



# SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

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## **REGIONAL AGED ACCOMMODATION PROGRAM (RAAP)**

The RAAP is a \$22.7 million Royalties for Regions initiative announced in the 2017-18 State Budget. The key objective of the Program is to provide grant funding to suitable residential aged care or aged accommodation projects in regional areas. All submissions must be supported by a robust Business Case.

The Shire of Kojonup as member of the Great Southern Housing Initiative project (which will receive up to \$10 million under the Federal Building Better Regions Fund) is hoping to leverage RAAP funds to build 3 more Independent Living Units (based on the Loton Close Unit designs) in the South West Corner of the Springhaven Lot off Soldier Road.

Council at its meeting to be held 20 February 2018 will finalise its submission in order to meet the RAAP deadline of 9 March.

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## **CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY**

*The Shire CEO, Rick Mitchell-Collins had the pleasure of officially welcoming Lemuel Vilorio who became Kojonup's newest Australian citizen on 23 January 2018.*



## **SPORTS COMPLEX**

Works on constructing the new western cul-de sac has commenced. Preliminary works have identified a need for additional infrastructure, including a new retaining wall along the entire length of the deck area facing the oval. These works will enable additional drainage measures to be implemented to rectify existing drainage issues between the oval and the Complex. Complex users may experience some inconvenience over the next few months which is unfortunate but Council is determined to ensure that the improvements completed offer an effective long term solution to both drainage and access.

Got a burning question for the Shire President? Want to liaise with Council? Community members are reminded that the Shire President is available for appointments every Wednesday morning from 10:00am until noon. Please contact the Lorraine at the Shire Office



*Ronnie Fleay  
Shire President*

*Rick Mitchell-Collins  
Chief Executive Officer*

### **SPRINGHAVEN LODGE NEWS**

Residents and staff had an enjoyable Australia Day with flags flying and a few games of Two Up at morning tea to start the celebrations. This was followed by an Australia Day quiz, Aussie BBQ which included lamb chops and our good old favourite strawberry pavlova with a few beers to finish off.

*Happy  
Birthday!*

The following residents will be celebrating their birthday in February – Viv and Graham.



*A big thankyou to Jack Cox for his welcome to Australia and Lyn Boddington for playing the piano during our singalong.*

### **REACCREDITATION AUDIT**

The Australian Aged Care Quality Agency will be visiting Springhaven Lodge from 14-16 February 2018 to complete our three yearly reaccreditation audit. I

look forward to showing the auditors improvements we have made and to confirm how well we care for the residents at Springhaven Lodge.

### **POETRY READING – BAG PIPES**

Cathy is looking for someone to read Scottish Poetry or play the Bag pipes this month. Please contact her on 9831 2800 if you can be of assistance.

*Sue Northover  
Manager of Aged Care Services  
9831 2800*

### **LIBRARY NEWS**

**PLAY CAFÉ** we started our first session off with a full class room. A few returning smiles and new smiles too, just perfect in every way.

Story time, making Chinese Lanterns (we are going to have amazing cutting skills!), fresh fruit to share, practicing our lines with pencils & playtime in the Kindy playground. New mums getting to know each other & chatting.





Our next Play Café sessions are 14th & 21st Feb from 9.30am – 11.30am, we welcome all families from 0-5 years to join us. For any further information please call the Library on 9831 2412.

We are so close to having the new Library Management System go live. Thank you to all our patrons for your patience and understanding as we grapple with new technology, but I truly believe what you will gain as a library patron will be incredible. We will unfortunately have to suspend your interlibrary loans until the end of the month, but books that have been ordered will still arrive & we will have to capacity to return interlibrary loans you have at home.

It will be ten years on the 13th February since then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said 'Sorry' to our indigenous families across our vast land, especially those families affected by the 'Stolen Generation'. To commemorate this significant milestone in Australian history, the library will have on display a selection of indigenous picture books for the children and some amazing adult reading as well.

Save the date 28th February 2018 for our first Play in the Park session. Free community event 10am – 12pm, fun activities for the children, conversation for adults, story time & fresh fruit to share. Please bring your hats & water bottles for a fun morning at the APEX Park, Kojonup.



To all our 'A Smart Families', it's time to think of what you would like to see and hear regarding Parent Information Sessions.

Please contact me at the library for your ideas on 98312 412 or email; [library@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:library@kojonup.wa.gov.au)

We had a double exchange last month, so there are many new and exciting reads in the library for you, also new audios & dvd's. Hurry up, it's mid-February and there is plenty of reading to be done. 😊

Save the date:

**Storytime 10.30am reading starts @ the library.**

16 February 2018

2 March 2018

16 March 2018

30 March 2018

13 April 2018

**Play in the Park 10am-12pm @ the APEX Park.**

(4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month)

28 February 2018

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**Play Café 9.30am – 11.30am @ KDHS Kindy Rooms.**

14 February 2018

21 February 2018

7 March 2018

14 March 2018

21 March 2018

4 April 2018

11 April 2018

*Lorreen Greeuw*

***Snr Library Officer***

9831 2400

### **KOJONUP CEMETERY**

As many visitors to our cemetery will be aware, the Shire is progressively undertaking an improvement program. A similar program is being developed for the Muradup and Boscabel Cemeteries prior to seeking public feedback. At Kojonup, Kerbing was laid last year and gives a clear boundary within the cemetery.

The Blue Gums and Pine trees were removed, because limbs were dropping and damaging monuments. In their place Chinese Elms have been planted to ultimately provide shade and enhance visual amenity. The Jacaranda Trees have come along nicely and give the entrance to the cemetery a beautiful hue of blue/purple while flowering. Fencing has been extended west along Tunney Road. Many thanks Works & Services and contractors for undertaking the improvements.

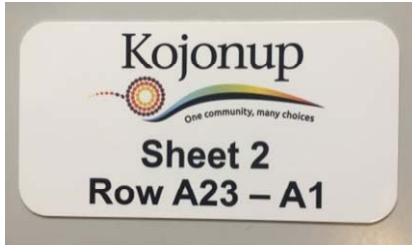


Gravel has been compacted around some sections of graves and this has kept weeds to a minimum. Again thanks to the Rotary Club of Kojonup for their kind donation of time and energy. Further gravel compacting is planned for this year.

Next, we will be adding row numbering to the kerb, so families will be able to find loved ones easier.

A sample is shown.

They are very clear and easily read from a distance.



If you wish to make a comment, please contact Lorreen at the Library. The Shire always welcomes input and feedback on these important Community Spaces.

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### ROADWORKS

- Pensioner Road upgrade (will be closed to heavy traffic)
- Lowden Rd culvert upgrade
- Vanzuilecom St kerbing and footpath installation



The Shire took delivery of two x Hino FS2848 trucks at the beginning of the year to replace 2 x Isuzu Giga trucks.

*Craig McVee*  
**Manager Works & Services**  
 0427 427 854.

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### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – KODJA PLACE

#### KOJONUP CALENDAR OF EVENTS

It sometimes happens that when you have planned an event that you discover another community group has also been planning a function for the same date. The

Shire of Kojonup can help. We are collating an 'Annual Calendar of Events' to help promote the brilliant events happening in the region. If you are a member of an Association, Club or School that is planning a major event for the year (for example, school fetes, balls, fundraising extravaganzas, and registration days) and would like it promoted on the Shire web page and a future brochure, please forward your information to Heidi Tyler via email: [cdo@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@kojonup.wa.gov.au) for inclusion as soon as possible. That way we can "save your date".

#### KIDSPORT

Changes to the management and the amount of support families can receive in the KIDSPORT program are due to come into effect for 2018. Any family with a child aged 5 -18 years with a Pensioner concession or valid Health Care card on which the child is named is eligible to receive help to cover registration fees. Apply online at [dsr.wa.gov.au](http://dsr.wa.gov.au)

#### PALMERSTON "BUSH CLASSROOMS"

The "Bush Classrooms" project is based on the concept that the Aboriginal culture is one of the world's longest surviving cultures dating back thousands of years - with many of its traditions and practices laying a foundation for its longevity and existence today.

The project offers cultural support to Aboriginal men and youth and promotes a greater sense of respect through the connection to culture and their local communities. Encourages participation and engagement and exposes participants to local role models, Elders and support networks who are available to help."

The first workshop will be at the Ochre Pits near Tambellup on Thursday 15 February. You can register and get additional information by phoning Graeme, Ezzard or Stuart at Palmerston on 9892 2100. Places are limited so be quick to book a spot.

**THE CHURCHILL TRUST**

“This prestigious award offers Australian citizens the opportunity to travel overseas to investigate a topic or an issue they are passionate about... The Churchill Fellowship is awarded to more than 100 Australians each year, enabling them to travel to countries around the world to meet and work with leaders, influencers and innovators that will see them gain knowledge and experience for the betterment of themselves, their industry or community and Australia.”

If you would like to travel overseas to conduct research and learn new skills such as how to apply new technology in a local industry, then please consider applying for this opportunity by using the [online application](#).

Note: You would have to be available to travel in 2019 for between 4 – 8 weeks and be willing to share what you have learnt with your industry peers on your return to Australia.

*Zahra Shirazee*

**Manager Community Development & Tourism**

9831 0500

**CHANGE TO POOL OPENING HOURS**

Effective from Saturday 17 February 2018, the pool opening hours will change as follows:

Monday to Friday	12.00pm to 6.30pm
Saturday and Sunday	12.00pm to 6.00pm

At the discretion of management, the new pool hours will be varied as required to accommodate special programs and events.

*Mort Wignall*

**Manager, Regulatory Services**

**REGIONAL EVENTS****KATANNING HARMONY FESTIVAL 2018**

Saturday 17 March, 1.00pm – 7.00pm  
Katanning Town Square, Clive Street Katanning

*The Katanning Harmony Festival showcases the positive aspects of cultural diversity. This is achieved through the community coming together to offer a festival that*

*promises colour, culture, connection and excitement where participants experience something different, learn something new and taste something delicious. **No ticket required for this event.***

**Believe it or Not Tour**

Friday 16 March, 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Pick up and drop off at Katanning Town Square, Clive Street Katanning

*Bus tour of some of Katanning's art, culture & architecture. This will include a visit to the Mosque, a number of houses of faith and the FORM artwork. Once the tour is complete, participants will be dropped off to the Town Square to enjoy the Friday Food Night.*

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchase online

<https://iwannaticket.com.au/events/tastegreatsouthern/MTQyOTA>

**Twilight Dinner at Piesse Winery**

Saturday 10 March, 5.00pm – 9.00pm

Piesse Winery, Warren Road Katanning

*Join Paul Iskov of Fervor in Katanning as he cooks with local produce in a unique location to create an unforgettable degustation dining experience in celebration of Harmony week. This 5 course degustation, which include wines from the Great Southern Region, will be held at Piesse Winery. For more information regarding Paul Iskov of Fervor, visit his webpage [www.fervor.com.au](http://www.fervor.com.au)*

Tickets are \$180 and can be purchased online

<https://iwannaticket.com.au/events/tastegreatsouthern/MTQyODk>

**Friday Food Night**

Friday 16 March, 6.00pm – 9.00pm

Katanning Town Square, Clive Street Katanning

Casual Food Van dining with local food and entertainment. Everyone is welcome! **No ticket required for this event but dinner is at your own cost.**

**Leukaemia Foundation Charity Fun Golf Day**  
**Riverview Country Club, Sunday 11th March 2018**

3 Person Ambrose 10am Shotgun Start

\$90 per team includes sausage sizzle from 9:00am and an evening meal. Golfers and Non Golfers Welcome

**Nominations Close Thursday 8th March**

Rod Bassett 0428 441 227 or [rodbassett44@gmail.com](mailto:rodbassett44@gmail.com)  
Gayle Harman 0408 094 817 or [gayle63@bigpond.com](mailto:gayle63@bigpond.com)

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**ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE**

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Scott Palmer and Caleb Duggan will be taking part in the 2018 Outback Air Race. The race is a GPS-based navigation time trial and takes place every three years. In 2018 41 aircraft from across Australia (and NZ) will take part.

The Air Race started in 1996 and exists to raise much-needed funds to support the Australian Royal Flying Doctor Service, whose government funding has remained largely unchanged since 2006, despite demand for their critical services increasing. Participants and spectators in the Outback Air Race have raised over \$2.1 million since the first race, and these funds have gone towards outfitting RFDS aircraft with essential medical equipment vital for treating sick and injured patients.

Last year, the RFDS made an average of 915 patient contacts or transports, and flew 72,358 kilometres daily. It ran 14,471 healthcare clinics, operated 67 aircraft, 22 bases, 5 health facilities and had 1,072 full-

time equivalent staff. In 2018 they celebrate 90 years of service.

This year's race takes place across Australia's top end - East to West, Brisbane to Broome, over two weeks. The race starts in Brisbane on the 18th of August. Participants will make stops in Bundaberg, Longreach, Mt. Isa, Adels Grove, Daly Waters, Katherine, Kunnanurra, and Broome (in addition to having to get to the start point and back home again).

The race itself covers approximately 3,940km. But the round trip from Perth totals around 10,817 km. This involves around 40 hours of flying time and over 1300 litres of fuel. The aircraft Scott and Caleb will be flying is a custom built Vans RV7A, a small 2 seat aircraft with an average cruise speed of around 277kph.

Scott and Caleb aim to raise \$10000 for the Royal Flying Doctors before the race starts and hope to raise even more during the race.

If you would like to make a small donation to the team's RFDS fundraising efforts (100% goes to the RFDS in WA), you can access their team's page here: <https://oar18.everydayhero.com/au/teamzic>

If you would like to know more about the Race, you can view their site here:

<http://www.outbackairrace.com.au/>

**COMMUNITY EVENTS (REGULAR & UPCOMING)**

Call the Shire on 9831 2400 or view the Shire website – [www.kojonup.wa.gov.au](http://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au) for further details.

Date / Day	Time	Event	Location	Cost
Tuesdays	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Homework Help	Library	FREE
Wednesdays (no 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday)	9:30am – 11:00am	Play Café (14 & 21 February)	Kojonup DHS (Kindy Rooms)	FREE
Fortnightly on Friday	10:30am – 11:30am	Storytime (16 February)	Library	FREE
(4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month)	10:00am – 12:00pm	Play in the Park (28 February)	Apex Park	FREE
Daily	11:00am – 7:00pm	Swimming Pool Open	Swimming Pool	\$2 or FREE for 0-3 & Spectators
Tuesdays 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month	Commencing at: 3.00pm	<b>Ordinary Council Meeting (20 February)</b>	Council Chambers	FREE