SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

Edition 191 – 30 October 2020

COUNCIL BRIEFS

The Council meeting was held on 20 October and proceedings commenced with an presentation to Mr Mick Cowie in recognition of his retirement and 19 years of service to the Shire of Kojonup.



Continuing with the formalities, some of the outcomes are as follows:

10.1. Review of Volunteer Handbook

The Shire of Kojonup has many different activities that volunteers engage in, working alongside staff to deliver and enhance services and initiatives offered by the Shire. Without the support and contribution provided by volunteers, some of these services and initiatives would be difficult to sustain into the future.

The Handbook represents a detailed point of reference for volunteers, provides guidance to managers overseeing volunteer programmes and recognises volunteers as an integral part of our organisation.

The Handbook was subsequently reviewed and adopted by Council accordingly.

10.2 Kojonup Community Men's Shed Inc. – Licence Agreement

Kojonup Community Men's Shed Inc. (Men's Shed) rents a portion of 133/135 Albany Highway, from the Shire of Kojonup (Shire) and at the 21 April 2020 Ordinary Meeting, resolved to pause rental fees.



The remainder of the building was vacated and the Men's Shed made a formal request to Council to:

- Use of space within the building that is now available following vacation by the previous lessee; and
- Either payment of outgoings by the Shire *or* removal of rental charges, in order to assist the community group with financial sustainability into the future.

Councils decision is as follows:

That Council, conditional upon the Men's Shed contributing an amount to be negotiated towards the architectural designs of a new Benn Parade joint facility,

1. Agrees to amend its licence agreement with the Kojonup Community Men's Shed Inc. (Men's Shed) for 133/135 Albany Highway, Kojonup, by foregoing rental charges until the expiry of the current licence agreement (30 June 2021) and that both parties re-consider this arrangement prior to the expiry of the licence agreement on 30 June 2021 if wishing to continue the licence arrangement after that date;

AND

2. Agrees to Men's Shed's use of the space previously leased to another party, as per the attached diagram and within the scope of the above existing licence agreement.

10.3 The Kodja Place

The Kodja Place Community Fund Inc. (KPCF) meeting held 17 September 2020, namely passed the following motions:

1. The Kodja Place Community Fund are seeking agreement from Council to give the KPCFI the autonomy to hold events, upgrade displays and put in place applicable Curatorial Audit recommendations in consultation with stakeholders. If required we will report back to council.

2. Shire President John Benn and Vice President Ned Radford collaborate on a streamlined process which outlines the steps required for community members and groups to follow in order to hold events and functions at Kodja Place.

The KPCF in one of is a key stakeholder along with the Kojonup Aboriginal Corporation, Marribank Aboriginal Corporation, Kojonup Historical Society, WA Museum, Great Southern Development Commission, Black Cockatoo Café Lessee, Tourism WA, Community and Council. As such, requests from KPCF cannot be considered in isolation without engaging in appropriate consultation with all parties.

The Officers Recommendation included 5 points for consideration by Council however, the Council decision was to *"lay the matter on the table"* to allow Council the opportunity to meet with members of the Storyplace/Gallery Work Group, KPCF Inc. and Kojonup Aboriginal Corporation (KAC) to discuss the Funds concerns and/or opportunities contained within the agenda item before a decision is made.

11.1 Repeal Local Law 2020 Adoption

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries identified that there were a number of local law related listing anomalies dating back to 1936. The Department investigated these anomalies and found that, although showing as repealed, the fencing by-laws were incorrectly recorded as such.

Council, at its 28 July 2020 Ordinary Meeting, resolved to propose a Repeal Local Law 2020 to repeal the old, *still in existence* fencing by-law and its amendments. These old local laws have also been superseded by Council's Fencing Local Law 2020.



Council's resolution is as follows:

That the following local law be adopted, as attached, following advertising for public submissions or comment in accordance with s. 3.12 (3) of the Local Government Act 1995, and once comment having being received and amendments made that do not significantly alter the local law as it was proposed:

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.

12.5 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting Dates

Local Governments are required to give local public notice of the date, time and place with respect to ordinary council meetings and, committee meetings which are proposed to be open to members of the public and shall be held within the proceeding 12 month period.

Council resolved the following Council meeting schedule for the 2021 meeting period.

That:

- 1. Ordinary Council Meetings be scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month for 2021 commencing at 3:00pm with the following exceptions:
 - No scheduled meeting to be held in January;
 - The July meeting be held on the fourth Tuesday to make allowance for the Annual Budget adoption; and
 - The December meeting be held on the second Tuesday given timing to Christmas break period.
- 2. The following dates be approved for the 2021 year for Council Meetings:
 - 16 February 2021
 - 16 March 2021
 - 20 April 2021
 - 18 May 2021
 - 15 June 2021
 - 27 July 2021
 - 17 August 2021
 - 21 September 2021
 - 19 October 2021
 - 16 November 2021
 - 14 December 2021

3. Local public notice be given of the approved Council meeting dates for the 2021 year.

12.6 Administration Office, Library and Depot Closure during the 2020/2021 Christmas and New Year Period

Council were requested to approve the Administration Office, Library and Depot closure during the 2020/2021 Christmas and New Year period and the officer recommendation was approved as follows:



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That approval be granted for:

 The closure of the Administration Office and Library during the Christmas and New Year period from 12.30pm Thursday 24 December 2020 and reopen at normal work times on Monday 4 January 2021; and
 That local public notice of the closure be advertised.

Council also closed a portion of the meeting to members of the public to consider two items and Councils decisions are outlined as follows:

17.1 DISPOSAL BY SALE – LOT 66, 101 ALBANY HIGHWAY, KOJONUP

That Council, having received nil submissions, proceeds to sell Lot 66, 101 Albany Highway, Kojonup for \$51,000 to Manj Family Trust:

1. With each party to pay its own settlement expenses; and

2. The Chief Executive Officer discussing with Manj Family Trust, its receptiveness of Council using the eastern portion of Lot 66 as public open space/off street parking aligned to the mini town square concept.

17.2 QUOTATION FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF 1 (ONE) WHEEL LOADER

1. The eQuote VP205245 be awarded to Westrac for the supply of 1 (one) CAT 924K wheel Loader for the purchase price of \$267,500(ex GST).

2. Outright sale of CAT IT28 KO 240 Loader to Robert Sexton for \$42,000 (ex GST)

The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 17 November 2020, commencing at 3.00pm.

Members of the public are reminded that Questions may be submitted using the special email address for Council Meeting Public Question Time being cmpqt@kojonup.wa.gov.au

The Manager Corporate and Community Services will table all correspondence received.

VERGE SIDE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS COLLECTION

To clarify queries received, the next collection is 2021, not this year.



Shire President *John Benn*

Chief Executive Officer *Rick Mitchell-Collins*

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE TEMPORARY CLOSURE

The Shire Administration Office and Library will be closed between 11.45am and 1.15pm Tuesday 3 November 2020.





VOLUNTEER AWARDS 2020

The Shire of Kojonup Volunteer Awards are held annually to coincide with National Volunteer Week which occurs in May however, due to Covid-19, the event was postponed until 25 October.

The event recognises the outstanding contributions made by community volunteers either individually or as part of a community organisation and the Shire of Kojonup is proud to announce that the winners of the 2019/20 Volunteer Awards are:

Event of the Year

Police Golf Day & Blue Light Disco: For providing a fun, inclusive and community supporting event each year injecting funds back into the community as well as providing a safe environment for children to socialize.

Young Volunteer of the Year

Josh Webb: For his ongoing contributions in the Kojonup News, helping us learn about our community and those amongst it by undertaking interviews.

Volunteer of the Year

Peta Zadow: For her continued efforts with the P&A Society and coordinating the many volunteers to conduct the annual Kojonup Show and commitment as a player and supporter of the Kojonup Hockey Club over many years.

Local Legend

Jack Cox: For his years of commitment to the Indigenous history, culture and stories at the Kodja Place. Barbara Hobbs: For her commitment to the community over various groups, especially the time and efforts with the Historical Society preserving Kojonup's history and accessioning at the Kodja Place.

Lifetime Contribution

Judy Rodda: For her many years of service to the Kojonup Netball Club's junior and senior members, and her determination to see the Netball facilities improved.

Dawn Norrish: For over 60 years teaching local youngsters and youth at the Mobrup Riding School.





What Our Visitors are Saying .

"Thank you Jack for an interesting tour" M & D Rennie, Secret Harbour "Very Interesting" L & M Westcott, Denmark "Great Tour and Tour Guide, Loved it" J & J McGregor, Perth "Fun and Interesting" M Edwards, Hilbert WA

Kojonup Brochure

The Kojonup Visitor Centre are proud to announce the arrival of our new town Brochure. Feedback is welcome and can be emailed to <u>kojonupvisitors@bigpond.com</u>

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

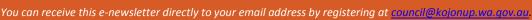
Exciting news!

Kojonup has been selected as Sate Finalist in the Tidy Town judging which took place in September. The two categories which Kojonup has been selected for are Environmental Sustainability and Environmental Education. Thanks To Jane Kowald, Marina Murray and their team for

involving school kids in environmental education and Marina for endorsing a water wise town. The awards ceremony are November 27 with competing towns being Boddington, Dumbelyung, Kalgoorlie Boulder, Port and South Headland, Wongan Hills, Broome, Pia Wadjarri and Wellstead. We cannot wait to start with beautifying our town to enter more categories next year. As always we are looking for enthusiastic community members to join our committee.

Did you know there were 221 women who were screened when the WA Breast Screen visited Kojonup in September?

These screenings could have potentially saved over 200 lives. Be sure to have your mammogram when they next visit.











New to our Library:

Turn Left at Venus – Inez Baranay:

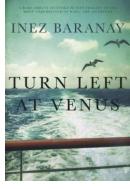
They were two little girls on a very big boat.

In the 1930s, Ada and Leyla meet as children on a boat bringing migrants from Old Europe to the New World. They talk of seeing kangaroos yet end up living miles apart from each other in suburban Sydney. Their separations are often lengthy, but their friendship endures across continents and decades and is a thread in this haunting story of writing, relationships and ageing. Ada (A.L. Ligeti) becomes an author, searching for a Utopian world, exploring aspects of patriarchy and gender in her ground-breaking feminist science fiction novel called Turn Left at Venus. That novel and its sequels are celebrated and much discussed by generations of fans. Memory and imagination fold seamlessly into one another as Ada keeps moving on, from relationships and places, living in hotels and rental spaces in Kings Cross, San Francisco, Ubud and elsewhere.

The Book of Longings – Sue Monk Kidd: Raised in a wealthy family in Sepphoris with ties to the ruler of Galilee, Ana is rebellious and ambitious, a relentless seeker with a brilliant, curious mind and a daring spirit. She yearns for a pursuit worthy of her life but finds no outlet for her considerable talents. Defying the expectations placed on women, she engages in furtive scholarly pursuits and writes secret narratives about neglected and silenced women. When she meets the eighteen-year-old Jesus, each is drawn to and enriched by the other's spiritual and philosophical ideas. He becomes a floodgate for her intellect, but also the awakener of her heart.

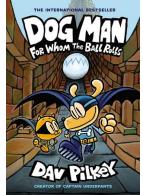
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Fiction for Children:

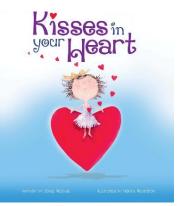


New DVD's:















PANDA AWARENESS - High Morning Tea-FREE

Come and enjoy a free High Morning Tea, relax and gain awareness on Perinatal Anxiety & Depression Australia (PANDA).

PANDA is a serious matter affecting many new and expecting mums. Hear some personal stories and gain some insight on strategies on how to cope. Senior health professional Marcelle Cannon will be guest speaker. Free crèche available, delicious morning tea and a goody bag to take home. **Cost, is free**.

When: Wednesday 11 November 2020

Where: Sporting Complex Kojonup

Time: doors open from 9am for a 9.30 start

RSVP is essential for catering and creche services Please **RSVP** by **3 November 2020**

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Government of Western Australia North Metropolitan Health Service Women and Newborn Health Service



You can receive this e-newsletter directly to your email address by registering at <u>council@kojonup.wa.gov.au.</u>



The Shire of Kojonup is currently in the Restricted Burning period from 1 October to 4 November 2020. Permits are required for all fires lit during this period including but not limited to:

- 200 litre (44 Gallon) drum fires
- Garden Refuse
- Open Fire Pits

Permits are available from your local Brigade FCO who will explain all conditions under which fires may be lit.

Permits may be cancelled at any time dependant on weather forecasts. All changes to dates will be sent via SMS.



If you are not receiving SMS alerts from the Shire of Kojonup, please call or email with your name, number and brigade area to be added to the system.

POOL SEASON COMMENCING SOON!



With summer right around the corner, the Kevin O'Halloran Memorial Swimming Pool will be re-opening on Sunday, 1 November 2020 and opening times for School term 4 are:

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



Pool Passes

Pool Passes can now be purchased from the Shire Offices or at the Pool and prices are:Child/Seniors\$50Adult\$75Family\$150

Aqua Aerobics: Commence Monday, 24 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 or \$8.00 for holders of a season pass.

Kojonup Swimming Club

Kojonup Swimming Club will begin its new season on Monday, 2 November from 3.15pm for the younger group and 3.45pm for the older group.

Toddler Pool New Shade Sail Installed

A new shade sail has now been installed over the toddler pool and it looks great!







Hi all,

Firstly, thank you to all the families and friends of our residents, for your continued support and assistance by following our restrictions, which are in place to keep your loved ones safe from COVID19.

We have reviewed our current practices, and have taken several things into account, such as, State Government directives, the current situation over East, as well as how well WA is doing as a state with our borders being closed.

Going forward, visiting restrictions to Springhaven Lodge will be as follows:

- Mandatory flu vaccine and presentation of vaccine record on first visit (to allow for record to be put on a register, for staff to refer to when you visit again).
- Not be exhibiting symptoms of an influenza like illness (Temperature over 37.5, coughing, sneezing, fatigue, body aches etc.).
- Not have travelled overseas in the previous 14 days or had been informed of being a close contact of someone who tests positive of COVID-19.
- Visitors are not required to call and book in their visit but doing so will help staff to organise your loved one for the visit.
- Unfortunately, as Springhaven is an open plan facility, we must keep the front door locked, as we do not have a reception. This is to prevent visitors without a flu vaccine from walking in. The front doorbell is now linked to Care staff pagers to alert them that someone is at the door. Please be patient with staff as they are tending to residents and making sure they are safe before they leave them to answer the door.
- Visitors are still not allowed in communal areas and will continue to sign in at the front door and enter resident's rooms via external patio door.
- Visitors are welcome at any time during the day, visits during mealtimes or activities (such as bingo or church service) will be facilitated in the resident's bedroom.
- Residents can be taken out for outings by visitors, preferably to outdoor areas such as sitting outside a café or lunch in a park. Where possible please avoid bringing residents to highly populated areas. This is to avoid contact with members of the community who have not received the flu vaccine.

These changes will be in effect from tomorrow, Wednesday 21st October 2020.

The Shire of Kojonup and Springhaven may change these visitor restrictions at any time, based on State advice, as our primary aim remains the safety of our residents and staff.

If you have any questions or would like to meet with me, please call 98312800 to arrange a meeting.

Kind regards

Ciara O'Regan Springhaven Manager Rick Mitchell-Collins Chief Executive Officer



NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

FENCE LINE CLEARING

Can I Clear Native Vegetation Along My Fence Line?

If you are the owner of the property, you may clear a strip along a fence line **within your property** to the width necessary to provide **access** to construct or maintain a fence, provided that the clearing, combined with other limited exempt clearing (under the Regulations) on the property, does not exceed five hectares in the financial year in which the clearing takes place.

A separate exemption exists for clearing between private property and Crown land (e.g. a road reserve), provided that the clearing on the Crown land is no more than 1.5 meters from the fence and is required to enable **access** to construct or maintain a fence. This exemption applies to the owner of the land on which the clearing is to take place or with the prior authority of the owner, therefore in the case of a road reserve, **written approval from your local Shire must be obtained prior to undertaking the clearing.**

These exemptions do not apply in environmentally sensitive areas.

The onus is on the landowner and any other person carrying out the clearing on their behalf, to ensure compliance with the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act), regardless of any advice given by the Shire.

It is important to read all the exemption requirements or elements:

It authorises the clearing of native vegetation on Crown land along a fence line; and

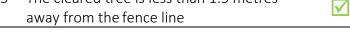
- The clearing can only be for the purpose of providing **access** to construct or maintain a fence between private property and Crown land; and
- (as a limitation to these first two parts of the exemption) –the clearing can be no more than 1.5 meters from the fence line.

If the intended clearing does not satisfy all these requirements then the exemption does not apply, and a clearing permit is required.

The following images provide examples of this exemption:

Example 1

- 1 The cleared tree pictured above is within Crown land and is along a fence line
- 2 The cleared tree was preventing the property owner from being able to access and construct the new fence
 3 The cleared tree is less than 1.5 metres





This clearing is authorised by the exemption



Example 2



1	The cleared tree pictured above is within Crown land and is along a fence line	
2	The cleared tree was preventing the property owner from being able to access and construct the new fence	×
3	The cleared tree is less than 1.5 metres away from the fence line	\checkmark

The clearing of the tree would not be authorised by the exemption.

Example 3



FENCE LINE CLEARING

Although a tree may have limbs that overhang a fence and there is a possibility that a tree limb could fall and damage the fence at a later point in time, the tree cannot be cleared under this exemption unless all three requirements are met. If the limbs do not impede access to the area to construct or maintain the fence (the second requirement) the exemption would not apply and a **clearing permit** issued by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) would be required. The limb itself could be removed (pruned) as it would not constitute 'clearing' as defined under the EP Act if the removal of this limb does not cause substantial damage to the tree and the trunk of the tree is not severed.



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This exemption does not authorise the wholesale clearing of all native vegetation on the Crown land within 1.5 meters of the fence line, it only authorises the clearing of as much vegetation as is necessary "to provide access to construct or maintain a fence".

Any clearing undertaken must be done in such a way to limit damage to neighbouring vegetation.

Unauthorised Clearing of Native Vegetation

The clearing of native vegetation in Western Australia without authorisation is an offence under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. Unlawful clearing by individuals can result in fines of up to \$250,000. Guide lines on clearing exemptions and applications for clearing permits are available on the DWER website <u>www.dwer.wa.gov.au</u>

Written Approval from the Shire

The Shire of Kojonup will provide written confirmation, as manager of crown land road reserves, for the adjacent land owner to clear within the conditions listed above. This requires written or email contact <u>at</u> <u>least 1 week before</u> the required fence line clearing identifying:

- -Where the fence to be cleared; -When it will be done; -Who will do it (is there a contractor).
- This written approval process will allow shared understanding and acceptance of the requirements, and also the ability for the Shire to consider aligning its own road maintenance schedule with the fence line clearing.

Acknowledgment to Shire of Narrogin for these guidelines, 2019.

WORKS AND SERVICES

We've all heard those jokes about "shire workers" and what they do and don't do but there are many things that our Works and Services staff do that you may not be aware of such as, inspections of our park equipment inspections.







Thorough inspections are conducted on a monthly basis of all the equipment including play equipment and seating, as demonstrated by Tash Hira, to ensure it is fit for purpose including raking of sand areas.

Then there are the projects that you can see, such as the Benn Parade reconstruction. The Shire of Kojonup is proud of all our employees and the work that they do, on time and on budget.





POSITIONS VACANT

Customer Service Officer - Casual Pool

The Shire of Kojonup is recruiting 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 <u>website</u> 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

Registered Nurse

Springhaven Lodge is a twenty two bed residential care facility owned by the Shire of Kojonup and is located approximately three hours south of Perth set in a rural and vibrant community.

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 experience and will be discussed at interview.
- New graduates are encouraged to apply.
- Accommodation options are available.

An application package, can be obtained from our <u>website</u>. *Please note: Sponsorship is not available for this position.* If you require further information please contact Ciara O'Regan on 98312800.

Applications must include:

- 1. Application for advertised vacancy
- 2. A covering letter, and
- 3. Address to the selection criteria

Applications must be addressed to:

Ciara O'Regan Manager of Aged Care Services Springhaven Lodge Barrack Place Kojonup WA 6395

Alternatively, applications can be emailed to council@kojonup.wa.gov.au

Rick Mitchell-Collins Chief Executive Officer





Award winning soprano Samantha Clarke is visiting Kojonup for an unmissable evening of musical delights. Samantha will treat the audience to a selection of opera, music theatre and contemporary pieces with a classical twist.

> Limited Tickets (Strictly no door sales)

Sunset Soprano \$45 (including canapés) & bar (cash only)

5pm - 8pm

Tickets available from The Kodja Place 143 Albany Highway Kojonup 9831 0500



Dress for a crisp Spring evening. We politely request no small children

"Samantha Clarke's Anne could be seen and heard in any of the world's opera houses right now. Her sympathetic facial expressions tell us everything we know, the lyric soprano seems effortless"

- David Nice, Arts Desk, London



A community event sponsored by the Kodja Place Community Fund Inc.





Carols at Kodja

Friday 18th December - 5pm to 8pm Kodja Place Courtyard

- Join in a Christmas celebration
- Wear some Christmas bling
- Bring a picnic for your family
- Bring chairs & picnic rug
- Bring a torch to light up the courtyard
- Carols begin at 6:00 with a children's choir



The Black Cockatoo - open with limited menu Pre-order available 98311606

We invite you to bring a gift (preferably unwrapped) to be donated to locals crisis support groups.

This can be food, luxury personal items or gifts. If you can't make it on this evening, gifts can be left at the Kojonup Veterinary Hospital.

If you would like to join the Christmas Choir singing well known carols we welcome you to come to two practices at The Kodja Place from 7-9pm on Mondays 7th and 14th December. The more the merrier



Organised by the Kodja Place Community Fund and Southern Singers and supported by the Shire of Kojonup

