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If you would like to share your news or information with the Kulin community, please email Jayde on marketing@kulin.wa.gov.au
Please send your news in a word doc or email with photos attached.

THE KULIN SHIRE AND CRC WILL BE CLOSED FROM 4.30PM WED 23RD DEC 2020, AND REOPENS 8.30AM MON 4TH JAN 2021

8.30AM - 4.30PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY.

THE CRC CAN BE CONTACTED VIA THE FOLLOWING: PHONE: (08) 9880 1021

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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CEO CORNER

Welcome back to my final CEO Corner for 2020. Harvest is over for most people, and hopefully this last week in December allows everyone an opportunity to wind down from what has probably been the most bizarre year ever.

As mentioned previously these past few weeks have seen a plethora of fun community events and celebrations. None more so than Mr Proud's 100th Birthday celebrations. A big congratulations once again to Mr Proud and his family on hosting an awesome community event to celebrate such a momentous occasion. Mr Proud was as sprightly as ever and soaking up the atmosphere. We all know how passionate he has been with trying to implement fire protection for the north side of town, so it was quite fitting we had a dry lightning fire go up on his actual 100th birthday. Luckily the wind was blowing from the south and not too much damage was inflicted on any property.

Last week was our final Council Meeting for 2020. This meeting saw Council endorse Stage 1 of the All Ages Precinct Detailed Design. Copies of this will be shown on the Shire's social media pages and website for all to see what an exciting project this will be. Once again thank you to the organisations involved in the community engagement and development of this project, specifically KDHS students as well as Cultivating Kulin Committee.

I'd like to thank Council for their support and direction over the course of the year in challenging circumstances. In the new year we will be embarking on an updated Strategic Community Plan which is required under legislation. This will give Council, the community and staff an opportunity to identify the key community drivers that will be the cornerstone of Council investment over the next 5 years.

Council have also been fortunate enough to receive another \$400K of Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program funding as part of the Federal Government's COVID19 stimulus. Council have discussed some ideas for this funding, including All Ages Precinct Stage 2, Caravan Park Short Stay Accommodation, more footpaths and potentially a back up generator for the Administration Building.

Last week we also had our quarterly LEMC Meeting. Key outcomes from this are an ongoing collaboration and preparedness from Council, local VFRS, St John Ambulance, VBFB, WAPol and WACHS. In the new year we will be conducting a desktop training exercise, and also working closely with DFES to coordinate Farmer Response Bushfire Training and a refresher course for FCOs.

On the sporting front I hear the bowlers knocked off arch rivals Kondinin in the last pennants game before Christmas, and the Kulin Tennis Club hosted a successful Ladies Doubles Bash with a few club stalwarts back on the court competitively. The Roodogs have finally managed to consistently get a side together and have had 4 good wins in the past month, and the Roopups have a had great start to their inaugural cricket season.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable festive season. Our office will be shut from 24th December and reopens on Monday 4th January.

I will be on leave from 24th December until 18th January. Following this, Cassi will be on leave from 18th January for 2 weeks. On behalf of Council, staff and the community I'd like to wish her and Colby all the best for their up coming nuptials in late January.

Until next time safe travels.

Garrick Yandle - CEO

HARVEST BAN INFORMATION LINE 9880 1511

This is a recorded message and is updated with current harvest ban information

IN CASE OF FIRE RING

If there is a fire you must call 000 immediatley. Shire of Kulin staff are unable to register the emergency.

PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD

All burning is prohibited from 1 November 2020 to 15 February 2021.

NO burning permits can be issued in this period.

TOTAL FIRE BAN

A Total Fire Ban is declared on days when fires are most likely to threaten lives and property. This is because of predicted extreme fire weather or when there are already widespread fires and firefighting resources are stretched.

Total Fire Bans are put in place by DFES.

KULIN RE-USE WATER SUPPLY

The Shire of Kulin wish to advise that the town re-use water supply to the oval will recommence the week beginning 1st December 2020 and will be in use throughout the summer until 31st January. This water will be applied between the hours of 10:00pm and 3:00am so will have no impact on normal oval use.

For any further information contact the office 9880 1204.

HARVEST AND VEHICLE MOVEMENT BAN

Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans are issued by your local government and are put in place when your local Bushfire Control Officer identifies the use of engines, vehicles, plant or machinery as high bushfire risk activities, during particular times of the day.

Kulin Shire will distribute this information via SMS and the harvest ban information line.



Contact Registers in Shire facilities

From 5 December 2020, Shire of Kulin is required to maintain mandatory contact registers for WA Health Department COVID-19 contact tracing.

Individuals can either scan the SafeWA QR Code or manually sign in at each venue.

The following venues/buildings will have contact registers:

- Kulin Aquatic Centre and Waterslide
- Freebairn Recreation Centre
- Freebairn Recreation Centre Gym
- Kulin Memorial Hall
- Kulin Public Library (located at Kulin Post Office)

The WA Government has developed a free app, SafeWA, which is a digital contact register system. The SafeWA app can be downloaded from Apple App Store or Google Play. The app is not mandatory, and an alternative paper based system is also be available.

- -Failing to comply to the new requirements could result in fines and penalties of up to \$50,000 for an INDIVIDUAL and \$250,000 FOR A BODY CORPORATE or 12 months imprisonment.
- Any person aged 16 years and over who attends the facility, including patrons, staff, volunteers and contractors will be required to register their contact details. Records are not required to be collected for children under 16 years.

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COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING DATES 2021

February	Wednesday	17 February	1:00pm
March	Wednesday	17 March	1:00pm
April	Wednesday	21 April	1:00pm
May	Wednesday	19 May	3:00pm
June	Wednesday	16 June	1:00pm
July	Wednesday	21 July	1:00pm
August	Wednesday	18 August	1:00pm
September	Wednesday	15 September	1:00pm
October	Wednesday	20 October	1:00pm
November	Wednesday	17 November	3:00pm
December	Wednesday	15 December	1:00pm



2021 Townsite Roadworks



The Shire of Kulin will be undertaking a significant amount of roadworks in and around the Kulin townsite in early 2021 (see map).

These works will be taking place on High St, Jilakin St, CBH Access Rd, Kulin Lake Grace Rd and Jilakin St Intersection, Kulin Lake Grace and CBH Access Rd.

Below is a brief summary of each job and the impact it may have.

High St

- Installation of new underground drainage and asphalt seal.
- High St will be closed to all vehicles from Monday the 4th of January for a minimum of four weeks. Access to all affected businesses will be via footpaths only.
- Fencing will be installed along the works where required for public safety.

Jilakin St

- Reconstruct and seal.
- Will be closed for approximately two weeks during construction and again to be sealed at a later date.

CBH Access Rd

- Will be closed south of Mcintosh for the installation of new culvert pipes.
- Road will remain open during construction.
- Please be patient as you may be required to wait at times.
- Pool Access will be off Lake Grace Road during construction.

Intersection Works

• Signage will be in place to guide traffic through the roadworks at all times, with delays expected.

We have scheduled these roadworkses to take place throughout January when the town is quietest, to minimise disruption to the community. We will be doing our best to have the majority of this completed by the end of January with minor works to be completed in February.

We ask for your patience and where possible to avoid the areas of works.

Should you have any enquires, please contact Judd Hobson 0427 801 241 or email works@kulin.wa.gov.au.





CHRISTMAS WEEK

MON 21ST TO

FRI 25TH DECEMBER 2020

and

NEW YEAR WEEK

MON 28TH DECEMBER TO

FRI THE 1ST OF JANUARY 2021

Please be advised that there will be

NO CHANGE TO SERVICES

For more information please visit www.avonwaste.com.au

Avon Waste would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your custom and wish you the best for the festive season.



Shire and CRC Office Closure

On behalf of Kulin Shire Councillors and Staff we wish the community a very Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Please note the Shire Office and CRC will be closed from 4.30pm Wednesday 23rd December and will reopen at 8.30am Monday 4th January 2021.

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Kulin Health Centre Please note the opening hours for the Christmas & New Year period

	Opening Hours	
Tues 22 nd Dec	8.30am -12.30pm	
Wed 23rd Dec	8.30am - 12.30pm	
Thurs24 th Dec	CLOSED	
Fri 25th Dec (Christmas Day)	CLOSED	
5at 26th Dec (Boxing Day)	CLOSED	
Sun 27th Dec	CLOSED	
Mon 28th Dec (Public Holiday)	CLOSED	
Tues 29th Dec	8.30am - 12.30pm	
Wed 30th Dec	8.30am - 12.30pm	
Thurs 31st Dec	CLOSED	
Fri 1 st Jan	CLOSED	

If you have a Medical Emergency call 000 After hours care: Kondinin Hospital 9894 1222

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Kondinin Medical Centre Update

December & January Hours

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
21st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th
CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
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If you have a Medical Emergency call 000

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Roe Tourism Associate Membership

BECOME A MEMBER FOR JUST \$20

The Roe Tourism Association is a collaborative, not-for-profit partnership between the Shires of Bruce Rock, Corrigin, Kondinin, Kulin, Lake Grace, Narembeen and Quairading, who work together with local businesses to promote the 'Pathways to Wave Rock' self-drive trail and many unique experiences the region has to offer.

AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:

- Online listing via our website www.pathwaystowayerock.com.au
- Social Media promotion via facebook @ pathway stowaye rock
- Automatic BRONZE membership (valued at \$75) to Australia's Golden Outback
- Invitation to Roe Tourism Association quarterly meetings
- Roe Tourism Association Agendas and Minutes.
- Associate Membership is tax deductible and all fees are invested into tourism development in the Roe district.

Membership runs from 1 October to 30 September

Visit our website and download the 2020-2021 Associate Membership Form

https://www.pathwaystowaverock.com.au/visitor-information/ about-roe-fourism/membership.aspx



WHAT OUR MEMBERS SAY

I personally encourage all businesses who support local tourism to get involved and join as an Associate Member, to me being a member provides excellent value. I have been a Roe Tourism Association Associate Member since 2018 and thoroughly enjoy participating in and being informed at the meetings of lourism activities within the seven Shires. It is wonderful to see the collaboration and I appreciate the good corporate governance and transparency practiced by the committee and tourism related news and information circulated to all members.

WAYNE MONKS

Great Southern Outback Tours & Accommodation



DRY SEASON SURVEY

Please complete the survey below to assist the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation collate information on the status of on-farm supplies of water for farmers.

This information will also assist them to determine which off-farm water supplies will be heavily used over the summer months. This information will also assist planning for supplies for stock and emergency requirements.

It is beneficial for all Shire of Kulin farmers to complete the survey to ensure planning is undertaken for future summers.



Government of Western Australia Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

DRY SEASON SURVEY

Good afternoon

Completing this short survey about your farm water situation will help us manage emergency livestock water and community water supplies for the coming summer and autumn. The survey is to help collate information on the status of on-farm supplies of water for farmers and to determine which off-farm water supplies will be heavily used over summer. This will help us plan for supplies for stock and emergency requirements.

Click the link to complete your survey online.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/dryseasonsurvey2020

Thank you for your time

Tracy Calvert
Manager Rural Water Planning Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
9841 0100 or email dryseasonsurvey@dwer.wa.gov.au

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

WHAT DO THE HOLIDAYS LOOK LIKE FOR YOU?

As this crazy year rolls slowly to it's end, we would like you to show us how you celebrate these holidays.

So start snapping away, and enter our free photo competion. The winner could be you!



THE COMPETITION RULES

- 1. The competition is divided into three age categories:
- 11 and under
- 12 to 18 18 and over
- 2. You may submit up to 2 photos per person.
- 3. Entering this competion gives permission for any entries to be featured in the Kulin Update, CRC and Shire website or social media. We will include the entrants name where possible.

- 4. Email entries to:
- marketing@kulin.wa.gov.au
- with Photo Competition Entry as the subject. Please include the photo/s, your name, age, address and a brief description of the photo/s.
- 5. Please do not send files larger than 2MB.
- 6. Entries must be received by 4pm Friday the 19th February 2021.

- 7. All entries must be from Shire of Kulin residents.
- 8. Winners will be announced and featured in The Kulin Update edition dated the 25th February 2021, and on the CRC Facebook

WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO GET A PEEK INTO YOUR HOLIDAYS SO GET CLICKING AND SEND US YOUR **BEST PICS!**

KULIN POOL AND WATERSLIDE



Aquatic Centre and Waterslide Christmas Opening Hours

	Pool Hours	Slide Hours	
Fri 25th Dec (Christmas Day)	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Sat 26th Dec (Boxing Day)	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Sun 27th Dec	11am - 6pm	1pm - 5pm	
Mon 28th Dec (Public Holiday)	11am - 6pm	1pm – 5pm	
Tues 29th Dec	6am - 8am, 12pm - 6.30pm	CLOSED	
Wed 30th Dec	6am - 8am, 12pm - 6.30pm	CLOSED	
Thurs 31 ^{rt} Dec	6am - 8am, 12pm - 6.30pm	1pm - 5pm	
Fri 1st Jan	11am - 6pm	1pm - 5pm	
Sat 2 nd Jan	11am - 6pm	1pm - 5pm	
Sun 3 rd Jan	11am - 6pm	1pm - 5pm	
Mon 4th Jan	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Tues 5 th Jan	Resume normal holiday opening hours		

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Tech Savy Seniors Group

The Tech Savy Seniors Group is a free initiative aimed at increasing the confidence, skills and online safety of Kulin Seniors when they use the internet and everyday technology.

The group will learn the learn the basics of mobile phones, tablets, computers and laptops.

We meet every Thursday afternoon at 2pm at the Kulin CRC meeting room.

The sessions will be informal, where you can learn how to use your device, solve problems and answer questions you have, help each other, and gain the confidence and skills to get online and use your devices safely and economically.

The aim is for you to be independent and use your devices to connect with family, friends and keep up to date with what is happening in the community.

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LOCAL CHURCH

UNITING CHURCH

10:30 am Morning Tea, 11:00 am Service Starts - 1st and 3rd Sunday each month.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fr Tom Zureich. Phone 9880 1436 Mobile 0425 414 088

KULIN ANGLICAN CHURCH

Although regular Kulin services have stopped for the time being, the Anglican church can still be made ready for special services and events. Contact Katheryn Wilson 0429801228 in Kulin or the Bunbury Anglican Diocesan Office on

08 9721 2100.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

MT Lucchesi 9880 4050 JM McInnes 9880 1360 PJ Mullan 0427831041 R Noble 9880 1383 BW Sloggett 9880 9036

KULIN COMMUNITY ARTS CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

An easy way to make your contribution to Arts in Kulin is to support their Containers for Change collection. Simply return your containers and use their ID C10333381.

KULIN MOTOR MUSEUM OPEN TIMES

Wednesday 10am - 2pm Saturday 10am - 2pm

Contact Clarrie 9880 1058, Bill 0429 804 615 or John 0427 386 849 outside of these hours

LIONS CLUB OF KULIN



LIONS CHRISTMAS CAKES

1.5kg 1kg

LIONS CHRISTMAS PUDDING

900grm

We collect your 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 at Haydn's Shed.

CONTACTS

H McInnes 0429 801 215 B Herwig 0400 163 599 R Doust 0499 802 054

CONTACTING YOUR LOCAL POLICE

Kulin Police Station is staffed by two police officers who, when required, are available to respond to incidents 24/7.

Your local police can be contacted as follows:

- If you require police in an emergency dial 000
- If you wish to report a nonurgent matter to police dial 131444
- If you wish to speak to an officer at Kulin Police Station dial 9861 5800.

If the Kulin Police Station phone number is diverted to Albany Police Station, the public and local community are encouraged to hold the line and leave a message with staff there, should they wish to speak with their local police.

POTTERY

If you are interested in learning or just want to come along for a try feel free to ring or text Sharon on 0428 830 556.

Sharon is at the Gallery on Tuesday 1.30pm to 5pm Friday. 10.30 to 4pm

CHILDRENS CLASSES

7yrs old and older welcome Term 4 on Tuesdays after school finishing at 5pm



I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped make my birthday such a wonderful week of activities.

It started off prematurely when these nice young women at the Shire combined my first party with the Seniors Christmas Luncheon, with 100 year decorations and a beautiful cake.

The next day, Wednesday the 9th, was my actual birthday with close family arriving for lunch at Amy's. Then it was a birthday party at the Hub that night with another cake and the great-grandies delightfully helping with proceedings as usual.

Then it was Sam Murphys birthday the next day with another party, which got me thinking and wondering. How many babies in the family have been timed to arrive near my birthday? Carly and Willow told me soon after she became pregnant that they had done just that, and were getting a birthday present ready for me. With Jocelyn and Kims arriving, that makes five within a week of my birthday!

More family arrived on Friday and Saturday morning for the extended family lunch at the Freebairn Rec. Centre, and then it was the big one in the afternoon, with me having a siesta in between to try to stay alert.

I sincerely thank every one who came along to offer congratulations and encourage me to keep going. This is a great community to have spent one hundred years in and I thank you all for helping me in this big achievement.

Best wishes, Harold Proud.

HAROLD FELTHAM PROUD - SPEECH WRITTEN BY FIONA MURPHY

1920 began a decade of optimism and progress in Australia. The horrors of the first World War were recently over, and the world had recovered from the Spanish Flu. At this time Billy Hughes was our prime minister, King George V held the throne and in late 1920 Qantas was founded in outback Queensland.

Another significant event happened on the 9th of December 1920 - Harold Feltham Proud was born in Leederville. It is apt that Grandad was born in a time of optimism – he is a positive man who takes great interest in his family, community and the world at large and isn't afraid to take action to better the lives of those around him.

It is hard to fathom how the world has changed during the 100 years of Grandad's life.

Now after much discussion in the family this week, I want to make one thing clear. This is not a eulogy. I don't think we will be writing a eulogy for Grandad any time soon. And if it sounds like one – well Grandad you are just lucky! Most people don't get to hear their eulogy, but we couldn't let this milestone past without sharing a little tribute of your life's achievement, how things have changed in the past 100 years. So, let's call it a reflection instead.

Grandad's parents, Henry, and Bessie were both born in England. Henry migrated to Perth with his parents as a baby in 1879 where his father set up a real estate agency. Henry worked as shearer in New South Wales until he enlisted with the army at the beginning on the First World War. He fought in France, winning a Military Medal for bravery. After the war, Henry travelled back to England where he met Bessie. They were married in London in 1919 and later that year migrated to Perth. They lived in a house outside the walls of the Fremantle Goal, with Uncle Jay who was the chief warden.

Henry purchased a virgin block of land at East Gnarming, 27 kilometres north east of Kulin, which is now part of Keith and Sara Wilson's farm. Henry left Bessie and Grandad in Fremantle and followed the railway line in his horse and cart to find the block. Most of the clearing was completed by contractors using a money loaned from the Agricultural Bank. Two of Henry's brothers were builders – together they built a four-room mud brick house on the farm. This was much better than other houses in the district which were generally made of tin & hessian.

Bessie and Grandad caught the train from Perth to Gnarming siding when Grandad was one. I cannot imagine the shock for Bessie, moving from the green fields of England to the dry, dusty bush of Kulin with a baby to start a new life. Bessie and Henry later had two girls. Grandad's sisters Rene and Gladys both married local farmers. We welcome their families here today.

As a young boy, Grandad's jobs on the farm included cleaning the stables and looking after the sheep. When the family needed supplies like food and clothing, they ordered them via post from Bairds in Perth. They then took the two-hour trip by horse and cart to Gnarming siding and met the train to pick up their order. Meeting the train was somewhat of a social event.

Grandad's parents taught him to read and write and do 'arithmetic' at home until he was nine. He began formal schooling in Grade 2, when the school bus to Kulin became available.

The school inspector visited at the end of 1934 and awarded Grandad with a scholarship to Narrogin Agricultural School. He loved Ag School and his education here was invaluable for his future on the farm.

One of the first things Grandad learnt was that wheat roots will grow down 6 feet in a dry year looking for moisture. Last weekend he reflected that this lesson has been relevant this year with a lack of late season rainfall but surprisingly good yields.

After graduating from Ag School, Grandad went home to the farm to help his Mum & Dad. Seeding time involved seven horses pulling a 16-run combine covering 15 acres per day. At 17, his father bought the first vehicle for

the farm – a truck that could carry 2 tonnes. A bit different to the loads Nahi is carrying from the farm today - averaging 67 tonnes.

In 1939 when Grandad was only 18, his father died from a heart attack on the farm at just 60 years of age. Grandad took over the farm. Jack Quicke who was "Quicke by name and quick by nature" became Grandad's mentor, both on the farm and as a friend. Mrs Quicke was a wonderful woman and support too. Grandad and his mother purchased their first car in 1940 using his father's life insurance – a 1934 Master Chev.

The optimism of the 1920's was over, and the world entered the Great Depression followed by the Second World War. Grandad tells stories of being allocated ration coupons for things in short supply like fuel and fertiliser. For some supplies this lasted for 20 years until 1949. It was hard to export grain during these times.

When the Japanese joined the Second World War, local sport stopped, and the locals joined the Volunteer Defence Corp. They trained on Sundays in preparation for Australia being invaded. Grandad was part of the signalling Corps – using things like mirrors to send messages across the land.

On the farm, Grandad continued using horses until 1943 when he purchased his first tractor – a "Twin City". When the war finished, he bought a new Massey 102 Senior which was around 30 horsepower.

In 1947 Grandad sold the farm at East Gnarming and bought 3,000 acres of land eight kilometres north west of Kulin. He called the farm "Feltham Park" – which was his Great Grandmothers maiden name and his middle name.

When Grandad was at school he was interested in geography. In 1950, he leased the farm out and embarked on a two-year world adventure to experience the places he had learned about. He sailed by ship to Sri Lanka (Ceylon) and then onto India where he visited Madras, Delhi, Bombay, and the Taj Mahal. From here he crossed to Africa visiting Nairobi in Kenya and Mount Kilimanjaro. He hitchhiked to Victoria Falls in Rhodesia and toured Kruger National Park. He then sailed from Cape Town to England where he met extended family members and explored the British Isles. He crossed the English Channel and visited thirteen countries in Western Europe. Back in England he boarded the Queen Mary passenger ship to New York. At the time, the Queen Mary was the biggest ship in the world, weighing 80,000 tonnes. In the US, he visited places such as Washington, Niagara Falls and the Grand Canyon. Canada in winter was too cold for Grandad! He sailed home in 1951 via the Philippines and Singapore. Not many people embarked on such adventurous travel at this time which explains a lot about Grandads curious mind.

Grandad met Nanna, Laura Burcham, through family connections in Perth. He jokes about how they were both getting "on" being in their mid-30s. They had a short courtship and were married in February 1955.In December that year, their first child Ross arrived, followed by Lynley, Joanne and finally Geoff in 1960. Nanna and Grandad were married for 62 years. They were a great support for each other. However, we all remember Nanna's frustration with Grandad's long working hours – not stopping until the job was done. The farm was a family enterprise – the kids were involved feeding sheep, driving machinery, picking mallee roots and other farm jobs.

Grandad has always been interested in politics and had early ambitions to be a politician but was not trained in public speaking and not good at lobbying. His aim from a young age has been to make Kulin a better place for people to live. This is reflected in his three separate elections on the Kulin Shire Council and his involvement in many community groups.

Grandad describes his "Hey Day" as the 1960s. With other like-minded locals, he was dedicated to improving facilities in town. They built the Bowling Club – now the Hostel. There was a strong demand for shop space, so Grandad built shops on Johnston Street and financed construction of the tyre shop. He explained to me that every modern building in Kulin had farmer involvement – whether through financing buildings or being guarantors for new businesses coming to town.

Ross joined Grandad on the farm when he left school in the 1970s. Geoff too was involved for many years. Feltham Park is now farmed by Joanne, Donald, Tim and Steph. Feltham Park is a base for the extended family, and everyone enjoys family celebrations and get togethers there.

With Ross farming Feltham Park, in 1986 Grandad leased 10,000 acres at Holt Rock with Geoff. Grandad purchased the block 12 months later and, after Geoff moved on, Nanna and Grandad moved permanently to Holt Rock and farmed this until he was 75. So, Grandad's hobby of farming began early and continues today. He still loves to help on the farm - He even offered to drive the chaser bin for Donald and Tim a couple of weeks ago.

After selling the Holt Rock farm to the Mudge family, they moved back to Kulin and built a new home in Bowey Way. Retirement has not been on the agenda for Grandad - life has not slowed down. With his passion for business development in Kulin he recognised the need for a furniture store and opened the Tin Horse Highway Store at the age of 80. He operated this for many years before selling it to his niece Mary Ritchie and her husband Kevin.

Grandad now has 11 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren, with the newest addition Neve arriving on the 2nd December this year. He loves spending time with the kids and is renowned for the horsey rides and playing ball games on the lawn.

We all have great memories of fun times with Grandad. One of my favourite memories is Grandad driving his Subaru Brumby at the Holt Rock farm. That Brumby could go anywhere! I remember being almost vertical at times bush bashing around Emu Rock - closing my eyes and holding on for dear life. He loves to spoil the great grandchildren and still remembers birthdays. In the last few years, he has put together tool kits from his collection for great grandchildren.

Approaching an age of 100 has not slowed Grandad down. He still lives in his own home, cooks extremely healthy meals for himself, is an active member of many community groups and loves attending family and community functions. We do not need to worry about him being lonely – he has a better social life than most of us here. He is not afraid to embrace technology and change – using his laptop to communicate via e-mail and for internet banking. He continues to be interested in world politics and issues and has ideas about how these can be resolved. He has even tried using Twitter with the aim of People Power leading to world peace.

He is always keeping us on our toes with his determination to get jobs done independently in his own special way. He can be quite secretive with his daily plans – especially with Jo who often disapproves of his plans for jobs such as burning grass in gravel pits and pruning big trees with hand saws. Not long ago he was doing some "clean up" work at the Macrocarpa trail with his front-end loader. Tim needed the loader on the farm to shift some rocks. Grandad insisted on delivering the loader to the farm himself – but how was he going to get back to town without inconveniencing anyone. Well, he just loaded his gopher into the loader bucket and off he went.

This week has certainly been the "Festival of Harold" – starting with the Seniors Christmas party on Tuesday. My son Sam was 8 this week too – the excitement levels between the 100-year-old and the 8 year old were pretty similar.

Grandad we all feel really blessed to celebrate your 100th birthday with you. It has been such a pleasure to sit down with you over the past few weeks to talk about your life. You are a wonderful role model and inspiration to your family and to the Kulin community. We hope you have enjoyed your celebration so far and we look forward to celebrating many more birthdays with you.

HAROLD'S SPEECH

Thanks everyone for coming along to help celebrate the beginning of my second 100 years, because don't make any mistake about it, my hundredth year finished last Wednesday. My family decided to hold this today and I thank Joanne for bearing the brunt of it.

I hope Donald has not missed out on too much lately, particularly seeing it is harvest time. I apologise for not being born at a less busy time of the year and to those of my mates who wanted this to be more like winning a footy grand final.

I regret that Laura and Rene aren't still with us. Laura was only six months younger than me and until recently we had plans to have a joint celebration at a less busy time of year. My other sister Gladys wasn't feeling quite up to getting here today. She is 98 and should make the 100 easily.

We had 4 beautiful children. There weren't many dull moments, with things like Geoff saying a squeaky Magpie needed oiling and telling his mother she should go and get fat like the old ewes in the paddock. Restrictions stopped Geoff from getting here from South Australia today.

When I was born things were entirely different to what they are now. A lot has happened in 100 years. It was less than 100 years since James Watt invented the steam engine that started the industrial revolution. This meant that I was then seeing the primitive results of what had been invented, like the first cars to arrive in Kulin, the plane that Norman Brearley flew up to the Kulin Show to give joy rides, and the trains than took 12 hours to get here from Perth. Quicker though, than the week my father took in a horse and cart.

In those days, pubs closed at 6 o'clock, no women drank or smoked, and only half of men drank but a lot smoked with pipes being popular. Silent pictures were just getting going. Old time dancing was the most popular entertainment with one every Saturday night somewhere. They would start at 8pm and go until 2am and on special occasions like the New Year's Eve Ball 4am. Once when I got home, I fed and harnessed up the horses and went out harvesting. At balls around 10pm a sumptuous sit-down supper would be served on the stage area with up to three sittings of 100 people.

Religion was a big part of most people's lives and there was a division between Roman Catholics and the others. But we were friendly enough. It was evil to get together until married in a church. All policeman were Roman Catholics and some other groups influenced things their way.

We were very much tied to Britain, the greatest conquerors of all time with over 50 countries under their control. They ruled the world for 400 years. We used to sing "Rule Britannia, Rule Britannia, Britain Rules the World" and there was such loyalty to King and Country that men flocked to join up in both World Wars without conscription, helping the Mother Country to be the mainstay of victory in Europe.

Other things that happened were the rise of women, demanding a say and a vote. Now it is said that they say 10 times as much as men!

Then there was Banjo Paterson, having recently written Waltzing Matilda that became so popular it almost replaced God Save the Queen until Advance Australia Fair came along.

The feats of Australia's two greatest heros, Kingsford-Smith and Don Bradman was one of our main interests in those times.

The greatest thing that happened was the discovery of penicillin, which extended life expectancy by 50%.

After the first world war, that held up development of the district, we only had 10 years of good times before 20 bad ones, including the droughts in 1940 & 44 and rationing until 1950. That's one time when we had it over the city, being allocated the first new cars available after the war because they had public transport. After another 10 years of getting over it all, we started further developing the district and town. The use of trace elements on light soils, introduced first by Harry Hodgson, lead to the opening up of that type of country.

At the time there were big cropping programmes on donated land, as much as 600 acres from one farmer, to help build things like the Bowling Club and the Swimming Pool. A lot of farmers seeing the need for better services became involved in building most of the modern premises in town here today. After a shakeup at the Shire, it too was very much involved with new facilities.

I honour my Father and Mother who gave me a wonderful upbringing. Although my Father passed away when I was only 18, he left me with a fully developed 1,000-acre farm which was all that was needed in those days to support a family, a working man and a team of horses to operate it. Dad only farmed for 19 years and didn't get to see the benefits of his hard work and war service.

I don't know how long I can keep going. Some people are getting up around 110 and 120. I have gone back to eating plain food like we did earlier before processed stuff came along. It has made a huge difference to my health. They say that with advances in medicine, the people who are going to live to 150 have already been born. Then there are things that I have heard of, like having one beer a day helps you live longer. The trouble is it puts me at odds with the licensing authorities and I very much value still being able to drive.

The same thing is being said of romance. There is supposed to have been an Arab who had six wives and lived to 150. A bit like when God made the Earth or being a farmer, at it every day of the week and having a spell on Sunday. But that's no good to me, I don't want to be bossed around by one woman let alone six.

I thank you all for being such a fantastic community which has helped me to keep going. I'm involved in around 20 organisations in Kulin and surrounding towns. This saves me from boredom and keeps an interest in life.



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May you all have a peaceful and restorative end of year and a happy, healthy and prosperous 2021.

Louisa White

OBITUARY

Donald James West | A Quiet Achiever

Born: 1934, Kondinin WA Died: 2020, Perth WA

Donald James West was born in Kondinin on 26 February 1934 to James and Marjorie. He was the second youngest of seven children.

Born during the depression years of the 1930s – at a time when Australians took comfort from sporting achievements -Don was named after Don Bradman and did not disappoint on the sporting front.

Don was greatly influenced by his parents. His father, James West, born in 1889, took up a war service property in Kondinin on his return from WWI. Don's mother, Marjorie Stubbs, was born in 1902. She trained to be a teacher and taught at the Jitarning and Kondinin schools before marrying James West.



1952- Mavis & Don West

Don grew up on the family farm in Kondinin. He thought he lived during the best of times. His generation saw so much – the aftermath of depression and World War II, and the rebuilding afterwards.

Don was sent to Hale School in West Perth in 1946. He enjoyed his sport and learned disciplines that helped him throughout his life. While at Hale, Don had the opportunity to see Bradman play at the WACA in his last first-class innings on Australian soil as captain. At age 15, Don was chosen in the first eleven for Hale – quite an achievement for one so young.

In 1949, Don returned home to work alongside his older brother Bruce on their father's farms. They went their separate ways five years later when Don was just 20. He then cleared and sold blocks of farmland near Kondinin to buy bigger blocks to build up his acreage.

Don met Mavis Linto at a dance in 1951 and a lifelong love story began. They married in Kondinin in 1955 and this year celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. Don's main ambition in life was to build a farm that would provide a secure future for his family. Don and Mavis had three children, Debbie, Barry and Andrea.

Playing sport was one of Don's great sources of enjoyment. He played cricket, football, badminton, tennis, hockey, water skiing and, in later times, golf and bowls.

Don was a talented cricketer. In 1958, he and his brother Bruce each made 100 runs not out in Perth during a Country Week game. In that same year, Don was selected in the State Country Eleven to play against the touring English side, which in those days only happened every four years and was a rare and great honour. The State had organised the match in Kalgoorlie, but the Poms refused to go. Don never forgave them. The WACA organised the State team to go in their place.

Don was also a very talented football player and won many awards. He was identified several times by a talent scout to play for Perth teams but did not take up the offers due to his family and farming commitments.

Before his father passed away in 1958, he apologised to Don for not updating his will to leave him a farm. Don and Mavis worked hard to grow their farm holdings in Kondinin and sold them in 1974 to purchase a bigger farm in neighbouring Kulin.

In 1978, Barry came home to work full-time on the farm. This partnership was one of Don's great joys. Barry says Don was always open to new ideas. They were one of the early experimenters of minimum tillage in the 1970s. Don was also an early conservationist. Together, he and Barry proceeded to capture all the excess water on the farm and designed a system of dams and overflows that have stood the test of time.

OBITUARY

Don saw major changes during his farming life. As a 16-year-old, he and his brother Bruce accomplished the feat of harvesting and bagging 100 bags of wheat each weighing 80 kilos in 12 hours. Today, the combine harvester his Grandson drives harvests that same 100 bags in less than 12 minutes.

Don was a modest man who worked hard and loved his family. Don and Mavis built a successful farming business and a family of 3 children, 9 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. He really was a quiet achiever.

Thank you

Donald James West

Thank you for your support at this sad time. We are grateful for the kindness and sympathy shown to our family including those who attended the funeral, sent cards and flowers, the many phone calls and other acts of kindness.

Mavis West, Debbie & Wayne Gibson, Barry & Peta West, Andrea West & Warren Chant and families.



1958- Bruce & Don West with Barry &
Debbie after they each made 100 runs not out in Perth during Country
Week Cricket



1980's- Don & Barry West, Kulin farm



Barry, Peta and family wish to thank everyone for their kind thoughts on the recent loss of Don.

Thank you to those who travelled to the funeral service at the WACA and also for all the cards and messages of support. Yet again we are reminded of how special our community of Kulin truly is.

Please accept this notice as our sincere thanks.



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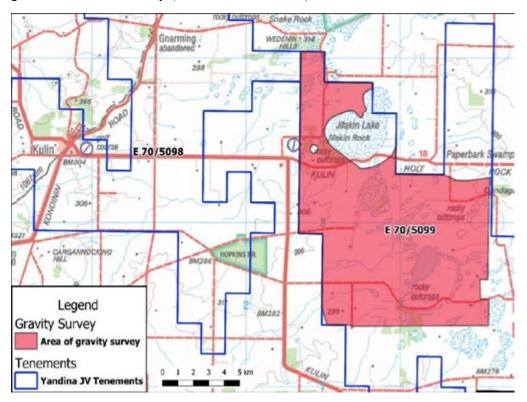
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