



THE KIMBA NEWSLETTER | FREE

OCTOBER | VOL 36 No 5

Newsletter Sponsored by Kimba District Council,
Nikki Hyde & Adam Schmidt.

Published by
Kimba Community Development Group Inc & its members

Lisa & Mark Zibell
Maureen & Barry Woolford
Peta & Dean Willmott
Gwenda Williams
Tina Wakelin
Audrey Smart
Sue & Bob Rodda
Sharon & Marty Rodda
Barb & Dave Phillips
Charlie Milton
CL & ME Milton
Lisa & Andrew Lock
Lienert Engineering
Katrina & Daryl Koch
Kessling & Associates
Kimba Motor Service
Kimba IGA
Dianne & Jim Hamlyn
Eileen's
Elders Insurance
Cheryl & Pump Davey
Katrin & Brian Cant
Cassie Baldock
Heather & Graeme Baldock
Jenny & Jeff Baldock

**MEMBERSHIPS ARE
NOW DUE & RUN FROM
April 1st 2026 to March
31st 2027**

The Kimba Community Development Group Inc aims to encourage and facilitate business, community and economic development to improve the viability and liveability of our community and its attractiveness to visitors.


**Kimba Community
Development Group**

Kimba Christmas Pageant Date Set for 2026

Mark your calendars! The Christmas spirit is coming to town on Saturday, 19th December.

Bring the family along for a festive evening of community cheer, colourful floats, and holiday fun from 6pm.

Highlights include the annual float parade featuring creative community entries, our very own Sing Australia, and a very special appearance by Santa with a sack full of toys!

Get Involved and join in the fun; enter a float, host a stall, or volunteer. We'd love to have you! Contact Mel Cliff on 0400 525 739, Terry Liddis on 0429 992 355, or any of the Kimba Christmas Tree Committee to register your entry or lend a hand. Let's make this year's pageant bright and memorable.



Kimba's Garage Sale Wrap Up

Kimba's first giant town garage sale was declared a great success by the Kimba Community Development Group (KCDG) organisers as well as participants.

With 18 locations registered, and patrons travelling from as far away as Pt Lincoln, Tumby, Whyalla, Arno, and other neighbouring towns, the streets were buzzing all morning.

Offerings for sale included shed tools and hardware, furniture, clothing, bric-a-brac, household items, plants, bikes and toys. There were plenty of bargains to be had!

KCDG members are planning that the Town Garage Sale will become an annual event - a great chance to clean out your surplus items so others can enjoy them.



HELLO, JOIN US FOR A

**CHRISTMAS
MARKET**
SAVE THE DATE

SAT 21ST NOVEMBER





MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



The past month has been another busy period of representation, advocacy and project development, both locally and across the broader local government and health sectors.

I was honoured to be reappointed as President of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association (EPLGA). I appreciate the support of our eleven member councils and look forward to continuing to represent the interests of Eyre Peninsula communities and work collectively on the issues that affect our region. This role also results in my appointment to the South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC) at the State level for the next two years.

I travelled to Canberra for the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly, representing the interests of regional and rural councils. The Assembly brought together more than 1,100 local government representatives from across Australia and provided an important opportunity to advocate on issues affecting our communities. A major focus was the financial sustainability of local government, including the ongoing national campaign for the restoration of Financial Assistance Grants to 1 per cent of Commonwealth taxation revenue and greater access to sustainable, untied funding. Communities like Kimba deserve fair funding, and I will continue to advocate for fair and equitable outcomes that support the quality of life of all residents. We deserve no less!

Closer to home, I was particularly pleased to see Kimba District Council announced as a successful applicant for an \$803,000 Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program planning and design grant for the **Kimba Care and Connect – A Precinct for Housing, Health and Family Wellbeing** project.

This is a significant opportunity for Kimba. The project will progress planning and design for a precinct incorporating essential worker housing,

a doctor's residence and shared family spaces, with the broader aim of strengthening housing, health, education, family wellbeing and liveability in our community.

Health has continued to be a major focus through my role as Chair of the Northern Eyre Peninsula Health Alliance (NEPHA). During September, on behalf of NEPHA, I presented at both the South Australian Rural Health & Education Conference in Port Lincoln and the National Rural Health Alliance Conference in Adelaide. These provided valuable opportunities to share the work being undertaken across the Northern Eyre Peninsula and demonstrate the importance of moving beyond traditional consultation to genuine community partnership in developing solutions to rural health challenges.

Importantly, the NEPHA project is now translating that work into practical outcomes. The NEPHA healthcare information website has been delivered, providing a central source of information about health services across the Northern Eyre Peninsula and links to relevant providers. You can access it at nepha.com.au. We have also progressed the appointment of a Regional Coordinator, providing dedicated capacity to continue connecting services, supporting communities and coordinating the work across the region.

The project has reinforced that many of the solutions to rural health challenges already exist within our communities. The challenge is creating the connections, coordination and support necessary to make those solutions work and, importantly, to make them sustainable.

As part of this ongoing work, we will be holding a **"Building Better Healthcare – Conversation Evening" in Kimba**. This will provide an opportunity for the community to hear about the progress of the NEPHA project, discuss the future of healthcare in our region and contribute to the conversation about how we can continue to improve local health services. The event will be held on **Wednesday, 14 October, from 5.30pm to 7.30pm at Eyre Business**.



It is encouraging to see a number of initiatives moving from advocacy and planning into tangible outcomes, and I look forward to continuing to work on behalf of our community to progress these opportunities.

It's exciting to see healthy and productive results from this growing season. We are all hoping for a long and rewarding harvest. Please take care on our roads during this busy period and exercise as much patience as possible.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next two Council meetings will be held on **Wednesday 14th October 2026 at 2pm and Wednesday 11th November 2026 at 2pm** in the Council Chambers. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2026

A Remembrance Day Service will be held in the Kimba Soldiers Memorial Gardens at 11am Wednesday the 11th of November 2026.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 11 NOVEMBER



BUSINESS SUPPORT OFFICER

Build your career. Grow your skills. Make a difference. Join our dynamic and supportive Administration team in this full time varied role covering business administration, customer service, WHS, finance, communications, tourism and more. A key focus will be providing administrative support across Council, including maintaining WHS information and records in SkyTrust and assisting with WHS processes and initiatives.

More than a job—an opportunity to build a career. Council offers on-the-job training, mentoring, in-house learning and opportunities for external accredited training and professional development, with scope to take on greater responsibility and progress within the organisation. Previous local government or WHS experience is not essential—we are looking for

someone organised, positive and eager to learn and grow. Ready for your next step? Join the District Council of Kimba and build your future with us.

Applications close Friday 23rd October 2026 at 5pm

For further information or to apply contact:
Deb Larwood
Phone: 0427 102 535
Email: deb.larwood@kimba.sa.gov.au

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2027

Council is seeking nominations from community groups and individuals for the 2027 Australia Day Awards. The categories are:

- **Australia Day Citizen of the Year**
- **Australia Day Young Citizen of the Year**
- **Community Event of the Year**
- **Award for Active Citizenship (Formerly Outstanding Achievement Award)**

Do you know an individual, event or business which deserves to be nominated for an Australia Day Award?

Nomination forms and guidelines can be obtained from the Council Office or telephone 8627 2026 during business hours, by email: council@kimba.sa.gov.au or from our website: www.kimba.sa.gov.au or on the Australia Day website: www.citizenoftheyear.com.au

Nominations close on Friday 20th November at 5pm.



SINGLE FARM ENTERPRISE REVIEW

The District Council of Kimba has recently sent letters to ratepayers regarding our Single Farm Enterprise (SFE) review.

The review is focused on properties where two or more pieces of rateable farming land:

- are used for primary production and farmed as a single enterprise, and
- are occupied by the same person/persons.



Properties meeting these criteria may be eligible for only one Regional Landscape Levy.

If you have received a letter and believe your properties may meet the eligibility criteria, you are invited to complete and return the assessment form provided. Completed forms need to be returned to Council by Friday 30 October 2026.

If you haven't received a letter but have two or more pieces of rateable farming land within the District and believe your properties may be eligible to be recognised as a Single Farm Enterprise, please contact Council to request an application form.

If you think this may apply to you, we encourage you to get in touch with us. 🌱

DISTRICT ROADS & RESTRICTED ACCESS VEHICLES (RAV)

Council is working closely with the NHVR (National Heavy Vehicle Regulator) and local police to ensure we have a safe harvest period on council roads during what looks to be record setting tonnages of grain moved across council's road network.

Council has recently approved all our existing commodity routes of which previously were General Mass Limits (GML) to Higher Mass Limits (HML). This approval is great news for the industry, reducing the administrative burden from Council, Operators and the NHVR. Under the new approvals, if an operator can comply with the South Australian Class 3 Road Friendly Suspension Mass Exemption Notice or another notice such as the South Australia Class 3 Truck and Dog Trailer (up to 23m long) Mass and Dimension Exemption Notice 2025 (No. 1) South Australia network conditions section' of the 'Network and mapping' tab of the Operator's Guide (which includes council's conditions), the NHVR and travel only on a route gazetted under this notice (listed in the Operator's Guide and found on the NHVR National Network Map) then a NHVR permit is not required.

Operators must comply with all conditions set in the relevant Operator's Guide. If an operator is intercepted by an enforcement agency, they must state what access instrument they are

operating under. It would be recommended that there be a printed version of the South Australian Class 3 Road Friendly Suspension Mass Exemption Notice or relevant notice for which they are operating under in the vehicle and that the driver is aware of all the obligations required.

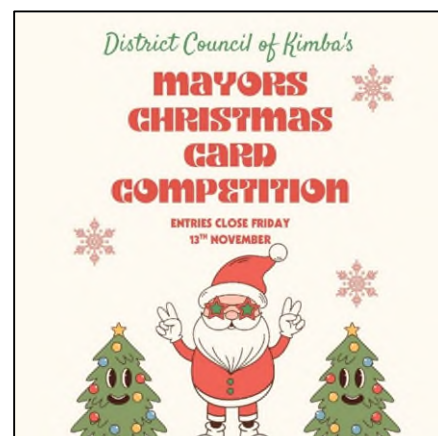
Please drive carefully to ensure we have a safe harvest period on our roads.

This information has been prepared to provide general guidance and assistance to vehicle owners and operators. It is the responsibility of each owner/operator to ensure they have accessed and considered all relevant information, requirements and obligations relating to the operation of their vehicle.

MAYORS CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

After the fantastic response to last year's competition, the Mayor's Christmas Card Competition is back for another year! 🎅 ✨

We're once again on the hunt for the most festive, fun and creative Christmas card designs from our talented local kids.



The winning designs from each category will become the official Mayor's Christmas card for 2026, sent out far and wide — including to other Councils across the state! 🎄 📬

Categories:

- Kindy age
- Reception – Year 3
- Year 4 – Year 6

Entry details:

- Open to all kids who live in the Kimba District or attend kindy/school here
- Artwork must be A4 portrait
- Entries can be posted to PO Box 189, Kimba or dropped off at the Council Office



- Please include the name and age of the artist with each entry
- **Entries close Friday 13th November 2026**

FIRE PREVENTION

The Fire Danger Season is anticipated to commence on 15th October and generally closes on April 15 of the following year. This may vary and can be brought forward or extended depending on seasonal conditions.

Further information on what you can/cannot do during the Fire Danger Season can be found at: www.cfs.sa.gov.au. Further information regarding Australian Fire Danger Ratings can be found here: <https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/.../australian-fire-danger.../>

Permits to burn during the Fire Danger Season may be issued from the first Monday in February, with requirements of the Permit Guidelines within the Council District to be complied with.

The District Council of Kimba, with collaboration has released a Board-Acre Burning Permit Conditions Policy to best assist permit holders. A copy of the policy and local permit guide can be found via the below link, and will be available prior to the fire danger season commencing:

<https://www.kimba.sa.gov.au/services/fire-prevention>

Council encourages residents to start preparing for the upcoming fire danger season. Work done early, including mowing or spraying will greatly reduce the fuel load and help keep our community safe.

If you would like a quote from council to assist in these preparations, please contact the office on 86 272 026.

LIBRARY NEWS

New to the Library

Adult Fiction

'Outback Strangers' by Annie Seaton
'The Diamonds of Tilly Devine' by Jackie French
'The Secrets We Hide' by Karin Slaughter
'It Could Have Been Her' by Lisa Jewell
'The Shadow Step' by Mark Billingham
'In Deep Water' by Elle Blair
'Hero' by Patricia Wolf

'Icarus 17' by Charles Cumming
'The Prospect' by Fleur McDonald
'John of John' by Douglas Stuart

Adult Non-Fiction

'How to Age' by Liz Earle

Children's Picture Books

'The Plane over my backyard' by Tom Jellett
'Gruffalo Granny' by Julia Donaldson
'All the skies we see' by Harry Ebert

Story time 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?'



Library site @ EP Field Days



Kindy and Occ Care visit for Book Week



Boneseed control update

In early September, our Landscape Officers carried out Boneseed control and drone surveying along 8 Ha of roadsides and priority sites, including Cleve-Kimba Rd.

After consistent seasonal control of the priority sites, we found and treated only one Boneseed plant, indicating that eradication is closer than ever.

We encourage landholders to keep an eye out for Boneseed on their own properties and to get in touch with us for advice if they spot any.

Watch for Khaki weed and Summer Grasses

With the recent warmer days, summer-active weeds like Khaki weed and invasive grasses like Buffel grass, African love grass, and Fountain grass can take advantage of the conditions and start seeding early.

We encourage the community to stay alert and control any early outbreaks on private properties ahead of the arrival of the summer season.

Biocontrol agent available for prickly pear cactus

This spring is the prime season to treat invasive Opuntoid Cacti species using a biocontrol agent *Dactylopius* – commonly referred to as “cochineal” beetle. This is known as one of the most cost-effective treatments, as it can achieve up to 60-80% eradication in just a few years, depending on the size of the infestation.

If you have a prickly pear infestation in your property, get in contact with us to register your interest in cochineal release.

New Landscape Officer Guy Nelson

The EP Landscape Board has recently added a new member to the Eastern District team, welcoming Guy Nelson as new full-time Landscape Officer based in Whyalla.

Guy brings valuable experience from the public sector in environmental management, entomology, and productive landscapes protection, which will help our team and the community address landscape priorities on the eastern Eyre Peninsula.

Malleefowl Workshop at Kimba Area School

Our team hosted an educational workshop on 8 September at Kimba Area School, where Years 4/5 and 5/6 students participated in activities to commemorate “National Threatened Species Day” focused on Malleefowl.

They learned the importance of Malleefowl in local ecosystems, why they are considered threatened species, and what can be done to help protect them, through presentations, videos, and interactive games.

Heritage Agreement funding opportunity

The Native Vegetation Council announced continuity of the Heritage Agreement (HA) Grants Programs until 2030, which will support existing HA with funding to undertake on-ground works that enhance local biodiversity.

If you are a HA owner, you may be eligible to apply for grants of up to \$25,000 (medium), \$100,000 (large), or \$200,000 (multi-property). Find more on the [Heritage Agreement Grants Program webpage](#) or by contacting your nearest Landscape Officer.



Figure 1: Khaki weed



Figure 2: Guy Nelson, Whyalla-based Landscape officer



Figure 3: Kimba Area School's Year 4/5 students at “Malleefowl workshop”

Local Health Advisory Committee Seeks More Kimba Reps

What does the Health Advisory Council (HAC) do?

The role of HAC is set out in the SA Health Care Act 2008;

- Advise the Local Health Network (LHN) on the health service needs, priorities and issues of the local community,
- Ascertain the health needs of the community,
- Advocate on behalf of the community and Eyre Far North Local Health Network (EFHLHN) to support the planning and provision of health service,
- Engage in health service planning and evaluation processes, and
- Manage assets and donated funds of the HAC.

The responsibilities of the HAC include;

- attending regular bi-monthly HAC meetings (in person or via teams) with minutes provided to the Governing Board Committee,
- opening and operating a bank account - a gift fund trust (GFT) account set up with its own ABN and which has deductible gift recipient status AND a separate savings account for funds generated by own fundraising efforts,
- to hold an AGM by 30th November each year with the main purpose to launch the HAC's annual report and highlight local achievements, and
- to manage memberships by attracting new members, appointing members and to nominate HAC Presiding member.

Our current members are Sue Chase (Cowell), Kym Baum (Cowell), Kae Darling (Cleve), Penny Foxwell (Cleve), Lynette Rush (Cowell) and Sarah Modystach (Kimba).

We are always looking for new members, and Kimba is looking for some fresh new faces to join the HAC.

Any questions please contact Sarah Modystach 0427317565



Kimba HOME Hardware It all starts at Home

Holes in your flyscreens?

Bring in your frames and Dean will replace the mesh!

>\$15 for Fibreglass Mesh

>\$25 for Aluminium Mesh

Local Ambo Acknowledged for Years of Service

Katrina Koch joined Kimba Ambulance on the 15/3/07, and for nineteen years she has given her time, compassion, and unwavering commitment as a volunteer Ambulance Officer.

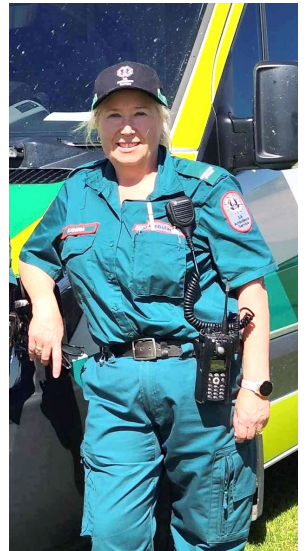
Through countless call outs, long nights, and challenging situations Katrina has always been there when our community needed her.

Being a volunteer is far more than wearing a uniform; it means putting others before yourself, sacrificing family time, and answering the pager without hesitation. And Katrina has done all this with kindness and genuine care.

Nineteen years is an incredible achievement, and Katrina's contribution has helped shape and strengthen our local ambulance team and our community.

On behalf of Kimba's Ambo team and the entire community we thank Katrina for her years of service. "Katrina you truly are a beautiful soul and always have every one's best interest at heart" "You have always been someone we have looked up to within our team"

Kimba Ambulance Team



KIMBA PRE-HARVEST BAKE SALE

Bake Sale

SEEKING DONATIONS

Seeking Donations for the 2026 Christmas Pageant

Tuesday 13th of October

The Kimba Christmas Tree Committee is holding a take-home "Pre-Harvest Freezer Bake Sale." We are seeking donations of freezer-friendly items if you are able to help!

Take-home meal ideas:

- Pasta Bake
- Chicken Mornay
- Potato Bake
- Sausage rolls
- Pin Wheels
- Mini quiches
- Loaf of bread
- Slab Cake

We know harvest can be a really busy and challenging time for families. Our fundraiser aims to provide easy meals and sweet treats so there's one less thing to worry about, or simply to make someone smile with a thoughtful gesture.

Please reach out to Melanie Cliff or any of our Committee Members to let us know what you can donate, and we will be in touch!

Mel: facebook or 0400 525 739



SA Country Fire Services Announces Fire Danger Season

The 2026-27 Fire Danger Season dates have been declared for six Fire Ban Districts across South Australia with three districts starting earlier this year.

With significantly increased bushfire risk expected in northern parts of South Australia, due to elevated fuel loads and curing, the Fire Danger Season will start on 15th October in Eastern Eyre and the West Coast in line with the 2025-26 Fire Danger Season.

The Flinders, North East Pastoral and North West Pastoral regions will also commence on 15th October. Lower Eyre will start on 15th November with other districts still to be announced.

The SA CFS are urging all South Australian to take the threat of bushfire seriously by preparing their properties now to remove excessive fuel loads, and to review their Bushfire Plans.

More information is available on the South Australia CFS website at <https://ow.ly/vRsJ50ZTn3A>



Men's Shed is always looking for old electrical wiring which is then stripped and sold to support local community projects.

Contact Jim Hamlyn on 0437 511 843 if you are able to help out or want further info.



SA Ambulance Service



T-PORTS
TRANSHIP + COMMODITIES + GLOBAL

WE NEED YOUR HELP! ♥

DO YOU HAVE AN **NRG CARD** AND DELIVER GRAIN THROUGH TPORTS?



PLEASE NOMINATE THE AMBULANCE FOR AN NRG CARD

Your nomination helps support our paramedics and ambulance service in our communities.



Contact: **Kirsty Gregory**

Together we keep SA moving ♥

SAFE PEOPLE | HEALTHY COMMUNITIES | STRONGER TOGETHER



Kimba, protect the place you call home.

Kimba SES volunteers support the community during emergencies and help locals stay safe.

Find out how you can be involved.

Register your interest at ses.sa.gov.au/volunteer
Scan the code or call 8130 0350



South Australian
**State
Emergency
Service**

Kimba SES Unit
Cross Street,
Kimba

KIMBA HEALTH & FITNESS CENTRE – COMMUNITY UPDATE

There's plenty happening at KHFC! ❤️

🔑 New Fob Access System

A big thank you to the **District Council of Kimba** for providing a **\$3,000 grant** towards our new fob access system, which we hope to have installed in the coming weeks.

💪 130+ Active Members

Thank you to our community for your continued support. Every membership helps us maintain and improve our community gym.

👥 Group Fitness

SS Fit runs regular group fitness classes at KHFC. Visit the **SS Fit Facebook page** for current classes and times.

🏋️ Workout of the Week (WOW)

Not sure what to do at the gym? Check out our **weekly WOW on the KHFC Facebook page** for a different workout you can complete at your own pace.

Want to join or renew?

Scan the **Membership QR code** on our poster or visit the **Kimba Health & Fitness Centre Facebook Group** and look under *Featured* for membership information and our online form.

Not on Facebook? No problem — contact:

Corinne Tucker – Secretary: 0438 891 273

Tanya Blair – Treasurer: 0428 823 396

Glen McKenzie – President: 0402 296 438

Thank you to our members, volunteers, Council and wider community for continuing to support KHFC.

Building a healthier, stronger and more connected Kimba.



MEMBERSHIP PRICES

ACCESS A HEALTHIER, HAPPIER YOU

Adult – 12 Months

\$150

Adult – 6 Months

\$100

Adult – 3 Months

\$60

Student – 12 Months

\$90

Pension/Concession – 12 Months

\$90

Family Membership

\$400

Casual Visit

\$10



IMPROVE
YOUR HEALTH



BUILD
STRENGTH



BE PART OF A
SUPPORTIVE
COMMUNITY



ALL FITNESS
LEVELS WELCOME

*Stronger
Together* ❤️



JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP

Scan the QR code to join our Facebook group for up to date news, workouts, class info, events and more!

STAY CONNECTED!



READY TO JOIN OR RENEW?

Scan the QR code to complete our Membership Form

IT'S QUICK & EASY!

MOVE | LIFT | SWEAT | BELONG



KIMBA HEALTH & FITNESS CENTRE INC.
A STRONGER, HEALTHIER KIMBA



Calendar of Events

8 Oct	Thursday Bowls start
9 Oct	Senior tennis commences
10 Oct	Saturday bowls start
12 Oct	KDF & NC AGM, 7pm at Clubrooms
13 Oct	Pre-harvest Bake Sale fundraiser for Kimba Xmas Tree & Pageant
13 Oct	Basketball season starts
16 Oct	Junior tennis commences
21 Nov	Workshop26 Xmas Market
13 Dec	Buckleboo Xmas Tree
19 Dec	Kimba Xmas Tree & Pageant
14 Mar	Zimmcom Kimba Cup @ Pt Lincoln



Contact Alexis Pengelley on 0438 307 993 for further info or if interested.

The Next Kimba Newsletter, published by the Kimba Community Development Group Inc, will be out in early December.

All adverts, reports, and dates for the calendar would be appreciated by late November. Please forward to heather.baldock@bigpond.com and lisa@thegoodcopycompany.com.au

Thank you to all who contribute to the Kimba Newsletter; those who provide content, print, and especially the ladies who gather to fold it for posting. Your help over many years is greatly appreciated!

Congratulations Mark Enright

Merit Award – Best Presented Area

A bi-monthly acknowledgement organized by the Kimba Community Development Group, Kimba District Council & KESAB

KIMBA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP INC MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE FOR THE 2026/2027 YEAR

The KCDG aims to encourage and facilitate economic growth in business and the community. Your membership offers financial and moral support of projects undertaken. Members are entitled to vote at all meetings and may receive copies of the minutes if indicating on this slip.

Membership Rates: Family or Business (2 votes) \$50, Single \$30, Pensioner \$20 (all GST incl)
Please join us now – your membership will help our community.

NAME: BUSINESS:

POSTAL ADDRESS:

PHONE NO..... EMAIL ADDRESS:

MEMBERSHIP TYPE (Pls circle): FAMILY BUSINESS SINGLE PENSIONER
DO YOU REQUIRE AN INVOICE: YES / NO PAID BY: CHQ CASH DIRECT DEPOSIT

WOULD YOU LIKE MINUTES EMAILED TO YOU: YES / NO

Please return slip to Treasurer Sharon Rodda, PO Box 343, Kimba, 5641 or email: mbsmrodda@bigpond.com
BANKING DETAILS: Kimba Community Development Group Inc BSB 015 462 Acc 498943638 (Please email confirmation to Sharon)