

SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

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COUNCIL BRIEFS

The Local Government Review Panel Final Report on proposed changes to the Local Government Act 1995 is now available from <https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/department/publications/publication/local-government-review-panel-final-report>–

Summary

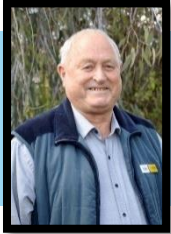
- In 2017 the State Government announced a review of the Local Government Act 1995.
- Given the breadth of matters covered by the Local Government Act, a staged approach to the review was adopted.
- Stage one: priority reforms
- Stage two: wide ranging reforms leading to a new Local Government Act
- The Department of Local Government carried out a consultation process in 2018/19 where over 3,000 submissions were received.
- The Minister for Local Government appointed an Independent Panel to consider submissions received by the Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries on the review of the Local Government Act in November 2019.
- The Panel's report has made 65 recommendations
- The Panel's report does not represent Government policy; the Minister for Local Government has stated the report will be considered as part of the Act Review process.
- The Minister for Local Government has not considered the Panel's recommendations at this stage and has not requested a consultation process on the report. WALGA is taking the opportunity to obtain a sector opinion on the recommendations to provide to the Minister.

Shire of Kojonup delegates met with Great Southern Zone delegates in Woodanilling on 28 August 2020 to list opposition to recommendations contained within the report for the attention of the Minister for Local Government and State Parliament. For example, the Shire of Kojonup opposes: -

- a multi-tiered legislative framework.
- all local government elections being overseen by the West Australian Electoral Commission.
- Changing first past the post vote for preferential voting.
- Postal voting be required rather than casting a vote in person at a polling place.
- Introducing a caretaker policy barring elected members up for re-election from representing the council at events, handing out council grants or donations and moving substantive notices of motion in the period before the election.
- All in - All out, elections
- Reducing number of elected members with populations up to 5000 to 5 councillors (including President).
- Using TendersWA as the primary tender platform.
- Breaches of the Local Government procurement rules being referred to the Office of the Independent Assessor.
- The majority of Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee members including the Chair, should be independent of the Local Government and be drawn from a suitably qualified panel.

- Reducing the impost on small local governments, the above committee could be established on a regional basis.
- Live streaming of Council meetings.
- Establishing a Local Government Commission and abolishing the Local Government Grants Commission and Local Government Advisory Board when terms of reference are not known.

WALGA State Council met on 2 September 2020 to finalise an industry response which will be included on the Shire's website when available.



Shire President
John Benn

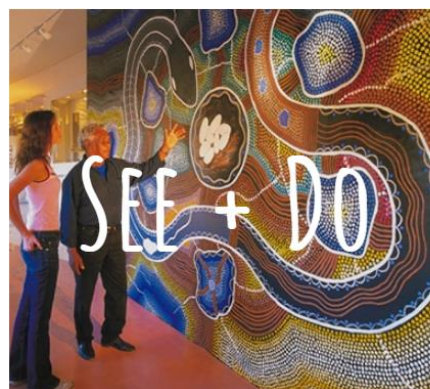
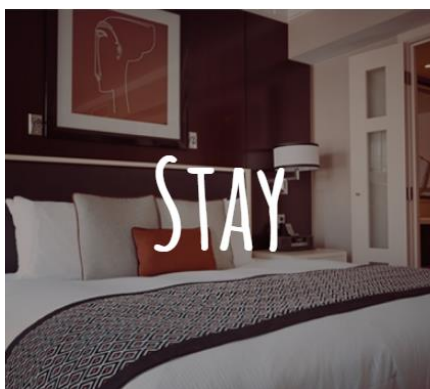
Chief Executive Officer
Rick Mitchell-Collins

KOJONUP VISITORS CENTRE WEBSITE

Coming soon . . .




Keep an eye out for the big announcement, and the launch of the new Kojonup Visitors Centre website featuring, *your community*.



THE KODJA PLACE

Support Kojonup – Buy Local

<p>Hand knitting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ June Jones knitted products ✓ Ellen Atherton knitted products ✓ Mary Hobbs knitted products and embroidered hand towels ✓ Marion Gale knitted products 	<p>Books about Kojonup by Local Authors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Merle Bignell ✓ Eric Wright ✓ Margaret Forbes Webb ✓ Alex Campbell ✓ Jennifer Gardiner ✓ Barbara Hobbs (edited by) ✓ Muradup RSL 	
<p>Other locally made products</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Little Scents candles ✓ Christine Lewis native seeds and potted plants ✓ Lilly's Garden jams and pickles ✓ Lucinda's Everlasting seeds 		<p>Products featuring Kojonup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Kojonup Aboriginal Corporation Tea towels and t shirts featuring Craig McVee's 6 Seasons design ✓ Kojonup caps and pens ✓ Postcards featuring locals and local scenery
<p>Craft</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Shelley Radford cards and rose maze pens ✓ Proanda Flowers chicken and owl scents ✓ Wendy Thorn cards ✓ St. Bernards School tea towels and cards 		<p>Wood Designs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Phillip Marinoni bowls, chopping boards, pens and more ✓ Chris Owen designs ✓ Colin Clinch message sticks
<p>Products from within the Great Southern</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Richard Dewson wooden toys (Katanning) ✓ Catrosa craft (Kendenu) ✓ Elixer Honey (Denmark) ✓ Wendy Hayward Indigenous prints (Katanning) ✓ Sandalwood factory personal care products (Albany) 		

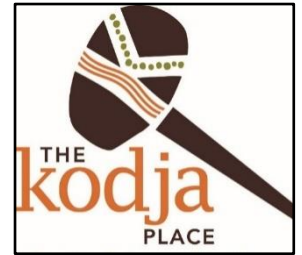
What Our Visitors are Saying . . .

“Really wonderful and informative”

“Very interesting – will be back”

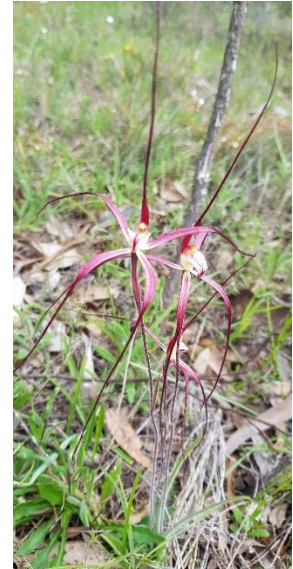
“Great shop and service”

“Thanks Jack for a great introduction”



What's Flowering Now?

Have a look at what is flowering now in Kojonup. Come and visit the Kodja Place and Kojonup Visitor Centre and pick up a free Brochure on Farrar Reserve or Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary. Self-drive Wildflower Tour Brochures are also available.



CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Early Years Activities - Sensory Play Ideas for Kids....you can do at home easily!

Giving kids the freedom to be messy is not only good fun, it can help develop their hand-eye coordination and basic motor skills, too.

Toddlers especially take great pleasure from exploring tactile objects – anything involving bright colours, unusual textures and satisfying sounds is bound to be a hit! These projects for sensory play are all easy to prepare, budget-friendly and use everyday items that you're likely to already have at home. They're all child-safe, although adult supervision during play is always recommended.



Ice block treasure hunt

Freeze small toys inside a block of ice and older kids can excavate their very own artefacts! Put a few toys, such as dinosaurs, in the bottom of a container, then partly fill with water and freeze; repeat until full. Provide children's tools or cutlery and help them bash into the ice.

Play with slime

This simple recipe for edible slime is perfect for toddlers – it's safe enough for them to put in their mouth to explore the texture, but we'd advise against making a meal of it!

Marshmallow Slime:

- 1 cup (50 g) mini-marshmallows
- 2 tablespoons (30 ml) vegetable or coconut oil
- 2 tablespoons (16 g) icing sugar
- 2 tablespoons (25 g) Cornflour
- 1 tablespoon (10 g) sprinkles, optional
- 4 to 5 drops of food colouring, optional

Melt the marshmallows and oil in the microwave, when cooled pour onto the icing sugar & cornflour mixture kneading until mixed, add sprinkles & colouring if desired.



Save the Date - Wednesday 23 September 'Play in the Park'

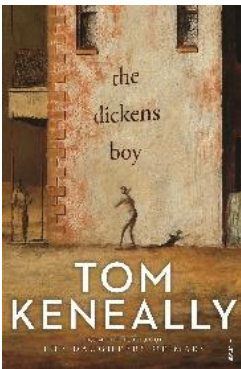
@ the Kojonup Park from 9:30am to 11:30am with Libby and Alice



A huge thank you to the Shire 'Parks and Gardens Crew' for our fantastic park for all to enjoy!

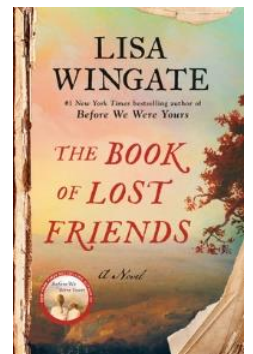
What's new to our Library?

The Dickens Boy: In the late 1800s, rather than run the risk of his under-achieving sons tarnishing his reputation at home, Charles Dickens sent two of them to Australia. The tenth child of Charles Dickens, Edward Bulwer Lytton Dickens, known as Plorn, had consistently proved unable 'to apply himself' to school or life. So aged sixteen, he is sent, as his brother Alfred was before him, to Australia. Plorn arrives in Melbourne in late 1868 carrying a terrible secret. He has never read a word of his father's work. He is sent out to a 2000-square-mile station in remotest New South Wales to learn to become a man, and a gentleman stockman, from the most diverse and toughest of companions. In the outback he becomes enmeshed with Paakantji, colonists, colonial-born, ex-convicts, ex-soldiers, and very few women. This is Tom Keneally in his most familiar terrain. Taking historical figures and events and reimagining them with verve, compassion and humour.

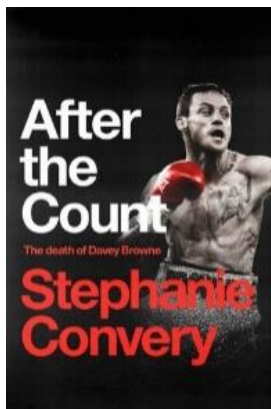


The book of lost friends: A new novel inspired by historical events: a story of three young women on a journey in search of family amidst the destruction of the post-Civil War South, and of a modern-day teacher who rediscovers their story and its connection to her own students' lives.

Lisa Wingate brings to life stories from actual "Lost Friends" advertisements that appeared in Southern newspapers after the Civil War, as freed slaves desperately searched for loved ones who had been sold off.



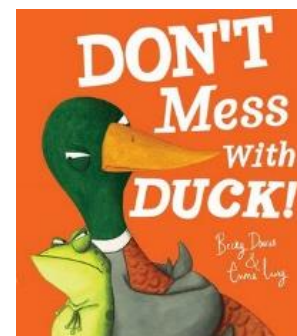
After the count: the Death of Davey Browne: When Sydney boxer Davey Browne died in 2015 after being knocked out in the final round of a title fight that he was about to win, boxing once again came under intense public scrutiny.



For journalist Stephanie Convery, the story of that fatal fight raised questions she became determined to answer- who should be held accountable when someone dies in the ring? Did the actions of the referee, the ringside doctor, the combat sports inspectors, and the trainer affect what happened that night? Is death inevitable in a sport in which the only sure way to win is to knock your opponent out? And why aren't boxers, professional and amateur, told more about the dangers of concussion and head trauma?

Don't Mess with Duck: No more quacking! No more chatting! And no more SPLASHING!

Duck is on a mission to find a peaceful pond. He wants to be ALONE, and he means business. What will Duck do when he finds the perfect pond . . . but someone's already in it?



Moshi Monsters: the movie: Hold onto your gooberies and join Katsuma, Poppet, Mr. Snoodle, and the other Moshi Monsters in an action-packed, song-filled race against time! Together they must stop evil Dr. Strangeglove and his incompetent Glump sidekick Fishlips from pulverising the recently discovered Great Moshling Egg.

Who will save the day?

Book choice to share this week: HOME by Harlan Coben:

I really do enjoy a great thriller & Harlan Coben never disappoints.










For ten long years two boys have been missing. Now you think you've seen one of them. He's a young man. And he's in trouble. Do you approach him? Ask him to come home with you? And how can you be sure it's really him?

You thought your search for the truth was over but, it's only just begun.....Available in print, also on Borrow Box.



Talk Soon Talk Often. A guide for parents talking to their kids about sex. Copies of this resource is available at the library, they are free to keep, you do not need to be a library member to collect a copy, they are on the table in the library foyer, please pick up a copy as you walk past.

These are a couple of eResources I'd like to share with you. All you need is your library card barcode number! Need a library card? Please call into the Library 😊 we can arrange that!

	<h2>Story Box Library</h2>  <p>Young children can watch and listen to stories read by a range of Australian storytellers.</p>
	<h2><u>Busy Things</u></h2>  <p>An online site for children aged 3-11 with a collection of educational games and activities across a wide range of subject areas, from English to coding.</p>
	<h2>BorrowBox</h2>  <p>An app that allows members to borrow bestselling eAudiobooks and eBooks on their Apple or Android devices for limited periods.</p>
	<h2><u>OverDrive</u></h2>  <p>Children can borrow up to 4 eBooks at a time and read them on their tablet for 2 weeks.</p>
	<h2><u>Kanopy</u></h2>  <p>A film streaming site focusing on 'thoughtful entertainment,' meaningful film and television. Includes a children's section with a selection of videos which encourage social and emotional development, promote respect for community diversity and inspire creativity.</p>

Word of the Day . . . “Forte”

Noun | FOR-tay

Definitions: 1 - one’s strong point. 2 - the part of a sword or foil blade that is between the middle and the hilt and that is the strongest part of the blade.

Did You Know? Forte derives from the sport of fencing. When English speakers borrowed the word from French in the 17th century, it referred to the strongest part of a sword blade, between the middle and the hilt. It is therefore unsurprising that forte eventually developed an extended metaphorical sense for a person’s strong point. (Incidentally, forte has its counterpoint in the word foible, meaning both the weakest part of a sword blade and a person’s weak point.) There is some controversy over how to correctly pronounce forte. Common choices in American English are “FOR-tay” and “for-TAY,” but many usage commentators recommend rhyming it with fort. In French, it would be written le fort and pronounced more similar to English for. You can take your choice, knowing that someone somewhere will dislike whichever variant you choose. All, however, are standard.

Calling for Expressions of Interest

Looking for interested women who have recently had a child, is expecting a child, or have had children that would like to be part of an awareness campaign for PANDA this year in Kojonup. PANDA (Perinatal, Anxiety, and Depression Australia) is about raising awareness and offering support for new and expecting mothers in regard to their mental health. Let’s face it raising a child is not easy, especially during a pandemic. The theme this year is “Tell someone who cares”. This year more than ever the challenges are real, but there is help and support available. By being involved in PANDA week you can help raise awareness either for yourself, others or both. Come and get involved and be part of a worthwhile campaign. We welcome anyone who would like to be on board. Please contact Elaine on cdo@kojonup.wa.gov.au or phone 98312411.



Tidy Towns Update



The newly formed Committee will meet on 9 September to assess the areas which have been entered. These include Elverd Cottage, the Barracks, the water wise irrigated oval, recently planted trees near the old rubbish tip and the rose maze. This will be the last look in before judges visit Kojonup on Friday 18 September. Post this, works will be underway for exciting Tidy Towns ventures for next year!

Kojonup Youth Advisory Centre

Looking for enthusiastic, motivated parents and community individuals who are interested in being on board our newly revamped Kojonup Youth Advisory Centre.

Do you care about the future and wellbeing of the youth in the Kojonup community? Would you like to see more youth engagement within the community? Youth engagement *can* and *does* change lives.

So what is youth engagement? It is continued and meaningful involvement of a young person in an activity focussed *outside of themselves*. When young people are involved in decision making, they feel connected to their school environment and community, they build relationships with their peers and adults, and they learn new skills. They are also more likely to do well in school and continue learning throughout their lifetime.

The Kojonup Youth Advisory Centre would like to involve young people from age 12 and upwards, who would like to be engaged with decision making, learn about Local Government and voice their concerns and views in a way that matters.

If you or your child would like to be involved then please come along to the **RSL hall on Tuesday 15 September at 3.30pm.**

For more information call Kellie on 0433 907 096 or Elaine on 98312411.



Flyer for NAIDOC BBQ Breakfast 2020. The flyer features logos for Fulton Hogan, Kaji, Kojonup, bankwest, Kojia, and TRAFFIC FORCE. The text reads: "Kojonup Aboriginal community in partnership to celebrate NAIDOC 2020", "NAIDOC BBQ BREAKFAST 2020", "Invites all Australians to embrace the true history of this country – a history which dates back thousands of generations.", "Come along to Koji's BBQ Breakfast NAIDOC 2020 Wednesday 23rd September, KODJA Place", "FREE", "Time: 7am – 10:30am", and "Early workers are welcome to come along from – 5am". Below the text is a photograph of a BBQ grill with sausages, tomatoes, and eggs cooking. At the bottom is a logo with the text "Always Was, Always Will Be."

WORKS AND SERVICES

The Shire of Kojonup would like to welcome Leah Garcia who recently joined our team of hard working cleaners.



LANDCARE

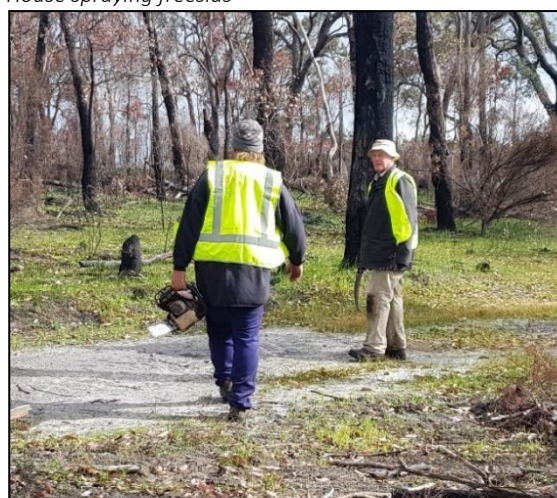


Volunteers Keeping Weeds at Bay around the Orchid Valley School

The Shire of Kojonup would like to acknowledge our very valuable volunteers who, despite the inclement weather, still turned up for the day weeding and spraying the area of bush surrounding the old Orchid Valley School. Targeted weeds included Freesias, Tagasaste, Golden Wattle and Bridal Creeper.



Volunteers Kath Mathwin and Frank House spraying freesias



Volunteers Frog and Ian Patterson looking for golden wattle (left) and Julie Parker and Frog (right).

Next month on 7 October the Friends of Myrtle Benn will be on the move again, this time to the Qualeup Hall to remove Flinders-Range Wattles, Bridal Creeper, Freesias and Cape Tulip.

Bread Tag Collection Point at the Shire of Kojonup Library



BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS



Please leave your bread tags here. They will be recycled to fund wheelchairs for needy South Africans.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!







 aussiebreadtags@gmail.com

 [@aussiebreadtags](https://www.facebook.com/aussiebreadtags)

Your local contact : _____

 www.ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au

Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs collects bread tags nationally in Australia. The tags are recycled locally, raising funds to buy wheelchairs for disadvantaged people in South Africa. Tags can be dropped at the Kojonup Library. Bread Tags for Wheelchairs has been running in South Africa since 2006. After Mary Honeybun, who started the organisation, retired from a long and successful nursing career she found that she could not 'retire' from her passion to help people.

During her nursing career she realised how important it is, both physically and emotionally, for a person disabled by an accident or a medical condition, to have the mobility that a wheelchair gives them. She also learnt how much the burden on the family and carers of a disabled person is eased if the disabled person has this mobility. Furthermore, she was aware that the majority of people in need of wheelchairs in South Africa were often unable to afford to buy their own. So, she decided that she would put her efforts into providing them.

And so, after many hours of research, Mary came up with the idea of recycling bread tags, which usually go into landfill, and using the funds to provide wheelchairs. The rest, as they say, is history!

In February 2019, we delivered our first batch of tags to our Australian recycler, [Transmutation – Reuse, Reduce, Recycle](#), who are based in Robe in South Australia. They now take monthly consignments of tags from us, and all bread tags collected in Australia are recycled locally. The funds raised are regularly remitted to South Africa to buy wheelchairs.

South Africans who cannot afford a wheelchair can apply to the organisation and get in the queue for a basic wheelchair. There is nowhere near the level of funding for disability services in South Africa as there is in Australia, so someone who cannot afford to buy their own wheelchair may not be able to get one at all.

Grant Opportunities - Smart Farms Small Grants



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

Applications close 9 October 2020, more information can be found at <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/conferences-events/scienceawards>

If you have any questions or ideas to discuss, please contact your NRM/Landcare Officer on 98312400 or landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au

2021 Science and Innovation Awards: Grants to realise big ideas for agriculture from young and rural innovators.



If you're 18-35 and want to make a difference in agriculture, this is your chance to apply for a grant of up to \$22,000 to fund your project that will benefit Australia's primary industries. Applications close 2 October.

<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/conferences-events/scienceawards>

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”.

- ✓ Mow lawns,
- ✓ Cut back your wild oats,
- ✓ Clean up all flammable material
- ✓ 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 as well. Informing your neighbour that may live outside of Kojonup of fuel load hazards will be advantageous. Minimum standards for compliance can be found in the 2020-2021 fire break order sent out with Shire rates. Alternatively, refer to our [website](#)

For more information <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/firechat/Pages/default.htm> .



Community Feedback Survey – Sharp Rush

We are interested in understanding what the local community thinks about the weed **Sharp Rush (*Juncus acutus*)**. We greatly appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts.

Please fill out the questions below manually and return to the Shire of Kojonup, or follow the link below to complete online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5QXWVL5>.

1. How much do you know about the weed, Sharp Rush (*Juncus acutus*) (mark on scale below)?

Know nothing	Know what it looks like	Know everything
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2. In your opinion, what is the most worrying thing about Sharp Rush?

3. Do you have Sharp Rush on your property?

Yes	No	Unsure	Not applicable to me
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4. If yes, about what area does it cover?

Less than 3 Ha	3-20 Ha	More than 20 Ha	Not applicable to me
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5. Are you actively trying to remove Sharp Rush from your property?

- a. Yes
b. No

6. If yes, what method works best for you, and if not, what would motivate you to remove it from your property?

7. What is your gender?

Male	Female	Rather not say
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8. What is your age (circle one)?

18-24	45-54	75 or older
25-34	55-64	Rather not say
35-44	65-74	

9. What location do you live? (circle one or as many as you require)

Kojonup	Jingalup	Qualeup
Muradup	Cherry Tree Pool	Boscabel
Lumeah	Orchid Valley	Boilup
Changerup	Mobrup	Unsure

10. Do you have any other comments about sharp rush?

SPRINGHAVEN – EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

REGISTERED NURSE: Working for the Shire of Kojonup is a rewarding and enjoyable experience and we are always looking for amazing, talented, community-focused people to join our team.

The Shire of Kojonup is currently recruiting for a Registered Nurse. This position requires at least twelve months Aged Care experience. Opportunities to expand knowledge and education in aged care will be offered. This is a permanent full time position and the successful applicant will need to be available to work public and school holidays. A current police clearance is essential.

Rate of pay is based on years of experience and will be discussed at interview. If you require further information please contact 98312800.

Your application package can be [downloaded here](#). Applications close 4.00pm 21 September 2020.

KITCHEN HAND & CLEANER: If you have a love of food, enjoy cleaning and have a genuine interest in older people this may be the position for you.

What we are looking for:

- 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.
- Good time management skills
- High standard of cleaning
- Being able to assist the cook to prepare home cooked quality meals
- Able to follow the Food Safety Standards

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.
- The potential of permanent employment.

If you require further information please contact 98312800.

Your application package can be [downloaded here](#). Applications close 4.00pm 21 September 2020.

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer

PUBLIC NOTICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

REPEAL LOCAL LAW 2020

s. 3.12 (3) of the *Local Government Act 1995*

The Shire of Kojonup hereby provides public notice, in accordance with s. 3.12 (3) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, that it proposes to form the following local law:

☑ Repeal Local Law 2020

Purpose: to repeal outdated legislation (being the Shire of Kojonup's Fencing By-Law gazetted on 23 December 1971 and its subsequent amendments gazetted on 31 August 1990 and 20 March 1992) identified during the Shire of Kojonup's review of its local laws.

Effect: the repeal of the Shire of Kojonup's obsolete Fencing By-law gazetted on 23 December 1971 and its subsequent amendments gazetted on 31 August 1990 and 20 March 1992.

A copy of the above law can be obtained from the Shire of Kojonup Administration Office, 93 Albany Highway, Kojonup or by viewing it on the Shire of Kojonup's website at www.kojonup.wa.gov.au

Submissions or comments regarding this proposed local law may be made in writing to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Kojonup at the above address or in writing to PO Box 163, Kojonup WA 6395 by 4.00pm, Friday, 18 September 2020.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Senior Administration Officer on 9831 2400.

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer

GSCORE want you!

The Great Southern Centre for Recreation Excellence (GSCORE) are looking for new board members.



Are you passionate about assisting regional communities to harness tourism as an economic driver of business and employment? Do you have a mix of skills and experience that can help the Great Southern region become an adventure tourism destination?

The GSCORE Board is conducting a recruitment process and seeking energetic, enthusiastic and committed applicants to join our Board of Directors. The skills and experience that we are looking for include governance and strategic insight, revenue generation, and marketing and public relations.

For an EOI package contact GSCORE Executive Director, Dr Lenore Lyons on 9892 0113 or email info@gscogre.com.au

For further information about the role contact GSCORE Board Chairperson, Greg Mair at greg.mair@dbca.wa.gov.au

Get Outdoors with GSCORE – School Holiday Adventure Program plus more!

Our community programs are supported by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC).

School Holiday Adventure Programs

Our July school holiday geocaching program was a big hit so we're expanding across the region. We are also developing a program for "little adventurers" (4 - 6 years old).



Start planning now for the following sessions being offered at a range of regional locations:

- Denmark: Wednesday 30 September, Geocaching School Holiday Adventures, 8-10 yrs
- Mt Barker: Friday 2 October, Geocaching School Holiday Adventures, 9-12 yrs
- Tambellup: Monday 5 October, Outdoor School Holiday Adventures, 7-12 yrs
- Denmark: Tuesday 6 October, School Holiday Little Adventurers, 4-6 yrs

We'll publish more information about these sessions as they are confirmed. To stay up to date with GSCORE's school holiday activities, follow us on social media (Facebook, Instagram) or email Andy Percy.

Introduction to Camping

Delivered in partnership with Albany Getaway Camping, the program will culminate in a group camping trip to Mt Trio Bush Camp on the edge of the Stirling Range National Park. Details are still being confirmed, but register your interest by clicking the link below.

- Everything you need to know to get into Camping (Albany) - Saturday 24 October
- Let's go camping! (one-night camping trip to Stirling Ranges) - Saturday 31 October

Introduction to Hiking

You asked, we deliver! Following our highly popular first series of Hiking workshops designed specifically for women, we've broadened our offering for a second series open to all genders and delivered over a couple of Sundays. This program is \$55 per person, delivered in partnership with Dirty Feet Tours.

The workshops will be held in Albany:

- Intro to Hiking (3-4 hrs) - Sunday 15 November
- Let's go Hiking! (Outdoor group hike) - Sunday 22 November

At this stage, the workshop will be held in the GSCORE boardroom at 22 Collie St (same building as Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries) but may be moved, dependent on numbers

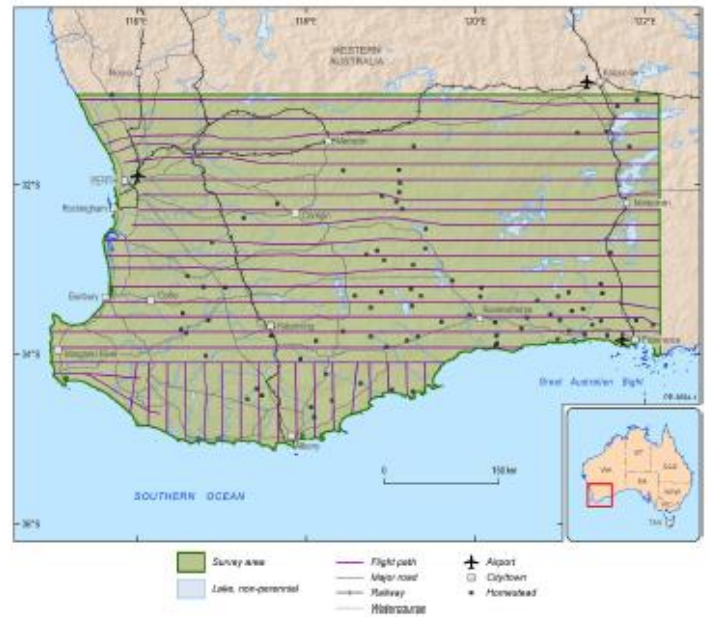
Geoscience Australia will be flying an Airborne Electromagnetic survey in the near future within the southwest region of Western Australia.

Geoscience Australia has notified directly as many stakeholders as possible including a large media campaign covering the area.

Flight lines will be 20 km apart in an east-west orientation as shown on the map in the attached notice.

A helicopter will be flying at 100 m above ground level during the survey. No ground contact will be made in the survey area.

If you require more detailed notice of flights in your area or have any concerns, feel free to contact Wayne Cook, Operations Support Officer on 02 6249 9851 to discuss further.



Containers for Change refund points announced



With less than 30 days until the start of Containers for Change, WA's new container deposit scheme, the McGowan Government has today launched an online resource to guide Western Australians to their closest refund point.

Locations, opening hours and all the details about Western Australia's 200 refund points are now available at <http://www.containersforchange.com.au>

From October 1, 2020, Western Australians will be able to cash in their eligible drink containers for 10 cents each at any authorised Containers for Change refund point.

With 74 operators right across the State, Western Australia will be home to the most diversely operated refund point network in Australia. At launch, 35 per cent of refund points will be operated by social enterprises and not-for-profits, 15 per cent by local governments, and the remaining 50 per cent by commercial operators, including many local small businesses.

Western Australians will be able to receive their container refunds in cash, via direct bank deposit, or to donate refunds to a community group or charity.



nbn™ one-on-one information sessions and online presentations for your community group

We recognise that many people in the community have become more reliant than ever on their internet connection at home. To help during this time, nbn is now providing 15 minute one-on-one online sessions for any individuals seeking some education or guidance around the nbn™ network and home connectivity. Available Monday to Friday via video link or phone, these sessions are specifically designed to help anyone seeking support with:

- When the nbn™ network will be available for your home or business
- Tips for optimising your setup at home
- The process of getting the nbn™ network installed in your home or business
- The role of nbn versus the role of phone and internet providers
- Information about nbn™ announcements or programs

To arrange a one-on-one session, and to find out more and book a 15-minute one-on-one session, simply visit nbn/events. If you would like to request a session outside of normal hours, please let us know by emailing nbnsessions@nbn.com.au and we will do our best to accommodate you. Our team will respond to email enquires within two business days.

Booking an online presentation for your community group

nbn is also offering online presentations for community groups. These sessions are run via video link or phone and are ideal for groups seeking education on:

- The nbn™ rollout including technology and how to get connected
- Tips for avoiding scams and reporting potential scams
- Advice for optimising the setup in your home or business
- The role of nbn versus the role of phone and internet providers
- Information about nbn™ announcements or programs

To express your interest in an online presentation, simply fill in your details through our booking system by visiting nbnco.com.au/corporate-information/media-centre/events . Please note, emails will be responded to within two business days.

Best regards,
The nbn™ team

Alternative contacts:

Contact us: 1800 687 626

Contact us: <https://www.nbnco.com.au/corporate-information/contact-us>



Kojonup Lions Nature Play Morning

17th September 2020

10:00am – 12:00

Kojonup Playgroup – Spring St

Please bring a change of clothes and fruit

Everyone welcome



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