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SEPTEMBER

Canva For Beginners @ Hyden
CRC 9th September

Hyden CWA Stitch for Froktober
@ Hyden CWA 17th September

Hyden Markets 26th Sept@
Hyden Hall

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PRACTICAL DRIVING ASSESSMENT

Wednesday 16th September

**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
23rd September 2026
@ 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 fun and engaging picture book that follows Margot and Rory as they learn about sun safety and making smart clothing choices while enjoying outdoor play.

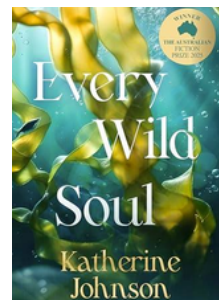


A touching picture book about a lone leaf learning to let go, exploring themes of love, change, resilience, and loss in a gentle and reassuring way.



Adults

A magical and thought-provoking novel about an elderly man who boards a mysterious train after his death and journeys back through the defining moments of his life, exploring love, regret, and the possibility of second chances.



A lyrical and compelling novel set on Tasmania's remote Maria Island, where secrets, conservation efforts, and personal struggles intertwine in a powerful story of resilience, healing, and humanity's connection to the natural world.



DVD

Follows Stella Heikkinen as she settles into life as the unlikely leader of the quirky Tasmanian town of Mystery Bay, but just as stability seems within reach, new threats and chaos emerge, putting her family and community at risk.



Audio Book

A fast-paced political thriller in which an estranged mother and daughter must unravel ancient secrets and modern conspiracies to prevent a global catastrophe, while navigating family tensions, power, and identity.

Hyden Library

Juniors



A heartwarming picture book that celebrates the many fun, loving, and supportive ways dads make everyday moments special for their children.



A humorous middle-grade adventure about Joey Gibbs, a mischievous boy who teams up with a mysterious trickster spirit from his Wakka Wakka culture and must unravel the Junjardy's intentions before their pranks lead to disaster.



Adults

A rural romance about a widowed reality TV dating-show contestant and a busy single mother whose growing connection is tested by past heartaches, small-town gossip, and life on a South Australian farm.



A compelling history that explores 65,000 years of Indigenous innovation, knowledge and ingenuity, showing how First Nations peoples shaped and managed the Australian continent.



DVD

Follows the Fox family as they seek refuge in the Guatemalan jungle, only to become entangled with a dangerous drug lord while family tensions threaten to tear them apart.

Audio Book



A heartwarming speculative novel about a sentient robotic vacuum named Scout who, alongside other intelligent household appliances, fights to protect the elderly man she loves from a powerful technological system controlling their world.



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Community Citizen of the Year Awards

The Shire of Kondinin is proud to be taking part in the Australia Day Citizenship Awards, and nominations are now open!

Do you know an individual or community group that goes above and beyond for our community? Now is your chance to recognise their efforts.

Nominate a deserving person or group today and help celebrate the people who make our community stronger.

Nominations Close 31st October 2026



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From the Chambers.....



Ordinary Council Meeting August 19th 2026

The Council:

- Received and endorsed the List of Accounts paid for July 2026 totalling \$1.61 million.
- Considered the draft 2026/27 Annual Budget and deferred adoption to a future Special Council Meeting pending receipt of differential rating approval from the State Government.
- Considered and did not proceed with the proposed closure of part of Brunton Street, Kondinin, following withdrawal of the request by the applicant and concerns raised regarding access arrangements.
- Approved the Operational Management Plan and Aviation Impact Assessment for the King Rocks Wind Farm, enabling further compliance with development approval conditions.
- Established a Community Citizen of the Year Awards Selection Panel, comprising Councillors, the Chief Executive Officer and community representatives from Kondinin, Karlgarin and Hyden.
- Endorsed the proposed Wave Rock (Katter Kich) Discovery Centre Business Plan for public advertising and community consultation under Section 3.59 of the Local Government Act 1995.
- Authorised a public submission process and community survey for the proposed Discovery Centre, with Council to consider community feedback before making any decision on whether to proceed with the project.
- Noted that no commitment has been made to construct the Discovery Centre and that a future Council decision will be required following completion of the statutory consultation process.

Full minutes available on our website www.kondinin.wa.gov.au



Works and Infrastructure

- Our grader operators have been undertaking maintenance grading on gravel roads, taking advantage of the available moisture to achieve optimal results.
- Gravel re-sheeting was required on damaged sections of Billericay Road and Kings Rock North Road leading to the wind farm site.
- Wet conditions in the Forrestania area have resulted in rutting and potholes on several roads. These defects have been repaired using imported gravel.
- Preliminary works have commenced on a 4.7 km section of Hyden-Norseman Road, which is scheduled to be sealed by December.
- Gravel re-sheeting has also been completed on Lake O'Connor Road as part of the Shire's ongoing road re-sheeting program.
- Rainfall has caused potholes to develop on streets in both Kondinin and Hyden. Repair works are currently being undertaken.
- New signage is being installed along the Kondinin Bush Walk Trail, together with the replacement of damaged and outdated street signs.
- Signage at the Hyden-Wave Rock precinct has been reviewed, with several signs identified for replacement.
- A centre white line has been applied to the recently sealed Kondinin Airstrip. In addition, scrub vegetation has been cleared to prevent potential damage to aircraft wings and improve operational safety.





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Kondinin Pavilion Completed and Ready to Welcome Sporting Clubs

The Kondinin Pavilion upgrade is now complete and ready to welcome local sporting clubs, community groups and visitors. While the project experienced some delays in late 2025 due to ageing infrastructure and remediation works, construction progressed well through early 2026 and has now been successfully finalised.

The final cost of the project delivered by ACORP Construction was \$2,281,375 (ex GST), being \$191,657 (ex GST) more than the original contracted price of \$2,089,718 (ex GST). Approximately one-third of the \$191,657 (ex GST) variation costs related to upgrades to the power submains. The remaining variations were primarily associated with addressing latent conditions that were not known before the contract was executed.

This project was made possible through contributions from the following funding partners: Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport (Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund) — \$384,860; Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Fund) — \$543,234; Kondinin Community Recreation Council — \$400,000 and Shire of Kondinin — \$953,281

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





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Better Access to Procurement Opportunities for Local Businesses

The Shire of Kondinin is moving to VendorPanel, powered by Unimarket, a cloud-based procurement system used by thousands of councils, government agencies and suppliers across Australia.

The new system is designed to make it easier, fairer and more transparent for businesses to access and respond to Shire purchasing opportunities.

For local businesses and suppliers, VendorPanel will provide:

- a clearer and more consistent way to receive and respond to quotation and tender opportunities;
- improved visibility of relevant purchasing opportunities;
- more consistent communication from the Shire;
- a secure and central location for procurement information;
- potential access to opportunities from other councils, government agencies and participating organisations; and
- continued assistance from Shire staff.

Importantly, the benefits may extend beyond doing business with the Shire of Kondinin. Once registered, local businesses may be able to view and respond to relevant procurement opportunities from other councils, government agencies and participating organisations. This could help local businesses reach new customers, expand their markets and compete for work outside the Shire.

For the community, the system will strengthen accountability and help ensure the Shire's purchasing decisions are made fairly, transparently and in accordance with legislative requirements.

It will also support the Shire in achieving the best overall value for money. Value for money is not limited to obtaining the lowest price. It also considers non-financial factors such as quality, reliability, local economic benefit, service standards, risk and whole-of-life costs.

The fundamental change is how procurement opportunities and supplier responses are managed. The Shire's procurement requirements, documentation standards and expectations of suppliers will remain substantially the same.

The Shire appreciates that moving to a new system may initially be challenging for some businesses. To support a smooth transition, we will hold two introductory sessions to help local businesses and suppliers register and learn how to use VendorPanel.

Introductory Sessions

Kondinin

Kondinin Shire Chambers

6.00 pm, Wednesday, 2 September 2026

Hyden

Hyden Community Resource Centre

6.00 pm, Thursday, 3 September 2026

Please RSVP to cs@kondinin.wa.gov.au.

If you are unable to attend one of the sessions, please be assured that assistance will continue to be available from Shire staff throughout the transition and if required, more sessions will be planned.

The Shire strongly encourages all current and prospective local businesses, contractors and suppliers to register, including businesses that have not previously supplied goods or services to the Shire.

Bruce Wright

Chief Executive Officer

Shire of Kondinin



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Current Requests for Tenders



SHIRE OF KONDININ REQUEST FOR TENDER 02/2026-2027

Provision of Turf, Irrigation, Sportsground and Associated Grounds Maintenance Services

Tenders are invited for the Provision of Turf, Irrigation, Sportsground and Associated Grounds Maintenance Services in the Shire of Kondinin.

Tender documents for this tender can be downloaded from
<http://vendorpanel.com.au/PublicTenders.aspx>

Tenders must be lodged through this tendering portal and will be received until
12.00pm (AWST) Wednesday 16 September 2026

Late tender submissions will not be accepted.

**Bruce Wright
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Kondinin**



SHIRE OF KONDININ REQUEST FOR TENDER 01/2026-2027 CLEANING SERVICES

Tenders are invited for cleaning services of public facilities in the Shire of Kondinin.

Tender documents for this tender can be downloaded from
<http://vendorpanel.com.au/PublicTenders.aspx>

Tenders must be lodged through this tendering portal and will be received until
4.00pm (AWST) Wednesday 16 September 2026

Late tender submissions will not be accepted.

**Bruce Wright
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Kondinin**



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Public Notices

Planning and Development Act 2005

Shire of Kondinin



Notice of public advertisement of planning proposal

The local government has received an application to use land for the following purpose and public comments are invited.

Lot No. 27404 on DP 207174

Street: Karlgarin Hill North Road **Suburb:** Hyden

Proposal: The proposal seeks to operate an un-hosted short-term rental accommodation at existing residential dwelling.

Details of the proposal are available for inspection at the local government office in Hyden and Kondinin or on the Shire's website www.kondinin.wa.gov.au. Comments on the proposal may be submitted to the local government in writing on or before **Wednesday 16 September 2026** via email to mpd@kondinin.wa.gov.au via post to PO Box 7 Kondinin WA 6367 or hand delivered to the Shire Office in Hyden or Kondinin.

Bruce Wright
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Kondinin
26 August 2026

Hyden Medical Centre Relocation Consultation

The Shire of Kondinin thanks Hyden residents and community members who provided submissions regarding the proposed relocation of the Hyden Medical Centre.

All feedback has now been collated and will be included in a further report to the Ordinary Meeting of Council on Wednesday, 23 September 2026, for Council's final consideration and decision.

We appreciate the time and effort taken by community members to provide their feedback and assist Council's decision-making process.

Bruce Wright
Chief Executive Officer



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Turning stormwater into a valuable community resource

We are delighted to announce that the Shire of Kondinin has secured \$87,909 in grant funding through the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's Community Water Supplies Partnership Program. The project will improve the capture of stormwater runoff near the Kondinin airstrip and redirect it into the CBH dam. From there, the water can be transferred to the Shire's storage dams and used to irrigate the Kondinin town ovals.

By making better use of locally captured stormwater, we can reduce our reliance on scheme water and strengthen the long-term sustainability of the Kondinin Sporting Precinct. This is a great outcome for our sporting clubs, community facilities and the wider Kondinin community.

Bruce Wright
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Kondinin



YEERAKINE LODGE COMMUNITY NOTICE

Services and Reopening

The Kondinin Kulin Aged Care Committee has been working hard to secure services for Yeerakine Lodge and support its reopening.

To move forward, we need a firm commitment from at least four community members who are ready to move into Yeerakine Lodge.

Community Café Gathering

A community café gathering will be held shortly at the Kondinin Community Resource Centre. Details will be advertised once the date and time are confirmed.

Register Your Interest

If you, a family member, or a friend may be interested in moving into Yeerakine Lodge, please contact Jenny Browning on 0429 637 040 or email emmaville@bigpond.com





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Community Updates

Meeting to Discuss Management of Hyden Recreation Centre

Wednesday 23 September 2026
6.00pm @ Hyden Rec Centre

Members from the Hyden Sports Council, Hyden One Day Sports Committee and two members from each affiliated group of the Hyden Sports Council are invited to attend.

All invited representatives are strongly encouraged to attend to discuss the ongoing management of the Hyden Recreation Centre.

RSVP - Tory Young mpd@kondinin.wa.gov.au
0412 913 211

Upcoming Grant Funding Opportunities

Rabo Bank Community Hub Grant -
<https://www.rabobank.com.au/about-rabobank/rabo-community-fund>

CBH Grassroots Community Grants -
<https://www.cbh.com.au/community/grassroots-community-grants>

American Express Shop Small - Small businesses -
<https://www.americanexpress.com/au/shop-small/>

Lotterywest Playgroup WA Grants -
<https://www.playgroupwa.com.au/playgroup-resources/playgroup-wa-toys-and-equipment-grants/>

BAREFOOT BOWLS

KONDININ BOWLING CLUB

FRIDAY'S
16TH & 23RD
OCTOBER
6.00PM

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Community Updates An Evening with Brendan Cullen

We hosted Brendan Cullen, author of *The Desert Swimmer* and inspirational speaker, at the Hyden Recreation Centre on 3 August, attracting 35 attendees. Brendan shared his personal journey along with practical strategies for building resilience, overcoming challenges, and maintaining positive mental health. Representatives from Men's Regional Health also attended, providing information on local support services and available resources.

The evening provided a valuable opportunity for community members to connect, share experiences, and engage in meaningful conversations about mental wellbeing.

Brendan's inspirational book, *The Desert Swimmer*, is available to borrow from both local libraries.



Community Chest Fund – Supporting Local Initiatives

From the 2026/27 financial year, the Shire of Kondinin will continue supporting local community groups through the Community Chest Fund, recognising the important role they play in fostering connection, participation, and wellbeing across our communities.

The fund provides up to \$500 per financial year in financial or in-kind support for small community projects, events, and initiatives. Funding rounds will open twice yearly in November and March, with applications encouraged from local not-for-profit organisations, community groups, and schools that deliver a broader community benefit.

The Community Chest Fund complements the Shire's annual Community Grants Program by supporting smaller-scale initiatives through a clear and consistent funding process. The Community Grants Program will continue to provide support for larger projects and funding requests.

Community groups are encouraged to plan ahead and apply through the scheduled funding rounds. Applications and further information will be available on the Shire website when the first round opens in November.





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Community Updates

Kondinin Bush Trail & Kondinin Primary School Native Planting Project

The Shire of Kondinin is pleased to introduce new interpretive signage along the Kondinin Bush Trail, helping visitors learn more about the area's natural environment, local history, and native flora and fauna.

The trail now offers two walking trail options, allowing visitors to choose a distance that best suits their interests and fitness level.

The Shire would like to extend a sincere thank you to the students of Kondinin Primary School for their enthusiastic support of the revegetation project undertaken at the beginning of the trail near the old railway line. Together, we planted almost 300 native trees and shrubs, helping to restore habitat, improve biodiversity, and enhance the natural beauty of the area for future generations.

We invite residents and visitors alike to explore the trail, enjoy the surrounding bushland, and discover the unique landscapes that make Kondinin special.

Please stay on designated paths, take your rubbish with you, and help protect our natural environment.





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Community Updates

The Kondinin Art Group has been recognized in this month's RIPE Magazine, highlighting the group's important contribution to the local arts community and its role in promoting creativity across the region. The feature showcases the group's ongoing commitment to supporting artists, organizing exhibitions, and fostering community engagement through art, including the well-established Kondinin Art Exhibition, which remains a significant event on Western Australia's regional arts calendar. The article celebrates the dedication of members and volunteers whose efforts continue to enrich the cultural life of Kondinin and surrounding districts

KONDININ ARTISTS GROUP in conjunction
with
THE SHIRE OF KONDININ
presents the

20th Kondinin Art Exhibition



OPENING NIGHT:
Fri 9th Oct 2026
7.30pm - 9.30pm
Kondinin Town Hall
\$10 entry

Exhibition open daily
Sat 10th - Wed 14th Oct
10am - 3pm
Gold coin entry

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND
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WWW.KONDININ.WA.GOV.AU



20th Kondinin Art Exhibition

PRIZE MONEY

SHIRE OF KONDININ
ACQUISITION PRIZE \$7500
Judge's select winners from "Works on Paper" and
"Works on Canvas"

PEOPLE'S CHOICE \$300
All entries will be eligible for the people's choice award
and entered automatically

CATEGORIES

Works on Paper
First Prize \$800
Second Prize \$500

Works on Canvas/Board
First Prize \$800
Second Prize \$500

Any Other Medium
First Prize \$800
Second Prize \$500
Includes 3D sculpture
Excludes digital art & photography

Metal artwork - must be able to safely install in an outdoor
display. Artist is responsible for delivery and pickup of
exhibit piece.

IMPORTANT DATES

EARLY BIRD ENTRY FEE by 1.09.26 \$25.00 per
entry

AFTER 1.09.26 LATER FEE \$30.00 per entry

FINAL CLOSING DATE 25th September 2026

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Stall Holder Applications Open

KONDININ

Twilight Markets

Kondinin Memorial Hall & Gardens

Stalls
Live Music
Food

SUNDAY
29th NOVEMBER 2026
4:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Bar
Kids Activities
& much more...



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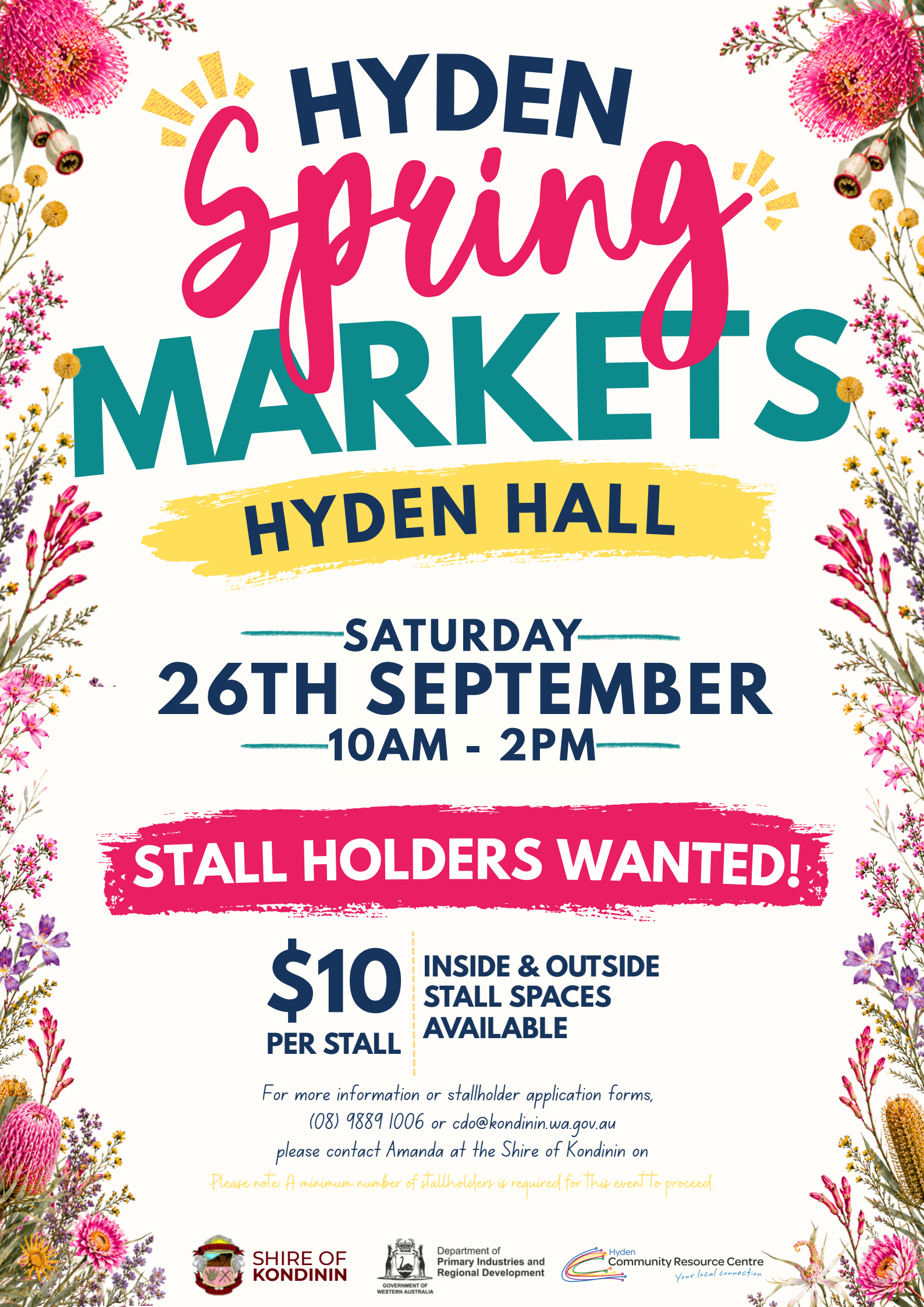
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26TH SEPTEMBER
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please contact Amanda at the Shire of Kondinin on

Please note: A minimum number of stallholders is required for this event to proceed.



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Department of
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Regional Development



Hyden
Community Resource Centre
Your local connection



Propped open pool gates and faulty latches are a leading cause of drowning deaths in young children.

It only takes seconds for a child to drown, so regularly check that the latch is working and **never prop the pool gate open**.

Owners and occupiers are responsible for keeping the pool gate closed and maintained.

Remember...

- ✓ **Don't prop the gate open.** Keeping it closed will help prevent young children from drowning – a gate that is propped open will not.
- ✓ **Keep the pool gate maintained** and make sure it is self-closing and self-latching.
- ✓ **ALWAYS supervise** young children around swimming and spa pools.

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This publication is intended as **general guidance**, primarily for owners and occupiers, on the safety barrier requirements for swimming and spa pools in Western Australia within the:

- Building Regulations 2012 (the Regulations);
- Building Code of Australia, being the Volumes One and Two of the National Construction Code (Building Code); and
- relevant referenced Australian Standards.

It is not appropriate to rely on this publication as legal advice or for the purpose of demonstrating compliance or non-compliance with the pool safety laws.

'Rules for Pools and Spas' was initially developed following a report tabled in the Western Australian Parliament in 2002 by the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs in relation to 'Swimming Pool Fencing' which, among other things, recommended a user-friendly guide on the requirements in the Regulations and relevant Australian Standards.

This edition of 'Rules for Pools and Spas' replaces the previous 2016 edition. It introduces a new format that outlines one set of rules applicable to all swimming and spa pools and, where relevant, specific alternatives for older swimming and spa pools (pre-May 2016 and pre-November 2001).

Legislation that mandates the installation of safety barriers is intended to protect children under the age of five (young children) by restricting their access to the area containing the swimming or spa pool.

Safety barriers form part of a broad strategy, to prevent and reduce deaths of young children by drowning, that primarily relies upon adult supervision. Other important elements include public education, safety barrier inspections, water familiarisation, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid.

Statistics

Drowning is a leading cause of accidental death for young children.

For Western Australia, in the 10-year period between July 2012 and June 2022, there were 19 fatal drowning incidents and 174 non-fatal drownings recorded for young children in swimming and spa pools. Reference: [RLSSWA Drowning Report 2022](#).

The percentage of young children who have died by drowning in swimming and spa pools has reduced over time. This has been largely attributed to the introduction of safety barrier requirements and community education initiatives.

From January 1988 to December 1996 there was an average of 4.9 drowning deaths per year, whereas from July 2012 to June 2022 there was an average of 1.9 drowning deaths per year. The difference between average drowning deaths is more significant when the increase of both the population and number of swimming and spa pools is considered.

What is a swimming or spa pool?

For the purposes of this publication, swimming and spa pool means:

Any excavation or structure containing water and principally used, or that is designed, manufactured or adapted to be principally used, for swimming, wading, paddling or the like, including a wading pool or spa pool, which has the capacity to contain water that is more than 30 cm deep and is associated with:

- a) a Class 1a building; or
- b) less than 30 sole-occupancy units in a Class 2 building; or
- c) a Class 4 part of a building.

Class 1a – Single dwelling such as a detached house, row house, terrace house, town house or villa unit.

Class 2 – Building containing two or more separate dwellings such as apartments.

Class 4 – A part of a building that is a sole dwelling or residence within a building of a non-residential nature such as a caretaker's residence connected to a shop or office.

Information on building classifications can be found in the Building Code which is freely available from the [Australian Building Codes Board \(ABCB\)](#).

Swimming and spa pools include above-ground, in-ground and portable swimming and spa pools, but not spa baths. A spa bath is typically located within a bathroom and only filled immediately prior to being used then drained after each use.

Swimming and spa pools that are not covered by the above (such as public swimming pools) are generally controlled under the [Health \(Aquatic Facilities\) Regulations 2007](#). More information can be found in the [Code of practice for the design, operation, management and maintenance of aquatic facilities](#) available from the Department of Health (WA).

When do you need a safety barrier?

All swimming and spa pools that have a depth of water of more than 30 cm require safety barriers that comply with the technical requirements (see Section 3) to restrict access by young children. This includes temporary and portable swimming and spa pools.

Failure to provide a compliant safety barrier risks the lives of young children and may lead to significant fines.

Adults should never wholly rely on safety barriers as they are only intended to **restrict** access by young children, not prevent access, and are secondary to supervision.

WARRIOR WELLBEING ARTICLE

Drugs and Alcohol – Your Health & Wellbeing is at Stake

BY THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE
September 2026

We promote the point that choice around our lifestyle is mostly up to us. While genetics, environment and the health system can also impact on our health and wellbeing, in the context of drugs and alcohol the choice is ultimately ours and the consequences of use and misuse are clear and so are the laws.

As a community we need to have an honest conversation on why people use and abuse drugs and alcohol. Some reasons are:

- Risk taking – as boys and men we are hard wired to take risks
- Experimental and boredom
- Peer pressure
- Habit/addiction
- Recreation – to have fun
- To feel good and forget, to cope with difficult times in our life, to self-medicate and mask

The reasons are complex and varied and through our life at various stages we have been challenged and we will continue to be challenged.

Recent research reveals some alarming statistics around drug use:

- 46 % of drug users use for fun
- 54% of drug users used for self-medication

Regarding using drugs for fun, surely there are many other things we can do that don't damage our body and mind (i.e. embrace and explore our passions and interests).

The consequences of drug use are serious from several angles:

- The risk factor is extremely high for many illicit drugs, we may only have three chances with a drug before we are affected either medically and/or by addiction
- Purity of the drug is unknown and varied (often we don't know what's in it?)
- Health effects can be permanent (psychosis)
- Many legal and financial implications for users
- Relationships become fractured (conflict, violence, distrust)

With regard to self-medication, we need to acknowledge some of the *stuff* going on in our lives and some of the pain we may be suffering. Denial of this, exacerbated by drug use, and the shit will hit the fan. We need to talk about and ultimately deal with stuff in our life, not self-medicate.



Alcohol is our biggest societal drug of choice, there is a lot of literature and research suggesting how alcohol is dangerous to our body when misused. This usually focuses on the appropriate daily standard drinks consumption, links to various diseases such as cancer and then societal issues around binge drinking. On an individual level we need to work out if we can drink, and how do I behave when drinking (do I get angry and aggressive, take unnecessary risks). Because alcohol is a mood enhancer, we need to know what is our safe limit? Have regular alcohol-free days and not use it to self-medicate (when distressed) but enjoy it.

The difficulty in life is choice, illicit and excessive use of drugs and alcohol is all our personal responsibility. What then can we do, as a society, about the misuse/abuse of drugs and alcohol? Primary care is standing up and saying no it's not all right (culture). As a collective we can make a difference whether that is in the family, community group and/or workplace you are not alone. As peers we can make a difference whether it be in the school, workplace or footy club by saying no it's not all right. We all have a right to a safe place!

@RMHI_4blokes

Working with Warriors Podcast

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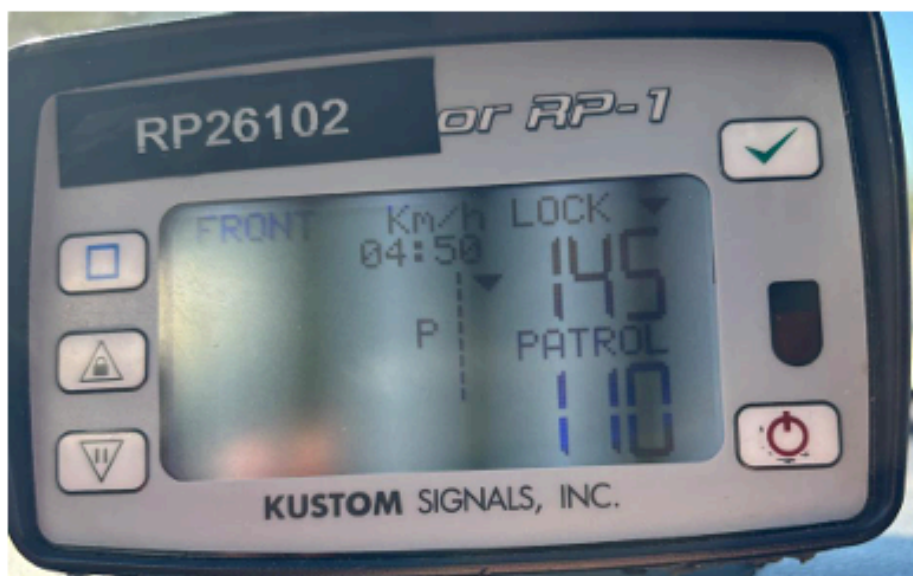


Local news from...

KONDININ POLICE STATION

10 Stubbs Street, Kondinin WA 6367

From Kondinin Police



Speeding Enforcement within the area

Top detected speeds over the past month by Kondinin Police.

Two drivers were recorded travelling **40 km/h and 35 km/h over the 110 km/h speed limit** on the Kondinin-Hyden Road.

As a result, the motorists detected in the 110 km/h zone were each issued infringement notices carrying a **\$600 fine and 4 demerit points**.



Kondinin Station New Lock up



Kondinin Police station recently received a new lock up area, and holding cell. Giving Local Police the ability to hold offenders here if they are not required to be brought before the courts immediately. This will save time for local Officers not having to transport every arrest to another station.

Email: kondinin.police.station@police.wa.gov.au

Phone: 98614820



King Rocks Wind Farm

Thank you



Synergy would like to thank those who attended our blade event last week. It is wonderful to be able to celebrate this exciting milestone with the community in the Shire of Kondinin.

The top four questions we heard during the event:

Q. What is the blade made of?

A. Wind turbine blades are primarily made from lightweight fibreglass composite materials, with steel connection points that attach the blade to the hub.

Q. How much does the turbine blade weigh?

A. Approximately 24 tonnes.

Q. How fast does the tip of the blade move when operational?

A. 4–14 RPM.

Q. What are the serrated edges on the side of the blade for?

A. The trailing edge serrations reduce noise by creating smaller air whirlpools than a non-serrated edge.



If you have any feedback from the event, we would love to hear from you via this short survey.

Open until 9 September 2026



King Rocks Wind Farm, Community Benefit Fund



The King Rocks Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund is open for applications until **21 September 2026**.

The Fund provides **grants of up to \$50,000** to support projects that directly address needs and help to create thriving communities, delivering benefits throughout the construction phase of the wind farm.

How to apply

Gather your supporting documentation and start your online application form at synergy.smartygrants.com.au

For more information on eligibility criteria refer to our King Rocks Community Benefit Fund Guideline at synergyred.net.au/king-rocks-wind-farm

Contact us

If you have any questions, please email community.investment@synergy.net.au or call 6282 7370.

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