GENERAL COMMUNITY NEWS

Community Addiction Forum – 16 June 2016
Council in conjunction with the WA Country Health Service will be conducting a Community Information Session on drug & alcohol addiction at the Kojonup Sports Complex on Thursday, 16 June 2016 from 1.00pm until 3.00pm. The session is open to all community members especially parents to hear presenter Mr Bryan Taylor who has years of experience in working with families and all types of drug users.
Please make the effort to attend this important session.

Black Cockatoo Café
Council has successfully re-opened the Black Cockatoo Café. Special thanks to Management, Staff, Rachelle and the café team for your commitment to have the café open for business as customer feedback particularly over the long-weekend was very encouraging.

This major decision was made following extensive consultation with the Kodja Place Community Fund Inc. – Interim Committee of Management, Kodja Place Advisory Committee and Council regarding the need for business continuity and job security for existing Café staff.

Although the opening hours will remain unchanged, the café hours will be flexible to cater to demand.
Monday – Friday 9.00am – 3pm
Weekends & Public Holidays 8.00am – 3pm

Net funds received from café operations over the next 12 months will be allocated specifically for use at Kodja Place in accordance with the Community Fund Inc., Rules of Association and the Kodja Place Strategic Plan. Over the coming weeks we hope to introduce changes to the menu and the possibility to trial evening openings in the warmer months. We will continue to provide the Community with regular updates. The Café is a community asset so please pay us a visit and remember that Kojonup community members have free access to the Kodja Place Story Place and Gallery.

Natural Resource Management/Landcare
Council’s new Landcare Officer – Jane Kowald commenced 1 June 2016 working 2 days per week to progress the Southwest Catchment Council/National Landcare Program agreement of strategic weed control and community engagement. Bridal Creeper and Sharp Rush are on our “Hit List” but we also need to log areas of weed infestation and track progress which requires the assistance of property owners. Reviewing and updating Reserve Management Plans is also a high priority and the recent controlled burns particularly at Myrtle Benn have seen orchids bloom which is a very pleasing result.

Community members are reminded that the Shire President is available for appointments Wednesday morning from 10:00am until noon. Please contact the Miranda at the Shire Office on (08) 9831 2408.

Ronnie Fleay  
Shire President

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer
UPCOMING ROAD WORKS

- Commenced 4km section of gravel sheeting on Parker Road from Kojonup/Frankland Road to Jeff’s Road;
- Finishing off Backfill of Kerbing on Liddell and Schorer Streets;
- Awaiting Hot Mix contractors to seal Day Care Centre Car Park and Netball Court;
- Replacement of wooden culverts on Lower Blackwood Road;
- Ongoing spraying of verges and parks;
- Ongoing grading of rural roads in the South West corner of the Shire;
- Storm Damage repairs underway on Watts Road, Boscobel-Chittinup Road and Kojonup-Darkan Road by Contractors. It will take approximately 5 – 6 weeks to complete all repairs in the Shire of Kojonup; and
- Kerbing and Brick Paving of Footpath completed outside Nightingale’s Nest & Nursery.

Manager Works & Services, Craig McVee, welcomes any comments about the proposed works and can be contacted on 0427 427 854.

LIBRARY NEWS

WOW!! What a great start for the seeding season, I hope all our farming families are happy with this great break for the season & wish for you the best crops you can grow. We all know we wouldn’t survive at all without our farmers to put the abundant food on our tables. In my home, I am only able to grow silver beet for the guinea pig along with happy healthy weeds 😊

We have been fortunate to be able to purchase for our library several new series’ for our junior readers, have a look at these titles…Some really awesome reads especially for the young boys, who sometimes struggle to read.

**Brotherhood of Thieves – books 1, 2 & 3 by Stuart Daly (9years +)**
- The Wardens
- The Highlanders
- The Final Battle

**Pie Rats – Books 1, 2, 3 & 5 by Cameron Stelzer (8years +)**
- The Forgotten Map
- The King’s Key
- The Island of Destiny
- Child of the Cloud
Goddess Girls – Greek Mythology – by Joan Holub (8years +)
- Artemis the Loyal
- Medusa the Mean
- Persephone the Darling
- Cassandra the Lucky
- Aphrodite the Fair
- Amphitite the Bubbly

The Witch Hunter Chronicles books 1, 2 & 3 by Stuart Daly (teens – young adults)
- The Scourge of Jericho
- The Army of the Undead
- The Devil’s Fire

We have had our new exchange arrive from the State Library this month, so once again our shelves are constantly changing with book titles. Thanks to our volunteers who have been mighty supportive getting these onto our shelves. Steve & Leah, your support is always appreciated.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to all the donations that our library receives, these donations mean we have a constant flow of new titles for our readers to choose from. We actually wouldn’t have the choice of books that we have without the donated books, DVD’s, jigsaws and audio books.

Have you subscribed to ‘AUDIBLE, audio books?’ It’s great isn’t it? Just maybe it gets a little pricey when you listen to so many books within your family……Let us introduce you to ‘BORROWBOX’ & ‘OVERDRIVE’, same thing but FREE, want to know more….come see me at your library.

Received from the State Library of WA, ‘DEADLY DISCOVERY PACKS’, these are a resource for all our community to use that have been written and illustrated by Aboriginal people. One of the books have been written in two languages, Noongar and English. Noongar people are the traditional owners of Australia’s south west. If you are interested in Aboriginal culture, language and stories, please have a look at these packs at home with your families.

See you soon, because its toasty warm in here in this cold weather, come share a book.

Lorreen Greeuw
Senior Library Officer
SPRINGHAVEN NEWS

St Bernards pre-primary class came to visit Springhaven on 27 May 2016. The children brought some crafts that they had made to show and share with the residents. They also entertained us with a lovely song and story. Everyone had a lovely time and the residents loved sharing morning tea with the students. Thanks St Bernards!

After our walk on Thursday the residents enjoyed soaking up some of the beautiful sunshine. We sat outside chatting and sharing a laugh trying to enjoy the sun whilst it lasted.

The residents have been putting their puzzle skills to the test! There has been a few puzzles done and now we are attempting to do a 300 piece puzzle!! If you have any old puzzles laying around that you no longer use we would love it if you could kindly donate it to the residents at Springhaven.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSIONER RATES CONCESSION FOR 2016/2017

As part of the 2015/2016 State Budget, the State Government announced that from the rating year commencing 1 July 2016, the 50% concession allowed to eligible pensioners on local government rates would be restricted to a capped amount. Western Australia was previously the only State not to provide a dollar cap on Local Government Rates.

The pensioner rates capped amounts will be set each year, consistent with the manner in which senior’s rates caps are set. The gazettal of the cap amounts usually occurs in late June, prior to the commencement of the rating year. The pensioner rate capped amount has been announced as $750 for 2016/2017.

The Shire does not administer the laws in regards to pensioner concessions. If you wish to lodge a complaint regarding the capping of the pensioner rebate you will need to contact your local Member of Parliament.

Heather Marland
Senior Finance Officer
**PROPOSED ROAD NAME CHANGE**

In implementing the rural road numbering system, several inconsistencies in road names have been identified. As such, it is proposed to standardise two road names as they enter and exit the town site. Comments are invited for the following two proposed road name changes:

1. “Katanning Road” within the Kojonup town site to be renamed “Kojonup-Katanning Road”; and
2. “Broomehill Road” within the Kojonup town site to be renamed “Broomehill-Kojonup Road”.

The Shire will also be writing to Kojonup St John Ambulance sub centre and fire brigades for their comments.

Comments should be made by 6 July 2016 and, along with any questions, can be directed to Anthony Middleton, Manager Corporate Services on 9831 2405 or mcs@kojonup.wa.gov.au.

**TRANSFER STATION – REVISED OPENING HOURS**

In a review of the operation of Council’s Transfer Station off Tunney Road, it has been decided to reduce opening times to the general public from seven days a week to four, with days and hours being as follows:

- **Monday** 10:00am to 5:00pm
- **Wednesday** 10:00am to 5:00pm
- **Friday** 10:00am to 5:00pm
- **Saturday** 10:00am to 5:00pm

The small number of people visiting the facility and minimal tip fees collected weekly on average, did not warrant the current opening times being retained and the revised hours are consistent with transfer stations at other similar sized towns.

The public will still have unlimited all hours access to the large green bin located outside the secured area of the Transfer Station for placement of recyclables such as aluminium cans, plastic containers, cardboard and paper.

The new opening hours of the Transfer Station take effect from 1 July 2016 and new signage will be placed at the entrance to the facility advising days and hours of operation.

*Mort Wignall*
*Manager Regulatory Services*
COMMUNITY ADDICTION FORUM

Where: Kojonup Sports Complex
When: Thursday, 16 June 2016 commencing from 1:00pm until 3:00pm

The session is open to all community members, especially parents, to hear and discuss addiction with Bryan Taylor.

Bryan Taylor has seen the impact of alcohol and other drugs in our community from the perspective of a police officer, a drug counsellor, educator and father. He continues to work closely with those affected by drug use in his role as a mediator within the criminal justice system. Over that time he has seen some things that have helped and some things that haven’t. The Shire of Kojonup invites you to mingle your experiences with his observations.

Please RSVP on or before 14 June 2016 to:
Miranda Wallace
Executive Assistant
Shire of Kojonup, 93 Albany Highway, Kojonup WA 6395
P: 08 9831 2408
E: ea@kojonup.wa.gov.au
Public tenders are invited in accordance with Section 3.58 (2) of the Local Government Act (1995) for the lease of the following property:

Tender 05/2016 - Lot 64 Honner Street, Kojonup (Dorothea Park also known as Old Brickworks/Quin Quin Reserve), for a three (3) year period.

The lease will provide land to the lessee to facilitate the grazing of sheep. Written tenders, outlining the proposed lease fee and use of the land are invited from prospective individuals, community organisations or sporting groups.

Plans and specific details of the area available for lease along with conditions of tender are available from www.kojonup.wa.gov.au, the Shire Office or by contacting Anthony Middleton, Manager Corporate Services on 9831 2405 or mcs@kojonup.wa.gov.au.

Tenders close at 3.00pm on 6 July 2016 and must be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, 93 Albany Highway, Kojonup, WA, 6395.

Rick Mitchell-Collins  
Chief Executive Officer

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OFFICE CLOSURE

The Shire of Kojonup Office & Library will be closed from 12:30pm until 1:00pm on Tuesday 7th June 2016.

For emergencies please contact 0427 989 187.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Rick Mitchell-Collins  
Chief Executive Officer
## UPCOMING EVENTS

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