

SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

Edition 160 – 2019

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Decisions from Council Meeting held 23 July 2019

Disposal of Land (3 Spring Street, Kojonup) To The George Church Community Medical Centre Incorporated “That:

1. Lot 3 Spring Street, Kojonup, be offered for sale to The George Church Community Medical Centre Inc. (TGCCMC) for \$1.00;
2. It is acknowledged that, in accordance with s. 3.58 of the Local Government Act 1995, there were nil submissions received to the public notice proposing the sale of Lot 3 Spring Street, Kojonup to TGCCMC for \$1.00;
3. Each party is to pay their own settlement expenses;
4. The Shire President and Chief Executive Officer be authorised to execute the proposed sale as described in point 1 above; and
5. An amount of \$500,000 plus interest of \$55,787.21 held in trust be transferred to The George Church Community Medical Centre Inc. forthwith.”

Granted conditional Development Approval for the following:

Development of Grouped Dwelling Lot P8 Soldier Road/Loton Close, Kojonup.



Part of adopted Guided Development Plan showing proposed grouped dwelling sites, existing staff houses and units

Development of 3 Independent Living Units - Lot 361 Soldier Road, Kojonup



Proposed development site of new ILU's (Image Landgate Map Viewer Plus)

Policy Review - Residential Aged Care

Council adopted new and updated policies for Springhaven Lodge to reflect the new Aged Care Quality Standards that came into effect on 1 July 2019.

The new and updated policies are as follows:

- **RC 01 Residents Rights, Dignity and Choice**
- **RC 03 Resident Admission**
- **RC 04 Comments and Complaints**
Management of unreasonable complaint conduct
Open disclosure
- **RC 16 Resident Lifestyle**
Resident lifestyle
Cultural diversity and spiritual life
Resident participation and social inclusion
- **RC 17 Antimicrobial Stewardship**
- **MA 01 Governance**
Clinical Governance
- **MA 04 Service Management**
Role of CEO and Shire of Kojonup Council
- **MA 11 Employee Management**
Staff development and training
Domestic and family violence
- **SS 06 Resident and Staff Safety**
Resident safety and security
First aid

Great Southern Treasures - Sitting Fee for Chairperson

Council endorsed remuneration for the Chair's position via a sitting fee to encourage a skills-based person to apply for the position of Chairperson Great Southern Treasures.

2019/2020 Fees & Charges, Property Rates and Annual Budget

Council adopted the above for the 2019/2020 financial year.

The budget has been prepared to include information required by the *Local Government Act 1995*, *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* and *Australian Accounting Standards*.

The main features of the draft budget include:

- The Great Southern Housing Initiative (GSHI). The GSHI is possibly the largest project ever undertaken by the Shire of Kojonup and the figures distort this budget accordingly making comparisons with previous years very difficult. The GSHI totals \$4.8m capital expenditure, with \$2.55m in grants and \$2.17m in loans;
- The budget has been prepared with a 3.0% rate increase;
- Fees and charges have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and Council and are itemised in the draft budget;
- The recurrent operating budget includes an overall increase in estimated operating expenditure of 6.8% (although individual line items may vary from this based on specific factors affecting each of these) and continues the focus on improved service delivery to the community. However, recurrent operating revenue has only increased 0.6% from last year's budget. Services such as Springhaven Lodge and Road Maintenance have increased in cost considerable will need to be reviewed into the future to ensure financial sustainability;
- A record capital works programme totalling \$9.3m for investment in infrastructure, land and buildings, plant and equipment and furniture and equipment is planned. Expenditure on housing (\$5.5m), transport (\$1.7m), plant replacement (\$1.14m), recreation and culture (\$0.26m) and sub-divisions (\$0.24m) are the major components.
- An estimated surplus of \$405,909 is anticipated to be brought forward from 30 June 2019, however this is not audited and may change. Any change will be addressed as part of a future budget review.

What is in the Budget?

Governance:

ICT Program / Implementation - \$45,000

Town Wi-Fi - \$20,000

Digital Signage - \$30,000

Admin Office Garden Upgrade - \$10,000

Furniture/Chambers technology - \$15,000

Office Building Asset Renewal - \$36,500

Law, Order & Public Safety:

Bush Fire Communications Tower - \$100,000 (100% reserve funded)

Housing:

Great Southern Housing Initiative – \$4.8m

Staff Housing Asset Renewal - \$29,000

Springhaven DACS Grant (kitchen/laundry etc.) - \$489,732
 Springhaven iCare Software - \$38,000
 Springhaven Furniture, Air-Conditioning, Rear Car Park & Building - \$89,907
 Jean Sullivan/Loton Close Independent Living Unit's Building Renewal – \$20,000
 Loton Close Community Garden Finalisation - \$16,000

Community Amenities:

Muradup Cemetery Works - \$20,000;
 Town Furniture - \$30,000
 Liquid Waste Facility - \$11,000
 Historical Buildings, Men's Shed & Waste Oil Separator - \$5,000 each
 Townscape Plan \$22,000
 Reserves Clean Up - \$6,000
 Natural Resource Management Operations – fully funded from Reserves

Recreation & Culture:

Memorial Hall Asset Renewal - \$45,000
 RSL Hall Structure & All Halls Furniture - \$5,000 each
 Swimming Pool Inflatables & New Ladder/Stairs- \$21,000
 Sporting Complex – Pool Car Park - \$200,000

Transport:

Road Maintenance expenditure increase by \$179,000
 Plant (as per 12 year plan)

- Net Cost \$550,000 – 12 year average
- Gross \$1.14m / Trade-In \$330,000 / Reserve Transfer \$259,000)

Airstrip Improvements - \$230,000
 Signage Upgrades & Electronic Speed Signs - \$60,000
 Footpaths - \$20,000
 Kerbing - \$60,000
 Road Construction - \$1.32m (As per 10 year Program)

- Gravel Re-sheeting - \$403,000
- Widening Kojonup-Frankland Rd - \$384,000
- Bitumen Reseal – Kojonup-Darken Rd - \$90,000
- Bitumen Reseal – Kojonup-Broomehill Rd - \$135,000
- Bitumen Reseal – Boscabel-Chittinup Rd - \$89,500
- Bitumen Reseal – Kojonup-Frankland Rd - \$90,000
- Bitumen Reseal – Newstead Rd - \$80,000
- Town Drainage Renewal - \$20,000
- Wooden Culvert Replacement - \$30,000

Economic Services:

The Kodja Place:

- Shelving & Storage - \$5,000
- Car Park Signage & Line Marking - \$10,000
- Rose Maze Structures - \$5,000

Promotional Signage at Air Strip - \$25,000
 Truck Wash Down Bay - \$15,000
 Sub-division Katanning Road, Industrial Area, Bagg St Parking - \$240,000

Other Property & Services:

Depot Security Upgrade - \$12,000

ICT for Depot Staff - \$5,000

Chemical Shed Replacement / Upgrade - \$10,000

Deed Of Agreement – Great Southern Housing Initiative (Commonwealth Funding)

- (1) The 'Deed of Agreement to Facilitate Great Southern Housing Initiative' (Deed) between the Shires of Broomehill-Tambellup and Kojonup, as part of the Great Southern Housing Initiative and pursuant to the Commonwealth Standard Grant Agreement referred to in the Deed, be adopted; and
- (2) The Chief Executive Officer and Shire President be authorised to execute the agreement and apply the common seal.

Westcourt Road Re-Alignment (Closure And Dedication) Proposal Through Reserve 16076, Blackwood Road Recreation Precinct, Kojonup

1. In accordance with sections 56 and 58 of the Land Administration Act 1997 (Act), gives local public notice of a proposal to:
 - a) dedicate the existing road formation known as Westcourt Road as road;
 - b) close the Westcourt Road Reserve in its current location;

recognising that sections of existing Westcourt Road formation currently located on Reserve 10676 will be excised from Reserve 16076 and become part of the new road reserve and sections of existing road reserve not containing any of the existing Westcourt Road formation will be amalgamated into Reserve 16076 as per the attached licensed surveyor's drawing; and

2. Acknowledges that, following conclusion of the local public notice period and seeking of any submissions from utility providers and government agencies on the afore-mentioned proposal, a further report will be prepared for the Council that will recommend that the Minister for Lands be requested to consider the closing of the existing Westcourt Road Reserve and dedication of the existing Westcourt Road formation as a road, as above, subject to any submissions not giving cause to do otherwise.

Community Management Of Halls – Building Assessment Framework

1. The Council note the advice received in regards to the ownership of the Changerup Hall by the *Changerup District Recreation Centre Inc.* and, as such, the Shire has no responsibilities in relation to its ownership, maintenance or management;
2. The Community representatives currently managing the Qualeup, Boscabel and Muradup Halls be formally contacted to ascertain:
 - a. If the local community wish for their hall to be retained for use; and
 - b. Their willingness to enter into a formalised written agreement (Memorandum of Understanding) that would include as a minimum:
 - i. The responsibilities of each party;
 - ii. The requirement to hold insurances applicable to each party's needs;
 - iii. A clause that indemnifies each party against any negligence of the other;
 - iv. The preparation by the community group of a risk management plan for its management of the community hall; and
 - v. Recognition that there may be a time when a hall is deemed unfit for public use and is required to close until it is made fit for purpose or another option is determined;

3. The Old Scout Hall is considered surplus to both Shire and Community requirements and be offered for sale (building only) and removal by public tender.

Sporting Facilities Major Upgrade – Project Scope for Grant

1. Confirm the scope of major sporting facility upgrades as follows:
 - a. Netball courts:
 - i. Two (2) acrylic courts (covered with metal gable roof structure);
 - ii. Two (2) asphalt courts not covered;
 - iii. Footings in outdoor courts to enable expansion of roof at a later date;
 - iv. Court foundation to be reconstructed;
 - v. As per attachment 16.1.2; and
 - vi. Indicative capital cost = \$1,898,300
 - b. Playground and outdoor gym:
 - i. As per attachment 16.1.3; and
 - ii. Indicative Capital Cost = \$466,000;
 - c. Toddler pool shade structure:
 - i. Expansion of shade shelter to the west to provide relief from afternoon sun; and
 - ii. Indicative Capital Cost = \$39,545;
 - d. Kitchen upgrade;
 - i. Final scope currently being settled
 - ii. Indicative Capital Cost = yet to be determined;
 - e. Football oval lighting:
 - i. Four new light towers;
 - ii. Hinged poles to enable globe replacement; and
 - iii. Indicative Capital Cost = \$425,700; and
 - f. Audio-visual equipment:
 - i. Built-in projector, speakers, multi-media, etc;
 - ii. Indicative Capital Cost = \$62,139.
2. Receive the Sporting Precinct Advisory Committee minutes from 21 May 2019;
3. Receive the Kojonup Sports Precinct Upgrade Project Design Workshop Notes from 25 June 2019; and
4. Receive the online survey results relating to Kojonup Sports Precinct Upgrade Project.



Shire President
Ronnie Fleay

Chief Executive Officer
Rick Mitchell-Collins



Positions Vacant

Working for the Shire of Kojonup is a rewarding and enjoyable experience and we are always looking for amazing, talented, community-focused people to join our team.

Current vacancies include:

- Customer Service Officer (Casual)– Kojonup Visitors Centre
- Community Development Officer (0.5FTE)
- Sport and Recreation Officer (0.5FTE)
- Personal Care Assistant (Casual)
- Registered Nurse (Part Time)

Visit our website for more details and submit your application now.

<https://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au/council/employment-vacancies/>

The Shire of Kojonup is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer



2019 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

WEBINAR for Prospective Elected Members

Ever thought about nominating to become a Councillor, but you aren't sure if the role is for you? Then be sure to register for this *free* webinar to have all your questions answered.



This Webinar focuses on the following key areas:

- Parliament's role in creating legislation for Local Government;
- how to read the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulations;
- who does what at a Local Government;
- a Councillor's personal responsibilities; and
- consequences of improper conduct.

WALGA'S Communications webinar will be presented by James McGovern, Manager, Governance. Joining James for the Q&A session will be Lyn Fogg, WALGA's Governance Advisor and Tony Brown, Executive Director, Governance and Organisational Services.

As with all of our webinars, you will have the opportunity to ask questions during the Q&A Session at the end of the presentation. This webinar will be recorded and made available to the public within a few days of the event.

Date: Thursday, 15 August

Time: 5:00pm – 6.00pm (including presentation and Q&A session)

Be quick to register as places will fill fast. To register for this free webinar please Click [HERE](#)

You are invited to:

An information evening for community members who are considering nominating for the upcoming **Local Government Elections** will be held in the Reception Room on Tuesday, 20 August 2019 commencing at 7.00pm. **Registration is essential.** Please register your interest with Executive Assistant, Lorraine Wyatt by email ea@kojonup.wa.gov.au or phoning 98312408 by no later than 7 August 2019.

This event will not proceed if registrations are not received.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

KOJONUP VISITOR CENTRE: TEMPORARY CLOSURE - Tuesday, 29 July – Wednesday, 30 July

The Kodja Place and Kojonup Visitor Centre will be closed to the public over a two day period on Tuesday, 29 July and Wednesday, 30 July to undertake works to be carried out in the Visitor Centre.

Anyone using the visitor centre's TRANSWA booking service are encouraged to book your ticket early to avoid any disappointment. Some staff will be on site to handle any emergency enquiries. We regret any inconvenience and we encourage you to visit the KojonupVisitors Facebook page for any further updates. For more information please call 9831 0500.



REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (RED) GRANT

Does your organisation have a worthwhile economic development project in need of funding support?

Applications are now open for round two of the Regional Economic Development (RED) program for projects that will directly benefit regional communities.

Up to \$250,000 is available for individual projects that promote sustainable jobs, partnerships, productivity, skills and capability, as well as stimulate new investment in industry diversification.

Applications close on September 13, 2019.

Program details including eligibility guidelines and applications are available through a link on the home page of the Great Southern Development Commission's website at www.gsdc.wa.gov.au.

SENIORS WEEK 2019 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Applications are now open for the Seniors Week 2019 Community Grants Program. The closing date for submission of applications will be **5.00pm, Friday 16 August 2019**.



COTA WA, supported by the Department of Communities, invites organisations to apply for funding to help meet the cost of hosting events and activities during Seniors Week, Sunday 10 to Sunday 17 November in Western Australia.

Grants of up to \$1000 are available to support an event or activity during Seniors Week or a contribution towards an existing and already planned event or activity. A limited number of larger grants, up to \$3000, may be available for large events.

To be eligible for funding your event should meet at least one of the following aims of Senior's week:

- Recognise and thank seniors for their contribution to the community
- Promote intergenerational activities linking seniors to the community
- Facilitate artistic and celebratory expression within the community
- Engage seniors in a variety of activities and initiatives that encourage active ageing

Applications are strongly encouraged for events which target seniors who:

- Would not normally participate in WA Seniors Week activities
- Are at risk of becoming socially isolated
- Are members of Indigenous or Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities.

The Seniors Week 2018 Community Grants Program is open to Western Australian:

- Not-for-profit community organisations
- Religious groups or organisations
- Charitable organisations
- Local government authorities.

Visit <http://www.cotawa.org.au/2019/07/seniors-week-2019-community-grants-program/> to download a copy of the application pack. For further information or any queries contact 08 9472 0104 or email grants@cotawa.org.au

FREE WORKSHOP FOR TREASURERS FROM CALD COMMUNITIES

Are you a treasurer for a newly incorporated organisation or are you interested in becoming a Treasurer for your culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) community organisation?

The Office of Multicultural Interests is organising a workshop for CaLD communities to learn about managing your organisation's financials.

Date: 9.00am to 12.00pm, Saturday 10 August 2019

Venue: Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, 246 Vincent Street, LEEDERVILLE

The workshop is suitable for:

- Treasurers of recently incorporated CaLD community organisations
- Members of CaLD communities looking to take on, or recently appointed to, the role of a Treasurer for their committee/board.

There will be an opportunity for participants to meet the workshop facilitator, Grace Mugabe, in a one-to-one 45 minute consultation to ask financial questions specific to your organisation. Appointment times for the consultation will be discussed with you after the workshop has concluded. **Registration is essential as places are limited.**

Expressions of Interest (EOI) are limited to only one (1) representative per organisation and must include:

- full name
- organisation
- position title (if applicable)
- contact number

Please submit your EOI by email to engage@omi.wa.gov.au by **Friday 2 August 2019**.

For further information please phone 6552 1607.

EARLY YEARS INITIATIVE WORKSHOPS, 7 & 8 AUGUST 2019

Have you attended an Early Years Initiative workshop in recent months or participated in earlier discussions in 2018 regarding the program? If this is the first time you've heard of the Early Years Initiative, it is a commitment to work differently with communities to improve the development, health and learning of children from conception to four years and create lasting change.

One in five children aged four years and under in Western Australia is considered developmentally vulnerable, as measured by the Australian Early Development Census. This is in the crucial areas of health and wellbeing, social competence, language and cognitive skills, communication skills and general knowledge, and emotional maturity.

The aim is to provide an unprecedented 10-year partnership that will bring together community leaders, government, researchers, business and philanthropic organisations to achieve better outcomes for Western Australian children and families.

The Initiative will see the State Government join with Tammy Prior, Community Engagement and Employment Minderoo Foundation and Bronwyn Carrigg, Senior Research Fellow, EYI Evaluation Telethon Kids Institute (through CoLab) and Bethany Griffiths and Jessie Carter, Early Years Initiative to work with four Western Australian partner communities.

The Initiative will empower and support communities to assess the needs of children and families and identify what works best to help children to thrive, based on evidence and research.

Department of Communities are running a number of 2-hour community workshops on 7 and 8 August and would like your input into how information should be collected for the Initiative's evaluation (i.e. your feedback on questionnaires that were recently modified based on community feedback). We'd also like your additions to some service mapping undertaken so far. The workshops will consist of presentations as well as small group discussions.

Wednesday, 7 August	9.00-11.00am	Katanning CRC
	12.00-2.00pm	Katanning CRC
	3.00-5.00pm	Gnowangerup CRC

Thursday, 8 August	9.00-11.00am	Gnowangerup CRC
	12.00-2.00pm	Katanning CRC
	3.00-5.00pm	Katanning CRC

Anyone interested in early childhood development or would like to provide input as a parent may want to attend. Everyone is welcome, so please pass spread the word. Sessions however will be capped at 20 people.

Please RSVP by 1st August.

If you cannot make any of the workshops but feel you have something to contribute please contact EarlyYearsInitiative@communities.wa.gov.au with your ideas.

CHANGES TO TRANSWA PENSIONER FREE TRAVEL



Pensioners will be affected by changes to the management of the WA Pensioner Free Travel Scheme.

This email is to inform you of the change and to ask that you make this information available to seniors in your community.

Information is also being sent direct to pensioners when their concession cards are renewed, to previous users of Transwa's pensioner free travel (if Transwa has your relevant contact details) or you can visit the websites of Transwa and other agencies (such as ConcessionsWA, Department of Veterans' Affairs and Department of Human Services).

What will change?

The paper **WA Free Travel vouchers** issued with Pensioner Concession Card renewals WILL CEASE FROM THE END OF DECEMBER 2019.

Free Travel entitlements on Transwa services will remain and from January 2020 will be managed electronically by Transwa and issued for travel within each eligible calendar year.

Before booking with Transwa or their Agent (Kojonup Visitor Centre) each WA pensioner must be registered with Transwa so their concession and entitlement details can be verified and their electronic entitlement established.

HOW DO PENSIONERS REGISTER FOR FREE TRAVEL?

The Shire encourages local pensioners to drop in to the Kojonup Visitor Centre and register as soon as possible to ensure your 2020 free travel entitlement is allocated when they become available for booking in October 2019.

Our friendly visitor centre staff would be happy to assist you to complete the Pensioner Free Travel Registration Form (available at the centre) that can be returned to Transwa through their Reply Paid address. Alternatively you can register online at transwa.wa.gov.au-Pensioner-Free-Travel.

What am I entitled to under the WA Pensioner Free Travel scheme?

- All WA pensioner concession cardholders are entitled to one return or two single trips on Transwa services each calendar year.
- DVA Gold Health cardholders have additional free travel entitlements. Visit the Transwa website to find out more.
- WA residents living above the 26th parallel should contact the Department of Transport for details of their travel entitlement. Visit transport.wa.gov.au/aboutus/pensioner-free-trip-scheme.asp

SAVE THE DATE: UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Night Fields recommencing Friday, 2 August for Term Two
- Comedy Gold Show, Thursday, 29 August 2019
- Bloomin' Family Fun Day, Sunday, 29 September 2019
- Twilights Christmas Markets, Saturday, 30 November 2019

NIGHTFIELDS

KOJONUP NIGHTFIELDS

FREE FOOD AND PLENTY OF GIVEAWAYS

WHERE: Kojonup Sports Complex
WHEN: Friday afternoons, 3.30pm – 5.30pm
WHAT: Free AFL, Hockey, Netball, Basketball and Squash skills and matches
WHO: Boys and girls aged from 6 – 18, (split into groups)

2 AUGUST	9 AUGUST	16 AUGUST	23 AUGUST
30 AUGUST	6 SEPTEMBER	13 SEPTEMBER	20 SEPTEMBER

For more information please contact Zahra Shirazee on 0417 987 237

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6th Comedy Gold's Gala Show

Stand up COMEDY

LUKE HENGER
 KHAZEM SYHALADILLAY
 LUCAS QUIGLEY

THURSDAY, 29TH AUGUST 2019

Kojonup Memorial Hall, Albany Hwy
 Show 7.30pm | Doors open 6.15pm

Tickets available soon from The Kodja Place

Pre-show drinks & refreshments available

Suitable for children 15+. Children must be accompanied by adult.

For more information about community development and tourism contact:

Zahra Shirazee
 Manager Community Development & Tourism

WORKS AND SERVICES

Have You Had Your Say on the Future of Road of Road Safety in WA?



There are many ways to contribute to the development of the road safety strategy beyond 2020.

You can register to attend one of the many local forums being held across WA to share information and have your say. If you are unable to attend a forum, there are other ways to contribute to this important road safety conversation.

Road safety fast facts for WA:

- Seven out of ten (70%) of all serious crashes on WA roads involve people making a simple mistake, a lapse in concentration, inattention, distraction or being tired. Only a small proportion involve risk-taking behaviour.
- People travelling in vehicles are increasingly safer in urban areas, while people walking and riding are at greater risk.
- On country roads in WA, single vehicles leaving the side of the road is the most common and most severe crash type.
- In WA between the years of 2008-2017, 1810 people were killed and another 23,564 people were seriously injured as a result of road trauma.
- Approximately 39% of WA road fatalities and 65% of serious injuries occur on metropolitan roads. Most crashes occur at intersections and involve drivers, passengers, pedestrians and cyclists.
- In regional areas, single vehicles running off the road and head on crashes are the most common crash types. Approximately 61% of road fatalities and 35% of serious injuries occur on regional roads.
- If you are involved in a head-on crash, your risk of death and serious injury escalates if you are travelling at more than 70km/hr.
- If you are involved in a side impact crash, your chance of surviving death and serious injury is low if you are travelling at more than 50km/hr.
- If you are involved in a crash with a pedestrian, they are unlikely to survive death or serious injury if you are travelling at more than 30km/hr.
- If we continue with our current road safety efforts, it is estimated that 1623 people will die and a further 15,955 people will be seriously injured on our roads between 2020 and 2030.



How can we better protect road users and prevent crashes that result in death and serious injury? What changes are you willing to support to help make our roads safe? How can the system be changed to better protect all road users?

Visit <https://imaginezero.rsc.wa.gov.au/> to read the consultation paper and find out how you can have your say

Country Hockey Champions Back Fatigue Message

The taste of victory for teams competing in the 2019 Western Australian Men's and Women's Country Hockey Championships at Perth Hockey Stadium included a reminder about the need to prepare for travelling to and from sporting commitments

Hockey WA, in partnership with WALGA's RoadWise, has promoted the need for associations, clubs and individuals to plan ahead when travelling to and from sporting fixtures - whether it is local travel or the annual trip to Perth for the Country Hockey Championships.

"We as a sport have an obligation to promote road safety to our membership, to ensure positive road safety outcomes. The event partnerships with RoadWise give us an opportunity to highlight one of the real issues for regional people, that being driver fatigue," said Hockey WA Event Manager Shayley McGurk-Davey.

"Teams are travelling considerable distances to Perth and then returning after three days of hockey commitments. Whilst division winners take home the silverware, it is important for all our participants and supporters to get home safely," she said.

Remember to get plenty of rest the night before a trip. When travelling a long distance, take regular breaks - get out of the car, walk around to stimulate blood circulation, have a cup of coffee or tea, drink plenty of fresh water and have something to eat.



Pictured top: Geraldton Hockey Association was victorious in the Division 1 at the Men's Championships

Pictured bottom: Albany Hockey Association was victorious in the Division 1 of the Women's Championships.

To find out how you can get involved and help prevent death and serious injury on Wheatbelt South roads, contact Road Safety Advisor Rodney Thornton on 0409 689 313 or email rthornton@walga.asn.au.

Craig McVee

Manager Works and Services

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

July eSmart tip

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) have reported an increased number of scammers contacting people pretending to be from the ATO and claiming that they have outstanding tax debts. These individuals are threatening people with arrest if the debt is not paid immediately. If you receive an ATO call and are unsure, hang up and call 1800 008 540 to check if the call was legitimate. More information can be found on the [ATO website](#).

You are due to receive an ATO refund of \$2675.51. Visit www.atorefund.com and logon with your phone number [REDACTED] and ATO PIN: 80171337076 to claim.

Naidoc: Looking to learn more about Noongar language?

Watch [Waabiny Time](#) on Kanopy for free with your library membership. Waabiny Time is the first Indigenous early childhood language program and involved early childhood educators and Noongar language specialists in every stage of the project. Each episode, segment, and sentence has been crafted to address the learning needs of young people and familiarise them with Indigenous language.

Play Cafe:

After enjoying some time away, hopefully you got away during the school holidays. Kat & I are excited to bring Play Cafe back to our community for another twelve months, with our successful funding application. In acknowledgement, I would like to thank the Kojonup District High School Principal, Mrs Clair Roser for again supporting Play Cafe. We will again meet in the Kindy area from 9:30am – 11:30am every Wednesday except the 4th Wednesday which we run Play in the Park.

Please contact the library on 9831 2412 or email library@kojonup.wa.gov.au for a copy of our timetable if you have been missed off our list.

Play in the Park:

Thank you to the Shire of Kojonup! We have been able to offer 'Play in the Park' each Wednesday of our July School Holidays. Even though it has been absolutely freezing and wet, (we have been using the RSL Hall for our event,) parents are still attending, enjoying the company of others while the children immerse themselves in play and craft.

Well done Kat.....Great idea!

Be Connected: SmarTechEdz:

Feeling very confident the 'Be Connected' workshops will be very well received in our library for our whole community. Come along and get registered. The dates available are:

Thursday 8/08/2019 5:30pm

Friday 9/08/2019 1:00pm

Sunday 11/08/2019 2:30pm,

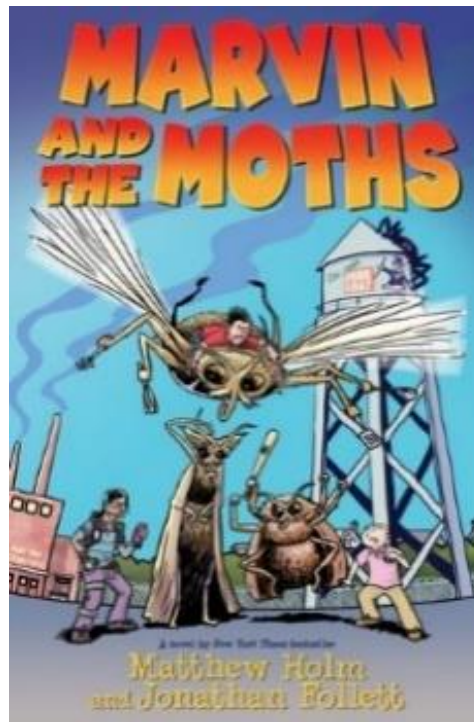
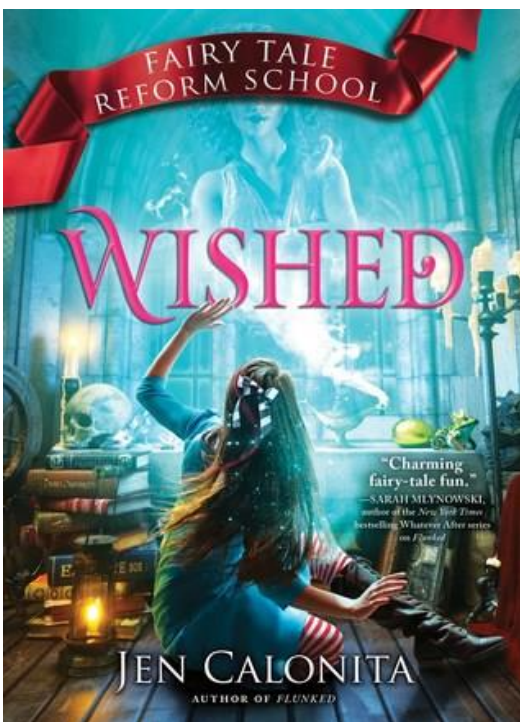
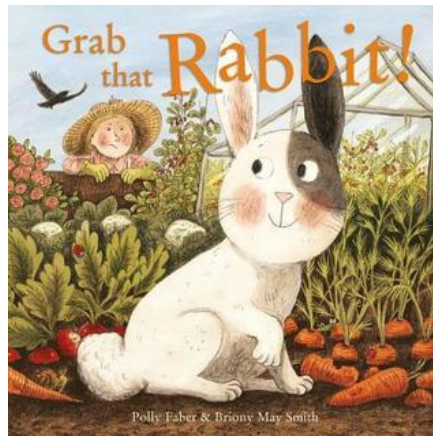
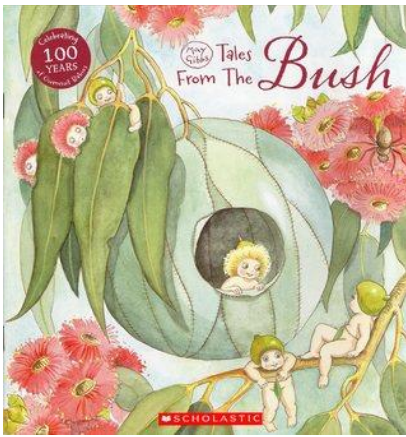
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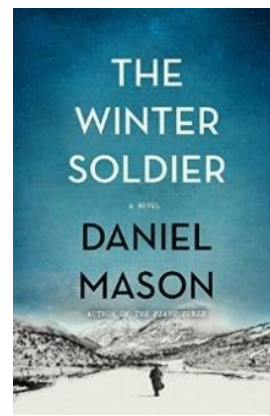
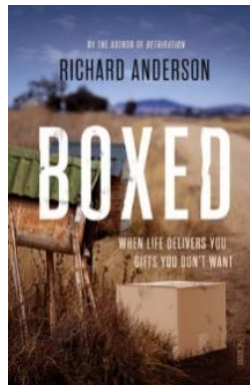
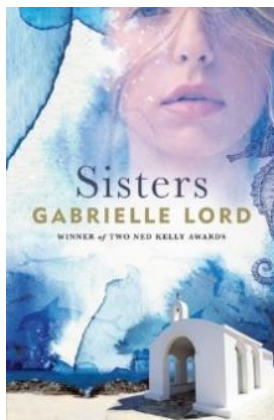
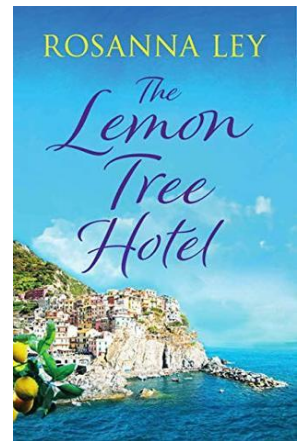
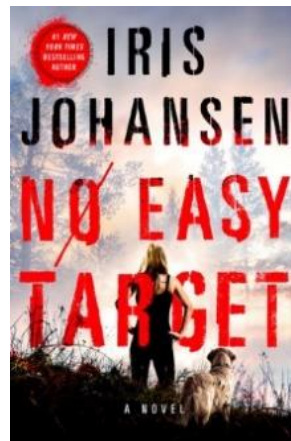
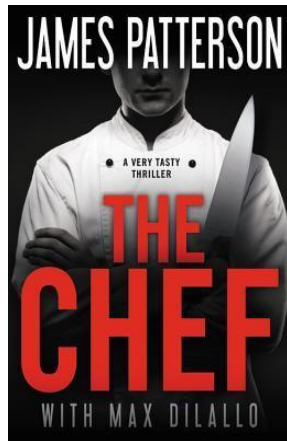
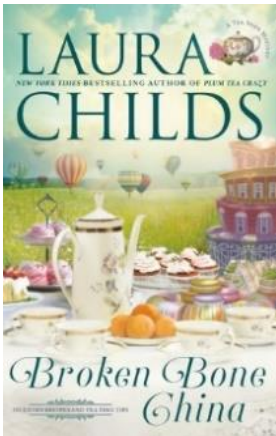
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not against you"*

Spaces are limited each session (for optimal learning & support) please contact Bec on 0407 980 175, email smartechedz@gmail.com or call Lorreen on 9831 2412 (library)

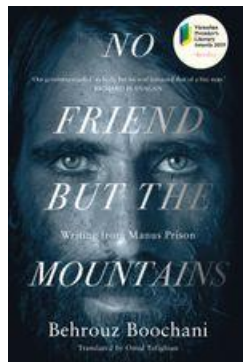
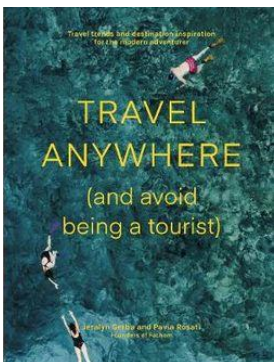
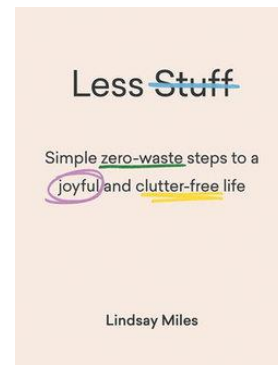
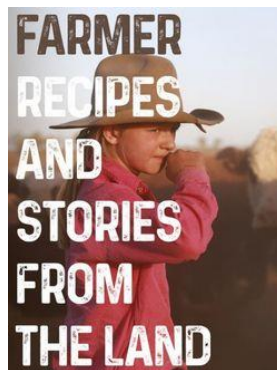
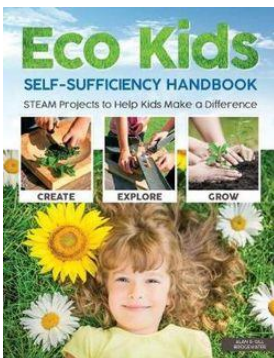
New Books on our shelves: cHiLdReN



New Books on our shelves: Adult Fiction



New Books on our shelves: Adult Non Fiction





Council Rates

Rates notices have now been posted.

Instalment Options

Ratepayers will have the opportunity to pay by one of the following methods.

- Payment in full by the due date.
- Payment by 2 instalments (NB: The first instalment will include all arrears unpaid as at the due date). The minimum instalment amount is \$200.
- Payment by 4 instalments (NB: The first instalment will include all arrears unpaid as at the due date).

Alternative Arrangements

Ratepayers experiencing financial hardship in paying rates and charges should contact Council's Rates Section prior to the due date to discuss alternative arrangements. NB Interest will be charged on outstanding rates at the overdue interest rate.

Pensioners

If you meet the following criteria as at 1st July of this financial year, you may be entitled to register your property for a concession on council rates and Emergency Services Levy (E.S.L.):-

- You are the owner or part owner of the property as at 1st July.
- You live in the property
- You hold either a current pensioner concession card or state concession card - as at 1st July.

Depending upon individual circumstances concessions available are:

- Rebates of up to 50% of current council rates and E.S.L.
- Deferment, without interest, of up to 100% of current rates

For full details on how to register your property for this purpose please contact Heather Marland on 9831 2400.

Note: This concession scheme is funded by the Western Australian State Government under the provisions of the Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferments) Act 1992 (as amended). Concessions on Council Rates are not currently available to Senior Card Holders.

In order to obtain a concession on your current rates account, you **MUST** register at the Council Administration office before the due date for payment, shown on the Annual Rate Notice.

Anthony Middleton

Manager Corporate & Community Services

Calling all Community Groups and Committees

Have you updated your details with the Shire of Kojonup? It's a little hard for us to make contact when we don't have the right details. Please forward the details of your President/Chairperson and any other relevant positions to council@kojonup.wa.gov.au so that we can update our records. Details that we need are:

- ✓ Position title and name of office bearer
- ✓ Postal and email address and
- ✓ Telephone contact details

Thanking you all in advance for your assistance.

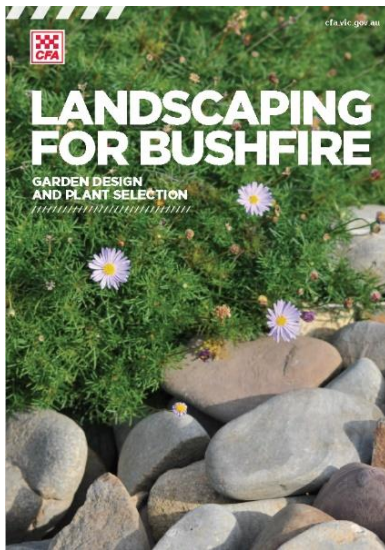
IN DAYS GONE BY - A LITTLE BIT OF NOSTALGIA



Kojonup main street

LANDCARE

LANDSCAPING FOR BUSHFIRE: GARDEN DESIGN AND PLANT SELECTION



Landscaping for Bushfire has been developed by CFA in response to Recommendation 44 from the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission. The survivability of buildings, and of those who occupy and shelter in them, can be significantly enhanced or endangered by the type of plants around the building.

If you would like a digital or hard copy of the publication, please email landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au or call 98310291.



national
tree day
PLANET ARK TOYOTA

Event Shire of Kojonup
Old Rubbish Tip Planting Day

When
Wednesday 7th August 2019
From 8:30am - 3pm

Where
Robinson Road Old Tip Site

Site Contact
Jane Kowald
Shire of Kojonup

Visit treeday.planetark.org Hotline 1300 88 5000

#nationaltreeday   

Connect with Nature

National Tree Day is organised by Planet Ark in partnership with Toyota Australia

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Make lasting memories at school camps in Great Southern

Schools across Western Australia are being encouraged to create life-long memories by experiencing the huge range of exciting school camp activities in the Great Southern, thanks to a new initiative.



Great Southern Learning Adventures is a network of businesses, not-for-profit organisations and community groups that provide learning experiences for school camps and excursions in the region.

Thanks to the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund the group has received \$20,000 to spread the word to encourage more schools to visit the region.

The funding will assist Great Southern Learning Adventures promote the natural, cultural and heritage assets of the Great Southern region to schools and youth groups.

The group's website – www.greatsouthernlearningadventures.com.au – allows teachers and parents to plan a memorable and fun itinerary that satisfies curriculum requirements ranging from English and HASS to science, health and physical activity.

"School camps can be one of a child's greatest memories and we want those memories to happen here, in the Great Southern," says Rick Wilson, Federal Member for O'Connor. "School camp adventures are shared with friends and family, creating significant interest in future visits to the region and that's great news for our tourism industry, retailers and the wider community."

"School camp visits also inject money directly into the local economy and that has positive flow-on effects to the community."

Great Southern Learning Adventures are supported by the Great Southern Centre for Outdoor Recreational Excellence (GSCORE).

GSCORE Executive Director Dr Lenore Lyons says: "GSCORE is proud to be working on a project like this because it's a chance to promote the wonders of the Great Southern."

"This region is a unique and very special part of the world which is bursting with activities. I think young students will really enjoy what the region showcases on camp, whether it's a visit to the award-winning National ANZAC Centre or challenging themselves on a trail."

Outdoor recreation-based school camps teach children various skills including teamwork, leadership, social skills, independence, personal challenges and encouraging an active lifestyle.

"Being able to marry those vital life skills with curriculum demands allows children to be challenged mentally and physically while literally learning their lessons and having a good time."

For more information and interviews, contact Ara Jansen: 0424 823 286 / araj@iinet.net.au

Master plan for trails gets federal funding boost

Trails in the Great Southern have been given a further boost.

In the latest round of the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund, the Great Southern Regional Trails Master Plan has received \$129,482 in funding.



The plan will create a vision to guide the growth and development of trails across the region.

Spearheaded by the Great Southern Centre for Outdoor Recreation Excellence (GSCORE), the plan will identify a 10-year program of infrastructure delivery for a range of different trail types and user groups, including residents and visitors as well potentially attracting national and international trail events.

Work has already started on the plan with a series of successful trails workshops hosted throughout the region.

"We're excited that this grant cements the next phase of work on the Great Southern Regional Trails Master Plan," says Dr Lenore Lyons, Executive Director of GSCORE.

"We've already been consulting with local stakeholders and held numerous workshops in the region. They have been a chance for trail users and interested groups to have their say on the future of trails. This feedback will help map the master plan."

"A project like this will help increase domestic and international visitor numbers which in turn will benefit local business and grow jobs," says Rick Wilson, Federal Member for O'Connor.

"Quality trails also get locals outdoors and active, which not only creates a connection to community but improves physical and mental health and ultimately puts less strain on our health system."

The need for trails master planning is a local government priority in the Great Southern Regional Sport and Recreation Plan.

The first stage of the project is community consultation which will identify existing and planned trails, while Stage 2 will develop a list of priority projects and create structures for management and maintenance for the proposed infrastructure. A Trail Building Network will be established to ensure longevity in trails management.

GSCORE has also received Lotterywest funding and with matching funds from local government and state government agencies to deliver three fully scoped concept plans for future trails.



For more information and interviews, contact Ara Jansen – 0424 823 286 / araj@iinet.net.au

No Jab, No Play to improve vaccination rates in WA children

- Children who are not fully vaccinated can be excluded from enrolling in childcare and kindergartens, with rare exceptions. Known as 'No Jab, No Play' these changes will improve WA's vaccination rates
- Families of under-vaccinated children attending childcare services, community kindergartens and schools will receive follow-up support from the Department of Health

The McGowan Government's 'No Jab, No Play' policy is effective from today (July 22), meaning any child who is not fully vaccinated can be excluded from being enrolled in childcare services and kindergarten programs (non-compulsory early education and care).

These changes will improve Western Australian vaccination rates to achieve optimal coverage. Children are vulnerable to vaccine-preventable diseases and are a major source of their transmission.

Exceptions will apply to children with approved medical exemption to a vaccine, or with natural immunity to a specific disease; those on an approved catch-up schedule and those identified as exempt because of particular family circumstances.

In 2018, the State's immunisation coverage was lower than the national average for one, two and five-year-olds, with two-year-olds in WA recording the lowest immunisation coverage of 90.2 per cent.

New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland have already introduced similar laws, and South Australia is planning to proceed in the near future.

An immunisation rate of 95 per cent is considered necessary to provide 'herd' immunity to even the most infectious vaccine-preventable diseases in our community, providing protection to those who are too young to be vaccinated, pregnant women, children with immune disorders and some cancer patients, for whom these diseases can be extremely serious.

Vaccines delivered through the WA childhood immunisation program are provided free by the State Government through the National Immunisation Program, protecting children from 16 vaccine-preventable diseases. For more information, visit the [HealthyWA website](#).

Parents can check their child's immunisation history on the Medicare Australia website.

New guide to help people with disability improve their future



Living well with
physical disability

- One-stop online resource to improve outcomes in later life for people with disability
- \$368,676 funding for the 'Future Thinking: Disability, Ageing and a Good Life' project

Disability Services Minister Stephen Dawson has today officially launched the Ability Centre's new Future Thinking website, an online resource for people living with disability, their carers, and the health professionals who support them.

The Ability Centre is a significant Western Australian disability sector organisation. The State Government provided \$368,676 of funding for the implementation of its 'Future Thinking: Disability, Ageing and a Good Life' project.

The project's aim was to develop information and resources in a range of formats about the effects of ageing on physical disability. Some adults with physical disability were hampered by a lack of resources and supports because the information they needed was not all available from one source. Access to these resources will help to prevent poor physical outcomes in later life.

The website is the main source of information with links and information pages, downloadable and printable fact sheets, checklists and recommendations to support people with physical disability, and a consumer booklet. An information booklet and related information packs were also created for general practitioners.

The resources are designed to target critical transition periods impacting on physical ability in later adulthood and to increase knowledge, engagement with services and pro-activity in maintaining health and wellbeing.

The Future Thinking website is available at <http://futurethinking.abilitycentre.com.au>



GREAT SOUTHERN SPEAKER SERIES PRESENTS



PROFESSOR

FIONA WOOD

5.30PM
THURSDAY
15 AUGUST

ALBANY ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE:
KALYENUP STUDIO

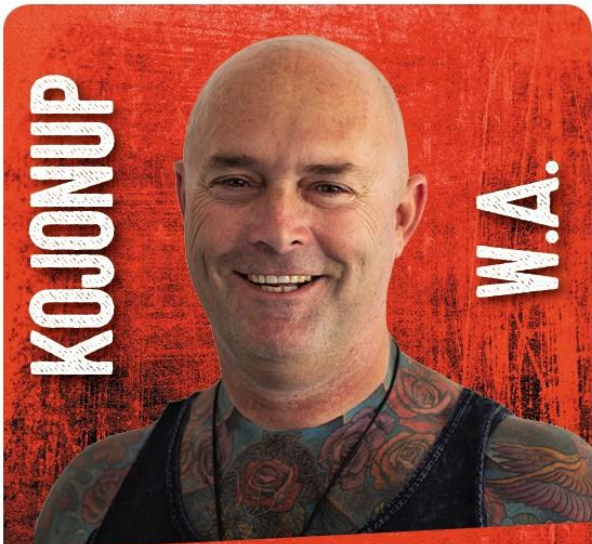
The Great Southern Speaker Series is delighted to host Professor Fiona Wood for a special presentation during National Science Week.

Professor Wood is one of Australia's most innovative and respected surgeons and researchers. A highly skilled plastic and reconstructive surgeon and world's leading burns specialist, she has pioneered research and technology development in burns medicine.

TICKETS COST \$15 PER PERSON

AVAILABLE FROM THE BOX OFFICE OR PHONING 9844 5005 OR WWW.PTT.WA.GOV.AU





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PETER LYNDON-JAMES SEMINAR

Do you know someone
caught up in addiction,
but have no idea how to help?

Peter Lyndon-James
helps people **BREAK FREE!**

SPORTS COMPLEX, KOJONUP

6pm, Tuesday 17th September 2019

For more details and RSVP:

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0418 186 687 betafleay@icloud.com



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Peter Lyndon-James brings people to the point of **wanting to change**
and choosing to **stop taking drugs** and **turn their lives around.**

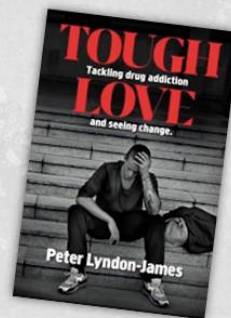
Peter Lyndon-James is the:

- Founder and CEO of Australia's strictest Rehabilitation Centre - Shalom House
- 2017 Australian of the Year Finalist & 2017 Western Australian of the Year - Community
- 2017 Telstra Business Awards - WA Charity Award Winner
- 2018 Australian of the Year State Winner - Local Hero

Author of "Tough Love: Tackling Drug Addiction and Seeing Change"



www.peterlyndonjames.com.au



Hear the hard truths • recognise addiction • be equipped to help those you love

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

August 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: [Kristel: bcc@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:bcc@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 Servicetimes	Bridge Club , Bowling Club 9.30am Southern Singers , Uniting Church 7:00pm	Renew Op shop OPEN 10:00am-2:00pm All Crafts , 10am, Hockey Club ASK Youth Group , Baptist Church 3:30pm	Play Café , KDHS Kindy Rooms 9.30am-11.30am (not during school holidays) Kojonup Men's Shed OPEN 1pm Third Wednesday of every Month	Play Group & Toy Library , Old School, 9.30am-11.30am (not during school holidays) Renew Op Shop OPEN 10:00am-2:00pm Gallery Aura Open	Renew Op Shop OPEN 10:00am-2:00pm Diabetes Clinic – Kojonup Hospital, second Friday of every month Gallery Aura Open	Gallery Aura Open
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Kojonup Nightfields, 3.30-5.30pm	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				SmarTechEdz 5.30pm – Kojonup Library	Kojonup Nightfields, 3.30-5.30pm SmarTechEdz 1.00pm – Kojonup Library	Kendenup Markets , Kendenup Town Hall
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Bridgetown Banquet on a Bridge , Hampton St Bridgetown 11am SmarTechEdz 2.30pm – Kojonup Library					Kojonup Nightfields, 3.30-5.30pm	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
					Kojonup Nightfields, 3.30-5.30pm	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
				6th Comedy Gold's Gala Show , Memorial Hall, Doors open at 6.15pm Show Starts 7.30pm	Quiz Night , Tambellup Town Hall 6.30pm Kojonup Nightfields, 3.30-5.30pm	Erth's Dinosaur Zoo , Katanning Town Hall, 1.30pm-2.30pm

