

SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

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SHIRE PRESIDENT NEWS

Volunteer Fire Brigades

Until the recent downpour the threat of a major fire has been thwarted by the diligence, competence and swift response of our dedicated volunteer fire brigades. With up to 6 fires occurring at similar times from lightning strikes, Kojonup is very fortunate and appreciative that our Brigades and their volunteers have remained vigilant. However, the fire season is far from over so please do not become complacent. Council extends its condolences to the residents of Waroona and Yarloop who lost homes, businesses, livestock and loved ones in the devastating fires.

Australia Day Breakfast

Congratulations to all award recipients and thank you to Kojonup Lions Club, Kojonup Tourist Association, Southern Singers, Temby White, Kate Mason and David & Nancy Cooke for your continued support of the Breakfast and also to the 200 community members who attended.

Swimming Pool Open Day

Thank you to community members, families and friends together with Mort, Jen, Sonya and staff for conducting a very pleasant open day on Australia Day incorporating a sausage sizzle, soft drink and bag of lollies along with pool novelties which were enjoyed by patrons of all ages.

Ice Breakers – From Methamphetamine addiction to Freedom

As a continuation of Kojonup's Drug & Alcohol Support Group Sessions, a very informative Ice

Breaker Workshop was facilitated by Margaret Gordon and Jamie Coyne under the auspices of PCYC Albany at Kojonup with Health Professionals and Support Organisations on 19 January 2016. The workshop outlined the addictiveness of methamphetamine but also strategies for families, friends and individuals to use in the long but worthwhile road to recovery and freedom from drugs!

Health Professionals will hear from Dr. Mat Coleman on 17 February 2016 allowing a public forum to be conducted soon after as Drug & Alcohol addiction is not confined to any specific group in society. As a community, turning our back on the hard problems is only justified if we do not have the resources, skills, knowledge and understanding to confront such issues.

Getting people to recognise that they may have a "problem" and that help is available is easy to say but getting them to a counsellor, facilitator or support office to commence treatment is a huge challenge. Others in society may say "It is not our problem so why become involved?" Drugs in society invariably become everyone's problem just as cancer affects 1 in 4 of us at some stage in our lives.

Staff Changes

Finance Officer – Brodie Potter commenced Maternity Leave in December and we congratulate Brodie and Michael Potter on the safe arrival of Mackinnon. We welcome Brodie's replacement, Chrissie Coldwell and also Lisa Bellotti (Customer Services Officer) who will job share with Linda Salisbury. Council also wishes to express its appreciation to Senior Project Officer – Heather Sheppard who has been appointed



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the Manager Corporate Services and Risk at the Waratah- Wynyard Council.

Flooding

Council has recorded and photographed damaged caused by the recent deluge in order to ascertain costs of repair to roads, drains, etc. and whether the cost can be claimed from the Western Australia Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (WANDRRA). Community Members referred to the down pour as similar to 1982 and the topography of Kojonup invariably has stormwater directed to the Kojonup Brook at the bottom of the Main Street.

Cheviot Hills Feedlot

The proposed cattle feedlot by Stoneaxe Pastoral for Cheviot Hills Farm has been approved for

development by the Southern Joint Development Assessment Panel. The feedlot will be an excellent economic boost for the Shire of Kojonup with up to 20 fulltime staff once the feedlot is in full operation, discounting the people delivering feed to the feedlot and trucking the cattle away amongst other aspects. The project is a great rural enterprise and Council looks forward to seeing its realisation.

Community members are reminded that the Shire President is available for appointments Wednesday morning from 10:00am until noon. Please contact the Shire Office on (08) 9831 2400.

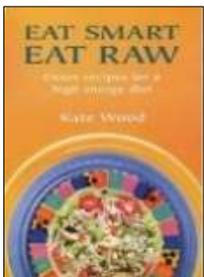
Ronnie Fleay
Shire President

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome to the New Year, a time for reflection & change (for the better).

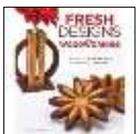
We have already had a new State Library Exchange of books, so please come in and look. I'm sure we will have something to interest you.

New Books



Eat Smart Eat Raw – *Kate Wood* – Raw foods are currently enjoying growing popularity as people discover their healing and health-giving benefits but raw foodism is more than just a fad. Historically many cultures and religions have placed value on the eating of living

foods and proponents have been helping others overcome life-threatening diseases since the early 20th century.



Fresh Designs for Woodworking – *Thomas Haapapuro* – Written specifically for the woodworker seeking new adventures in the world of wood.

Awaken your modern design aesthetic with 21 striking contemporary designs for the home.



Shape Changer's Song – *Jennifer Roberson* – They were the Cheysuli, a race of magical warriors gifted with the ability to assume animal shape at will. For centuries they had been allies to the King of Homana, treasured champions of the realm. Until a king's daughter ran

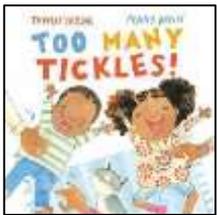
away with a Cheysuli liege man and caused a war of annihilation against the Chaysuli race. Twenty five years later the Chesyuli were hunted exiles in their own land, feared for their sorcery and their shapeshifting. This is the story of Alix, the daughter of that ill-fated union between Homanan princess and Cheysuli warrior and her struggle to master the call of magic in her blood and accept her place in an ancient prophecy she cannot deny.



Colour First Reader: Mr Bloom's Nursery - Margaret the Space Cabbage – One cabbage you're all asking for more of! Giggles, great pictures and a space adventure. Listen up, tiddlers! We know you've never tasted vegetables like the ones in Mr Bloom's nursery. These are veggies with



flavour. And now a clever cabbage wants to fly to the moon. Can the cheeky Wee MacGregors make Margaret’s dream come true?



Too Many Tickles – Thomas Taylor
 – “There are too many tickles in our house!” From Mum's swirly-whirly tummy button tickles to Dad's great big side-grabbers, there's a tickle waiting round every corner...

Story Time Dates

- Friday, 12 February 2016
- Friday, 26 February 2016
- Friday, 11 March 2016

Reading will start at 10:30am. I’d love to share the love & joy of reading with you and your child.

Play in the Park

We will again be holding Play in the Park on the fourth Wednesday of the month. APEX Park will again be our venue from 10:00am – 12:00pm. Shared toys, stories, fruit and it’s also a tremendous way for our mums, dads and carers to get to meet each other and best of all, this is a **Free Community Event**.

Lorreen Greeuw
 Library Services Officer

UPCOMING ROAD WORKS

- Widening and culvert extensions of Kojonup / Broomehill Road
- Patching to bitumen roads
- Grading of roads as required
- Repairs to flood damaged areas
- Fertilising of parks and gardens – just completed

The Manager of Works & Services, Craig McVee would welcome any comments about the proposed works and can be contacted on 0427 427 854.

RURAL STREET ADDRESSING IN KOJONUP

Our rural street addressing project is progressing and meetings are being held with Landgate to finalise and agree on the numbering. Once Landgate are satisfied with the numbers, we will proceed to advise all our rural residents of their new number. Shortly thereafter we will arrange to liaise with Australia Post and advise Police and Emergency Services and all utilities of the new numbers. Once this is completed we will proceed with the placement of the rural street address numbers at the entrance of each property. We are working towards completing the entire project by 30 June 2016.

In this regard we are calling for expressions of interest from any sporting clubs or service clubs to erect approximately 550 rural street address numbers on every rural property within the Shire of Kojonup. This is a wonderful opportunity for a club or clubs to earn money to assist them in raising funds.

Please contact the Senior Project Officer on 0417 500 308 for further information or by email project@kojonup.wa.gov.au.

Heather Sheppard
 Senior Project Officer



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARDS

Nominations are now open for 2015/2016 for young people up to and including 29 years of age.

Award Categories

- Arts & Fashion Award
- Career Kick Start Award
- Environment & Sustainability Award
- Young Leadership Award
- Health & Well Being Award

- Community Service & Volunteering Award
- Western Australian Young Achiever of the Year Award

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Nominations close Friday, 6 February 2016

Email: wayaa@awardsaustralia.com

Ph: 9201 1155

[facebook.com/WA Young Achiever](https://www.facebook.com/WAYoungAchiever)

Ronnie Fleay
Shire President

MOTORBIKE SAFETY

To prevent quad bike accidents this summer, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission is warning the community to be fully prepared, wear protective gear and ride safe.

“Tragically, 20 Australians have died this year from quad bike accidents, including a six-year-old, a seven-year-old and a 15-year-old. In 2014, there were 15 deaths – sadly, a 30 percent increase in fatalities this year,” ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

“Many consumers expect that quad bikes can safely go on all kinds of terrain and surfaces. Unfortunately, this isn’t true – riding on steep slopes, rough terrain and even hard, flat surfaces (such as tarmac and asphalt) may cause the quad bike to become unstable and very dangerous,” Ms Rickard said.

“There have been more than 210 deaths associated with quad bikes in Australia since 2001; with children involved in about a third of emergency department presentations involving quad bike accidents during recreational activity.”

“A large proportion of quad bike-related deaths during recreational activity have involved the quad bike tipping or rolling over. In cases involving children, the quad bike had tipped or rolled over in almost 75 per cent of incidents,” Ms Rickard said.

“Before getting on a quad bike, you must consider the bike’s condition, how much training you’ve had and whether you’re wearing enough protective gear. Children should never ride quad bikes intended for adults, either as drivers or passengers. Children must be supervised at all times near quad bikes.”

Prepare Safe

- Ensure you are properly trained before you ride a quad bike.
- Maintain the bike so it is in safe condition.
- Read the operator manual and observe the manufacturer’s safety warnings and recommended use of the vehicle.
- Before you leave for a quad bike ride, always tell someone where you plan to go and when you expect to return.

Wear Safe

- Always wear a helmet.
- Wear protective clothing and gear such as goggles, long sleeves, long pants, boots and gloves/hand protection.

Ride Safe

- Never let children ride quad bikes that are meant for adults – even as passengers.
- Do not carry any passengers on quad bikes that are meant for one person.

- Quad bikes are not all-terrain vehicles so they cannot go safely on all types of terrain. Avoid riding on rough terrain or steep slopes.
- Ride on familiar tracks and beware of obstacles.
- Never ride under the influence of alcohol/drugs.
- Ensure children are supervised at all times near any quad bike activity.
- Always carry a mobile phone or radio device so you can contact help in case of an emergency

Source: <https://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/accc-urges-safe-riding-after-quad-bike-deaths-rise-this-year>

Mort Wignall
Manager Regulatory Services

HORSE HEALTH STARTS WITH CORRECT HOOF CARE

(Article from *Australian Stock Horse Journal* 2010)
By David Farmilo (Accredited Master Farrier) South Australia

“Watching the tennis in January illustrated to me how crucial it is for the players to be structurally sound as well as in peak physical form. It is exactly the same for horses – it is hard enough to win at competition level at any time without any physical disadvantages getting in the way. If you know what to look for, then when looking at a new horse, your eyes should start at ground level and work up. This will save you a lot of time and heartbreak, and ultimately save you a lot of money. Horses are an expensive luxury item and to own a high maintenance horse is even more expensive.

Eliminate any horse from your consideration if it has any conformation problems. A conformation problem is one that is bred into the horse and cannot be altered. These conformation problems often cause lameness and ultimately shorten the competitive working life of the horse. The main conformation problems to look for are:

- Offset cannon bones
- Base wide
- Base narrow
- Pigeon toes
- Knock knees
- Club foot

A trimming problem can look like a conformation problem, but can be resolved. The most common trimming problems are:

- Cow hocked
- Splay footed
- Long toes
- Low heels
- Contracted heels

Nearly all of the above mentioned trimming problems are caused by not correctly balancing the hoof. Often a horse that is standing crooked can be bought cheaply and improved dramatically in value and performance simply by correctly balancing the feet. So it is important to recognise the difference between conformation problems and trimming problems. A combination of conformation problem and trimming problem will exacerbate the problem, and may cause the horse to break down early. To give one example: offset canon bones cause toe out or toe in and may result in lameness. The effects of this can be minimised by correctly balancing the feet but conversely can be worsened by incorrect trimming. The ideal conformation to look for is:

- Straight legs
- Parallel hoof pastern angle
- Standing straight behind

If you get into the habit of looking at every horse from the ground up, you will learn to automatically identify conformation problems and trimming problems before they become your problems.”

Paul Retallack
Senior Ranger/Building Maintenance Officer

LIME FOR PROFIT

Thursday, 25 February 2016
Kojonup Lesser Hall
2:00pm – 4:30pm

Join Southern DIRT, Mark Lawrence & Chris Robinson from Farmanco for training in the use of the Lime Calculator.

Topics will Include

- Amount of lime required to change pH
- Cashflow and profit of different liming programs

- Payback period
- Initial rate of return
- Net present value
- Targeting the individual liming needs of paddocks
- Impacts on the economics of liming

Requirements

Laptop or tablet with Microsoft Excel
Paddock data for input into the calculator (e.g. farm input costs, soil pH results)

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