# **SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS**

Edition 227 – 21 December 2021

### **COUNCIL BRIEFS**

(14 December 2021 Ordinary Meeting)

### Spencer Street Youth Precinct – Concept Plan

Council has adopted a Concept Plan for the Spencer Street Youth Precinct. At this point in time it is conceptual and we welcome the community to view a copy of the plan at the Shire Administration office.

### Parking Local Law and Cats Local Law

Council is proposing a Parking Local Law to assist our Regulatory Services team to provide a safer community and have the ability to respond to parking complaints and issues such as contraflow verge parking, parking on footpaths, disruption of commercial business, large vehicles parking in residential areas etc.

A Cats Local Law is also proposed to allow Regulatory Services to respond to issues including cat hoarding and associated health consequences, nuisance/feral cat complaints, and elimination of cat roaming and to regulate the number of cats kept on premises and issue approval for cat breeding etc.

A copy of both proposed local laws is available from the Shire Administration Office and submissions and comments may be made up to 4.00pm, Monday, 28 February 2022.

### **Bush Fire Brigade Volunteers – Personal Protective Equipment**

Council has authorised a budget variation to allow for sufficient purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for members of the Shire's volunteer fire brigades, due partly to a large amount of extra registered volunteers. A request has been submitted to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services to allocate further Emergency Services Levy funding; however, no confirmation has been received at this stage.

### Policy 2.2.11 – Shire Uniforms Update

Council has updated its Shire Uniforms Policy to include a biennial monetary contribution of \$200 towards prescription safety glasses for permanent full time employees working within roles that require safety glasses as an item of Personal Protective Equipment.

### **Springhaven Policy Update**

In accordance with legislative changes flowing through from the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, Springhaven Lodge's *Reportable Incidents and the Serious Incident Response Scheme Policy* and *Restrictive Practices Policy* have been updated. This is a part of our integrated and risk management system for Springhaven.



### **Reserve Account Appropriateness Review – 2021/2022**

The Shire's Reserve Accounts have undergone an annual review addressing the appropriateness of purpose, suitability of current balances and deficiencies for the funding of asset management and future projects as identified in adopted forward plans.

Changes have included renaming and changing the purpose of the 'Community Grant Scheme Reserve' to the 'Memorial Hall – Theatrical Infrastructure Reserve' (to fund the upgrade of theatrical equipment and infrastructure in the Kojonup Memorial Hall) and transfers in the draft 2022/2023 budget, by priority, to Reserve Accounts.

Additionally, Council will further discuss the strategic direction of three accounts at a future briefing session; namely, RSL Hall Building Renewal, Saleyards, and Economic Development. Council has also amended Policy 2.1.8 by deleting 'Energy Efficiency – 50% of any savings resulting from expenditure of this reserve account is to be transferred back into the reserve' and adding 'Netball Court Resurfacing Reserve – a \$3,500 annual contribution will be made to this Reserve to make provision for the resurfacing of the acrylic surface at the end of its useful life'.

**Ordinary Council Meeting and Council Advisory Committee Meeting Dates – 2022** Council has scheduled its Ordinary Meeting and Advisory Committee Meeting dates for 2022 – please see the next page below for details of place, dates, and times.

### Administration office, library and depot closure during the 2021/22 Christmas and New Year period.

As is normal practice, the Shire Administration Office, Library and Depot will be closed over the upcoming Christmas and New Year period from 12.30pm Friday, 24 December 2021 to re-open on Tuesday, 4 January 2022.

Ned Radford Shire President



### ORDINARY MEETINGS OF COUNCIL 2022 MEETING DATES

Ordinary Meetings of Council for 2022 are scheduled (unless advertised otherwise) to be held in the Shire of Kojonup Council Chambers, 93 Albany Highway, Kojonup commencing at 3.00pm, as follows:

- 15 February 2022
- 15 March 2022
- 12 April 2022
- 17 May 2022
- 21 June 2022
- 26 July 2022
- 16 August 2022
- 20 September 2022
- 18 October 2022
- 15 November 2022
- 13 December 2022

### ADVISORY COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL 2022 MEETING DATES

Meetings of Advisory Committees of Council for 2022 are scheduled (unless advertised otherwise) to meet in the Shire of Kojonup Administration Reception Lounge, 93 Albany Highway, Kojonup, as follows:

Audit and Risk Committee (commencing at 9.00am):

- 1 February 2022
- 3 May 2022
- 2 August 2022
- 1 November 2022

Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee (commencing at 2.00pm):

- 17 February 2022
- 18 August 2022

Bush Fire Advisory Committee (commencing at 7.30pm):

- 9 February 2022
- 10 August 2022



**REGULATORY SERVICES** 



### PUBLIC NOTICE PROPOSAL OF LOCAL LAWS 3.12 (3) of the *Local Government Act 1995*

The Shire of Kojonup provides public notice in accordance with s. 3.12 (3) of the *Local Government Act 1995* that it proposes to make the following local laws based on Western Australian Local Government Association model local laws:

• Parking Local Law 2022

**Purpose**: To enable better parking practices and to remedy parking anomalies in the Shire of Kojonup. **Effect**: Effective and consistent parking practices within the Shire of Kojonup.

• Cats Local Law 2022

**Purpose**: To address the impounding of cats, requirements and limitations on the keeping of cats, and the requirements of approved kennel establishments within the Shire of Kojonup. **Effect**: To provide for consistent and effective management of the cat population within the Shire of Kojonup.

A copy of the above laws can be obtained from the Shire of Kojonup Administration Office, 93 Albany Highway, Kojonup or by viewing them on the Shire of Kojonup's website at <u>www.kojonup.wa.gov.au</u>

Submissions or comments regarding these proposals may be made in writing to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Kojonup, at the above address or in writing to PO Box 163, Kojonup, 6395 by 4.00pm Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2022.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Manager of Regulatory Services on 9831 2424.

Grant Thompson
Chief Executive Officer

The Kojonup Swimming Pool will be closed for the following days over the Christmas and New Year period.

Christmas Eve – Closed

Christmas Day – Closed

Boxing Day – 12pm – 6pm

27 December – 31 December – NORMAL OPENING HOURS

New Year's Day – Closed

2 January onwards – NORMAL OPENING HOURS



### **CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

#### Shire's Volunteer Fire Fighters – Training

After the WA Government's Work Health and Safety Bill which introduces industrial manslaughter as a crime — passed through parliament in November last year, it is expected to come into operation in March next year. This will have ramifications to the Shire's Volunteer Fire Fighters as they will then be classified as Shire employees. This requires the Shire to complete minimum training for the Volunteers before they are able to be on a fire front.

As a result the Shire of Kojonup recently hosted the Bush Fire Awareness course alongside DFES and the CESM Officer.

The Shire has conducted 5 sessions over the previous 3 Mondays with over 450 participants attending these courses. There has been an overwhelming response from the Volunteer Fire Brigade Members and members of the community.

We would like to pass on our thanks to the various DFES trainers who assisted the shire in running the event, members of the community who attended the course, Shire Staff who assist with cooking breakfast for participants and Kevin Bransby for running the course.

Should you wish to register for future training, or become involved with your local volunteer brigade, please contact the Shire.

*Ph:* 08 9831 2400 - 93 Albany Highway, Kojonup WA 6395 - PO Box 163, Kojonup WA 6395













### **UPDATE ON NETBALL COURTS** We wanted to give everyone an update and a peak at the progress on the Courts before the

Christmas Break. The roof is going up.....How exciting!

More to come at a later date.

### LANDCARE

THIS ARTICLE HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM ABC.NET.AU



Figure 1A turbine wind farm proposed for farmland near Kojonup is a step closer after passing a state planning panel. (Supplied: Zbynek Burival)

### Massive Kojonup wind farm one step closer

A proposal for a \$400 million wind farm in Kojonup has passed a major planning hurdle. The proposal, backed by a number of farming families in the region, intends to build one of the biggest wind farms in the State, with 42 turbines capable of generating almost 180 megawatts combined. **Read more by clicking <u>here.</u>** 



### Drought Communities Programme – New Dam (Federal Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources)

With the assistance of Drought Communities Programme funding, the Shire engaged Klopper Contracting to construct a new dam and contour banks to the south of the Kojonup saleyards. The Shire's Works and Services team has overseen the completion of the project and installation of a new solar pump; thanks to all involved in this project. The new dam provides extra water supply for reticulation at the sports oval and other local water use requirements.





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### LIBRARY

### Word of the Day

obfuscate verb | AHB-fuh-skayt

#### Definition:

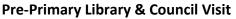
transitive verb

1 a : to throw into shadow : DARKEN b : to make obscure 2 : CONFUSE

obfuscate the reader intransitive verb : to be evasive, unclear, or confusing

#### Did You Know?

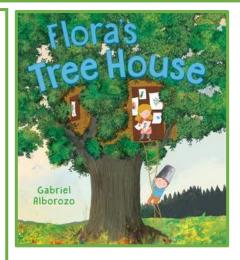
Obfuscate comes from the Latin prefix ob- (meaning "over" or "completely") and fuscus ("dark-colored"). That fact gives an idea as to how the word can refer to making something difficult to see or understand-much like how dark, dirty water makes it hard to see the bottom.



On Thursday 2 December, we were visited by KDHS Pre-Primary with Mrs Webb, Mrs Zadow and Mrs McGuire. We read a great book together, with playful text and vibrant art, Gabriel Alboroz's *Flora's Tree House* is a unique picture book about imagination for all children learning to appreciate a sibling's strengths. as well as their own.

Siblings Flora and Will couldn't be more different. Flora brings epic fantasies to life in drawings and paintings, which she then hangs in her tree house. Will's adventures live in his mind as he leaps from trees and swings twigs like they're swords. Will has never been in Flora's tree house, but one day, his curiosity gets the better of him—what exactly is his sister doing up in there? In one joyful afternoon, Flora and Will's imaginations collide, and sister and brother discover that playing together is always more fun.

From the quiet of the library we ventured into Council Chambers, where the children all took a seat as we called a 'Special Meeting'. It was noted that this financial year Council are responsible for \$20 million dollars, the children did agree unanimously that they would all like a 'flying fox!' Thank you for your visit and the thank you card you gave to Mrs Greeuw.







#### **'NEW MUMS & BUBS'**

The library has been blessed once again with the 'NEW MUMS & BUBS' group, supported by Di House: our wonderful Child Health Nurse along with Allied Health sharing enough information for our families to feel supported and happy to reach out for any extra information needed. The families are invited in to use the library afterwards to keep socially connected within the group, as they will have children at day care, playgroup, kindy and the schooling journey, don't forget the after school and weekend sports. It's always great to see a familiar face.





### **Christmas Break**

I do encourage all our patrons to stock up on books/DVD's/ Jigsaws & Games for the Christmas Break as we close Christmas Eve Friday 24 December 2021 at 12:30pm, and reopen again Tuesday 4 January 2022. Any books due back before reopening will automatically be extended until the 4 January 2022.

Lorreen & Kerry wish all our wonderful patrons a Merriest & Joyful Christmas plus A Safe & Fabulous New Year for 2022.

### **Online Catalogue.**

Did you know you can access the library's on line catalogue by typing in <a href="https://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au/community/facilities/library">https://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au/community/facilities/library</a>

Click on Access to the Kojonup Online Library Catalogue

From here you can see book covers, eResources, you even have the opportunity to reserve or request books, including those books from with-in our consortium. Yes it may be a learning curve but one I'm sure once you try it, you'll blossom.





### CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN!!

Calling all 6-12 year old crafty kids.... Do you want to make your very own felt keepsake Christmas stocking? Then ring Lorreen and reserve your seat on Tuesday 21 December starting at 10am. (Should only take an hour or so).

There are only 12 spaces for being part of Christmas Creativity Morning and you get to keep what you make and best of all, it's FREE to participate!



### What's new in your Library?

DVD's:



We also have a good range of Christmas DVD's to suit the entire family, so please come in for your Christmas viewing selection.





### **VACANT POSITIONS**



### **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 pro rata 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
- proof of Right to Work in Australia

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.

### How to Apply:

Further details are contained in the Position Description, or contact Emily Sleight, Sport and Recreation Officer at <a href="mailto:sro@kojonup.wa.gov.au">sro@kojonup.wa.gov.au</a> or on 9831 2400 or Anthony Middleton, Manager Corporate and Community Services <a href="mailto:mcs@kojonup.wa.gov.au">mcs@kojonup.wa.gov.au</a>

Applications should be addressed to the undersigned via emailing <u>council@kojonup.wa.gov.au.</u>







### **Customer Service Officer - Kojonup Visitors 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 1995 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 <u>Candidate Information Package</u> or contact Kristel Thomson, Visitor Services Officer at <u>bcc@kojonup.wa.gov.au</u> or on 9831 0500. Applications can be submitted to <u>council@kojonup.wa.gov.au</u> The Shire of Kojonup is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**Closing Date:** 

10-Jan-2022 02:00 PM



### THE KODJA PLACE



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

# The Six Noongar Seasons are:

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



# What Our Visitors are Saying!

"Stunning and Informative displays. So much to absorb and learn about" Jennie & Allan, Gelorup WA

**"Well presented informative cultural displays"** Heidi & Des, Perth WA

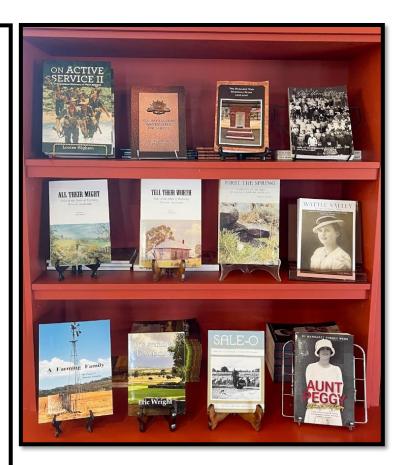
"Had an amazing trip down memory lanes to see our grandmother and other members of our family" Eliza Woods nee Eades



# Kojonup's History in Print

Did you know that The Kojonup Visitor Centre has a variety of Kojonup's History in Print? Come and visit the Kojonup Visitor Centre to browse the wide range of books all about Kojonup's history. The books range from First and Second World Wars, the history of the schools in the Kojonup district, Farming and more.

These books are ideal for family history research or new/current residents of Kojonup and would make for a perfect Christmas gift.





## **New Stock**

Look what has just arrived! The Kojonup Visitor Centre has just received some new stock from the Kojonup Aboriginal Corporation. There is a wide variety of tea light holders, glasses cases, drink bottles, purses, scarves, Christmas adornments and more. These beautiful purses would make a wonderful Christmas gift for that someone special or even to spoil yourself.



The Kodja Place & Kojonup Visitors Centre opening hours over the Christmas break.

24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve – 9am to 4pm
25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day – Closed
26<sup>th</sup> Boxing Day – Closed
27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> – <u>10am</u> to 4pm

New Year's Day – **Closed** 2<sup>nd</sup> January – 9am to 4pm 3<sup>rd</sup> January – <u>10am</u> to 4pm Onwards – 9am to 4pm



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### **PUBLIC NOTICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION**





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THE INAUGURAL KOJONUP TALENT GALA IS TO BE HELD IN THE COURTYARD OF THE Kodja place on Saturday 5th February 2022 to showcase the theatrical, Musical and other eclectic talents that kojonup and the great southern have to offer.

HOPEFUL APPLICANTS WILL AUDITION THROUGH A VIDEO SUBMISSION PROCESS, WHICH WILL BE VIEWED BY THE COMMITTEE BEFORE They progress to the Next Stage. Successful applicants will perform on the evening of friday 5th february in front of a panel of Judges and an Audience. Everyone who performs on the night will have a chance to win a \$2000 first prize, with prizes for second and third, a people's choice award and other commendations.

THIS WILL BE AN 18+ EVENT WITH A BAR SELLING EXCELLENT CRAFT BEER, WINE AND BOUTIQUE GIN.

FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT SO THAT YOU CAN ENJOY AN ENTERTAINING NIGHT UNDER THE STARS AT THE KODJA PLACE.

APPLICANTS CAN SUBMIT BY VISITING OUR WEBSITE WWW.KOJONUPTALENTGALA.COM. THERE IS AN ONLINE APPLICATION WHICH WILL Be viewed by the committee. If you are successful in proceeding to the final round you will receive a congratulatory Email. There will be a \$35 Application fee to perform on the night, payable through the website.

TICKETS ARE \$35 AND WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE FROM WWW.KOJONUPTALENTGALA.COM OR FROM THE KODJA PLACE.

### E: KOJONUPTALENTSHOW@GMAIL.COM M: CARISSA 0419 323 822 FB: KOJONUP TALENT GALA www.kojonuptalentgala.com

THIS EVENT IS ORGANISED BY A SMALL GROUP UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE KODJA PLACE COMMUNITY FUND INC - A LOCAL INITIATIVE WHICH AIMS TO ENHANCE ENTERPRISE INITIATIVES AT THE KODJA PLACE, WHERE WE INTERACT WITH OTHERS AND SHARE SKILLS WHILE PROMOTING OUR CULTURAL HERITAGES AND RURAL LIFESTYLE. OUR COMMITTEE IS MADE UP OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS, WITH A DIVERSE RANGE OF SKILLS, WHO ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES:

PROMOTE THE KODJA PLACE WITHIN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND THE WIDER PUBLIC Develop and support educational activities UPGRADE DISPLAYS AND DEVELOP NEW STORIES Support others to host events at the kodja place Integrate the various components of the precinct with links to other attractions in And Around Kojonup Increase foot traffic and sales to create a sustainable, vibrant place which locals will be proud of.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ASSIST US WITH OUR AIMS, PLEASE CONTACT US OR SPEAK TO A COMMITTEE MEMBER:

CHAIRPERSON
SECRETARY
SHIRE CEO
KAC REPRESENTATIVE

CATHY WRIGHT Ronice Blair Grant Thompson Craig McVEE VICE-CHAIRPERSON TREASURER Shire president KP Manager WENDY THORN Colin Rourke Ned Radford Kristel Thompson

COMMITTEE: JOHN BENN, CARA FORRESTER, DAVID FORRESTER, LISA HART, BARB HOBBS, JOHN MATHWIN, KATH MATHWIN, NOEL Stone.

### EMAIL KPCFINC@GMAIL.COM





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### Dates 2022 - Jan 15<sup>th</sup>, Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Join us for LOTS of fun! 'Let's Go Surfing' WANTED water volunteers, as surfers have more surfs the more volunteers we have. Here is a short video of what we're all about <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=</u> <u>6fjsRpFU3yw</u>

Everyone to register: <u>www.eventbrite.com.au/e/lets-go-</u> <u>surfing-2022-registration-</u> <u>139334849285</u>

Surfers, carer/support & volunteers -Armbands and rashies can be collected 9am - 10am at the registration tent at Middleton Beach. In the water 9:30am to 11:30/12 noon followed by presentations and a free BBQ.

Sunscreen and wetsuits available. Please BYO water bottle. COVID Safe practices will be in place.

https://www.facebook.com/Disabled SurfersGS Disabled Surfers Association Great Southern 2022 "Let's Go Surfing Days"



Surfers, Carers/Support & Volunteers Register 9am, in water 9:30am – 12 noon, presentations and free BBQ Saturdays - Middleton Beach, Albany Jan 15<sup>th</sup>, Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup> <u>www.facebook.com/DisabledSurfersGS/</u> Register <u>www.eventbrite.com.au/e/lets-go-surfing-2022-registration-139334849285</u> "Adult/child accessible changing facilities available" Supported nationally disabledsurfers.org/

