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2025 President's Message

Reflecting Back on 2025, this year has been one of change and renewal

In our Shire office, our stable and experienced staff of many years, has seen significant changes, with some staff on, or about to be on, maternity leave, and several other staff making considerable life changes. The knowledge and experience they take with them takes time to recover.

Another Significant change within our community this year has been the appointment of a new GP provider. In the past, our community was blessed with a service that was second to none, with minimal impost on Shire costs. Sadly, since that time, particularly in the regions, quality GP'S are increasingly difficult to attract. The Wheatbelt region alone spends a total of over \$5m annually, (and this figure is climbing), in Local Government expenditure, compared with just \$650,000 in the Goldfields and no Local Government expenditure at all in the Kimberly or Pilbara Regions (Rural Healthwest LG Primary Healthcare Report 2024). By Appointing a provider with multiple sites and a large workforce to draw upon, Council is ensuring a continuity of care for the future.



With these challenges ahead, I ask our community to be patient. Change often brings uncertainty, but I wish to reassure our community that every decision that is made, every direction that is taken, is underpinned by our Shire's commitment to serve the very best interests of our community.

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2025 President's Message Continued

As a testament to that desire to provide a safe, comfortable and prosperous community for our residents, our council is working hard in the background in collaboration with the Great Eastern Zone of Councils (GEZC) and the Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils (WEROC) to advocate and fight for increased funding for safer roads, improved housing and development, and better health service delivery and outcomes.

Council is also about to embark on a review and update of our Strategic, Long Term and Financial Plans. This will involve the community in extensive consultation sessions in the new year, focusing on the community's aspirations and key objectives it sees as vital to the liveability of our towns. Projects implemented or completed this year that have stemmed from previous community consultation include - footpath improvements and construction, a new community bus, the availability of new industrial lots, the installation of new cricket nets on the oval, the replacement of the Cunderdin bowling greens, the installation of generators to both the Cunderdin and Meckering Clubs as emergency power back up, the purchase of a new grader, construction of 3 new houses and the commencement of the basketball/netball courts resurfacing and roof cover.

I take this as an opportunity to thank all those who have contributed to shaping the fabric of our community. Whether it be fighting fires, checking on neighbours, serving on a committee or picking up litter, your contribution is highly valued and appreciated

To all our Shire staff and crew, and my fellow councillors, my sincere and heartfelt thanks. I am privileged to witness your dedication and commitment on a daily basis, and know that your passion and care for our community is what drives our progression.

I believe we have grown as a community in 2025, with so much more yet to achieve. Working supportively together, I am confident that the work we have accomplished this year, will provide the framework for bigger and brighter opportunities in the future.

I wish everyone a healthy, safe and enjoyable holiday season and look forward to an engaging

and prosperous 2026.





Community Consultation

Community Strategic Plan | Public Health Plan | Age-Friendly Plan

We invite all community members to our consultation sessions. Come share your ideas: what's going well in our community and how we can make our community even better.

Cunderdin Sport & Recreation Centre

Thursday, 5 February 2026

Session starts at 6 pm

Light refreshments and drinks provided

Meckering Sporting Club

Wednesday, 11 February 2026

Session starts at 6 pm

Light refreshments and drinks provided



Senior community members, carers and support service providers sessions:

Meckering Sporting Club

Thursday, 12 February 2026

Session starts at 9.30 am

Morning tea provided

Cunderdin Community Resource
Centre

Wednesday, 11 February 2026

Session starts at 9am

Morning tea provided

Your feedback is important in shaping the Shire of Cunderdin priorities for our community.



Change of Time - Ordinary Council Meeting

Shire of Cunderdin gives public notice that the Ordinary Meeting of Council previously scheduled to start at 6:00pm on Wednesday, 17 December 2025 has been changed.

Meeting Date: 17 December 2025 New Meeting time: 4:00pm Location: Shire of Cunderdin Chambers, Cunderdin

This notice is provided in accordance with s.5.25(1)(g) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.

For Further Information, please contact the Shire on (08) 9635 2700 or admin@cunderdin.wa.gov.au



MONDAY 26 January 2026

REFLECT, RESPECT, CELEBRATE

Australia Day Breakfast | 7.30 to 9am **Cunderdin Sport & Rec Centre**

Come and join us for a Free Breakfast | Citizenship Ceremony | Citizen of the Year Awards

Australia Day Pool Party | 11 - 3pm **Cunderdin Memorial Pool**



Free Pool Entry | Slushies | Sausage Sizzle | Ice Cream | Inflatables | Biggest **Cannonball Competition**

Food vouchers for the first 150 participants









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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

7, 14TH MARCH 2026 -

BE APART OF AN INCREDIBLE CULTURAL,

We are seeking volunteers to prepare and share a signature dish from their culture at this community event. If you're interested in participating, please contact Amber at amber.rogers@cunderdin.wa.gov.au or call 9635 2700 for more details.





















SANTA'S ROCK FRIENDS!

Breed: North Pole Pebblenarian

Colour: Festive red and white with hints of holiday sparkle

Santa needs your help! His 12 Rock Friends were

last seen in the sneaky Grinch's grasp around Cunderdin and Meckering. Can you help us find

T BONUS PRIZES!

(08) 9635 2700



The Shire of Cunderdin wish you and your families a joyful, safe, and relaxing Christmas season.

And remember....don't eat all the Christmas pudding in one go - leave some for Santa!



SHIRE OF CUNDERDIN

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Administration Office Closure

From 12 pm on the 24 December 2025 (Wed) to 2 January 2026 (Fri)

Office reopens 8:30 am on Monday, 5 January 2026

Meckering Transfer Station Closure

24 December 2025 (Wed) 31 December 2025 (Wed)

Open on: 27 December 2025 (Sat) 3 January 2026 (Sat)

Cunderdin Memorial Pool Closure:

25 December 2025 (Thur) 26 December 2025 (Fri) 1 January 2026 (Thur)

Open all other days from 12-7pm except usual closure day (Monday)

Cunderdin Transfer Station Closure

Normal hours apply for the Cunderdin Transfer Station.

Reminder that the transfer station is closed on Tuesdays.

Harvest Vehicle & Hot Works Ban

From 00:01 am
25 December 2025 (Thur) until
11.59 pm
26 December 2025 (Fri)
& also 00:01 am
1 January 2026 (Thur) until 11:59 pm
1 January 2026.

Cunderdin Museum Closure

From the 22 December 2025 (Mon) to 11 January 2026 (Sun)

Museum reopens 10 am on Monday, 12 January 2026



Cunderdin Youth Council

The Cunderdin Youth Council has had a busy and rewarding year, delivering a wide range of events and programs designed to support, empower, and connect young people across our community. In 2025, the Council hosted major initiatives including the Youth Wellness Day, the Cunderdin Food Festival, Tour de Cunderdin, Youth Week activities, Road Safety Week, school holiday programs, Science Week events, as well as local youth groups and several successful fundraisers. Throughout the year, members also participated in leadership workshops, conferences, and forums which helped strengthen their skills and build confidence.

Our 8 Youth Councillors, Jessica, Ethan, Fredrick, Lisa, Tealah, Lukas, Hugo, and Miley, each played an important role in shaping and delivering these programs, working closely with the CRC, the Shire of Cunderdin, the local police, and Cunderdin District High School. A standout achievement was our community bake sale, which raised valuable funds to support even bigger and more engaging youth events in the future.





The Youth Council extends its sincere thanks to everyone who supported and attended our programs this look vear. We forward to welcoming our new Youth Councillors in 2026 and are excited for another year of growth, fun, and opportunities for young people in Cunderdin.

Shire Information





Administration Open Hours

Open Monday - Friday 8.30am to 4.00pm

Department of Transport and State Library Services are available from the Cunderdin Community Resource Centre located on 57 Main Street, Cunderdin.

Councillors

Shire President: Alison Harris **Deputy President: Tony Smith** Councillor: Natalie Snooke Councillor: **Todd Harris**

Councillor: Joanne Fulwood Councillor:

Bernie Daly

Councillor: Samantha Pimlott

Staff

CEO: Stuart Hobley DCEO: Kay Squibb Manager of Works: Robert Bell

Further Information

Contact details for Councillors or staff is available from the Shire of Cunderdin website at: www.cunderdin.wa.gov.au

We encourage you to subscribe to the Shire Snippets or consult the website to keep up to date on Council matters or events.

Restricted Burning Periods

The dates below may change due to seasonal fire conditions in which case the details of the changes will be published locally and on Council's website.

Shire of Cunderdin - Burn Permit **Request Form**





OPEN BURNING PERIOD 01 April - 30 September 2025 NO PERMITS REQUIRED

RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD 1 October 2025 - 1 November 2025 PERMITS REQUIRED

PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD 2 November 2025 - 14 February 2026 BURNING PROHIBITED

RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD 15 February - 31 March 2026 PERMITS REQUIRED

Please check website for up to date information

Waste Transfer Stations

MECKERING TRANSFER STATION **Opening Hours:** Wednesday: 11:00am-4:00pm Saturday: 11:00am-5:00pm

CUNDERDIN TRANSFER STATION Opening Hours: Everyday - 8am to 5pm (with swipe card only) Closed: Tuesdays for maintenance.