

# THE KULIN UPDATE

12th February 2026

## 7 MEGA MOVIE NIGHT

Kulin Aquatic Centre from 6.30pm until 9pm. Swim until 7pm. Movie starts at 7.15pm. February 22 2026.

## 19 WEST KULIN WHOPPA

A great story on how an unused tank, a splash of paint, and plenty of country creativity came together to build the West Kulin Whoppa. What began as a laugh quickly turned into the boldest, biggest attraction on the highway.

## 28 IN MEMORIAM

Celebrating the life of Allan Waters.

## KULIN AQUATIC CENTRE



Kulin  
Community Resource Centre  
Your local connection

CONNECTING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

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Complete the booking form found here -  
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## *When are the deadlines?*

All articles and booking forms are to be sent NO LATER than Tuesday, 4pm prior to the publication date.

## *What are the advertising costs?*

1/4 page b/w - \$20  
1/2 page b/w - \$25  
1/2 page colour - \$50  
Full page b/w - \$40  
Full page colour - \$80  
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- PDF
- JPEG



## *Achieved something?*

We would love to share any community news or achievements in the newsletter, send through the information to [crccounter@kulin.wa.gov.au](mailto:crccounter@kulin.wa.gov.au)

## DEADLINES TO SUBMIT CONTENT FOR THE KULIN UPDATE

**24th February**  
**10th March**  
**24th March**  
**7th April**

## DATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

## FEBRUARY

**12th Kulin Update**  
**14th Valentines Day**  
**18th Shire Council Meeting**  
**22nd Mega Splash Kulin Aquatic Centre**  
**28th Mega Movie Night Kulin Aquatic Centre**

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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There is plenty of planning underway at the CRC and the Shire to ensure we continue to provide a wide range of courses, programs and events for our community. We would really value your input on what you would like to see delivered through the CRC.

There is a survey included later in this edition, which can be accessed via the QR code or by returning the completed paper version. Your feedback plays an important role in helping us deliver activities and opportunities that reflect the interests and needs of our community.

There are certainly plenty of fun things happening throughout February and March. The Aquatic Centre will be buzzing with two Mega Splash events and a movie night. The Kulin Triathlon is also coming up — a fantastic opportunity to kick-start your winter sports fitness or challenge yourself to try something new. You can enter individually or make it a friendly team competition with

friends.

The Shire of Kulin would like to warmly welcome Carey Higgins to the team. Carey will be undertaking the role of Executive Support Officer, and we are delighted to have her join both the organisation and the community.

A warm welcome back to our Medical Services team. St Luke's Medical Centre is now operating every Thursday and Friday, with Dr Segun providing a broad range of medical services to the community. Dr Noureen will also be assisting when Dr Segun has other commitments, and we warmly welcome her to the community.

The Nurses Clinic continues to operate on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. While every effort is made to maintain these services, there are unfortunately times when the clinic cannot be staffed. We appreciate the community's understanding on these

occasions.

As the school term has commenced, this is a timely reminder for everyone to remain vigilant when driving around town. Please slow down and take extra care to help provide a safe environment for our children as they move about the community.

In particular, please be mindful around the school, when children are crossing Johnston Street near the Post Office, and when accessing the Aquatic Centre and FRC. A little extra caution can make a significant difference.

We are so pleased with the community's input into the Kulin Update, and we hope you enjoy the read, and as always appreciate your feedback and ideas.

*Taryn Scadding*

Executive Manager of  
Community Services



## RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD

Shire of Kulin restricted burning period

**16 February 2026 - 15 March 2026 (inclusive)**

Permits are required - Contact your FCO for a permit

## Kulin Shire Council

### Public Notice

### 2026 Notice of Meetings

Notice is hereby given that the 2026 Ordinary Council Meetings of the Shire of Kulin will be held on the following **dates**, commencing at 4:00pm.

<b>18 February</b>	<b>19 August</b>
<b>18 March</b>	<b>16 September</b>
<b>15 April</b>	<b>21 October</b>
<b>20 May</b>	<b>18 November</b>
<b>17 June</b>	<b>16 December</b>
<b>22 July</b>	

Meetings are held at the Shire of Kulin Council Chambers, 38 Johnston Street Kulin. Copies of agendas and minutes can be accessed on the Shire's website at [www.kulin.wa.gov.au](http://www.kulin.wa.gov.au).

\*In accordance with the resolution of Council arising from the Ordinary Council Meeting of 15 October 2025 (Item 9.6), all Ordinary Council Meetings for 2026 will be held on the **third** Wednesday of each month, commencing at 4pm, subject to the following exception - in the month of July 2026, the meeting will be held one week later on 22 July 2026, being the **fourth** Wednesday of that month. Meeting dates and times changed due to extraordinary circumstances will be advertised in the Shire of Kulin Update and on the Council's website in accordance with legislation.







KULIN  
AQUATIC  
CENTRE

SATURDAY 28  
FEBRUARY 2026

6.30PM - 9PM

SWIM UNTIL 7PM

MOVIE STARTS AT  
7.15PM

NOW  
SHOWING  
**Shark Tale**



# FREEBAIRN REC CENTRE

## YOGALATES

TUESDAY MORNINGS  
10AM



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**0429 805 224**

Kulin Recreation Centre

## CORPORATE BOWLS COMING SOON

STARTING 12TH OF FEBRUARY 2026



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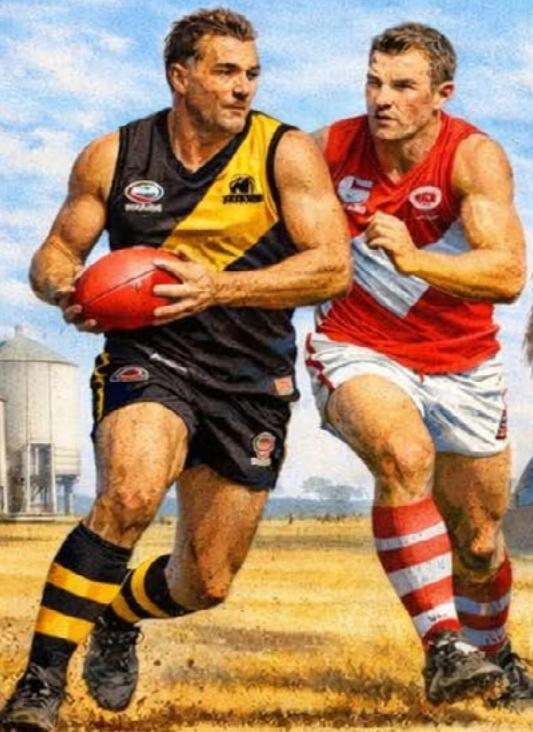


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# WA MASTERS FOOTBALL CARNIVAL



28<sup>th</sup> MARCH  
2026  
KULIN

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TIN HORSE  
HIGHWAY

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## Access your local regional pool through KidSport!

**The State Government's KidSport Regional Pools Program** seeks to increase physical activity and water awareness of children aged 5 to 18 years by subsidising the cost of a maximum of a 3-month pass to your local community pool.

The program is available to children in selected local government areas and is delivered in partnership with the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport (CITS).

### Is your child eligible?



Aged 5 to 18 years



Residing in WA



Listed on a valid Services Australia concession card

**New season passes only** — cannot be used for a previously purchased pass.

### Contact your local government to apply



[cits.wa.gov.au/regional-pools](http://cits.wa.gov.au/regional-pools)



**SAVE THE DATE!!**

***KULIN TRIATHLON***  
**2026**

Swim / Ride / Run - Solo and Team entries

**SATURDAY MARCH 21ST, 2026**

Come along and tackle the course as a team or individual. Prizes available. Course distances, categories and of course entry forms to follow soon!!

Contact: Caroline 089880 1000 or  
[reccentre@kulin.wa.gov.au](mailto:reccentre@kulin.wa.gov.au) for more details





## SHIRE OF KULIN

### MEDIA RELEASE

#### Local Communities Must Be at the Table on Renewable Energy Benefits

Local Governments across regional Western Australia have issued a united call for mandatory, locally administered community benefit arrangements for renewable energy projects (wind, solar and battery storage), warning that communities cannot be sidelined in decisions that shape their landscapes, economies and futures.

*“There is a simple principle at stake,” said Mr Leigh Ballard, Shire President of Narrogin. “If decisions are being made about our communities without us, then something is wrong. Local Governments are elected by their communities, accountable to their communities, and closest to the impacts of these projects. We must be at the table — not watching from the sidelines.”*

The joint statement follows an alliance submission to the State Government back in August 2025, jointly signed and supported by 40 Regional Local Governments, some of whom are faced with 100's of wind turbines proposed for their district, calling for clarity and certainty to PoweringWA's Draft Guideline on Community Benefits for Renewable Energy Projects.

Local Governments strongly support the renewable energy transition and the State and Commonwealth targets it underpins. However, they say community benefits must be compulsory, secure and fair, not discretionary or vulnerable to future policy shifts or white board politics.

Cr Grant Robins, Kulin Shire President said renewable energy projects bring opportunities, but they also place real and lasting pressure on local infrastructure and resources.

*“The construction of wind and energy infrastructure requires large volumes of raw materials, particularly gravel and water,” Cr Robins said. “Local government is left to manage the long-term impacts on roads, pits and water sources, often well beyond the construction phase.”*

*“That is why local communities and councils must be directly involved in how community benefit funds are managed, to ensure impacts are addressed sustainably and fairly over time.”*

Cr Karen Harrington, Shire President of West Arthur, said certainty is critical for both communities and industry. *“Community benefit contributions should be mandatory and secured over the life of a project. Linking these arrangements to Western Power approvals and ongoing network access provides certainty, reduces risk, and ensures commitments made to communities are commitments kept.”*

The alliance submission calls for a clear, enforceable framework that:

- mandates community benefit contributions,
- secures them for the life of the project through binding mechanisms,
- is administered locally by the COMMUNITY or local government, not centrally, and
- aligns benefit allocations to the nameplate capacity located within each host Local Government.

Cr Liz Sudlow, Shire President of Northampton, said benefits must flow to the communities that host the infrastructure. *“Where projects span multiple Local Governments, contributions should be allocated according to where the generation or storage actually occurs. Decisions about local futures should not be made by centralised agencies or by bureaucrats sitting in Perth, on our behalf, however ‘strategic’ those decisions may be presented.”*

Local Governments emphasise they are not seeking control for its own sake, but responsible local stewardship.

The signatories stress that local administration of community benefit funds will support the State and Commonwealth to deliver the energy transition faster and more fairly, while ensuring regional communities share in the long-term benefits.

We the undersigned call on Premier Roger Cook and Amber-Jade Sanderson, the Minister for Energy and Decarbonisation to release the long-awaited Guidelines and to ensure that it reflects what is *just, practical and right* for host communities, and recognises Local Government, on behalf of its impacted communities, as a genuine partner in delivering Western Australia’s energy future.

*“With the right framework in place,”* the statement concludes, *“community benefits can become a catalyst for stronger regional communities, ensuring the energy transition delivers for all Western Australians and in particular, for those that are having to host them.”*

– Ends –

**Issued jointly by the following Local Governments:**

Shire President Mr Leigh Ballard, Shire of Narrogin  
Shire President Cr Karen Harrington, Shire of West Arthur Shire  
President Cr Liz Sudlow, Shire of Northampton  
Shire President Cr Pauline Bantock, Shire of Victoria Plains  
Shire President Cr Tony O’Gorman, Shire of Dandaragan Shire  
President Cr Grant Robins, Shire of Kulin  
Shire President Cr Hellene McTaggart, Shire of Mingenew Shire  
President Cr Ken Seymour, Shire of Moora  
Shire President Cr Jarrad Logie, Shire of Williams

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- ***Family friendly! Kids of all ages and non-players welcome!***
- ***Pickleball can be set up for anyone who wants to give that a go.***

**Bar open!**



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## Tennis Court Lighting Upgrade Project

The upgrade to lighting at the Kulin Tennis Courts has been completed. New lighting towers and LED lights have been installed to fully illuminate Courts 2–5 to social tennis LUX standards.

The new lighting provides an excellent opportunity to play tennis at night across all four courts, with consistent and reliable coverage throughout the area.

This upgrade also brings the advantages of modern LED technology, including improved energy efficiency, a longer lifespan, and instant illumination—no waiting for lights to warm up.

This project is part of the WA Government's PlayOn WA, an exciting initiative to deliver 2,030 community infrastructure items across WA by 2030. The project was delivered as a joint initiative between the Shire of Kulin, Kulin Tennis Club, Tennis Australia and the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport Club Night Lights Program.

With newly surfaced courts and upgraded lighting, Kulin Tennis continues to grow as a great community facility.





Julie Powell, a young blogger, is determined to emulate Julia Child's cooking techniques. Though separated by time, the two women share a common passion for food that intertwines their lives.



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**KULIN CLASSIC  
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10 MARCH 11AM  
SHIRE OF KULIN  
38 Johnston Street, Kulin



# Anzac Day

25th April 2026

As we start preparing for Anzac Day 2026, the Shire of Kulin and Kulin CRC warmly invite our community to come together in honouring the courage, sacrifice and service of Australian and New Zealand servicemen and women.

For many of us, remembrance is not something distant, it lives in our family histories, in the names on our memorial and in the stories shared across the kitchen table or round a fire at night. It's the quiet strength of those who serve even today. Anzac Day is our moment to stand together and honour that legacy.

We welcome contributions from anyone who would like to be involved. This may include family stories, photographs, letters, memorabilia, artworks, or personal reflections. We would also love to hear from local musicians, and from anyone with an idea that could help make this year's service even more meaningful.

If you would like to participate, please contact Kirra at the Shire of Kulin  
[kulincdo@kulin.wa.gov.au](mailto:kulincdo@kulin.wa.gov.au)  
08 9880 1204

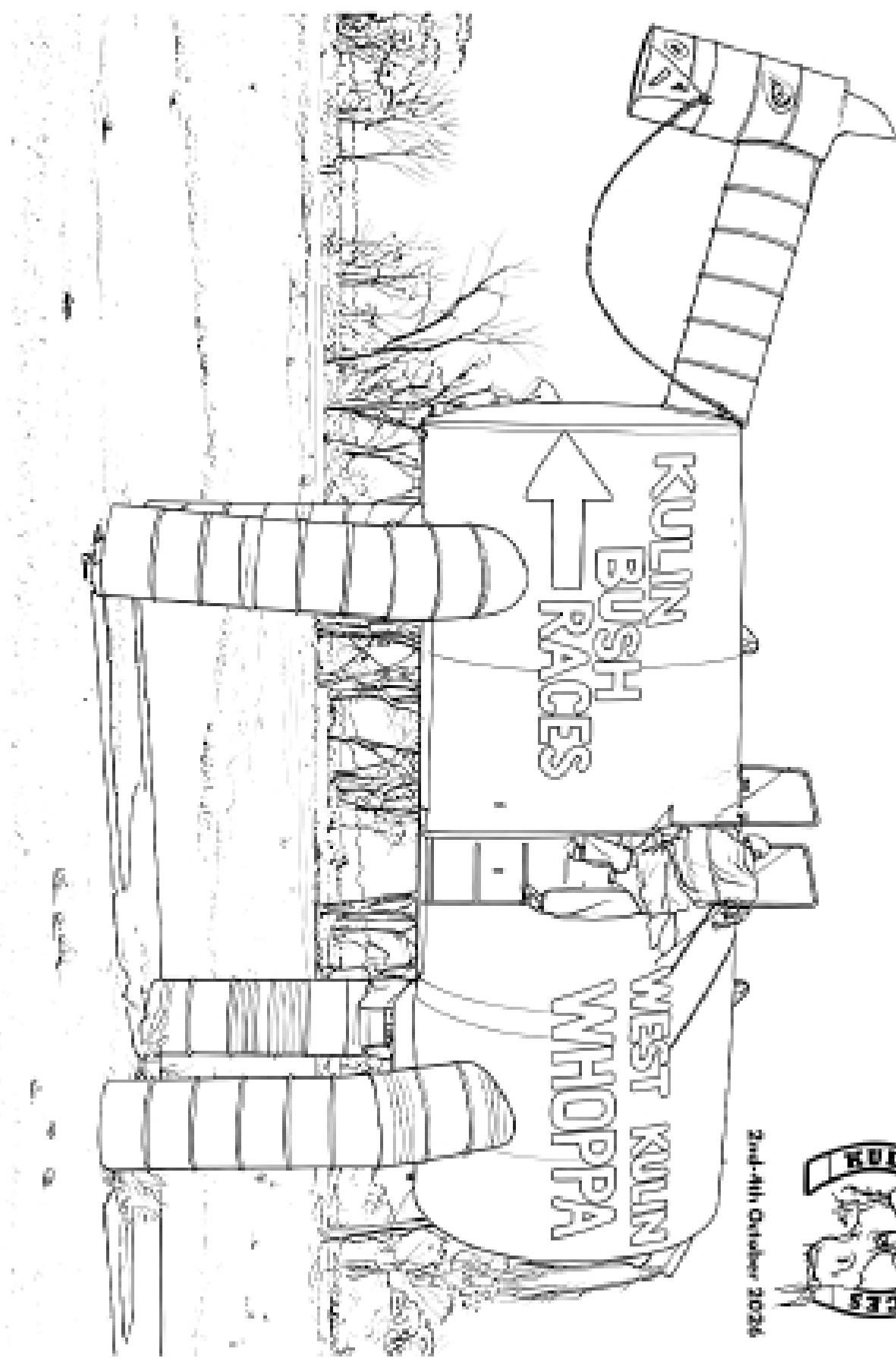
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JOIN US TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO SERVED AND  
CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR COUNTRY THIS ANZAC DAY

# WEST KULIN WHOPPA

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3rd-4th October 2024



# WEST KULIN WHOPPA

The Tin Horse Highway began as something of a fluke, tracing its origins back to the very beginning of the Kulin Bush Races in 1995. What started as a handful of tin horses built by local farmers soon became an authentic marketing idea and a friendly rivalry, with everyone trying to outdo one another. By 1998, the tin horse concept had evolved into a deliberate and uniquely local campaign, created purely to promote the Kulin Bush Races.

The real spark came from years of tongue-in-cheek rivalry with the East Ender farmers, who were forever carrying on about the "small cockies" out west. It was all good-natured banter East versus West, but it planted an idea. Barry and Peta West began brainstorming ways to make a statement, their attention drawn to a large unused tank at Clayton's Farm. Something that would promote the Bush Races and, at the same time, wave a very large red flag at the East Enders.

West Kulin neighbours quickly rallied around. The Wests, Claytons, Spurgeons, Meikles, Duckwarths and Urens came together and got cracking. The horse's neck was formed from two 44-gallon drums welded together in a shed, then walked down the road to the site on a loader. Once in position, the front and back ends were lifted high enough for lengths of railway iron to be welded on as legs. Drums were then slid over the railway iron to give the unmistakable shape of a horse.

The men handled the welding, while the women painted the horse and dressed the jockey. Letters and facial features were painted while sitting in the bucket of an excavator. Somewhere along the way, the group stopped and truly took it in realising just how enormous the metal masterpiece had become, and asking themselves, what have we done?

Rome wasn't built in a day, but the West Kulin Whoppa was. As the rumour goes, it was built overnight and largely in the dark. Over the years, many West Kulin families have helped maintain the Big Whoppa. There have always been whispers that the East Enders might try to do one better. The West Enders are not fazed. After all, size does matter, and while something bigger may yet appear, everyone knows who built the original and the best.

It's a great story of six families coming together with a shared dream: to build the biggest horse. Sworn to secrecy and galloping into action one weekend in 1999, they poured engineering ingenuity and creativity into the project. By the end of a long day, the West Kulin Whoppa was born, complete with a jockey for the final touch. Justifiably proud they downed tools and celebrated with cold beers and snaggers on the barbie.

Today, the Tin Horse Highway is a vital part of Kulin community and cultural heritage. The West Kulin Whoppa, standing proudly at what locals call Big Horse Corner has become a popular Wheatbelt attraction, a lasting symbol of community spirit, friendly rivalry, humour, and bush ingenuity.

**Kylie Ripp**  
Customer Service Officer



# CHILDCARE SURVEY

The Shire of Kulin is looking at ways to improve childcare services in Kulin and would love to hear from local families about what matters most to them.

Scan the QR code or visit the link below to complete our short survey.

<https://forms.office.com/r/cJAN3FEF5B>

**SURVEY CLOSES FRIDAY  
27 FEBRUARY 2026**





## Kulin Childcare Centre

We are back into the swing of beautifully filled days at KCCC. During our closure we were lucky enough to complete some professional development. This included face to face session by Bugs & Bare Feet and Farran Street Education. These sessions looked at many different aspects of Early Child Care including play spaces, routine, transaction, communication, values and much more!



We have been spending time in the past weeks talking about our emotions and things we can do to identify and help us move through our feelings. these conversations help children to equip themselves with self-regulation steps.

The warm days as we head into Bunuru have given us plenty of opportunity to include water play outdoors.

Following Australia Day, we explored native animals, seed pods, and art. We used ochre and sand to create artwork. We regularly use our small world play animals in our Wombat Stew story table and this is a great way in which we include local Noongar words into our practice.



*Thank you to our families and community for supporting us.*



# Kulin Clinic 2026

## Thursday and Friday

- Men's health
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Chronic disease management
- Minor procedures (such as ingrown toenails & contraception implants)
- Medicals and skin checks



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## 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.



Curtin University

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For further information, contact Rural Health West:

T 08 6389 4509

E [futureworkforce@ruralhealthwest.com.au](mailto:futureworkforce@ruralhealthwest.com.au)

# KULIN BUSH RACES

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CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

*Past and present volunteers are invited to join us for a night of celebration*

## EVENT DETAILS

5pm Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Jilakin Lookout

\$50 per person

*Includes*

Food - Drinks  
Live Entertainment

**Tickets available from the Shire Office.**

*Cocktails  
available to  
purchase*



Free shuttle bus  
430pm KBR HQ



Camping Welcome



CELEBRATING 30 YEARS



## CELEBRATING 30 YEARS PAST & PRESENT VOLUNTEERS NIGHT!

We hope everyone is enjoying a well-earned break after a busy harvest season, but here at KBR HQ, things are already starting to crack on! And we have some exciting news to share...

To mark our 30th anniversary, we're hosting a Past & Present Volunteers Celebration Night on Saturday 7th March 2026. What began three decades ago as a slightly quirky idea from our founders has grown into a much-loved event that's stood the test of time. So this night will be all about saying a huge thank you to the people who made it happen, our volunteers.

We warmly invite all KBR volunteers, past and present, to join us for a night of celebration, connection, and a few well-earned drinks. Expect a relaxed, social evening with great company, plenty of laughs, tasty food, drinks and live entertainment.

Food for the night will be taken care of by the amazing Supper Rd, serving up something delicious while old stories are retold (and possibly improved with age). Drinks will be flowing, and for those feeling a little fancy, cocktails will also be available for purchase.

We're encouraging everyone to dress in cocktail-style attire for the evening. There's no strict dress code, but think smart, polished and ready to celebrate. Think of it as a fun chance to set aside the hi-vis and work boots for something a little more dressed up.

This will be an adults-only event. While we absolutely appreciate the contribution of our younger volunteers over the years, we ask that guests arrange care for kids so everyone can truly relax, unwind and enjoy the night.

If you're still in touch with past volunteers, please help us spread the word. You can pass the details on directly, or send their contact information through to Simone Lockyer-Luscombe at [kulinbushraces@outlook.com](mailto:kulinbushraces@outlook.com), and she'll make sure they receive an invitation. We'd love to get as many familiar faces back together as possible.



# KULIN BUSH RACES

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CELEBRATING 30 YEARS



## Event Details

The celebration will be held at Jilakin Lookout, with tickets priced at \$50 per person, covering food, beer & wine and live entertainment. Camping is welcome for those keen to make a weekend of it, or there will be a free town-to-track shuttle bus available, leaving 430pm from KBR HQ to get everyone there and returning at 10pm and 12am to get everyone home safely.

Tickets will be available for purchase through the Shire Office.

This night is about celebrating 30 years of Kulin Bush Races, the friendships formed, the long days, the late nights, the laughs, the clangers and most importantly, the people who made it all possible. We can't wait to raise a glass with you and celebrate just how far this wacky little idea has come.

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## KULIN BUSH RACES - NOTICE OF AGM

**MONDAY 9TH MARCH 2026, 6.30PM @ THE KULIN COMMUNITY HUB**



If you would like to become part of an enthusiastic committee and get more involved with the organisation of our iconic race day, then please come along to the Kulin Bush Races AGM. All welcome! The AGM will be followed by a brief general meeting.

### AGM AGENDA

- Apologies
- Confirmation of minutes from previous AGM
- Business arising from previous AGM minutes
- Correspondence
- Business arising from correspondence
- Presentation of Annual Financial Report, Auditor's Report and balance sheet.
- Chairperson's Report
- Election of Office Bearers and Committee of the Association
- Determination of annual membership fee
- Appointment of Auditor
- Vote of thanks to the outgoing committee
- Closure

If you are unable to attend, please forward your apologies to Simone Lockyer - 0488 172 797 or [kulinbushraces@outlook.com](mailto:kulinbushraces@outlook.com)



We would like to thank the Kulin Shire and community for their support and generosity in holding Allan's/Dads funeral. To everyone that attended or sent messages, we are very grateful and appreciate it so much. He would be so happy and overwhelmed by the support.

The Waters family



## *Celebrating The life of Allan Waters*



Good morning, everybody and thank you all for being here today. I am Clayton, and I am Allan's, or as we called him Farm Pop's grandson. Today, we remember Allan not only as a valued member of our community, but also as a man with a strong sense of adventure and a wonderful sense of humour—always ready with a joke, a laugh, and to have a good chat. Allan Henry Waters, son of Henry and Patricia Waters and middle brother to John and Brian Waters, was born in Northam on the 8th of July 1938. As the descendant of one of Western Australia's founding families, Allan lived with his family in Bayswater until he was seven, when they moved to Moonyoonooka Station, near Geraldton, for his father's employment. He stayed there for two years before returning to Perth at age nine, with his mother and brother Brian.

Allan then lived in both Kalamunda and Victoria Park, where he entertained many adventures, including joining the Scouts. Allan attended the Perth Boys School, catching the bus from Kalamunda to Perth daily. Pop tells us, despite living on top of the hill, he would be asked, along with the other kids, to get out and help push the empty bus up the hill so they could then continue their journey. He left high school at the age of 14 to sell newspapers on the corner of Pier and Hay Street and at Royal Perth Hospital. At the hospital, he was asked to use the stairwells and not the lift due to the fact that he kept holding the lift button in until it reached the top, getting out and walking down the stairs. Deciding to take a different route, the service lift, he unexpectedly arrived at the morgue.

Shortly afterward, he started working for the McClean Brothers Hardware shop delivering parcels. He fondly recalled that his first pay packet was one pound, 17 shillings, and 6 pence. At the age of 16 he moved to York, where he worked on a farm, before relocating to Quairading to work alongside his father on Cecil Dall's farm at the age of 18. It was in Quairading that Allan met his first wife, Olive Greay. They married in 1962 and bought a 1,300-acre block of land on Tom Gray Road, Walyurin —located south of Kulin in 1964. Upon shifting to Kulin, he worked for Basil Gallucio, clearing land and managing the farm. He fondly remembered how Basil, now their neighbour, lent him and Olive equipment to clear their block, which eventually became the site of their home.

Over a period of 13 years, Allan and Olive had their children—John, Garry, Donna, and Renae. Allan went on to become a proud grandfather of eight: Sheryl, Rianna, Taryn, Maddison, Kaitlyn, myself, Shannon and TJ and a great-grandfather to six: Ava, Cohen, Arlen, Alaska, Maeve and Noah. Allan farmed at Hillview for 35 years, joined in time by John and Garry, growing crops, sheep and pigs. Steadily acquiring neighbouring land as they could afford it, including the properties of Breakaway, Walyurin Downs and Riverton Estate. Having grown the farm to 7800 acres, Allan retired in 1999, splitting the land between both sons. In retirement, he stayed involved in the farm, helping John and Garry throughout the busy seasons, and 4WDing around Australia with his friends.

He was always in awe of how much farm machinery changed season to season having seen the industry go from horse-drawn machinery to large machinery being driven by GPS. For many years, Allan was a member of both the Dudinin Tennis Club and Kulin Golf Club, where he would enjoy sharing a story, a laugh and a beer. You might not see his name on any championship boards, but that's only because they didn't record runners-up. In 2004 Allan married Margaret Davies, becoming stepfather to Debbie, Sharon, and Jenny and proud grandfather to Kara, Leah, Shaun, Daniel, Josh, Tahlia, Tegan, Brooke and great grandfather to Logan. Allan and Marg shared the love of traveling around Australia. He firmly believed in seeing his own country before getting in one of those flying 'tin cans' and going overseas. He did manage those 'tin cans' a few times, visiting New Zealand with Margaret.

Over the years, Allan took numerous adventures—journeying up north, driving from Cape Naturaliste to Cape Tribulation, traversing the Canning Stock Route and traveling east to see the Birdsville Races. With his trusty companions, in numerous caravans and campers, Pop left no stone unturned when it came to the small towns of the Outback. He's been everywhere, man. Allan and Marg split their time between homes in Kulin and Perth.

In Kulin, Allan was a member of the Lions Club, an honorary member of the ladies' patchwork group and a fixture at the Friday morning coffee club, where 'the usual' a flat white and two melting moments would be ordered.

One of my favourite stories that Pop had told me, was as a young man, they would go and watch footy matches at the Bassendean Oval. Not necessarily to watch the match itself, although he would later become an avid West Coast Eagles fan, but to see the players tripping on the Guildford grass knots that he had tied together the night before.

I would now like to welcome other members of our family to share their stories of Allan and the wonderful man that he was.



## THE QUIET LIFE: SPICE, SERENITY AND PARMYS ALL ROUND



Like many families around Kulin, February brings a shift in our household. The kids are off again, and this year it was my youngest heading into Year 12. It was my last time packing up my gremlins to start the school year boarding.

It's a strange thing, being right in the middle of your kids' day-to-day life. You're enjoying the moments, managing the rush of it all, and while you wouldn't change it for a second, the truth is that sometimes it's a lot. Sometimes it's just a bit hectic. And then, suddenly, it's just the two of us at home, and the quiet feels peaceful, gentle, and just a little bit strange. With this being our last one getting ready to fly the nest, I find myself thinking about it all a little more than usual.

There's no one wandering into the kitchen asking what there is to eat. No one asking what we're doing today. No one to chase around reminding them about chores. And the funniest part is that with only the two of us doing them, the chores take half the time. How does that even work? It's one of life's great mysteries.

And while I do miss the kids, I have to admit I'm also enjoying the freedom. The quiet. The chance to sit down with the love of my life and actually finish a conversation. Remembering that we're not only Mum or Dad – that there's so much more to us than that. *After years of feeding a crowd, there's something wonderfully indulgent about cooking smaller, easier dinners that still feel special.* Meals that come together quickly after work, leaving us time to relax, breathe, and enjoy the serenity of a house that is, for once, entirely our own.

With just the two of us, dinner has become a

bit of fun again. *A little spice, a little mischief, a little why not.* In our house it's always a parmy, never a parma, and we like ours with a good kick of chilli. So I thought I'd share my Mexican-style parmy with you, along with the classic version if you prefer to keep things mild.

This is one of those recipes you can absolutely put your own stamp on. Not feeling Mexican? No problem. What about Hawaiian? Or satay? There's even a pub not too far from here that runs a Parmy Passport challenge. But in our house, we usually go the classic route – or, as in this case, head out to the chilli bush to harvest a few jalapeños, crack open a jar of salsa, and head for Mexico.

You can go all out and fry up some chippies to go with it, or whip up a batch of mash and veg, but there's absolutely nothing wrong with making life easier. Throw some oven chips in, toss together a quick salad, call it a day, and enjoy it. My friend Em makes a killer Mexican bean salad, so I'm pinching her recipe and sharing it with you all. Don't tell her. Unless she reads it here – then I suppose she'll know.

And if you want something grown-up to wash it down, a Corona with lime will absolutely hit the spot. Or, if you're feeling like something a bit more festive, break out the tequila and mix up a batch of margaritas. I truly believe there isn't much in the world that can't be improved by a good drink and the company of someone you love – and I'm lucky that my best friend enjoys a margarita with me.

So from my table to yours, *enjoy the peace, the spice, and the little moments of mischief that make this season sweet.*

*K Pederick*  
Community Development Officer

# A PLACE AT THE TABLE

## PARMY BASE METHOD

Use this method for both parmy options below

### METHOD

#### 1. Prepare the crumb

Preheat the oven to 220°C. Place all crumb ingredients into a food processor and pulse until fine. (If you don't have a processor, add everything to a zip-lock bag and crush with a rolling pin - it's very satisfying)

#### 2. Prepare the chicken

Slice each chicken breast in half horizontally. Place each piece between two sheets of baking paper and gently pound until approximately 2 cm thick and even all over.

#### 3. Crumb the chicken

Whisk together the egg mixture listed in your chosen recipe. Add the chicken and toss well to coat. Dredge through the crumb mixture, pressing gently so the crumbs stick. For extra crunch, repeat the process.

#### 4. Bake

Place the crumbed chicken onto a lined baking tray, drizzle lightly with olive oil, and bake for 20–25 minutes, turning once, until golden and cooked through.

#### 5. Top and finish

Remove from the oven, add toppings, and return to the oven until the cheese is melted, bubbling, and lightly golden.

#### 6. Serve

Serve hot with your choice of sides.

## CLASSIC CHICKEN PARMY

Serves 2-4

### INGREDIENTS

#### FOR THE CRUMB

- 6 cups cornflakes
- 1/4 cup finely grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- Salt and freshly cracked black pepper

#### FOR THE CHICKEN

- 2 large eggs
- 2 tablespoons Greek yoghurt or sour cream
- 2 chicken breasts
- Olive oil, for drizzling

### TOPPINGS

- 8 slices ham or bacon (bacon should be pre-cooked)
- 4 tablespoons tomato paste
- Grated cheese (any variety you like – a pizza blend works beautifully)

## MEXICAN-STYLE PARMY

Serves 2-4

### INGREDIENTS

#### FOR THE CRUMB

- 3 cups cornflakes
- 3 cups corn chips
- 1/4 cup finely grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper or Mexican chilli powder (optional)
- Salt and freshly cracked black pepper

#### FOR THE CHICKEN

- 2 large eggs
- 2 tablespoons hot sauce
- 2 chicken breasts
- Olive oil, for drizzling

## TOPPINGS

- 8 slices ham or bacon (bacon should be pre-cooked)
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 4 tablespoons salsa
- 2 tablespoons sour cream
- 1 avocado
- Sliced jalapenos (to taste)
- Grated cheese (any variety you like – a pizza blend works beautifully)

### TO SERVE

- Extra salsa
- Extra sour cream

## MEXICAN LAYER SALAD

Serves 4

### INGREDIENTS

#### FOR THE CRUMB

- 4 cups shredded iceberg lettuce
- 2 tomatoes, diced
- 1 can kidney or black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can butter beans, rinsed and drained
- Grated tasty cheese
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup crushed corn chips

### OPTIONAL EXTRAS

- Sweet corn, avocado, cucumber, jalapeños

### METHOD

- Layer lettuce in the base of a large bowl.
- Add tomatoes, then beans.
- Sprinkle with cheese.
- Dollop and gently spread sour cream.
- Add optional extras if using.
- Scatter corn chips over the top just before serving.



## A NEW YEAR OF SEEDS AND STORIES

Welcome to the first *Get Your Hands in the Garden* story of 2026. What a summer it has been so far. Hot. Dry. Windy. Far too much lightning. And the occasional muggy day where black clouds race dramatically across the sky, only to leave us with barely a drop of rain. And did I mention it's been hot? It bears repeating, because my garden has certainly felt every bit of it.

The lawn connoisseurs of Kulin would be in despair walking past my front yard. My once-green patch is now mostly brown and decidedly toasty. A few stubborn strands of green are still weaving their way through the crunchy dry, and there are little green circles around the garden beds and trees where I hand-water each day. But overall, it's looking a bit sad. I think it's time to bite the bullet and increase the sprinkler work. I know the lawn will bounce back, but **right now it's definitely in its character-building phase.**

On the bright side, some things are thriving. My little bean plants are coming along beautifully, and the zucchinis and watermelons are powering ahead like champions. I've already harvested tomatoes and, let me tell you, they are so tasty and juicy – far better than anything from the shops. The herbs are happy too, which has me thinking that it might be time to expand the garden.

This summer has been full of lessons. I'd been reading about dense planting systems and decided to give it a go. I used companion plants, filled the raised beds with good compost, soil and mulch, and watered daily. But I have to admit, I'm a bit disappointed with the results. Maybe it's our climate. Even with daily watering, the dry heat means moisture doesn't hang around for long. I've been feeding the plants regularly, but the densely planted beds just haven't performed as well as the more traditionally spaced ones. So, I'm chalking that up as an experiment – and a lesson learned.

Which brings me to the next project: building more raised beds and turning more space into growing ground. Everyone's garden goals are

different, and that's the beauty of it. For me, this dream goes back a long way.

When I was 18, fresh out of high school, I travelled to the USA and worked as a nanny in Oregon. The climate there could not be more different from Kulin. I lived in the foothills of the Willamette Valley, surrounded by dense temperate forests with towering firs, western red cedar, white oaks and maples. The understory was thick with ferns, vines and mosses. It was lush and green all year round. They received around 1100 to 1250 millimetres of rain annually, with snowy winters and mild summers. Deep, fertile soil. Year-round creeks. **A landscape that felt like something out of a storybook.**

Meanwhile, here in our little corner of WA, we average just 325 to 350 millimetres of rain a year, with red clay and sandy soils, scorching dry summers and cold winters. And yet, I love it here. There is a beauty in the vast openness of Kulin – a mix of starkness and softness that settles into your memory and never leaves.

But back to gardens. Oregon was the first place I lived where a family grew all of their own fruit and vegetables. They canned, preserved and froze enough to feed themselves, and some friends, throughout the year. I thought it was wonderful. Ever since, it has been a quiet goal of mine to do the same for my own family one day.

I'm realistic. I know achieving that in our climate is a serious undertaking. But I'm determined to get as close to that dream as possible. So it's back to building raised beds, starting more seeds and learning as I go.

# GET YOUR HANDS IN THE GARDEN

On that note, check out the list of seeds to plant in February for your veggie patch below. And please let me know how your gardens are faring this summer. Your tips, tricks and little snippets of wisdom are always welcome. I'm really looking forward to another year of growing together – planting seeds, sharing knowledge and stories, celebrating the triumphs, laughing off the failures, and making more friends who love getting their hands in the garden just as much as I do.

*K Pederick*

Community Development Officer

GROW YOUR OWN FOOD

## Veggies to plant in February

DISCOVER THE BEST VEGETABLES TO PLANT EACH SEASON FOR OUR WARM CLIMATE ZONE

					
BASIL	BEANS	BEETROOT	BROCCOLI	BRUSSELS SPROUTS	
					
CABBAGE	CARROT	CAULIFLOWER	CHERVIL	CHIVES	
					
CORN	KALE	LEEK	LETTUCE & SALAD GREENS	POTATOES	
					
RADISH	RHUBARB	SILVERBEET	SPRING ONION	SWEDE	TURNIP

# HEALTH AWARENESS



## Put your health first: Find Cancer Early

Cancer Council WA is urging people over 40 years of age in the Wheatbelt to be aware of any new symptoms and get them checked, as evidence shows that delays in treatment can result in poorer survival.

Holiday season gets pretty hectic, so it's easy to forget about ourselves. Taking a little time to talk with your doctor about any symptoms can help you stay healthy for the moments that matter most.

The key message is to know your body and what is normal for you. If you notice a change that is not normal for you, you should see your doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker, especially if you have coughed up blood or noticed blood in your poo or pee.

People should see a health professional if they have had any of these symptoms for more than four weeks:

- Problems peeing
- Runny poo or diarrhoea
- Unexplained weight loss
- Becoming short of breath
- A persistent cough
- A new or changing spot on the skin
- An unusual pain, lump or swelling anywhere in the body.

If you have any of these symptoms, it doesn't mean you've got cancer, often, it turns out to be something less serious. It's important to get them checked straight away just in case, as treatment works best when cancer is found at an early stage.

### Cancer information and support

To find out more about common cancer symptoms, visit [www.findcancerearly.com.au](http://www.findcancerearly.com.au), or if you're feeling overwhelmed and you need someone to talk to, call the Cancer Council Information and Support Line on 13 11 20.

### Have you had any of these...

#### ... for more than 4 weeks?

- Problems peeing
- Runny poo
- Unexplained weight loss
- An unusual pain, lump or swelling anywhere in your body
- Becoming more short of breath
- A persistent cough
- A new or changed spot on your skin

#### ... once or more?

- Blood in your poo
- Coughing up blood
- Blood in your pee

If you have any of these symptoms and you are over 40...

## Tell your doctor

The earlier cancer is found, the greater the chance of successful treatment.



For more information visit [findcancerearly.com.au](http://findcancerearly.com.au) or call 13 11 20

# Making Sense of Diabetes

**FEBRUARY 1, 2026**

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The cells in our bodies such as those found in our muscles need energy to grow and do what they do. One source of energy starts when we eat carbohydrate rich food such as bread, pasta, rice, potatoes, fruit, milk and yoghurt. In a normal situation these foods are broken down in our digestive system into glucose, a sugar. This sugar is what is needed by the cells, but it can't get into them without a special key, insulin. Insulin is a hormone produced in the pancreas and its job is to regulate the amount of glucose in the blood.

In a person who has diabetes, one of two things happens. Either they do not produce enough or any insulin to regulate the amount of glucose (Type 1), or their body's cells don't respond to the insulin key (Type 2). The result for both these events is the same, there is a back-up of glucose in the bloodstream, i.e. high blood sugar. If our cells aren't getting the energy they need then we will naturally feel tired and rundown. Prolonged high blood sugar can cause serious complications resulting

in damage to the organs of our body (the heart, kidneys, nervous system and eyes).

Type 1 is the least common form of diabetes and characterised by an early and sudden onset usually before the age of 20. In this instance a person's immune system destroys the cells in the pancreas that create insulin. As a result, these people need to inject insulin regularly to supplement the deficiency.

Type 2 is the most common form (above 80%) and usually a late gradual onset affecting adults. People with this condition produce enough insulin but their cells are not responsive and can't take up the glucose. There is usually a genetic link to the development of this form of diabetes, but there is also a strong link with unhealthy lifestyle factors such as poor diet, smoking and being overweight (having a beer gut) and being inactive. Medication is available to treat this form of diabetes alongside recommended lifestyle changes.



We always encourage blokes to go and see their GP if they fit any of the above categories and/or have a family history of diabetes. This is especially important if they are experiencing any of the common symptoms of diabetes including constant thirst and peeing a lot, feeling run down a lot of the time, headaches, blurred vision and cuts that take ages to heal properly. Sometimes these symptoms can be quite mild in people who are in the early stages of developing diabetes (prediabetes).

If you have a family history of diabetes or concerns about any of the above symptoms don't wait, go and chat with your GP about having your blood sugar checked. It could save you a lot of grief down the track.

By The Regional Men's Health Initiative



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# KULIN COMMUNITY HUB



## Hub News

Welcome to the first Hub News for 2026. We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and is feeling refreshed and ready to settle back into another busy and exciting year in our community.

Over the past couple of months, the Hub has enjoyed welcoming travellers and visitors making the most of the pool and slide. It's been a fantastic summer atmosphere! We are now returning to our normal trading hours

### Normal Trading Hours

Monday – Wednesday: 3:00pm until close

Thursday – Friday: 12:00pm until close

Saturday – Sunday: 11:00am until close

A huge thank you to the farmers who have already pledged grain donations to the Hub. Your ongoing support makes a real difference and is greatly appreciated. We're also delighted to welcome two new team members to the Hub family: Debbie, a talented chef from Switzerland and Glenn from Belgium, who will be working in our bar.

Please make them feel welcome when you see them at the Hub, we're thrilled to have them as part of our community.



This year, our ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING will be held in March (date to be confirmed) and is open to all community members.

Kulin Community Hub warmly invite you to be part of an open and constructive discussion.

Your ideas, suggestions, and perspectives are truly valued. Please start thinking about what you would love to see, jot down your thoughts, and keep an eye out for the confirmed meeting date.

While the Cultivating Kulin Committee is currently working on a business plan to guide the future and upgrade of our historic building, the Kulin Community Hub is also developing ideas for improvements. This creates a wonderful opportunity for both groups to hear from you.

We are fortunate to have a fantastic venue in our town that serves locals, visitors and businesses alike. Now is the time to share your thoughts on how we can make it even better. More welcoming, more vibrant, and sustainable for the future.

Your ideas, suggestions and vision for what this space can become are incredibly important. Together, we can ensure it continues to be a place our whole community is proud of.

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Kulin Community Hub

*Valentine's*  
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*Galentine's Afternoon*

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SURVEY 2026

Planning for 2026 is well underway at the CRC and Shire, but before we lock anything in, we'd love to hear your ideas.

This short survey helps us understand what matters most to you as a community, so we can focus on delivering the things you genuinely want. That includes making The Kulin Update a true voice of our community, improving or adding the features you'd like to see, providing fun social events, and offering the skills and training opportunities that would be most valuable to you.

Your feedback will guide our planning and ensure what we deliver reflects the needs and interests of the whole Shire of Kulin.

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**1. What is your age group?**

15 - 20     30 - 40     50 - 70  
 20 - 30     40 - 50     70 +

**2. Where are you from?**

Kulin                     Kulin West                     Dudinin                     Pingaring  
 Kulin East                     Jitarning                     Holt Rock

**3. What improvements or new features would you like to see in *The Kulin Update* in 2026?**

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**4. What fun, social or community-building event would you most like to see added in Kulin?**

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**5. What skills-based workshop, course or training opportunity would be most useful to you in 2026?**

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**6. We'd love your feedback on our movie sessions.**

*Do the current times and dates work for you? Yes No*

*If you'd prefer a different time of day, please tell us what would suit you.*

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**7. Do you have any other comments for the Kulin CRC to assist our community?**

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**You can also complete this survey online by scanning the QR code below or visiting the following link:**  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/275QQWZ>



Thankyou for taking the time to complete this survey, if you would like to provide more detail or have any ideas you want to discuss, please don't hesitate to get in contact directly with Kirra or Kylie. We are available by phone (08) 9880 1204 or you can email us at [crccounter@kulin.wa.gov.au](mailto:crccounter@kulin.wa.gov.au)



## KULIN AQUATIC CENTRE

The Kulin Aquatic Centre was full of energy on Sunday morning as Swimming WA delivered a Swim Clinic and Splash & Dash event in Kulin, with the valued support of Kulin Amateur Swimming Club. More than 50 swimmers from Kulin and surrounding communities took part, ranging in age from 5 to 15 years, creating a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere around the pool as families gathered and supported the morning's activities.

A key part of the visit was the opportunity to bring experienced coaching support into the region, with a Perth-based coach travelling to Kulin to lead the session and work closely alongside local coaches on pool deck. The collaborative approach ensured swimmers benefited from fresh technical insights, while also strengthening coaching capability within the local community.

For many of the younger swimmers, the Splash & Dash provided a fun and supportive introduction to racing, giving them the chance to experience a race environment in a relaxed setting. Older swimmers worked through more structured skill development and race-based activities, focusing on body position, stroke fundamentals, starts, dives and key race skills. The morning struck a strong balance between learning and enjoyment, ensuring every swimmer could challenge themselves, build confidence and leave with a sense of achievement as the season progresses.

Swimming WA sincerely thanks the local coaches for their engagement and openness to learning, Kulin Amateur Swimming Club for their strong support and organisation, and the Shire of Kulin along with the Aquatic Centre staff for helping make the event possible. Initiatives like this highlight the strength of regional sport and the important role facilities such as the Kulin Aquatic Centre play in bringing communities together. The commitment of volunteers, coaches and families is what continues to keep regional swimming thriving.





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March 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

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May 7<sup>th</sup> & 21st

June 4<sup>th</sup> & 18th

July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30th

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

## MEDICAL CENTRE

Kulin- 9880 1315  
St Luke's Family Practice  
Dr available Thurs & Fri

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 day a month. Call BENDIGO BANK KULIN for bookings or enquiries - 9880 1422

## MAIN ROADS FAULTLINE

138 138

## CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

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

### PINGARING

Public Toilets  
Pingaring Ag Solutions  
Pingaring Golf Club

### DUDININ

Dudinin Tennis Club

### KULIN LIONS CLUB

Kulin Lions Club collect old glasses, hearing aids and stamps. Please feel free to drop off any of these items at the Kulin Post Office. Push bikes and batteries can be dropped off at Haydn's shed.

H. McInnes - 0429 801 215  
T. Barndon - 0428 939 189  
R. Doust - 0499 802 054