

SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

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COUNCIL BRIEFS

Southern Link Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (VROC)

At a Full VROC meeting on 27 August 2020 at Cranbrook, members were advised that since the Southern Link VROC was formed in 2011 by the Shires of Broomehill-Tambellup, Cranbrook, Kojonup and Plantagenet and in 2020 by Gnowangerup and Katanning we have sourced **\$21.245 Million** from State and Federal Governments.

Major Projects undertaken include:

1. Regional Archive Repository at Broomehill = \$323,500
2. Waste Transfer Stations = \$895,000
3. Stormwater Harvesting = \$748,000
4. Waste Water Reuse = \$1,009,000
5. Independent Living Units – Stage 1 = \$1,670,000
6. Great Southern Housing Initiative = \$12.6M
7. Drought Communities Program - \$500k to \$1M (based on population per shire)

Member Shires agreed that the value of the Southern Link Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils to member Shires has been immense and are presently reviewing the Strategic Directions for the next 5 years in relation to:

- Regional Economic Development – road network, trails, regional initiatives, infrastructure.
- Governance – Regional framework to respond to State Government impacts on Local Government, build a culture of collaboration and trust between member shires.
- Environment – natural resource management, waste management, develop a regional water security strategy, climate change and future planning.
- Human Resources – Resource Sharing and professional development of people, systems and processes between member shires.
- Regional Community Development – Build capacity to enable communities to achieve including the establishment of Youth Councils.

2019/20 Volunteer Awards



Council looks forward to hosting the rescheduled Awards due to COVID-19 on Sunday, 25 October 2020, commencing at 2.00pm at the Memorial Hall.

Excellence in Aged Care Award 2020



Huge congratulations to Springhaven Aged Care Team on becoming a Finalist for the **Prime Super Employer Excellence in Aged Care Award**, part of the 2020 Western Australian Regional Achievement and Community Awards. This is an absolutely amazing achievement and one to be extremely proud of – well done! The Awards will be held in Perth on 19 November 2020 so we wish the Springhaven team every success in the final.

KOJONUP'S NEWEST CITIZENS



At a ceremony presided over by Shire President John Benn, and with the support of friends and family, Claire Stone and Paul Webb became Australian Citizens on 2 October 2020. We warmly welcome them as new Australians, and acknowledge that their Australian citizenship is a symbol of their commitment to Australia and their formal membership of the Australian community. Congratulations!



Shire President
John Benn

Chief Executive Officer
Rick Mitchell-Collins

THE KODJA PLACE



What Our Visitors are Saying . . .

“Thank you very much for a very enjoyable day! Very relaxed and informative.
Students all had a great time”

Manjimup Education Support Centre

“Friendly staff and everything so clean and fresh. Thank you”

B Burger, Port Kennedy

“Great Tour with Jack. Very Interesting”

C Fitzgerald, Maida Vale WA

“Jack is a Legend!! Awesome Tour, Thank you”

Caroline, Pinjarra WA

Come in a grab a brochure . . .

Farrah Reserve, Myrtle Benn Sanctuary, Kojonup self-drive wildflower tours and wildflower Journeys. We are happy to give directions and tips to help you enjoy your wildflower spotting experience.

It's Wildflower Time!!

Wildflowers and orchids are appearing at our local wildflower hotspots. At the Kojonup Visitor Centre we have a range of books and brochures for the wildflower enthusiast or those wanting to learn more about our beautiful and varied wildflowers and orchids.

Some of our staff have been out and about taking pictures while enjoying the beautiful weather

Spider Orchid



Blood Spider Orchid



Cow Slip Orchid



CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS AT KODJA PLACE

This year's NAIDOC Celebration was held at The Kodja Place. Early birds were welcomed from 5.00am for breakfast including Bacon & Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage Sizzle, Juice and Tea & Coffee.

Students from St Bernard's and Kojonup District High School had some amazing artwork on display for all to see. Robbie Minter performed an Acknowledge to Country with the help of some local students and tapping sticks. There was also face painting done by Students from Kojonup District High.

A huge Thank you to Fulton Hogan, Jaime and her team of Volunteers!

Kristel Thomson
Visitor Services Officer
Kodja Place

For Fulton Hogan's first Community NAIDOC event, we are extremely happy with how things went. It was wonderful to be able to support the community in holding the NAIDOC Breakfast and activities, and we look forward to bigger and better events in the future.

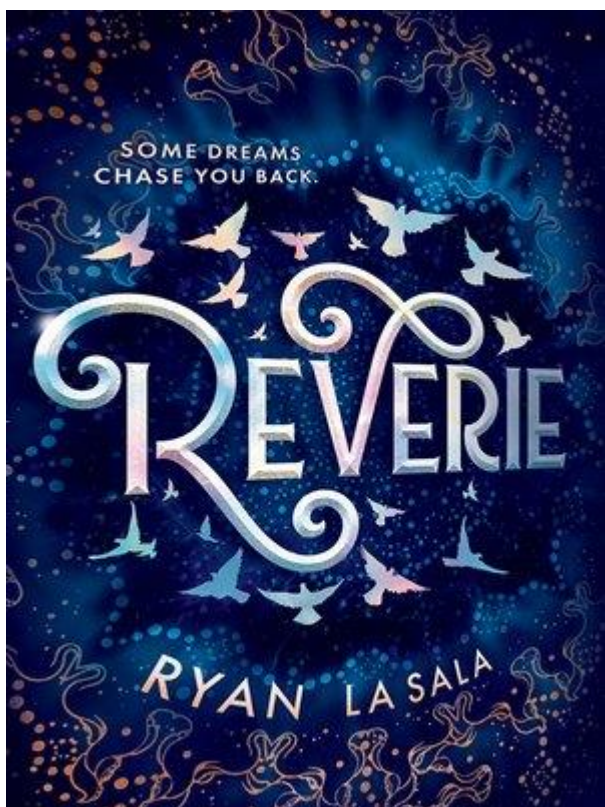
Fulton Hogan are very proud to have been given the opportunity to support the event and become part of the Kojonup community.

Jaime Rayson
Aboriginal Participation Coordinator
Fulton Hogan





What's new to our Library?



Big Library Read

Join the global book club between 2 – 16 November 2020

Reverie
Ryan La Sala

Available as an eBook or eAudio with you *library* card.



NEED TO FIND SOMETHING CONSTRUCTIVE FOR THE CHILDREN, THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS & KEEP THEM BUSY?

While you're here at the Kojonup Library you can pick up one of the fantastic Scribblers Festival Fuelling Creativity booklets from our desk. It's jam packed with fabulous ideas to inspire your kid's creativity over the school holidays. We've even got a tub of Leggo to start the creative juices flowing.

We hope to see you soon.

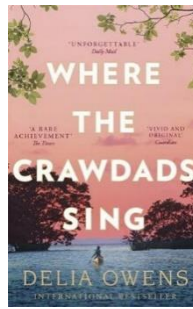


Be Kind to Animals Week October 1-7 2020
 This week we are celebrating Be Kind to Animals Week in the library. Come in and see our display and borrow some books about animals.

Why Be Kind to Animals?

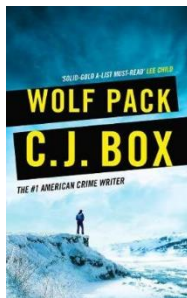
From companion animals to farmed animals, marine life to wildlife – all are capable of a full range of emotions. They experience love, joy, grief, fear, and have complex ways of communicating. By getting to know them, it's clear that each one is an individual who wants to live a meaningful and happy life, no matter what their species.

<https://bekindtoanimalsweek.org.au/pledge/>



For years, rumours of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life - until the unthinkable happens. Perfect for fans of Barbara Kingsolver and Celeste Ng, *Where the Crawdads Sing* is at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder. Owens reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were, and that we are all subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps.

Wyoming game warden Joe Pickett confronts drug cartel killers hunting on his turf in the nineteenth installment of the US crime series.



The hunt is on. The good news is that Joe Pickett has his job back. The bad news is that Wyoming's Twelve Sleep County game warden is only days away from the most dangerous predators he's ever faced. Joe's working with Katelyn Hamm, his counterpart in adjacent Shell County, to trace a drone operator whose aerial acrobatics have been stampeding elk and deer to their deaths. Their investigation will put them both on a collision course not only with the FBI, but also with the Wolf Pack, a remorseless quartet of killers. Coming up from the south, the Wolf Pack have been tracking their prey across the USA. Behind them, a trail of dead - ahead, their target. They will let nothing get in their way - especially two game wardens.

Practical Driving Assessments

- Bookings are filling fast -

The next practical driving Assessor will be visiting Kojonup on **Friday, 13 November 2020** however, there are only a small number of vacancies available. Contact the Shire Administration Office to book your place 98312400.



With the assistance of Federal Government funding, the Shire are currently working towards significant restorations to the Memorial Hall.

This will involve replacing the front roof sheeting section, complete renovation of the north and south rooms of the Foyer and brickwork pointing, fractures and replacement of deteriorated bricks and venting. For works to be completed, a large scaffold is required around the perimeter and the footpath in front of the Hall will remain closed for the duration of the works.

The original roof sheeting was galvanised iron, which was then replaced with Colour Bond. The new sheeting will be heritage galvanised, taking the roof back in time visually while providing all the benefits of new materials. The foot path in front of the hall will be closed for duration of works being a construction site. The date & time of these works will be advertised prior and the expectation is these works will be completed prior to Christmas



**FRIENDS OF MYRTLE BENN AND COMMUNITY BUSH PROTECTION WORKING BEE
QUALEUP HALL**

WEDNESDAY, 7 OCTOBER 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, 7 October 2020

WHO? Community minded people who want to get a bit of exercise and fresh air whilst doing something positive for the environment, with a special invitation to residents surrounding Qualeup Hall or those that have a special connection to the area.

WHY? Weeds present at the Qualeup Hall bush are highly invasive in nature. There are currently small patches of weeds that, if left unattended, will become much harder to remove as they will spread through the adjoining bush area.

WHERE? At the Qualeup Hall, Bin Road, Qualeup.

BRING: Hand saw or chainsaw, old tin/plastic container and paint brush and gloves, empty and clean backpack hand sprayer and some morning tea and a chair if you like.



Flinders Range Wattle – highly invasive weed found at Qualeup Hall.



SPRINGHAVEN

Hello from Springhaven, We have had a lovely September up here.

For Father's day we treated the residents to a magnificent High tea with all sorts of fancy treats prepared by one of our wonderful cooks.

We have had lots of beautiful spring flowers decorating our rec room and filling it with the sweetest aroma. A big Thankyou to those in community that donated their spring harvest. Also a massive thanks to Lyn Mathews, she has been volunteering her time to come in and play the piano for us and we are very grateful.

We are continuing with the scenic drives and the residents look forward to these outings, it has been great to get out and see all the beauty that comes with spring.

We continue to have restrictions in place for COVID19 and appreciate the community being so supportive and cooperative.

We would love any donations of Horse themed books if you have any that you no longer need. Please call Springhaven if you have some to donate, very much appreciated.

Well wishes,
Aleigha.



PUBLIC NOTICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Employment Opportunity – Customer Service Officer - Casual Pool The Kodja Place

The Shire of Kojonup is recrfiting a pool of casual Customer Service Officers to provide relief work when required, weekend and peak season relief at the Kojonup Visitor Centre.

Further details are within the Position Description which is available on our [website](#) or contact our Visitors Services Officer, Kristel Thomson on 9831 0500.

The Shire of Kojonup is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer

Employment Opportunity Casual Lifeguard/Customer Service Operator

The Shire of Kojonup are currently looking to engage a Casual Lifeguard/Customer Service Operator at the Kevin O’Halloran Memorial Swimming Pool in preparation for this coming summer season.

Skills & Experience

The ideal candidate will have well developed customer service skills who can act professionally as the first point of contact for our patrons. It is important to be an organised and motivated individual, capable of working well in a small team environment. The following qualifications are mandatory to the position:

- Current Pool Lifeguard Certificate
- Current First Aid Certificate
- Current Working with Children clearance

The Shire may be able to assist with obtaining these qualifications .

This role reports directly to the Swimming Pool Manager, who will be responsible for the allocation of duties for this position.

Further details are contained in the Position Description which is on our [website](#), or contact Emily Sleight, Sport and Recreation Officer at sro@kojonup.wa.gov.au or on 9831 2400 or Gavin Bunbury, Swimming Pool Manager at swimming@kojonup.wa.gov.au

Applications close 16 October 2020 and should be addressed to the undersigned via emailing council@kojonup.wa.gov.au.

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer