SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

Edition 206 – 19 February 2021

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Council held its first meeting for the year on Tuesday 16 February and the outcomes are summarised below.

10.1 Kojonup Sporting Precinct Playground and Outdoor Gym Plan

Council considered and adopted the design of the Kojonup Sporting Precinct Playground and Outdoor Gym prior to going to tender for its construction.

10.2 Purchase of Land – 1 Broomehill Road, Kojonup (Portion Of)

Council considered and approved the purchase of a portion of Lot 1 Broomehill-Kojonup Road, Kojonup for car park construction and Kojonup Brook realignment purposes.

11.1 Southern Link Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (VROC) – New Members

The purpose of this item was to approve a request from the Shires of Gnowangerup and Katanning to become full members of the Southern Link – Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (VROC).

Council resolved to approve the request.

11.2 34 Katanning Road – Kojonup

Council was approach by an Allied Health Professional who wishes to hire rooms within the premises of 34 Katanning Road, Kojonup (previously occupied by St Lukes Family Practice). After much debate, Council resolved this matter accordingly:

Moved Cr Fleay, seconded Cr Gale

That the CEO's report be received and Council agree to hire 34 Katanning Road, Kojonup subject to the following conditions:

- 1. A weekly hire fee of \$250 per week (GST inclusive) plus utilities charges (such as power and water), with payments two (2) weeks in advance,
- 2. Weekly hire fee to be reviewed annually in accordance with adopted Fees and Charges Register which forms part of the Annual Budget with the next review to occur in the 22/23 Financial Year.

11.3 Great Southern Treasures – Memorandum of Understanding 2020-2023

The Great Southern Treasures (GST) Committee has been reviewing its governance arrangements and long term plans. Council endorsed the Great Southern Treasures' Strategic Plan and Forward Directions 2020 – 2023 at its meeting held 17 November 2020.

The proposed MOU is a first for the governance and operations of Great Southern Treasures and fills a void that has existed for some time.



Council resolved to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Shires of Broomehill-Tambellup, Cranbrook, Gnowangerup, Katanning, Kent, Plantagenet and Woodanilling to affirm the partnership and collaboration of the local governments known as Great Southern Treasures and to further the shared aims.



THE KODJA PLACE

What Our Visitors are Saying.....

"Lovely gift shop with lots of variety. Love the town I grew up in"

Mica & Freya Idle

"Lovely place to shop and wander" Moore & Bolton families

"Beautiful tour and very nice" Huong Inguijer



Locally Crafted Wares



Local man Phillip Marinoni has hand-crafted some beautiful wooden designs from Jarrah, Marri and white gum timbers.

We are now re-stocked with a selection of chopping boards, serving platters, bowls, serviette holders, coasters and even a lazy susan. Come in and purchase a one of a kind gift for someone special.



SPRINGHAVEN

Hello, we have had a great February so far at Springhaven, we have gladly welcomed back the knitting group which have morning tea with us on a Monday then stay and knit with the residents that want to. We have a lovely selection of their creations for sale in a cabinet near the Rec room if you're interested.

We enjoyed some delicious Pancakes for morning tea yesterday in line with Shrove Tuesday, I got a surprise to see people topping them with lemon and sugar! Never heard of that combo, an Aussie thing maybe??



We have learned that 2021 is the Year of the Ox as we explored the Chinese zodiac and worked out what Animal each of us were as part of the Chinese New Year activities.

Coming up next week we have a special morning tea where residents can invite friends and family along, so that will be a nice gathering to look forward to.

Any donations of Magazines or books, farm and animal themed in particular would be greatly appreciated.

Thankyou Kindly, Aleigha



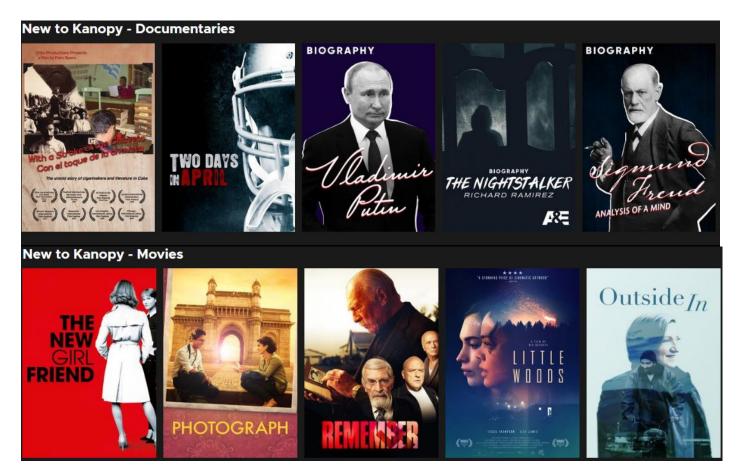


Consistent with advice from WA Health, **all** customers must check in to Kojonup Library using the SAFE WA app or please use the sign in sheets available on the front library desk.. Thank you to all visitors for their cooperation and support of these safety measures.

The Library encourages you to connect with the Kojonup Library at any time via <u>https://kojonup.spydus.com</u> and the <u>Spydus Mobile</u> app. You can also keep up to date with what is happening in the Library by following us on Facebook.



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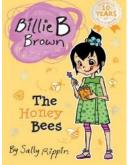


What's new in children's books?



Tiger – Jan Jutte: When Josephine returns to town after a walk in the woods, a tiger strolls along with her. For a moment she's not sure what to do, but then she decides to take him home. And after their initial fright, it's not just Josephine but the whole town that becomes very fond of Tiger. But however much they all love him, Tiger must return to the place where he belongs. And Josephine will take him there...

The Honey Bees – Sally Rippin: Billie wants to protect the planet. She knows bees are super-dooper important, so she's going to build a beehive at school! But why is her best friend Jack so upset about her plan?





I am not a toilet roll – Sara Stanford: Recycle empty loo rolls into fantastic craft creations with this hilarious DIY book.

Follow step-by-step guides and handy cut-outs to make a shark, a bat, an elephant, a rocket, a pirate, a unicorn, a ninja, a gingerbread man, a castle and a mermaid. The projects in this book are fun for boys and girls alike and each project requires between one and eight toilet rolls, allowing you to make some models right away or wait until you've collected enough rolls. Alternating picture-book style spreads quirkily narrated by the projects themselves with step-by-step instructions on how to create them, this book will inspire kids and parents to look twice at the humble toilet roll.

What's new in adult books?

Before the storm - Di Morrissey: Face her demons? Or run?

After being double-crossed by a devious colleague, career woman Ellie Conlan quits her job on principle. With no idea what to do next, she retreats to Storm Harbour, an idyllic Victorian beach town. Ellie's grandfather runs *The Storm Harbour Chronicle*, the trusted local newspaper. As Ellie is drawn into a story about a development which could split the coastal community - and involves her with the influential O'Neill family - an event she has long suppressed threatens to overwhelm her. Dark clouds gather as rumours fly and tensions mount. And when a violent storm breaks and rages, Ellie will finally have to confront her past.

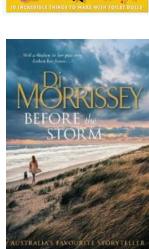
The Little Book of Self-Care for Mums-To-Be - <u>Beccy Hands</u>, <u>Alexis Stickland</u>: A practical and essential handbook for managing the joyful chaos of pregnancy, from the authors of *The Little Book of Self-Care for New Mums*.

The perfect pick-me-up for any expectant mum. Whether this is your first or fifth baby, *The Little Book of Self-Care for Mums-To-Be* is your essential handbook for managing the joyful chaos of pregnancy.

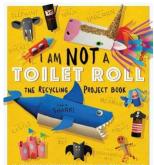
Drawing on decades of experience, doula Beccy Hands and midwife Alexis Stickland share insider tips on keeping yourself comfortable, happy and calm however your pregnancy and birth may unfold. From the best sleeping positions and simple recipes for morning sickness to relaxing essential oils and easy home remedies for aches and pains, this book will help you feel supported, empowered and understood.

Beautifully illustrated in full-colour, this reassuring guide covers everything you need to know, trimester by trimester, so you can enjoy the wonderful journey to motherhood.









A huge welcome to all our New 'A Smart Families!'

Hopefully all my records are now correct, and you have all received your personal bookmark invitation to our Early Years Programs.

Play Cafe, Play in the Park & Story Time

All the Yellow Better Beginnings packs have been sent to our families welcoming you to the library. But if I have missed you, please call into the library to receive your pack.



SWIMMING POOL NEWS



Kevin O'Halloran Memorial Swimming Pool has put up a list of upcoming bookings on the notice board to keep you all up to date on the activities that have been booked, so please have a look and come down and see some of the activities occurring here at the pool.

CORPORATE SWIM CHALLENGE - SWIM TO ALBANY

Is your company up for the challenge?? We have started a 6 week swim challenge to finish off the swimming pool season and ask you and your team to come down and complete some laps. All you need is 4 swimmers and the effort to get into the water and move from one end to the other. There are really no other rules so if you want to wear fins or a snorkel you can... all we ask is you touch each end of the pool to complete 1 lap. So far we have 5 teams up and swimming and we look to add more teams in the near future.



Teams so far involved are the Shire Sirens, Team Koji Ag, The Chlorine Machines (looks to be the team to beat), Leitch's Lobsters and team Precise Trezise. Currently on the swim to Albany our teams are swimming between 5 and 15 kilometres out of Kojonup. Soon I will have a tracker map up and running as we move further away from Kojonup so you will be able see how far you have travelled. So come in register your team and get into the swim of things.

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVALS COMING SOON

St Bernard's School Swimming Carnival has been booked for **Friday 26 February** and Kojonup District High School's Swimming Carnival has been booked for **Thursday 11 March**. We look forward to both school carnivals being busy and enjoyable day's so come on down, spectate and cheer on the fun.

SWIMMING CLUB

Swimming club has started again and runs every Monday Wednesday and Friday from 3.15pm to 3.45pm for the younger group and then from 3.45pm to 4.30pm for the older group.

The Swimming Club will be holding their AGM on Monday 8 March at 3.15pm and all parents are welcome to come along and be involved in keeping the club functioning.

Swim Club Championships will be held in the main pool on **Monday 22 March from 3pm to 6pm**. This is a friendly competitive day where we encourage all participants to race hard, have fun and enjoy themselves.

ENTRY STEPS INTO THE POOL

Have you found it hard to get in and out of the water in the past due to the vertical wall steps? If so you should come in and view/try out our Entry Steps. They have made a huge difference in ease of access to the main pool for many people already this season so if in the past it was a bit hard you definitely come in and give them a try.

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 and \$8.00 for holders of a season pass.



Please Always Remember to Watch Around Water

Gavin Bunbury *Swimming Pool Manager*



Practical Driving Assessments

The next practical driving Assessor will be visiting Kojonup on

Wednesday 3 and Wednesday 31 of March from 8:15am.

Bookings are essential as there are only a small number of vacancies available. Please contact the Shire Administration Office to book a place 98312400.

For more information about your Practical Driving Assessment follow this link: https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/mediaFiles/licensing/LBU_DL_B_PDA.pdf

WORKS AND SERVICES

Here are some updates of works currently being undertaken.

Newstead Road

Resealing works were undertaken last week. The kerbing is expected to commence this coming Thursday/Friday. Footpaths will be installed shortly after.



Kojonup Park

The Works crew are continuing with the rock lining of the brook bed walls. It is anticipated that these works will be finished late this week or early next week. Kerbing is planned for Thursday 18 February, following with hot mix laying of the car park.











Oval Update

The old cricket pitch has now been removed and re-turfed.









Waste Collection



LANDCARE

Announcing Grants for NRM Professional Development

South Coast Natural Resource Management is offering grants for professional development for people working and volunteering in natural resource management on the South Coast.

The grants are in response to community-requests for targeted training, professional development and improving governance to assist NRM in our region. Professional development can improve skills, knowledge and confidence to help the sustainability and management of NRM community groups in the region.

Three grant categories are being offered:

- NRM Organisations up to \$1000 for group training
- NRM Officers up to \$750 for staff training
- NRM Volunteers up to \$750 for individual training to contribute to NRM in the region.

The application form with criteria and guidelines is available here or by contacting Natalie Reeves on 9845 8537 or <u>natalier@southcoastnrm.com.au</u>.





Applications close on 12 March 2021 and training must be completed by 31 May 2021.

The 2021 NRM Professional Development Grants are supported by South Coast NRM and State NRM.

If you would like further information, please contact Natalie Reeves, A/Regional Agricultural Landcare Facilitator West on 9845 8537 or <u>natalier@southcoastnrm.com.au</u>

Grassroots Series Workshops

Building companies takes a lot of time, effort and cash. While there's no silver bullet for creating a successful business, there are some foundational learnings that early stage founders can adopt to grow their companies and avoid common pitfalls. Cicada GrowLab is partnering with evokeAG. to launch the Grassroots Series so that founders can learn how to build agrifood tech businesses that will shape our future agrifood system.

Each week, we'll feature a specific theme covering a foundational building block of agrifood tech entrepreneurship. Founders will find out what they need



to launch a successful venture, gain exposure to industry experts and hear from like-minded founders who share a similar vision of changing the world. All the while, learning tactical skills and perspectives that will help gain an edge.

Alongside the sessions, Cicada GrowLab are running mentor office hours — drop-in virtual sessions to connect founders directly with a valuable network of industry experts and investors. Learn from folks who have 'been there, done that' and who will give founders unique perspectives and insights that aren't able to be found elsewhere. Mentor office hours are now open, scroll to the bottom of this article to apply.

Program

15 February: Are you solving a real problem?



The agricultural industry is facing many challenges. We need to feed a growing population; we need to do so sustainably and have fewer natural resources to do it with. We also know that technology will play an essential role in empowering those in our agrifood system to address these challenges.

So what are the first steps you need to take to build an agrifood tech business that will shape our future food system? First up, Dr. Dharmica Mistry will talk through what you can do to test your idea and figure out if it has commercial legs. Dharmica went through this process nearly ten years ago when building her own game-changing biotech startup.

Founders face similar challenges when building their companies, so you'll also hear from two founders that have a personal connection to the problem they're solving. Cicada Innovations' CEO will chat with them to uncover their first steps on the startup journey.



22 February: Don't skip the legal stuff



When it comes to navigating the legal aspects of launching your startup, we've got you covered. We're going to cover the basics to make sure you start off on the right foot — from different corporate structures to shareholders agreements and all the way down to the key legal documents you'll need for employees and advisors, we're going to take you through step-by-step. By watching this video, you'll learn some of the common legal mistakes made by early stage companies, how to avoid them and what to do instead. We'll

also run through the IP basics for startups and the different ways you can ensure your IP is secure.

1 March: Getting tight with farmers



Farmers are just like any other business person. They will invest and adopt when the opportunity is greater than the cost. If you approach industry the right way, positive results will abound.

In this video, Brooke Sauer will share with you her expertise on working with farmers, what to expect, what to be prepared to do and how to find ways to get connected.

8 March: The art of empathy



Often when we venture out into the real world to talk to customers, we try to validate our own assumptions. We see ourselves as experts and sometimes miss valuable opportunities to be curious and truly understand the problems people across agriculture face.

In this video you will learn about the importance of empathy and listening when you explore the problem space you think your solution will solve. Jane Cockburn, Founder of

Kairos Now, will share what these concepts mean and will provide you with the tools and frameworks to help you apply to your own conversations with customers.

15 March: Distribution and sales



Your technology is only worthwhile when someone is using it. Having a clear path to market is just as important as the technology itself. As most of your customers probably don't live in capital cities, there are a different set of hurdles that require scaling in regional areas.

In this video we will consider the challenges you'll be faced with when launching your solution regionally. We'll then chat to industry experts who will shed light on the next phase — the global market

of distribution — the global market.

22 March: The fundamentals of funding



First up, Founder Ben Lee, CEO of InvertiGro, will pain a complete picture of how to get cash in the early stages. You'll learn the lingo and get an idea of the different types of capital available to startups - VC and angel funding, bootstrapping, crowdfunding, and government grants, among other modes.

Next, we'll chat with Peter Huynh, Partner at Qualgro VC, to learn about how venture capital works and he'll share some tips to help when raising capital.

https://evokeag.com/startups/grassroots-series/ Follow the link to apply or find out more information.



Mastering Microbes – building the biological pathway – field walk and presentation in Kojonup

A presentation and field walk will be held on Saturday 27 February 2021 in Kojonup hosted by Nuti-Tech Solutions Graeme Sait.

Discussion on the day will be around understanding microbes/ technology available to measuring them and 'tools of the trade' available to practitioners for advancing soil and plant health, including diversified systems thinking towards regenerating landscapes, buffering the baddies / water security-landscape rehydration strategies /on farm carbon capture projects-navigating to net zero etc



The Committee at COBWA will be coordinating the event

and for ticketing or more information please contact David McFall, <u>templemc@treko.net.au</u>.

Join the Go for Zero campaign!

Australians are holding onto a staggering 5 million old phones that are broken and no longer working.

Join MobileMuster's nationwide challenge to Go for Zero in March 2021. All you need to do is spread the Go for Zero message throughout your organisation and community. Let's get everyone looking in the bottom drawer, searching the study and sorting out the shed. Simply find those old mobile phones and accessories so they can be recycled.

Would your organisation like to join the Go for Zero campaign? Learn more about the campaign, register your interest and take a look at our starter kit. Join thousands of organisations and individuals who are helping MobileMuster recycle and do good for the planet.

The Shire of Kojonup is a MobileMuster recycle drop off point.

Removing your data

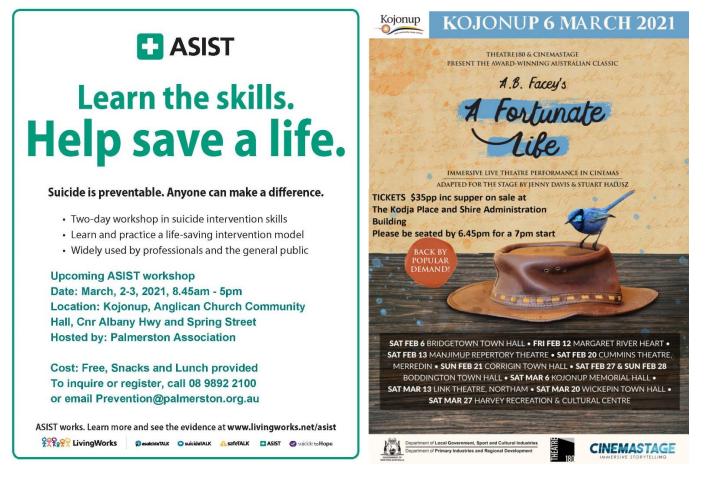
Before you recycle, sell or give away your mobile phone, you should remove your personal information. If your mobile phone is still working watch our How to videos and follow our steps for managing data on your Android or iOS device.

Remember that instructions can vary depending on your mobile phone. If you need help, look up the phone manufactures website.

If your phone is damaged and you're unable to remove the data, as part of the recycling process MobileMuster will destroy any data on the device as promptly as practicable



COMMUNITY NEWS



<u>SafeWA</u>

There has been an expansion of the list of businesses and venues required to maintain a contact register. As of 6am on 2 February 2021, places added to the list include:

• Retail venues (including supermarkets, department stores, shopping centres, pharmacies, hardware and department stores) and retail components of other businesses where customers are physically present such as bank branches;

• Commercial buses or vessels that can carry 12 or more people where different groups of people interact (party buses, wine and food tour buses, hop



on/hop off tour buses, sightseeing tours, party/function boats, sightseeing/tour boats, private charter buses/boats);

• Public and private hospitals (visitors only - persons visiting patients, or attending meetings/lectures, couriers, and contractors);

Takeaway food and beverage services;

• Events with a COVID Event Plan (500+ patrons), and certain outdoor functions and gatherings of under 500 people (e.g. weddings, corporate functions, fetes, festivals).

It is now also mandatory for businesses to use the <u>SafeWA</u> app as the electronic recording system for contact information.

Resources to help business promote and implement <u>SafeWA</u> and paper-based contact registers are available on the WA Government's contact registers stakeholder toolkit webpage. This includes paper-based contact register templates, information posters and how-to guides. Resources for businesses on mandatory contact registers is available in 27 languages.

COVID-19 WA Public Information Line: 132 6843 (13 COVID)

