

SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

Edition 190 – 16 October 2020

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Restricted Burning Period

The days are starting to get warmer and longer which means we can all get out doors and enjoy the sunshine and our socially distanced interactions. It also means that it won't be long until harvest commences. All of this serves as a timely reminder that the Shire of Kojonup has now entered the Restricted Burning period which will continue until 4 November 2020. Permits are now required and can be obtained from your local FCO. Contact details can be found on our [website](#)

Elected Member Training

On 27 June 2019, changes were made to the Local Government Act 1995 which require newly elected councillors to undertake training within the first 12 months of being elected. These changes were introduced in recognition of the unique and often challenging role that Councillors undertake. Modules are designed to provide Councillors with the skills and knowledge to perform their role as leaders within the community and the broader region.

Councillors have demonstrated their commitment to their obligations and as a united team, all of our Councillors have now completed four of the 5 modules with the final module 'Serving on Council' to be completed in November:

- Understanding Local Government
- Conflicts of Interest
- Understanding Financial Reports and Budgets
- Meeting Procedures
- Serving on Council

Roadworks

Works & Services are currently progressing an upgrade of Benn Parade and drainage around the Kojonup Park. Please take care to slow down and observe road signage if you are travelling in these areas.

Connection: Aboriginal Child Artists Captivate Europe

CONNECTION relates the inspiring tale of the children of Carrolup. It is a story of trauma, and the overcoming of trauma. A story that resonates in today's world of the oppressed and their oppressors. A story of Hope, Heart and Healing. Professor David Clark and Dr John Stanton made a special presentation of the new book at The Kodja Place on 8 October and look forward to the opportunity to return to Kojonup to further expand on this inspiring tale.

CBH Group – Withdrawal of Development Application

Written notification has been received from Tim Dolling, Planning and Approvals Coordinator acknowledging resident concerns conveyed at the meeting held 12 October 2020 at the Sporting Complex and withdraws the application for additional grain storage on lot 9999 Thornbury Close. CBH proposes to engage with stakeholders after harvest to identify a suitable site.



Shire President
John Benn

Chief Executive Officer
Rick Mitchell-Collins

THE KODJA PLACE

What Our Visitors are Saying . . .

"Jack is a legend. Very interesting"

Bill Kingdom

"Beautiful and Amazing History"

Sean, Lola & Family

"Thank you Jack – Keep your good shape and health"

Claire Vander Linden – Donnybrook

"Jack was very entertaining, lovely tour"

Bernadette Riseley



Aussie Town Review

This post was recently found on Facebook so we contacted "Aussie Town Review" who gave us permission to reproduce their post which we proudly do below.

Desperate for Identity? A Reflection on Australian Tourism

An English friend recently made the thought provoking observation "I get an impression that towns in Australia are desperate for identity."

The more I think about it, the more accurate that observation seems to be.

As a general principle towns away from the coast came into existence for three reasons: (a) they were on a ford across a river or beside a body of reliable water and consequently became a popular stopover point for drovers and bullockies (b) they found gold or other precious minerals and the town sprung up to meet the needs of the miners and prospectors (c) they were a service centre for a wealthy rural district.

Note: none of those reasons has anything to do with tourism.

Some mining towns – notably Hill End, Bendigo, Broken Hill – can still rely on mining, or the remnants of it, to attract people who want to have a "mining experience".

Some rural service towns – Wagga Wagga for example – have successfully parlayed themselves into major rural centres with lots of accommodation (for conferences etc.), university campuses specialising in suitably rural activities (Wagga is known for its Bachelor of Wine Science) and a large enough CBD to attract shoppers from a 100 km radius.

But most inland rural towns struggle. They feel the need to boost their very fragile economy and decent citizens sit down and dream up ways they think travellers will stop and spend money.

The plan is invariably simplistic: (a) there are lots of retired baby boomers travelling around the country in caravans – call them “grey nomads”. (b) how do we attract them to our town? (c) let’s build a vernacular museum, let’s put big murals on walls, let’s get some public art in the local park, let’s offer them free caravan accommodation.

Does it work? Not really. Museums need lots of volunteers and lots of genuinely interesting items – and good ones cost money!

I am not persuaded by murals or public art. It has to be pretty amazing – ie MONA in Hobart – to actually draw people to an area.

The closest I have come to genuine “museum” creativity was at Kojonup in Western Australia - It is, quite simply, the best and most engrossing museum I have seen anywhere in Australia.

Why? Because unlike most museums it is a study of a town in microcosm and, quite radically, it mixes a rose garden (which tells the stories of an Aboriginal woman, an early settler and an Italian immigrant through a mixture of oral history, journals and letters – and it smells sublime) with a display which celebrates the slow evolution of racial harmony in the town (it finally came in 1973 – better late than never and just a few years ahead of the collapse of apartheid in South Africa) while exploring the complex social fabric of a small wheatbelt town. It is a tour de force – a model which richly rewards hours of careful examination.

And how did it happen? Simple. The town employed a trained and qualified Museum Curator. In these days when we disparage “experts” it is worth remembering that they are lateral and creative thinkers and the museum at Kojonup stands as a monument to genuine creativity.

<http://www.aussietowns.com.au/town/kojonup-wa>

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

We are excited to resume all our ‘Early Years Programs’.

We are lucky to have Libby and Alice as they bring ‘PLAY in the PARK’ & ‘PLAY CAFE’ back to our community for the remainder of the year, making sure we all have fun while being safe.

Please feel confident to join in, as these are free community events. Just bring your water bottles and hats.

‘PLAY CAFÉ’

Wednesday

October – 14, 21

November – 4, 11, 18

December – 2, 9, 16

@KDHS Kindy Rooms

9.30am – 11:30am

‘PLAY in the PARK

Wednesday

October – 28

November – 25

@ KOJONUP PARK

9.30am – 11:30am

‘STORY TIME’

Friday

October – 23,

November – 6, 20

December – 4, 18

@ Library

10.30am – 11.00am



What's your Legacy?

The dictionary would define legacy as a gift or bequest that is handed down, from one person to another; something that is left behind after a person has gone. But perhaps a more holistic definition of legacy could be, '**offering yourself to make a meaningful, lasting and energizing contribution to humanity by serving a cause greater than your own.**' [\(source\)](#)

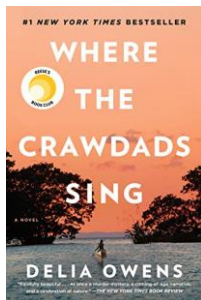
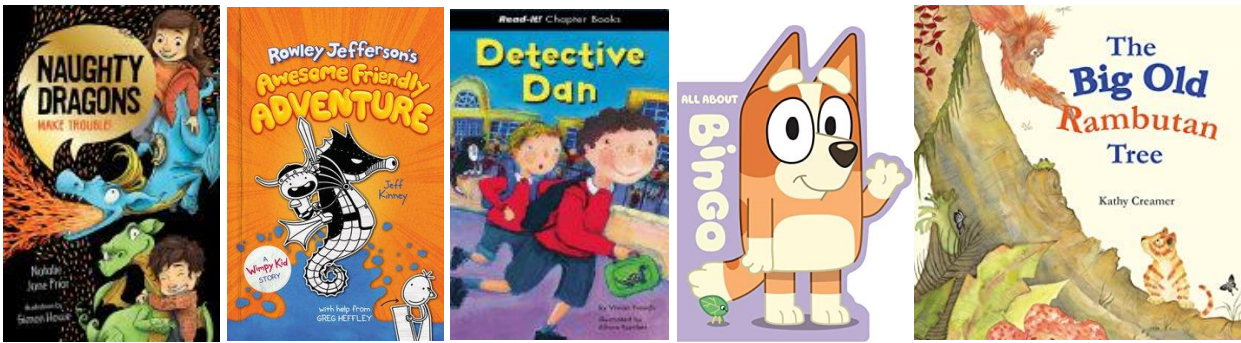
That's what public libraries are all about! One of the last great equalisers, libraries have been champions of life-long learning and literacy for everybody, from the very start.

This October we celebrated the 1 millionth Better Beginnings reading pack to be handed out! At this significant milestone, we want to acknowledge one of the people who was instrumental in developing the program, and also shine a spotlight on a few of the many libraries who are '**living legacies**' in their local communities throughout WA.

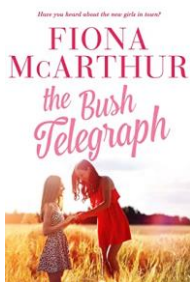
Kojonup Library has been able to bring **Better Beginnings** to Kojonup, due to Shire of Kojonup support every year. We are able to provide 'Yellow packs' for all new families, the 'Orange packs' are given to all children the year they turn 2, and the 'Green packs' are delivered at a special story time at both our local schools. St Bernard's students have already received their pack this year and I look forward to setting a story time date with KDHS this term.



New to our Library:



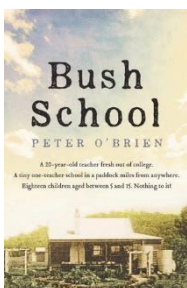
Where the Crawdads sing – Delia Owens: For years, rumours of the “Marsh Girl” have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. 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.



The Bush Telegraph – Fiona McArthur: 'Small towns and gossip go together like trees and birds.' It's been more than ten years since Maddy Locke left Spinifex, the small outback town where she gave birth to her daughter, Bridget. Now she's back to prove she's got what it takes to run the medical centre and face the memories of that challenging time in her life. But everything's changed – the old pub is gone, her new colleagues aren't pleased to see her, and it's drier and hotter than ever.

Station owner, Connor Fairhall, thought he'd left the drama behind in Sydney, but moving back to Spinifex with his rebellious son, Jayden, hasn't been the fresh start he'd envisioned. His brother, Kyle, is drinking too much and the only bright spot on the horizon is meeting Nurse Maddy, who's breathing new life into the weary town up the road, little by little.

Can Maddy ignore the rumours about Connor and risk her heart again? Or will the bush telegraph spread along the wire fences and stand in the way of trust?



Bush School – Peter O'Brien: There was a bed, a timber floor, thin tar paper on one side for privacy from the nearby road but nothing else. The flimsiest of 'walls', no pegs or nails to hang even a hat, no door, no rug for cold morning bare feet, no bookshelf for a voracious reader, no bedside cupboard for a lamp or a glass of water, no light source—just a bed and a suitcase for the next two years

In 1960, newly minted teacher Peter O'Brien started work as the only teacher at a bush school in Weabonga, two days' travel by train and mail cart from Armidale.

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.



SPRINGHAVEN

Springhaven Updates October 2020

Hello all, and how welcome is this lovely warm weather we have been having! We have a great air conditioning system here thank goodness. Our rec room where we spend our social time is beautiful and bright with all the windows, and this sunshine has brought a fresh atmosphere with it.



We have had a few great days here lately including a very busy International Animal day, where some of our awesome staff members brought in their pets to share some love with the residents. We have a couple of outings coming up where we will take a few residents for a drive and see what sights Kojonup has to offer this October.

Also International Grandparents Day is on October 23 so be sure to make your grandparents feel extra special.

Blessings to you all,
Aleigha.

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Black Cockatoo Nest Survey's Starting Soon!

On the 22 September 2020 in Katanning, NRM/Landcare Officers from Dumbleyung, Katanning and Kojonup gathered to learn how to monitor tree hollows for nesting Black Cockatoo's.

Adam Peck, Black Cockatoo Project Coordinator from BirdLife Australia, ran the event where explained the Black Cockatoo's habits and correct surveying techniques.

Black Cockatoo's are nesting now, so if you hear or see any (even just flying past), please let your NRM/Landcare Officer, Jane Kowald, know on 0428712050 or landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au, or fill out the online survey, found at <https://app.maptionnaire.com/en/7399/>

Please note it is illegal to disturb or take native fauna under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2018. Licences can be obtained through the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions website www.dpaw.wa.gov.au.

This project is funded by the Australian Government.

Right: Andrea Salamond, Katanning Landcare, using the 'pole camera' to see what is in a potential nesting hollow.

Below: Adam Peck, BirdLife Australia, measuring tree diameter to help with hollow identification.

Below right: Image from the 'pole camera' of 2 Black Cockatoo eggs found near Badgebup. Black Cockatoo's have a 30 day incubation period, and fledging occurs about 70 days from hatching.

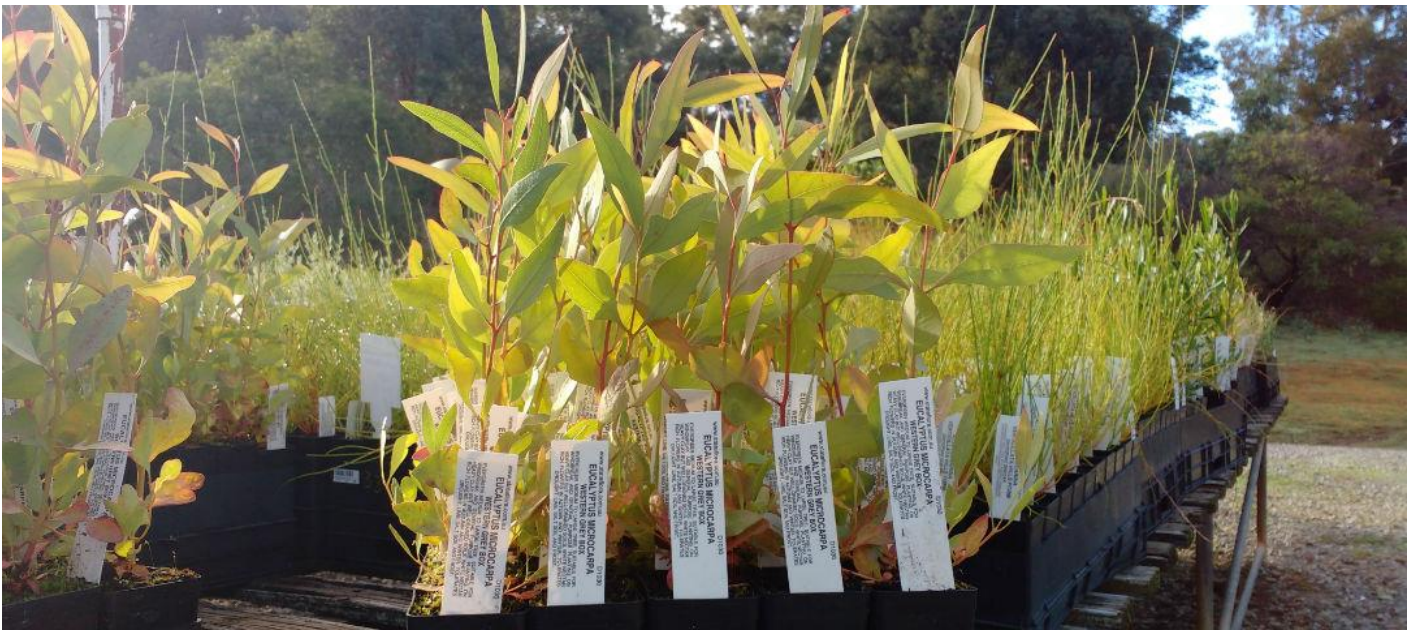


14,260 Seedlings Planted at Tarup Creek

Nathan and Diana Leitch received funding from the State NRM Program, supported by Royalties for Regions, to plant over 14,000 seedlings and fence along a section of Tarup Creek, which starts along the Boyup-Brook – Kojonup Road and joins with the Kojonup Brook in Changerup.

This has enhanced the area significantly as it was degraded and being affected by water erosion. A mix of local species, with shrubs, ground covers and trees, has been planted as part of a three-year program to fence and revegetate the whole creek line on their property.

Mr Leitch expresses the importance of site preparation in revegetation works, citing weed control and ground preparation as being paramount. About 200 of his time was spent on the project as part of his in-kind contribution. Family members assisted with the planting.



LANDCARE YOUTH SURVEY

TAKE THE SURVEY

If you are 25 or under, we invite you to take the Landcare Youth Survey.

Tell us what your environmental issues are, share your ideas and let us know what you need to make a difference!

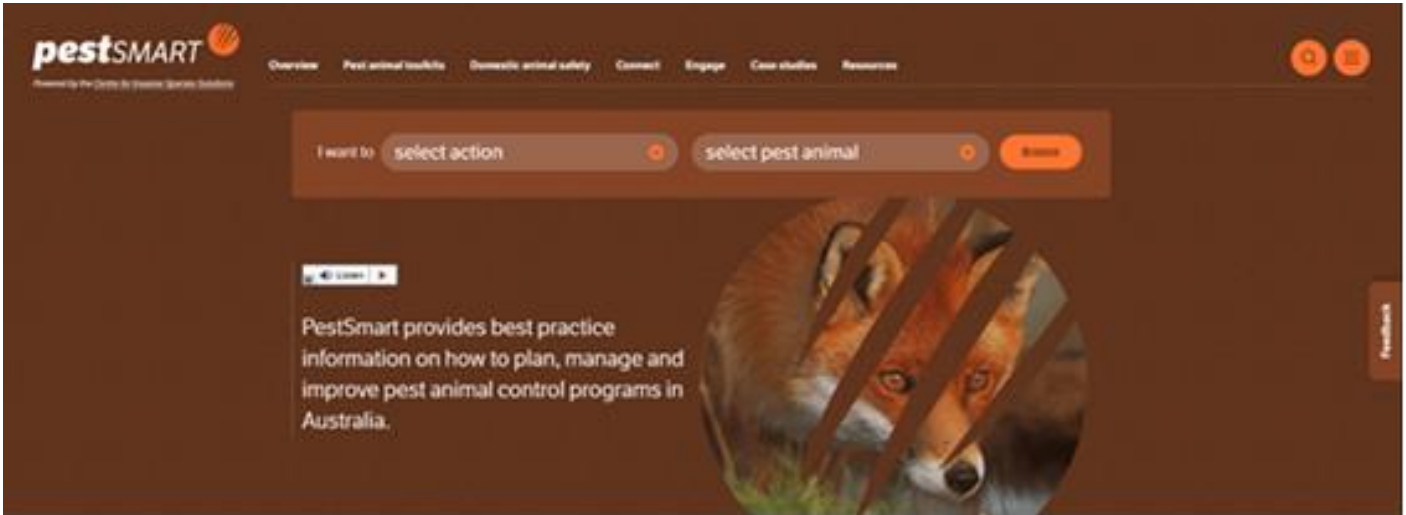
The survey will only take 10 minutes but will provide valuable insight to help develop programs and events that young people want to be involved in.

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New, easier to use PestSmart website



Check it out! The PestSmart website – pestsmart.org.au - has had a major upgrade making simpler and easier to find the most accurate knowledge to effectively manage pest animals.

PestSmart now hosts 16 pest animal toolkits which contain planning guides, national standard operating procedures, codes of practices, videos, case studies, factsheets and more.

The website also includes a link to a brand-new Community Action portal – community.invasives.com.au to further support coordinators to manage community-led programs.

The website upgrade project received funding from the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment through the Centre for Invasive Species Solutions and included input from a cross-section of pest animal stakeholders to ensure the site meets users' needs.

The site is managed by the Centre for Invasive Species Solutions and further upgrades and content updates will be made over the next 12 months based on user feedback.

Visit <https://pestsmart.org.au>

Weed Alert: South African Orchid

Common name: South African Orchid

Scientific Name: *Disa bracteata*

Type of plant: Uncategorised

About this weed: *Disa bracteata* originated from South Africa and is easily identified by its thick fleshy stem which can grow to 0.4 m high. It was probably introduced as a garden plant and was first recorded near Albany in 1944. It has now spread widely in wetter areas of the south-west of the State.



Description: The South African Orchid is a perennial tuber growing to about 0.4 m in height with flowers held on a fleshy stem in spring. Unlike most native orchids the green & brown flowers are small and nondescript. The stem and leaves are thick and fleshy and reproduction is primarily by tubers and seed. The seedbank persists for 6+ years. The plant dies back after flowering then renews from tubers or seed in autumn.

Impact on Bushland: South African weed orchid (*Disa bracteata*) invades native bushland and competes with and replaces the native ground flora. It therefore has the potential to impact on rare and endangered plants in the understorey. It invades conservation areas (e.g. the Lower Glenelg National Park in Victoria and Kaiserstuhl Conservation Park in South Australia) and develops underground tubers that make it difficult to eradicate.

Location: Widely distributed in the South-West Province on white, grey or black sand, sandy clay and granite. It prefers wetter areas and can be found in paddocks and bushland.

Priority for removal: Unknown: but may disrupt ecological processes or may result in loss of biodiversity.

Management (hand): If hand weeding be very careful to remove all tubers. Small tubers can exist for quite some distance below ground level. Also, try to minimise soil disturbance around the plant.

Management (herbicide): Spot spray Glyphosate 1% + Pulse® just on flowering. Read the manufacturers' labels and material safety data sheets before using herbicides.

Flowering month/s: October, November

Flower colour/s: Green, Brown

Information source:

<https://florabase.dpaw.wa.gov.au/browse/profile/19649>

Additional information:

<https://florabase.dpaw.wa.gov.au/weeds/swanweeds/>

Hussey, B.M.J., Keighery, G.J., Dodd, J., Lloyd, S.G. and Cousens, R.D. (2007) Western weeds. A guide to the weeds of Western Australia, Second Edition, The Weeds Society of Western Australia, Victoria Park, Western Australia.



CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE SCHEME LAUNCHED!



Whether you're keen to earn a bit of extra cash, raise money for your local sports club or even donate to your favourite charity, you can now start earning 10-cents for every eligible drink container collected for the Containers for Change scheme.

Eligible containers include most aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard beverage containers which are typically consumed outside the home. The introduction of container deposits schemes in other states have resulted in a dramatic reduction in litter and a huge increase in recycling rates. In WA over 1 million containers were returned through the scheme on the first day!



For more information about the Containers for Change scheme and to find your nearest refund point click <https://www.containersforchange.com.au/wa/>



Future Drought Fund: Natural Resource Management Drought Resilience Program - Grants

Closing Date & Time
30 October 2020 - 11:00pm AEDT

The Australian Government is inviting applications under the Future Drought Fund: Natural Resource Management Drought Resilience Program - Grants.

The Program is focused on support for experimentation in NRM practices, systems and approaches that go beyond current best practice. This aims to foster innovation and transformational change in the management of Natural Capital to deliver drought resilience in agricultural landscapes.

Through holistic management and adoption of new or existing technology and practices, this program will deliver a range of on-ground outcomes achieving benefits that meet local priorities and contribute to landscape-scale drought resilience.

The intended outcomes of the Natural Resource Management Drought Resilience Program - Grants are:

- NRM is improved in Australian agricultural landscapes in ways that support primary producers' capacity to prepare for and respond to future droughts and climate change
- Primary producers and other land managers are enabled to experiment with adaptive or transformative NRM practices, systems and approaches that can build drought resilience in agricultural landscapes
- Increased uptake of "whole-of-system" natural resource management thinking and practices – that is, approaches that acknowledge the linkages between the ecosystem services on which agriculture depends; environmental and economic aspects of drought resilience on farms; and the social drought resilience of communities in agricultural areas
- Networks are established or strengthened between stakeholders who partner and share responsibility for managing natural resources (including public and private land managers), which improves connectedness and diversity of approaches across the landscape

If you have any ideas for this grant opportunity, please call your NRM/Landcare Officer, Jane Kowald, on 0428712050 or email landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au

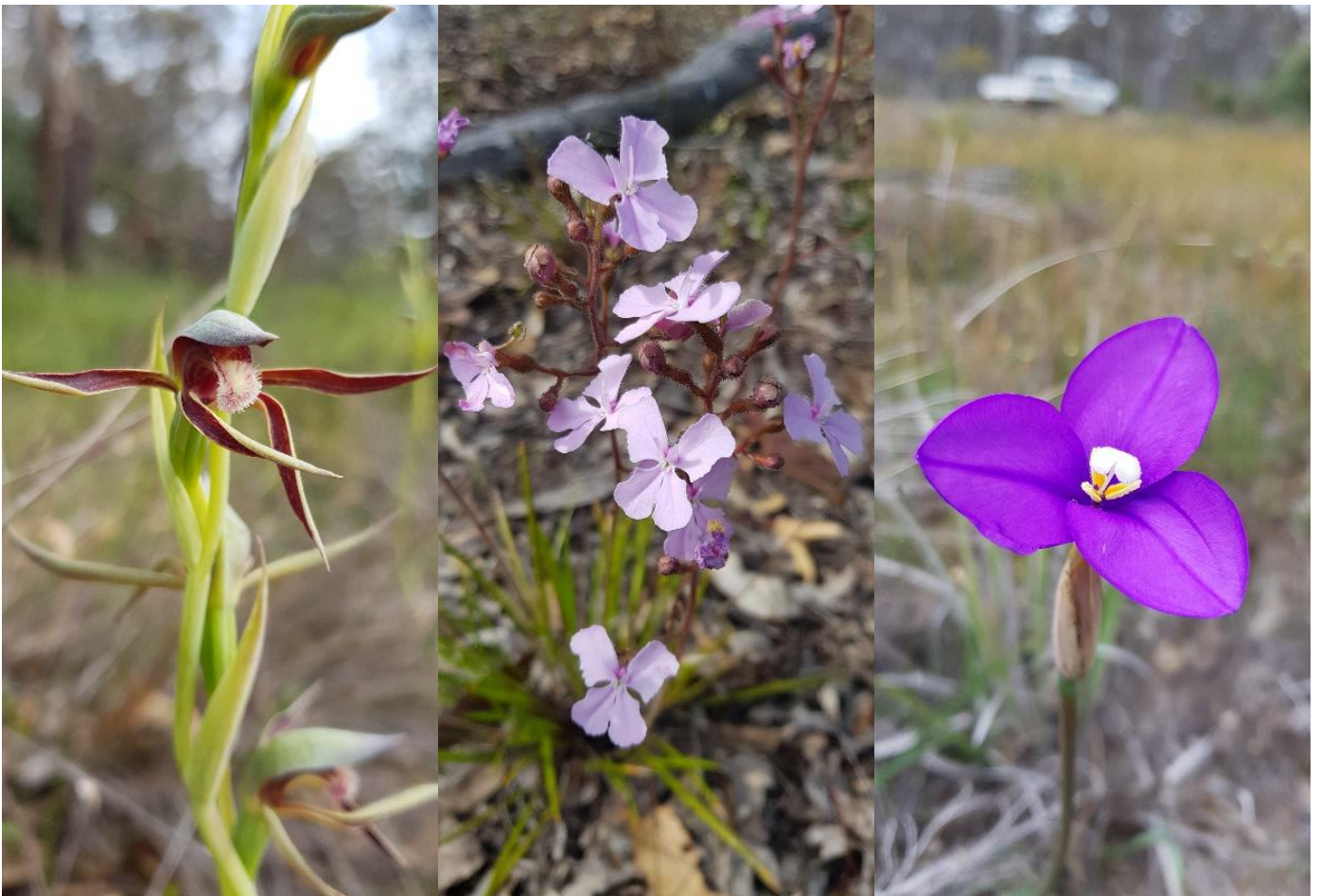


Volunteers give Flinders Range Wattle a pull at Qualeup Hall

Thanks to 5 dedicated volunteers, parts of the Qualeup Hall and old golf course are now Flinders Range Wattle Free. 80Ha of the 105Ha reserve area was covered and the Flinders-Range Wattles were either hand sawn, chain-sawed or pulled out.



Volunteers enjoying morning tea at the Qualeup Hall



Flowering now at the Qualeup Golf Course, left: Rattle Beak Orchid, Centre: Pink Triggerplants, Right: Purple Flag Lily

Flinders Range Wattle (*Acacia iteaphylla*) it is one of several Australian wattles that are known as the "green cancer" for their invasive nature. The Shire of Kojonup's Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee and Friends of Myrtle Benn Group have been raising awareness about this weed and encourages members of the public to remove the trees if they are on their property.

While there is no obligation under legislation to remove these trees, it is important to be aware of their invasive nature and quickly control any new seedlings that might appear on your property.



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



The Magic Coat for Kids proudly presents:

Di Wilcox's Unique Parent and Child Workshops -

Helping Your Child to Deal with Worry and Anxiety



In this interactive 90-minute workshop you and your child will learn how to recognize what worries your child has and how to deal with these in a simple and effective way, whilst learning:

- What is worry and anxiety
- How to use a Worry Ladder to help your child manage everything that is going on in their mind
- How to put worries into perspective
- How to manage panic attacks

Children will be introduced to The Magic Coat and taught how the different characters that live inside the pocket can help them with their anxiety, on a day to day basis.

This workshop provides tools of communication to both create a strong bond between parent & child and build your child's self-confidence.

Suitable for children ages approximately 6-12 years and may also suit older children.

Presented by:



Di Wilcox



Date: Monday 19th October 2020

Time: 4.00pm to 5.30pm

Venue: Kojonup Sporting Complex
Benn Parade, Kojonup WA

Ticket Price: FREE!

Booking Link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BLCXQ>

Sausage Sizzle available for purchase from 5.30pm onwards

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Kojonup Police & Community Golf Day 2020



Saturday 24th October 2020

SOCIAL FUN FILLED DAY FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY.

10:30 - 11:00AM REGISTRATION & SAUSAGE SIZZLE

TEE OFF 12:00 NOON

18 HOLE - 3 PERSON AMBROSE - \$ 35.00 PER PERSON

CONTACT KOJONUP POLICE FOR TEAM REGISTRATION & FURTHER DETAILS

9831 2555 - 127 ALBANY HIGHWAY, KOJONUP.

OR WARREN PORTER 0408934214

TEAM/ INDIVIDUAL NOMINATIONS BY 16TH OCTOBER!!



COVID 19 Restrictions Apply!!