



# SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

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## COUNCIL BRIEFS

### TEN (10) YEAR ROAD PROGRAM ADOPTED

The Road Program is a living document based on the effective life of each asset and capital work requirements into the future. State Government funding is available through the Regional Road Group and Commodity Routes funding. Roads to Recovery is via commonwealth funding.

The Program is reviewed every year and updated dependent on funding received however the following distribution is presently used;

	RRG	R2R	COUNCIL
Gravel Re-Sheeting		\$350 – 450k pa	
Rural Reseals		100%	
Bitumen Reseals	2/3		1/3
Commodity Routes	2/3		1/3
Road Widening	2/3		1/3
Drainage		100%	
Town Kerbing			100%
Town Footpaths			100%

Council endeavours to allocate a minimum annual amount of \$65,000 and \$45,000 respectively for kerbing and footpath renewal. The Fair Value of the Shires road network as at 30 June 2017 was \$118,960,542. The 2018/19 Capital Road Works Budget is \$1.3m of which \$900,000 is government funded an additional \$1.15m is allocated for maintenance of existing roads and related assets. Road grading alone averages \$440,000 per annum.

Continued funding from State and Federal Government is paramount if Council aims to fulfil road related

maintenance let alone renewal of the Shires road network. Reduction in road funding will severely affect the Council's ability to perform the annual road program.

The ten (10) Year Road Program is based upon the presumption that road assets continue to be utilized indefinitely requiring the asset to be maintained, renewed or replaced when its condition reaches an intervention condition. A copy of the Road program can be viewed on the Council website (include link)

**FOXES AND RABBITS**

Council is seeking community feedback regarding the prevalence of foxes and rabbits within our shire. For example:

- Are fox numbers diminishing or increasing in your location?
- How many lambs/sheep have been killed or mauled by fox attacks this year in comparison to previous years?
- What is the approximate \$ loss to farmers?
- Should a bounty be re-introduced on foxes by the state government?
- Is the release of Rabbit virus controlling/reducing rabbit populations?

Send your comments via email to [council@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@kojonup.wa.gov.au)

**KOJONUP CRC**

Council welcomed the opportunity to recently discuss and offer assistance to the committee regarding the development of a new Business Plan for the Kojonup CRC over the next 2 – 3 months which clearly demonstrates achievable programs and services including measurable outcomes and a need for re-instatement of State Government funding.

**WALGA /HARVEST MASS MANAGEMENT SCHEME**

A reminder to our farmers and transport operators to submit their applications for the HMMS Road List as soon as possible to ensure that Main Roads has time to assess and endorse applications before harvest commences.

Through the West Australian Local Government Association the following recommendation has been supported in response to proposed changes to the Harvest Mass Management Scheme;

1. Subject to part 3 of this resolution, supports continuation of the Harvest Mass Management Scheme to enable heavy vehicles that meet the requirements of RAV 2, RAV 3 or RAV 4 to travel on roads not assessed for the RAV network between paddocks and the nearest RAV route during the harvest period.
2. Advocate that any roads assessed on the initiative of Main Roads that do not meet the requirements for addition to the RAV network at the level used under the Harvest Mass Management Scheme remain unassessed for the purpose of network definition.
3. Advise MRWA that any condition requiring an Agricultural Pilot to accompany the RAV combination to facilitate the movement between the paddock and the nearest RAV Network road, is not acceptable.
4. Request Main Roads Heavy Vehicles Section to work with stakeholders in providing an alternative solution, prior to the 2018 harvest, to the proposed requirements for an Agricultural Pilot, on unassessed roads, that is within the legal boundaries and is acceptable to Industry.

**FINALS TIME**

Finals have/are commencing for the winter based competitions. To all Kojonup teams participating in finals, congratulations on getting this far and we wish you all the very best.

To teams that did not make the finals, thank you for supporting Kojonup and just like our football teams, West Coast (Ronnie) and Carlton (Rick), in order to have winners you must also have losers.

The main thing is your commitment to your club, team mates and sponsors as well as having a red hot go!



*Shire President  
Ronnie Fleay*

*Chief Executive Officer  
Rick Mitchell-Collins*

## KOJONUP LIBRARY

I don't know about you, but today I am so pleased my afternoon will be spent inside in the warmth (data entry....come at me!)

### Early Years Activities

It was a cold, cold morning for 'Play in the Park' today, but as always Jamie & Jen provided great toys & activities for our families. Some of the children also had taken off their shoes, their little feet should have been frozen, but as we adults know...there's nothing like the feeling of sand between your toes and the feeling of grass under your feet, especially little boys excavating and those palaeontologists hunting dinosaurs. Jen read the most amazing books to the children, the ocean one was the one that really captured them with the bright beautiful illustrations. #ymca #amityhealth #shireofkojonup



Play Café has been lots of fun, themed days for dressing up, lots of art & craft too.

Play Café is almost every Wednesday from 9.30-11.30am @ the KDHS Kindy Centre. Special thanks to KDHS, Amity Health & the Shire of Kojonup. Please contact Lorreen @ The library 98312412 or email; [library@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:library@kojonup.wa.gov.au) for further details.



**SAVE THE DATE:** We have a 'Messy Play' session on Monday 17th September, @Kojonup Child Care Centre – Play & Learn, 12 Elverd St, Kojonup. 9.30am-11.30am.

### Better Beginnings

Thanks to the State Library for another backpack for our families. This one has 4 books, 1 resource (for parents), and puppets to play with the children. All the backpacks are for families to enjoy at home.

### EARLY YEARS ACTIVITIES

#### Play in the Park

26 September

APEX Park 10am-12pm free community event 0-5 years.

#### Play Café

29 August, 5 & 12 & 19 September

**Story Time**

7 & 21 September  
Kojonup Library 10.30am-11am, free community event  
0-5years

**HOMEWORK HELP**

The Kojonup Youth Centre will be holding their **HOME WORK HELP** sessions every **Monday from 3pm – 4pm at the library**. They include afternoon tea for the children, with parent & teacher support. This is the perfect way for kids to get their homework finished or at least started for the week.

Lorreen Greeuw  
**Snr Library Officer**  
9831 2400

**SPRINGHAVEN**

August has been a busy month at Springhaven. Residents celebrated the Horse's birthday with Birthday cake for morning tea and had Barbara Hobbs as a guest speaker. Barbara shared her knowledge about the Horse's history in Kojonup. Residents were fascinated and enjoyed the talk. Barbara brought a lovely photo of Rosemary Reid on Blacky which made Rosemary's day.



International Indigenous day was celebrated on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August with warm damper and Residents made beautiful beaded necklaces in honour of the Indigenous cultures.

Indian Independence Day was also celebrated with a delicious Indian luncheon enjoyed by Residents and Staff. As always, the kitchen staff did a great job and offered a variety of curries, poppadom and rice pudding. We played Indian music the facility was decorated and Indian traditions were discussed.



If anyone has a special talent, plays a musical instrument or if you have a special pet you would like to bring in for pet therapy with residents – please contact Jacky on 9831 2800.

**CASUAL COOK, KITCHENHAND & CLEANER**

If you have a love of cooking, enjoy cleaning and have a genuine interest in older people this may be the position for you. Springhaven Lodge is currently recruiting for a person willing and able to cook, kitchen hand and clean.

This position is casual and you must be available to fill any of the above positions at short notice including weekends. You will be paid under the Aged Care Award 2010. A current police clearance is essential.

If you require further information please contact 98312800.

Applications including a covering letter and resume to be addressed to:

Manager of Aged Care Services, Springhaven Lodge, Barrack Place, Kojonup WA 6395 or email [acfi@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:acfi@kojonup.wa.gov.au).

Sue Northover  
**Manager Aged Care Services**

## LANDCARE

### How the Plastic Bag Ban Will Make a Difference



Every plastic bag that is refused, makes an impact!

Here are some quick stats from the National Retailers Association:

- More than 670 million lightweight plastic bags were used in Western Australia in 2017 and of these, approximately 7 million were littered;
- Lightweight plastic bags are easily blown by the wind, littering streets, parks and waterways;
- When they enter the ocean, they endanger wildlife;
- Plastic bags also break up into small fragments (microplastics) and can be ingested by marine and land animals, entering the human food chain.

Don't be discouraged, if you forget or run out of your reusable bags on one trip to the shops, there is always your next visit. It can take a minimum of 21 days to form a new habit.

### Movement at the Robinson Road Old Rubbish Tip Site



Landscaping has begun at the old rubbish tip with earth moving equipment smoothing out the piles of dirt, preparing it for future revegetation.

The Shire of Kojonup has put significant funds towards the rehabilitation of the site with future works including more earthmoving to create a natural landforms, spraying weeds and revegetation using local native species.

The rehabilitation process will take a number of years as it is a large site. Please refrain from dumping any materials on the site as this will increase the cost of the project.

If you have building material or any other waste you need to dispose of, please call Matt Webb at Warren Blackwood Waste on 0429 792 373.



Above wattles that have been circled include the Black Wattle (*Acacia decurrens*) and Flinders-Range Wattle (*Acacia iteaphylla*).



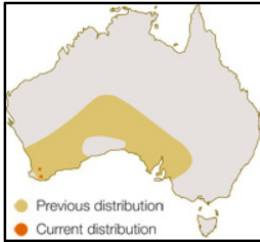
Above the main offender is the Australian Golden Wattle (*Acacia pycnantha*).

If you are interested in helping out for an hour or two to remove these plants, a working bee will be held on Wednesday the 5 September 2018 from 8:30am.

Please bring a hand saw or chainsaw (to cut down trees) or an old tin/plastic container and paint brush (to paint glyphosate onto sawn off trunks) and gloves. We will be meeting at the old rubbish tip car park. For any more information, please call your NRM/Landcare Officer, Jane Kowald on 0428712050.

## Wildlife in focus: Numbat

The Numbat (*Myrmecobius fasciatus*) is a small marsupial now found only in the wild in south-west Western Australia. It was previously found across much of southern Australia but since European settlement, Numbat numbers have declined dramatically.



The list below shows places where Numbats have been sighted or reintroduced in Western Australia:

- Dryandra Nature Reserve – original populations
- Perup Nature Reserve – original populations
- Karakamia Sanctuary – reintroduction
- Boyagin – reintroduction
- Karroun Hill – reintroduction
- Tutanning – reintroduction
- Batalling – reintroduction
- Dragon Rocks – reintroduction
- Stirling Ranges – reintroduction

Numbats are insectivores and feed exclusively on termites, an adult eats up to 20,000 termites a day. Because of their diet, Numbats are diurnal (active during the day) and their daily activity changes throughout the year. Just as termites are active at different times of the day depending on the season, so too are Numbats.



Breeding takes place from late December through to late February and up to four young are born after a gestation period of just 14 days. The young are carried around on the mother's teats until late July when they are deposited in a burrow. The young are independent by spring of the same year and leave their mother to set up their own home range.

Habitat destruction and the introduction of feral predators such as cats and foxes continue to threaten the numbat's survival.

Organisations, including Perth Zoo, the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and the Australian Wildlife Conservancy, are working to save Numbats in the wild through breeding and translocation programs, fox baiting and monitoring wild populations.

Project Numbat Inc. works with these organisations to help Numbat conservation and raise awareness about its plight. To become involved, visit <http://www.numbat.org.au/> and become a member for just \$20/year. Activities for kids, including comprehensive education programs for lower (K-2) and upper (3-6) primary school students can be found at <http://www.numbat.org.au/schools/>.

**Jane Kowald**  
**NRM/Landcare Officer**  
 9831 0291

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

### Volunteer Recruiting and Grant Application Training



*(Morning session: Enlisting and Recruiting Workshop)*



*(Grant Writing Workshop)*

On 14 August, two training workshops were held with Gilda Davies from Volunteering WA at The Kodja Place. The workshops that was supported by the Shire of Kojonup and Albany and Regional Volunteer Services was attended by staff and community group representatives from Kojonup, Katanning and Frankland.

The morning session was a Masterclass for “Enlisting and Recruiting Great Volunteers” which focused on the best ways to get the call out for volunteers as well as ways to utilise social media and entice a younger generation of volunteers.

The afternoon session was all about “Winning Grant Applications”, looking at successful goal setting, finding the right information to present and the importance of reading the grant instructions. A special thanks to Tracey Sleeman, Albany and Regional Volunteer Services for all her assistance to bring this training to Kojonup.

### Bloomin’ Family Fun Day – Monday, 24 September (Public Holiday)

Come and be entertained by award winning bush poet and author, Peter Blyth who will be spinning his yarns at The Kodja Place Bloomin Family Fun Day on Monday, 24 September.



A former farmer from Salmon Gums in the Goldfields-Esperance region, Peter a regular guest on ABC Radio Great Southern and various events around the region will also be one of the bush poets performing this month for the Cancer Council fund raiser in Muradup.

The family fun day at Kodja Place is part of the Great Southern Bloom Festival program will have a range of activities for the whole family to enjoy including: a wildflower display and herbarium, market stalls, face painting and craft activities, Old MacDonald Travelling Farm, Bouncy Castle and rides. Visitors can also register on the day to take part in a Karaoke session in the afternoon.





### Call Out To the Community for Performers

Do you love to sing, dance, recite poetry or even do magic tricks? Then here's your chance to get some stage experience by performing at Kodja Place.

As part of the **Kojonup's Bloomin' Family Fun Day on Monday 24 September** which is the Queen's Birthday public holiday and start of the school holidays, the Kodja Place team are putting together a program of entertainment for the staged area in the courtyard.



Buskers are also welcomed.

Enquire or register your act today and if you know someone who may like the opportunity to perform, please contact Kristel or Zahra on 9831 0500 or email [kojonupvisitors@bigpond.com](mailto:kojonupvisitors@bigpond.com).

**KOJONUP: ORCHID HOTSPOT**

Spring is the perfect time to head to Kojonup to discover the diversity of orchids and wildflowers in bloom. From September visitors can enjoy a range of events including: a **herbarium** and **wildflower display** at The Kodja Place; a **Heritage rose maze garden**, variety of **workshops**, **tag-along wildflower and bushwalking tours** to local hotspots; **children and Noongar activities**.

**Bloomin' Family Fun Fair**  
**24<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 10am**

- Music & entertainment
- Market stalls
- Bouncy castle
- Face painting & crafts
- Farm animals
- Rides

**Kodja Place** The Real Australian History

**Kojonup** Our community, many places

143 Albany Highway, Kojonup WA  
 (08) 9831 0500 • [www.kodjaplace.com.au](http://www.kodjaplace.com.au)  
[kojonupvisitors@bigpond.com](mailto:kojonupvisitors@bigpond.com)

### Bloom Program OUT NOW. Available from the Kojonup Visitor Centre

[WWW.HIDDENTREASURES.COM.AU/BLOOM](http://WWW.HIDDENTREASURES.COM.AU/BLOOM)

BE GLAD YOU CAME

**BLOOM Festival**

PROTEA PLANTING SOCIETY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**BLOOM 2018**

**FESTIVAL**

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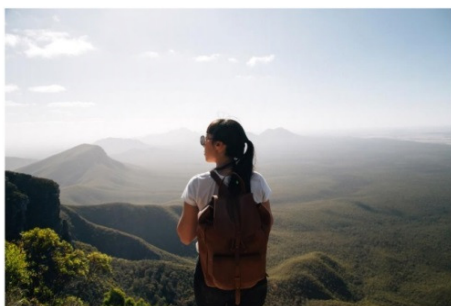
+ 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER - 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2018 +  
 + PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE AT VISITOR CENTRES OR ONLINE +



## 2019 Healthway Scholarships

The Australian Health Promotion Association (WA Branch) in collaboration with Healthway is offering four scholarships during 2019. Apply now for a graduate, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, regional or any category scholarship. Submit your Application Form and Project Proposal by 5pm on Friday, 16 November 2018. **To find out more visit [www.healthpromotionscholarshipswa.org.au](http://www.healthpromotionscholarshipswa.org.au)**

## Workshop To Develop Your Tourism Product Or Business Into An Extraordinary Experience 30 August 2018



A tourism product is  
what you buy.

A tourism  
experience is  
what you  
remember!

## 30 AUGUST 2018 Turning Tourism Products into Extraordinary Experiences

Do you want to learn how to take your tourism product and turn it into an awe-inspiring, positive, word-of-mouth, holiday-of-a-lifetime experience?

This half-day workshop examines the growth in experiential travel and why it is the fastest growing sector of the tourism economy. Discover new methods to make personal connections with your customers. Create experiences that are inherently personal, engage their senses, and connect on an emotional, physical and spiritual or intellectual level.

**Date:** Thursday, 30 August 2018  
**Time:** 10:00am – 1:00pm

**Venue:** Kojonup Visitor Centre  
143 Albany Highway, Kojonup

**Cost:** \$25 (incl. GST)

Morning tea and lunch provided. Numbers are limited.  
**Register by 28 August.**

**To register go to:** <https://extraordinarykojonup.eventbrite.com.au>  
**Contact:** (08) 9892 0113

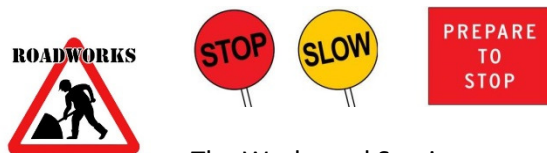
This workshop is supported by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) and the ANZ Seeds Fund, the Shire of Kojonup and Kojonup Visitor Centre, and the Great Southern Centre for Outdoor Recreation Excellence (GSCORE).

In this workshop  
learn how to:  
Create long-lasting  
memories  
Stimulate your  
customer's five  
senses  
Establish a WOW!  
Moment



**Zahra Shirazee**  
**Manager, Community Development & Tourism**  
9831 0400

## WORKS AND SERVICES



The Works and Services crews are busy as usual. They are:

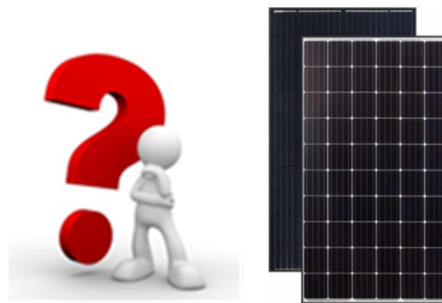
- ✓ Grading in the Orchid Valley Area
- ✓ Fixing pot holes due to wet weather
- ✓ Replacing guideposts/signage
- ✓ Cleaning culverts
- ✓ Removing trees from storm events

Reminder: please drive to the road conditions and as always, please be cautious when you see our crews working and slow down.

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

## REGULATORY SERVICES

### DID YOU KNOW?



### Focus on: Solar Panels

In general a building permit is required before any building work can commence. The definition of building work in section 3 of the *Building Act 2011* includes:

- A) the construction, erection, assembly or placement of a building or an incidental structure; or
- B) the renovation, alteration, extension, improvement or repair of a building or an incidental structure.

'Incidental structure' is defined under the Act as a structure attached to or incidental to a building. Therefore the placement (installation) of solar panels attached to or incidental to a building is considered building work requiring a building permit – unless an exemption applies.

For solar panels, in the Shire of Kojonup, the *Building Regulations 2012* provides an exemption for the attachment of photovoltaic panels to the roof of a Class 1 (house) or Class 10a (shed) building. However, if strengthening works are required to the existing roof to be able to accommodate the panels, a building permit would be required for the structural improvements. The installation of solar panels on all other buildings e.g. offices, warehouses, shops, industrial buildings requires a building permit before works are undertaken.

Please contact Michelle Dennis on 9831 2424 should you require any further information.

**Michelle Dennis**

**Development Services Coordinator**

## LOCAL AND REGIONAL EVENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION



The Heart Foundation's MyMarathon challenge is a unique physical event that lets anyone conquer a marathon, even those who are not used to being active.

Participants can run, jog, walk or wheel the distance of a marathon, at any pace and in any place, as long as they

complete the 42.2 km across the month of October.

It's free to enter and participants are encouraged to fundraise to raise funds to help fight Australia's number one killer – heart disease.

Take a moment to check out the website <https://www.mymarathon.com.au/>



**MyMarathon**™

## LOW INCOME HOUSING:

### JEAN SULLIVAN UNITS

Did you know that the Shire of Kojonup own and operate 5 low income housing units in Kojonup?

These consist of four 2 x bedroom units for over 55's and a 3 bedroom family unit.

To be eligible for the units you must meet the following criteria:

- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Live in Western Australia and receive your income here
- Earn no more than the current income limits – as per table below.
- Not own or part own property or land
- Not have cash assets in excess of \$38,400 (singles) or \$63,800 (couples), (seniors over 60 ) \$80,000
- Be able to prove your identity
- Be 16 years of age or above

Number of People in Household	Single Income	Dual Income
1 person	\$430	
2 people	\$580	\$670
3 people	\$695	\$790
4 people	\$815	\$930

***If you are interested and meet the criteria please contact the Shire on 98 312400 or [council@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@kojonup.wa.gov.au) to register your interest.***

**A SMART START**

Great Southern Families

# Kojonup Messy Play Morning

**MONDAY 17 SEPTEMBER**

@ Kojonup Child Care Centre - Play and Learn  
12 Elverd Street 9.30am - 11.30am

Wear clothes that can get wet & messy!

Please bring a piece of fruit for the children to share

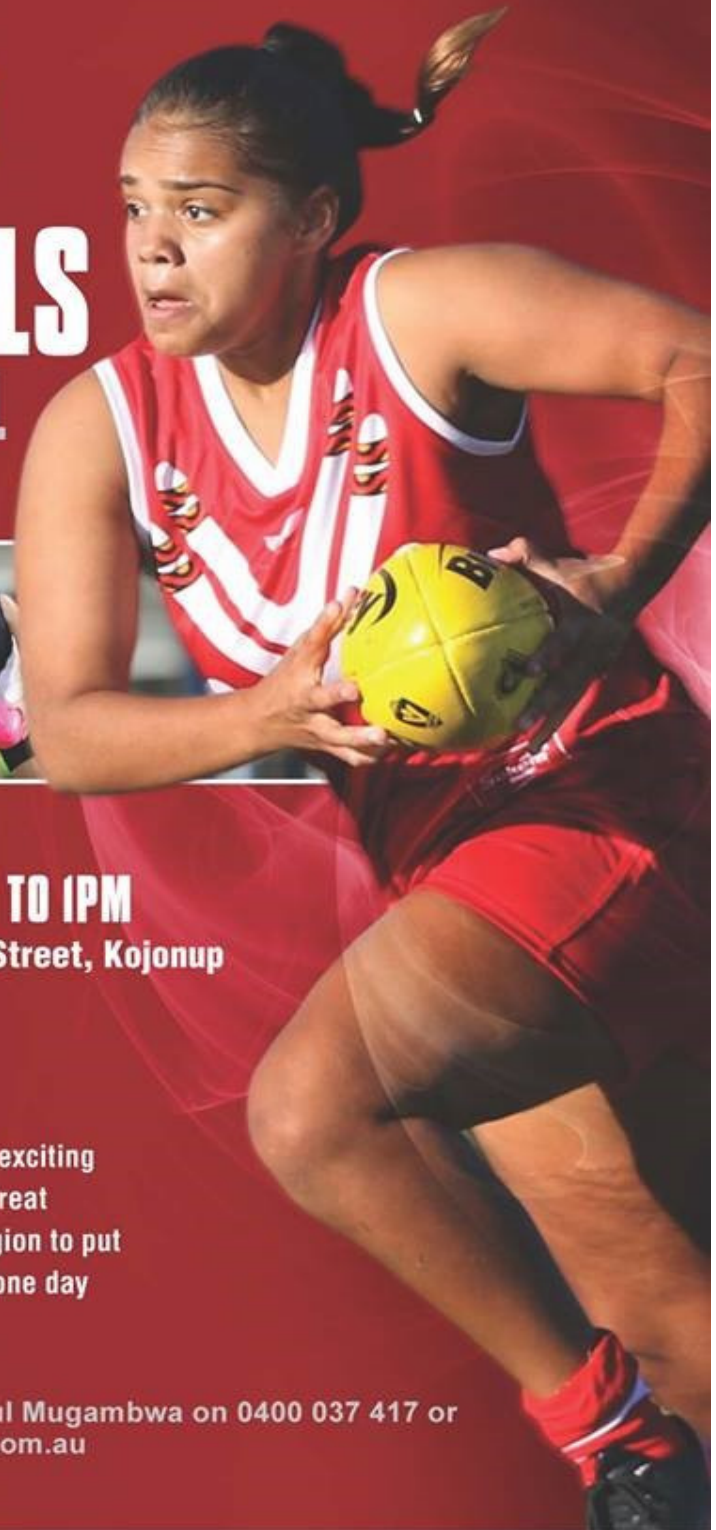
Bring a friend & join in the fun - everyone welcome!

Further details call Lorreen @ Library 98312400

or Colleen @ [asmartstart\\_gs1@outlook.com](mailto:asmartstart_gs1@outlook.com) 98216259



# KOJONUP YOUTH GIRLS FOOTBALL CARNIVAL



**FRIDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 10AM TO 1PM**  
Kojonup Town Oval, Blackwood Street, Kojonup

**Who: Girls in Years 4 to 10**  
**What: 9-a-side AFL Carnival**

The Kojonup Youth Girls Carnival is an exciting opportunity for young girls within the Great Southern and Upper Great Southern region to put their AFL skills on display in a special one day football carnival.

For more information please contact Paul Mugambwa on 0400 037 417 or [paul@stephenmichaelfoundation.com.au](mailto:paul@stephenmichaelfoundation.com.au)



**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
Monday	3:00pm – 4:00pm	<b>Homework Help</b>	Library	FREE
Fortnightly on Friday 7 & 21 September	10:30am – 11:30am	<b>Storytime</b>	Library	FREE
4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month 26 September	10:00am – 12:00pm	<b>Play in the Park</b>	Apex Park	FREE
Wednesdays 29 August 12 & 19 September	9.30am – 11.30am	<b>Play Café</b>	KDHS Kindy Room	FREE
Tuesdays 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month	Commencing at: 3.00pm	<b>Ordinary Council Meeting 18 September 2018</b>	Council Chambers	FREE
22 September to 21 October		<b>Bloom Festival Theme: “Bloom” or “Spring”</b>		
24 September		<b>Kojonup Wildflower Festival</b>		

