

SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

Edition 218 – 6 August 2021

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Elected members and staff have worked hard on the development of the 2021/2022 Annual Budget which was adopted at the Council meeting held on 27 July 2021. Some of the highlights are:

Housing:

Springhaven Lodge:

- *Building (Safety Glass & Refurb Rooms) - \$44,000*
- *ACAR Grant - Vinyl Flooring & Handrails - \$285,000 (\$282,000 Grant)*

Recreation & Culture:

- *Historical Buildings – Repairs to The Barracks - \$12,000*
- *Memorial Hall:*
 - *Roof, Front Southern room - \$69,018*
 - *Furniture - \$10,000*
- *Harrison Place Toilets & Park - \$627,387*
- *Sporting Complex:*
 - *Playground & Outdoor Gym - \$418,210*
 - *Netball Courts Reconstruction & Roof - \$1,896,566 (Loan \$1.39m, Drought Grant \$250,000 & DSR \$238,795)*
 - *Oval Lights - \$264,483*
 - *Audio Visual - \$58,000*

Transport:

- *Signage Upgrades - \$10,000*
- *Footpaths - \$63,000*
- *Kerbing - \$25,000*
- *Albany Highway Pram Ramps - \$20,000*
- *Drainage & Culverts - \$100,000*
- *Road Construction (As per 10 year Program)*
 - *Widening – Kojonup Darken Road - \$1.584m*

Economic Services:

- *The Kodja Place:*
 - *Roof & Stormwater Repairs - \$6,000*
 - *Rose Maze Report Implementation - \$23,500*
 - *Update website - \$20,000*
- *Promotional Signage at Air Strip - \$30,000*

For a more comprehensive look at the budget please visit our [website](#).

Another item on the agenda was the adoption of the updated Elected Members Charter (Charter). The Elected Members Charter was reviewed and amended to include the Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates (Code). The Code was developed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and The *Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021*, to guide the decisions, actions and behaviours of members, in council, on council committees and candidates running for election as a council member.

Elected Members, Committee Members and Candidates *must comply* with the provisions of the Code in fulfilling their role and responsibilities, as set out in the *Local Government Act 1995*. Feedback obtained from current Elected Members advised that the Charter was a helpful resource. Candidates will be provided with a copy of the Elected Members Charter upon submitting their nomination.

More information can be obtained from the minutes of the meeting which are available on the Shire [website](#).

John Benn
Shire President

Grant Thompson
Chief Executive Officer

Council Meeting Dates for 2021

The next Council meeting will be held on 17 August 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.

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Who ever thought a typhoon would affect the Football Oval?

All plans have been progressing for the new oval lighting to be installed prior to the Kojonup Cougars finals weekend in September, and along comes a typhoon!

The Perth company supplying our 28m hinged lighting poles, Galvanised Poles Australia, have advised that a typhoon near Singapore has delayed the ship on which our poles are travelling. Now we certainly have had some wild winter weather over the past month, but a typhoon certainly does create some issues. With this delay possibly pushing the pole arrival out until a few days before the 4&5 September Finals weekend, Shire staff have made the decision to hold off on installation until after that weekend to minimise any chance of interruptions for our teams.



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

THE KODJA PLACE

What Our Visitors are Saying.....

"Love stopping off right here"

B & W Kearns

"Thank you for a well presented place for a safe rest on a long journey"

Trish, Denmark

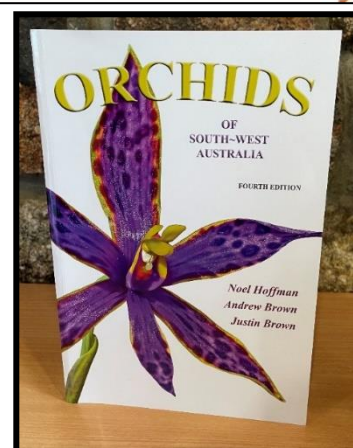
"Thank you, Lovely Place"

D & S Thomas



New in Stock

Orchids of the South-west Australia book has just arrived at the Kojonup Visitor Centre. This book provides accurate information and is an easy means of identifying the native Orchids of this region. There is an excellent description of each orchid which includes a distinctive feature of each species and information on distribution, habitat, flowering period along with the orchids common name. For every orchid there is also a colour photograph and map of its distribution. Orchids of South-West Australia is a must have for all professional and amateur orchidologists.



Locally Made

These jewellery boxes painted by local artist Christie McVee, have just arrived at the Kojonup Visitor Centre. Christie has also been busy painting canvases with each one having their own story. These would make a wonderful gift for that someone special or even just for yourself.

Come and visit the Kodja Place and Kojonup visitor centre to see the assorted range of Christie's products.



Lucinda's Everlastings

The year 2004 marked the creation of Lucinda's Everlastings by Rob and Jen Warburton and their daughters. It was an idea which led to diversification and offered an exciting new industry, complimenting the already existing cropping and sheep enterprises on their farm. Lucinda's Everlastings provides reliable and bulk supplies of quality everlasting seeds.



Everlasting flowers are water-wise, easy to grow, self-seeding and are an Australian native. Everlasting seeds are perfect for planting in pot plants, Garden beds or driveways.

Lucinda's Everlasting Seeds are back in stock at the Kojonup Visitor Centre.



WORKS AND SERVICES

Roses Workshop

The Shire hosted the "Roses Workshops" at The Kodja Place on 22 and 23 July which was facilitated by Colin Barlow from "Gardens from Eden". Both days were well attended. With participants coming from Cranbrook, Broomehill, Katanning and Gnowangerup.

The knowledge and enthusiasm shared by Colin for his love of Horticulture encouraged participants to get out into the garden. Some of the skills demonstrated included:

- Correct sharpening techniques for tools
- Application of fertilisers and products for combatting pests and disease.
- Correct pruning techniques for shrub and climbing roses.

Participants did not go away empty handed, rather, attendees took home a bag full of goodies to use in their gardens.



The Shire of Kojonup would like to thank Nightingales Nursery who kindly supplied morning tea and The Black Cockatoo for providing the afternoon tea.

Finally, thank you to all the volunteers who have helped with the Rose Maze pruning over the last two weeks, which is now completed.



Kojonup Park Update

The Parks and Gardens Team have started planting the Kojonup Park with Waterwise native species.



The rushes and sedges will be planted around the water pools at the creek area.

LANDCARE

NRM Drought Resilience Trial – EOI

The Landcare office has had a successful application with the Commonwealth Government Future Drought Fund – NRM Drought Resilience Grant Program. The Project design will be based on the Future Farms Industry ENRICH research. The project aims to reduce supplementary feeding during the summer/autumn feed gap and, importantly, by deferring the grazing of other parts of the farm at the break-of-season, allowing better management and more pasture to be grown elsewhere. There are also environmental benefits, such as controlling dry land salinity, wind and water erosion and waterlogging.

An expression of interest is now open to Landholders within the Shire of Kojonup who are interested in having a demonstration site on their land (approximately 10Ha each). The project will commence in October 2021 with completion in June 2023 and includes paddock assessment for suitability



of the site, design and species selection by an agronomist, pasture seed and perennial shrubs as well as fencing material. If you are interested in increasing on-farm drought resilience in participating in the project to submit an expression of interest to Adele Landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au by 31 August 2021.

Bridal Creeper – Control Options

The Landcare office has had a number of queries from the community about the prevalence of Bridal Creeper in the region and its control. Previously there have been projects that were funded for the control/management in the region which a number of methods for including the release of Bridal Creeper Rust Fungus were trialed. There are still a few sites where the rust is persisting in the Shire of Kojonup and although the rust fungus doesn't kill the weed completely it can slow down its growth. Given the higher rainfall conditions this season there may be benefits to releasing the rust into populations through making your own "Spore water" which is a simple process and it can be done with the equipment most of us have in our garden sheds.



If you would like more information on locations where you can collect some rust and how to make "Spore water" please contact Adele Landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au

Drought Resilience Leaders Mentoring Program

The Drought Resilience Leaders Mentoring Program (DRLM) will connect people to share knowledge and experience bringing together farmers and other rural professionals from all over the country.

Mentors and mentees will participate in six 1:1 mentoring sessions and have access to webinars and resources covering a range of topics relevant to agriculture and regional Australia, broadly contributing to drought and climate resilience. The Program will commence in January 2022 for a six month period

Participants will have opportunities to learn from one another and those with experience and expertise in the areas of climate science, resilience, wellbeing and agricultural practice.

For more information or to register - <https://rural-leaders.org.au/drought-resilience-leaders-mentor-program/>

Applications are now open and close on 31 August 2021.

Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary = Community Tree Planting

Would you like to come and join us for a "Community Planting day" at the beautiful Myrtle Benn Flora Sanctuary on 11 August 2021. We will be planting native seedlings along the old access track to the Landfill site which once established will create a buffer for weeds and improve the bushland condition. For those who are interested to explore the reserve after the planting to see what is flowering there are a number of short walks to enjoy.

Where: Follow the signs on Soldier rd. to the meeting point

When: Wednesday 11 August

Time: 1 pm to 3pm

What to bring: Clean planting tools, gloves and wear sturdy and waterproof shoes. A thermos and we will provide a light snack when we have finished

Please RSVP to Adele Landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au by Monday 9th August

A Picture Says A Thousand Words

The hall has undertaken a considerable amount of restoration and repairs on the south wall will commence on Monday 8 August.





Continuing the restoration theme, internal renovations are also continuing and Council is delighted with the results.



PUBLIC NOTICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

MARKYT® Community Scorecard

Your input is requested to measure how the Shire of Kojonup is addressing the needs of the community. Please complete the MARKYT® **Community Scorecard** for the Shire of Kojonup.

The scorecard invites you to rate a range of services and facilities and will help the Shire to better understand and meet community priorities. Your responses will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence in accordance with the **Privacy Act** and **Australian Privacy Principles**

You will find the **confidential scorecard** by clicking on this link:

https://catalyse.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ODIIMYmsnqAfUfY

The scorecard generally takes 5 to 10 minutes to complete, or may be slightly longer if you wish to expand on your written responses. We value your time and comments greatly.

The scorecard will remain open until **13 August 2021**. All community members aged 14 years or over are invited to submit a response.

If other people you know would like to participate, please invite them to visit www.catalyse.com.au/studies and follow the link to the Shire's study.

If you have questions about this study please contact the Shire on 9831 2400 email council@kojonup.wa.gov.au

We look forward to hearing from you.



When it comes to your digital capability, what rating would you give yourself?

How well do you think you manage your data and devices? And how digitally literate are you?

The answers to these questions – and more – are now within easy reach, thanks to our new [nbn™ Digital Capability Tool](http://www.nbn.tm/37SZNs3). Learn more at the nbn™ Digital Capability Tool and resource library: <http://www.nbn.tm/37SZNs3>



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Suicide is preventable. Anyone can make a difference.

- Half-day training in suicide alertness skills
- Learn four basic steps to create a life-saving connection
- Widely used by professionals and the general public

Upcoming safeTALK training in Kojonup

Date: Friday, August 27th, 2021, 10:00am - 2:00pm

Location: Kojonup Sporting Complex, Benn Parade

Hosted by: Shire of Kojonup and Palmerston

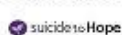
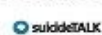
No Cost, funded by the Mental Health Commission, valued at \$150 per person, light lunch provided

To register, call Palmerston at 08 9892 2100 or email prevention@palmerston.org.au

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 16 OCTOBER 2021

ENROLLING TO VOTE



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BE A VOCAL LOCAL

You may be eligible to be enrolled to vote in the following in-person Local Government elections on 16 October 2021 if you live in or are an owner or occupier of rateable property in the district of the relevant Local Government.

Residents

You are automatically enrolled to vote if you are on the State Electoral Roll as at 5.00pm 27 August 2021. If you are not already on the State Electoral Roll but meet the eligibility criteria for this Roll, you can enrol online at www.aec.gov.au. Alternatively, enrolment forms are available from Post Offices, Australian Electoral Commission offices or the West Australian Electoral Commission www.elections.wa.gov.au. Forms must be completed and received by a Divisional Returning Officer of the Australian Electoral Commission in Western Australia by 5.00pm Friday 27 August 2021.

Non-Resident Owners and Occupiers

If you are a non-resident owner or occupier of rateable property in your Local Government area and are on the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll, you are eligible to enrol to vote and should make an enrolment application to the Local Government. If you are not on the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll and own or occupy rateable property in a particular Local Government, you may be eligible to enrol to vote if you were on the Local Government's last electoral roll prior to May 1996. Please contact the particular Local Government for details. Owners of land who were on the last roll of the Local Government continue to

retain that status until they cease to own the rateable property to which the enrolment relates. Occupiers do not have continuous enrolment and should contact their particular Local Government to confirm their enrolment status. To be eligible to enrol as an occupier, you will need to have a right of continuous occupation under a lease, tenancy agreement or other legal instrument for at least the next 3 months following the date of the application to enrol.

Joint Owners and Occupiers

If a rateable property is owned or occupied by more than two people, a majority of the owners/occupiers may nominate two persons from amongst themselves who are on either the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll, to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

Corporations

A body corporate that owns or occupies rateable property may nominate two people who are on either the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

Enrolment Forms

Enrolment claim forms can be obtained from Local Governments and should be lodged with the particular Chief Executive Officer by 5.00pm Friday 27 August 2021. If you registered for the 2019 elections or since that time you do not need to register.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

SHIRE OF BEVERLEY – 136 VINCENT STREET, BEVERLEY 6304
SHIRE OF BOYUP BROOK – 55 ABEL STREET, BOYUP BROOK 6244
SHIRE OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND – 2 MURRAY ROAD CHRISTMAS ISLAND 6798
SHIRE OF CORRIGIN – 9 LYNCH STREET, CORRIGIN 6375
SHIRE OF CUNDERDIN – 37 LUNDY AVENUE, CUNDERDIN 6407
SHIRE OF DALWALLINU – 58 JOHNSTON STREET, DALWALLINU 6609
SHIRE OF DUMBLEYUNG – 32 HARVEY STREET, DUMBLEYUNG 6350
SHIRE OF GOOMALLING – 32 QUINLAN STREET, GOOMALLING 6460
SHIRE OF KELLERBERRIN – 110 MASSINGHAM STREET, KELLERBERRIN 6410
SHIRE OF KOJONUP – 93 ARADY HIGHWAY, KOJONUP 6395
SHIRE OF LAVERTON – 9 MACPHERSON PLACE, LAVERTON 6440
SHIRE OF LEONORA – 107 16 TOWER STREET, LEONORA 6438
SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA – 75 MAIN STREET, MEEKATHARRA 6642
SHIRE OF MORAWA – 26 WINFIELD STREET, MORAWA 6623

SHIRE OF MOUNT MAGNET – 90 HEPBURN STREET, MOUNT MAGNET 6638
SHIRE OF MURKINBUDIN – 15 MADDOCK STREET, MURKINBUDIN 6479
SHIRE OF MURCHISON – 107 3007 CARNARVON-MULLEWA RD, MURCHISON 6630
SHIRE OF NANNUP – 15 ADAM STREET, NANNUP 6275
SHIRE OF NAREMBEEN – 1 LONGHURST STREET, NAREMBEEN 6369
SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON – 199 HAMPTON ROAD, NORTHAMPTON 6535
SHIRE OF QUAIRADING – 10 JENABERING ROAD, QUAIRADING 6383
SHIRE OF SANDSTONE – HACK STREET, SANDSTONE, 6639
SHIRE OF TAMMIN – 1 DOWNAN STREET, TAMMIN, 6409
SHIRE OF TRAYNING – 107 66 BAYVIEW STREET TRAYNING 6488
SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR – 31 BIRKBECK STREET, DARKE 6392
SHIRE OF WICKHAM – 77 WOGOLIN ROAD WICKHAM 6370
SHIRE OF WOODANILLING – 3316 ROBINSON ROAD, WOODANILLING 6316
SHIRE OF WYALKATCHAM – 27 FLINT STREET, WYALKATCHAM 6485