

## 9.8 Shire of Kondinin - Financial Contribution Request Kondinin Airstrip

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**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** Chief Executive Officer  
**FILE REFERENCE:**  
**AUTHOR:** Chief Executive Officer  
**STRATEGIC REFERENCE/S:** 27.03  
**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** Nil  
**ATTACHMENT:** Letter from Shire of Kondinin previously circulated

### **SUMMARY:**

This report recommends that Council approve a contribution of \$50,000 (ex GST) to the Shire of Kondinin in 2025/2026 towards the upgrade of the Kondinin Airstrip under the Regional Airports Development Scheme.

### **BACKGROUND & COMMENT:**

Shire of Kondinin wrote to the Shire on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024 outlining an upgrade proposal for the Kondinin Airstrip. It is anticipated the upgrade project will cost a total of \$450,000 (ex GST) of which it is hoped 50% will be funded through the Regional Airports Development Scheme (RADS).

The Shire of Kondinin seeks the Shire of Kulin's consideration of contributing to a share of the Shire of Kondinin's matching 50% applicant contribution under the RADS funding application.

The project scope in summary is to seal the runway 15 metres wide by 1200 metres long, with the asphaltting of taxi ways and helicopter land area. The project seeks to ensure the Royal Flying Doctor Service is able to utilize the airstrip under wet weather conditions, which would otherwise require patients to be transferred via road to Narrogin or Bruce Rock.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are financial implications for Council in considering this matter in the 2025/2026 financial year. Subject to a successful application to RADS, the project would be undertaken in the 2025/2026 financial year at which time any agreed contribution from the Shire of Kulin would be called upon.

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

As described

### **COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:**

Not applicable

### **WORKFORCE IMPLICATIONS:**

No known direct workforce implications known in consideration of this item.

### **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Shire of Kulin agree to contribute \$50,000 cash (ex GST) and \$25,000 (ex GST) (in kind – Plant & Labour) to the Shire of Kondinin for the upgrade of the Kondinin Airstrip under the Regional Airports Development Scheme, noting that its contribution is subject to;

- a successful funding application to the Regional Airports Development Scheme;
- Estimated total project cost of \$450,000 (ex GST)
- Construction in the 2025/2026 financial year, noting this would align with Shire of Kulin funds being called upon by the Shire of Kondinin.

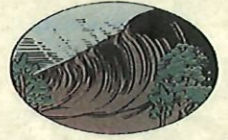
### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

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Dear Alan

### SEALING OF THE KONDININ AIRSTRIP – CONTRIBUTION TO FUNDING

The Shire of Kondinin are currently seeking funding for the sealing of the Kondinin Airstrip through the Department of Transport's Regional Airports Development Scheme. The project scope comprises a 15m width and 1.2km two-coat bitumen seal, together with an asphalt taxi and helicopter landing area estimated at \$450,000. The Shire is seeking a \$225,000 contribution from the Department of Transport being the 50 percent available under this grant Scheme. If successful, works are proposed to be undertaken in the 2025/2026 financial year.

The matter was considered at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2024 in which Council resolved to support the application seeking \$225,000 of grant funding from the Department of Transport to be matched with \$225,000 from the Shire of Kondinin. Council also asked that consideration be given seeking a cash contribution from the Shire of Kulin to share in the Shire's 50 percent contribution towards the project.

In 2021/2022 the RFDS undertook 34 transfers from the Kondinin airstrip, 35 transfers were undertaken in 2022/2023 and 24 in 2024/2025. Whilst not formally recorded, the Kondinin Hospital and St John Ambulance have confirmed that on several occasions each year patients have been transferred by road to either Narrogin or to Bruce Rock, due to wet weather conditions preventing pilots to land aircraft safely at the Kondinin Airstrip.

As you would appreciate, the Kondinin Airstrip and Kondinin Hospital provide an invaluable health service to the district, with this grant providing the opportunity to enhance these services for both our Shires.

The Shire of Kondinin would appreciate your consideration in a contribution towards this project and look forward to your favourable response.

Should you have any queries or require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact the Shire's Manager Planning and Assets Tory Young on (08) 9889 1006 or [mpd@kondinin.wa.gov.au](mailto:mpd@kondinin.wa.gov.au).

Yours faithfully

  
**David Burton**  
Chief Executive Officer

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