

SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

Edition 225 – 12 November 2021

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Shire of Kojonup – Fire Mitigation 2021-2022

We have now entered our Prohibited Burning Period. Permits can be issued between 05 November 2021 and 15 December 2021 for protective burning only.

As residents are aware, The Shire of Kojonup Regulatory Services has commenced its annual Fire Inspections within the gazetted town site to ensure its residents comply with the Shire of Kojonup Fire Notice.

All land within the gazetted town site are to ensure that their property already complies and that adequate fire hazard reduction measures have been taken.

For the surrounding rural area, you have until the 12th of December 2021 to ensure your properties comply.

If you have identified a property with overgrown vegetation that you think may pose a risk or be non-compliant, feel free to contact us on 9831 2400 to report it.

For a copy of the Shire of Kojonup's Fire Notice, you can either download a copy from our website at www.kojonup.wa.gov.au or by visiting our Administration office at 93 Albany Highway, Kojonup.

What can I do to reduce the risk of fire at my property?

You can reduce the fire risk around your home by clearing out anything that could fuel a fire.

Things you can do to help include:

- Regularly mowing the grass and raking up leaves
- Removing weeds and pruning bushes and trees
- Keeping garden beds moist through mulching or other non-flammable ground covers like pebbles
- Regularly clearing leaves from gutters, roofs, downpipes and around the base of trees
- Maintaining a well-watered lawn (complying with water restrictions)
- Storing flammable or combustible materials such as woodpiles and rubbish away from your house

You can further prepare by:

- Ensuring that your garden hoses are long enough to reach all areas of your property
- Making sure that any fire hydrants near your home are accessible and unobstructed
- Creating a personal protection kit (goggles, gloves, hat, boots and cotton trousers and long sleeved shirt)

And remember to ask the important question – Are you Bushfire ready?

Further information on preparing your property can be found on www.dfes.wa.gov.au

Shire of Kojonup Ranger Introduction

The Shire of Kojonup has a new Ranger. We would like to welcome Stephanie to the Team.

Stephanie Swain is excited to join the Shire of Kojonup and continue her professional Ranger career.

Prior to working for the Shire, Stephanie was employed by the City of Bunbury as a Ranger/Fire Control Officer.

Stephanie's family recently moved to the area and after having grown up in the Great Southern her whole life, it's wonderful she is returning to live and work in a place close to her heart. She is currently working on a part time basis being every Wednesday and Friday, however any emergency's and after hours call outs Stephanie will be available to the community.

As a Ranger, Stephanie handles a diverse range of community compliance including animal control, abandoned vehicles, littering offences and fire control to name a few. Stephanie is committed to providing an outstanding service to the community, and looks forward to meeting everyone in her travels.

If you have any questions or would like to make an enquiry and how Stephanie is able to assist you, contact her on 9831 2400 for a chat!



New Front Door

You'll notice something different next time you visit the Shire Administration building.

As a part of the Shire's access policy for all residents it has installed a new automatic front door at the front entrance to the administration building.

This will allow more effective access to the services that you require from your Shire.

If you have any queries please come and see the customer service team at the Shire Admin Building on Albany Highway and check out the new door on your way in.



Ned Radford
Shire President

Grant Thompson
Chief Executive Officer

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Oval Lighting Project

Our new oval lighting project is very close to completion! A test run occurred with Black Stump Electrical's assistance on Monday night, with a few local footballers getting a demonstration. The difference in visibility was amazing, and we look forward to the community making use of the space in the evenings.

More information regarding access for the lights will be available in the coming weeks, or you can ring Emily at the Administration Building for advice.



The Kevin O'Halloran pool in Kojonup is now open!

The re-opening of the Kevin O'Halloran pool was on Wednesday 10th November 2021.

Opening hours are: Monday Wednesday Thursday 12:00pm-6:30pm

Friday Saturday Sunday 12:00pm-6:00pm

Early morning swimming Monday and Friday 6:00am-8:00am.

The Swimming Pool holds numerous activity days over summer with our BILTZ inflatable, basketball hoops, pool toys and music. The facility is well suited for children's birthday parties, to advise staff of a party please contact the Swimming Pool Manager during opening hours. With free BBQ use, great grass to sit on and lots of shade, the pool is a fun and fantastic place to spend a hot summer's day. The swimming pool is an alcohol free zone to ensure the safety of all children who visit and so we can remain a safe area for all families who come here to have fun.

Please Always Remember to Watch Around Water.



Junior Cricket Gala Event

Friday 12 November will see a Gala Cricket event held for junior cricketers, Master Blast cricketers and local children, supported by the Western Australian Cricket Association, Kojonup Cougars Junior Cricket and the Shire. Please feel free to attend with your children and experience the new lights, a sausage sizzle, face painting and a chance to meet the Perth Scorchers mascot 'Blaze the Dragon'.

More information is available on the poster. See next page.

PERTH SCORCHERS

+ GREAT SOUTHERN CRICKET ASSOCIATION

JUNIOR CRICKET GALA EVENT

- 🏏 WHO | CHILDREN AGED 5 - 12
- 🏏 WHAT | COME AND PLAY CRICKET UNDER LIGHTS WITH YOUR FRIENDS
- 🏏 WHERE | KOJONUP SPORTING COMPLEX
- 🏏 WHEN | FRIDAY, 12TH OF NOVEMBER
- 🌭 FOOD AND DRINK AVAILABLE
- ➡️ COME AND MEET BLAZE THE DRAGON
- 🏏 USE THE SCORCHERS INFLATABLE CRICKET NET
- 💡 PLAY CRICKET UNDER LIGHTS!

UNDER 13'S PLAY AT 4:30PM

GROUND 1: KOJONUP V KATANNING

GROUND 2: BROOMEHILL V GNOWANGERUP

5-12 YEAR OLDS & CRICKET

BLASTERS PLAY 5:30-6:30PM

KOJONUP | GNOWANGERUP | KATANNING
BROOMEHILL - TAMBELLUP | FRANKLAND RIVER

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GREAT SOUTHERN
CRICKET MANAGER DARCY MIDDLETON ON 0436 925
160 OR DARCY.MIDDLETON@WACRICKET.COM.AU



Department of Transport - Optional Plate Orders for Christmas

The cut-off dates for ordering optional number plates to ensure delivery prior to Christmas

BizPlate applications must be ordered before 4.30pm on Friday 26 November 2021

All Other optional plate applications must be ordered before 4.30pm on Friday 3 December 2021 to ensure delivery prior to Christmas

Optional plate applications processed after these dates are not guaranteed to be manufactured and delivered before Christmas.



Practical Driving Assessments - Bookings are filling fast -

The next practical driving Assessor will be visiting Kojonup on **Wednesday, 8 December 2021** from 8:15am. However there is only a small number of vacancies available. Contact the Shire Administration Office to book your place 98312400.



**Are you passionate about children? Are you looking for a change of scenery?
Do you have the necessary skills and qualifications?**



Kojonup Child Care Centre – Play and Learn is seeking Diploma qualified staff.

Nestled in the rural heartland of the Great Southern region, historic Kojonup is more than just a gateway to the beautiful South. Settled over 150 years ago, this bustling rural town still bears all the trademarks of a traditional country settlement, with its historic buildings and friendly, safe atmosphere.

Kojonup Child Care Centre is a not for profit, purpose built, 23-place community-run, childcare centre providing high quality childcare for its local community. We endeavour to play an active role and respond to the community's needs.

Overseen by a very passionate committee, the centre offers wonderful facilities, it is light & bright and the aesthetics of this beautiful building with its nature playground contribute to our staff and centre ethos.

We believe children develop at their own rate and learn through freedom of play within a safe, secure, loving, stimulating and healthy environment. We encourage children to respect and value individuality while nurturing co-operation.

We are looking for Diploma Qualified Educators – this role is crucial to the development of children; we have the superpowers to make a difference to the lives of children. Our role is to inspire, enrich and build confidence in little ones! We are seeking educators with experience and a passion for making a difference to the lives of children and their families. You will have a genuine interest in children, with a kind, caring and professional manner.

Qualifications and experience:

- Relevant experience in a childcare centre environment or a minimum of 12mths previous experience working in an early education and care service under the National Quality Framework is preferred.
- Demonstrated ability to complete the planning cycle to support children to achieve outcomes Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written
- Outstanding phone manner and customer service
- Positive 'can do' attitude and willing to have fun!
- Professional presentation
- Highly organised
- Demonstrated leadership
- Current WWCC and Police Clearance
- Current First Aid (HLTAID003), Asthma and Anaphylaxis (HLTAID004) and Child Protection training (CHCPRT001)
- Minimum Certificate III qualification MUST be enrolled in Diploma and actively working towards or already hold a Diploma.

If you share our enthusiasm for creating an amazing service which meets and responds to the needs of our community, then this is the place for you!

Be a part of a wonderful community that will welcome you with open arms.

What else is available in Kojonup?

Check out the many facilities here: <https://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au/>

- A welcoming community
- Enjoy Local Food & Drink at the various cafes & hotels in Kojonup
- Play sport
- Schools, a District High School and Catholic Primary School
- Accommodation available
- Visit the many other beautiful parts of our great state, with Albany less than two hours away, whip over to Manjimup, Bridgetown or Boyup Brook for a day or a weekend. With Kojonup centrally located in the Great Southern your choices are endless.

To apply, please email your resume and cover letter to Kylie.Archer@kojonupchildcare.com.au

VACANT POSTIONS



The Shire of Kojonup is recruiting for the following positions:

- Customer Service Officer—Kojonup Visitors Centre
- Building Maintenance Coordinator/Handyman
- ACFI Registered Nurse
- Personal Care Assistants
- Traffic Controller/General Hand

Have a look on our website for more details.

<https://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au/Employment/>

LANDCARE

Heartland Journeys

Our Very own Myrtle Benn and Farrar reserve have been included in a new website “Heartland Journeys” which was launched on the 29th of October.

Stories from locals, history of the reserves, geology and the diverse flora and fauna. This is a great way for people to learn about the great southern region and to explore it at their own pace.

<https://heartlandjourneys.com.au/places/>

It's Planet Arks National Recycling Week.

What do you do at home or work to recycle? There are lots of items that we put in the general rubbish that can actually be recycled – these include Batteries, Bread tags and Milk Bottle lids, E-waste, Coffee pods and printer cartridges.

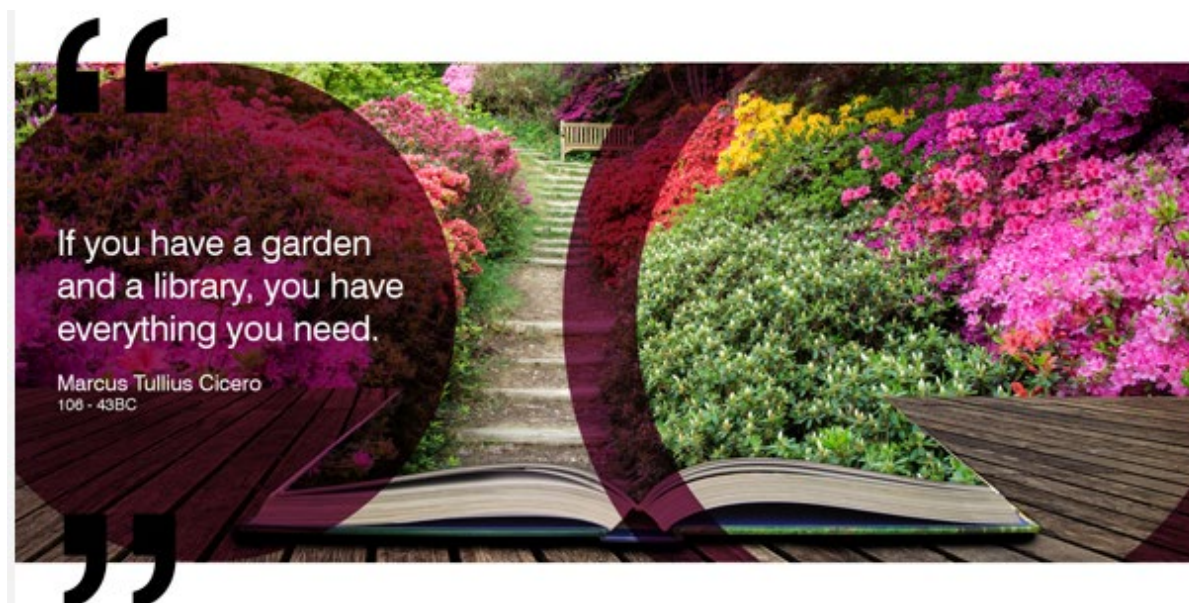
To find out where these items are being collected in the area and what you can do to recycle click the link <https://recyclingnearyou.com.au/nationalrecyclingweek/>

Did you know there is a containers for change bag drop bin in Kojonup behind the 124 Café? IF you have a Scheme ID you can fill a bag label it with your details and the money will be deposited into your nominated account or to a charity of your choice <https://www.containersforchange.com.au/wa/> or the Containers for change Katanning is open for drop off on Friday 12-4 and 9-3?

Environmental Activities

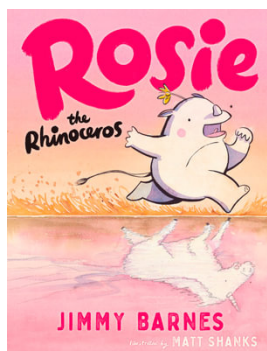
Are you between 10 and 22 and are interested in the Environment and Social issues? Do you have an idea that can help tackle the big issues? Millennium Kids is a youth led organisation empowering youth to help transform your ideas into projects. If you are interested in participating there are opportunities to have activities in the Kojonup area, Get in touch with NRM officer Adele to register your interest and for more information on Millennium Kids <https://www.millenniumkids.com.au/> .

LIBRARY



It's been a particularly cold winter this year, but with summer finally on the horizon we hope you are all feeling excited to start making plans for the Summer because Spring is almost done!

We have quite a few NEW books lined up for the next few months to inspire you to bring the summer mood with easy reading...maybe in the garden for both children and adults.



From the award-winning author and rock legend Jimmy Barnes and critically acclaimed illustrator Matt Shanks comes a book about the joy of being yourself.

Who is Rosie?

Is she a fun-loving rhinoceros who is always up early and ready to greet the day? Or is she a magical unicorn who skips through the savannah on her dainty hooves?

Either way she's perfect!!



52 Weeks of Socks is a modern collection of sock patterns from Nordic knitting experts Laine.

What is more special than a pair of hand-knitted socks? Perfect for curling up at home on cosy winter evenings and crisp autumn mornings, or for hiking adventures over spring afternoons and summer nights, knitted socks are the ultimate small luxury. Whether they're a treat for yourself or a heartfelt gift, there's love in every stitch. Knitting is more than just knit, knit, purl. It is a feeling. This whimsical book contains a beautiful pair of socks for every week of the year. That's 52 sock patterns contributed by 46 leading knitwear designers from across the world, suitable for

knitters of all abilities. Each uses different yarns and techniques, including projects with stunning stitch definition and classic slippers for beginners. From sole to toe, these easy-to-follow patterns will sweep you up with stunning photography and styling that evokes the inspiring Nordic landscape and slow living.

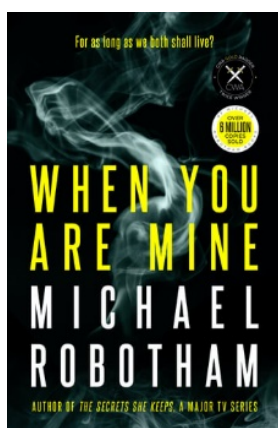
52 Weeks of Socks is a book to treasure and return to again and again, not just for weeks but for years to come.



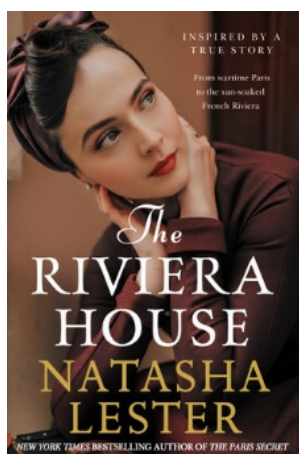
The Bibbulmun Track is a World class walking trail that runs just over 1000km through the forests and across the coastal heaths of South West, Western Australia, from the towns of Kalamunda the North to Albany in the South. *Naturalist on the Bibbulmun* is the story of one man's journey with his son through this ancient and extraordinary corner of the world. The biodiversity is so extensive that it is impossible to provide a comprehensive field guide to the Bibbulmun Track. Nevertheless, the author musters his expertise in ecology and evolutionary biology to document the animals and plants found during the Noongar seasons of kambarang and birak, from November to January, with colour photographs throughout. In so doing we learn how evolution has shaped the extraordinary diversity of animals and plants in this corner of the World, the important roles

biodiversity plays in providing the stable ecosystem in which we live and prosper, and the serious impacts to that stability imposed by our increasing overexploitation of what is an ancient and fragile landscape.

Naturalist on the Bibbulmun is both a witness statement of the current state of the natural regions of southwestern WA, and a call to arms to protect for our future generations what little remains of one of the world's most extraordinary natural habitats.



When you are mine: Philomena McCarthy has defied the odds and become a promising young officer with the Metropolitan Police despite being the daughter of a notorious London gangster. Called to the scene of a domestic assault one day, she rescues a bloodied young woman, Tempe Brown, the mistress of a decorated detective. The incident is hushed up, but Phil has unwittingly made a dangerous enemy with powerful friends. Determined to protect each other, the two women strike up a tentative friendship. Tempe is thoughtful and sweet and makes herself indispensable to Phil, but sinister things keep happening and something isn't quite right about the stories Tempe tells. When a journalist with links to Phil's father and to the detective is found floating in the Thames, Phil doesn't know where to turn, who to blame or who she can trust.

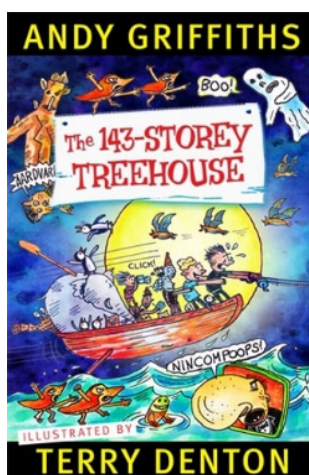


Natasha Lester at her best: Paris, 1939 While working at the Louvre, Eliane Dufort falls for talented painter Xavier. But when the Nazis occupy the city, Xavier leaves for England and Eliane must send her sisters to the country. Broken-hearted, she finds herself working with the mysterious Rose Valland on a dangerous secret mission for the French Resistance: to record all the priceless national treasures the Germans are stealing. Present Day Desperate to escape her grief, Remy Lang arrives at a stunning private estate on the French Riviera. While working on her vintage fashion business, she discovers a catalogue of artworks stolen during World War II and is shocked to see a painting that hung on her childhood bedroom wall in Sydney. Who is her family, really? And does the Riviera house hold more secrets than Remy is ready to face?

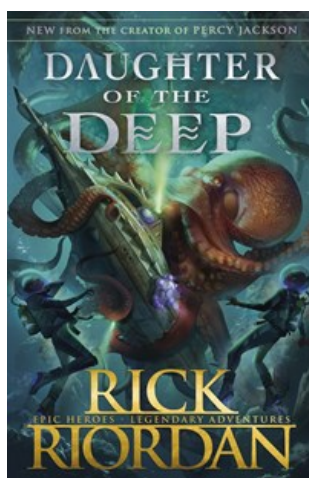


A heart warming, page-turning adventure about one child's love for his most treasured thing, and how far he will go to find it. A tale for the whole family to fall in love with, from one of the world's greatest storytellers.

Jack loves his childhood toy, Dur Pig. DP has always been there for him, through good and bad. Until one Christmas Eve, something terrible happens - DP is lost. But Christmas Eve is a night for miracles and lost causes, a night when all things can come to life... even toys. And Jack's newest toy - the Christmas Pig (DP's annoying replacement) - has a daring plan: Together they'll embark on a magical journey to seek something lost, and to save the best friend Jack has ever known...



What more are we expecting from these masterful storytellers?: Andy and Terry's treehouse now has 13 new storeys, including a word-o-matic (it knows every word in the whole world!); a recycling depot; a wrecking ball; a complaining room; a spooky graveyard (where it's always midnight, even in the middle of the day); a toffee apple orchard guarded by a kind scarecrow; and a camping ground where you can have a nice, relaxing camping holiday-unless you get caught by hobyahs, put in a bag and poked with a stick, that is ... Well, what are you waiting for? Come on up! For the next adventure.



An epic undersea adventure from **global bestselling author, Rick Riordan**. Featuring a brand-new female hero and inspired by Jules Verne's *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*.

Ana Dakkar is a freshman at Harding-Pencroft Academy, training centre for the best marine scientists and underwater explorers in the world. When Ana embarks on the sea trials that mark the end of her freshman year, her life as she knows it is blown out of the water. She and her school mates witness a terrible tragedy and discover that Harding-Pencroft and their rival school Land Institute have been engaged in a deadly rivalry going back over one hundred and fifty years. With the rivalry turned up full broil, Ana will be tested more than ever before . . .



Join with Annette at KDHS for 'PLAY CAFE' from 9:30am-11:30am.

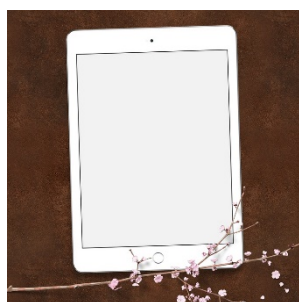
Annette will be setting up mostly outside so the children will have the fabulous play area, including the sandpit and undercover area to enjoy. Join in for fun free activities, shared fruit, and adult conversation. Please if it's a beautiful day, bring hats and water bottles.

Just a reminder, our last 'PLAY IN THE PARK' for 2021 will be Wednesday 24th November!! See you then



What a beautiful visit from the children of St Bernard's School!! An impromptu story time with the children feeling safe and happy in the environment. (*How gorgeous are their bright pink safety vests!!*)

I get to have further time with the children, when they receive their Better Beginnings Pack from the State Library of WA later this month, thanks to Mel & Lara for bringing the children down.



Need help with your device? 'Digital Drop In' is back and we are ready to troubleshoot and assist you with your tech related queries. No need to book, just pop in! This service is available to people over the age of 50.

*We can help you with accessing **free** eBooks, eAudio's, eStreaming and eMagazines all using your library card.*

Please ask Lorreen for help if you need it?

THE KODJA PLACE



'Y-INAGN' (Creation) by local Noongar artist Craig McVee

The Six Noongar Seasons are:

Birak (Summer)	Mid-December / Mid-February
Bunuru (Autumn)	Mid-February / Mid-April
Djeran (Windy)	Mid-April / Mid-June
Makuru (Winter)	Mid-June / Mid-August
Djilba (Windy)	Mid-August / Mid-October
Kambarang (Spring)	Mid-October / Mid-December

What Our Visitors are Saying!

“Awesome Display of town history. Well done.”

Theo & Sue

“Excellent, impressive & Informative. Thank you.”

AB, Bunbury

“Thank you, lots of terrific information, very well presented”

Albany



HOMESPUN ON HOME TURF!

On Friday November 5 over 300 people turned out to watch the new web series HOMESPUN, created locally and involving many people in the community. Everyone embraced the 'bush black tie' dress theme and brought a touch of Hollywood to town when they sashayed down the red carpet in style! The festive screening under the stars was a wonderful success and I'd like to thank everyone involved in helping organise the event, especially the crew who worked on the night and were simply sensational! We'll let you know when the series is available online!



PUBLIC NOTICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

COME AND SING WITH A CAROL CHOIR

If you love singing Christmas Carols, then why don't you come and join others on the stage when we sing at the courtyard at the Kodja Place on Friday 17th December? We will have practices on Monday 6th and 13th December at 7pm at the Lawrence House Boniface Care Hall near St Mary's Church. This is not a fancy choir, we just want to have lots of people having fun.



Carols at Kodja, Friday 17th December, 5:30pm for a 6pm when the children's choir.

WOMEN'S FOOTY IS COMING TO KOJONUP & KATANNING!!!

**MT BARKER WOMEN'S FOOTBALL TEAM, EXTENDS AN OPEN
INVITE TO ALL WOMEN IN THE REGION, BETWEEN THE AGES
OF 15 AND BEYOND, TO JOIN OUR TEAM - NO PRIOR
EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!**

WHEN & WHERE:

- THURSDAY, 4/11/2021 - KATANNING FOOTY OVAL - 6:30-8:00PM,
- EVERY THURSDAY AFTER THAT: KOJONUP FOOTY OVAL - 6:30-8:00PM
- EVERY MONDAY FROM 1/11/2021 - MT BARKER FOOTY OVAL - 6:00-7:30PM+
- GAMES ON FRIDAY NIGHTS, 10 ROUNDS IN THE ALBANY/MT BARKER REGION, STARTING LATE JANUARY

**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST AND GET MORE INFO FROM THE COACH:
CAM: 0427 426 086 (CALLS PREFERRED - TEXTING TAKES TOO LONG...)**