north west sky, three naked-eye planets are visible - Jupiter, Venus and Mercury. They appear in the constellation of Gemini. See if you can identify the two brightest stars of Gemini, Pollux and Castor, below the three planets and the Moon. The Moon creates a stunning vision as a thin crescent. It's smiling at us and its neighbours.

The stars, Pollux and Castor, are the two brightest stars in the constellation of Gemini. They appear as though they could be at the same distance away from us. Pollux, the higher of the two stars is just over 33 light years from Earth, whereas Castor is over 50 light years away.

When and where to look:

Start watching after sunset from 6.00pm, 17th June.

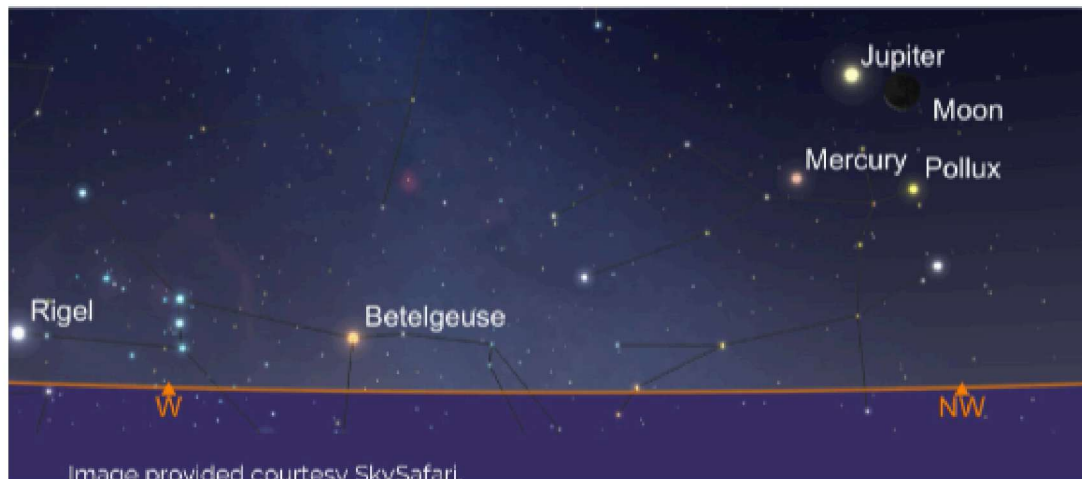


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Three planets, twin stars and the crescent moon at 6pm on 17th June. Image provided by SkySafari, a Simulation Curriculum Company; All rights reserved www.simulationcurriculum.com.

In the news: The Astrotourism Towns have recently featured in a few media stories including Gourmet Traveller! Our astrophotography hotspots, specially chosen observing sites and stargazing trails are being seen by more people. Has anyone seen an "astro-visitor" lately? Read the article online -

www.gourmettraveller.com.au/travel/destinations/dark-sky-tourism/

For more what's up in the night sky, visit www.astrotourismwa.com.au. Happy stargazing!



KING ROCKS WIND FARM

TRANSPORTATION OF WIND TURBINES



THE COMPONENTS FOR 17 WIND TURBINES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE WILL BE TRANSPORTED ABOUT 450 KM FROM THE PORT OF BUNBURY TO KING ROCKS WIND FARM NEAR HYDEN FROM LATE MAY 2026 AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL APPROXIMATELY SEPTEMBER.

WEATHER AND TRANSPORT CONDITIONS PERMITTING, DELIVERIES WILL OCCUR UP TO SEVEN DAYS PER WEEK (MONDAY TO SUNDAY). EACH DELIVERY WILL START FROM THE PORT OF BUNBURY AT SUNRISE AND IS SCHEDULED TO PASS THROUGH HYDEN IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON.

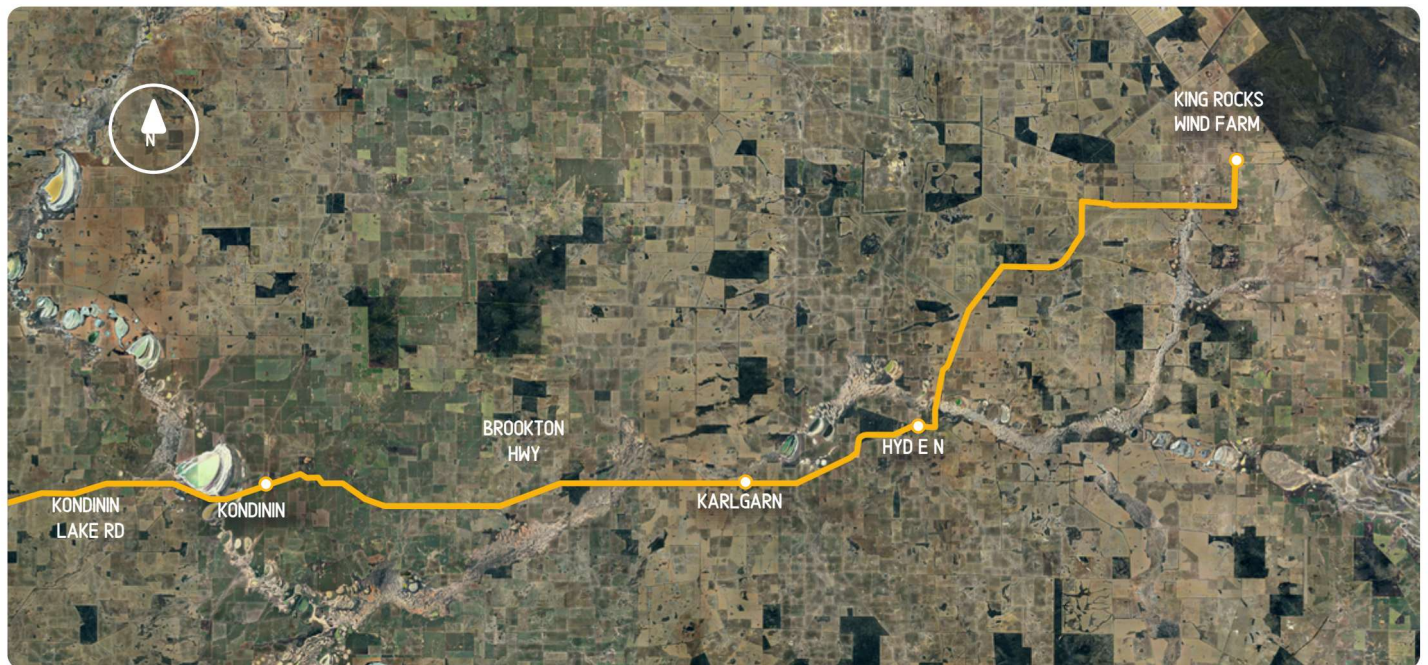
ONCE IN THE SHIRE OF KONDININ, THE BLADES WILL BE TRANSPORTED BY TRUCK ALONG KONDININ LAKE RD, BROOKTON HWY, LOVERING RD, WOOLCUTTY RD, BILLERICAY EAST RD, LOVERING RD AND FINALLY KING ROCKS NORTH RD TO SITE. BLADES AND OTHER TURBINE COMPONENTS, SUCH AS TOWER SECTIONS, WILL BE ESCORTED BY TRAFFIC PILOTS.

IF YOU FIND YOURSELF BEHIND AN OVERSIZED LOAD, PLEASE DO NOT PASS UNTIL THE PILOT HAS GIVEN YOU AN INSTRUCTION TO DO SO. THE TRANSPORT DELIVERY SIZES WILL BE UP TO 94 METRES IN LENGTH, 4.4 METRES IN WIDTH, AND 27 TONNES EACH LOAD. THE OVERSIZED LOAD WILL BE STOPPING EVERY 20-25 KM ALONG THE ROUTE TO RELIEVE ANY TRAFFIC BEHIND THEM.

IF SLOWED BEHIND AN OVERSIZED LOAD, SCHOOL BUS OPERATORS ARE ASKED TO CONTACT THE PILOT USING A UHF CHANNEL 40 TO NOTIFY THEM OF THEIR POSITION BEHIND THE LOAD. THE LOAD WILL THEN PULL OVER WHEN SAFE TO DO SO AND THE PILOT WILL SIGNAL FOR THE SCHOOL BUS TO PASS.

FOR ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR COMMUNITY TEAM ON 0482 993 106 OR BY EMAILING COMMUNITY@SYNERGY.NET.AU

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE DURING THIS TIME.



WIND TURBINE TRANSPORT ROUTE IN THE SHIRE OF KONDININ



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