



# **SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS**

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## **COUNCIL BRIEFS**

## **Foxes and Rabbits**

Thank you to Graham Lawrence of 'Foxbusters' for providing the following feedback.

"We shoot foxes in the Kojonup, Tambellup, Cranbrook, Plantagenet and Albany shires. Our yearly tally so far is 157 foxes and 7 cats. Rabbits not counted.

Rabbit numbers over the last 6 years have gone from quite numerous to almost none with numbers coming back again now.

Over this period, I have cut open over 600 foxes. I have been able to identify the remains of rabbits in only 10 of them leaving me to conclude that rabbits are not the main diet for foxes like I and most other people assumed. The most common gut content is beetles followed closely by carrion (dead sheep and lambs mainly). Most of this carrion is stale meaning it's not freshly killed meat. I believe it takes a 2 plus year old fox to become a killer of lambs, as it has then attained the strength and tooth length to do so. Foxes eat anything e.g.; fruit, grain, insects, reptiles, birds and the list goes on.

I calculate the population density of foxes seen when we are out spotlighting. It varies from about 1 fox per square km to sometimes 5 foxes per km2.



My figures indicate that fox numbers have doubled over the last 5 years, however on the properties we shoot 2-3 times a year there is a definite reduction in numbers.

Not every fox kills lambs, but if on average 2 lambs are killed during the lifetime of a fox and the lamb is \$100 then each fox could do a minimum of \$200. Some much more. I consider a \$30 bounty on foxes and a \$40 bounty on cats would be sufficient incentive for hunters to put in the effort required to reduce their numbers. A scalp containing each ear or a tail should be sufficient evidence to produce to the bounty paying authority. If further information is required, please contact

me or visit my website www.foxbusters.com.au"

Council welcomes your feedback.

#### Preconference Rose Tour 4 – 6 November 2018

Council expresses its appreciation to Cathy Wright and her army of volunteers and helpers for organising an exciting and informative preconference tour for up to 90 rose enthusiasts who will visit wonderful local gardens and the Rose Maze as part of the lead up to the National Rose Conference in Albany. Thank you for showcasing Kojonup and the upper great southern.

#### **Condolences – Noreen Gliddon**

Council expresses its sincere condolences to family and friends at the passing of Noreen who recently celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> year.

#### **MS Society Fundraiser**

Council also encourages community members to support Lucinda's Everlastings – Long Table Luncheon to be held 14 October 2018. Thank you Jen Egerton-Warburton for undertaking this great initiative.



Shire President **Ronnie Fleay**  Chief Executive Officer Rick Mitchell-Collins

#### THE SHIRE OF KOJONUP WELCOMES;

The Shire of Kojonup welcomes its newest edition to the team, Judy Stewart who commenced this week in the role of Senior Administration Officer.

Judy has spent the past 12 years working across local governments including the Shire of Gnowangerup and the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup in the corporate and governance portfolios.



#### **KOJONUP LIBRARY**



REMINDER – CHANGES TO THE INTER-LIBRARY LOANS SYSTEM.

From 1 September 2018, as a result of a joint review between the State Library of WA and representatives from the Public Libraries Group (PLWA), what can be requested via the Public Libraries Inter Library Loans will change.

Due to these current restrictions, the following items cannot be requested on inter-library loan:

- No items less than 12 months old, both fiction and non-fiction.
- No junior fiction or YA items some exceptions for YA graphic novels over 12 months old.

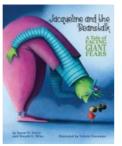
- No Audio books.
- No DVD's.
- There are exceptions for people with special needs including disabilities and culturally and linguistic diverse backgrounds (CALD).

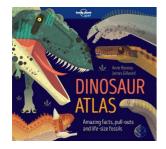
#### **NEW EXCHANGE HAS ARRIVED**

There are many great books for all to enjoy....but here's a visual taster!







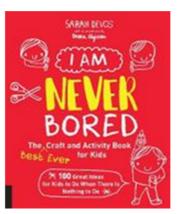




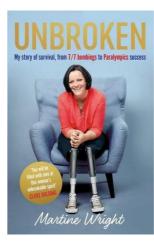


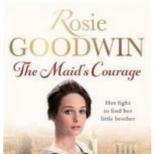
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#### AN AMAZING GIFT TO OUR COMMUNITY:



The *community* has been gifted a 'Celestron ExploraScope 70AZ Telescope'.

Celestron designed the 70AZ Telescope as a multi-function starter-scope that can be used for both astronomical and terrestrial viewing. Its medium aperture and

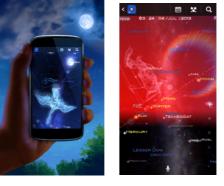
long focal length allow it to draw in a generous amount of light with a high magnification potential to allow observation of the larger planets and the moon. The included 90° diagonal has an integrated erecting prism that corrects the view to enable the scope's use on land. Celestron includes two eyepieces for high and medium magnifications.



A love of all things ASTROLOGICAL! Local Muradupian, Mr. Len North has shared his passion with those who have ventured to the two astrological events held at 'Glenlossie Distillery' (one being a 'Guinness Book of Records Event'). Len has now taken a further step and gifted the telescope to the community for use. We will setting the telescope as local library stock to be borrowed from the library, as you would a book. With Len's help and support we will be holding 'SCOPE EVENTS' so all get to know how to set up the scope for use at home, both to look at the stars, planets & moons but also to do terrestrial viewing.

Please look for these 'How to' events and join in....it's our community to grow & share knowledge for the benefit of all. If you are interested in gazing at the heavens ...try these apps!

Sky Walk 2 – Sky Map – Night Sky – Star Walk – Star Tracker. Some are free apps, others have a cost.





#### EARLY YEARS ACTIVITIES

#### Play Café

12 September, 19 September KDHS Kindy room, 9.30am-11.30am, free community event 0-5years

#### **Story Time**

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

#### Play in the Park

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



#### **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**



# Happy Birthday to Nora Harrison and Greta Flugge who recently celebrated their Birthdays.

Spring has finally arrived and Residents are excited about the arrival of the new season and are eagerly waiting for the warmer weather. Vegetables for the new season have been perfectly planted by our lovely Residents who very much enjoy gardening.



#### Condolences



It was with great sadness that we said farewell to our dear friend and resident Noreen Gliddon. Noreen will be deeply missed by all. We offer our condolences to her family and friends.

As always 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.

#### Sue Northover

**Manager Aged Care Services** 

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM**

#### Bloomin' Family Fun Day 24 September 2018

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.

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.



22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER - 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2018 33<sup>RD</sup> SEPLEMBER - 31<sup>ST</sup> OCLOBER 3018



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



#### Zahra Shirazee

Manager, Community Development & Tourism 9831 0400

# **WORKS AND SERVICES**

#### **TOWNSITE WEED SPRAYING**

Spraying has commenced around town along verges for weed control. If you have any queries, please contact Marina Murray on 0428 566527.

#### MAGPIES

Please be aware that it is magpie swooping season and remain vigilant.



#### ROADWORKS

Road crews are always out and about so please remember to be cautious when you see them working and slow down.

#### WATERWISE COUNCIL



The Shire of Kojonup is an Endorsed Waterwise Council and here are some water savings tips for our community to consider.

#### **Bathroom - Shower with a Bucket**

Whilst you wait for the water to heat up for your shower, catch the cold water in a bucket and use this water for the garden or pot plants. You could be catching as much as 10 litres every minute.

#### **Take shorter showers**

Almost 1/4 of household water is used in the shower. Cutting your shower time by just 2 minutes can result in a water saving of up to 30%. Try using a shower timer or your favourite 4 minute song to time your showers.

#### Turn the tap off when brushing your teeth

Leaving the tap running when brushing your teeth wastes up to 10L per minute. Our surveys show 8 out of 10 people have changed their habit and are now turning the tap off. Are you helping to make a difference?

#### Garden/Outside

- ✤ Use a broom or blower to clean outside
- Hosing paving is a thing of the past, it's a waste of valuable water and isn't permitted under WA's permanent water efficiency measures. It's better to use a broom or

"Gardening adds years to your life and life to your years." - Author Unknown

blower to clean outside your home instead

- Add Soil Wetter to your gardens
- Spring is the perfect time prior to mulching, to add liquid or granule soil wetter products into your pot plants, garden and lawn areas. The water will be more easily absorbed and soak into the soil where the plants roots can access this.
- Add waterwise mulch to protect your garden, good quality mulch reduces evaporation by keeping the moisture around plant roots. Protect your garden by applying 5-10 cm of a hard, chunky mulch and help achieve water savings of up to 20%. It is also a great way to stop the weeds!

Avoid mulch that is soft and non-waterwise as it can eventually create an impenetrable layer to water.

#### Craig McVee

Manager Works & Services 0427 427 854



# FIRE MANAGEMENT: RESTRICTED BURNING PEROD

The restricted burning period is fast approaching, commencing on **1 October 2018**. Have you started preparing your property for the upcoming fire season? Do you have a Bushfire Survival Plan in place including where to go in an emergency?

Take a moment to read through the flyer below and remember, **restricted burning commences as** of 1 October 2018



# Rob Cowie Emergency Officer

# LOCAL AND REGIONAL EVENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION



An open invitation is extended to wildflower enthusiasts to join Jolanda Keeble and Anne Rick for a two hour wildflower tour of the Tarin Rock Nature Reserve. It is the optimal time to see the wonderful display of wildflowers so pack up a picnic lunch and head to Tarin Rock Nature Reserve.



TIME: 10 am to noon. DESTINATION: Meet at Hill's Road, located on the Eastern side of the Reserve, north of the Dumbleyung Lake Grace Road (please use google to find the road). Parking will be along the side of the road. DETAILS: Bring a picnic lunch and camera. RSVP: This is not required, but if you are travelling with a caravan alternative parking is available for turnaround, notification is required. CONTACT: Claudia Hadlow on 0429 612447, Landcare Office 9863 4225 or email landcare@dumbleyung.wa.gov.au







#### 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	Single	Dual
In the household	Income	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 to register your interest.

# DEMENTIA AWARENESS MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2018

Dementia Awareness Month is Dementia Australia's national awareness-raising campaign held every year throughout September. Its aim is to encourage all Australians to become more aware of dementia, to get a better understanding of what it is like to live with dementia and how we can support people living with dementia.

This year's theme is Small actions Big difference.

There are many small actions people can take to create a big difference for people impacted by dementia, their families and carers and many ways to get involved in Dementia Awareness Month.

For more information visit the <u>Dementia Australia website</u>.















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

