



SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

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COUNCIL BRIEFS

Council is extremely disappointed with the recent comment in the Koji News regarding our Aboriginal Elders.

It is Councils understanding that an agreement which was struck between the Shire and the Kojonup News/CRC in 1999 still applies: “Clause 1.1 to be responsible for publication of a Newsletter containing news and information of activities and events taking place within the Shire of Kojonup and of residents and former residents of the shire including but not limited to news of sporting and school activities and projects undertaken by the Shire and Service Clubs within the district.”

This agreement reflected the expectation that the Kojonup News would be a positive and informative publication for the benefit of our community.

It should be noted that Kojonup is blessed with 3 respected aboriginal elders all of whom are well aged. A high percentage of our aboriginal population are employed, a number of whom own their own homes, sit on committees, contribute to sport and contribute to this community. Both the Wirrapanda Foundation and the Stephen Michael Foundation are active in our community providing leadership and assistance to our youth (not just aboriginal youth). Our young people are not just the responsibility of a few, indeed - ‘it takes a whole town to raise a child’.

It is also disappointing that community members grievances are published in the Kojonup News without verification of the content, or any prior

contact with the Shire seeking clarification or reference to our web site. Council always welcomes any questions that the community may have as we value transparency, accountability and openness.

Medical/Health Services

Council at its meeting on 11 December 2018 agreed that agenda item 13.1 ‘Lay on the table’ until the 19 February 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting allowing the CEO to seek clarification from the Attorney General on the process and requirements needed by a ‘Community Group’ to form an incorporated association and board of management and whether this course of action would allow Mr Church’s bequest under the Charitable Trusts Act 1962 to be transferred from Council to the ‘Group’ for the possible construction of a Medical Centre.

Council also acknowledges the community concern being expressed in relation to making appointments at St Luke’s Family Practice, however these concerns should be referred to St Luke’s as Council rents the property and has no jurisdiction over the business operations.

Main Street – Request to Change Existing 50KPH Speed Restrictions to 40KPH

Council agreed to seek community feedback until 31 January 2019 regarding the suggestion put forward by Cr Radford of approaching Main Roads WA to implement a 40KPH speed zone on the Albany Highway, replacing the current 50KPH speed zone.

Please email or forward your comments to ceo@kojonup.wa.gov.au or PO Box 163, Kojonup, WA, 6395.

Generous Donation by Robert Sexton

Council would like to thank Robert Sexton for the gifts of the Charles Bean book from the Western Front Diaries and also Robert Sextons book, Kojonup Citizens Who Enlisted for Service in World War 1 – 1914 to 1918 which were both kindly donated to the community and will be housed and available from the library.



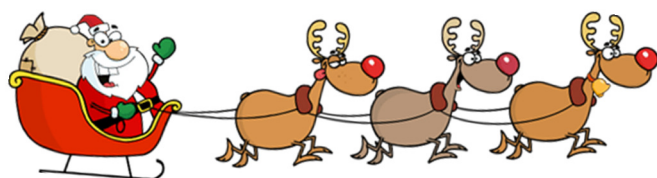
Condolences

Council extends sincere condolences to Simon House and family on the loss of his son Oliver.

Kojonup Community Events

Well done to Kojonup Youth Centre (KYC), for the successful production of “A Seussified Christmas Carol” Council would also like to acknowledge, St Bernard’s and KDHS on their award nights and congratulate all the recipients and graduating students.

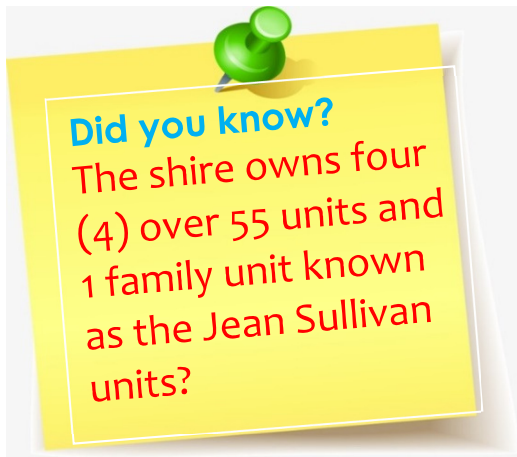
Councillors and Staff of the Shire of Kojonup would like to wish all a safe and happy Christmas break.



*Shire President
Ronnie Fleay*

*Chief Executive Officer
Rick Mitchell-Collins*

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES



Leading up to the day the Residents were all talking about the decorations and the menu for the Christmas lunch, and also who would be attending.

SPRINGHAVEN

The 2018 Resident and Family Christmas party was held at Springhaven, with a beautiful Christmas Lunch, musical entertainment and a wonderful surprise visit from Santa and his Elf.



The Facility was decorated by staff that volunteered their free time to make Springhaven look as merry as can be.



The big day came and the occasion was started off by Christmas carols sung by the lovely Southern Singers. Staff all chipped in and helped deliver the beautiful lunch and dessert the kitchen staff prepared for residents and families.

At the start of month Yooa made Springhaven Christmas Carol sing-a-long books and the residents have been enjoying singing Christmas carols each Friday morning with Yooa.

From all of us at Springhaven we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas!

Sue Northover
Manager Aged Care Services



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

Gifts and more at the Kodja Place and Kojonup Visitor Centre

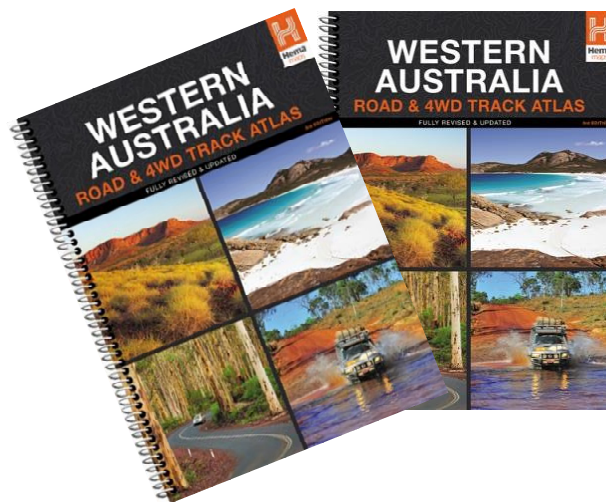
Looking for some stocking fillers for the littlies and the young at heart this Christmas? Did you know that the Kodja Place stocks a large range of miniature Australian animal replicas? There are native birds, marsupials, reptiles and even some creepy crawlies. Starting at \$3.00 each for the small figurines, and up to \$13.00 for the larger animals.



Don't forget we also have the 2019 Landscape Calendars (\$14.95). They make a great Christmas gift for that family member or friend who has everything. Featuring stunning landscapes and animals from around Western Australia.



If you are going off-road this holiday season we have for sale the WA Road and 4WD Atlas from Hema Maps (\$34.95). Also makes a great gift for the camping and outdoors enthusiast!



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOURS THE KODJA PLACE & KOJONUP VISITOR CENTRE HOURS

Please note the following changes to opening/closing hours for The Kodja Place and Kojonup Visitor Centre during the Christmas and New Year period:

Christmas Day, Tuesday, 25th December Closed

Boxing Day, Wednesday, 26th December 10am - 4pm

New Year's Eve, Monday, 31st December 10am - 4pm

New Year's Day, Tuesday, 1st January 10am - 4pm

Good News!

Kojonup Community Christmas Luncheon IS ON!

Come along and join others for this Special Day.
Thank you to those who are Volunteering!

**Christmas Day
25 December - 11.30am
RSL Hall - Kojonup.**

Cost: Donation

If you wish to help organise or attend, contact:

**Goldie Hendriks (0411 753 314)
Wendy Anderson (9831 0104)
or Robyn Potter (9831 1448)**

**Cassandra Fletcher
Visitors Services Officer**



NRM/LANDCARE

Pollinating a new approach to productivity



While no farmer likes to see their land degraded, the cost of revegetating can sometimes outweigh productivity benefits.

But a new project launched by the South West Catchments Council (SWCC) is aiming to tilt the cost/benefit ratio in the farmer's favour.

SWCC program manager Dr Mike Christensen said the economics of sustainable practices such as revegetating degraded land and improving pollination were too important to be ignored.

"We know it's hard to be green when you're in the red," he said.

"One of the key aspects of this project is developing personalised management plans with farmers that can boost productivity through revegetation. A unique plant species mix will be selected based on productivity objectives, rather than purely biodiversity objectives."

The project also aims to increase productivity by improving pollination from honey bees and other insects.

"It's not as easy as it sounds, particularly in the summer-autumn gap where there is not a lot of native plants in flower for bees to feed on. One of our first

jobs will be to identify native plants that flower at that time of year," Dr Christensen said.

SWCC will develop a flowering calendar that describes which plants are in flower at different times of year and this will be used to assess the existing vegetation, identify gaps in pollinator food sources and develop revegetation plans.

To demonstrate the concept, SWCC has started working with a commercial orchard in Balingup and a mixed broad acre farm at Boscabel, north-west of Kojonup.

"The orchard manager wants to revegetate along a brook with species useful for honey production. He also wants to attract predatory insects like hoverflies to control orchard pests. We will select plants that will achieve these aims," he said.

The second property in Boscabel is being revegetated to increase canola pollination by honey bees. Studies in Western Australia and Canada have determined that honey bees can increase canola production by up to 30 per cent.

Dr Christensen said beekeepers were important players in the pollination process and finding species that flower immediately after canola would be critical to engaging them. Producing canola honey can be difficult with the plant's three to four-week flowering period.

"Australian beekeepers are reportedly not keen on canola honey, which is interesting because beekeepers in the northern hemisphere love it and there are strong export markets in places like China," Dr Christensen said.

"Beekeepers are more likely to come to farms where bees can feed for longer than just the canola flowering period as they don't need to move their hives as often. The major eucalypt flower period starts about a month after canola so if we can fill this gap, it will generate more interest from beekeepers."

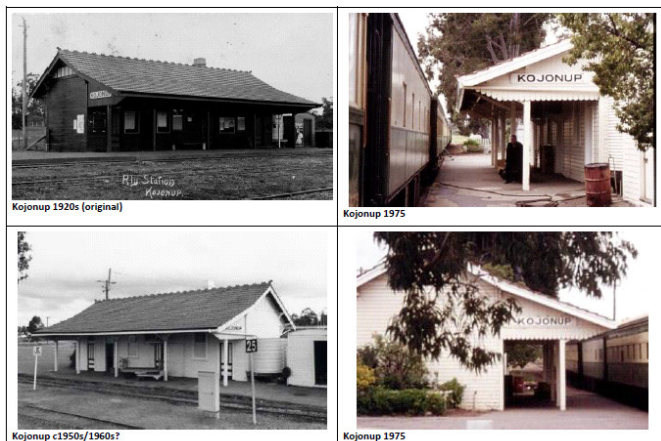
For more information on the project, contact SWCC on 9724 2400.

Jane Kowald
NRM/Landcare Officer



REGULATORY SERVICES

The Shire of Kojonup have received permission from state heritage commission to paint the external perimeter of the train station. The primary colours will be cream, white and manor red. This is being coordinated through the shire building maintenance program and will begin after January. Given the history and location, it will enhance that area of town & ensure longevity to the building.



Raul Retallack

Senior Ranger/Building Maintenance Coordinator

WORKS AND SERVICES

Expression of Interest

The Shire of Kojonup is seeking expressions of interest for the outright purchase, on a "WHERE IS, AS IS" basis, of the following vehicles.

Item # – P34051
TOYOTA PRADO GXL, 2015, 67,173 kms



Item # - P34049
TOYOTA RAV4 2015 , 101,603 kms (as at 18 October 2018)



Item # – P11013
TOYOTA HILUX SR DUAL CAB (KO2) 2014, 83,000kms (as at 6 November)



Item # - P11014
TOYOTA HILUX SR UTE EXTRA CAB WITH TIPPING BODY (KO 118) 2014, 109,641kms (as at 6 November)



Item - # P11015
TOYOTA HILUX SR UTE EXTRA CAB WITH TIPPING BODY (KO 528) 2014, 61,928kms (as at 6 November)



Note:

For further information or to arrange inspection contact Mr Craig McVee on 0427 427854 between 8.00am and 4pm Tuesday to Friday.

Expressions of Interest are to be:

- 1) Received in writing by the closing date,
- 2) Include the purchase price offered (including GST), and
- 3) Marked attention to the CEO.

Closing Date: 4.00pm, Wednesday 30 January 2019

These can be:

Mailed to:
Shire of Kojonup
PO Box 163,
KOJONUP WA 6395

Delivered to: Shire Office at 93-95 Albany Highway, Kojonup.

Emailed: council@kojonup.wa.gov.au, or

Faxed: (08) 9831 1566

Council reserves the right to not necessarily accept the highest or any offer.

Craig McVee

Manager Works and Services

Public Notice

Shire of Kojonup Administration Office and Library Christmas Trading Hours

The Shire of Kojonup Administration Office and Library will be closed during the Christmas and New Year period from

4.30pm Friday 21 December 2018 to 8.00am Wednesday 2 January 2019.



From everyone at the Shire of Kojonup

be sure to have a happy safe Christmas

filled with good friends and family.

Please remember to drive safely.



LOCAL AND REGIONAL EVENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

MEDIA RELEASE



10 December 2018

The countdown to Christmas is on for the red-tailed phascogale

We all know about the plight of the polar bear, but what about the incredible critters in our own back yard doing it tough?

Like so many of our unique and precious native species, the Wheatbelt's own adorable red-tailed phascogale (*Phascogale calura*) is fighting for its very survival.

So the crew at the Katanning Landcare are doing something about it this Christmas, with the help of the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program, via a crowdfunding campaign.

The red-tailed phascogale, also known as the red-tailed wambenger, is an arboreal, carnivorous marsupial. As the common name suggests, it sports a striking orange-red tail and its scientific name means "beautiful-tailed pouched-weasel". It is nocturnal and about the size of a mouse, but it's a lot feistier (in fact it is quite fond of eating them)!

Once wide-spread throughout the South West of WA, it is now listed as near-threatened on the ICUN red list, located in isolated strongholds of suitable forest habitat dotted throughout farmland. It faces a myriad of threats, but the most devastating has been broad scale habitat loss due to vegetation clearing and predation by feral and domestic animals.

Katanning Landcare's Executive Officer Andrea Salmond says, "Phascogales are pretty ferocious and very fast, but they are no match for a feral cat or fox."

We are aiming for \$5,000 to be raised by Christmas day for nest boxes, equipment for habitat protection, pest control and monitoring equipment, seedlings, and education materials for our community to learn more about responsible pet ownership and how to make their farms and gardens phascogale friendly!"

This campaign will help us work with the local community to manage the dual threats of habitat loss and impacts of predators, to safeguard the future of these incredible animals."

The species is iconic to our local area and most people have a real soft spot for these little characters, so we are feeling positive about the response."

Do you want to give the phascogale a very merry Christmas this year, plus give a gift to your loved ones that really matters? You can find out more and donate to our campaign here:

<https://chuffed.org/project/give-rudolph-the-red-tailed-phascogale-a-very-merry-christmas>

If you donate \$25 or more, you will go in the running for one of 10 custom-made red-tailed phascogale nest boxes for your garden/farm bushland!

But every little bit helps, so you can donate a smaller amount if you're not that cashed up yourself. All supporters will receive a Christmas card from our phascogale mates.

There's only 15 days to go until the big day, so don't miss out on your chance to make a real difference, by donating and helping us spread the word!

ENDS

Media enquiries: Nerilee Boshammer 0458 755 295, nerilee.boshammer@bigpond.com

Available for interview: Andrea Salmond 9821 4327, andrea@katanninglandcare.org.au

Media Release

Katanning Landcare Centre



December 2018-January 2019

What's on in Kojonup

and surrounding areas*

Kodja Place & Kojonup Visitor Centre
Kojonup Community Resource Centre
Kojonup Library

Open 7 Days, 9:00am - 5:00pm
Monday - Friday, 10:00am - 4:00pm
Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm, Saturday 9:30am - 11:30am

Ph: 9831 0500
Ph: 9831 0256
Ph: 9831 0412



Need more information? Or want your event listed?

Please call the Kodja Place or email: vs@kojonup.wa.gov.au

Every Sunday:	Every Monday:	Every Tuesday:	Every Wednesday:	Every Thursday:	Every Friday:	Every Saturday:
Grab a copy of the Kojonup News for Church Service times	Bridge Club, Bowling Club 9.30am Homework Help, Library 3:00pm-4:00pm Tae Kwon Do, Town Hall 7:00pm Southerm Singers, Uniting Church 7:00pm	Renew Op shop OPEN 10:00am-2:00pm KYC Homework Help, Library 3.15-4:15pm ASK Youth Group, Baptist Church 3:30pm	Play Café, KDHS Kindy Rooms 9.30am-11.30am (not during school holidays)	Play Group & Toy Library, Old School, 9.30am-11.30am (not during school holidays) Renew Op Shop OPEN 10:00am-2:00pm Rotary Meeting, Commercial Hotel 6:30pm	Kojonup Men's Shed OPEN 9:00am to 12:00pm Renew Op Shop OPEN <i>occasionally</i> 10:00am-2:00pm	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Shire of Kojonup Council Meeting, 3:00pm	Play Café, KDHS Kindy Rooms 9.30am-11.30am	*'Pop-up Market', Tambellup CRC, 10:00am-4:00pm	Last day of School Term Shire Closed at 3:00pm Muradup Christmas Tree, 5:30pm Bowling Club Christmas Dinner, 6:30pm	School Holidays (WA) *Katanning Farmer's Market 8:00am-12:00pm *Twilight Christmas Markets at Gilberts Wines, Kendenup, 4:00pm-8:00pm
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			Men's Shed Meeting 1:00pm		Storytime, Kojonup Library, 10:30am-11:15am Shire & Library open until 4:30pm, Will reopen on 2nd January 2019	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		CHRISTMAS DAY Kodja Place Closed Community Christmas Luncheon, RSL Hall, 11:30am	BOXING DAY Kodja Place Opening 10:00am-4:00pm			
30	31	January 2019 1	2	3	4	5
	NEW YEARS EVE Kodja Place Opening 10:00am-4:00pm	NEW YEARS DAY Kodja Place Opening 10:00am-4:00pm	Shire Office reopens			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Compiled by the team at the Shire of Kojonup & Kodja Place for the Kojonup Community. What events do you want to know about? Contact us, we would love to hear from you.