



SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

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GENERAL COMMUNITY NEWS

Great Southern Housing Initiative – Grant Funding

The Shire of Kojonup is delighted with the recent announcement by Senator Fiona Nash (Federal Building Better Regions) that funding of \$10 million for the Great Southern Housing Initiative has been granted to several Shires in the Great Southern.

This funding follows the previous commitment of \$11 million by then Minister for Regional Development, Terry Redman, prior to the State Election.

An unprecedented collaborative application to the State's R4R 'Growing our South' fund and the 'Federal Building Better Regions' fund was put forward by 9 local governments in the Great Southern. This funding is for a mix of housing addressing a key impediment to the attraction and retention of population in regional communities. Once the State commitment is secure the funding will realise a further 79 housing units in the region with an expected completion date (once funding agreements are in place) of 2 years.

The need for regional housing has been identified in a number of regional planning documents such as the Great Southern Blueprint, Great Southern Planning and Infrastructure Framework, Great Southern Housing Analysis, Ageing in the Bush, Great Southern Workforce Plan and the RDA Great Southern Regional Plan to name a few.

The merit of this project has clearly been understood by the Federal Government and once the new State Government, through new Minister for Regional Development, Alannah MacTiernan, confirms their commitment we will be able to proceed.

This recognition of need and commitment to the future of Regional WA is welcomed by all 9 Local Governments as it will ensure economic growth for each of our Local communities.

Sporting Ovals Playing Conditions and Watering System

Council is in discussion to review the playing conditions of both sporting fields and will engage a specialist turf consultant to review and report back to the Shire on these. When the report has been received the Shire will consult with all the sporting clubs prior to any decisions being made to address the drainage issues. Part of the consultant's process will be to take a number of core samples over the ovals to determine the soil types and structure. The recommendation may be to scalp the top metre of the surface and replace this with suitable turf growing media.

When the new irrigation system was installed in 2004 rocks, steel pipes and clay fill debris was removed from the football oval soil.

- The Shire have had numerous phone calls regarding the irrigation system still being in use.



THIS IS INCORRECT. The sprinklers were switched off in the first week of June and the wires removed from the controller so physically the sprinklers could not be activated even if the controller was switched on.

- We have had quotes for installing new drainage in the Football Oval as this hasn't been upgraded in its lifetime of 43 years. As the rain water isn't draining away the thatch and turf are decomposing and causing the wet areas to be smelly. This is NOT from the treated re-use water. Council have decided to look at upgrading the whole sporting field areas rather than just undertake drainage works.
- Monthly samples are also forwarded to the State Health laboratories for bacteriological testing which is a requirement of Council's 'Recycled Water Quality Management Plan' developed in accordance with the Department of Health's 'Guidelines for the Non-Potable Uses of Recycled Water in Western Australia'. All samples

submitted for bacteriological testing over the summer period of oval watering complied the guidelines.

- The Water Corporation pump their chlorinated water into the tank at the Turkey nest Dam which is then used for irrigation within their specified 24 hour time frame. We also take samples weekly to determine the chlorine content and liaise with Water Corp about these. Samples are also taken and sent away for testing.
- The Turkey Nest Dam catchment is storm water from Thornbury Close which is also used for irrigation. In February 2016 when we had excessive rainfall we had to empty the dam to prevent it from overflowing by using the irrigation system. Since then we have upgraded the pump system to enable us to pump excess water out to the Showgrounds Dam. This year the Shire have also budgeted for an overflow system to be installed at the Turkey Nest Dam.



Community members are reminded that the Shire President is available for appointments Wednesday morning from 10:00am until noon. Please contact Miranda at the Shire Office on (08) 9831 2408.

Ronnie Fleay
Shire President

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer

Upcoming Roadworks

- Gravel Sheeting – Magini Rd from Old Collie to Qualeup North which includes widening of culverts to 8m, installation of signs and guideposts.
- Road Grading in the South West corner of the Shire.
- Installation of 'Welcome to Kojonup' signs.
- Town site and roadside spraying.
- Bitumen patching where and as required.
- Retic Solenoid Upgrade at Apex Park.

Any comments regarding the proposed works are welcome.

Craig McVee
Manager Works & Services
0427 427 854.



LIBRARY NEWS

Kojonup Youth – Homework Classes

Homework classes have now changed to every Tuesday as this day better suits our volunteer teachers who have offered to help.

It's thanks to the generosity of our local IGA and the World Famous Bakery of Kojonup that there is fruit and bread/sweet products provided for afternoon tea for all the students that attend.

Play Café

Another great morning at 'Play Café' with 11 families & 1 Aunt attending. Again, much fun with playdoh, making aquariums, using out hand prints as our fish, gluing & cutting ribbon to decorate out 'Compulsory Fridge Picture #2' – I'm sure Harrison's fish is bigger than the last one his daddy caught!



Hoping to see all our families again at the Kindy Room at Kojonup DHS. Just a reminder, even if your child will attend St Bernard's for their schooling, you are invited to join with us to have a little fun, craft & lots of play. Play Café sessions are scheduled for Wednesdays at Kojonup DHS in the Kindy Room from 9:30 – 11:00am on the following dates:

- August – 16th & 30th
- September – 6th, 13th & 20th

Author Visit



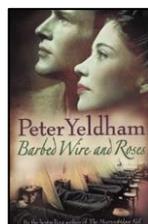
'The Vine Bleeds – an Insight into the Life-Long Impacts of Domestic Violence' – Jenny Yates.

Wednesday, 23 August 2017 at 10:30am at the Library.

Jenny Yates, author of 'The Vine Bleeds', will speak at the Kojonup Library about her first-hand experiences of domestic violence growing up in 1940s Melbourne. Based on true events, the novel spans fifty years, delving into the trauma experienced by Jenny and her brother David. It highlights their courage and strength, detailing the profound impact it has had on the directions their lives have taken. As a result of her traumatic childhood, Jenny left school at an early age but later found the courage to return to study, completing a university degree majoring in professional writing, which led to writing her memoir 'The Vine Bleeds'. "We are pleased to be able to give the community the opportunity to hear Jenny's emotional story first-hand. "Many families experience domestic violence and Jenny's book is a poignant reminder of the impacts it has on all involved, highlighting what we can do to make a difference if we work together."

We invite you to talk and chat afterwards with a delicious morning tea.

New Books to our Library!



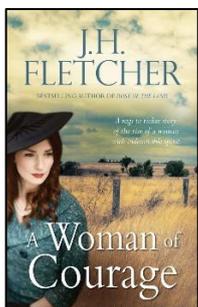
Barbed Wire and Roses – Peter Yeldham. It was exciting to be on our way at last but we were such innocents. We had no idea of the hell that lay ahead. Even if we had known, what could we have done about it?

They were our golden youth, seeking adventure on foreign battlefields. The First World War in 1914, that everyone said would be over by Christmas and



Stephen Conway rushes to enlist in the belief he should fight for King and Empire. Leaving behind a new wife and a baby on the way, he soon finds himself in the trenches of Gallipoli. Four horrific years later, Stephen is the only survivor of his platoon, shell-shocked and disillusioned and during the heat of battle on the bloodstained fields of France, he mysteriously disappears.

Stephen's ultimate fate is still a mystery when more than eighty years later his grandson Patrick finds a diary that leads him to Britain and France on a journey during which he unexpectedly finds love, and the truth about his grandfather's fate that is even stranger and more shocking that he imagined.



A Woman of Courage – J.H.Fletcher. Fighting her way from humble beginnings in a foster home to CEO of her own highly respected international company hasn't been easy for Hilary Brand. Even after she seems to have reached the top, troubles abound: her business in

China, always fraught with problems, is in peril and her arch-nemesis, Haskins Gould – once her closest business associate but now her greatest enemy – is gaining traction in his unceasing determination to destroy all she has created. Hilary's two daughters – unhappy trophy wife Jennifer and brilliant but troubled journalist Sara – also traverse the joys and terrors of love as they try to tread their own paths in the shadow of such a powerful woman. From the vastness of Western Australia to glittering Sydney and the teeming streets of Hong Kong and Singapore, this is a story of contrasting loves and of a woman of fierce determination... a woman of courage.

Play in the Park

'Play in the Park' is on Wednesday, 23rd August & 27th September at Apex Park from 10:00am – 12:00pm. Come along to this free community event!

Story Time

Look out for 'Story Time' at the Library from 10:00 – 11:30am on Friday, 25th August and 8th & 22nd September.

Lorreen
Senior Library Officer
 9831 2412

SPRINGHAVEN NEWS

Guest Speaker

Residents enjoyed listening to an interesting talk from Ned Radford on the history of the Kojonup Tourist Railway. Ned brought in some beautiful photographs from 1993 to today – what wonderful memories Kojonup Tourist Railway Volunteers have created for future generations. Thank you for bringing back so many memories for the residents of Springhaven.

Birthday Celebrations

We be celebrating three birthdays this month: Phyllis turned 94 on 7 August, Mel will be turning 85 on 14 August and Nora will be celebrating a very special mile stone on 29 August when she will be turning 90.



'Magic' Visit

Monday, 1 August, Springhaven residents celebrated the 'Horse's Birthday' (all horses in the Southern Hemisphere have their birthday on this day as a means of standardising horse related [mostly sporting] events) with a visit from a very special pony named Magic. Thank you very much to Kasey Manolini for bringing Magic to visit the residents.



As always if anyone has a special talent, plays a musical instrument or if you have a special pet you would like to bring in for pet therapy with the residents – please contact Cathy on 9831 2800.



Sue Northover

Manager Aged Care Services

9831 2800

WA COUNTRY HEALTH SERVICE SURVEY

WA Country Health Service have engaged Rural Health West to undertake a survey in a number of towns including Kojonup regarding a person's ability to age in place. The survey is targeted at people aged over 65 years of age, or Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people over 50 years of age. The survey is also open to people in this age bracket that may have close ties to Kojonup, but may not live within the boundaries. For example, if you complete your regular grocery shopping, attend a medical practitioner or participate in other regular social or community activities in one of these towns, you are welcome to contribute to the survey.

Your responses to this survey cannot be traced back to you in any way. The answers provided will be used to help Rural West plan and evaluate services in your area, learn more about what's happening in your community and to improve how we collect information.

You can participate by:

1. Completing a hard copy of the survey (available from the Shire office, Shire library, The Kodja Place and Community Resource Centre). Surveys can be completed and returned to points of collection to be mailed back in bulk by pre-paid post.
2. Registering your interest in the survey by telephoning 08 6389 4524 and Rural West can:
 - a) Call you back to complete the survey by telephone; or
 - b) Let you know when and where you can attend one of the upcoming face to face community sessions in your area.
3. Completing a survey online via: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ageingincommunity>

The survey closing date is Friday, 15 September 2017.

Michelle Dennis

Development Services Coordinator



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 being run by the WA Local Government Association (WALGA) to have all your questions answered.

Topics will include:

- An overview of Local Government;
- The Roles and Responsibilities of Council and Council Members;
- Behavioural expectations of Elected Members;
- An overview of the skills required to be a successful Councillor, and
- Impacts on Home Life.

If you're thinking about nominating for the Shire of Kojonup's Council Elections to be held 21 October 2017 then this webinar is for you!

Like all of WALGA's webinars you will have an opportunity to ask questions during the Q&A Session at the end of the presentation.



Date: Thursday, 17 August

Time: 5:00pm - 5:45pm (including presentation and Q&A session)

Be quick to register as places will fill fast. To register for this free webinar please contact the undersigned during Shire office hours on 9831 2408.

Miranda Wallace
Executive Assistant

LANDCARE UPDATE

Bridal Creeper Spraying Update

Dean Morgan and his crew have completed the spraying programme for 2017. Thanks to the State NRM and South West Catchments Council, 400 km of roadsides and 20Ha (near Grahams Well Road and the Marribank Mission) have been sprayed in the Shire of Kojonup.

Mr Morgan has been working through several Shires and has sprayed about 4,434 km of roadside. The breakdown across Shires is below and is directly related to the amount of time Bridal Creeper spraying has been occurring in the Shires. For instance: the Shires of Wagin, Woodanilling and Katanning have been spraying roadsides for 7 consecutive years. This means that the roads in these Shires have less populations of Bridal Creeper and they can be covered quicker than in Kojonup, which is in

its second year of spraying. Future funding will ensure that with each successive year of spraying, a greater road length will be covered.

Shire Name	Km of Road Sprayed	% of Roads in Shire
Kojonup	400	32
Katanning	784	100
Dumbleyung	660	64
Kent	350	25
Wagin	886	100
Woodanilling	654	100
West Arthur	550	64
Narrogin	150	18



Kojonup



Keep sending in your sightings of Bridal Creeper as these will help attract funding for future spraying programs. Send sightings to landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au.

Keep Australia Beautiful (KAB) Week Litter Rally!

Save the date! Keep Australia Beautiful Week 2017 will take place from 21 – 27 August and we'll be encouraging Aussie's to take the pledge to pick up 1 piece of rubbish per day for the week.

Roadside litter is the leading type of litter found in Australia and hugely detrimental to our environment.

Cutting litter requires everybody to be involved whether it be your local authority, waste contractors, shops, pubs, businesses, community members and travellers – all have a role to play.

That's why KAB is partnering with various local government areas around Australia and travel groups. Engaging the local community is vital as well as the travelling community. We all need to work together to tackle litter.

Take the pledge to take part in the 2017 #LitterRally. Visit: <https://kabnational.typeform.com/to/SYf8bY>

Students from St Bernard's Catholic Primary School and the Friends of Myrtle Benn Group will be picking up rubbish from various places around town on **Thursday, 24 August 2017**. All community members are welcome to attend and can find out where we will be by emailing your NRM/Landcare Officer at landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au or calling 9831 0291.

Jane Kowald
NRM/Landcare Officer

PRODUCTIVE SOILS, PRODUCTIVE FARMS

Join internationally-acclaimed agroecologist, soil health specialist and educator, Nicole Masters, on this workshop for primary producers. Deepen your understanding of what drives plant health and performance. Learn how to improve farm resilience, build observational skills for assessing soil quality and hear how you can improve soil health on your farm to protect and enhance long-term agricultural productivity.

31 August 2017 – Katanning
\$40 + GST incl. lunch & refreshments
LIMITED PLACES
To register call 9881 0202 or email danielle.short@swccnrm.org.au

This project is sponsored by the South West Catchments Council through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme and the Government of Western Australia.



Jane Kowald
NRM/Landcare Officer





UPCOMING EVENTS

Council Meetings & Events

Advisory Committee Meetings & Events

Community Events & Activities

Event	Date	Time	Place	Open/Closed	Details
Council Briefing Session	Tuesday 15 August 2017	9:00am	At the Shire in the Reception Lounge	Closed to Public	Agendas & Minutes will be available on the Shire Website www.kojonup.wa.gov.au
Ordinary Council Meeting	Tuesday 15 August 2017	3:00pm	At the Shire in the Reception Lounge	Open to Public	Agendas & Minutes will be available on the Shire Website www.kojonup.wa.gov.au
Play Café	Wednesday 16 August 2017	9:30am – 11:00am	Kojonup DHS Kindy Room	Open to Public	Call Lorreen Greeuw – 9831 2412 (Senior Library Officer)
Webinar for Prospective Elected Members	Thursday 17 August 2017	5:00pm – 5:45pm		Open to Public	Call Miranda Wallace to register (Executive Assistant) 9831 2408
Play in the Park	Wednesday 23 August 2017	10:00am – 12:00pm	Apex Park	Open to Public	Call Lorreen Greeuw – 9831 2412 (Senior Library Officer)
Author Visit – Jenny Yates	Wednesday 23 August 2017	10:30am	Library	Open to Public	Call Lorreen Greeuw – 9831 2412 (Senior Library Officer)
Clean Up Kojonup (Keep Australia Beautiful Campaign)	Thursday 24 August 2017		Around Kojonup Town Site	Open to Public	Call Jane Kowald – 9831 0291 (NRM/Landcare Officer)
Kodja Place Advisory Committee Meeting	Thursday 24 August 2017	7:00pm	At the Shire in the Reception Lounge	Open to Public	Agendas & Minutes will be available on the Shire Website www.kojonup.wa.gov.au
Storytime	Friday 25 August 2017	10:00am – 11:30am	Library	Open to Public	Call Lorreen Greeuw – 9831 2412 (Senior Library Officer)
Play Café	Wednesday 30 August 2017	9:30am – 11:00am	Kojonup DHS Kindy Room	Open to Public	Call Lorreen Greeuw – 9831 2412 (Senior Library Officer)
Shire President available for Appointments	Wednesday 16 August 2017	10:00am	At the Shire in the President's Room	Open to Public	Call Miranda Wallace (Executive Assistant) 9831 2408
Productive Soils, Productive Farms Workshop	Thursday 31 August 2017		Katanning	Open to Public	Call Danielle Short (SWCC) 9881 0202 danielle.short@swccnrm.org.au

COUNCIL ELECTIONS - 21 October 2017

Your Council
 Your Shire
 Your Vote