

SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

Edition 216 – 9 July 2021

COUNCIL BRIEFS

The continuing inclement weather has hindered Works & Services winter grading however the program will resume in earnest once conditions allow which hopefully, will be soon.

Completion of the Memorial Hall Roofing, including the removal of scaffolding, is scheduled on or before 28 July, just in time for the Kojonup Theatrical Society production.

Councillors and staff welcomed the opportunity to inspect the completed stonework at “Barracks” and a tour of the museum in the company of Historical Society members – Susanne Bilney and Barba Hobbs. Notification has been received that the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage of the nomination of the “Barracks” on the State Register of Heritage Places and that as the site is likely to have cultural heritage significance at the State level a full assessment will be undertaken.



Council Elections October 2021 and Becoming a Councillor

Local government ordinary elections are held on the third Saturday in October every two years. The next ordinary elections are scheduled for **Saturday 16 October 2021**. Councillors are elected for terms of four years in Western Australia. Elections are held every two years for half of the council, and candidates are elected using the first-past-the-post voting system.

Eligibility to nominate

Under the [Local Government Act 1995](#), to be eligible to nominate as a candidate for a local government election, the candidate must be an elector of the district (residential or owner/occupier) and over 18 years of age. A person cannot nominate as a candidate if they:

- are a member of the Legislative Assembly, the Legislative Council, the House of Representatives or the Senate (or has been elected as such a member but has not yet taken office)
- are a member of the council of another local government

- are an insolvent under administration
- are in prison serving a sentence for a crime
- have been convicted of a serious local government offence within the last 5 years (unless the court waived the disqualification)
- have been convicted on indictment of an offence for which the indictable penalty was, or included:
 - imprisonment for life, or
 - imprisonment for more than five years.
- are subject to a court order disqualifying him or her from being a member of a council because he or she has misapplied local government funds or property
- are a nominee of a body corporate

Being an Elected Member (Councillor) is a big commitment.

Electors who wish to nominate as a candidate in a local government election must complete a valid nomination application and present it to the Returning Officer before nominations close. Prior to nominating all candidates must complete the online “candidate induction” from the [Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries](#) website.

This induction course has been developed to assist your understanding of what your obligations and commitments will be if you are elected and it is compulsory to complete this induction before you nominate. The induction should take approximately one hour to complete. At the end of the course, you must complete the online registration to ensure there is a record of your completion of the induction.

If you decide to nominate, you will be asked to declare that you have completed the induction when you submit your “Candidate Nomination Form”. It is an offence to make false or misleading statements on the nomination form, and penalties do apply.

Nominations for a local government election open 44 days before polling day (and close at 4.00 pm, 37 days before polling day. Use the Commission’s Nomination Builder to electronically complete the nomination form and candidate profile.

On 27 June 2019, changes to the Local Government Act 1995 were passed by Parliament which require all council members to undertake training within the first 12 months of being elected. The Council Member Essentials course has five foundational units. All council members will be required to complete:

- ✓ Understanding local government
- ✓ Serving on council
- ✓ Meeting procedures
- ✓ Conflicts of interest
- ✓ Understanding of financial reports and budgets

For more Candidate information can be obtained from the [Western Australian Electoral Commission](#) (WAEC) website.



Shire President
John Benn

Chief Executive Officer
Rick Mitchell-Collins

THE KODJA PLACE

What Our Visitors are Saying.....

*"Love it"**Elizabeth & Fiona, Perth & Bridgetown**"Wonderful"**Graham & Lorraine Perth**"What a great spot"**Rosser Family*

What's flowering now?

Fraser's dryandra (*Banksia fraseri*) is now flowering at Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary. This species was named after Charles Fraser, who first collected it during James Stirling's expedition to explore the Swan River in 1827. Flowers are characteristically dome shaped, often occurring at the end of the branched and are usually pink, yellow or cream. It grows as a sprawling plant to 1 metre in height and flowers between May and June.



Honey bush hakea also known as *Hakea lissoca* is an easy plant to identify when in bloom. The pungent sweet honey-like smell is almost overpowering on warm sunny days. Flowers are white, cream or pink and the dense prickly foliage creates a wonderful nesting site for small birds.



Muddy Creek

The Kojonup Visitor Centre has just received new stock from Muddy Creek. Muddy creek is based in Midvale and its Premium Body Care Soaps come in many striking colours and refreshing fragrances that make your entire bathroom look good and smell great. Not only that the yummy scents will last as long as the soap does. Unlike other soaps, due to our unique triple milling process, Muddy Creek soaps don't mush in your hands or build-up residue and soap scum around your shower or bath.





Students from Kojonup District High School visited The Kodja Place for their NAIDOC week Celebrations. The students participated in a variety of activities organised and lead by Katina Cox, such as boomerang painting, rock painting, Billy Milo & Damper, scavenger hunts and tours of the Gallery and Storyplace. Staff at The Kodja Place would like to thank Cr Benn and Alen Egerton-Warburton for conducting the tours for the students and teachers.

There will be further NAIDOC Week celebrations and activities in September 2021. Watch this space for more information.

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

EMAIL MY RATE NOTICE

The Shire offers its ratepayers the opportunity to receive their rate notice via email. This convenient service saves paper and offers a quick and easy way for people to receive their rate notice.

To receive your rate notice via email, please contact council@kojonup.wa.gov.au with the following details.

- Assessment Number:
- Name:
- Postal address:
- Email address you would like the rates sent to:
- Phone number:



Did you know that you can now pay your rates online?

From the comfort of your own home, rates payments can now be completed on line using the Biller Code and reference number indicated on your rates notice, via: kojonup.wa.gov.au/services/rates-information/rates-payment.aspx

Kojonup Library

School Holiday Cooking

School holidays are a great time to bring some togetherness time and making great memories as a family or with friends. We forget that with cooking we are actually encouraging our children to read the recipe, weigh and measure out the ingredients and time control. The consequences of cooking is always to clean up after yourself and the most important....**to share and enjoy what they have created.**

Cornflake Biscuits Recipe

Ingredients

1. 125g unsalted butter
2. 1/3 cup (75g) caster sugar
3. 1 large egg
4. 1 tsp Vanilla Extract
5. 2/3 cup (105g) sultanas/mixed fruit/choc chips
6. 1 cup (150g) self-raising flour
7. 2 cups lightly crushed cornflakes

PREP:	5 min
COOK:	15 min
SERVES:	25



Method

1. **STEP 1**
Preheat oven to 160C (fan forced). Line a baking tray with baking paper.
2. **STEP 2**
Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add Vanilla Extract and egg, then beat well. Fold in sifted flour and fruit and mix well.
3. **STEP 3**
Place cornflakes in a shallow bowl, then drop generous teaspoonfuls of mixture into cornflakes. Roll lightly and place on prepared tray 5cm apart. Bake for 15 minutes.



School Holiday Crafts

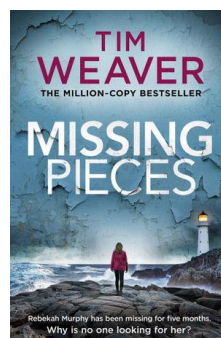
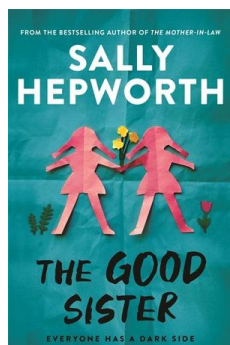
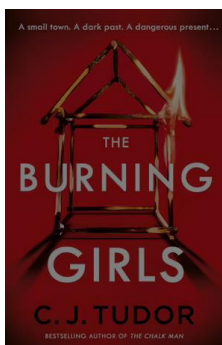
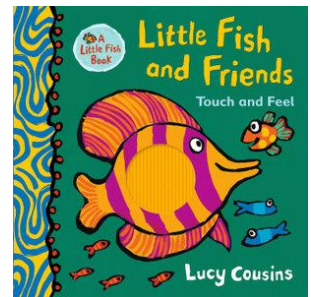
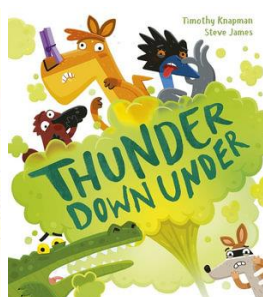
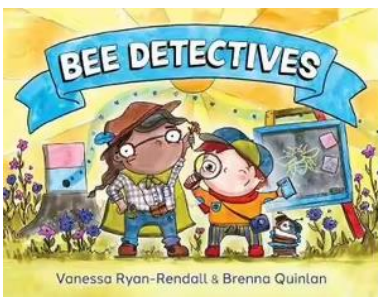
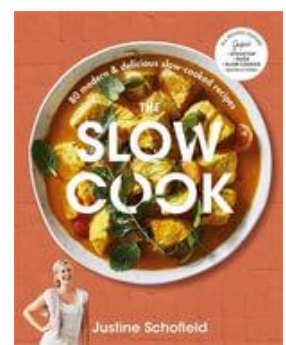
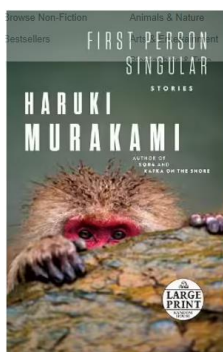
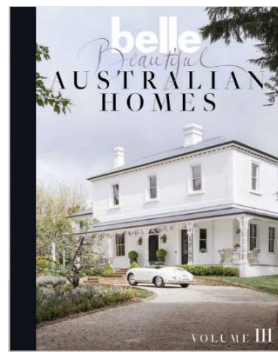
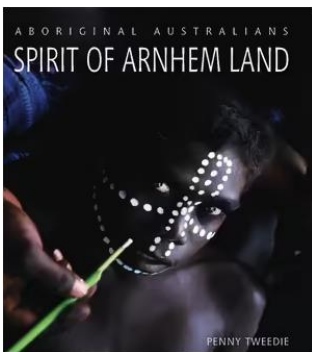
In the library I have set up a craft station for all children to enjoy, but please remember children under 10 years will need adult supervision. The crafts will be changed every few days to keep your children busy.

Of course, your library is a great place to retreat to read and share books with your family, we have a great choice of DVD's, games & jigsaws, access to computers and free Wi-Fi whilst in the library. The heater is always on and the kettle is ready to be boiled, so enjoy a cuppa with us.



I hear you say 'I don't have a library member card', that's easy to sort out, come in and ask at our counter or call the library on 9831 2412.

So....What's new on our shelves you ask?



WORKS AND SERVICES

Kojonup Park





Shire of Kojonup CEO, Rick Mitchell-Collins acknowledged all of the work undertaken by Works and Services staff and contractors alike, who worked together to achieve such a great outcome. Go team Kojonup!



Before the rain



During the rain – 9 July 2021



The above photographs are a demonstration of the quality of workmanship undertaken by the Works and Services team.



The Shire of Kojonup is delighted to announce a two day, free

ROSE & GARDENS WORKSHOP

Presented by: Colin Barlow

Managing Director- Gardens from Eden

**Thursday 22 July & Friday 23 July
9am-3pm at The Kodja Place and Rose Maze**

Colin is a passionate qualified horticulturalist, landscape designer, garden writer, television presenter, radio host and international tour guide who has worked in the industry for over thirty-three years. His experience and knowledge of plants and landscape design from around the world is exceptional. Colin has hosted a gardening segment 'Home in WA' with Channel 7 Perth for the past 16 years, presents a weekly garden segment on 98.5 FM radio and writes a monthly column for the "Have A Go" newspaper and previously 'The West Australian Gardener' magazine.

We encourage our current volunteers, potential new volunteers and any gardening enthusiasts to participate in this course. Update your skills while Colin shares his wealth of plant knowledge.

LUNCH, MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED.

**For catering, RSVP by Thursday 15 July to
Marina: sh@kojonup.wa.gov.au or phone – 0428 566 527**

Please also advise of any dietary restrictions.

Morning Tea sponsored by Nightingales Nest and Nursery



SPRINGHAVEN

Kaya! Or Hello from us at Springhaven.

We have been incorporating some activities and cuisine this week to go with the NAIDOC week theme, a very spectacular Damper came from our kitchen on Monday, lathered in butter and golden syrup. Thank you to our awesome cook.

On 1 July we celebrated Canada day - it has been a real mix of cultures here in the last week!



Earlier in the week we had our friends from Loton Close come and join us for a morning of board games and catch ups, I just love seeing the rec room in action like that! Thanks to all that come and make it special for our residents.

Coming up in the next few weeks we have the Beaufort hounds coming to visit, and the following week, Jen from Lucinda's Everlastings will join us for a visit and chat. On 22 July we will celebrate Christmas in July, and just like that, July will nearly be over!

Until next time, keep warm out there!

Alegha

Activities Coordinator

PUBLIC NOTICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Expressions of Interest – Kojonup Sheep Saleyards

Expression of Interest are called for the deconstruction and removal of the Kojonup Sheep Saleyards in accordance with Council Decision 157/20.

The Saleyards consist of internal yards approximately 130 (2mx3m) constructed of mesh panels attached to steel posts with 2m galvanised gates. There is also approximately 40 larger outside pens and holding yards as well as internal races constructed of 20ml and 30ml galvanised piping with galvanised gates 1.5m to 3m. One (1) loading race adjustable in size is also included.



Please note that one (1) loading race, two (2) holding yards and associated races, are to remain for use by the public for transport needs.

Yards are to be completely removed within 60 days from acceptance of any offers.

Expressions of Interest should be marked CONFIDENTIAL and addressed to Robert Jehu, Manager Regulatory Services. You can lodge your interest via email to council@kojonup.wa.gov.au or by post to:

Shire of Kojonup
PO Box 163
KOJONUP WA 6395

The closing date is **4.00pm, Friday 16 July 2021**

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer

Expressions of Interest – Purchase of Transportable Building

The Shire of Kojonup are calling for Expressions of Interest for the purchase of the current Netball Transportable Building. This will include the disconnection of services (water and electricity) and the removal of the building. All works will need to be completed prior to 15 August 2021.

Building is a James Hardie transportable, 12m long x 3.2m wide, with a verandah as shown in the pictures. Contents of building are not included.

Please forward Expressions of Interest via email to council@kojonup.wa.gov.au

Further details and site inspections can be arranged with Emily Sleight, Sport and Recreation Officer Phone 08 9831 2407 or sro@kojonup.wa.gov.au

POSITIONS VACANT

Excavator/Plant Operator

The Shire of Kojonup is currently recruiting to fill the position of Excavator/Plant Operator.

The successful applicant will need to possess the following:

- Previous experience as a plant operator (excavator, loader, grader, roller, truck etc);
- Previous experience using other plant/equipment relevant to construction/maintenance operations;
- Previous local government experience in a similar position.

Your application package including a position description can be found on our [website](#) and should be addressed as follows:

Craig McVee
Manager Works and Services
Shire of Kojonup
PO Box 163
Kojonup WA 6395

For more information, contact the Manager of Works and Services, Craig McVee on 0427427854
Applications close **2.00pm, Friday 16 July 2021.**

Horticultural Trainee

The Shire of Kojonup is recruiting a Horticultural Trainee. This fulltime positions may be offered on a permanent basis upon completion of the traineeship. This level 3 position will be attract salary and conditions the Local Government Industry Award 2010 and the Shire of Kojonup All of Staff Agreement 2011.

This position assists in the beautification and maintenance of the Shire of Kojonup town sites and strives to achievement of the Shire's vision in line with the mission and values of the Shire of Kojonup's strategic plan.

If you have an interest in landscaping and can demonstrate a reasonable level of personal fitness, good time management, high work ethic and the desire to work as part of a team are important to you, then we would love to hear from you.

To apply for the Horticultural Trainee, download the application kit from either www.amaats.com.au/jobs or our [website](#). For further information about the position, please contact Marina Murray on 0428 566527.

Applications must be received on or before 2.00pm, Friday 16 July 2021.

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer



Personal Care Assistants – Day and Night Shifts Available

If you are caring, enjoy communicating and interacting with people and have a passion to make a difference in an older person's life then this may be the position for you.

What we are looking for:

- Certificate III or IV in Individual Support (Aged Care), or willingness to obtain.
- A current police clearance is essential.
- A current influenza vaccine is essential or willingness to obtain.
- Covid Vaccines will be mandatory for Aged Care staff by September, so this is also essential.
- An enthusiastic and genuine person with respect for the elderly.
- A reliable team player

There are a mixture of day and night shifts available, full or part time hours.

Night Shift

- Night shift hours are 9pm - 6am

Day Shift

- Day shift hours are morning shift 6am-1:30pm and evening shift 1:30-9pm.

What we can offer you:

- 5% above Aged Care Award pay rates.
- A friendly supportive multicultural team.
- A small rural homelike environment.
- Ongoing education and training.
- Assistance to complete aged care qualifications.

If you require further information please contact 98312800.

Applications including a covering letter and resume to be addressed to: Facility Manager, Ciara O'Regan, Springhaven Lodge, Barrack Place, Kojonup WA 6395 or email macs@kojonup.wa.gov.au

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer





Make a connection. Help save a life.

Suicide is preventable. Anyone can make a difference.

- Half-day training in suicide alertness skills
- Learn four basic steps to create a life-saving connection
- Widely used by professionals and the general public

Upcoming safeTALK training in Kojonup

Date: Friday, August 27th, 2021, 10:00am - 2:00pm

Location: Kojonup Sporting Complex, Benn Parade

Hosted by: Shire of Kojonup and Palmerston

Cost: No Cost: funded by the Mental Health

Commission, valued at \$150 per person

To inquire or register, call Palmerston at 08 9892

2100 or email prevention@palmerston.org.au

safeTALK works. Learn more and see the evidence at www.livingworks.net/safetalk



LivingWorks

