

# SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

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## **SHIRE PRESIDENT NEWS**

### **RSL Hall/ Men's Shed/Apex Park/CWA Building Area – Master Plan**

Council has extended invitations to Service Clubs and Community Groups to join them in a workshop on Thursday, 10 March 2016 at 1:30pm in the Council Reception Room with facilitator – Paul Rosair – NAJA Business Consulting Services to determine present and future purposes for the RSL Hall and surrounding area which forms part of an agreed Development Plan for the CWA, Men's Shed, Apex Park, The Kodja Place, Benn Parade and Main Street precincts.

Possession of the Master Plan will assist Council prepare funding submissions and business cases aligned to the Community Strategic Plan to progressively develop the area.

Outcomes of the workshop will be made available on Council's website in due course.

### **Kojonup Visitor Centre**

Kojonup will receive \$40,629.50 from the first round of the State Government's Regional Visitor Centre Sustainability Grants Program. The grant will contribute to the cost of purchase, installation and/or implementation of:

- (i) Engaging a consultant for design of visitor centre and foyer upgrade;
- (ii) Visitor centre point of sale equipment and software;
- (iii) Visitor Centre Office fit-out;
- (iv) Upgrading foyer information services and visitor experience in the Kodj Gallery; and

- (v) Upgrades to temperature control, lighting, cabling and power sockets.

The grants program, made possible by Tourism WA and Royalties for Regions, was established to help drive innovation and breathe new life into visitor centres.

Acting Tourism Minister Helen Morton said the successful applicants came from all corners of the State and would use the money on projects to help secure their financial future. "Research shows tourists who use visitor centres tend to stay in a region longer and spend more money," Mrs Morton said.

"However, a lot of regional visitor centres have found that with more people booking accommodation and tours online, traditional sources of income are drying up. "Visitor centres will play a crucial role in helping the State Government achieve its goal of increasing the value of tourism to \$12 billion by 2020."

Regional Development Minister Terry Redman said tourism was a rapidly growing regional sector. "Royalties for Regions will be investing \$4.2 million in regional visitor centres over the next three years, with round two to be launched in March 2016."

### **Addiction Workshop**

The Shire recently hosted a very informative presentation from Dr Matt Coleman, psychiatrist and addictions specialist. This session was primarily aimed at Health professionals and front line services. Matt brought an encouraging message, dispelled some myths and provided very interesting statistics that



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suggest that we may not be gripped in an Ice epidemic as portrayed in the media. There is, however, an increasing trend of harmful use of substances which can present a crisis for both the addict and their loved ones. A follow up community meeting will be arranged to give community members the opportunity to learn, be equipped with some understanding of how to approach this worrying issue and introduce the many services available to render support and assistance. Watch this space for further details.

### **Wagin State Emergency Service**

The CEO and I recently attended the Wagin State Emergency Service community meet and greet for 2016. Wagin SES is now in its third year and a dedicated group of local volunteers including a member from Kojonup help our communities in times of storm, flood and assist with many other services such as search/rescue as well as support our local Fire Services if required. The area Wagin SES covers is quite large and includes the Shires of Kojonup, Katanning, West Arthur, Arthur River, Woodanilling, Dumbleyung, Duranillin, Kukerin as well as Wagin. So if you are interested in becoming a member please contact Sue Eastcott, Local Manager, Wagin SES Unit, Duty Phone: 0419 503 811, PH: 0409102332 (Manager), Email: [waginses@gmail.com](mailto:waginses@gmail.com)

### **Health Services**

Council will be undertaking a Planning Session on 11 March 2016 which includes a community forum between 1:00pm and 2:00pm. An invitation has been extended to Mr William Harvey and selected community members of his choosing to attend the community forum and speak with independent facilitators regarding issues and opportunities raised during public question time at the February 2016 Council Meeting.

As only a select number of community members will be in attendance at the community forum, session outcomes will be compiled in a report to Council which upon receipt will be made available on Council's website and also via the Kojonup News to ensure community engagement.

### **Kojonup Rotary Club – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Congratulations to the Kojonup Rotary Club on achieving such an important milestone and Council looks forward to working with you over the next 50 years.

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**

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## **LIBRARY NEWS**

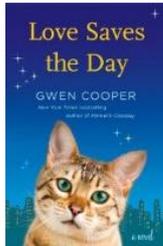
If you have a reading device, THIS MAY BE OF INTEREST TO YOU. You just need to download the 'OverDrive' App. The next 'Big Library Read' is *American Sniper*, the *New York Times* number one bestselling autobiography by Chris Kyle. From 17-31 March 2016 millions of readers from around the world can join the Big Library Read global eBook club by borrowing *American Sniper* from their library's OverDrive website without any wait lists or holds.

*American Sniper* tells the true story of the most lethal sniper in U.S. history as Chris Kyle recounts his time spent serving in the military overseas. You'll also read sections written by his wife, Taya Kyle, sharing her experiences back home as her husband served multiple tours of duty in the Middle East. During the Big Library Read event we will also have a special episode of our Professional Book Nerds podcast with Taya Kyle where she'll offer unique insight on her and Chris's lives as well as the experiences many military families go through.

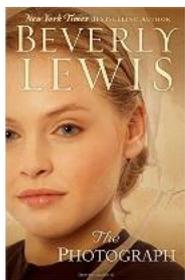
You will need to use your Kojonup Library Card Barcode and log in using 6395 to enjoy this great read on a device of your choosing. Would be a great Book Club book!

### **Gentle Reads**

Not too sure what you want to read next? Just want something light, fluffy and a hint of romance but maybe definitely not blood and gore? Then try these! They are on the table at the front of the service desk.



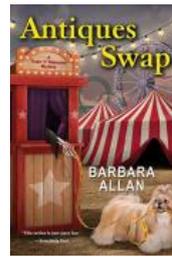
*Love Saves the Day – Gwen Cooper:* After her owner passes away, Prudence the cat is taken in by her former owner's grieving daughter, who maintains a meticulous organised life to avoid the pain of past losses and memories about her dynamic mother.



*The Photograph – Beverley Lewis:* Eva Esch and her sisters are in a predicament. With the passing of their widowed mother, Eva's older brother Menno plans to move his growing family into the Eden Valley farmhouse where they all grew up, leaving little room for his three single sisters.

*A Week in Winter – Maeve Binchy:* When Chicky Starr decides to take an old, decaying mansion set high on

the cliffs overlooking the windswept Atlantic Ocean and turn it into a restful place for a holiday by the sea, everyone thinks she is crazy.



*Antiques Swap – Barbara Allen:* It was an innocent slip – honest, when Brandy Borne lost her balance at a swap meet and fell into the arms of her old flame, Wesley Sinclair III. But when Wesley's green-with-jealousy wife is murdered, Brandy becomes the #1 suspect.

### **Play in the Park**

Such a beautiful morning spent at 'Play in the Park' on Wednesday. We had almost 20 families attend, with the majority of a new mums group that has been formed. Storytime didn't get much of a look in as the children were very busy playing with the toys from the Kojonup Toy Library, Playdoh & Coloured Rice.

We had Jack join in with the play time. He and his family are from Kent in England and were travelling through. We also had a family from Boyup Brook enjoy our company of children and parents.

Our next 'PLAY IN THE PARK' will be the 23 March 2016, 10:00am – 12:00pm.

**Lorreen Greeuw**  
**Library Services Officer**

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## **UPCOMING ROAD WORKS**

- Kojonup-Broomehill widening
- Road grading as required
- Spraying of road side suckers
- Kojonup-Darkan widening at Cussons Rd
- Town maintenance
- Costing up of storm damage

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

## ***SPRINGHAVEN NEWS***

On 17 February 2016 we had a birthday luncheon to celebrate Viv Prandi and Graham Melrose's birthdays. The wonderful kitchen staffed cooked up a scrumptious banquet of party food for all to enjoy. Thanks Ladies.



In our cooking sessions this month we have made honey joys and bruschetta, which all the residents enjoyed immensely. Residents have collected tomatoes from our flourishing veggie patch and these have been incorporated in our cooking. We have been enjoying eating our fresh produce.

Twice a month we are setting up a pamper clinic for our residents in the quiet room. Resident can book appointments to come and be pampered with services such as manicures, hand massages and beauty therapy. The residents love the individual attention they are receiving at these clinics.



Happy hour at Springhaven is at 3:00pm on Friday. We invite you to come and have a drink and a chat to the residents. Alternatively, we love having visitors for morning tea at 10:00am and afternoon tea at 3:00pm. The residents would also love you to come up and play cards or board games with them. If you have any queries, contact Springhaven on 9831 2800.

## ***AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT MOBILE SERVICE CENTRE***

The Australian Government Mobile Service Centre is supporting rural communities by providing convenient access to Australian Government payments and services. This specialised vehicle offers a wide range of face to face and self-service assistance for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers and people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Experienced staff travels with the Mobile Service Centre and provide friendly, face-to-face service, information and support. On this trip, the Australian

Taxation Office will be available to assist with advice and information about tax and superannuation. If the assistance you're after is not available, arrangements will be made for someone from the relevant organisation to contact you.

You can visit the Mobile Service Centre:  
KOJONUP SHIRE CAR PARK, OFF ALBANY  
HIGHWAY, KOJONUP  
TUESDAY, 8 MARCH 2016  
10:30AM TO 4:00PM

For more information, go to [www.humanservices.gov.au](http://www.humanservices.gov.au) and search for Mobile Service Centre or call 132 316.

## ***SHIRE OF KOJONUP 2015/2016 FIRE BREAK ORDER***

Please be mindful that there is evidence around the Shire of regrowth because of the summer rains. Please read your 2015/2016 firebreak order that was sent out with your rates for instruction.

*Paul Retallack*  
**Senior Ranger/Building Maintenance Coordinator**

## ***ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS***

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Electors Meeting for the Shire of Kojonup will be held on Tuesday, 15 March 2016 commencing at 7:00pm in the Lesser Hall, Albany Highway, Kojonup, to consider the Annual Report for the 2014/2015 year.

This report was adopted by Council at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 16 February 2016.

Copies of the Annual Report are available from the Shire Office or on the website [www.kojonup.wa.gov.au/council/documents/annual-reports/](http://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au/council/documents/annual-reports/) and additional copies will be made available at the meeting.

*Rick Mitchell-Collins*  
**Chief Executive Officer**

## ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

<b><i>Event</i></b>	<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Time</i></b>	<b><i>Place</i></b>	<b><i>Open/Closed</i></b>	<b><i>Details</i></b>
Council Briefing Session	Tuesday, 1 March 2016	9:00am	Reception Lounge	Closed to Public	Minutes will be available on Shire Website
Kojonup Historical Society Meeting	Monday, 7 March 2016	3:00pm	Old Post Office	Open to Public	Minutes will be available on Shire Website
RSL Hall/Men's Shed/APEX Park/CWA Workshop	Thursday, 10 March 2016	1:30pm	Reception Lounge	Closed to Public	Details – Shire Website as required
Health Precinct (Medical Centre) Workshop with Paul Rosair (NAJA)	Friday, 11 March 2016	9:00am	Reception Lounge	Closed to Public – Mr William Harvey plus select community members invited	Details – Shire Website & Kojonup News post workshop
Council Briefing Session	Tuesday, 15 March 2016	9:00am	Reception Lounge	Closed to Public	Minutes will be available on Shire Website
Council Meeting	Tuesday, 15 March 2016	3:00pm	Council Chambers	Open to Public	Minutes will be available on Shire Website
Annual Elector's Meeting	Tuesday, 15 March 2016	7:00pm	Lesser Hall	Open to Public	Report available on Shire Website