

SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

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COUNCIL BRIEFS

Council Meeting Dates for 2021

The next Council meeting will be held on 18 May 2021. As we are still operating under some COVID-19 restrictions, please note we have a digital option for submitting items for Public Question Time. An email can be sent to cmpgt@kojonup.wa.gov.au and the Manager Corporate and Community Services will table all correspondence received.

Council Elections October 2021

Council elections will be held in October 2021 and we encourage interested community members to consider nominating for Council. There will be four (4) vacant positions this year however existing councillors may wish to renominate.

Special Council Meeting held 6 May 2021

At the Special Council meeting held 6 May 2021, Council resolved the following:

38/21 Moved Cr Fleay, seconded Cr Radford

That Council resolution 29/12 from the 20 April 2021 Council meeting be rescinded (i.e. Netball Court Reconstruction and Roof Project return to the site of the current netball courts as per original project scope).

CARRIED 6/0

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION

39/21 Moved Cr Radford, seconded Cr Gale

That the tender offer submitted in accordance with Request for Tender 2 of 2020/21 for the design and construction of a rooftop structure over the redeveloped netball courts from MCB Construction Pty Ltd, for option three (3) (roof over all four courts) of \$638,606.55 be accepted.

CARRIED 6/0

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION

40/21 Moved Cr Fleay, seconded Cr Radford

That the Kojonup Sporting Precinct Master Plan be amended by the inclusion of the following points:

- 1. Extension of bowling green "B" westwards to increase green from a seven (7) rink green to a ten (10) rink green and the decommissioning of the Eastern rink; and**
- 2. New Car Park to the north and west of bowling green B, including kitchen/bar loading area on south west corner of Bowling Club House building.**



Welcome to our new Manager of Regulatory Services – Mr Robert Jehu

Robert and his partner Kerry-Anne have transferred to Kojonup from the Shire of Ashburton after a three year placement in Tom Price where Robert was Manager of Regulatory Services. They have settled into town with their English Staffordshire dog Pebbles and ginger cat Pete. Pebbles is currently trialling woolly jumpers to manage the temperature adjustment! They have grandchildren on both the east coast and in Perth, and are looking forward to being closer for visits from Kojonup.

Robert is an avid St Kilda member, having originally come from Victoria. He is looking forward to spending time in a more personalised community, and being hands-on and involved

through his role as Manger of Regulatory Services. Robert enjoyed being able to have a roll at the Bowling Club on Sunday morning, giving the Shire administration staff hope in entering a Corporate Bowls team in the near future.

If you see Robert around in town, stop and introduce yourselves and make him welcome

SPRINGHAVEN

Ole! Our wonderful residents at Springhaven have been kept busy over the last couple of weeks.

We celebrated the Mexican holiday Cinco De Mayo by partaking in some Mexican themed games, listening to authentic Spanish music and enjoyed some beautifully prepared Mexican food. It was an enjoyable and colourful day.

Mexican festivities continued throughout the week as we incorporated Cinco De Mayo into our Thursday exercises with Helen Bignell.

Yooa, our wonderful Piano player, continues to to play each and every Friday for us. We appreciate Yooa's dedication to our residents and the time she gives up every week for them. Thank you Yooa!

This week we treated our resident Mother's to a Mother's day High tea where they were accompanied by their loved ones. Each Mum was treated with a little gift from the Springhaven staff. It was a lovely morning full of lots of laughter and joy. We thank Lyn Matthews for playing the piano for us.

If anyone has a special talent, plays a musical instrument or if you have a special pet you would like to bring in for pet therapy, we encourage you to contact us to come and share it with our residents at Springhaven. We love meeting new faces and lively conversations.





KODJA PLACE

What Our Visitors Are Saying.....

“Always a pleasant experience”

P & G Sutton, Harvey

“What a lovely place show casing Aboriginal Culture”

Clements, Tapping WA

“Excellent. So interesting and beautifully presented. Thank you”

Helen, Peter & Charlotte



Welcome to Daniel – our new Visitor Services Officer

Daniel Levis has started at The Kodja Place on our casual Visitor Services roster. Daniel has lived locally for most of his youth and has been employed locally prior to starting at The Kodja Place. He enjoys cooking, digital and graphic sketching and photography in his spare time.



What's Flowering Now

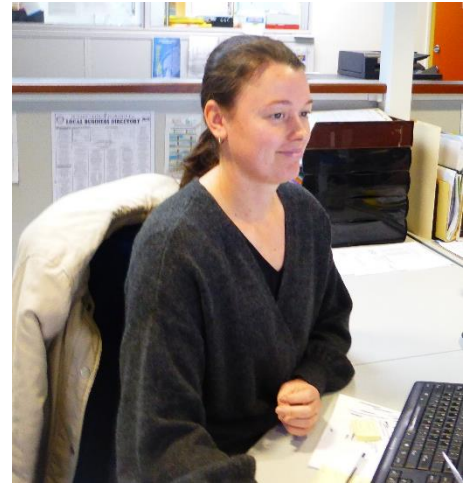
The Red Ink Sundew (*Drosera erythrorhiza*) can now be found at Farrah Reserve. The Red Ink Sundew is a tuberous species that survives underground during summer and emerges in abundance after the first rains in autumn and winter. The Red Ink Sundew is a carnivorous plant that traps and digests unwary insects, with the glistening drops of mucilage resembling fresh morning dew.



CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

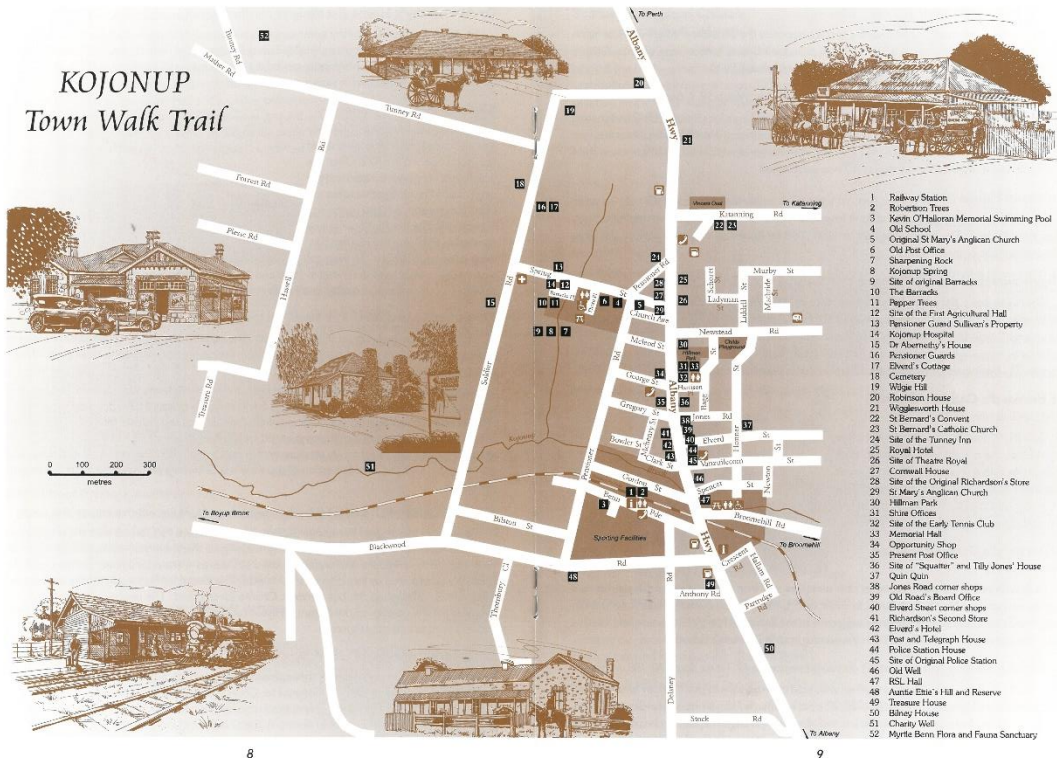
Welcome to Tonya – our New Customer Services Officer

Tonya Pearce joins us at the front counter to fill a maternity leave position. She is a self-confessed ‘crazy animal lady’, qualified Vet Nurse and an animal rescue coordinator. Tonya lives in Katanning, and shares her home with (currently) 7 cats, 4 dogs, lots of chickens and some sheep.



Heritage Grant for the Kojonup Historical Town Walk

Kojonup has been successful in receiving a Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage WA ‘Community Heritage Grant’ for the development of new signage for the Historical Town Walk. This walk throughout the Kojonup townsite showcases 52 historic buildings and sites. Previous signage has deteriorated over time, and the installation of new waymarkers and information signs will be a big boost to the walk trail. Included in the new signage will be QR codes linking back to webpages with further information about each site. The Shire look forward to working with the community and local businesses in the creation, manufacture and installation of the new walk trail signs.



Calling all Community Groups

A recent review of our Kojonup Community & Sports Group Directory, has revealed that many of the details are not current. If the details for your Community or Sports Group are incorrect, please forward your updated details to council@kojonup.wa.gov.au

The directory can be found at:

https://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au/Profiles/kojonup/Assets/ClientData/Contacts_Listing_2020.pdf

Shire of Kojonup Trails Master Plan now complete

The Community Services team have put extensive work into developing a Trails Master Plan for the Shire over the past 12 months. Utilising the excellent research completed by the Great Southern Centre for Outdoor Recreation Excellence (GSCORE) along with local knowledge, this Plan has detailed information about our existing Trails within Kojonup. Staff have also included proposed new trails and upgrades to trails in the implementation schedule.

Council endorsed the Plan at the April Council meeting, with congratulations given to staff for the efforts put into its development.

Please visit the Shire of Kojonup website to view the Plan <https://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au/documents/1166/trails-master-plan>. If you have feedback regarding the Plan or the contents within it, this can be provided to Emily Sleight sro@kojonup.wa.gov.au

Library News

Free Little Library - It's Back!

Our 'Free Little Library' has been returned to the Kojonup Park full of books.

The person who took it for safe keeping had presumed it had been dumped there and didn't want it damaged further.

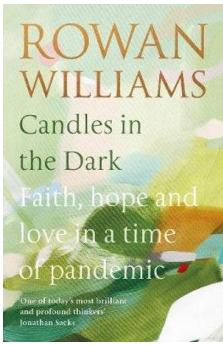
In returning our 'FLL' they filled it full of reading material to share for all. Perfect outcome 😊



Please take the time to enjoy and use this FLL, it's about sharing the enjoyment of reading for all.

Take a book, leave a book. Always the gift, never at a cost.....ENJOY!

What's New in our Library?

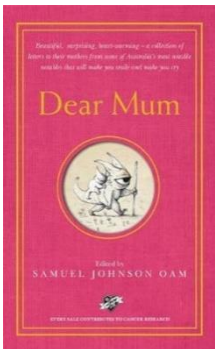


'Candles in the Dark' - Lord Rowan Williams. Faith, Hope and Love in a Time of Pandemic. 'As we contemplate the coming months, not knowing when we can breathe again, it's worth thinking about how already the foundations have been laid for whatever new opportunities God has for us on the far side of this crisis.'

Rowan Williams offers these words of wisdom and many more in *Candles in the Dark*. This powerful and timely book brings together the 26 weekly Christian meditations originally posted online from March to September 2020, during lockdown in the first wave of the Covid-19 pandemic, for the congregation of his local parish church.

Candles in the Dark is a lovely Christian book of comfort for anyone looking for the light in these dark times. Written with warmth and compassion, these meditations offer us hope and encouragement as we continue to endure the most devastating and disturbing world crisis for over a generation. They will leave you spiritually uplifted and with a strengthened faith to guide you through whatever may come.

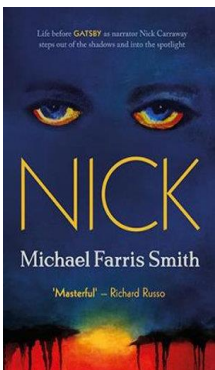
In *Candles in the Dark*, Rowan Williams, one of the world's most widely respected spiritual leaders, offers comfort, hope and encouragement for the troubled times of coronavirus.



'Dear Mum' - Samuel Johnson OAM (editor). From the team who gave you the bestselling *Dear Santa*, *Dear Dad* and *Heroes Next Door* comes an honest, moving, emotionally memorable collection of letters to their mothers from some of Australia's most notable notables. The perfect gift for the mum (or mum figure) in your life! *If you could tell your mum anything, what would it be?*

Samuel Johnson, Amanda Keller, Vika and Linda Bull, Guy Pearce, Elizabeth Tan, Rebecca Gibney, Peter Helliar, Clare Wright, Hilde Hinton, Gillian O'Shaughnessy, Adam Spencer, Brooke Davis, Lawrence Mooney, Patti Newton, Shane Jacobson, Julie Koh, Susie Youssef, Lehmo, Favel Parrett, Matilda Brown and many more ...

A heartfelt, honest and very human book of letters that will make you smile and make you cry. It is the perfect gift for the mum in your life. And a reminder to tell her how you feel before it is too late.



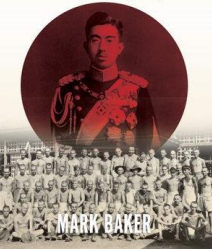
'NICK' - Michael Farris Smith. Before Nick Carraway moved to West Egg and into Gatsby's world, he was at the centre of a very different story - one taking place along the trenches and deep within the tunnels of World War I.

Floundering in the wake of the destruction he witnessed first-hand, Nick delays his return home, hoping to escape the questions he cannot answer about the horrors of war. Instead, he embarks on a transcontinental redemptive journey that takes him from a whirlwind Paris romance - doomed from the very beginning - to the dizzying frenzy of New Orleans, rife with its own flavour of debauchery and violence.

An epic portrait of a truly singular era and a sweeping, romantic story of self-discovery, this rich and imaginative novel breathes new life into a character that many know only from the periphery. Charged with enough alcohol, heartbreak, and profound yearning to transfix even the heartiest of golden age scribes, Nick reveals the man behind the narrator who has captivated readers for decades.

THE EMPEROR'S GRACE

Untold Stories of the Australians Enslaved in Japan During World War II



'The Emperor's Grace' - Mark Baker. Untold Stories of the Australians Enslaved in Japan during World War II.

The Emperor's Grace is the story of the men of "C" Force – the first contingent of Australian, British and Dutch POWs shipped from Singapore to Japan in November 1942 – who worked in the Kawasaki Shipyard in Kobe before the American firebombing campaign razed the city, and then the infamous Fukuoka coal mine before the atomic bombings brought World War II to an end.

When the Japanese seized most of South-East Asia in early 1942, they captured 22,000 Australian military personnel. More than a third would die over the next three years from malnutrition, disease and violent abuse. The horrors of the Thai–Burma Railway and Sandakan are well documented. Less well known is the fate of the 3,800 Australians sent to work as slave labourers in the factories and mines of mainland Japan.

The Emperor's Grace is a compelling story of hardship, heroism and endurance – and the ultimate triumph of the human spirit – told for the first time from the unpublished diaries, memoirs and personal accounts of the men who survived.



Play Cafe

We hope you all enjoyed a 'Mother's Day' full of love and were able to connect with all the women in your life who have and will always continue to make a difference.

At 'Play Cafe' our little ones make a mother's day card (with glitter!), decorated little pot's with bugs and rhinestones.



Did you know?

An Egyptian Pharaoh named King Pepy II commonly smothered his servants in honey to keep flies away from him

It takes light from the Sun 8 minutes to reach Earth

Elephants can't jump.



WORKS AND SERVICES



On Tuesday 11 May 2021 our Councillors were taken on a bus tour to view roads and other projects in the lead up to the finalisation of the 2021/2022 Budget.

DEMOLITION OF THE HARRISON PLACE TOILETS

Demolition of the Harrison Place toilets has been completed, with parking once again available on the site. Architects have been engaged to complete a final design of the replacement facilities. The new facilities will include universal access toilets, which is a big step forward considering the limited access of the old ones.

Positions Vacant

Customer Service Officers – Kojonup Visitors Centre Casual Pool

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

This position provides high level of customer service to visitors to the region and residents of Kojonup and requires good interpersonal and communication skills and comprehensive local and regional visitor information.

The successful pool of applicants will have previous experience in a customer service or retail role, have highly developed customer service and public relations skills as well as team work and computer skills.

Although training will be provided, knowledge of the local government act and Kojonup and the Great Southern region will be highly regarded.

How to apply: Further details are contained in the [Candidate Information Package](#) or contact Kristel Thomson, Visitor Services Officer at bcc@kojonup.wa.gov.au or on 9831 0500. Please note that the selection criteria as listed in the Position Description **must** be addressed and an Application Form **must** be completed.

The Shire of Kojonup is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Further details can be found on our [website](#).

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer