

SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

Edition 215 – 25 June 2021

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Some of the outcomes of the Council meeting held 15 June 2021 are as follows.

10.1 KEVIN O'HALLORAN MEMORIAL POOL – TEN (10) YEAR OPERATIONAL PLAN REVIEW

Council reviewed the ten (10) year Operational Plan (Plan) for the operation, refurbishment and maintenance of the Kevin O'Halloran Memorial Swimming Pool.

11.1 SOUTHERN LINK VOLUNTARY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (VROC) – REVIEW OF STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS 2021 – 2024

Council adopted the Southern Link – Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (VROC) Review of Strategic Directions 2021 -2024. For a copy of the Strategic Directions 2021 – 2024 visit our [website](#).

11.3 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION FEES

The Electric Vehicle Charger which displays original artworks by local indigenous artist Craig McVee, was gifted to the Shire by Synergy, and installed at The Kodja Place in November 2020. Figures gathered from the Chargefox billing management system indicate the following:

- 6100kWh of electricity used to end May 2021
- \$1159.10 cost in electricity to Shire to end May 2021
- 196 uses over the 6 month period to date

In considering the ongoing costs of running and maintaining the electric vehicle charging station, Council considered the implementation of fees for users of the Shire owned Electric Vehicle Charger. The outcome of the deliberations was that Council adopt a 50 cent per kWh fee (excluding GST) for users of the Electric Vehicle Charger located at The Kodja Place for the 2021/2022 Financial Year as part of the List of Fees and Charges.

To find out more about the decisions Council made, visit the Shire of Kojonup [website](#)



Shire President
John Benn

Chief Executive Officer
Rick Mitchell-Collins

Council Meeting Dates for 2021

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on 27 July 2021. As we are still operating under some COVID-19 restrictions, please note we have a digital option for submitting items for Public Question Time. An email can be sent to cmpgt@kojonup.wa.gov.au and the Manager Corporate and Community Services will table all correspondence received.

INTRODUCING GRANT THOMPSON

The Shire of Kojonup would like to introduce to you, Grant Thompson who is the successful applicant in our CEO Recruitment.

Grant will join the Shire of Kojonup on 19 July 2021 as an experienced executive leader and manager with a diverse governance, strategic, commercial and operations background. He recently led Watco Australia, a supply chain business servicing the Grain industry in WA where he managed the complex business and growth in the Australian region.

Grant has extensive relationship management knowledge and was involved in stakeholder management during periods of industry transformation. This included managing all levels of government. He brings commercial and execution experience to the Shire relating to operations, maintenance and capital works.


Over the course of his career, Grant has lived and worked in rural and regional Western Australia and has a deep appreciation of the opportunities and experiences faced by regional communities. His experience will help enhance and facilitate the strategic imperatives of the Council.

As such Grant will collaborate and communicate with stakeholders ensuring that the Kojonup community remains prosperous. He and his wife Anne look forward to being a part of the Kojonup community, and effective advocates for the Shire, the Council, and its constituents.

Grant holds an Executive MBA from University of Western Australia, a Bachelor of Business (Agriculture) from Curtin University and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. In the past he has held senior and executive positions with the CBH Group

THE KODJA PLACE

What Our Visitors are Saying.....

<p><i>"Such a beautiful place. I wish there were more like it all over WA. Thankyou"</i> Hayley</p> <p><i>"Just wonderful. Thankyou"</i> M Scott</p> <p><i>"Always a great place to visit"</i> K Grosse</p>	
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You may know that our towns name, Kojonup, represents the Kodj which is the name given to the stone axe by the Indigenous community. But did you also know that the Kodja Place and Kojonup Visitors Centre was built in the shape of the Kodj?

The blade end of the axe is where we show our achievements and work at our art and culture.

The strong flexible hart or handle is represented by The Kodja Gallery, our collective story, past times, our strong and resilient history.

This leads us to the entrance of the visitor centre where the axe is grasped. The people collecting at this point will provide the energy to power the hand that holds the Kodj.

The Kodja Place is open 7 days a week, 9am – 4pm

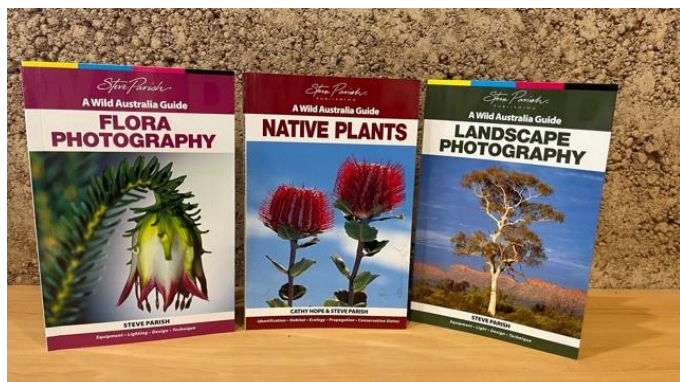
Bush Books and Guides

These are just some of the bush book range which are available at the Kojonup Visitor Centre.

The bush books are a series of practical field guides to help you learn about and discover Western Australia's unique plants, animals and special features, region by region.



They are the perfect size to fit into your pocket for easy access while out exploring.



Wild Australia Guides are a must have reference book for around the house, in the car or your backpack.

The series features amazing Photographs by Steve Parish and brief descriptions for quick and easy identification.

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

It's the Soil That Counts Workshops

Soil Microbe Foundation and Master Class 12th and 13th July

Soil microbes are essential to healthy soil and healthy soil is essential to healthy plants. Let us teach you how to effectively use brightfield microscopes and build your knowledge of how soil microbes build soil structure, manage water, provide plant nutrients, protect our environment, and break down toxins.

Inquiries and bookings to Ellen 0438 554 421



Public Meeting



Hello PLANTATION farmers

Do you have trees planted & contracted to FPC.

A public meeting will be held to discuss your OPTIONS!

Contact

Bev Kowald 0447 072 690



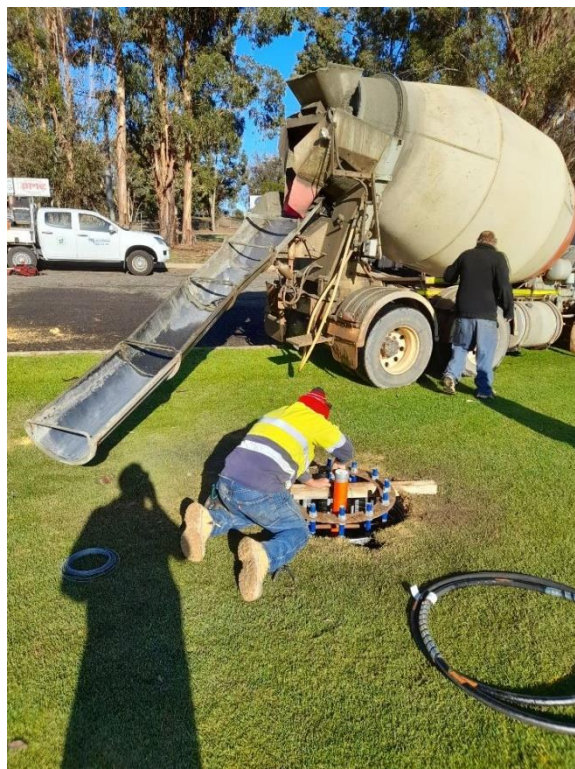
CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

After community feedback regarding building access for wheelchairs at the Sports Complex, our Building Maintenance Coordinator has arranged for the installation of a new wedge ramp at the main door. We hope this addition improves access to the Sports Complex for those utilising wheelchairs in the future.



We have had some more exciting progress at the Sports Complex, with the footings completed for the installation of the new oval lights. This work was carried out by the company installing the poles, ably assisted by local contractors Kojonup Light Civil and Kojonup Concrete. Temporary exclusion fencing has been placed around each of the four footings and will remain until the poles are erected.

Black Stump Electrical and Kojonup Light Civil will shortly begin works on the extensive wiring required for the project. This will involve trenching for the laying of cables, which will all be run outside the winter sport boundary areas. All care will be taken to minimise disruption to the playing surface, and we ask users to be mindful of any exclusion fencing installed throughout this project.



EMAIL MY RATE NOTICE

The Shire offers its ratepayers the opportunity to receive their rate notice via email. This convenient service saves paper and offers a quick and easy way for people to receive their rate notice.

To receive your rate notice via email, please contact council@kojonup.wa.gov.au with the following details.

Assessment Number:

Name:

Postal address:

Email address you would like the rates sent to:

Phone number:



Did you know that you can now pay your rates online?

From the comfort of your own home, rates payments can now be completed on line using the Biller Code and reference number indicated on your rates notice, via: kojonup.wa.gov.au/services/rates-information/rates-payment.aspx

WORKS AND SERVICES

Kojonup Park

The Shire has recently installed furniture at Apex Park.

The new picnic tables incorporate the Noongar season colours, including the Noongar name for each of the seasons and one of the picnic tables is wheel chair accessible.





The newly installed bridge over Kojonup Creek continues the theme of the Noongar Seasons and colours.





The Shire of Kojonup is delighted to announce a two day, free

ROSE & GARDENS WORKSHOP

Presented by: Colin Barlow

Managing Director- Gardens from Eden

**Thursday 22 July & Friday 23 July
9am-3pm at The Kodja Place and Rose Maze**

Colin is a passionate qualified horticulturalist, landscape designer, garden writer, television presenter, radio host and international tour guide who has worked in the industry for over thirty-three years. His experience and knowledge of plants and landscape design from around the world is exceptional. Colin has hosted a gardening segment 'Home in WA' with Channel 7 Perth for the past 16 years, presents a weekly garden segment on 98.5 FM radio and writes a monthly column for the "Have A Go" newspaper and previously 'The West Australian Gardener' magazine.

We encourage our current volunteers, potential new volunteers and any gardening enthusiasts to participate in this course. Update your skills while Colin shares his wealth of plant knowledge.

LUNCH, MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED.

**For catering, RSVP by Thursday 15 July to
Marina: sh@kojonup.wa.gov.au or phone – 0428 566 527**

Please also advise of any dietary restrictions.

Morning Tea sponsored by Nightingales Nest and Nursery



PUBLIC NOTICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Expressions of Interest – Kojonup Sheep Saleyards

Expression of Interest are called for the deconstruction and removal of the Kojonup Sheep Saleyards in accordance with Council Decision 157/20.

The Saleyards consist of internal yards approximately 130 (2mx3m) constructed of mesh panels attached to steel posts with 2m galvanised gates. There is also approximately 40 larger outside pens and holding yards as well as internal races constructed of 20ml and 30ml galvanised piping with galvanised gates 1.5m to 3m. One (1) loading race adjustable in size is also included.



Please note that one (1) loading race, two (2) holding yards and associated races, are to remain for use by the public for transport needs.

Yards are to be completely removed within 60 days from acceptance of any offers.

Expressions of Interest should be marked CONFIDENTIAL and addressed to Robert Juhu, Manager Regulatory Services. You can lodge your interest via email to council@kojonup.wa.gov.au or by post to:

Shire of Kojonup
PO Box 163
KOJONUP WA 6395

The closing date is **4.00pm, Friday 16 July 2021**

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer

Expressions of Interest – Purchase of Transportable Building

The Shire of Kojonup are calling for Expressions of Interest for the purchase of the current Netball Transportable Building. This will include the disconnection of services (water and electricity) and the removal of the building. All works will need to be completed prior to 15 August 2021.

Building is a James Hardie transportable, 12m long x 3.2m wide, with a verandah as shown in the pictures. Contents of building are not included.

Please forward Expressions of Interest via email to council@kojonup.wa.gov.au

Further details and site inspections can be arranged with Emily Sleight, Sport and Recreation Officer Phone 08 9831 2407 or sro@kojonup.wa.gov.au

POSITIONS VACANT

Excavator/Plant Operator

The Shire of Kojonup is currently recruiting to fill the position of Excavator/Plant Operator.

The successful applicant will need to possess the following:

- Previous experience as a plant operator (excavator, loader, grader, roller, truck etc);
- Previous experience using other plant/equipment relevant to construction/maintenance operations;
- Previous local government experience in a similar position.

Your application package including a position description can be found on our [website](#) and should be addressed as follows:

Craig McVee
Manager Works and Services
Shire of Kojonup
PO Box 163
Kojonup WA 6395

For more information, contact the Manager of Works and Services, Craig McVee on 0427427854
Applications close **2.00pm, Friday 16 July 2021.**

Horticultural Trainee

The Shire of Kojonup is recruiting a Horticultural Trainee. This fulltime positions may be offered on a permanent basis upon completion of the traineeship. This level 3 position will be attract salary and conditions the Local Government Industry Award 2010 and the Shire of Kojonup All of Staff Agreement 2011.

This position assists in the beautification and maintenance of the Shire of Kojonup town sites and strives to achievement of the Shire's vision in line with the mission and values of the Shire of Kojonup's strategic plan.

If you have an interest in landscaping and can demonstrate a reasonable level of personal fitness, good time management, high work ethic and the desire to work as part of a team are important to you, then we would love to hear from you.

To apply for the Horticultural Trainee, download the application kit from either www.amaats.com.au/jobs or our [website](#). For further information about the position, please contact Marina Murray on 0428 566527.

Applications must be received on or before 2.00pm, Friday 16 July 2021.

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer



Customer Service Officers – Kojonup Visitors Centre (Casual Pool)

The Shire of Kojonup is developing a pool of casual Customer Service Officers to provide relief work when required, weekend and peak season relief at the Kojonup Visitor Centre.

How to apply: Further details are contained in the [Candidate Information Package](#) or contact Kristel Thomson, Visitor Services Officer at bcc@kojonup.wa.gov.au or on 9831 0500. Further details can be found on our [website](#).

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer



STANDING UP

Join us for a free networking morning tea as the Australian Local Government Women's Association WA Branch hosts an information session for women interested in nominating for Council.

NARROGIN
29 June - 10am

Shire of Narrogin - Council Chambers
89 Earl Street Narrogin

TICKETS:

www.trybooking.com/BSFTM



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WA Branch



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Local Government, Sport
and Cultural Industries



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Department of Communities