

THE KULIN UPDATE

18th December 2025

6 HONORARY FREEMAN

Barry West receives
Freemanship

18 CONGRATULATIONS MR PROUD

Kulin's oldest resident
celebrates his 105th birthday!

24 IN MEMORIAM

Remembering Mr Peter
Entwhistle





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1/2 page colour - \$50
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We would love to share any community news or achievements in the newsletter, send through the information to crccounter@kulin.wa.gov.au

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We will see you in February 2026! Keep an eye on Facebook for dates.

DATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS










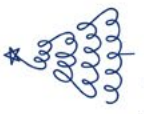










DECEMBER

16th	Council Meeting
18th	KDHS Final Day Term 4
24th	Christmas Eve
25th	Christmas Day
26th	Boxing Day
31st	New Years Eve

JANUARY

1st	New Years Day
5th	Shire of Kulin Offices Re-Open for 2026

DECEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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		 Doctor in Kulin Yogalates	 Doctor in Kulin Nurses Clinic Open (8:30 - 12:00)	 The Kulin Update Remedy Physio	 Nurses Clinic Open (8:30 - 12:00)	
7	8	 Senior Movie Day KDHS Specialist Program  Doctor in Kulin Yogalates	 Doctor in Kulin Nurses Clinic Open (8:30 - 12:00)	 KDHS Year 10 Graduation the Bone Bus	 Nurses Clinic Open (8:30 - 12:00) the Bone Bus	 Kulin Community Christmas Party
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28	29	 Doctor in Kulin	 New Years Eve SHIRE OF KULIN CLOSED ST LUKES CLOSED	THE SHIRE OF KULIN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM WEDNESDAY THE 24TH OF DECEMBER 2025 AND WILL REOPEN MONDAY THE 5TH OF JANUARY 2026		

Shire of Kulin – CEO's 2025 Year in Review

As 2025 draws to a close, it's timely to reflect on the progress made across a range of key projects and priorities for the Shire of Kulin. Throughout the year, Council has continued to focus on maintaining essential infrastructure, delivering asset renewal programs, and advancing projects that support the long-term sustainability and liveability of our district.

Major works completed or well advanced during 2025 include:

- Upgrades to Fence Road under the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network (WSFN) program;
- Ongoing improvements to Kulin–Holt Rock Road through the Regional Road Group program;
- Construction of the new slide pool at the Kulin Aquatic Centre, improving safety, accessibility, and recreation outcomes;
- Development of a RV area in Kulin, enhancing the visitor experience;
- Upgrade and extension of the Macrocarpa Trail, improving connectivity and outdoor recreation opportunities; and
- Completion of works at Pingaring Rock Catchment, including upgrades to the inlet and pipework into the historic concrete water tank, further strengthening local drought resilience and water security.

Strategically, Council has completed the Community Strategic Plan 2025–2035, which provides a

clear direction for the decade ahead and reinforces our focus on economic development, supporting local business, and housing growth. This includes continued collaboration through ROEROC on the Key Worker Housing Business Case and funding application, aimed at addressing workforce attraction and retention challenges across the region.

The past year also saw strong interest and uptake in residential and rural-residential land, reflecting growing confidence in Kulin's future and the attraction of the town as a great place to live and work. A continued focus in the year ahead will be on activating spaces within the Kulin Main Street to encourage investment, improve amenity, and support local enterprise.

At a community level, 2025 marked the 30th Anniversary of the Kulin Bush Races, a significant milestone celebrating the dedication of local volunteers and the event's importance to Kulin's identity. The completion of the new Pavilion and establishment of the Kulin Bush Races Headquarters in the refurbished old Woolshed

building are lasting testaments to the group's commitment and vision, ably supported by the Shire and broader community.

During the year, Council also implemented a change in GP service arrangements, ensuring the community continues to have access to two days of GP service each week from Kulin. This decision was guided by the need to maintain reliable medical access and continuity of care for residents.

Council acknowledges the contribution of volunteers, community organisations, and emergency service members who continue to play a vital role in maintaining the strength and resilience of the district. Appreciation is also extended to Shire staff for their professionalism and commitment to delivering quality services and project outcomes throughout the year.

On behalf of the Shire President, Councillors and staff, I extend best wishes to all residents and visitors for a safe and restful festive season. We look forward to continuing our work together in 2026.



Alan Leeson
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Kulin



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Shire of Kulin Notice of Annual Electors Meeting Thursday 5 February 2026

In accordance with Regulation 5.29 (1) of the Local Government Act 1995, notice is given that the Shire of Kulin will hold the Annual Electors Meeting on Thursday 5 February 2026, commencing at 5:30pm.

This meeting will be held at the Shire of Kulin Administration Office, 38 Johnston Street, Kulin.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Annual Report for 2024/25 and to deal with such other general business as allowed by the Presiding Officer, Shire President, Cr Grant Robins.

Copies of the Annual Report for 2024/25 can be accessed via our website www.kulin.wa.gov.au or please contact the office if you require a hard copy.

All Electors are welcome to attend.

Alan Leeson
Chief Executive Officer

Honorary Freeman Barry Donald West



Kulin Shire Council is pleased to recognise Barry West as an Honorary Freeman of the Shire of Kulin.

Being made a Freeman of the Shire is the highest honorary distinction the Shire can bestow. It recognises exceptional service, leadership, and outstanding contribution to the Kulin region. The honour has only been awarded four times by Kulin Shire Council. John Wilson, Graeme Robertson, Jim Sullivan and Greg Hadlow.

Shire President Grant Robins and Freeman Graeme Robertson presented Barry with the commendation on Tuesday 16th December 2025 with Councillors, staff and family present.



**Freeman's Sullivan, West
and Robertson**



**Freeman West and
Shire President Robins**

Graeme Robertson Presentation

Barry West has provided significant leadership and guidance to the Kulin community with 34 years of continuous service to the Kulin Shire Council. Highly respected by his peers, Barry has made a high caliber contribution to the Shire of Kulin.

Barry has worked tirelessly for Kulin which extends beyond the Kulin Shire. Freemanship, although referred to as "Freeman of Kulin Shire" can be more encompassing than council duties performed under Local Government. Community involvement usually commences prior to being elected to council. A commitment to sporting bodies, emergency services or whatever, to make your town/region a better place to live. Barry's commitment to footy and cricket clubs in the early years, was the initial grounding to eventually becoming a Shire Councillor.

Encompassing all facets of community improvement in the social structure that makes Kulin thrive and progress, comes from a commitment to improve, in which Barry's dedication to Kulin is evident. Agriculture, advocacy for rail retention, Cooperative Bulk Handling (Barry is a current board member of CBH), Cultivating Kulin Committee, Kulin Development Cooperative, sporting clubs, roads that benefit all, local events and a general dedication for 'everything' Kulin.

Freebairn Recreation Centre - an amazing project

The Freebairn Recreation Centre (FRC) opened in 2003. After the opening of the FRC, Barry continued as the Shire Representative on Freebairn Recreation Advisory Committee (FRAC) for a further 16 years. A mind-blowing accomplishment and I'm sure Barry will agree that, in conjunction with FRAC development committee, one of his most significant achievements as a councillor was the establishment of the Freebairn Recreation Centre.

And now to reflect on Barry's service.

Following the retirement of Clarrie King from the Kulin Rock Ward ("Ward" - now that's a word from the past that unless you are a city dweller doesn't exist in the BUSH anymore!) Barry was elected as councillor in May 1989. Barry continued his service to the Shire of Kulin for 34 continuous years which equates to approximately 374 council meetings (give or take a few), amounting to about a year of his life.

Barry was elected Deputy President for twelve years from 2003 - 2015 and President for six years from 2015-2021. He represented Kulin Shire on the local RoeROC executive for 18 years during his tenure as Deputy President and President, also serving two years as Chairperson of RoeROC.

A long standing involvement with the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) Barry was awarded a Meritorious Service Award from the Country Shires Association in 2022. Barry was Shire of Kulin Central Country Zone Representative from 2011-2020, Zone delegate and member and Deputy Chair of the Zone Executive Committee from 2019-2021. Barry was deservedly awarded the Eminent Service Award from West Australian Local Government Association (WALGA). He is the only Kulin Councillor to have received this prestigious Award.

Apart from the establishment of the Freebairn Recreation Centre, other significant Shire projects during Barry's time on council include the Emergency Services building, first Bendigo Bank in Western Australia, relocation of the fantastic Kulin water slide, new Aquatic Centre, new fuel facility, establishment of the refurbished CRC to the current Shire Offices and Medical Centre, deep sewerage, housing projects, relocation of the caravan park, town beautification, playgrounds and the recent development of our popular "All Ages Precinct".

Barry West, you have worked tirelessly for this community and region. A fitting reward for your enormous efforts and a well-earned accolade, and I consider it my privilege to present you, on behalf of the Shire of Kulin and the Kulin public, with Honorary Freeman of Kulin Shire.



Barry and Peta West



Barry West and Family



Australia Day Celebration & Awards Ceremony

Monday 26th January 2026

8:30am – 11:00am

Join us for a morning of community, recognition, and celebration. We're planning plenty of fun and laughs as well as honouring the people who have made a difference in our community.

SAVE THE DATE & KEEP AN EYE ON
OUR SOCIALS FOR MORE DETAILS
WHEN WE ARE BACK NEXT
JANUARY

*Let's come together to celebrate Australia,
Kulin, and everything that makes our
home so special.
Especially the people who shape it.*

THE RIGHT POSITION FOR YOU

Our Shire is looking for a reliable worker with a good skillset. Sound like you? Apply now.

PLANT OPERATOR MINIMUM HC LICENSE REQUIRED

Are you looking for a location to park up for a while, earn some money to continue the dream of travelling around. Well, this could be for you.

The Shire of Kulin has a position available for a Plant Operator with a minimum of HC License to operate the Shire's Rollers and Trucks as required.

Work is locally base with a modern fleet of vehicles, above averages wages and subsidies, and accommodation at the local caravan park.

Casual employment with no fixed time can be negotiated. Job is expected to run for approx. 10-12 weeks.

More information about Kulin can be found at kulin.wa.gov.au

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

JUDD HOBSON
EXECUTIVE MANAGER OF WORKS
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works@kulin.wa.gov.au





EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Name: Judd Hobson
Project: Side Tippers Road Train
RFQ Number: EMW06-26
Date: 15/12/2025
Closing Date: **Tuesday 6th January 2026**

SPECIFICATIONS

The Shire of Kulin is looking for suitable contractors that have a Road Train configuration of Side Tippers to help cart gravel for the new construction of Fence Rd North within the Kulin Shire.

Required Machine:

- Roadworthy Side tipping trailers.
- Roadworthy Prime Mover
- Rotating Flashing beacon roof mounted.
- Two Way Radio

Include in costs:

- Hourly Rate
- Accommodation and Meals if required.
- Any standdown rates for periods of non-use due to weather or any other reasons.

Project Management details:

Judd Hobson
Executive Manager of Works
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Other Notes:

- Make, Model and Age of Truck and Trailers
- Operator must be able to load themselves.
- Expected to start late January for approx. 4 weeks.

The Shire of Kulin reserves the right to withdraw the RFQ at any stage if the arrangement is not suitable for the Shire.

All queries relating to this RFQ should be made by directly contacting Judd Hobson at the Shire of Kulin Administration Centre.

Regards,

Judd Hobson
Executive Manager of Works

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Remote Australia Employment Service (RAES) can help you with job skills.

If you're a job seeker and live in a remote region of Australia, RAES can support you to upskill, find pathways to work and contribute to your community.



RAES will be more flexible and makes it easier to find employment opportunities. It can help you with:

- training and opportunities to learn new skills
- developing work ready skills
- finding pathways to work.

RAES replaced the Community Development Program (CDP) on **1 November 2025**.

For more information about services that can help you find and keep a job if you live in remote Australia, go to servicessaustralia.gov.au

For information and resources for Community Development Program participants transitioning to RAES, go to niaa.gov.au/remote-jobs

Dr Segun Olumide Kulin Medical Centre every Tuesday and Wednesday



Appointments can be made by phoning 9880 1315, presenting to the centre, or by visiting our website and clicking the Kulin booking link.

St Luke's Family Practice is now a Medicare Bulk Billing Practice!

This means that for all eligible Medicare card holders, you will not have any out-of-pocket costs for standard consultations. Instead, we bill Medicare directly, so our patients won't need to pay upfront or claim a rebate later. Our goal is to make healthcare more accessible and affordable for our community.

We bulk bill eligible GP services, including:

- GP consultations
- Chronic condition management plans & reviews
- Mental health treatment plans
- Health assessments



Fees may apply for non-eligible services. Please ask our reception staff for more information.

Christmas Period Hours

Tuesday 23rd of December 2025 10am to 5pm

Wednesday 24th December 2025 8am to 1pm

25th December 2025 to 5th of January 2026 CLOSED

Tuesday 6th of January 2026 – resume to normal hours 10am to 5pm

Wednesday 7th of January 2026 8.30am to 4pm



www.stlukesfamilypractice.com.au



DO YOU HAVE ROOM FOR A COUPLE OF MEDICAL STUDENTS FOR THREE NIGHTS?

Curtin Medical School Student Rural Immersion Week
TUESDAY 10 MARCH TO FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2026

Share your *town and rural lifestyle*
with **doctors of the future**

More than 100 second-year medical students from Curtin University will participate in the Curtin Medical School Student Rural Immersion Week, with the aim of inspiring them to pursue careers in rural Western Australia.

During their stay, they will visit local farms, industry, general practices, hospitals and schools, and engage in community activities.

Do you live in or near Brookton, Corrigin, Dalwallinu, Katanning, Kondinin, Kulin, Moora or Wongan Hills?

As a host, we will ask you to provide accommodation for two or more students for three nights, be able to assist with transporting them to/from town, and share what it is like to live in your town with the students.

Why host?

If you live in or near one of these towns we would love to hear from you!

This is a life-changing experience for the students, with many having no previous exposure to rural life.

By providing these rural immersion opportunities early in their degree, it has been proven that students are more likely to explore rural career opportunities and have a better understanding of treating rural patients.

Some students continue to keep in touch and visit their host families, some return to do seasonal work and placements, others have joined mentoring programs and some have inspired host family members to pursue tertiary studies in health and medicine.



For further information, contact Rural Health West:

T 08 6389 4509

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Kulin Community Christmas Party 2025 ~ Celebrating Kulin, with Christmas Fun for All

Last Saturday, Kulin came alive with festive cheer as the community gathered for our annual Christmas Party. For me, it was not only my first time attending but also my first time coordinating the event—and while the nerves were real, every moment of preparation was worth it. What unfolded was a day filled with laughter, music, delicious food, and the unmistakable sense of fun that radiates when our town comes together.

Before diving into the

highlights, I want to extend heartfelt thanks to the many hands that made this celebration possible. The Rec Centre crew, especially Fanny and Redan, were up bright and early after the basketball wind up the night before, rolling out carpets and setting up for the markets. Judd and the volunteers who pitched in with set up—you may not want to be named, but your help was invaluable. To each of you: thank you!

And of course, to Santa—what a star! When we couldn't find a



Santa's helper among our local blokes, Mrs Santa stepped up to the challenge. Arriving in style thanks to the Kulin Volunteer Fire Brigade, she brought joy and sparkle to kids young and old. Her presence reminded us all to embrace the season with fun and good cheer.

The day itself was warm (as summer in Kulin always is), but a welcome breeze kept things comfortable. Erin Bailey once again worked her magic with the market stalls, showcasing the talents of local vendors. From candles and crafts to toys, cards, and artwork, there was something for everyone—and plenty of last minute Christmas gifts to be found. Thanks to the newly installed fans in the court area, stallholders and shoppers alike enjoyed a cooler, more pleasant atmosphere.



creative activities kept hands busy and smiles wide, proving that festive fun isn't just for kids.

At the heart of it all was what makes Kulin so special: community. Friends, families, neighbours—all coming together to share an evening of laughter, connection, and celebration. We're not just people living side by side; we're a town that knows how to have a good time, and this Christmas Party was a shining reminder of that.

Here's to an even brighter, bigger celebration in 2026.

**Merry Christmas,
Kulin!**

Kirra Pederick
Community Development Officer



Music filled the air thanks to Sophie Jane, whose performance kept toes tapping and voices singing along for hours. Even Santa couldn't resist sneaking in a dance, and I wasn't about to miss out—joining some of the local kids for a final groove to close out the night.

No party is complete without food, and Rajun Cajun BBQ delivered in spades. Burgers, BBQ meat boxes, fried chicken—every bite was finger licking good. Hillz Icecream was on hand to cool things down with sweet treats, while the bar kept everyone refreshed with beer, wine, and soft drinks.

The oval became a playground of pure joy during the water fight, with squeals of delight echoing

across the field. Kids (and a few grown ups!) threw themselves into the fun, and the feedback was unanimous: "Next year, let's go even bigger!"

While the wind meant we had to make a few safety calls—bringing down the bouncy castle early and shelving the climbing wall—the obstacle course kept the energy high right up until dark. Inside, glitter tattoos and





SPOTIFY WRAPPED

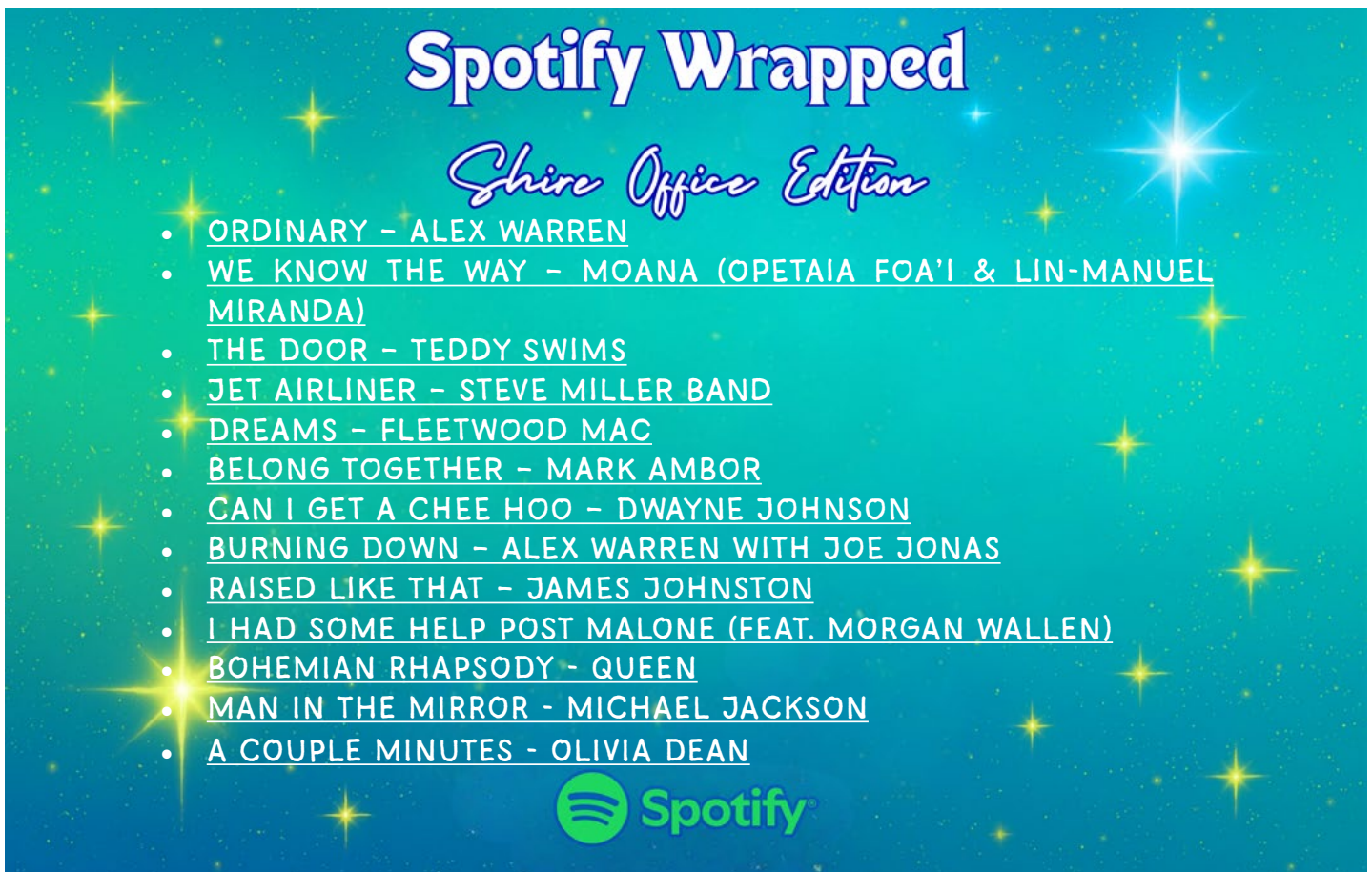
Shire Office Edition

As we rapidly wind down toward the end of the year, we're also winding down to our last edition of the Kulin Update until February. To mark the occasion, we thought we'd share a bit of fun.

If you're on Spotify, you'll know the joy (and occasional embarrassment!) of receiving your [Spotify wrapped list for 2025](#). It's a snapshot of the tunes that kept us company through the year—whether blasting through car speakers, humming along in the office, or sneaking into playlists at home.

Here in the Shire Office, we all have different tastes, but surprisingly, we found ourselves tapping our feet to some of the same songs too. So, in the spirit of sharing, here [are the top tracks from the Shire Office Spotify wrapped 2025](#).

Can you guess who picked which one?



From timeless classics to Disney singalongs, heartfelt ballads to cheeky anthems, this is the music that brought us together, made us smile as we bopped our way through the year.

So, as we close the book on 2025, we'll leave you with this challenge: [which staff member do you think had "Can I Get a Chee Hoo" on repeat, and who's secretly the Fleetwood Mac fan?](#)

Whatever your wrapped looks like, may your summer be filled with good tunes, laughter, and community spirit.

Kirra Pedrick – Community Development Officer

Happy 105th



The Kulin Community wishes Mr Harold Proud all the very best as we celebrate his milestone 105th birthday.

From the stories you share to the example you set, you remind us all of the strength found in kindness, humour, and perseverance. We are honoured to celebrate you and the extraordinary journey you continue to walk with us.

May this birthday bring joy, laughter, and the heartfelt appreciation of everyone in Kulin who is inspired by you. Here's to Harold — a shining reminder of what it means to live fully and generously. We look forward to seeing you out and about, keeping busy and continuing to enrich our community.





Holiday Opening Hours 2025



DATE	SHIRE OFFICE	SHIRE DEPOT	POOL	SLIDE	TIP
MON 22 DEC	8.30am-4.30pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	10AM-3PM
TUES 23 DEC	8.30am-4.30pm	CLOSED	6AM-8AM 12PM-6PM	CLOSED	CLOSED
WED 24 DEC	CLOSED	CLOSED	6AM-8AM 12PM-6PM	CLOSED	CLOSED
CHRISTMAS	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
BOXING DAY	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
SAT 27 DEC	CLOSED	CLOSED	11am-6.30pm	1PM-5PM	CLOSED
SUN 28 DEC	CLOSED	CLOSED	11am-6.30pm	1PM-5PM	10AM-3PM
MON 29 DEC	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	10AM-3PM
TUES 30 DEC	CLOSED	CLOSED	6AM-8AM 12PM-6PM	CLOSED	CLOSED
WED 31 DEC	CLOSED	CLOSED	6AM-8AM 12PM-6PM	CLOSED	CLOSED
NEW YEARS	CLOSED	CLOSED	6AM-8AM 12PM-6PM	1PM-5PM	10am-3pm
FRI 2 JAN	CLOSED	CLOSED	6AM-8AM 12PM-6PM	1PM-5PM	CLOSED
SAT 3 JAN	CLOSED	CLOSED	11am-6.30pm	1PM-5PM	CLOSED
SUN 4 JAN	CLOSED	CLOSED	11am-6.30pm	1PM-5PM	10AM-3PM
MON 5 JAN	8.30am-4.30pm	8.30am-4.30pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	10AM-3PM

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KULIN AQUATIC CENTRE

School Holidays - 19 December 25 - 1 February 26

POOL OPENING HOURS

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

11:00am - 6.30pm

MONDAY CLOSED

TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00am - 8:00am

12:00pm - 6:00pm

ENTRY FEES

Child - \$2.50

Adult - \$4.50

Spectator - \$2.50

SEASON PASS - POOL ONLY

Child - \$55

Adult - \$90

Family - \$170 (4 people)

Additional child - \$55

WATERSLIDE OPENING HOURS

THURSDAY, FRIDAY

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

1:00pm - 5:00pm

SLIDE ENTRY

\$10 PER DAY

SEASON PASS - INCLUDING SLIDE

Child - \$155

Adult - \$190

Family - \$325 (4 people)

Additional child - \$115



KULIN AQUATIC CENTRE AND WATERSLIDE

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A YEAR IN REVIEW AT THE REC CENTRE

Where to start? Well, no one is here in January, are they!

So, we start in February which kicked us off with Corporate Bowls... we had teams that stirred up a bit of "Water Corruption", some "McPests", a few "Try Hards", and others that were just a "Galah". Whatever their style, we hope they all come back and roll into the fun again next year!

March was a big month for the bowlers. After what felt like an endless—yet somehow short—season, they had one for the road before it quickly rolled up and away into a very busy winter of sports.

We kicked off with the Masters Football Carnival—who doesn't love to see a bunch of old blokes, or should we say seasoned players giving it their all in short

shorts? It wrapped up with a few wins and a few disappointments across the board. Like Mum would say... "It's the taking part that counts."

Not forgetting all the other sports: Golf was like a good par-tee! Tennis served up some great rallies (and a few cheeky drinks), and they even got a bit pickleball at times. The Cricket Club bowled us over with a yorker of a season, taking out the Big Bash win! Finally, Junior Basketball ended the season with a buzzer beater last Friday. What a way to finish the year!

Beyond the scoreboards, we've seen some first aid in action, spotted a famous face or two, and watched the school hop, skip, and jump its way around the oval. The Great Southern Colts Carnival also brought plenty of talent to town, showing just how strong our region's sporting spirit really is.

And it hasn't just been about sport—we've hosted presentations, seminars, courses, and pretty much everything else in between. From fitness classes to community catch-ups, the Rec Centre has been buzzing all year.

We'd like to thank all the local businesses that support us. It wouldn't be the centre it is without the wonderful community and, of course, all the volunteers who keep things running behind the scenes.

Here's to a great 2025 and an even better 2026! From all the staff at the Rec Centre.

Caroline Carrie

Freebairn Recreation Centre
Manager





Kulin Police News

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Email: Kulin.Police.Station@police.wa.gov.au

Staff: Sergeant Andy Dunn, Senior Constable Barry Osborne (Uncle Baz)



Dec 2/ 2025



CRIME

Lock away your valuables, secure your premises, notify your neighbours of your absence, report any suspicious activity you see.

In your car? Take your precious and valuable belongings with you, at the very least place out of view, don't have closed eskies, it tempts people to BREAK in, to LOOK in. LOOK, LOCK and LEAVE your car.

TRAFFIC

Remember: Double demerit points will apply over the Xmas / New Year holiday period, continuous from **Friday 19 December 2025, through to Sunday 4 January 2026**. Applies the following offences:

- Speeding;
- Seatbelt offences pertaining to drivers;
- The illegal use of mobile phones;
- Driving with a BAC of or above 0.05;
- Presence of prescribed illicit drugs or fail to supply oral or blood sample;
- Contravene a red traffic control signal / arrow;
- Drive motor vehicle fitted with device designed to evade detection by speed camera (14 points) and
- Drive a motor vehicle in a manner to evade detection by a speed camera (14 points)

So please, for your safety and that of other road users and pedestrians, take care, drive safely and responsibly. Take regular breaks – NOT RISKS – Arriving Alive is better than Arriving Dead on Time!!!

*Have a very wonderful, happy and joyful Xmas.
Be home & car security conscious, Stay safe, Stay Alert, Drive Responsibly.
Andy and Baz*



"All it takes for crime to flourish is for good people to do nothing"
CRIME STOPPERS 1800 333 000 OR IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL '000'

TWITTER @KulinPol (Not for reporting incidents)

FB Great Southern District – WA Police Force (Not for reporting incidents)

PETER ENTWISTLE

Celebrating the life of



DECEMBER 11, 2025

Peter Webster Entwistle Eulogy

Thank you everyone for coming here today to celebrate the life of Peter Entwistle, Pete the Pom, Uncle Peter and most importantly to me - my Dad.

Born in Sale, Cheshire to John and Dorothy Entwistle in 1946, Peter grew up on a small farm in Newborough alongside his siblings John, Pat and Sheila. He enjoyed junior school, endured high school, and found freedom and confidence in the Boy Scouts. Peter studied at Blackpool Tech, where at seventeen he met his first wife.

He also excelled, not just at courting our Mum, but at his studies where he achieved the second highest butchery qualification in the UK.

Mum and Dad or Cath and Pete married young and quite quickly welcome son David in 1966, less than nine months after they married, then I came along in 1968.

In 1969 they chose to immigrate to Australia-favouring it over Canada and Rhodesia- and Dad fell in love with the country the moment he stepped onto the Fremantle wharf.

Daughter Janet was born at Bentley Hospital in 1971.

After the breakdown of his marriage to Cath and working in Tom Price as a catering supervisor, Peter decided to leave Australia and return to England. It was not a choice he made lightly, and he believed at the time that it was in everyone 's best interests. It was a decision he reflected on-and questioned-for the rest of his life.

In England he married Brenda and ran pubs in Wiltshire and Trowbridge. Dad continued his expensive addiction to wedding cake and later married Polly.

Peter said that the first time he married was for love, the second time for money, and the third time for sex.

Dad permanently returned to Australia in 1989 to run the Kulin Hotel.

At the end of his life, at Murdoch hospice, when Janet was talking to him about the happiest moments in his life, he said his first marriage was the best.

I think despite getting divorced, he loved Mum his whole life. He always talked about her in glowing terms.

When my wife, Carolyn and I got married in 1993, we woke up in the morning after our wedding in our hotel, we saw Mum and Dad standing on the balcony of another room. They both looked very relaxed and obviously had a bit of a reunion for old times' sake.

Because Mum and Dad split up and Dad went back to England when we were quite young, he spent a lot of time with our cousins, who were similar ages to us, while they were growing up.


They adored their Uncle Peter. And he loved them all-Heather, Hazel, Les, Helen Beverly, Andrew, Helen Janet, Rebecca, Jeanette and Ruth. Peter and Heather had an especially close relationship, and I know she's watching this service right now, from her house in Devon, England.

Heather told us this was a very special period for him. He lived with his brother, his wife Jackie, and their kids in Devon and the house was always full of fun and laughter.

Peter particularly enjoyed the local Devon traditions, the highlight always being the Hatherleigh Carnival, where flaming tar barrels were dragged through the streets at 5am while copious amounts of cider were consumed at the same time!

Peter travelled widely-through Singapore, Thailand, Ireland, France, Spain, Amsterdam and especially Tunisia, his favourite place.

In Kulin he contributed proudly to the community, serving on the Kulin Charity Rally Committee and supporting local initiatives. He loved the town and all it achieved.



It was only a few weeks ago that Robbie told me that they used to sit at the end of the bar and solve the problems of the world and they created a few more as well.

Unfortunately, David, Janet and I didn't have as much Fathering-time as we would have liked to. When he and Mum split up and he went back to England, we were aged 9, 7 and 4.

He came back to Australia when I was 21. He spent a short amount of time in Perth before moving here, to Kulin.

He'd come to Perth for some birthdays, new babies, Christmas, all the family weddings and other special occasions.

When Carolyn and I had our second baby he lived with us and cooked a meal for us every night, which we were very grateful for.

Quite recently, he went back to England on a holiday, and I know that he loved travelling around and catching up with everyone in Devon. But at the end of the day, Kulin was Dad's home.

When his health was failing at the end, he told us that he'd rather die in Kulin than live in Perth.

His friends are here. His dog Dylan, who passed away only a week ago was a special part of his life.

He also had so many memories of owning the pub, having lots-and lots-of drinks, and cooking for guests.

The one year we made it to the Kulin Bush Races he was in hospital in Perth and he really wished he could be here-cooking fish and chips for all the race goers, as he loved to do every year.

Of course, he and Robbie were the backbone of the Bush rallies for many years, and Dad was proud of how much they raised for charity.

He really enjoyed the Old Bastards Association and the Freemasons, and he loved his neighbours.

Our family would like to thank everyone from the Kulin Community for giving Dad such a happy life, helping out with his fish tank and his dog and everything else when he had to go to hospital.

Peter believed in one guiding principal: "Be fair." He carried that spirit through a full and varied life, always grateful for the journeys he chose and the people he met along the way.

He wanted his ashes to be brought to Kulin, so he could be laid to rest here.

It has given us some peace, knowing that we've fulfilled his final wishes.
Tony Monaghan

Desiderata

Go placidly amid the noise and the haste and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here.

And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore, be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

By Max Ehrmann

Chair Report – Community Bank Kulin

Kulin Community Financial Services Limited Annual Report for the financial year ending 30 June 2025.

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I am pleased to report a **strong operating profit of \$156,324**, supported by annual business growth of **\$19 million**. As a result, our total bank book closed the year at \$240 million — a remarkable achievement for our community.

Kulin Community Financial Services Limited continues to maintain strong partnerships across our region. In 2025, community contributions totalled \$499,845, bringing our total contributions over the past five years to an impressive **\$1.5 million**. This is a significant achievement that shareholders and customers of Community Bank Kulin can be proud of, with benefits felt across Kulin and neighbouring communities.

Some of the most notable contributions made during the year include:

- **\$132,000** – Kulin Bush Races – Shed Project
- **\$90,000** – Kulin District High School – Playground & Secondary Specialist Program
- **\$15,000** – Kulin Tennis Club – Installation of New Nets
- **\$10,000** – Newdegate Primary School – IT Upgrade
- **\$5,000** – Dudinin Tennis Club – Centenary Celebrations
- **\$4,000** – Kondinin Kulin Junior Cricket Club – Cricket Net Resurfacing

We warmly welcoming Mary-Ann Summers as our new Branch Manager. Thankyou Charmaine for your outstanding leadership and wish her well in her new role as Business Development Manager.

Having a local, dedicated team at Community Bank Kulin remains one of our greatest strengths, fostering trust and strong relationships within the community.

Brad Smoker

Chairperson Kulin Community Financial Services

Dividend Announcement

A dividend for the 2024/2025 financial year will be paid in early 2026; more information will follow.

Important Notice – Phone Scam Alert

We have been made aware of a recent phone scam affecting some Bendigo Bank customers in our local area.

Scammers may claim to be calling from the bank and ask for personal or banking details, or request that money be moved urgently. Please be aware that Bendigo Bank will never ask for your personal details, PINs, passwords, or request you move money over the phone.

If you receive a call and feel unsure:

- **Hang up immediately**
- **Do not provide any information**
- **Contact the bank directly** 98801422 otherwise check the back of your card for 1800 number, or
- **Pop into your local Bendigo Bank branch** to speak with staff in person

If something doesn't feel right, trust your instincts — it's always better to double-check. Please share this message with family, friends and neighbours, particularly older community members, to help keep everyone safe.

Christmas Opening Hours

Branch hours will change over Christmas—please check our door notice, Facebook page, or local update for details.

Wishing You a Safe & Happy Festive Season

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from our Board and staff. Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue building a stronger region together.



Christmas trading hours

Monday 22 December	9.30am to 4pm
Tuesday 23 December	9.30am to 4pm
Wednesday 24 December	9.30am to 4pm
Thursday 25 December	Closed
Friday 26 December	Closed
Saturday 27 December	closed
Sunday 28 December	Closed
Monday 29 December	closed
Tuesday 30 December	closed
Wednesday 31 December	closed
Thursday 1 January	Closed
Friday 2 January	closed



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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL

FROM THE DIRECTORS AND STAFF AT THE COMMUNITY HUB

We thank you for your support and patronage during the year as we continue to serve our community as best as we can going forward.

SUPPORTING THE HUB

This year, we are pleased to share that the Hub has a CBH grower number: **KULIN COMMUNITY HUB LTD – 40583007**

Donations can be made directly through this number. While contributions are not tax deductible, they are not counted as income, meaning they help reduce your overall taxable amount. Every bit of assistance helps us keep the Hub's vision alive, be it as a friendly & welcoming meeting place, where we can gather together to socialise and eat, providing accommodation to workers and tourists and supporting employment opportunities for our community.

NEW YEARS EVE AT THE HUB!

If you are looking for a plan to ring in the New Year why not join us at the Hub? It will be a casual and fun filled evening with dinner, cocktails and music!

The perfect way to welcome 2026 together!

SUMMER TRADING HOURS

Our summer trading hours will be from 11am every day to cater for locals, holiday travellers and pool visitors.

CLOSURE DATES

CHRISTMAS EVE- We will close at 4pm

CHRISTMAS DAY CLOSED

From all of us at the Kulin Community Hub, we wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas and a great holiday!





CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR TRADING HOURS

Mon 22 December	08.00am - 05.00pm
Tue 23 December	08.00am - 05.00pm
Wed 24 December	08.00am - 05.00pm
Thu 25 December	CLOSED
Fri 26 December	CLOSED
Sat 27 December	08.00am - 11.30pm
Sun 28 December	CLOSED
Mon 29 December	08.00am - 05.00pm
Tue 30 December	08.00am - 05.00pm
Wed 31 December	08.00am - 05.00pm
Thu 1 January	CLOSED
Fri 2 January	08.00am - 05.00pm

MIGHTY HELPFUL MITRE 10



TIN HORSE

Automotive

XMAS OPERATING HOURS

LAST DAY – Friday December 19th 2025 – *OPEN* Monday January 12th 2026

We will be available for tyre breakdowns over the Xmas period, someone will be on-call. We would like to thank everyone for their continued support over the year and look forward to seeing you all next year!

On behalf of the Tin Horse Automotive team, we wish everyone a Merry Xmas and a safe New Year!



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Christmas / New Year Trading Hours

TUESDAY 23rd December – 8am – 5pm

WEDNESDAY 24th December – 8am – 3pm

THURSDAY 25th December – CLOSED

FRIDAY 26th December – CLOSED

SATURDAY 27th December – CLOSED

SUNDAY 28th December – CLOSED

MONDAY 29th December – 8am – 5pm

TUESDAY 30th December – 8am – 5pm


WEDNESDAY 31st December – 8am – 3pm

THURSDAY 1st January – CLOSED

January Hours

Monday to Friday

8am – 5pm



AUSTRALIA POST KULIN CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DATES

CHRISTMAS DAY - CLOSED

BOXING DAY - CLOSED

NEW YEAR DAY - CLOSED

Normal trading hours of
Monday - Friday 9:00am
to 12.30pm and 1.30pm -
5.00pm otherwise apply.





FOODWORKS

Christmas Trading Hours

Monday 22 Dec 6:30AM TO 5:30PM

Tuesday 23 Dec 6:30AM TO 5:30PM

Wednesday 24 Dec 6:30AM TO 5:30PM

Thursday 25 Dec CLOSED

Friday 26 Dec 8AM TO 12PM

Saturday 27 Dec 8AM TO 12PM

Sunday 28 Dec 8AM TO 12PM

Monday 1 Jan 8AM TO 12PM

Foodworks Kulin



Wheatbelt Regional Cancer
Prevention Coordinator
Cancer Council Western Australia
RCPCWheatbelt@cancerwa.asn.au

Wheatbelt farmer becomes face of Christmas Appeal to support country cancer patients

Wheatbelt farmer, Gerard Hodges, is the face of Cancer Council WA's 2025 Christmas Appeal after a shock skin cancer diagnosis turned his life upside down.

The fit and healthy farmer first noticed what looked like a simple graze on his hand during the 2022 harvest season.

"Bumps and grazes aren't unusual for farmers, so I shrugged it off," Gerard said. "But it just didn't heal. One bandage turned into three."



When the Royal Flying Doctor Service came through town, Gerard had it checked. What was first thought to be a minor basal cell carcinoma turned out to be Stage 4 squamous cell carcinoma, an aggressive form of skin cancer that had already spread to his kidney and liver. Within days, Gerard was in Perth, unsure where he would stay or how long he would be away from the farm. After weeks in ICU fighting pneumonia, organ failure, and even surviving two cardiac arrests, he was told about Cancer Council WA's accommodation Lodges.

Since moving into Milroy Lodge in Shenton Park, Gerard has found more than just a place to stay, he has found peace in the gardens, comfort in the 24-hour support, and connection with others who understand what he is going through.

"I'm so proud to be the face of this year's Christmas Appeal," Gerard said.

"I encourage the WA community to get behind it and support this vital accommodation service for regional people like me."

This year alone the lodges have had almost 5,000 check-ins from country patients and carers. By donating to our Christmas Appeal, you're ensuring country cancer patients like Gerard have vital support when they need it most.

To donate to the Christmas Appeal visit cancerwa.asn.au.

For more information about Cancer Council WA Lodges and support services, visit cancerwa.asn.au/cancer-support/get-support/regional-services or call 13 11 20 for information and support.

Every minute, every hour, every day.

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High School Specialist Program



JAPANESE COOKING

WITH KRISTY ELLIS

Our students took part in a two day Japanese cooking experience, learning how to create a mix of savoury and sweet Japanese dishes. They learnt how to prepare Japanese sauces and enjoyed dishes including chicken teriyaki sushi, savoury Japanese pancakes, Matcha cupcakes and Daifuku mochi



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SPORTS SCIENCE



Our students were put the test as they undertook two action-packed days of high energy performance testing, strength training, running sessions and pool based recovery.

Thanks to Ashton and Braiden, two experienced coaches for their guidance and interactive tech to track fitness data and guide our keen athletes with custom programs to boost their individual performance!



KULIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 4, WEEK 10

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WARPED METAL WORX

with Aaron Clinch

A chance for our students to try their hands at welding and designing their own unique metalwork piece!

The hands-on workshop encourages creativity, problem solving and precision. Thanks to Aaron for his expert guidance and welding experience to help bring their visions to life!



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High School Specialist Program



LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

Ever wondered what it's like to make a movie? Our students had the wonderful opportunity to learn how a film set works, try the different roles like director, camera operator, actor, boom microphone operator and more!

They created their own script, shot their own scenes and edited like a pro! The video is on our school Facebook for all to see. Watch out Hollywood...there may be some Kulin DHS students coming your way!



Thanks to
Anoop &
Jeneva





ON THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER OUR YEAR 10 CLASS OF 2025 GATHERED FOR THE FINAL TIME TO REFLECT ON THEIR TIME AT KULIN. WE SAID GOODBYE TO CHAS, ISAAC, JAMES, CARLY AND COOPER, EACH OF WHOM HAS LEFT THEIR OWN UNIQUE MARK ON OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY. AS THEY STEP INTO THE NEXT CHAPTER OF THEIR LIVES, WE WISH THEM EVERY SUCCESS, HAPPINESS, AND CONFIDENCE IN PURSUING THEIR FUTURE PLANS.

YEAR6 graduates

It was a deeply heartfelt and emotional farewell as Mrs Rees said her goodbyes to her Year 6 class, marking the end of their primary school journey. There were tears, smiles, and many proud moments as the class reflected on the memories, friendships, and growth they have shared over the years.

We wish our Year 6 graduates every success and happiness as they take this exciting next step into high school. May they continue to learn, grow, and chase their goals with confidence.

Iggy	Piper
Izzy	Isla
Milla-Rose	Lydia
Charlie	Hamish
Jasyn	Toby
Paige	Ellie
Ben	Ruby
Jasper	Shanniqua



Congratulations to each and every one of you—we are so proud of you!

Kulin Childcare Centre



It's hard to believe another year has come and gone at KCCC. This Friday will be our last day open to children for 2025. We are so privileged to see the children we have at our centre learn and grow throughout the year. We thank our families and children for supporting our centre over the past 12 months. It has been full of joy and beautiful friendships.

To our Educators we would like to shine a light on their effort and passion which they arrive with each day at the centre.

With these special people our children are supported to learn and grow in our care environment. The *secure, respectful and reciprocal relationships* nurtured and fostered are the foundation of our centre, without the Educators we wouldn't have this positive secure environment for learning.

Sue, Moureen, Carla, Vickie, Cam, Nadia, Fanny, Max & Cassie- we appreciate you greatly – thank you!

Our centre will close on Friday the 19th of December and re-open on Monday the 19th of January. Please email the centre with dates for 2026 including preferences of permanent days.

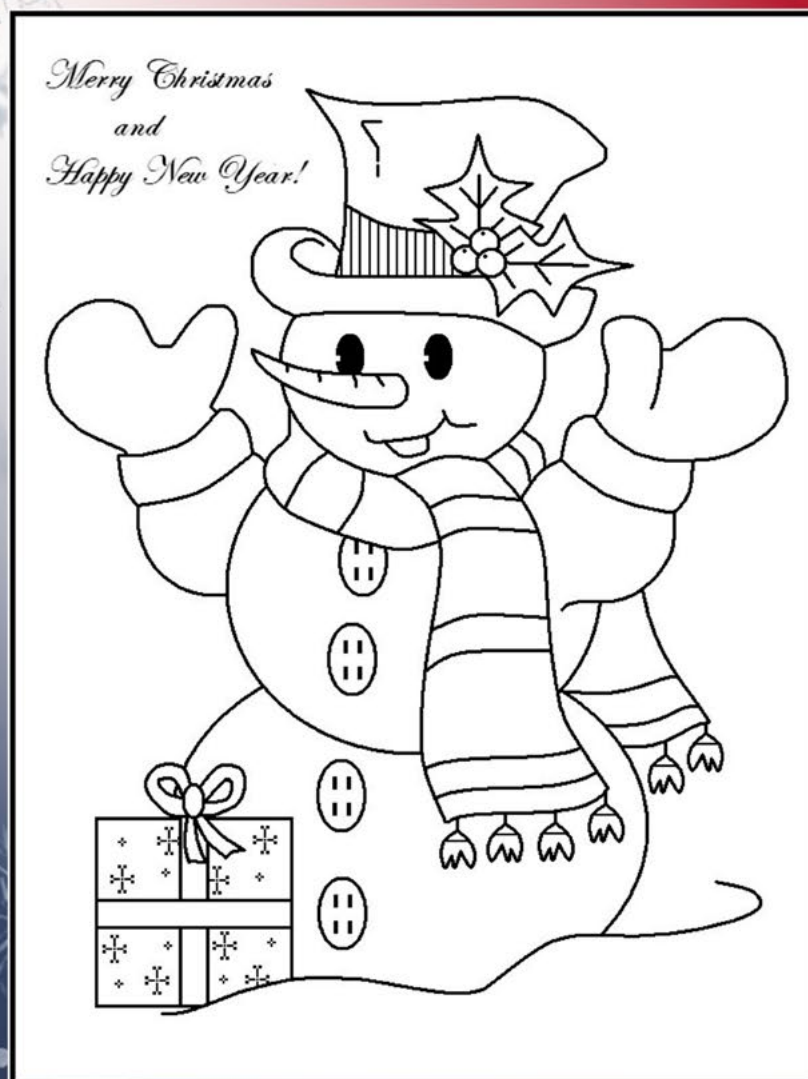
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Kid's Corner

The Kulin Update Kid's Activity Page

Colour, create and celebrate!



Let's colour in the snowman before he melts in the summer heat. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Be back in 2026.

A CHRISTMAS TURKEY WORTH THE EFFORT



Christmas is literally right around the corner, and that turkey in the chook pen is looking mighty suspicious... acting super shady.

Maybe he knows his days are numbered!

All jokes aside, turkey can be a bit of a pain to cook. But with a little effort, you can whip up something truly mouthwatering. This recipe has a few stages—it's one I only pull out for a special occasion (and really, Christmas tops that list). Trust me, it's worth it.

Over the past few months I've shared a whole bunch of my own personal recipes here in the Update. I don't proclaim to be the world's greatest cook, but I do feel confident saying that I cook with love and care. Each time I step into my kitchen, my goal is simple: to create something tasty that feeds both the soul and the belly of my family.

It's often said that your body is a temple and you need to treat it as such. Feed it well. For me, that doesn't mean food has to be "healthy" all

the time, but it does mean being conscious of what you're making and eating. Nourishing yourself, your friends, and your family is a gift. It's a way to show care, respect, and to give them a little piece of yourself.

So whether you've tried these recipes or simply enjoyed the stories alongside them, I hope you've had a laugh, found some inspiration, and perhaps reminisced with me as I've shared memories collected along the way. Writing this section has been a joy — a chance to let you know me a little better and to celebrate the everyday magic of food.

Because, like every time I sit down at the table with friends and family, it's never just about the meal. It's about connection, community, and caring. And this section of the Update has been another way to share that spirit with you all.

I hope it's been a tasty journey, and I can't wait to cook up a storm with you again next year — sharing once more a place at the table.

So, for the last time in 2025, from my table to yours.

Kirra Pederick
Community Development Officer

Next Level Christmas Turkey

Ingredients:



For the Brine

- 6 litres water
- 1 large orange (or 2 smaller, quartered)
- 250 g fine sea salt
- 200 g sugar
- 3 tbsp black peppercorns
- 1 bouquet garni
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1 tbsp caraway seeds
- 4 cloves
- 2 tbsp allspice berries
- 4 star anise
- 2 tbsp white mustard seeds
- 2 onions (unpeeled, quartered)
- 6 cm piece fresh ginger (unpeeled, sliced)
- 4 tbsp maple syrup
- 4 tbsp runny honey
- stalks from 1 bunch fresh parsley
- 1 x 5.5 kg turkey

For the Baste

- 6–7 fresh sage leaves, chopped
- 5–6 fresh thyme stems
- 2–3 sprigs rosemary
- 2–3 sprigs oregano
- 1½ cups mayonnaise (yes, mayo!)
- 2 tsp paprika
- 2 tsp onion powder
- 2 tsp garlic powder
- 2 tbsp runny honey
- 2 tsp chicken stock powder

For the Stuffing

- 2 onions
- 3 stalks celery
- 2 tsp minced garlic
- 1 bunch fresh sage (30 g)
- ½ cup chopped dried apples
- 100 g dried cranberries
- 180 g pecans, finely chopped
- 2 oranges, juiced and zested
- 330 ml dry cider
- 1 tsp nutmeg
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 4 cups breadcrumbs
- 500 g pork mince
- salt and pepper
- olive oil
- 2 tbsp unsalted butter
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Method

Step One: Brine Your Bird

1. Grab your biggest pot (or a clean bucket). Add the water, squeeze in the orange juice, toss in the husks, and stir in the

salt, sugar, maple syrup, and honey until dissolved. Add the rest of the brine ingredients, then submerge your turkey. Top up with water if needed. Cover and chill for at least 24 hours—48 is even better.

2. When it's time to cook, take the turkey out of the brine, pat it dry, and let it rest at room temperature for 1–2 hours.

Step Two: Make the Baste

1. Here's where the magic happens. Mix the herbs, spices, honey, and chicken stock powder into the mayonnaise. Yes, mayo—it locks in moisture and flavour. Pop this in the fridge while you tackle the stuffing.

Step Three: Stuffing Magic

1. Finely dice the onions and celery and set aside. Warm the orange juice with cranberries until steaming, then set aside. In a pan, heat olive oil and butter, tear in sage leaves, and gently brown. Add onions, celery, and garlic, cooking low and slow until golden and sweet.
2. Stir in orange zest, cranberry mix, dried apples, pecans, cinnamon, nutmeg, salt, and pepper. Add cider and let it bubble until shiny. In another pan, brown the pork mince. Combine everything with breadcrumbs in a big bowl and mix well with your hands.

Step Four: Roasting

1. Rub some of the mayo baste inside the turkey, then loosely fill with stuffing. Don't pack too tightly—it needs room to cook evenly. Coat the outside generously with the mayo mix, season with salt and pepper, and truss if needed.
2. Preheat oven to 220°C. Place turkey upside down on a roasting rack with onions, carrots, and celery underneath. Roast for 30 minutes, then flip right side up, baste again, and reduce oven to 165°C. Roast for 45 minutes, baste again, and continue roasting for another 30 minutes or until the internal temperature reaches 75°C (probe between breast and leg). Cover loosely with foil if browning too quickly.

And here's the best part—this is the moment to pour yourself a drink and relax while your hard work pays off with amazing aromas floating through the house.

Step Five: Rest and Serve

1. Remove from the oven and let it rest for at least 30 minutes. Carve, serve with gravy and cranberry sauce, and bask in the glory of your Christmas feast.



Hands in the Garden: A Year of Growth

When I was a little kid, counting down to Christmas, there always seemed to be a flurry of activity leading up to the big day. Friends and family would make the rounds for BBQs, parties and catch ups, and the pressure was on to have the garden looking spiffy. I remember those summer evenings, being sent off to bed while Mum and Dad kept working away in the yard once the Albany Doctor rolled through, making it just that little bit more pleasant. The smell of freshly mown lawn and sprinklers ticking away after a hot day still takes me straight back to childhood, when summer felt endless and carefree.

There's a fair bit of wisdom in working once the heat of the day breaks. But let's be honest—at this time of year, whether you're working, farming, or simply trying to keep up with the social whirl of the season, evenings might be the only time you've got to tend the garden. Luckily, that's not a bad thing. Even now, I find my moments of calm out there among the plants. Still, as we stare down the barrel of another hot couple of weeks and look ahead to a long summer, it's worth remembering that our gardens

will need a little extra TLC.

With that in mind, I rang Mum this morning for her tried and true tips. She didn't hesitate:

"MULCH! Mulch your garden and keep the mulch up. Don't choke your plants—give them a bit of room around the base or trunk—but keep that mulch topped up and then water sensibly. There's no point watering once it's hot; it evaporates faster than the plants can drink it. Wait until after sundown or get in early before the sun bites. In Kulin, that stingsets in by 7:00am, so if you're watering in the morning, do it early. And know your plants—not everything likes to be watered the same way. Some love a sprinkle all over, others just want their feet wet, and some need a proper soaking. A sprinkler isn't the answer for every situation."



All good advice. And with those words ringing in my ears, I turned to the next item on my agenda: the lawn. Because really, at the end of a hot day, if you're not off for a swim, there are few things better than sitting under a shady tree on a soft green lawn with a cold drink in hand. So, I reached out to some of Kulin's lawn connoisseurs for their thoughts on keeping the grass lush and inviting through summer...

"Keep up the water, make sure you're watering either very early or after sunset. Make sure you are fertilising at least every 6 weeks and using soil wetter. And lastly mow regularly!"

As I wrap up this year's garden musings, I can't help but feel grateful for the wisdom, encouragement and laughter that's been shared along the way. Gardening has a funny way of reminding us that patience and persistence pay off, even when the weeds seem endless or the dogs have other ideas. It's not just about the plants—it's about the people, the stories, and the sense of belonging that grows alongside the tomatoes and roses.

GET YOUR HANDS IN THE GARDEN

I'll be working hard on my own garden journey over the summer while we're on break here at the Update. It's been such a pleasure getting my hands in the garden this year—each day learning a little more, mostly through trial and error (and sometimes more error than success!). But that's the life of an aspiring green thumb. Along the way I've gathered fabulous advice from local gardeners, friends and family. And when I think back to the young girl who had to be firmly told she'd be helping in the garden—when she'd much rather have been off down the paddock on her horse or bike—I can't help but smile and think, "My, haven't I come a long way."

I still look out at my garden, only a year old and very much in its infancy, and feel frustrated waiting for things to grow—or for puppies to stop digging and chewing! But when I look back at the difference we've made in just 12 months, I feel proud of how far it's come. Another year on, it might just be starting to look pretty special. That's the hope, anyway.

Looking ahead, I'm excited to see what we can achieve together in 2026. Whether it's breathing new life into the community garden, swapping

cuttings over the fence, or simply enjoying a shady spot with friends on a hot day, every little effort adds up to something special. And who knows—by the time we're talking about open gardens in 2027, we might just have a whole network of green thumbs across Kulin ready to show off their patches. Planting ideas now means they'll have time to bloom into something wonderful later.

I'll be sure to keep you up to date on any progress with the community garden, and if anyone feels like contributing or getting involved, please come and have a chat—I'd love to hear what you're thinking. These things take time and

aren't easy to organise at the last minute, so if people think they're good ideas, we might start working on them as early as February.

So here's to another year of learning, growing, and sharing. Thank you for being part of my garden journey in 2025—I've loved every moment, and I hope you have too. For now, I'll leave you to your own gardens, and I'll be back next year to see how the summer has treated us all. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a summer filled with sunshine, gentle rains, good company, sneaky weeding and of course, happy times getting your hands in the garden

Kirra Pederick
Community Development
Officer



RURAL AID ARTICLE

Its amazing to realise that in 10 days we will be having Christmas day again, without sounding like a broken record 'where did that year go'.

I'd really like to thank everyone who has trusted and assisted me over the last 12 months. I learn so much from the people I meet and support which reinforces how lucky I am to call Narrogin and the WA farming communities my home. Majority of what I write about in these articles is triggered by hearing someone talk at an event, in counselling or in the street. I have more days of driving home thinking 'what an amazing town, community group, service or individual that was today. There are more people that really care about their community and that community's welfare than can ever be recorded and reported on.

Farmers and Rural Communities go through challenging, hard times. Issues that are unique and often not understood by the city folk. But the unity in our communities is very evident. The keep the sheep movement, the sharing of knowledge with the firearms act and more is for me the proof of our farming family coming together to support each other without hesitation.

Where someone from Moora is advised that they can call a service in Bridgetown exemplifies unity in a cause. This real unity, support and strength is humbling, empowering and results in a sense of belonging, something to be proud of now and in the future. Communities and people going out of their way to help, support and genuinely care for each other. People from all walks of life making a difference in the best way they know how, with the skills they have. Legends.

Each of us are essential in continuing to break the silence and stigma of wellness and mental health. One conversation at the right time with the right person can change everything. When talking to the dogs doesn't cut it, remind yourself there are people in your community who do care about you, do value you and do appreciate you. This is a strength we are able to tap into, an option we do have. Ask for help, be that help. Hard times are a part of life we learn and grow stronger from. Once we are facing in the right direction and taken that hard first big step into the unknown, we just have to keep on walking. Preferably alongside others together, not alone.

Great news next year WA Rural Aid counselling team starting 5 January will have three more counsellors working in our regions. So four of us. All live in Rural towns, are farmers or know farming, and are very proactive in their communities. Exciting news.

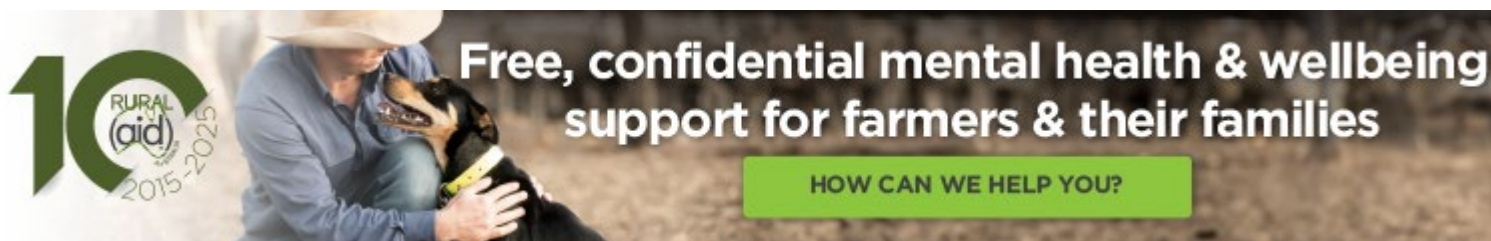
Rural Aid will be closed over Christmas from the 22 December until the 5 January 2026.

Keep safe, keep well and have a great Christmas and New Year. Again, from my heart Thank you for 2025.

Roger Hitchcock

Counsellor & Community Representative West Australia based in Narrogin (Wagin and Surrounding Region)

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FESTIVE SEASON SUPPORT SERVICES

CRISIS & MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT:

LIFELINE - 13 11 14 (lifeline.org.au)

24/7 crisis support.

BEYOND BLUE - 1300 224 636 (beyondblue.org.au)

Mental health and wellbeing support.

SUICIDE CALLBACK SERVICE - 1300 659 467

Counselling for suicide risk or grief.

RURAL LINK - 1800 552 002

After-hours regional mental health support.

13 YARN - 13 92 76

A safe place to yarn with Aboriginal crisis supporters.

STANDBY - 1300 727 247

Postvention support.



MEN'S SUPPORT:

MENSLINE - 1300 789 978

Support for men's wellbeing and relationships.

FAMILY & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT:

1800RESPECT - 1800 737 732 (1800respect.org.au)

Support for family and domestic violence.

ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUG SUPPORT:

ALCOHOL & DRUG SUPPORT LINE - 1800 198 024

Confidential alcohol and drug counselling.

The holidays can be joyful - but they can also be stressful, lonely or overwhelming. If you or someone you care about needs support, these services are here to help.

IN AN EMERGENCY, CALL 000

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MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING TIPS THIS FESTIVE SEASON

LOOK AFTER WHAT MATTERS MOST THIS FESTIVE SEASON

Your wellbeing, and the wellbeing of those you care about, is more important than presents, perfection or pressure. While the festive season can be a time of celebration and connection, it can also bring loneliness, financial pressure, isolation and exhaustion.

PROTECT YOUR WELLBEING



CHECK IN - IT COULD CHANGE A LIFE

- Take time to reach out to someone who might be struggling.
- The 'gift of connection' especially for those who are experiencing loneliness is the greatest 'gift' you can give.
- Offer practical support and listen without judgement.

SMALL ACTS OF CARE MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE

If you or someone you care about is:

- Withdrawing from family or friends
- Sleeping poorly, losing interest in things that normally brings them joy
- Feeling overwhelmed, hopeless, anxious or sad
- Using more alcohol or drugs

Remind them support is accessible 24/7 via help or crisis lines.



REMEMBER YOUR PRESENCE CAN MEAN MORE THAN PRESENTS

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STAY ALCOHOL SAFE THIS FESTIVE SEASON

A time to celebrate, connect and unwind - but also a time to pause, plan, and look after yourself and your mates.

KNOW YOUR STANDARD DRINKS:

Understanding standard drinks helps you keep track of how much alcohol you're actually consuming.

1 Standard Drink =

10g of pure alcohol and...



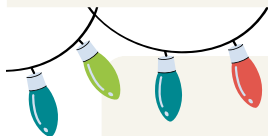
1 wine glass
(100ml, 13%)



1 mid-strength
(330ml)



1 shot of spirits
(30ml)



SAFER DRINKING GUIDELINES:

To reduce your long-term risk of alcohol-related harm:



No more than 10
standard drinks a **week**



No more than 4 standard
drinks in **one day**

These are guidelines, not
targets - drinking less is
always safer.

SMART DRINKING CHOICES:

- **Alternate drinks** – water between alcoholic drinks
- **Eat before and during** – slows alcohol absorption
- **Pace yourself** – take breaks, sip slowly
- Choose **lower-strength** or **alcohol-free options**
- **Avoid "topping up"** – keep track of what you've had
- **Plan your transport** – organise a sober driver or lift



CELEBRATE SAFELY:

Small choices add up. Drinking mindfully helps you stay safe, feel better the next day, and enjoy the season.

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ADULT SUPPORT SERVICES

DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU CARE ABOUT NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?



PHONE-BASED SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH:

LIFELINE - 13 11 14

BEYOND BLUE - 1300 224 636

HERE FOR YOU - 1800 437 348

SUICIDE CALLBACK SERVICE - 1300 659 467

1800RESPECT - 1800 737 732 (Family & Domestic Violence)

RURAL LINK - 1800 552 002

MENSLINE - 1300 789 978

13YARN - 13 92 76

PHONE-BASED SUPPORT FOR ALCOHOL & DRUG USE:

ALCOHOL & DRUG (AOD) SUPPORT LINE - 1800 198 024

(AOD) PARENT & FAMILY SUPPORT LINE - 1800 653 203

METH HELPLINE - 1800 874 878

GAMBLING HELP ONLINE - 1800 858 858

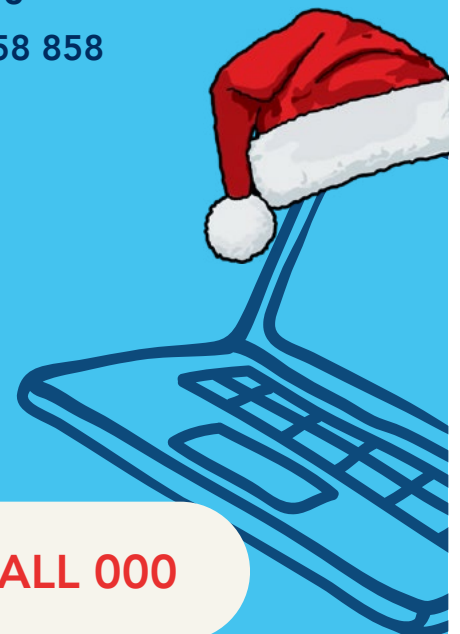
WEB-BASED SUPPORT:

LIFELINE - www.lifeline.org.au

BEYOND BLUE - www.beyondblue.org.au

MENSLINE - www.mensline.org.au

1800RESPECT - www.1800respect.org.au



IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY CALL 000



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Whenever you're ready.

Youth Support Services

Do you or someone you care about need someone to talk to?



Phone-based support:

Lifeline - 13 11 14

Beyond Blue - 1300 224 636

QLife - 1800 184 527

Kids Helpline - 1800 551 800

headspace - 1800 650 890

1800respect - 1800 737 732

13YARN - 13 92 76

Web-based support:



Beyond Blue - youthbeyondblue.com

Kids Helpline - kidshelpline.com.au

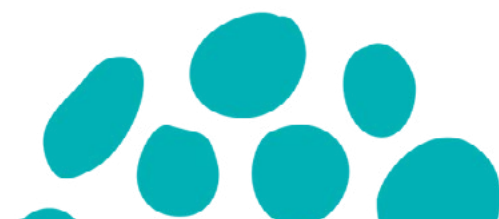
eheadspace - ehheadspace.org.au

mindspot - mindspot.org.au

reachout - au.reachout.com

MOST - most.org.au

QLife - qlife.org.au





Christmas WORD SEARCH

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CRC - 9880 1204
Caravan Park - 0439 469 850
Pool - 9880 1222
Depot - 9880 1218
KCCC - 9880 1636

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

MT Lucchesi - 9880 4050
JM McInnes - 9880 1360
BW Sloggett - 0427081925

MEDICAL CENTRE

Kulin- 9880 1315
St Luke's Family Practice
Dr available Tues & Wed

Kondinin- 9889 1753
KN Hospital- 9894 1222

Kulin Nursing Station
9880 1056
Tues, Wed & Fri
8:30 - 12:30

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Emergency centre-
9880 1079
SES - 13 25 00
Western Power- 13 13 53
Water Auth.- 13 13 75
Kulin Water Depot - 9880 1356

POLICE CONTACTS

Crime Stoppers -
1800 333 000

Kulin Police Station is
staffed by two officers who
are available to respond to
incidents 24/7. Your local
police can be contacted as
follows:

Emergency: 000
Non-emergency: 131 444
KU Station - 9861 5800

TIP SHOP OPENING DAYS

Sunday | Monday | Thursday
10am - 3pm

KULIN TRANSFER STATION

The station is open
Sunday | Monday | Thursday
10.00am - 3.00pm

REPORTING MINOR ISSUES

The Shire of Kulin uses Snap
Send Solve, simply download
the app and use your smart
phone to report a variety of
issues directly to the Shire.

LOCAL CHURCHES

Uniting Church
1st & 3rd Sunday of each
month, 10.30am

Catholic Church
Fr Truc Nguyen
0426 018 782
1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 8.00am

Anglican Church
By Request
K. Wilson - 0429 801 228
Bunbury Office - 9721 2100

KULIN MOTOR MUSEUM

Wednesday 10am - 12.30pm
Saturday 10am - 2pm
C. King - 9880 1058
B. Colbourne - 0429 804 615
J. Munro - 0427 386 849

DRIVING ASSESSOR

Kulin has one assessment
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BANK KULIN for bookings or
enquiries - 9880 1422

MAIN ROADS FAULTLINE 138 138

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All Good Refund Depot
comes to Kulin on the
last Wednesday of every
month. They pick up
returns from behind the
Memorial Hall at midday.
Contact the Shire for more
info. To donate your cans to
KCCC use their ID
(C10351204) or to donate
your cans to the ARTS
CENTRE use their ID
(C10333381)

DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATIONS

KULIN
Kulin District High School
Kulin Caravan Park
Public Toilets (Johnston St)
Aquatic Centre
Freebairn Recreation Centre
Kulin Foodworks
Butler's Garage & Museum

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Public Toilets
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DUDININ
Dudinin Tennis Club

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Kulin Lions Club collect old
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Throughout the year, the Update has been your place for important news, Shire updates, and community highlights. Together, we've shared achievements, laughter, and the moments that matter most. As the festive season brings us together, we look forward to another year of storytelling, connection, and keeping you informed about all that makes Kulin special.

Here's to 2026—may it be joyful, vibrant, and full of new memories.



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