SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

Edition 168 – 15 November 2019

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Outcomes from the Special Council Meeting – 5 November 2019

PROPOSED ACCESS FROM LOT 85 JOHN STREET TO KATANNING ROAD

"That Council:

- 1. Note the advice from Main Roads and thank the Commissioner of Main Roads for their favourable reconsideration of the request for direct access from Katanning Road; and
- 2. Proceed with the dwelling construction at 26 and 28 Katanning Road Kojonup."

LOT 2 SPRING STREET, KOJONUP - DISPOSAL TO THE GEORGE CHURCH COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTRE INC.

"That the following actions be undertaken to assist The George Church Community Medical Centre Inc. group progress the development of their proposed medical centre:

- 1. In accordance with s.3.58 of the Local Government Act 1995, advertise the proposed sale of Lot 2 (No. 32) Spring Street, Kojonup (Vol: 1112 Folio 734) to The George Church Community Medical Centre Inc. group for \$1.00 subject to:
- a) A caveat or similar notation being placed on the title confirming the dual purpose of the carpark being, shared and unrestricted access for both the Medical Centre patients and the general public;
- b) the sharing of the estimated \$8,500 fees associated with the sale, rezoning and amalgamation, equally between the two parties
- 2. In accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2005 and Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015, initiate Town Planning Scheme No. 3 Amendment No. 14 to remove Lot 2 Spring Street from the Recreation local scheme reserve and include it in the Public Purposes local scheme reserve to match Lot 3. The amendment is considered a standard amendment on the basis that it is:
- a) an amendment relating to a zone or reserve that is consistent with the objectives identified in the scheme for that zone or reserve;
- b) an amendment that would have minimal impact on land in the scheme area that is not subject of the amendment;
- c) an amendment that does not result in any significant environmental, social, economic or governance impacts on land in the scheme area; and
- d) an amendment that is not a complex or basic amendment; and
- 3. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to complete an application in conjunction with The George Church Community Medical Centre Inc. group to the WA Planning Commission to amalgamate Lots 2 and 3 Spring Street, Kojonup."

KOJONUP BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES 15 OCTOBER 2019

"That:

- 1. The Bush Fire Advisory Committee minutes for the meeting held 15 October 2019 be received; and
- 2. Two new Fire Danger Rating Signs be erected on either side of Albany Highway located adjacent to the Kodja Place."

BUSH FIRE COMMUNICATIONS

"That Council defer a decision on the Communications Tower replacement until the CEO has undertaken the following actions:



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- Ascertain DFES Capital funding criteria in respect of the Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) for the construction of a new Communications Tower which has the ability to accommodate the Shire of Kojonup' Radio Communications Network including but not limited to:
 - a. The Shire's Mid-Band radio network;
 - b. The WA Emergency Radio Network;
 - c. The Shire's Works and Services department radio network;
 - d. CB radio;
 - e. Community FM Radio; and
 - f. Internet;
- Cost to erect a new Communications Tower and associated radio network at the Jingalup Site situated at Jingalup/Balgarup Road given the improved coverage achieved from Shadow Testing undertaken by DFES Communications;
- 3. Land tenure requirements at the Jingalup site;
- 4. New tower design considerations such as height, structural integrity especially if utilising the tower on offer from WAPOL;
- 5. Costs to relocate the Muradup Shed which permits all weather protection for new batteries and installation of new solar panels to the Jingalup site;
- 6. Costs for security fencing, improved road access to the new tower and costs of shifting/replacing the WAERN system or installation of new aerials to the Jingalup site;
- 7. Costs of dismantling and/or selling the Samson Road Tower and rehabilitating the site;
- 8. Advice to be sourced from DFES Communications as required;
- 9. Lodge an application seeking LGGS Capital Funding based on the above information; and
- 10. Council give due consideration to borrowing the appropriate funds in order for the new Jingalup Tower to be operational by Mid-2020."

VERGE SIDE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS COLLECTION

The Shire of Kojonup's waste contractor, Warren Blackwood Waste, will be conducting the two year verge side collection of bulk household items of the residential premises of Kojonup and Muradup town sites. This will be conducted throughout the week commencing Monday, 25 November 2019.

Please place items for collection one metre from the road boundary or kerb. Residents can assist the contractor, Warren Blackwood Waste, by separating recyclable material such as steel, scrap metal and white goods into a separate pile from other hard waste.

Tyres, asbestos material, garden waste (lawn clippings and pruning's), batteries, paint, poisons/chemicals and general household waste will **NOT** be collected.

Material items placed for collection are limited to not more than 3 metres in length please. The contractor will collect the recyclable materials on a separate day after collection of other hard waste but all material will be removed within the week.

Any further enquiries regarding the hard waste pickup should be directed to Warren Blackwood Waste.

CONDOLENCES

Council extends its sincere condolences to Chris Lewis and family on the passing of local legend – John Lewis who was a Shire Councillor 1987-1990.





Shire President

John Benn

Chief Executive Officer Rick Mitchell-Collins



KOJONUP FIRE MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY

You should be well under way to preparing your properties for the upcoming fire season.

Fire prevention is undertaken for a purpose so please "Do the right thing" and

- ✓ Mow lawns
- ✓ Cut back your wild oats
- ✓ Clean up all flammable material; and
- ✓ Keep gutters free of leaf litter.

Thinking a fire event will never happen to you is not only complacent but irresponsible. By at least making an effort to protect your property you will inadvertently be protecting your neighbours and the volunteer fire brigade.

Minimum standards for compliance can be found in the 2019-2020 fire break order sent out with Shire rates, more copies can be obtained at the Shire front counter.









For more information: https://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au/doing-business/regulatory-services/bushfire/
Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES): https://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au/doing-business/regulatory-services/bushfire/
Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES): https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/firechat/Pages/default.htm



Vandalism at Apex Park: New Potts statue light

The senseless act of vandalism that occurred after the successful Potts Oration has caused in excess of \$2500 damage. The lighting is specifically designed to withstand substantial impact but not a prolonged attack with a heavy blunt object.





Cheaper to dump rubbish illegally? Think again, \$15,000 in fines dished out to dumpers

Three separate illegal dumping prosecutions resulted in fines and costs of more than \$15,000 in October. Illegal dumpers show 'contempt for the environment'

Perth courts dished out more than \$15,000 in fines, court and clean-up costs this month (October) in three separate illegal dumping

cases after investigations by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER). In one case a man who dumped a large quantity of brown sludge onto the ground at Cockram Road

Illegal dumping can be reported to DWER's Pollution Watch Hotline on 1300 784 782 or to pollutionwatch@dwer.wa.gov.au or by contacting Crime Stoppers WA

Paul Retallack
Ranger/Building Maintenance Co-ordinator



THE KODJA PLACE AND VISITOR SERVICES



THE KOJONUP ROSE MAZE IS IN FULL BLOOM RIGHT NOW

Visitors from around Australia and many other countries continue to call into and admire our beautiful Rose Maze and more so now at this time of year when the roses are at their best. Continuing their tour, many visitors also pop in to The Kodja Place and Visitors Centre full of enthusiasm and enjoyment as they wonder at the stories of the Three Women.

They are also amazed to learn that it was designed, built and is maintained by Kojonup Volunteers, and the Kojonup Shire.



A Tour Group 'Lovers of Gardens' from Collie, visited the Rose Maze and enjoyed lunch at the Black Cockatoo Café.





Empty or near empty large chest freezer space - for two weeks

The Kangaroo skin rug that is on open display in the Reserve House - Storyplace at the Kodja Place has been infested with small moths.

According to Museum Practice the best way to kill insects and their eggs is to roll the object in tissue and place in a strong plastic bag, seal and put it in a freezer for two weeks.

We are asking the community if anyone has an empty or near empty working freezer that they could make available for this process.

A domestic chest freezer is fine but it should not have an auto defrost cycle, and must be able to reach -20 degrees centigrade or below. (For your interest visit http://manual.museum.wa.gov.au/freezing-objects)

All care and responsibility will be made by the Working group of the Storyplace Committee. Please contact Barbara Hobbs 98311128 if you can assist us.

Kojonup Visitor are Saying

"A Brilliant Complex, Well done Kojonup!"

C & J Kitson, Adelaide

"This place is amazing! The 3 Women Stories in the Rose Maze was incredibly moving and Jack's Tour was greatly appreciated"

T & D Blueberry

"Lovely place, Fabulous Roses and Jack's Tour was Fabulous too!"

B Jane, QLD

"Thank you Jack for your Stories and Guided Tour around display. You are a legend!"

R Hamilton, Perth

Kristel Thompson

A/Visitor Services Officer



LANDCARE

National Landcare Program Smart Farms Small Grants Round 3 Open

The Australian Government is inviting applications for projects to deliver services under the National Landcare Program – Smart Farms Small Grants Round 3.

Smart Farms Small Grants is an open, competitive, grant opportunity to support projects to increase farming, forestry and fishing communities' awareness, knowledge, skills and capacity to adopt best practice sustainable agriculture.

The purpose of Smart Farms Small Grants is to support land manager practice change that will deliver more sustainable, productive and profitable food, fibre and forestry business while protecting Australia's biodiversity; protecting and improving the condition of natural resources; and assisting Australia meet its international obligations.

The purpose will be achieved by supporting projects that contribute to achieving one or both of the program outcomes outlined below:

- Outcome 1 Increased adoption of best practice sustainable agriculture
- Outcome 2 Increase the capacity of land managers to adopt best practice sustainable agriculture

A total of \$43.5 million (GST exclusive) is available for Smart Farms Small Grants across an anticipated six annual rounds (2017–18 to 2022–23).

- The first round opened for applications in October 2017 from which the then Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources approved 77 projects.
- The second round opened 13 November 2018 and the then Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources approved 110 projects.
- This grant opportunity is the third round.

Examples of projects that have been funded in the first and second round are:

Project Title	Project description
Using remotely sensed and on- farm data to improve soil management in Western Australia's eastern wheatbelt.	This project will demonstrate how soil productivity constraints can be identified and managed more effectively through combining on-farm & free, remotely sensed data to determine land use capability. Sustainable practice options for the different capability classes will be identified and demonstrated through establishing on-farm trials on 8 eastern wheatbelt farms enable growers to evaluate and quantify the value of different soil management techniques within their own environment. Free airborne radiometric soil maps and satellite NDVI, crop yield, applied inputs and soil tests will be used to assess land use capability, production management zones and identify soil constraints. This data will be used to trial improved crop input management, soil constraint, amelioration and more appropriate land use practices giving farmers an understanding of the entire process of implementation, soil health and economic benefits of adoption and knowledge to implement in other parts of their farms.
Improving soil health and avoiding future loss of productive land through subsoil acidification and compaction in the southern high rainfall zone of WA.	The Stirlings to Coast Farmers group (SCF) will work with 200 local farmers and key partners to demonstrate how deep ripping soil with inclusion plates after broadcasting lime can ameliorate subsoil compaction and acidity. Demonstrations will be used to show farmers the latest technology, tools and farming practices available that help ameliorate soil acidity and compaction. SCF will work with project partners to hold farmer forums to share information, build knowledge and provide advice about new soil amelioration and deep ripping technology. Most of the project will be implemented through farmer-to-farmer learning activities, which will lead to improved farming practices and improved natural resource management. Priority issues addressed by this project

	include: soil acidification, nutrient management, soil compaction, improving soil health and biological function, providing information on new technologies, and community engagement.
Create a living haystack.	To create a living haystack throughout the Yarra Yarra Catchment to ensure stock farmers are well prepared for dry seasons. Perennial grasses have not been readily trialled in the wheatbelt and have predominantly been utilised along coastal grazing properties. These demonstration sites will trial perennial grasses, native grasses and fodder shrubs in 6 different soil types within the low rainfall area of the wheatbelt. We've added in fodder shrubs as we know they have been very successful in this region and will help the establishment of grasses and add a taller layer of vegetation which will protect the grasses against erosion. To investigate the types of perennials that would be successful in the dryer conditions and different soil types, such as: sand over gravel shallow soils on granite or gneiss red, sandy loams over clay red loams over hardpan brown alkaline clays sand over red clay Perennial Mix Panic Rye Grass Rhodes Grass Northern Mix Tedera Messina Anameka Fodder Shrubs.

For a full list of approved applications, visit:

http://www.agriculture.gov.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/natural-resources/landcare/sfsg1-list-successful-projects.pdf

Putting the Call out for Carnaby's Cockatoos.



Do you have Carnaby's cockatoos nesting on, or near your property? If you do, or if I think you may do then the Shire of Kojonup would like to hear from you. We would also like to hear from you if the birds have nested on your property in the past.

Carnaby's cockatoos nest between July and January using tree hollows to raise 1 or 2 chicks per year. During this period the birds will forage within approximately 6km of their nest site to bring food back to their chicks.

The Shire of Kojonup is working with the South West Catchments Council and Birdlife to halt the decline of the Carnaby's cockatoo by improving their breeding success. We are working to identify all known nesting sites within the shire of Kojonup and to determine if there is enough foraging habitat

available near these nesting sites. This project will run for 4 years to identify and improve as many nesting sites as possible.

The location of nesting sites that are no longer used is also very valuable information, so that the reasons for those sites no longer being used can be identified and remedied.

To report a sighting or for more information please contact your NRM/Landcare Officer, Jane Kowald, landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au.

Jane Kowald

Natural Resource Management Officer



CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Phoenicids Meteor Shower | 2nd December 2019

Here's a meteor shower that you can view from the early evening. It's not known how many meteors per hour may be seen. When this shower was first observed in 1956, there were about 100 meteors per hour. However, since then it hasn't been so spectacular.



This year, it is worth a look though. The <u>International Meteor Organization</u> reports that several encounters with dust trails are calculated for the 2019 Phoenicids. The estimated meteors per hour may reach 12. Phoenicid Meteors are extremely slow.

When to look: After sunset to the early hours of the morning, Monday 2nd December 2019
Which direction to look: South

The Phoenicids Meteor Shower is active from 28 November to 9 December with the peak happening on 2nd December. The meteors will radiate or come from just above the bright star of Achernar.

For Telescopes and Binoculars

You don't need a telescope or binoculars to see a meteor shower. It's a great time to gather with friends, roll out your favourite picnic rug, pack the drinks and snacks, and start counting how many "shooting stars" you all see! Fingers crossed for a spectacular show!

For an incredible viewing, remember to borrow the Community Telescope, available from your library.

We celebrated 'Seniors Week' with the most delicious morning tea provided by the talented Kerry & Noelene, that you so very much, it was certainly enjoyed by all our guests.



Many thanks to **Barb James** (our Super Senior organiser), who once again rallied our guest speekers & give aways galore. Thank you also to our community businesses that always give tirelessly every year, your donations are truly appreciated.

Thank you to Heather from Albany Mobility Hire and Sales for showing just a small range of useful gadgets, cushions and walking aides.

Liam from Albany Podiarty taught all of us about our feet and how to care for them as we age gracefully. What shoes are best against what is comfortable, a most enlightening talk.

We have the business cards available if you missed our morning tea and would like the information.

To all our GUEST's, thankyou for joining with all of us, just meeting, greeting and chatting is wonderful for all to enjoy. We loved your company!



I'd like to take the opportunity to also thank our very own BOOK FAIRY!

You are creating beautiful memories for the children and parents of our town as they find a book, read a book and either take it home to enjoy again or re-hiding the books for other children to find and enjoy! To those that think it's me....it's not! But I LOVE IT!!



BeConnected classes have resumed and with much fun and shananigans as we learnt about FaceBook and the importance of keeping our electronic devises safe, but also keeping the photos of our loved ones safe from possible prying eyes.

A few students are even trying and mastering the 'Libby'

Keep an eye out in your messages as Bec is keeping everyone informed on days and times for her classes. If you havent started the BeConnected journey and would like to join in, you are always welcome, ask at the library for dates & times.



It all started with a walk then a session of Zumba with Rosie! You just rock lady!! and we all had fun moving, wriggling, dancing, music

just helps make the world go around. It was with pleasure Kat and I took 'Play Cafe' to Playgroup to support PANDA this year. We couldn't have done that without the support of our helpers Jude, Kylie Jane, Jo, Vicki & Jill, so a massive thankyou for helping care for the little ones and helping them on swings, making bird seed feeders & natural sensory bags. Although we never made it inside to listen to the very speekers who bravely told their stories and are now ready to help others, congratulations, you are truly inspirational.

Laura, your eventing prowess is incredible and Di and I thankyou for all you arrangedin such a short time, this PANDA event is forever growing and changing with ladies like yourself, much respespect!

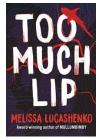
Just to remind our tireless farmers to take advantage of your free library card to enjoy eAudios! BorrowBox, Overdrive & Libby can give you many free hours of listening pleasure during your neverending hours on the header.



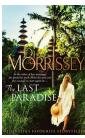


And now for our library....have we got new books for you!!

Lee Child, Tara Moss, Nora Roberts, Di Morrissey, Rachael Johns, Melissa Lucashenko, Peter May and so much more to delight your reading genre!

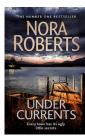










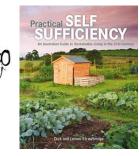




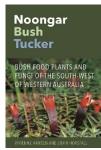












The Kevin O'Halloran Memorial Swimming Pool is Open

Well with the Kevin O'Halloran Memorial Swimming Pool now open to the public we've had a good start to the season (although the Antarctic blast on opening day wasn't great). We have had good numbers through the doors, good pool temperature and everyone has been enjoying splashing around again. Pool Season Passes can still be purchased from the Shire Offices or at the Pool as follows:

- Family \$150
- Adult \$75
- Children & Seniors \$50

Pool Opening Hours

OPENING TIMES School Term 4 2019

Morning Lap Swimming:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 6.00am to 8.00am General Entry:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday - 12.00pm to 6.30pm Friday, Saturday & Sunday - 12.00pm to 6.00pm

Tuesday – Closed

NEW ENTRY STEPS

The swimming pool has new entry steps in the shallow end which have been of great benefit to everyone coming to have a dip. These steps are an amazing new addition to those who find it a bit hard to climb in and out of the pool so come down and have a look and see how easy access has become to getting into the water. A big thank you must go to Geoff and Caroline Fisher for their financial contribution in enabling us to get these steps at our facility.





Aqua Aerobics

Shaydn Gardner, our Aqua Aerobics instructor, has started our fantastic Aqua Aerobics classes on Monday 11 November. Sessions 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. Come down and give this fantastic and enjoyable exercise class a try, you will be amazed how great a workout it really is.

Kojonup Swimming Club

Kojonup Swimming Club started its new season on Monday 11 November. Sessions are held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3.15pm for the younger group and 3.45pm for the older group.

Alcohol Free Zone

Coming into the festive summer season please remember that the Swimming Pool is an Alcohol and Drug free zone for the protection of the communities children. All eskies and coolers will be inspected upon entry to ensure that we can keep the swimming pool safe.

Practical Driving Assessments



The next practical driving Assessor will be visiting Kojonup on **Friday, 13 December 2019** November 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

Anthony Middleton

Manager Corporate and Community Services



PUBLIC NOTICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

It's only 5 weeks to Xmas so most of us are probably starting to think about it and were we will be traveling. The Festive season is considered one of the most dangerous times to travel on Australian roads so it is important to plan our travel carefully.

Be safe on the road by

- Planning their trip to avoid driving tired leaving plenty of time for regular breaks on long trips.
- Not driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
- Always wearing a seatbelt
- Sticking to the speed limit
- Not using their mobile phone while driving.

For those of you starting to plan your Xmas function there are also some good resources available to help plan a safe function at

https://www.ergonomics.com.au/protect-staff-christmas/ https://prwire.com.au/pdf/planning-a-safe-staff-christmas-party https://www.claytonutz.com/knowledge/2017/july/christmas-party-venue-selection-the-foundation-for-a-good-safe-time



















ALCOHOL, DRUG, VIOLENCE & SMOKE FREE



November 2019

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: Kristel: bcc@kojonup.wa.gov.au

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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, 1st Monday of every month, 3.00pm	Renew Op shop OPEN 10:00am-2:00pm All Crafts, 10am, Hockey Club ASK Youth Group, Baptist Church 3:30pm	Play Café, KDHS Kindy Rooms 9.30am-11.30am (not during school holidays) 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
	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Council Meeting Day Council Chambers Commencing at 3.00pm			Nightfields 3:30pm – Oval	The Wiggles – Perth Arena
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
					Nightfields, 3.30pm Town Oval	
December 2019)					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				Seniors Christmas Lunch, Tambellup Sports Pavilion, 11.30am, RSVP to Tambellup Post Office or Tambellup Deli		Polo In The Park Langley Park, Perth Channel 7 Christmas Pageant, Hay Street 7.30pm
8	9	10	11	12	13	1
Beaufort River Markets, 9am-1pm		Council Meeting Day Council Chambers Commencing at 3.00pm				Kendenup Markets, Kendenup Town Hall,9am-1pm Christmas On Clive, Katanning 3pm-7pm

