



SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

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COUNCIL BRIEFS

The Shire of Kojonup is continuing its commitment to creating a safe environment for all road users by installing a courtesy speed display signs on Albany Highway during May/June 2018.

Excess speed has been an issue in this area and the courtesy speed display signs, on loan from WALGA's RoadWise, is the latest initiative being rolled out to help reduce speeds in Kojonup.

By detecting the speed of approaching vehicles, and displaying the speed and/or message as feedback to the driver if they need to change their driving behaviour (using a "thank you" or "slow down" message), the courtesy speed display signs serve as an immediate reminder for drivers to slow down.

The Shire of Kojonup President, Cr Ronnie Fleay said reducing travel speeds along Albany Highway in Kojonup was vital in order to help make the road safer for all road users and reduce the number of incidents.

The deployment of the courtesy speed display signs supports Kojonup's other safe speed activities including "Please Slow Down, Consider our Kids" bin stickers, and "Reduce Speed Children Ahead" signs placed on Elverd Street and Honner Street.

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Through these and other initiatives, we are showing our commitment to road safety; I urge drivers in our shire to be part of the solution

“Be aware of your own speed when travelling on our roads. Aim to slow down and enjoy the ride in Kojonup”.

Energy Efficiency Strategy

Council is progressively upgrading building lighting in accordance with the energy efficiency strategy with new L.E.D technology as well as at the airstrip. Solar panels are now being installed on the Administration Building with solar panels already installed at Springhaven and the new Loton Close Independent Units. The Building Maintenance Coordinator will continue to provide annual assessments to clearly identify efficiencies gained in an effort to reduce council’s annual energy consumption costs.



60 year Service Award

The Hon Francis Logan MLA, Minister for Emergency Services together with Murray Carter, Executive Director – Rural Fire Division, Wayne Green, Superintendent Great Southern, Councillors and members of Kojonup’s Volunteer Bushfire Brigades celebrated the presentation of a 60 year service award to George Bailye on 1 May 2018 in the Kojonup Council Chambers. Mr John Lewis also achieved a 60 year service award but unfortunately was unable to attend.



Minister Logan and District Superintendent – Wayne Green making presentation to Mr George Bailye

Council echoes the Minister’s sentiments that our local communities and the people of Western Australia owe a debt of gratitude to our volunteer bushfire brigades and members such as George and John for their efforts over such a long period.



*Shire President
Ronnie Fleay*

*Chief Executive Officer
Rick Mitchell-Collins*

SPRINGHAVEN LODGE

Thank you to the Kojonup RSL and Southern Singers for attending the Anzac Day service at Springhaven Lodge with our residents and staff. It is truly a day for remembering our loved ones that served our country.



Springhaven Lodge and the Shire of Kojonup have now received official notification of passing accreditation for the next three years and received our certificate of Accreditation. Thank you to the staff for the ongoing care and support they provide to our residents on a daily basis.



We have a wonderful residential care facility at Kojonup and this is all due to our dedicated staff and community.

Please remember our respite bed is now available to be booked and as it is proving popular community members need to think ahead when requesting use of the respite bed.

Sue Northover

Manager of Aged Care Services
9831 2800

DID YOU KNOW?



Under 6.60 (2) of Part 6 Division 6 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, if payment of a rate or service charge imposed in respect of any land is due and payable, notice may be given to the lessee of the land requiring the lessee to pay to the local government any rent as it falls due in satisfaction of the rate or service charge.

Which means, if you own and rent out a property, and are behind in your rates, the Shire can choose to exercise its rights and instruct the tenants of the rental to pay all rent to the Shire until such time as all rates and charges have been paid.

So please, don't underestimate the importance of paying your rates, if you are having difficulties paying your rates you are urged to phone Senior Finance Officer, Heather Marland on 98312404 to arrange a payment plan

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

KOJONUP'S VOLUNTEER AWARDS



Each year as part of National Volunteer Week, the Kojonup Shire hosts a special award ceremony to publicly acknowledge the commitment and contribution of our invaluable community volunteers.

Thanks to everyone who took the time to register a nomination for the 2018 Kojonup Volunteer Awards that closed Monday, 23 April. It was wonderful to see a record number of nominations received this year with a total of 39 entries across all categories. Judging has commenced and invitations to all nominees will be sent out shortly.

Winners will be announced at a special Awards Ceremony to be held Sunday, 27 May at 2pm in the Kojonup Memorial Hall which will be followed by a High Tea.

Council would cordially like to invite all members of the community to show your support in recognising the outstanding and tireless contribution our volunteers make for the

betterment of the Kojonup community by attending this special event. For catering purposes please RSVP by Monday, 21 May to Heidi Tyler by Email: cdo@kojonup.wa.gov.au; Ph: 9831 0500 or drop in to Kodja Place.

We hope to see everyone there and good luck to all nominees.

THE NEW CHILDCARE PACKAGE

Are you a parent or guardian of a child who attends day care in Kojonup? Did you know that the new Commonwealth government childcare package for families comes into effect 2 July this year? It is important that you update your details on "myGov" to ensure that your payments are not affected.

For more information about the changes and to find out how you might be affected please visit www.education.gov.au/ChildCare

If you do not have a computer or struggling with internet access, remember you can drop into the Shire Library or Community Resource Centre during business hours.

VISITOR FUN FACTS

The pages of the Kojonup Visitor Centre book has been filling rapidly over the school holidays with people from as far as Columbia and the United Kingdom and day trippers from Wagin and Narrogin coming to see what Kojonup is all about.

A few of the visitors must have seen Jack on Destination WA as many of the comments this month were about our living legend;

- ✓ Karen B from Pinjarra; 'Great tour from Jack!'
- ✓ John & Lee from Burton, South Australia; 'Fantastic tour – thank you all. Jack is an asset to Kojonup.'
- ✓ Simon C from Shackleton, Western Australia; 'Awesome Place! Congrats Koji. Jack's tour is fantastic'

If you haven't had a chance to see Kojonup and the Kodja Place on the recent Destination WA the link

is available on the Kojonup Visitor Centre Facebook.



Get your Koji' event in this years' Bloom Festival Program

The annual Bloom Festival will be held across the Hidden Treasures of the Great Southern region from 22nd September to 21st October. Does your community group or local business have a 'bloom' or 'spring' themed event they wish to hold this year? Or you might already have an annual event held at this time you want to promote to a wider audience. Then get planning and submit the event to be included in the Bloom Festival program. It is free to submit an event, all EOIs need to be submitted to the Bloom Festival Coordinator by the 31st May.

Don't forget to theme your event around the 'bloom' or 'spring' theme. Some event ideas include; wildflower tours, open gardens, markets, community events, self-guided nature trails, botanical art classes, or guest speakers. If you need some inspiration check out last year's program via the link below.

If you have any questions, contact our Visitor Services Officer, Cassandra at vso@kojonup.wa.gov.au or the Bloom Festival Coordinator at bloom@hiddentreasures.com.au

More information, last year's brochure, and the EOI form can be found here:

<http://www.hiddentreasures.com.au/bloom/>

Zahra Shirazee

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9831 0400

AS THE FIRE SEASON COMES TO AN END



Even though the cooler weather is coming, it is still very dry out there and we all need to remain vigilant.

This time in 2017 was a particularly active period for brigades which we would not like to see repeated.

If you have any doubt at all regarding fire restrictions and/or permit requirements, please ensure you check with your relevant brigade or a Zulu for more information.

Rob Cowie
Emergency Management Officer

WORKS AND SERVICES

Please note that Works & Services commenced the Winter Roster 2 May 2018:

Winter Hours		
Week One Roster		
Wednesday	7am to 4pm	
Thursday	7am to 4pm	
Friday	7am to 3.30pm	
Monday	RDO	
Tuesday	7am to 4pm	
Total Week One		33.5
Week Two Roster		
Wednesday	7am to 4pm	
Thursday	7am to 4pm	
Friday	7am to 4pm	
Monday	7am to 4pm	
Tuesday	7am to 4pm	
Total Week Two		42.5
TOTAL		76

Craig McVee

Manager Works & Services
0427 427 854

LEST WE FORGET KOJONUP RSL 2018

ANZAC DAY

*A picture says a thousand words as we,
remember them.*



Roger Ladyman, Terry Myers and Peter Mason



Vietnam Veterans: Graham Pember



New Zealand Veterans: Mary Maihi



RSL: Peter Mason



Noongar and Aboriginal Veterans: Jack Cox



St Bernard's School: Edward Cooke & Jack McGuire,



Kojonup DHS: Letita Wallam



Shire President, Ronnie Fleay



MURADUP ANZAC SERVICE 2018



Muradup photos courtesy of Denise Berryman



They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.

Lest we forget

ANZAC DAY



REGULATORY SERVICES

Access to Town Site Water Standpipes

There are three water standpipes located within the Kojonup town site. Two are located at Stock Road, one being a potable supply and the other a non-potable supply which is a fast fill standpipe with water derived from the Water Corporations disused town dam.

The older potable water standpipe is connected to a water monitoring device and is accessed by use of a swipe card obtained from Council's administration office and allows staff to identify the volume drawn from the standpipe, from which an invoice is raised and forwarded to the consumer for the cost of the water.

The recently installed non-potable water standpipe will have water monitoring equipment connected to it within the next six weeks and there may be limited access to the standpipe while work is being carried out. However, now we're into the cooler weather period when there is less demand on the use of water from this source, especially for emergency purposes, hopefully any inconvenience to users will be minimal.

Once fitted with the water monitoring equipment, persons wishing to access the non-potable water standpipe will need to obtain a fob key from Council's administration office.

The third water standpipe is located off Katanning Road and as there is no water monitoring equipment connected to it to record usage, Council is unable to recover the cost of water drawn from this supply by those members of the general public who don't abide by the honour system that currently applies to use of water from this standpipe. Therefore, given close proximity of the two water standpipes located at Stock Road, it's proposed to lock this standpipe by the end of May this year and limit its use for firefighting purposes. Zulus will be issued with keys to access the locked standpipe.

Enquiries regarding use of the standpipes should be directed to Mort Wignall on 9831 2407 or email mrcs@kojonup.wa.gov.au

DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

The Building Regulations were recently amended to extend the existing transitional exemption from the Building Code of Australia (BCA) bush fire construction requirements for certain minor alterations and extensions to existing buildings located in designated bush fire prone areas. This transitional provision was introduced in 2016 to assist the implementation of bush fire reforms across WA. The Regulations now provide that, until 1 May 2019, the renovation, alteration, extension, improvement or repair of certain residential buildings in designated bush fire prone areas does not need to comply with the BCA bush fire construction requirements if it complies with one of the following options:

Option 1: The estimated value of the renovation, alteration, extension, improvement or repair is less than \$20,000.

Option 2: The renovation, alteration, extension, improvement or repair does not increase the risk of ignition from bush fire attack for the existing building.

A building permit may still apply for the works. For more information, or to check if your project requires building approval, please contact the Shire's Building Surveyor on 9831 2424.

<https://maps.slip.wa.gov.au/landgate/bushfireprone/>

Mort Wignall

Manager Regulatory Services

9831 2407



LOCAL AND REGIONAL EVENTS

The nbn™ roadshow



All you need to know about the nbn™ broadband access network.

Tuesday 8 May 2018

You are invited to visit the nbn Sky Muster community vehicle team and learn about the nbn™ broadband access network rollout, and what opportunities and benefits it will provide to you.

Representatives from nbn will be on hand to advise what you need to know before making the switch. This information will assist your transition with minimal disruption and ensure you get the right information.

Tuesday 8 May, 1pm to 4pm: all welcome
Kojonup Co-Op Car Park, Jones Road, KOJONUP
 For information on times, dates and events, please visit: nbn.com.au/roadmuster

2016/17 ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

The above meeting will be held at the Kojonup Sports Complex on **Tuesday, 15 May 2018** commencing at 7.00pm. Copies of the 2016/17 Annual Report are available from the Shire Administration Office, or on the website www.kojonup.wa.gov.au and additional copies will be made available at the meeting.

To ensure that Councillors can provide the most accurate and informed responses possible, we invite you to submit your question in writing by close of business by 9 May 2018 to ea@kojonup.wa.gov.au

RABBIT CONTROL WORKSHOP

Woodanilling Town Hall 02/06/2018

Rabbits are one of Australia's most destructive pests. Competition with, and land degradation from, rabbits threatens over 300 native plant and animal species



LET'S TALK RABBITS

They're a huge Environmental & Agricultural pest & they have an uncanny ability to 'bounce back'. Let's work out how to effectively reduce their population & decrease their damage!



CONTROL TECHNIQUES

Come along & learn about the latest methods of control. Talk about new techniques, baiting & poison permits, trapping, warren ripping, K5 virus release & more!



9AM - 1PM ON SATURDAY 2ND OF JUNE 2018

Refreshments provided! Please RSVP with dietary requirements for Catering Purposes. We will have some **FREE K5 VIRUS** available for registered participants.



RSVP TO

To obtain **FREE K5 VIRUS** you **MUST REGISTER!!**

Annabelle @ WWLZ
wwlandcare2@westnet.com.au
 0438 910 965 or 9861 22 22



Department of
Primary Industries and
Regional Development



Anglicare WA
 Helping people rise

Calling Community Champions for Mental Health

Do you have friends, family or colleagues suffering poor mental health or struggling with alcohol and substance use?

Anglicare WA is hosting free Community Champions training workshops helping you to expand your knowledge and awareness of mental health, alcohol and drug use. This free course is designed for people who don't have a background in this area but who might be confronted with these issues in daily life.

Courses near you:

Wheatbelt - Northam, Moora, Narrogin
 Southcoast - Busselton, Collie
 Kimberley - Broome, Kununurra
 Pilbara - Port Hedland, Karratha
 Midwest - Geraldton, Guel, Carnarvon
 Great Southern - Albany, Denmark, Katanning
 Goldfields - Kalbarrie, Leonora, Laverton

To express interest or learn more, contact Kristi Treadgold, Project Manager, Community Champions Project
 T 9263 2041
 E kristi.treadgold@anglicarewa.org.au

Anglicare WA acknowledges WA Primary Health Alliance (WHPHA) for providing funding to be able to act as the operator of the Community Champions Project.



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Small Landholder Pest & Weeds Management Workshop

Targeted to those with smaller landholdings—a workshop offering tips, products, hire equipment and advice.

- Develop a weed management plan
- Poison & non poison methods of controlling vermin
- Weeds to watch—priority issues for our area
- New calici K5 virus targeting rabbits
- Range of control products to hire through WWLZ
- Bring along your weed ID queries and issues... we will see if we can help



Sat June 16th

Woodanilling Town Hall

9am to 1pm

Refreshments & lunch provided

RSVP: 0428231506

www.landcare@westnet.com.au



This event is supported by South West Catchments Council through funding provided by the Australian Governments National Landcare Program.



Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions



The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions was created on 1 July 2017, following the State Government's decision to bring together the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority, Rottnest Island Authority, Zoological Parks Authority and the former Department of Parks and Wildlife.

TRAINEE RANGER (Noongar Boodja Mentored Employment and Training Partnership Project)

Mundaring, Jurien Bay, Albany, Collie, Busselton and Narrogin

Pool Ref No: PA1802TR
Level/Salary: RNPGA Grade RA1, \$44,306 - \$50,137 pa + 9.5% Superannuation
Tenure: 16 months, Full-time (with possibility of extension)

Under Section 50D of the *Equal Opportunity Act 1984*, these positions are employment and training opportunities for Noongar people with a preference given to the Agreement Group area where the position is located.

Job Description

The Noongar Boodja Mentored Employment and Training Partnership project will be delivered by the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) via a contract with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) to employ 12 Noongar Trainees (6 male and 6 female) on a 16-month fixed-term contract. The project will increase capacity in the Noongar community to undertake conservation and land management activities on the lands that will come across to Noongar ownership and control.

With a supervisor, trainees will do a range of work looking after the environment on jointly managed land and water estates. This includes animal and plant protection, construction and maintenance of park buildings and picnic areas, fencing, fire-fighting and control and support of tourism and recreational activities.

One male and one female will be directly employed and trained by DBCA in each of the six South West Native Title Agreement Areas as listed above.

Throughout the 16 months, participants will be given the opportunity to undertake Certificate II or higher in Conservation and Land Management and DBCA's Fire Fighting Crew Member Course.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must address the selection criteria outlined in the job application package, available on the WA Government Jobs Board at www.jobs.wa.gov.au (search for Pool Ref 1802TR). Failure to do so may jeopardise the selection panel's ability to make an assessment of your application.

For further information on the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions please visit www.dbca.wa.gov.au.

For further information on this program please contact Stephen Van Leeuwen on (08) 9219 9042 or 0438 757 556.

Application Closing Date: 12 noon, Monday, 7 May 2018

Late applications will not be accepted.

COMMUNITY EVENTS (REGULAR & UPCOMING)

Got a 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 Lorraine Wyatt on (08) 98312408 to make an appointment.

Date / Day	Time	Event	Location	Cost
Tuesdays	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Homework Help (resumes in term 2)	Library	FREE
Fortnightly on Friday	10:30am – 11:30am	Storytime (Resumes in term 2)	Library	FREE
4 th Wednesday of each month	10:00am – 12:00pm	Play in the Park (Resumes in term 2)	Apex Park	FREE
Tuesdays 3 rd Tuesday of each month	Commencing at: 3.00pm	Ordinary Council Meeting 15 May 2018	Council Chambers	FREE
Tuesday 15 May	7.00pm	Annual Electors Meeting	Sporting Complex	FREE
Sunday 27 May	2.00pm	Kojonup Volunteer Awards	Memorial Hall	FREE
22 September to 21 October	Expression of Interest to be submitted by 31 May 2018	Bloom Festival Theme: "Bloom" or "Spring"		

