

SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

Edition 202 – 27 November 2020

COUNCIL BRIEFS

The Council meeting was held on 17 November and proceedings commenced with a presentation to Mrs Michelle Dennis in recognition of the 6 years of service Michelle has given to the Shire of Kojonup and the community.



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

10.1 – The Kodja Place

That Council:

1. Continues to work collaboratively with all stakeholders to address each of the Master Plan/Curatorial Audit recommendations and other suggestions in order to rank and prioritise what can realistically be achieved short/medium/long term;
2. Upon recommendations being ranked/prioritised determine funding options available and prepare submissions/applications;
3. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to prepare draft Memorandum of Understanding with
 - I. Kojonup Aboriginal Corporation
 - II. Kodja Place Community Fund Inc.
 - III. Kojonup Historical Societyincorporating collaboration, roles, functions, responsibilities and reporting requirements regarding the Storyplace/Gallery and Kodja Place Precinct;

4. Appoint Cr Cindy Wieringa to the Storyplace/Gallery Work Group as an additional Council representative.

11.1 Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 29 October 2020

Council received the minutes of the meeting and resolved to agree to review the 20/21 Fire Break Order at the April 2021 Council meeting.

11.2 - Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) Minutes 26 October 2020

Council received the minutes of the LEMC meeting held 26 October 2020 and endorsed the Standalone Bushfire Plan 2020-2021 for the Kojonup District High School Farm.

11.3 - Bushfire Management Plan – Kojonup Waste Transfer Station

Council adopted a Bushfire Management Plan for the Kojonup Waste Transfer Station.

11.4 – Great Southern Treasures – Strategic Plan 2020-2023

The Great Southern Treasures (GST) Committee has been reviewing its governance arrangements and long term plans. The development of a strategic plan for GST represents an excellent opportunity for GST to focus its efforts on the bigger picture in a more coordinated manner.

Council resolved to endorse the GST Strategic Plan and Forward Directions 2020 – 2023

12.3 - Annual Meeting of Electors - 2018/2019 Financial Year

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the WA Government released the Local Government (COVID-19 Response) Order 2020 which essentially deferred Annual Electors Meeting. This order has now been amended and the Annual Electors Meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 December 2020, at the Sporting Complex on Benn Parade, commencing at 1.00pm.

12.4 - Occupational Health and Safety Audit Report 2020

Council received the Local Government Insurance Service Tier 2 Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Audit report. The inaugural OSH Annual Management Review took place over two days in August 2020, with all Managers in attendance for both or one of the days. This review highlighted the noted improvements from all departments, which is reflected in the results of the 2020 LGIS OSH Audit being 98%. An excellent result.

12.6 - Kojonup Saleyards

Council resolved to close the Saleyards as of 1 January 2021 however, the truckwash will be retained for use and will be maintained by the Shire. Council also endorsed the CEO commencing the process to call for Expressions of Interest for the Management of the Saleyards (as is), closing April 2021.

15.1 - Housing – George Church Community Medical Centre Inc.

Given the joint public notification by GCCMC Inc. and St Luke's Family Practice that the new Medical Centre will be leased to St Luke's Family Practice, Council resolved that it will give due consideration to disposal (Lease/Sale) options for 34 Katanning Road, including self-supporting loan considerations on or before 16 March 2021.



Shire President
John Benn

Chief Executive Officer
Rick Mitchell-Collins

ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTOR'S

Notice is hereby given that the annual elector's meeting for the Shire of Kojonup will be held on:

Tuesday 8 December 2020
Commencing at 1.00pm
Kojonup Sporting Complex
Benn Parade, Kojonup,

To consider the Annual Report for the 2018/2019 year.

This report was adopted by Council on 16 June 2020 and this meeting has been delayed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Copies of the Annual Report are available from the Shire Office, or on the website kojonup.wa.gov.au/documents/annual-reports and additional copies will be made available at the meeting.

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer

SHIRE OF KOJONUP
Annual Report
2018 - 2019

Kojonup



One community, many choices

Questions on Notice – Annual Meeting of Electors - Tuesday 8 December 2020

As we are still operating under some COVID-19 restrictions, please note we have a digital option for submitting questions for discussion at the Annual Meeting of Electors.

An email can be sent to cmpgt@kojonup.wa.gov.au and the Manager Corporate and Community Services will table all correspondence received.

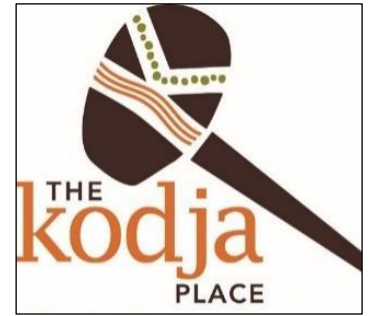
CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

What Our Visitors are Saying . . .

"Always a pleasure to be here!" Amanda Yorke, Albany

"Not our first, not our last time" Brendan & Clem Connell

"Excellent! Jack's tour was great!" Sam Beard, Busselton



Indigenous Design Giftware

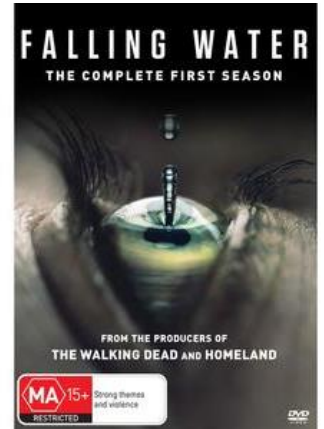
Come in and see the great range of gift ideas supplied by Kojonup Aboriginal Corporation. From beautiful silk scarves, drink bottles, reading glass cases, tea lights and more. The stunning designs are painted by Indigenous artists whose stories are featured on the packaging.



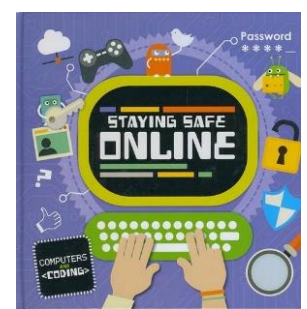
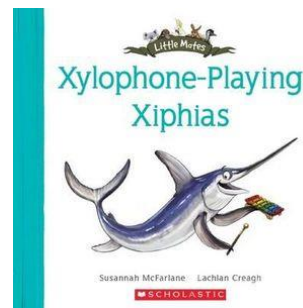
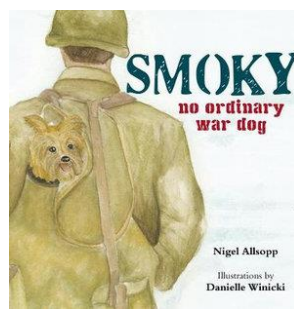
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New to our Library:

DVD's



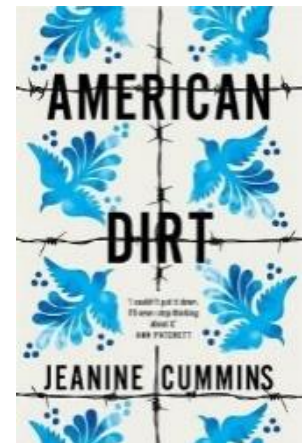
Junior



Adults

American Dirt – Janine Cummins: FEAR KEEPS THEM RUNNING. HOPE KEEPS THEM ALIVE. Vivid, visceral, utterly compelling, AMERICAN DIRT is an unforgettable story of a mother and son's attempt to cross the US-Mexico border. Described as 'impossible to put down' (Saturday Review) and 'essential reading' (Tracy Chevalier), it is a story that will leave you utterly changed.

Yesterday, Lydia had a bookshop.
 Yesterday, Lydia was married to a journalist.
 Yesterday, she was with everyone she loved most in the world.
 Today, her eight-year-old son Luca is all she has left.
 For him, she will carry a machete strapped to her leg.
 For him, she will leap onto the roof of a high speed train.
 For him, she will find the strength to keep running.



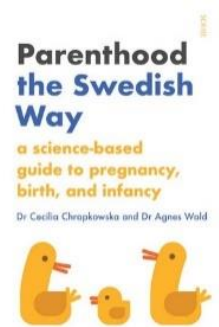


The Golden Key – Marian Womack: *An extraordinary, page-turning Gothic mystery set in the wilds of the Norfolk Fens from a BSFA-shortlisted author London, 1901.*

After the death of Queen Victoria the city heaves with the uncanny and the eerie. Séances are held and the dead are called upon from darker realms. Samuel Moncrieff, recovering from a recent tragedy of his own, meets Helena Walton-Cisneros, one of London's most reputed mediums. But Helena is not what she seems and she's enlisted by the elusive Lady Matthews to solve a twenty-year-old mystery: the disappearance of her three stepdaughters who vanished without a trace on the Norfolk Fens.

But the Fens are a liminal land, where folk tales and dark magic still linger. With locals that speak of devil-men and catatonic children found on the Broads, Helena finds the answer to the mystery leads back to where it started: Samuel Moncrieff.

Using the latest research and a wealth of personal experiences, this is the fact-based, no-nonsense approach to birth, child health, and shared child-rearing you have been waiting for. Many expectant parents will be surprised and relieved to hear the following- breastfeeding doesn't protect against allergies; sterilising bottles and dummies is unnecessary in most countries; and if you think you shouldn't drink alcohol when breastfeeding, you've been taken in by plain moralism and not scientific evidence. And by the way, you can forget the housework and prescribed routines- as long as you attend to your baby's basic needs and maintain your social and work connections, you'll be doing just fine.



The Golden Pen

Have you got a story to tell? Perhaps there's a small creature, with a big dilemma? Or a big house with small residents? Maybe it's a big idea, told from a small voice? This year's Golden Pen Writing Award theme is BIG & SMALL. Ideas are only limited by your imagination, so if you're in Years 4-12, we want you to put pen to paper and think about the world around you, within you and your place within it.



What are the prizes?

There are some fantastic prizes to be won by shortlisted entrants including, bookshop vouchers and a creative writing Masterclass with a Festival author from the 2021 Festival program.

Winning entrants will win a cash prize of up to \$500, Festival Book Shop vouchers and a creative writing Masterclass!

How do I enter my story?

Open to Western Australia residents across three age categories, you are invited to tackle the theme through fiction, creative non-fiction, poetry, comics or graphic novels – we'll let you choose your creative path.

Competition Categories

- Senior – Years 9-12
- Middle – Years 7-8
- Junior – Years 4-6

Blind-judged by a star panel of authors, winners will be announced at a special event across the Festival Family Weekend on 8-9 May 2021.

To apply online or via post, complete the Individual or Class Entry Form below, read the [Terms & Conditions](#), and submit your creation of 3000 words or less by 21 March 2021. Finalists will be notified by email or phone the week of 19 April 2021.

Further information follow this link.... <https://www.scribblersfestival.com.au/golden-pen>

Don't forget our Christmas Colouring Competition, get your entries in! Available from the Library front counter.

Also keep a lookout for or Santa Letter Writing table in December, and post your letter!

And if your child is aged 8-14 years, we are offering a pre-Christmas Craft Session at the Library on Monday 21st December 10am – 11:30am. All materials for the craft will be supplied including morning tea. But we will have a seat limit of 10 places, so please book your child's place.



Early Years Summer Holiday Program:

Libby & Alice will be bringing
'PLAY in the PARK'
to Kojonup Park on
13 & 20 January 2021



Author Event with Rachael Johns & Anthea Hodgson



Such a fun night had by those who enjoyed our author event with Rachael Johns & Anthea Hodgson.

A lot of laughs and discussions around the art of writing, political correctness followed by coffee, wine and nibbles.

Rachael sold out of her new book on the evening, so hugely successful.

Anthea is incredible, working on her next book....write faster !!!!!

Rachael & Anthea even found our 'Free Little Library' at the Kojonup Park ☺

National Road Safety Week

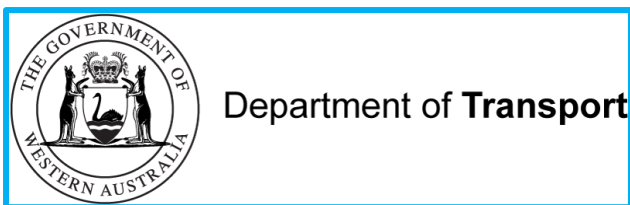
In line with National Road Safety Week, the Shire of Kojonup in conjunction with DFES, VFRS, Kojonup Police and St John Ambulance demonstrated a real life scenario of cutting an injured patient out of a car.



Spectators including students from KDHS watched as the Jaws of Life were used to extract the badly injured patient. Emergency volunteers meticulously peeled the door and roof away freeing the driver to enable St John Ambulance to take over and attend to the injuries.



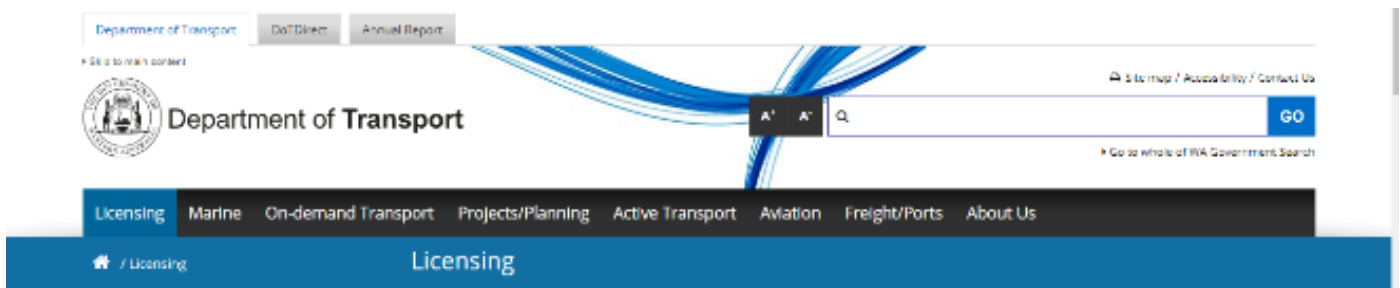
The Shire would like to thank our Emergency Services for demonstrating what they do and how they save lives. The key message is don't drive tired and stop for regular breaks when travelling. Thank you to Lions for cooking the sausage sizzle and everyone who took part in the day. Sponsored by The Road Safety Commission.



Department of Transport

Did you know the Shire of Kojonup is a licencing agent for the Department of Transport, as such we are not permitted to take licencing enquires over the phone.

If you are attending the administration office to complete licencing duties, please ensure you come prepared. The best way to make sure you have everything is to check the [Department of Transport](#) website before hand to familiarise yourself with what your particular enquiry may need.



If you come prepared with the correct ID requirements and information, it will streamline the time you spend within the admin office.

Please note that our staff have to follow the directions and regulations set upon is from the Department of transport.

If you are unable to come into the Shire of Kojonup Administration Office for your licencing enquiry you must contact the Department of Transport on 13 11 56.

Kevin O'Halloran Memorial Swimming Pool



Kevin O'Halloran Memorial Swimming Pools season is now well and truly underway and we've had a reasonably good start to the season considering the weather we have been having. We have plenty of things happening with Swimming Club up and running, Aqua Fitness classes starting, Morning Lap Swimming available and have School In-term Swimming lessons currently running (Monday November 23 until Friday December 4). So come down, bring the family and enjoy this fantastic facility.

Season Passes can still be purchased from the Shire Offices or here at the Pool.

Remember to Watch Around Water

Please remember with the summer season getting into full swing that the following supervision rules apply at the Pool.

- Children under 5 must have a Swimming Adult in the water with them at all times.
- Parents and guardians with children under 10 must be dressed and ready to enter the water.
- Children under 10 must be actively supervised by a responsible person over the age of 16.

Aqua Aerobics

Our fantastic Aqua Aerobics classes 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. Come down and give this enjoyable exercise class a try, you will be amazed how great a workout it really is.

Be Alert for BEES

As we have had a pretty dry winter we are getting more activity from BEES this year at the pool than in the past. If your child is allergic please keep a close eye on where they are and if there are any Bees in the water around them. The best thing to do is to get a leaf, pick them up with it the take them over to the trees to recover. If you or any of your children do get stung I have tweezers and cold packs available for use.

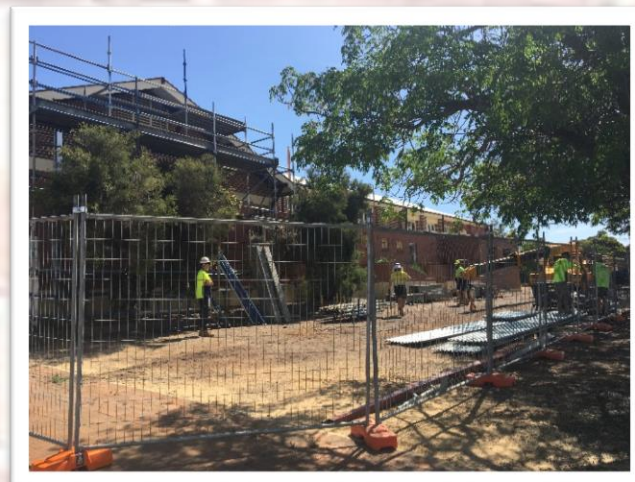
Birthday Parties At The Pool

If you want a great day out for your child's birthday party then don't hesitate to book in to the pool and have a great time splashing around with family and friends in the sparkling Kevin O'Halloran Memorial Swimming Pool. Please let the pool staff know in advance if possible as then if anything comes up we can notify you. Also please remember that whilst having parties at the pool is great all children must still be actively supervised by parents and guardians as parties can also be at time where parents gather and chat and forget to keep watch.

Memorial Hall

Works are continuing at the Memorial hall.

The front roof is now being replaced with heritage galvanised roofing



SPRINGHAVEN NEWS

Hello from all of us here at Springhaven. We hope this message finds you all well and in good health.

We have been enjoying the beautiful summer weather from here in our air condition Haven. What a blessing that is on those ridiculously hot days we can get here in Kojonup. We are busy getting the December calendar planned out so we can end this strange year on a good note, and with that I would like to thank all of the families and friends of our residents for all their cooperation throughout the restrictions we have had in place, I acknowledge how difficult it may have been on you and your families and we all appreciate your understanding. An email has been sent out to families informing of the changes to the restrictions and what to expect going forward.

We have been very lucky to have our wonderful pianist Yooa, back with us playing weekly in the rec room and had a visit from Steve and Marion Magini this week playing some lovely tunes while we had morning tea. Music is incredibly powerful as a form of therapy so we try to incorporate it as much as possible. Next up Christmas carol season, such a Joy.

Take care out there
Aleigha

POSITIONS VACANT

Cleaners - Casual Pool

The Shire of Kojonup is currently recruiting a pool of Casual Cleaners who will be required to undertake cleaning at various locations and facilities.

Customer Service Officers - 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.

Registered Nurse

The Shire of Kojonup is currently recruiting for a Registered Nurse. If you require further information please contact Ciara O'Regan on 98312800.

Further details for are within the Position Descriptions which are available on our [website](#).

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer