

SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

Edition 221 – 2 October 2021

COUNCIL BRIEFS

On Saturday I had the fortunate experience of working at the Kodja Place Visitor Centre, yes it was Grand Final Day and congratulations go to the Dees on their great comeback win. Condolences to all the people who were barracking for the Doggies.

It gave me the opportunity to view the Kodja Place in its entirety, on a busy day, and realise how important this complex is to all Kojonup residents. If you have not visited the centre please come down and walk through the centre and introduce yourselves to the Team.

Being new to Kojonup I am in awe of how the community has rallied and built such a unique and informative facility. My hat goes off to all the past and present people who have contributed to making this a vibrant and attractive precinct for people to see and feel the history of the Kojonup region. In particular the people and their families who have donated artefacts and stories to keep the Gallery alive.

As a result the number of tourists and people from outlying areas that walked through the visitor centre on Saturday were only too complimentary of the content in the Gallery, coffee and food at the Black Cockatoo Café, and the Rose Maze. It was buzzing with families and children on their journey to and from the Great Southern region.

I would like to thank Barb Hobbs and Kevin Gale for keeping me company and sharing the work load over the course of the day. It was much appreciated.

Over the weekend we saw the opening of the “Art Trail” and the “Bloom Festival” and the Kodja Place hosted both these great events by displaying Art from regional and local Artists and a wildflower display with photographs depicting the regions orchids. Thank you to all those volunteers who took their own time to set up and establish these great displays. It was clear people were travelling far and wide to see our local Art and wildflowers.

If you want to see more of what’s happening in the region pop down to the visitor centre and take a walk through your local gallery. Furthermore if you are interested in volunteering at the Visitor Centre please contact us at the visitor centre.

Australia's South West and Great Southern Treasures Partnership and Job Opportunity

ASW has been working hard to assist in the sustainability and development of all parts of the region, so we are thrilled to let our members know we have signed an agreement with the eight participating local governments to deliver the [Great Southern Treasures](#) partnership.

In order to deliver the strategic objectives and marketing action plan of Great Southern Treasures, we are recruiting for a suitable tourism professional to join the ASW team. More information and applications for the Great Southern Treasures Marketing and Industry Liaison Co-ordinator can be found [here](#) or contact Karen Priest at Tourism Talent on [0400 457 117](tel:0400457117) or via email at karen.priest@tourism-talent.com.

2019/2020 Annual Report and Annual Electors Meeting

At the Council meeting held 28 September 2021, Council adopted the 2019/2020 Annual Report subject to some minor amendments. The Report will be available for downloading from the website from Friday 1 October 2021. Now that the report has been adopted, the Annual Electors Meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 October 2021 at the Kojonup Sporting Complex commencing at 6.00pm.

Auditors are now progressing the 2020/2021 interim report and the Council is working with the Office of Auditor General (OAG) in completing the audit in a timely manner compared to the previous financial year. The OAG is aware of the impact the delay has on local governments and interaction with the community but are working with us to make the process more efficient.

Other items on the Agenda which were progressed by Council are as follows:

Kojonup Bowling Club Inc. - Grant Application

The Bowling Club made contact with the Shire of Kojonup (Shire) in early 2021 to begin discussions on the need to expand their existing main green from a 7 rink green to a 10 rink green, given an increase in competitive and social playing members.

Council have subsequently considered supporting the Kojonup Bowling Club Inc. (Bowling Club) Grant Application through the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) for the expansion of bowling green facilities.

A requirement of the CSRFF grant process is to obtain support from the Bowling Club's relevant local government and to verify proposed funding sources. This is a very valuable project with a high community need and the officer recommendation to support the application, including a 2022/2023 budget allocation of \$114,500.00 was endorsed by council.

Moonies Hill Energy Pty Ltd Request to Amend Conditions of Approval for the Flat Rocks Wind Farm.

Moonies Hill Energy Pty Ltd has applied to the Shire to amend specific conditions of their development approval for the Flat Rocks Wind Farm as follows:

- Change the 'substantial commencement' date to reflect the WA Government State of Emergency planning exemptions issued in April 2020 that extended approval dates for projects to commence;
- Include a new 7 turbine site layout; and
- Include a new wind turbine model (Vestas V150 4.2MW).

Council has approved the amendment to Turbines located in its shire.

Local Government Elections – Saturday 16 October

Elections are now in full swing and your candidate profiles can be found on the Shire website.

Please note the following days and times and ensure that you have your say and vote for your Council:

- ✓ Early voting: open now until 4.00pm on Friday 15 October 2021.
- ✓ Election day voting: from 8.00am on 16 October 2021, closing at 6.00pm.
- ✓ Location: Shire Administration Office

John Benn
Shire President

Grant Thompson
Chief Executive Officer

Ensure your local government election vote counts on Saturday, 16 October 2021



The Shire of Kojonup has four councillor vacancies in the 2021 local government elections.

Follow the instructions on the ballot paper and only place ticks in up to 4 boxes next to the candidate/s you wish to vote for.

Do not make any other marks on the ballot paper.

If you choose more than 4 candidates your vote will be invalid.

Should you make an error, please give your incorrect ballot paper to an electoral officer and ask for another ballot paper.

Early voting is open and continues until
4pm Friday, 15 October 2021.

Election Day voting commences
8am and concludes at 6pm Saturday, 16 October 2021.

All voting is conducted in person at the
Shire Administration Office, 93 Albany Highway, Kojonup



SPRINGHAVEN LODGE

Successful in Aged Care Grant application

In March of this year, the Shire of Kojonup applied for ACAR grant funding on behalf of Springhaven Lodge Aged Care. We have been successful in our application and will receive approximately \$282,000 for renovations to the facility. The upgrade plans include new vinyl flooring throughout the facility corridors and bedrooms, widening of all bedroom doorways with new “cat and kitten” style doors, built in wardrobes in every bedroom, wood-effect fibreglass handrails throughout the facility, and renovation of the Treatment room including new flooring, shelving and wider doorway.

We are very excited for these upgrades, which we expect to commence in the coming months, and will endeavour for minimal interruption to our residents’ everyday lives.

Ciara O’Regan
Manager of Springhaven

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Netball Court Progress

What a difference a week makes!

MCB Construction have taken site possession as of 21 September 2021, and have certainly made progress in that time.

All fixtures, including fencing, have been removed to make way for the laying of footings for the roof structure. Deliveries of columns and roof supports have started to arrive, putting in perspective the size of the structure.

Exclusion fencing will be installed this week, and with that works will ramp up again.

Please be aware this site is now a construction zone – it would be appreciated if you do not drive, ride or walk through it.



KOJONUP DOLLARS

This year the council implemented a prize draw through the creation of 'Kojonup Dollars', which can only be redeemed at participating local businesses, will also benefit local businesses by ensuring the prize money is spent within the Kojonup economy. Everyone that had paid their rates in full by the close of business on the due date being 3 September were eligible.

We wish to congratulate the following winners

Grantley Marinoni	Tamesha Gardiner
Nathan Miotti	Kaye Licari
Capper Super Fund	James Hope
Daniel Myers	Richard Avery
Aaron Hartnup	Marjorie Fleay

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the participating businesses

124 Cafe
BK Thomson Electrical
Black Cockatoo Café
Black Stump Electrical
Cellarbrations Kojonup
CGS Engineers
Commercial Hotel Kojonup
Donaldson Mechanical
EGABVA Plumbing
Elders – Kojonup Branch only
Highway Sales and Service
Hillveiw Roadhouse
Kojonup Ag Supplies

Kojonup Auto Electrics
Kojonup Bakery
Kojonup Country Kitchen
Kojonup Home Timber & Hardware
Kojonup IGA
Kojonup Light Civil
Kojonup Shoe & Sports
Nightingales Nursery and Nest
Nutrien – Kojonup Branch only
Royal Hotel Kojonup
Shear Class
The Kodja Place

Practical Driving Assessments - Bookings are filling fast -



The next practical driving Assessor will be visiting Kojonup on **Wednesday, 13 October 2021** from 8:15am. However there is only a small number of vacancies available. Contact the Shire Administration Office to book your place 98312400.



THE KODJA PLACE



'Y-INAGN' (Creation) by local Noongar artist Craig McVee

The Six Noongar Seasons are:

Birak (Summer)	Mid-December / Mid-February
Bunuru (Autumn)	Mid-February / Mid-April
Djeran (Windy)	Mid-April / Mid-June
Makuru (Winter)	Mid-June / Mid-August
Djilba (Windy)	Mid-August / Mid-October
Kambarang (Spring)	Mid-October / Mid-December

VOLUNTEERING AT THE KODJA PLACE

In the early years of the Kodja Place, many volunteers gave their time and wonderfully assisted Team Members at the tourist office. Sadly these people drifted away for various reasons. We now have a young, enthusiastic Team at the Kodja Place (Kristel and Daniel pictured here in front of Craig McVee's fabulous mural) and a new Shire CEO who are all keen to see the Kodja Place become sustainable and attract many more visitors.

The Kodja Place Community Fund members are working very hard to achieve this goal by upgrading displays, improving signage, holding events and so much more that is happening around the facility.

We are seeking community members to consider volunteering at Kodja Place to assist tourists to enjoy their stay in Kojonup. Volunteers will be trained, supported and work with Shire Team Members to do all sorts of things in the day to day operations of the visitor centre, which could include but not limited to:

- ✓ Providing a fantastic customer service experience for all our visitors alongside counter, phone and electronic enquiries.
- ✓ Providing updated information to satisfy visitor enquiries
- ✓ Taking bookings for meeting rooms, equipment hire and tour groups
- ✓ Assisting with tour groups as they come through the KP
- ✓ Processing sales on the POS system (yes we will train you it's easy really)
- ✓ Making sure brochure displays are full and are current/in correct regions
- ✓ Cleaning stock displays and general helping hand in the retail store
- ✓ Labelling of stock and other things
- ✓ And most importantly encouraging visitation into the Kodja Place and tourists to come back to Kojonup.



Please consider providing a helping hand to the visitor centre. We will be appreciative of any help we receive from the community. Contact Kristel or Daniel at the Kodja Place on 98310500

What Our Visitors are Saying!

“Fantastic Displays”
M & P Campbell, Eaton

“Absolutely Great!”
Alan & Philippa, Donnybrook

“Great!”
A & L Parker, Albany



Wildflower season



The White Spider Orchid (*Caladenia longicauda*) is now flowering at Farrar Reserve and Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna. Fourteen subspecies are currently recognised and all have predominantly white flowers, with long filamentous petals and sepals.

The White Spider orchid is one of West Australia's most common and well-known orchid. During spring it is often seen in bushland near Perth and is particularly common in jarrah forests of the Darling Range. A single green hairy leaf, 10 – 25 centimetres long and 0.5 – 2 centimetres wide, is marked with reddish-purple spots and suffusions near the base.

The flower stem can grow between 25 – 60 centimetres tall and bears one to four creamy white flowers. The orchid grows in deep sandy soil in banksia and jarrah woodlands on the Swan Coastal Plain, in well-drained gravelly loams and sands of the jarrah forest and in clay barns further inland.



The Red Beaks (*Pyrorchis nigricans*) is now flowering at Kojonup's Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary. Red Beaks is readily distinguished by its leaves and flowers, with their distinctive beaked dorsal sepal and prominently fringed labellum.

Red Beaks has a ground-hugging, fleshy oval leaf, three to fifteen centimetres long and three to four centimetres across. The flowers emit a strong, sweet fragrance that is almost overpowering on warm still days.

Red Beaks is one of the State's most widespread orchids. In WA, it grows north to Shark Bay, east to Israelite Bay and inland to Hyden.

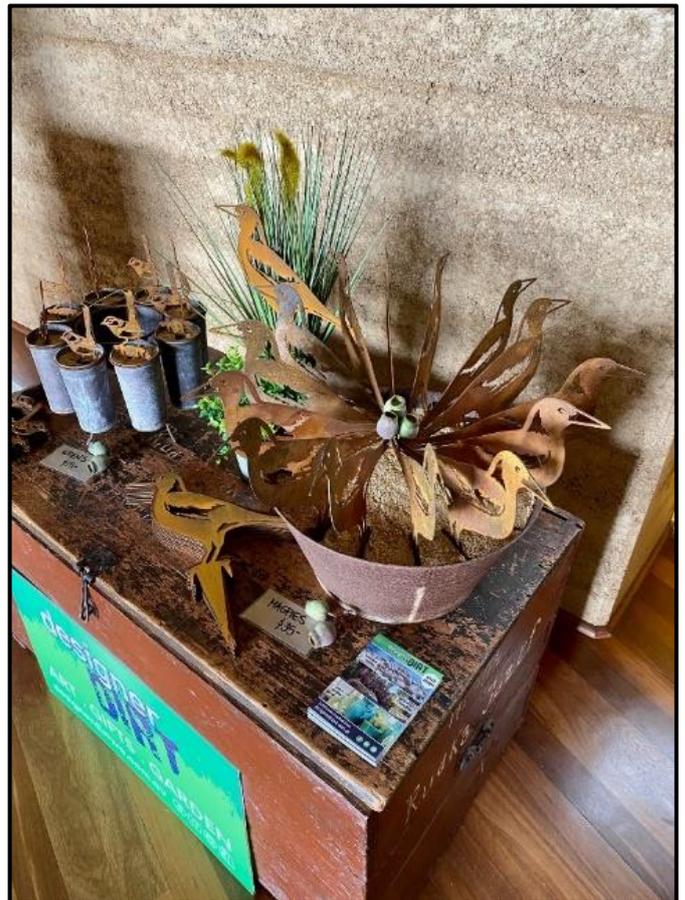
The Southern Art & Craft Trail

The Southern Art & Craft Trail has officially opened at The Kodja Place. Come in to see the beautiful wildflower herbarium, late Viv Holly's gorgeous orchid images, clever artwork by Craig and Christie McVee and Bronwyn Gaze. Sculptures by Ollie Anderson, garden pieces from Designer Dirt, ceramic pots from Lauren Wright and amazing images of local birds by Alan Goodall.



The Art & Craft Trail runs from Saturday 25 September – Sunday 10 October and Event Brochures are available at the Kojonup Visitor Centre or by visiting

www.artsouthwa.com.au



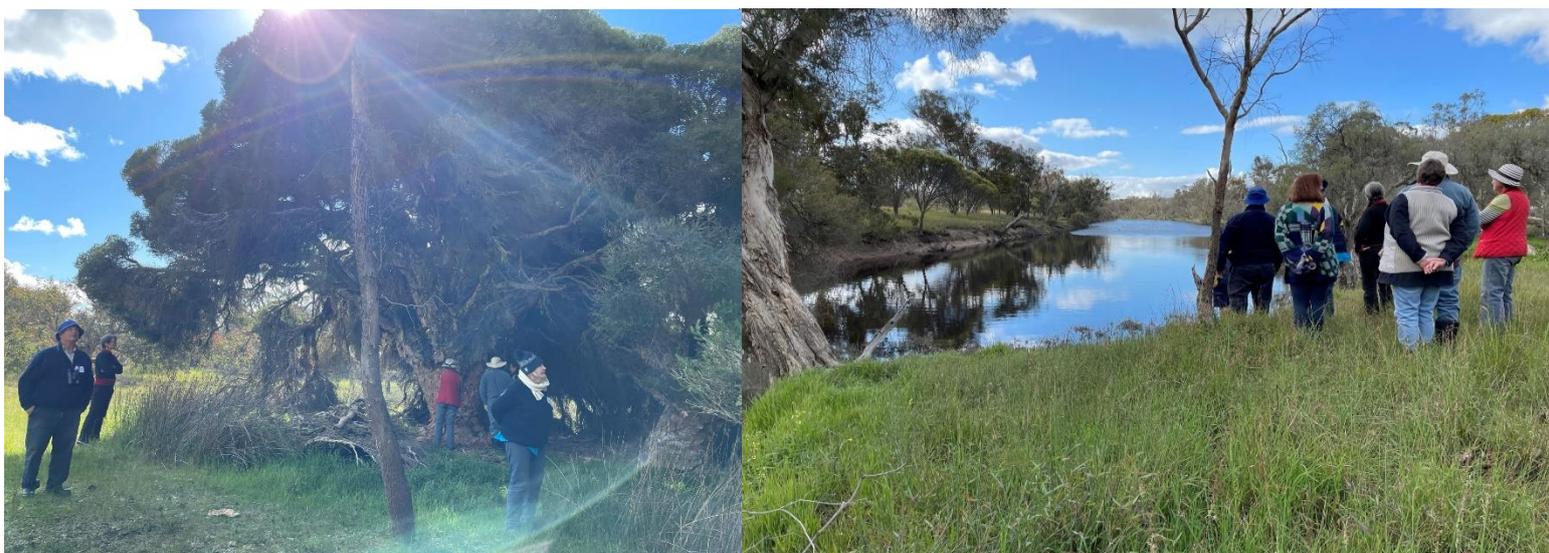
LANDCARE

Incorporating Nature into Farming Systems

On Sunday the 19th of September an enthusiastic group of 20 attended a property in Kojonup for the Incorporating nature into farming systems event. We were lucky to have some Kojonup local plant and bird specialists to guide the group through the remnant bushland and wetlands on the property. There were over 35 birds identified on the walk including a number of breeding and nesting birds. The range of plant species were well over 120 different trees shrubs and groundcovers with standouts being stands of 100+ old swamp paperbark (*Melaleuca raphiopylla*), rare and endangered *Conostylis* species, and hundreds of - Green Spider Orchids (*Caladenia falcata*). The purpose of the event was to showcase how retaining and building on existing vegetation through revegetation, planting for shelter belts, fencing remnants with controlled grazing and installation of drainage systems can many on farm benefits.

These practices are in line with the current Enhanced Remnant Pilot program through the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment and the Australian National University which is aiming to see farmers supported through private investment for the protection, enhancement and management of biodiversity on their properties.

Supporter of the event South West Catchment Council are participating in the development of processes for the Pilot in this region. For those wishing to learn more follow the link <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/natural-resources/landcare/sustaining-future-australian-farming/enhancing-remnant-vegetation-pilot>.



Myrtle Benn – Community Weeding Day

Volunteers are required to assist with weeding of the Myrtle Benn bushland to continue to remove wood weeds in the areas adjacent to the bushland. No previous experience needed just some enthusiasm.

Where: Kojonup Cemetery Carpark

When: Wednesday 13 October

Time: 9pm to 12pm

What to bring: Hand saw or secateurs, gloves and wear sturdy and waterproof shoes.

A thermos and we will provide a light snack when we have finished

Please RSVP to Adele Landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au by Monday 11th October



A new tank has been installed near the Katanning Rd standpipe for quick access by the Fire units, with grant money received from the Drought Communities Funding.



The Rose Maze bank has had woodchip mulch spread on it and been planted with a variety of low growing native waterwise South-West plants, some endemic to Kojonup.

Upcoming Events in the Region

Southern Dirt invites you to attend:
SPRING FIELD DAY
TUESDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2021


Southern Dirt

**BUS TOUR LEAVES 10.30 AM
KOJONUP SPORTING COMPLEX**

DETAILS:

<p>REGISTRATION 10:00 AM</p>	<p>COST: SD Members: FREE Non-Members: \$50</p>
<p>ITINERARY: FARM TOURS</p>	<p>REGISTRATION: Please register online: https://www.trybooking.com/BUGYX</p>
<p>10.45 AM ROCKY GLEN- MURADUP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Long Season and Red Wheat Trial Plant Pathogens and Diseases - Presented by DPIRD pathologist</p>	<p>QUERIES: For more info, please email: eo@southerndirt.com.au or phone 0428632625</p>
<p>12.00 PM MARBARRUP - ORCHID VALLEY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dual purpose cropping and long season wheat trials Bespoke summer pasture seeder machine display</p>	<p>Meals and refreshments provided - sponsored Nutrien Ag Solutions - Kojonup</p>
<p>1.00 PM RHODES PASTORAL- DINNINUP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LUNCH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meet Rhodes Farm Manager for a tour and a chat about the operation including: Desalination plant for feedlotting Grain holding and Marketing Whole grain feeding practices and bespoke mixer Finishing Paddocks</p>	<p>Contact eo@southerndirt.com.au if you have any dietary requirements</p>
<p>RETURN TRIP TO KOJONUP & SUNDOWNER</p>	

POITIONS VACANT

Casual Lifeguard/Customer Service Operator

The Shire of Kojonup are currently looking to engage a Casual Lifeguard/Customer Service Operator at the Kevin O'Halloran Memorial Swimming Pool in preparation for this coming summer season.



The successful applicant will be responsible for assisting with the safe delivery of pool activities. This casual role would suit a university student or similar returning home for holidays and it requires flexible hours and days. The position is offered in accordance with Level 2 of the All of Staff Agreement 2011 (\$57,305 pa plus casual loading) and the Local Government Industry Award 2010

Skills & Experience

The ideal candidate will have well developed customer service skills who can act professionally as the first point of contact for our patrons. It is important to be an organised and motivated individual, capable of working well in a small team environment. The following qualifications are mandatory to the position:

- current Pool Lifeguard Certificate
- current First Aid Certificate
- current (or be willing to obtain) a Working with Children clearance

The Shire may be able to assist with obtaining these qualifications.

This role reports directly to the Swimming Pool Manager, who will be responsible for the allocation of duties for this position. Further details are contained in the Position Description, or contact Emily Sleight, Sport and Recreation Officer at sro@kojonup.wa.gov.au or on 9831 2400. Applications close 5 November 2021 and should be addressed to the undersigned via emailing council@kojonup.wa.gov.au.

Customer Service Officers - Casual Pool - Kojonup Visitor Centre

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: Please submit a covering letter addressing the selection criteria contained within the position description. In addition, ensure you complete the "Application for Advertised Vacancy" form contained within this package. Further details are contained in the Position Description or contact Kristel Thomson, Visitor Services Officer at bcc@kojonup.wa.gov.au or on 9831 0500.

Applications can be submitted to council@kojonup.wa.gov.au

The Shire of Kojonup is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Grant Thompson
Chief Executive Officer

PUBLIC NOTICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

SOUTHERN SINGERS FINALE

The Southern Singers choir has been active in the Kojonup community for more than twenty years. Firstly directed by Rosemary Cussons and more recently by Cathy Wright. It has been our great pleasure to sing at community services, events, concerts and plays and we hope that it has been equally enjoyed by the community. Over the years we've had up to 30 in the choir but mostly the number has been around 20. I'd expect that well over 60 people would have sung with the choir at some time. We've had a lot of fun but it is time to move on and with a bit of luck, another singing group will form to bridge the gap.



As a last hurrah, we're going to be singing at a concert at **Hyfield Function Room, 23 Bell Road** on **Friday 15th October at 7pm.**

We will be joined by a singing duo the '**Vita Bellas**' from Busselton, for whom Rosemary Cussons plays the keyboard.

As an added bonus, the band and the singers from the **cast of Snow White** will be singing the songs from the recent pantomime.

This is a **free event** and we ask you to bring your own food and drinks. There is no need to book.

Any funds raised through donations at the door will be forwarded to the Royal Flying Doctor.

Enquiries Cathy Wright 0417178614

FREE MUSICAL CONCERT

Featuring
Southern Singers in their final performance
Band and singers from the Snow White cast
and welcoming
The Vita Bellas from Busselton
featuring singers
Mel and Geoff with Rosemary on piano

HYFIELD FUNCTION ROOM
FRIDAY 15TH OCTOBER
7PM
BYO NIBBLES AND DRINKS

 DONATION TO RFDS



EYE TESTING
At The Kodja Place

Appointments Available
Monday October 11

Call or txt 0467617153 To Book In

Bulk Billed to Medicare

Buy One Get One Free

Lots of frames to choose from



AWESOME ARTS ARTIST IN RESIDENCY PROGRAM

MOSAICS

FREE AND SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES
WITH LOUISE SNOOK

Join artist Louise Snook to create a mosaic community artwork! Participants will work together to affix glass tiles to a pre-cut wooden shape, exploring colours, shapes and learning new skills.



MONDAY 4 OCTOBER : 1:30PM-3:30PM
KOJONUP PUBLIC LIBRARY

