

SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

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SHIRE BRIEFS

SHIRE PRESIDENT NEWS

Kojonup NRM Advisory Committee

Council was delighted to welcome Community Members – Kath Mathwin, Jen Edgerton-Warburton and Graham Blacklock to the inaugural meeting of the new Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee on 12 November 2015 with Cr Robert Sexton elected the Presiding Member for the next 2 years. The committee is now in the process of collating past records, data, information and plans in order to prioritise future projects and funding opportunities.

Kojonup and Muradup Cemeteries

The Kojonup Cemetery Work Group is compiling a list of prioritised projects for Council consideration at the half yearly budget review in February 2016. For example: new discs to identify grave numbers, new fencing west of main entrance along Tunney Road, new maps of cemetery and grave sites and a new entrance Garden with provision for plaques of local families/individuals that are not necessarily interred in the cemetery. Through the generous assistance of a Muradup community member a new front picket fence will be erected along Blackwood Road formalising the entrance to the Muradup Cemetery.

Did you know?

- The Shire is responsible for the maintenance and construction of 905km of unsealed roads and 344km of sealed roads including bridges, footpaths, culverts, drains, street lighting, Depot, street sweeping, tree maintenance, weed control, signage and guide posts.
- For 2015/2016 an annual capital allocation of \$2.2 million was made consisting of Regional Road Group funding (30%), Roads to Recovery (46%) and Rates (24%). These funds will allow road widening to occur on the Kojonup/Darkan & Broomehill Roads plus Bitumen sealing on the Shamrock and Qualeup South Roads. \$450,000 will be used by Main Roads to upgrade the Boilup Road Bridge. A further \$1.3 million solely funded by Rates is allocated to undertake maintenance works of which \$500,000 is specifically used for road grading and rolling.
- With 900km of gravel roads this equates to approximately \$550.00 per km for graders, rollers and traffic control without carting gravel or using a water cart.
- A 1% increase in rates raises an additional \$34,869 per annum.
- Council's \$420,000 contribution for the construction of 6 Independent Living Units at Loton Close represents 21.6% of the total \$1.94 million cost. In simplistic terms for every ratepayer dollar invested Council has received another \$4.00 from external funding sources, namely Royalties for Regions and Ageing in the Bush. Historically Council would be pleased to receive matching \$1.00 for \$1.00 contributions.

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

ESPERANCE BUSHFIRE APPEAL

In times of hardship, it is amazing to see how people reach out to each other. If you would like to support the Esperance Bushfire Appeal in the wake of last week's devastating bushfires, there are a number of ways in which you can do so:

- The Shire of Kojonup will be accepting cash donations over the front counter at the Shire Office.
- To donate to the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund, Esperance Bushfire Appeal, there are a number of ways in which you can do so:
 - Via EFT: BSB: 306 035, Account: 201 44 58
 - Over the counter at any BankWest branch or agency to the dedicated appeal account BSB: 306 035, Account: 201 44 58
 - In person at the Customer Service counter at Council House, 27 St Georges Terrace, Perth
 - On the phone via credit card on 9461 3886 during normal business hours
 - By mail to LMDRF, Esperance Fires Appeal, City of Perth, GPO Box C120, Perth WA 6839
- **Alternatively, CBH is also supporting the Bushfire Appeal by donating grain. To donate, CBH has set up a delivery number which growers can use to complete a 'grower to grower' transfer for any tonnes that they would like to contribute to the appeal.**

Delivery Number: 40412686
Delivery Name: CBH Esperance Bushfires Appeal

How to Complete a Grower to Grower Transfer

Login to your LoadNet account and follow these instructions:

- Click on **Nomination** on the blue menu bar
- Click on **Transfer** in the drop down menu
- Select the **Account Number, Season** and **Commodity** from the drop down menus
- Enter the **CBH Esperance Bushfires Appeal account number: 40412686**
- Click on **Select Loads**
- Select the **Load/s** that you wish to make a donation from
- Enter the tonnes that you wish to donate in the **Tonnes to Transfer** column
- Check the details are correct and click on **Transfer Loads**
- A printable receipt will open in a new window

Or call the Grower Service Centre on **1800 199 083** to transfer the grain on your behalf.

Please note that for any tonnes donated, you will still be required to pay the receival charges. However, CBH will cover any freight costs from site to port.

For further details, please visit: <https://www.cbh.com.au/esperance-bushfire-appeal>



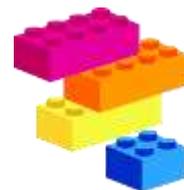
Ronnie Fleay
Shire President

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer

LIBRARY NEWS

Help! We Need Your Lego

Have you or your family enjoyed LEGO over the years? And would now like to find an exciting home for all those pieces? The library will be starting a new LEGO Club and we are asking for your pre-loved LEGO. Any genuine LEGO pieces can be donated at the counter. We are really excited about launching the LEGO Club in 2016 so watch this space...



eLiteracy BYOD Sessions

Do you want to learn how to access the Library's free eBook, eAudiobook or eMagazine collection online? Book in for a one-on-one training session to learn how to use these popular resources.

TumbleBooks Newsflash

Yay our TumbleBooks website link has been repaired! Use your library membership to access free online picture and early reader resources to give you little ones a head start. <http://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/home.aspx>

Summer Reading Club

Although the summer holidays are almost here, it is so important for the younger children to retain the skills they have learnt this year. I have given all the Pre-School Children a 'Summer Reading' Activity Book. If parents would like their children to be part of the Premiers Summer Reading Challenge, all the details are in the pack or alternatively please contact me at the library on 9831 2412 or library@kojonup.wa.gov.au.

The SRC is available for all children to participate in. I have Primary Activity Books that may be collected from the library.

New Reads



Hunted by Karen Robards - Twas the night before Christmas and dozens of rich, influential hostages are trapped inside a sprawling lakefront mansion in New Orleans. The perp? Detective Reed Ware, model cop turned outlaw. Reed's out for truth and will stop at nothing to get it including waging a coup among the city's most elite, including the mayor, the council chairman, the sheriff and the superintendent of police who just happens to be hostage negotiator Caroline Wallace's father. Cool, calm, controlled. That's Caroline's reputation but when Reed, looking even hotter than he did years ago when seventeen-year-old Caroline tried to seduce him, becomes her next case she's swept up by their still sizzling tension. Nothing about tonight is what it seems and it's up to Caroline to put the pieces together if she can think fast enough over the pounding of her heart. But the harder Caroline tries to do her job, the more she begins to wonder whose side she's really on.



Missing You by Harlan Coben – It's a profile, like all the others on the online dating site. But as NYPD Detective Kat Donovan focuses on the accompanying picture, she feels her whole world explode, as emotions she's ignored for decades come crashing down on her. Staring back at her is her ex-fiancé, Jeff, the man who shattered her heart 18 years ago. Kat feels a spark, wondering if this might be the moment when past tragedies recede and a new world opens up to her. But when she reaches out to the man in the profile, her reawakened hope quickly darkens into suspicion and then terror as an unspeakable conspiracy comes to light, in which monsters prey upon the most vulnerable. As Kat's hope for a second chance with Jeff grows more and more elusive, she is consumed by an investigation that challenges her feelings about everyone she ever loved - her former fiancé, her mother and even her father, whose cruel murder so long ago has never been fully explained. With lives on the line, including her own, Kat must venture deeper into the darkness than she ever has before and discover if she has the strength to survive what she finds there.



The Practical Australian Gardener by Peter Cundall – How can you increase the yield of your tomatoes? What's the most effective way to raise seedlings? Which fertilizer is best? Since its publication in 1989, 'The Practical Australian Gardener' has become a classic and Peter Cundall one of the country's most trusted advisers. This is the complete garden guide, whether you're planting vegetables, ornamentals, house plants, home orchards or landscaping a larger area. It tells you how to have a pest-free garden without using dangerous chemicals, and includes advice on keeping larger

pests such as dogs, cats and possums out of your yard. With a week-by-week plan of action for the whole year and with a revised index in this edition making it even easier to use, 'The Practical Australian Gardener' is the only book you'll need for a healthy, flourishing garden.

Lorreen Greeuw
Library Services Officer

SPRINGHAVEN NEWS



Springhaven is getting ready for Christmas, we have been doing lots of Christmas activities, including making our own Christmas cards, paper chains, decorations, sewing stockings and ornaments.



The Southern Singers came to Springhaven for a joyful singalong at happy hour on Friday, 20 November 2015. All the residents loved singing along with the choir and Jill's guitar. Thank you Jill and the Southern Singers, we look forward to next time.

On Wednesday, 24 November 2015 ASK Kids Club came to visit. They had afternoon tea with us, then beautifully sang some lovely Christmas carols and made a gorgeous wreath to give as a gift to each of the residents. Thank you ASK Kids Club.

We love having visitors for morning tea at 10:00am and afternoon tea at 3:00pm. If anyone has any special talents they would like to share with us, please come on up or contact Springhaven on 98312800.

UPCOMING ROAD WORKS

- Widening of Kojonup / Darkan Road
- Patching to bitumen roads
- Grading of roads as required
- Maintenance to retic on parks and gardens around Kojonup

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

VERGE SIDE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS COLLECTION

The Shire of Kojonup's waste contractor, Warren Blackwood Waste, will be conducting a verge side collection of bulk household items of the residential premises of Kojonup and Muradup town sites. This will be conducted throughout the week commencing **Monday, 30th November 2015**.

Please place items for collection one metre from the road boundary or kerb. Lawn clippings, asbestos, batteries, waste oil, tyres and general household waste will **NOT** be collected. Timber items placed for collection are limited to not more than 2metres in length please.



Mort Wignall
Manager Regulatory Services

AQUA AEROBICS

Starting Tuesday, 8 December 2015!

Sessions will be Tuesday & Thursday evenings from 5:30 – 6:30pm

The cost is \$10.00 per session or \$8.00 for those with a Season Pass

For any further queries, please contact Jen Spriggs on 9831 1374

Jen Spriggs
Swimming Pool Manager



CHANGE OF COUNCIL MEETING DATE

The ordinary Council meeting of the Shire of Kojonup scheduled for Tuesday, 15 December 2015 will now be held at 3:00pm on Monday, 14 December 2015 in the Council Chambers.

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR PERIOD – SHIRE OF KOJONUP OFFICE & LIBRARY CLOSURE

Notice is hereby given that the Administration Office and Library of the Shire of Kojonup will be closed for the Christmas period from **2:00pm on Thursday, 24 December 2015** and will reopen at **8:30am on Tuesday, 5 January 2016**.

Please ensure that you exchange your library books and see to your licensing requirements prior to the office closure.

Emergency Contact Number
0427 989 187

We apologise for any inconvenience.

On behalf of the Shire Staff & Council we wish you a safe & happy Festive Season.

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer



LIBRARY CLOSURE

Notice is hereby given that the Library of the Shire of Kojonup will be closed from 4:30pm on Friday, 27 November 2015 and will re-open at 8:30am on Monday, 30 November 2015.

Please ensure that you exchange your library books prior to the library closure.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer

SHIRE OF KOJONUP & SWIMMING POOL EARLY CLOSURE

Notice is hereby given that the Administration Office and Library of the Shire of Kojonup and the Kojonup Swimming Pool will close early on **Friday, 11 December 2015**. The **Administration Office and Library will close at 4:00pm** and the **Pool will close at 5:00pm**.

The Administration Office and Library will also be closing early on **Tuesday, 15 December 2015** at **4:00pm**.

Please ensure that you exchange your library books and see to your licensing requirements prior to the office closure.

Emergency Contact Number
0427 989 187

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer

FAMILY REMEMBRANCE DAY



Kerry and Donald together with the Rotary Club of Katanning invite you, your family & friends to the 2015 Non-denominational Memorial Service.

Where: Prosser Park, Katanning
When: Monday, 7 December 2015
Time: 6:00p.m.

Please bring along any poems, letters or music that you may wish to recite, read or play. You are invited to a Free Sausage Sizzle at the conclusion of the service.

BYO chair/rug – balloons will be supplied

If you require any further details please contact:
B. D. Coventry & Sons – 9821 1079
Marlene Shackley – 9822 8040

BUSHFIRE & WATER SUPPLIES FOR 2015/2016 BUSHFIRE SEASON

Do Not Rely on Scheme Water Supplies During a Bushfire

Residents living in or near bushland are reminded **not to rely on public water supplies if they plan to stay and defend their homes during a bushfire**. If you plan to defend your home, scheme water may not be available due to damaged infrastructure, extreme demand depleting supply and pressure, or a cut to power which is used to pump water.

We really want to get the message out to everyone who may be affected by bushfires that their usual public water supply may not be available. Residents need to have an independent water supply, such as a concrete or steel tank with a minimum 20,000 litre capacity. There are other aspects to think of too, such as what to do if you lose power, what generator you will need, what pipes and fittings you will need as well as length and type of fire hoses.

SOUTHERN AUSTRALIA SEASONAL BUSHFIRE OUTLOOK 2015-16



We have made our own preparations for bushfire season by re-reading equipment and systems to cope with extreme conditions. Despite these efforts, it is likely there will be a reduction in water pressure and scheme water supply tanks may run empty in the event of fire. For more information about preparing a bushfire survival plan and what you will need to actively defend your home, visit the Department of Fire and Emergency Services website www.dfes.wa.gov.au.

The Department of Water has advised people in bushfire prone areas with bores and access to surface water that they can take and store water to support bushfire plans. For more information on how the Department of Water's rules support bushfire preparedness, visit www.water.wa.gov.au/fireplanning

The map below reveals the bushfire outlook for southern Australia through to 2016. Large areas of southern Australia, especially along the east and west coasts extending inland, face above normal fire potential for the 2015/2016 fire season.



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ROAD RIBBON FOR ROAD SAFETY

15 November 2015 – 8 January 2016

Wear a Road Ribbon (which you can pick up from the Shire Office) and help raise awareness of road safety this festive season by reminding your family and friends to:

- Turn off your mobile before driving
- Adapt your speed for the weather, light, traffic and road conditions
- Belt up when travelling in a vehicle
- Take a break, have a rest or if possible swap drivers
- If you are drinking, arrange a skipper, organize public transport or stay overnight

WALGA RoadWise Program
roadwise@walga.asn.au.

Stephanie Waldron
Works Administration Officer

LITTER REPORT SCHEME



Take action on littering –sign up as a Litter Reporter

If you're out and about in a vehicle on a regular basis, chances are you've witnessed some careless littering from a vehicle and perhaps felt a bit powerless to do anything about it.

The good news is, you can take action, and join thousands of others across the state who care about keeping our beautiful state litter-free.



The Keep Australia Beautiful (KAB) Litter Report Scheme allows registered Litter Reporters to report littering or dumping of matter from a car, trailer or boat.

To become a Litter Reporter simply register via the online form. To maintain your confidentiality, you will be assigned a number so that your name and address do not have to appear in the report.

To make a report, access

[www.kabc.wa.gov.au/report-](http://www.kabc.wa.gov.au/report-littering-online-report-form)

[littering online report form](http://www.kabc.wa.gov.au/report-littering-online-report-form), download the smart phone app, or if you prefer, you can report via mailed reporting cards.



When reporting littering it is very important to document collect information on the:

- Vehicle registration
- Make, model and colour of the vehicle
- Date, time and place that the offence was committed
- Type of litter that was deposited
- Description of the offender
- Whether it was the driver or passenger who littered.

When KAB WA receives your litter report, Authorised officers will investigate the complaint and take the appropriate action. An infringement of up to \$500 may be issued for individuals or up to \$2000 for companies.



Now reporting is even easier

Download the smart phone Litter Report App and easily report littering from vehicles.



Whether you want to register for the first time as a Litter Reporter, submit reports quickly, upload photos of offences or make voice recordings of offences, this app is



for you. You can also keep in touch with the Keep Australia Beautiful team on Facebook and keep updated with events, latest news and communicate directly with the KAB team.

Download the free Litter Report app and start reporting today. If smart phones and apps aren't your thing - you can contact us to [register](#) and report via our Litter Report number: 1300 00 REPORT (1300 00 737 678)

Paul Retallack

Senior Ranger/Building Maintenance Coordinator

ENJOY THE RIDE

A message to our precious rural communities this harvest.

Harvest is upon us and the RACE is on again,
Got to get the headers out and gather in the grain.
Got to keep the PACE up, the road trains in top gear,
It's a crazy, hectic, HELL FOR LEATHER, stressful time of year.

Everything is FLAT OUT from the farmhouse to the sheds,
Answering the two way, taking phone calls, making beds,
Cooking meals, drying grain, kids home off the bus,
Moving gear from paddocks with a minimum of fuss.

Harvest is a time to push, to drive the horse power home,
To work long days, and sleep short nights, feel knackered to the bone.
Two weeks down, stress levels high, the team show signs of strain,
The chaser driver hangs on in, with secret hopes for rain,
But harvest stops for no man, and the drive does not subside,
The record year upon us at the forefront of our minds.

Run the lunch out, wash the clothes –
Fix the bust hydraulic hose.
Ring the truckie, feed the chooks –
Update the BAS and office books.

Shift the silo, move the bin –
Which ute was the grease gun in?
Check the bearings, order fuel –
Where's the mobile set of tools?

Note grain prices, load the truck –
WHERE'S he got the chaser stuck?!
Change the tyre, switch to Mace –
Can we keep up at this pace?

Test the sample, take the grain
To CBH then back again,
Pick up parts, drive to town...

AND NOW'S YOUR CHANCE TO STOP - SLOW DOWN.

Leave speed behind you when you put your vehicle on the road,
Rebel against the rush and put yourself in BACK OFF mode,
Make your car your sanctuary, and shut the door on speed,
And from fast-paced harvest pressure let yourself recede.

Let's get through this season, a community together.
Avoid the pain road trauma leaves, the scars that last forever.

Stuck behind a road train? Don't struggle to get past,
When all those tiny seconds saved could end up as your last,
And if you're choked with gravel dust, stress rising deep inside,
BACK OFF, breathe deep, and tell yourself - '
'Slow Down — Enjoy the Ride'

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