

SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

Edition 173 – 21 February 2020

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Outcomes from Council Meeting held 18 February 2020

KOJONUP POLOCROSSE CLUB – INVOICE 25261

That option 1 be adopted being,

1. Not apply any further reduction of Invoice 25261 given the 50% discount already applied by the CEO in accordance with Policy 1.3., but extend payment time frame until 30 May 2021.

LOCAL LAWS ADOPTION

1. “That the following local laws be adopted, as presented, following advertising for public comment, in accordance with s. 3.12 (3) of the Local Government Act 1995, and no comments being received:

Activities in Thoroughfares and Public Places and Trading Local Law 2020

Purpose: To stipulate activities that can or cannot occur in thoroughfares and public places within the Shire of Kojonup and to provide information on how activities are to take place.

Effect: To provide for orderly conduct in thoroughfares and public places in the local government district.

Cemeteries Local Law 2020

Purpose: To provide administrative instruction on funeral matters, burials, memorials and placement of ashes, and general information related to conduct within cemeteries in the Shire of Kojonup.

Effect: To specify appropriate and respectful conduct by all persons involved in the administration of cemetery matters or use of the cemeteries within the district.

Local Government (Council Meetings) Local Law 2020

Purpose: To provide rules and guidelines which apply to the conduct of meetings of the Shire of Kojonup Council and its committees and to meetings of electors, in accordance with legislative requirements.

Effect: To result in better decision making, orderly conduct of meetings dealing with Council business, a better understanding of the process of conducting meetings, and more efficient and effective use of time at meetings conducted by the Shire of Kojonup Council.

Local Government Property Local Law 2020

Purpose: To provide for determination of the use of local government property by defining activities that may be pursued or prohibited thereon and to specify requirements of use and appropriate behaviour on local government property in the district.

Effect: To define allowable and disallowed local government property uses and the conditions of those uses within the Shire of Kojonup.”

Dogs Local Law 2020

Purpose: To address the impounding of dogs, requirements and limitations on the keeping of dogs, and the requirements of approved kennel establishments within the district.

Effect: To provide for consistent and effective management of the dog population within the Shire of Kojonup.

Fencing Local Law 2020

Purpose: To prescribe a sufficient fence and the standard for the construction of fences throughout the district.

Effect: To establish the minimum requirements for fencing within the district.”

INITIATION OF NEW SHIRE OF KOJONUP LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME No. 4

“That Council adopt the following resolution:

Planning and Development Act 2005

RESOLUTION TO PREPARE OR ADOPT A LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME No 4

For the entire district of the Shire of Kojonup

Resolved that the local government, pursuant to section 75 of the Planning and Development Act 2005, prepare the above Local Planning Scheme with reference to the entire area within the Shire of Kojonup and as shown on the plan presented to the Council of the local government at its meeting of 18 February 2020 to be referred to as the Scheme Area Map.”

RESERVE 48745 – FORESHORE MANAGEMENT REQUEST

“That the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage be advised that the Shire of Kojonup does not wish to accept a Management Order over Reserve 48745 given this land does not have constructed access, the risk associated with fire and erosion mitigation measures is too excessive, and there may be potential fencing costs into the future.”

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT – BUDGET REVIEW 2019/2020

“That the 2019/2020 Annual Budget be amended in accordance with the proposed changes in the attached 2019/2020 Budget Review document.”

CHANGE TO STANDPIPE WATER COSTS IN CURRENT FEES AND CHARGES

“That Council approves the increase of fees for the Potable Water supply from \$5.00 per kL to \$10.00 per kL, applicable from 13 March 2020 and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to give public notice in the Great Southern Herald and the Kojonup News.”

SUNDRY DEBTOR WRITE OFF 2019/2020

“That Council approves the write off of the following Debtor accounts totalling \$415.00”

ORCHID VALLEY HALL CLOSURE

“That, having received verbal advice from Will Harvey (and other community representatives) that the Orchid Valley Hall (Hall) is still in use, the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Shire of Kojonup (Shire) and community representatives wishing to retain use of the Hall, and that such an MOU will include, but is not limited to, the following:

- i. The responsibilities of each party;
- ii. The Hall Management Committee must be an incorporated organisation under the Associations Incorporation Act 2015;
- iii. The Shire will make an annual financial contribution to the running of the Hall of \$1,500 per year;
- iv. Each party to the MOU is required to hold the following insurances:
 - o Shire – building and contents insurance, public liability

- Hall Committee – public liability, volunteers’ insurance (and any other as applicable to activities undertaken) - copies of Certificates of Currency to be provided by both parties each year;
- v. All building maintenance to be completed by the Hall Management Committee (requests for financial assistance on major items will be considered by the Shire on a case by case basis);
- vi. The Hall must meet applicable public building standards prior to any use;
- vii. Clauses that indemnify each party against any negligence of the other;
- viii. Recognition that there may be a time when the community Hall is deemed unfit for public use and is required to close until it is made fit for purpose or another option is determined;
- ix. Provision by the Hall Management Committee to the Shire of a risk management plan for the management of the Orchid Valley Hall;
- x. The Orchid Valley Hall Management Committee is to provide the Shire with financial statements, Hall usage figures and a copy of its fees and charges, annually; and
- xi. The MOU is to be reviewed every three years.

MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY HALLS

“That:

1. Correspondence from the Muradup Agricultural Hall Committee, Qualeup Hall Committee and Boscabel Hall Committee regarding their wishes to continue management of their respective community halls, as presented, be received.
2. Council acknowledges, by entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Qualeup and Boscabel Hall Committees, it is choosing not to dispose of these Halls as identified in Council’s Building Assessment Framework.
3. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to negotiate an MOU between the Shire of Kojonup (Shire) and each of the aforementioned Hall Committees for the management of their respective community Halls and that such an MOU will include, but is not limited to, the following:
 - xii. The responsibilities of each party;
 - xiii. The Hall Management Committee must be an incorporated organisation under the Associations Incorporation Act 2015;
 - xiv. The Shire will make an annual financial contribution to the running of the Hall of \$1,500 per year;
 - xv. Each party to the MOU is required to hold the following insurances:
 - Shire – building and contents insurance, public liability
 - Hall Committee – public liability, volunteers’ insurance (and any other as applicable to activities undertaken) - copies of Certificates of Currency to be provided by both parties each year;
 - xvi. All building maintenance to be completed by the Hall Committee (requests for financial assistance on major items will be considered by the Shire on a case by case basis);
 - xvii. The Hall must meet applicable public building standards prior to any use;
 - xviii. Clauses that indemnify each party against any negligence of the other;
 - xix. Recognition that there may be a time when the community Hall is deemed unfit for public use and is required to close until it is made fit for purpose or another option is determined;
 - xx. Provision by each Committee to the Shire of a risk management plan for the management of the community hall in their community;
 - xxi. Each Hall Management Committee is to provide the Shire with financial statements, Hall usage figures and a copy of its fees and charges, annually; and
 - xxii. The MOU is to be reviewed every three years.

LEASE OF COUNCIL PROPERTY – 162 BLACKWOOD ROAD, KOJONUP - TENDER 11 OF 2019/20

“That

1. The tender from Kojonup Cougars Football Club for \$4,182.00 per annum for the lease of 162 Blackwood Road, Kojonup, for a three (3) year period beginning 1 March 2020 and concluding 28 February 2023, for cropping purposes, be accepted;
2. A clause be included in the above mentioned lease agreement for 162 Blackwood Road, Kojonup, recognising that Council, as part of its water harvesting and re-use programme, may allocate an area within 162 Blackwood Road where a dam may be formed and, if such a dam is formed, access to that dam is from Blackwood Road (if necessary), during the term of the above mentioned lease;
3. A further clause be included in the above mentioned lease agreement that Council will not pay any compensation to the Kojonup Cougars Football Club (Lessee) for any land lost for cropping as a result of the dam being constructed; and
4. Council liaise with the Kojonup Cougars Football Club as to the dam’s potential location prior to the Clubs 2020 seeding program.”

DISPOSAL BY LEASE - PORTION OF LOT 9999 THORNBURY CLOSE, KOJONUP

“That

1. Council Motion 157/19 be amended by replacing the lease commencement date of 1 January 2020 with a lease commencement date of 1 March 2020; and
2. That, as nil submissions have been received in response to advertising the proposed lease of 3.79 hectares of Lot 9999, Thornbury Close, Kojonup, as per the attached map, the lease agreement is executed with Syd Matthews & Co Pty Ltd (lessee) for transport depot and grain cleaning/storage facility purposes for two years at \$9,500 (plus GST) per annum.
3. Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to investigate land options for the relocation of the Council materials currently located on the proposed lease area.”

Kojonup Sports Alliance

Council congratulates the eight Committee members recently selected and the work undertaken by Council team members to have this new model unfold in Kojonup. We wish you all the very best.

Woodanilling and Katanning Fires

The Shire of Kojonup extends our sincere appreciation to all volunteers and workers who assisted our neighbours in their time of need. Let’s hope we can get through the remainder of the fire season without another major fire event. The Chief Bushfire Control Officer has advised that fire permits will not be issued until conditions become more favourable.

Stock Road Non Potable Water Standpipe Closure

Water Corp and the Shire of Kojonup wish to advise users of the non-potable water standpipe that due to the low level of water in the South Dam it is necessary to close the valve to the Stock Road Non Potable Standpipe effective Friday 21 February 2020 until further notice.

We apologise for any inconvenience and hopefully get some much needed rain soon in order to replenish supply.

Drought Communities Program Fund

Council is progressing applications to access up to \$1 Million in funding from the Drought Communities Program Extension recently announced by the Hon. David Littleproud MP, Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management.

Projects previously identified under the Regional Growth Fund application include:

1. Quin Quin Reserve Retarding Basin
2. 162 Blackwood Road – new dam with pumping to Showgrounds Dam and Turkey Nest
3. Upgrade South Dam embankments and catchment and transfer ownership to Council
4. Install large covered Water Storage Tanks near White Dam at the Showgrounds
5. Line White Dam storage facility
6. Extend water pipeline to Benn Parade to complete loop from KP and Turkey Nest
7. Install Avdata on all water Standpipes
8. Install more water storage tanks at Turkey Nest Dam and at KP/Apex park
9. Install Pumping Station along Kojonup Brook to pump water to new and existing storage dams
10. Upgrade storage/capacity at Muradup and Carrolup and assess potential for new bores and non-potable water standpipes at other locations throughout the Shire.



Shire President
John Benn

Chief Executive Officer
Rick Mitchell-Collins

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

SWIMMING POOL NEWS

Kevin O’Halloran Memorial Swimming Pool has put up a list of upcoming bookings on the notice board to keep you all up to date on the activities that have been booked, so please have a look and come down and see some of the activities occurring here at the pool.

BACK TO SCHOOL POOL PARTY A ROARING SUCCESS

On Saturday February 8 the Swimming Pool in conjunction with Kojonup Police and sponsored by Kojonup Shoe and Sports held a back to school pool party with the BLITZ inflatable on the water and games held on the lawn. This day went brilliantly and we had over 190 people through the gates on the day. A big thank you to all who came along and enjoyed the day but special thanks must go out to Sydnee Benn who lifeguarded the inflatable for the whole day, Emily Hills for helping advertise the day and conducting the games held and to the Kojonup Police – Colin on the BBQ and Jayden, Monique and Sarah for helping with the games and Sarah again for entertaining everyone by attempting the inflatable whilst in uniform.



Thanks to the donation from Kojonup Shoe and Sports, we held a “longest thong throw” competition, of which Reuben Stansbury was the winner. Pictured below with Kojonup Police representatives Sarah and Jayden. The day was a great indication of the Kojonup community spirit, and we hope to run this event again in the future.



SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVALS

St Bernard’s School Swimming Carnival was held on Friday the 14 February and it was a fantastic day of fun and competition. Congratulations to all the children involved in having such an enjoyable time and to the school for holding such a great event. I look forward to having you here again next summer and continuing this fantastic day.

Kojonup District High Swimming Carnival has been booked for **Thursday, 12 March** and we look forward to a busy and enjoyable day so come down, spectate and cheer on the fun.

SWIMMING CLUB

Swimming club has started again and runs every Monday Wednesday and Friday from 3.15pm to 3.45pm for the younger group and then from 3.45pm to 4.30pm for the older group.

The Swimming Club will be holding their AGM on Monday 9 March and all parents are welcome to come along and be involved in keeping the club functioning.

Swim Club Championships will be held in the main pool on **Monday, 16 March from 3pm to 6pm**. This is a friendly competitive day where we encourage all participants to race hard, have fun and enjoy themselves.

ENTRY STEPS INTO THE POOL

Have you found it hard to get in and out of the water in the past due to the vertical wall steps? If so you should come in and view/try out our new Entry Steps. They have made a huge difference in ease of access to the main pool for many people already this season so if in the past it was a bit hard you definitely come in and give them a try.

AQUA AEROBICS

Our fantastic Aqua Aerobics classes are held on Monday’s and Thursday’s from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Cost is \$10.00 per session which includes pool entry and \$8.00 for holders of a season pass.

Please Always Remember to Watch Around Water

Gavin Richardson-Bunbury
Senior Pool Manager

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS

On Tuesday 11 February community and service groups met together to discuss the viability and concerning issues facing the community today. Representatives from Rotary, Lions, Kojonup Women's Club, RSL, Probus, Playgroup, Toy Library and Southern Singers were present. Topics discussed were grant funding, electronic car charging station, volunteering issues, Kojonup train, Clean up Australia Day, Tidy Towns awards and mental health in light of the water crisis to name a few. These service groups are invaluable and provide many wonderful ideas and opportunities for the residents of Kojonup. We will meet together again in a couple of months to brainstorm once again. Please come along to learn more about these groups and what they do, share your ideas or just listen in. New faces and volunteers are always wanted.

Kojonup Child Care Centre is in desperate need of volunteers to assist in transferring children from the High School to the centre at the end of the school day. A staff member from the Child Care Centre will gather the children together and pick up will be from one point only. The role of the volunteer would be to first pick up the staff member, then pick up children from the school and drop off at the Centre. You must have the necessary requirements including working with children check. The after school care offered is essential for the continuity of parents working and children being cared for in a safe learning environment. Critical days needed are Tuesday and Thursdays but any time offered would be much appreciated. Please contact Charmaine at the Day Care Centre on 90515555 if you can help.

Volunteering can be very meaningful and enjoyable, and in turn be good for your mental health and wellbeing.

Volunteering can:

- give you a sense of achievement and purpose
- help you feel part of a community
- help you feel better about yourself by improving your self-esteem and confidence
- help you share your skills, learn new skills and create a better work-life balance
- help combat stress, [loneliness](#) and social isolation, and [depression](#)
- help you meet new people, which can help you feel more connected and valued

PLAY CAFE:

Such a wonderful way to start the new year with our 'Play Cafe Families', with a canvas of hands in 'Friendship Tree', which is proudly displayed over the picture books in the library.

Join in with 'Play Cafe' every Wednesday from 10:30am-12:30pm @ KDHS Kindy Rooms, for fun guided activities for the children, Story Time, provided shared fruit and 'free outside play' in a safe environment.

The big bonus is 'adult conversation' for the mums, dads and carers.

Dates for the next Play Cafe are 19 February and 4 March.

We welcome Kat, who is running the sessions, with the delightful Jordan assisting. Both ladies are full time mums and understand all the joys of raising children and the need keep them busy.



PLAY IN THE PARK:

Our first Play in the Park is on Wednesday 26 February, at the APEX Park, Kojonup.
From 10:30am-12:30pm.
Please bring a hat and water bottle.



LIBRARY NEWS



This is one of the reasons I use **Borrow Box** for my audio listening.....**no waiting lists** on these **four titles.**

Even 'The 65th Story Treehouse' by Andy Griffiths for the children to enjoy!! Winning!!

If you would like to start listening to eAudio's it is as simple as



1. Down load the App from your App Store or Play Store.
2. Put in Kojonup Library as your library.
3. Type in your library Barcode.
4. Use 6395 as your pin number and begin the journey into a book.

Borrow Box, OverDrive & Libby are eBook & eAudios, **Rbdigital** for over 300 titles of magazines & **Kanopy** for eStreaming. Start your journey in to 'e' today.



Storytelling at KDHS:

It was my absolute pleasure to be asked to read a book from my childhood to the Grade 1's at KDHS at the school library on the first week of school.

After the story I had the pleasure of a photo with three of the children on the Red Couch and to be shown the books the children were taking home to share with their families.

Thank you for the opportunity to share the joy of storytelling and hopefully helping to instil a love of reading to children of our community.



Library Foyer Makeover:



Aimed for the eyesight of our junior members but still delightful to the adults. The colourful little geckos are scurrying over the walls causing mischief. This is just the starting of mural of Artist *Annarine Chapman* with more finishing touches this week.

Look for exhibitions by Annarine at Fremantle's 'Little Creatures' and later in the year at the Vancouver Arts Centre in Albany, plus adding another mural locally

later portraying our very own iconic 'Wool Wagon'.

'Thank you' *Annarine* for your gift of art for our community.



New books for our library:



A warm-hearted and touching story about recovering after trauma, love and community. A new 'Woodlea' rural romance by bestselling Australian author Alissa Callen.

Healing doesn't just take time, it takes courage...

The scars country vet Ella Quinlivan hides are not solely on the outside. Men are off limits. She fills her world with her friends, work and the colourful community of small town Woodlea. She also becomes custodian of a sandstone cottage of an elderly friend whose teenage daughter went missing two decades ago.

With a broken marriage behind him, Saul Armstrong is determined to recapture his dreams by bringing American bison to the Australian bush. He intends to stick to his side of the high wire fence that divides his farm from his distracting new neighbour, Ella.

When Saul calls out Ella for a bison emergency she isn't just thrown out of her comfort zone by dealing with an unfamiliar animal. Slow-smiling and guarded Saul stirs emotions she'd long ago discarded.

As the summer heat parches the landscape and dust obscures the sun, hidden secrets come to light. Not only will Ella and Saul be tested, the connection forged between them will be threatened. Will love be enough to guarantee their freedom or will fear continue to dictate the direction of their lives?



A ticking-clock thriller that braids together the stories of a girl raised in a terrifying cult, and of an overprotective single mother whose fears for her child are about to come true. Amy has only ever known what life is like in the Clearing, with her brothers and sisters--until a newcomer, a younger girl, joins the "family" and offers a glimpse of the outside world. Freya is living an isolated life with her son and their dog, going to great lengths to keep contact with the outside world like an "everyday mum" while being utterly terrified by it. When a news breaks of a missing girl--a child the same age as Freya's son, Billy--Amy and Freya's stories intertwine, and the secrets of the past will crawl inexorably into the present.



For readers of the *The True Story of Maddie Bright*, *The Woman in the Green Dress* and *The Birdman's Wife* comes this atmospheric and richly detailed Australian historical mystery from a bestselling Australian author.

Maitland 1913. Miss Elizabeth Quinn is something of an institution in Maitland Town. For longer than anyone could remember she and her brother, businessman Michael, have lived in the impressive two-storey stone house next to the church. When she is discovered covering in the corner of the exhibition gallery at the Technical College the entire town knows something strange has come to pass.

Was it the prehistoric remains or perhaps the taxidermy exhibition that had reduced the whale-boned encased pillar of society to a quivering mess? Or is there something odd about a striking painting on loan from the National Gallery? Ranging from the gritty reality of the Australian goldfields to the grand institutions of Sydney, the bucolic English countryside to the charm of Maitland Town, this compelling historical mystery in the company of an eccentric and original heroine is rich with atmosphere and detail.

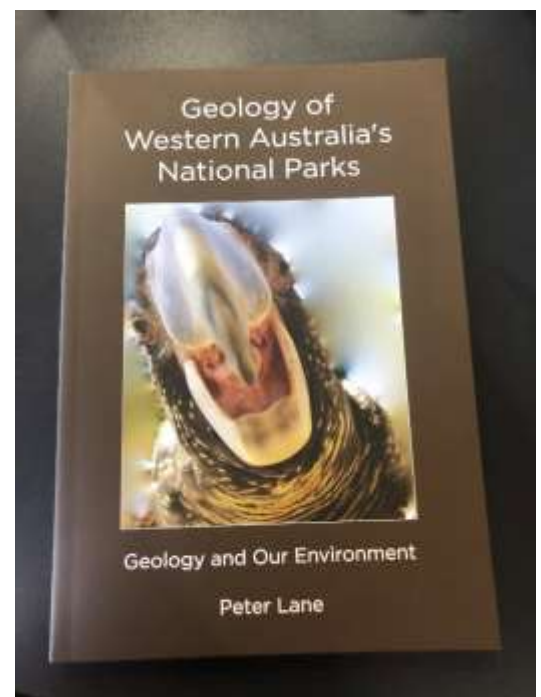
Anthony Middleton

Manager Corporate & Community Services

THE KODJA PLACE

Just arrived at the Kojonup Visitor Centre.

The southwest of Western Australia is one of only two of Australia's internationally recognised biodiversity Hot spots. The Bird on the front is a juvenile Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus banksia naso*) known to the Noongar people as Karrak. He and his friends occur only in the southwest of Western Australia, evolving as shifting continental plates led to the isolation of this part of the Continent. These cockatoos nest in hollows and feed on the seeds of eucalyptus, snottygobble and sheoak. Due to land clearing, Native forestry, fires and feral animals, their numbers have greatly declined over the past few Decades.



Kojonup Visitors are Saying

“Lovely to see you’re still here and developing” H Idle, London

“Wonderful to meet Jack Cox. Brilliant Tour. Listening and seeing the Kojonup History and area” J & T Douglas, NSW

“Fabulous! Very helpful. Love Kojonup” P & S Combes, UK

Did you know?

Visitors from all over the world come in to the Kojonup Visitor Centre and Kodja Place. In January 2020 we had international visitors from;

England, Belize, Germany, Canada, France, USA, Korea, India, Chilli, Ireland, Scandinavia, Scotland, China, South Africa, Hong Kong and Taiwan



Practical Driving Assessments

The next practical driving Assessor will be visiting Kojonup on **Friday, 6 March 2020** from 8:15am. Bookings are essential as there are only a small number of vacancies available.

Please contact the Shire Administration Office to book a place 98312400.

For more information about your Practical Driving Assessment follow this link:

https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/mediaFiles/licensing/LBU_DL_B_PDA.pdf

SPRINGHAVEN NEWS

Our residents have been kept busy as they enjoy the last few weeks of summer. We had our friend Bear Warbuton come and visit us for 'World Read Aloud Day'. The residents enjoyed Bear reading various real-life stories of Australian farmers. A lot of our residents resonated with these stories and truly enjoyed his visit.

We then recognized New Zealand's Waitangi Day by incorporating the use of "Poi's" into our weekly fitness class with Helen Bignell our physiotherapist. We sang the New Zealand National Anthem, listened to some traditional music and enjoyed an amazing seafood chowder for lunch – it was a real hit!

Residents and staff also enjoyed a special Oscar's morning tea where everyone enjoyed partaking in some Hollywood Trivia and of course we could not forget Valentine's Day. Residents had a morning of pampering and Valentine themed activities.

Finally, we were lucky to have the wonderful Steve and Marion Magini come and visit us again to play their beautiful music. Marion played the piano and accordion whilst Steve sang and played his guitar. We all clapped and tapped our feet to the music and are so grateful for their visit – until next time!

Thank you once again to our wonderful Activities Coordinators for the work they do to make our residents days enjoyable.

Due to a great response from our advertisement we would like to announce that Springhaven has found a new Hairdresser. We look forward to her starting at the facility next week.

If anyone has a special talent, plays a musical instrument or if you have a special pet you would like to bring in for pet therapy with residents – please contact Alex on 0404 455 650.

Finally I would like to thank the community of Kojonup for all the support they have given me over the last six years while I have been Manager at Springhaven Lodge. I have truly enjoyed my time at the facility and as part of the team at the Shire of Kojonup and would like to thank all the staff and management team for their ongoing support. I will truly miss our beautiful residents, their families and Springhaven staff but it is now time to head back to Perth and a new venture.

Sue Northover

Manager Aged Care Services



WORKS AND SERVICES

NEWSTEAD ROAD WORKS

The Shire will commence work on Newstead Road from Albany Highway to Forsyth Road on Tuesday, 25 February 2020 with completion estimated to be Friday, 6 March 2020.

Works to be undertaken will include:

1. Box out and repair road failures
2. Bitumen reseal
3. Remove existing kerbing
4. Install new kerbing
5. Remove bricks along footpath
6. Replace bricks on footpath with concrete

Newstead Road works will be undertaken in two (2) sections

1. From Albany Highway to Honner St
2. From Honner St to Forsythe St

These sections will be closed to general traffic. Traffic controllers will be in place to assist emergency vehicles and residents to get to/from properties. Please obey all signage and directions.

We apologise for any inconvenience that may arise from works being undertaken however the end result will be a vast improvement. If you have any queries, please contact Craig McVee, **Manager Works & Services** on **0427 427854**.

Double Demerits Friday 28 February to Monday 2 March

If your heading to Perth or Albany for the Labour Day Long Weekend make the most of Driver Reviver stops. Stopping for regular breaks during your trip is one way of avoiding fatigue which is a major cause of accidents on WA Roads.

Also remember Double Demerit Points are in place from Friday 28 February to Monday 2 March inclusive.

During holiday periods and long weekends, the following offences are subject to Double Demerits:

- Drink or drug driving
- Failing to wear a seatbelt and child restraint
- Running a red light
- Illegal use of a mobile phone while driving
- Speeding
- Drive a motor vehicle fitted with a device designed to evade detection by a speed camera (14 points during double demerits period)
- Drive a motor vehicle in a manner to evade detection by a speed camera (14 points during double demerits period)

The aim of the initiative is to encourage safe driving on long weekends and public holidays. The information available on our website provides a simple interpretation of the law and is not intended to constitute legal advice. Full details of traffic offences and penalties are contained in the [Road Traffic Code 2000](#).

Hours of Work: 7am to 5pm (Tues – Thurs) 7am to 3pm (Fri)



FRIENDS OF MYRTLE BENN AND COMMUNITY BUSH PROTECTION WORKING BEE WEDNESDAY, 4 MARCH 2020

Join the Friends of Myrtle Benn group for a lovely walk through the bush spotting weeds, no experience necessary!

WHEN? From 8:30am Wednesday, 4 March 2020

Bring: hand saw or old tin/plastic container and paint brush and gloves.

WHO? Anyone who wants to get a bit of exercise and fresh air whilst doing something positive for the environment.

WHY? To keep our bush areas as biodiverse and as natural as possible. The species of wattles targeted are not from Western Australia and they tend to form monocultures when left alone. A monoculture does not support the diverse range of natural flora or fauna that is currently in the reserve.

WHERE? At the car park opposite the Cemetery.

At 9:30-10:00am we will get a calendar plan our year over a cuppa.



Clubbed Spider Orchid (left) and Pink Enamel Orchid (right) found at Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary.

How to Create a Fire Resilient Garden

In regional areas, fire can be a threat to gardens but with clever thinking about how plants grow, Western Australian natives can be a great tool for protecting your home.

Earlier this month, the community of Katanning saw fire burn through farmland and precious Southern Region bushland after being sparked by lightning. We never know when or where a fire can start therefore, being aware of how your plants grow, can provide a sense of relief knowing your garden is capable of supporting and protecting your home. Repeatedly, Australian bushland and native landscapes prove their strength after being burnt with recovery naturally occurring over time.

So how is a fire resilient garden created?

The Wildflower Whisperer, Sue Dempster of Western Wildflower Gardens shares her knowledge on designing a fire resilient garden in the next edition of the Kojonup Shire E-News. It will explore the importance of positioning larger trees around the house whilst bringing smaller, colourful shrubs into key locations. Identifying plants capable of regeneration through their layers of bark after a passing fire and learning about the root systems permitting such regeneration, is an essential piece of knowledge accompanied with general cleaning tips and tricks as expressed by Sue Dempster.

All of these efforts and many more, are crucial in protecting your home from an approaching fire therefore designing your garden with the help of Western Wildflower Gardens could be key in saving your home.

To register your interest in the Fire Resilient Garden Workshop during August, email event@westernwildflowergardens.com.au. For more information on how your garden can be fire resilient, stay tuned for next fortnight's issue of the Shire of Kojonup's E-News.

POSITION VACANT



PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANT

If you are caring, enjoy communicating and interacting with people and have a passion to make a difference in an older person's life then this may be the position for you.

What we are looking for:

- Certificate 111 or 1V in Aged Care is desirable, but not a necessity
- A current police clearance is essential.
- An enthusiastic and genuine person with respect for the elderly.
- A reliable team player
- Some-one able to work flexible shifts as rostered.

What we can offer you:

- 5% above Aged Care Award pay rates.
- A friendly supportive multicultural team.
- A small rural homelike environment.
- Ongoing education and training.
- Assistance to complete aged care qualifications.

If you require further information please contact 98312800.

Applications including a covering letter and resume to be addressed to: Sue Northover
Manager of Aged Care Services, Springhaven Lodge, Barrack Place, Kojonup WA 6395 or email
macs@kojonup.wa.gov.au.

Applications from suitably qualified candidates will be gratefully received.

Applications close end of business Friday 22 February 2020.

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer



HAIRDRESSER – CONTRACTOR

Springhaven Frail Aged Lodge is a 22 bed residential aged care facility located in Kojonup. We are looking for a qualified hairdresser to come to the facility to provide regular hairdressing service to our residents.

We can provide a newly renovated hairdressing room.

- Must be able to interact with the older person
- Be able to provide a current police clearance.

For more information please contact:

Sue Northover on 98312800 or email to macs@kojonup.wa.gov.au.

Applications from suitably qualified candidates will be gratefully received.

Sue Northover

Manager Aged Care Services

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – 12 MONTH NOONGAR TRAINEESHIP

REGIONAL TRAINEESHIP PROGRAM – DEPT. PRIMARY INDUSTRY AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Council was successful in gaining funding from the Department to engage a Noongar Trainee at the Kodja Place for 12 months with the specific aims of:



- Assisting with the “One Community” program through specific events, celebration and enhancement of our Noongar cultural and heritage values at the Kodja Place.
- Developing the Trainee’s skills which will be transferable within the community and enhance the knowledge base of aboriginal tourism, culture and heritage.
- Assisting with the development of the Kodja Place to remain an iconic WA attraction by telling Noongar stories to residents and visitors as well as developing product and delivering programs for school/other visitors/guests.
- Collate MOSAiC/Accessioning data or undertaking Customer Service aspects at the Kodja Place.
- Customer Service – Visitor Information Centre imparting local knowledge of Kojonup and operation of booking schedule, registers, stock orders, brochure production and product development including displays on behalf of the Kojonup Aboriginal Corporation.

Certified Training that will be provided and coordinated by a Regional Training Authority to the Trainee includes:

- Certificate II in Tourism (SIT20116)
- Certificate II in Tourism (SIT20116 Sales/Office Operations)
- Certificate II in Customer Engagement (BSB20215)

Interested persons who reside in the Shire of Kojonup are encouraged to send an expression of interest to Rick Mitchell-Collins, Chief Executive Officer on or before 4.00pm, Friday 6 March 2020



Early Parenting & the Couple Relationship

FREE parenting workshop in Kojonup

Research around the world would suggest that a healthy and positive relationship between parents is highly protective of children. The aim of this course is to provide a forum for couples to dedicate time to investing in understanding the importance of the couple relationship in and of itself but particularly through the lens of being the best parent we can for our children.

Participants as a couple will:

- Have an opportunity to discuss their hopes and dreams for their child/children
- Gain an understanding of and discuss the impact a baby has on the couple relationship
- Explore whose Job is the Baby - discussion around managing expectations
- Recognise the role our family of origin plays in our parenting and the couple relationship
- Recognise the importance of being on the same page and the same side when parenting
- Recognise the importance of looking after the couple relationship.
- Recognise the importance of self-care.

Where: Kojonup Library

Date: Tuesday, 10th March

Time: 9.30am-11.30am

Cost: FREE. Morning tea provided.

Free creche available - bookings essential as limited places available

RSVP: by Tuesday 3 March to Sarah Email: asmartstart_gs2@outlook.com
or Mob: 0417 941 799

Free Parenting Programs is funded under the Families and Communities Program
by the Australian Government Department of Social Services



February/March 2020

What's on in Kojonup

and surrounding areas*

Kodja Place & Kojonup Visitor Centre
Kojonup Community Resource Centre
Kojonup Library

Open 7 Days, 9:00am - 5:00pm
Monday - Friday, 10:00am - 4:00pm
Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm, Saturday 9:30am - 11:30am

Ph: 9831 0500
Ph: 9831 0256
Ph: 9831 0412



Need more information? Or want your event listed?

Please call the Kodja Place or email: [Kristol: bcc@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:bcc@kojonup.wa.gov.au)

Every Sunday:	Every Monday:	Every Tuesday:	Every Wednesday:	Every Thursday:	Every Friday:	Every Saturday:
Grab a copy of the Kojonup News for Church Service times	Bridge Club , Bowling Club 9.30am Southern Singers , Lawrence House Hall 7:00pm Historical Society , 1 st Monday of every month, 3.00pm Kojonup Probus Club meeting , 4 th Monday of every Month, Uniting Church Hall, 2pm	Renew Op shop OPEN 10:00am-2:00pm All Crafts , 10am, Hockey Club ASK Youth Group , Baptist Church 3:30pm	Kojonup Men's Shed OPEN 1pm Third Wednesday of every Month	Play Group & Toy Library , Old School, 9.30am-11.30am (not during school holidays) Renew Op Shop OPEN 10:00am-2:00pm Gallery Aura Open	Renew Op Shop OPEN 10:00am-2:00pm Diabetes Clinic – Kojonup Hospital, second Friday of every month Gallery Aura Open	Gallery Aura Open
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			Play Café , KDHS Kindy Rooms 10.30am-12.30pm		Red Card Fox Shoot	Red Card Fox Shoot Wandecia Races 11am - Late Rottnest Channel Swim
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
			Play in the Park Apex Park, 10:30am to 12:30pm		Nannup Music Festival Starts	Race Wars- Albany Airport Nannup Music Festival WA Cider and Pork Festival , Crown Perth
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Nannup Music Festival	Labour Day WA Public Holiday Nannup Music Festival Finishes	Council Briefing Session	Play Café , KDHS Kindy Rooms 10.30am-12.30pm Friends of myrtle benn and community bush protection working bee – Start 8:30am		Wagin Woolorama Swimming Club AGM Practical Driving Assessments	Wagin Woolorama
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Early Parenting and the Capable Relationship Kojonup Library 9:30am to 11:30pm	Play Café , KDHS Kindy Rooms 10.30am-12.30pm	Kojonup District High Swimming Carnival	Katanning Harmony Festival , Clive Street	Katanning Harmony Festival , Clive Street