

SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

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COUNCIL BRIEFS

At the Council meeting held Tuesday 17 August, Council considered a request from the Kodja Place Community Fund Inc. (KPCF), to amend the charging structure for entry into The Kodja Place.

Council decided "that the following entry fees for The Kodja Place contained within the 2021/2022 List of Fees and Charges be deleted on a trial basis until 30 June 2022 and replaced with 'entry by donation':

Kodja Place Entry Fees (Local Residents Free of Charge)

Adult	\$10.00
Senior or concession card	\$5.00
Child and /or student (under 3 free)	\$5.00
Family 2 adults + 2 or more children	\$25.00
Visitor(s) accompanied by Kojonup Resident	50% of fee
Groups over 10 (per person)	\$8.00
School Groups over 10 (per person)	\$4.00
School Groups over 10 (per person) with activity kits (additional charge)	\$3.00

Coach Tours/Packages (minimum 15 people)

Adult (normal entry)	\$7.50
Senior (normal entry)	\$4.00
Child (normal entry)	\$ 3.50
Guided tour (outside normal tour times but in business hours) Adult	\$8.50
Guided tour (outside normal tour times but in business hours) Child	\$4.00
Billy Tea and Damper (per person) additional to entry.	\$4.00"

Councillors are encouraged to undertake training and to attend workshops whenever possible. In addition and in accordance with Policy 3.3 Councillor Induction and Training, Councillors are also encouraged to attend the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA), Convention and Trade and Exhibition as it provides Councillors with the opportunity to network with their peers, to learn new things and to discuss matters related to regional communities and local government in general.

The Shire President and Deputy Shire President are the Council's only nominated delegates and all other Elected Members must obtain formal approval to attend the conference. Council approved the attendance of Cr Fleay, Cr Singh and Cr Gale

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

Recognition of Twenty Years of Service
Council would like to wish Heather Marland a happy work anniversary; 20 years of service at the Shire of Kojonup. Your many years of service are a true testimony of your dedication to the Kojonup community and you are truly valued for your contributions.

You are a significant part of our team and we look forward to the contributions that we know you will make in the time to come.

John Benn
Shire President

Grant Thompson
Chief Executive Officer



Council Meeting Dates for 2021

The next Council meeting will be held on **21 September 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 cmpqt@kojonup.wa.gov.au and the Manager Corporate and Community Services will table all correspondence received.

Local Government Elections 16 October 2021

Elected members play a vital leadership role, working together to create and implement the community's vision, strategic direction and values. Improving your community starts with local government. If you want to make a difference to your local facilities and services, then you should consider becoming a candidate.



Nominations open
2 – 9 September 2021



Eligibility to nominate

Under the [Local Government Act 1995](#), to be eligible to nominate as a candidate for a local government election, the candidate must be an elector of the district (residential or owner/occupier) and over 18 years of age.

A person cannot nominate as a candidate if they:

- are a member of the Legislative Assembly, the Legislative Council, the House of Representatives or the Senate (or has been elected as such a member but has not yet taken office)
- are a member of the council of another local government
- are an insolvent under administration
- are in prison serving a sentence for a crime
- have been convicted of a serious local government offence within the last 5 years (unless the court waived the disqualification)
- have been convicted on indictment of an offence for which the indictable penalty was, or included:
 - imprisonment for life, or
 - imprisonment for more than five years.
- are subject to a court order disqualifying him or her from being a member of a council because he or she has misapplied local government funds or property
- are a nominee of a body corporate

Prior to nominating, all candidates must complete the Induction for Prospective Candidates Course from the [Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries](#) website.

Nominations

To nominate as a candidate for a local government election, the candidate must make a valid nomination application. This consists of:

- a completed nomination form –
- a candidate profile (800 characters including spaces)
- a deposit of \$80
- a photograph (optional).

All nomination applications must be signed by the candidate in front of a witness.

The nomination application must be presented to the Returning Officer at a pre-arranged appointment before 4.00pm on the day of close of nominations, 37 days before election day.

As the Returning Officer may ask candidates to amend their nomination, it is recommended that candidates ensure that they have allowed sufficient time to finalise any required changes prior to the close of nominations.

Standing for Council

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THE KODJA PLACE

Follow the Dream

On Monday 9 August, Students from the Follow the Dream program in Albany enjoyed a guided tour of the Kodja Place conducted by Craig McVee and Billy Milo and Damper. Follow the Dream is a secondary aspirations program run throughout Western Australia at 28 locations. The program supports Indigenous secondary students to reach their potential and work towards tertiary studies, further training or meaningful employment.



Albany Senior High School is just one of the many schools that proudly hosts the Follow the Dream program and supports almost 70 students from Albany, Mount Barker and Denmark.

What Our Visitors Are Saying.....



Wonderful Wildflowers - What's Flowering Now!



Not only do we have fields of canola in bloom in the district, but the bushland reserves and roadsides are a seas of colour -from pink fairy orchids and yellow cowslips to wattles, leschenaultias and hakeas.

It's a great opportunity to take a drive and have a stroll in one of the many beautiful reserves – follow the link to the self-drive wildflower map

<https://www.kojonupvisitors.com.au/see-do>



The Clubbed Spider Orchid (*Caladenia longiclavata*) is flowering at Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary. The Clubbed Spider Orchid can grow up to 400mm in height and has one or two, greenish-yellow flowers with red markings.

This attractive Orchid is distinguished by its heavily-clubbed petals and sepals, a feature which is only shared with the closely related Stumpy Spider Orchid.



The Clubbed Spider Orchid can be found between Perth and Albany, growing in sandy soils, Sheoak woodland near the coast and in lateritic loams in jarrah and dense Karri forest inland.

The Winter Donkey Orchid (*Diuris brumalis*) is also flowering at Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary. Winter Donkey Orchids are one of the first orchids to flower each season.



In July and August, it is a common sight along the edge of the Darling Scarp particularly in areas burnt by summer fire.

This Orchid is distinguished by its early flowering period, its large pale yellow and brown flowers and its prominent lateral lobes and relatively small mid-lobe on the labellum.

Brochures for Kojonup's Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary and Farrar Dam Reserve can be found at The Kojonup Visitor Centre.



WORKS AND SERVICES

Road Works Update



The Works and Services Team would like to thank road users for being patient while weather conditions have not been favorable. As weather conditions continue to improve, teams will be undertaking the grading and repairs throughout our road networks so please keep an eye out for team members as they progress the following works:

- ✓ Graders are located in the Balgarup area and Magini Road areas.
- ✓ Bitumen/pot holing crews will be attending to repairs on pot holes on all our bitumen roads.
- ✓ Trucks carting gravel to cover severe pot holes/wash outs in various areas.

Due to the heavy rains we have experienced, several culverts are also blocked however, these will also be cleaned over the coming weeks.



LANDCARE

NRM Drought Resilience Trial – EOI – Final Call

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**.

Community Planting -St Bernard's Primary School

Over the past two weeks the Students from Kindy to year 6 at St Bernard's Primary school have assisted the Shire of Kojonup to plant over 3000 seedlings at the Robinson Road Landfill Site and the Kojonup Air strip as part of National Tree day activities.

We were lucky to have sunny days for planting with follow up rain to give the plants a good start.

Thanks to everyone that came along and got their hands dirty and their boots muddy for the environment.



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 close on 31 August 2021.

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Practical Driving Assessments
- Bookings are filling fast -



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



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

Kojonup Youth Precinct Planning Commences



In conjunction with the Shire of Kojonup, Skate Sculpture will be commencing initial consultation and engagement sessions, to start planning for a Youth Precinct space in Kojonup. Sessions will be held with students at both schools in September, to gather ideas, suggestions and layouts for the space.

Perth based company, Skate Sculpture, are a specialty skate park design consultancy firm with completed and existing projects throughout WA. Two of their recent projects have been the Albany Youth Challenge Park and the Boddington Skate Park and Youth Space.

These initial engagement sessions will be just the start of an exciting new project for Kojonup.

PUBLIC NOTICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

KOJONUP DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL P&C PRESENT.....

2021 ART AUCTION FUNDRAISER



FRIDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

DOORS OPEN @ 5PM
AUCTION STARTS @ 6.30PM
BAR OPEN @ 5PM
CANAPES - RAFFLES
FREE ENTRY
MEMORIAL HALL

CHILDRENS ART
GARDEN SCULPTURES
PEARLS - RACE WEAR
HOMEWARES

LOCAL AND INTERSTATE ARTISTS WORK FOR AUCTION

All proceeds going to KDHS P&C for future projects

FOR INFO
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- 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

safeTALK works. Learn more and see the evidence at www.livingworks.net/safetalk



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