



## OFFICE CLOSURE

The Shire of Kojonup Office & Library will be closed from 11:30am until 12:30pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

For emergencies please contact 0427 989 187.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Rick Mitchell-Collins  
Chief Executive Officer

## COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Thank you to all candidates who stood at the recent Council Election and to those community members who voted. The following Councillors were elected for a four year term and will be sworn in at a Special Meeting of Council to be held 9:00am Tuesday, 5 November 2013.

Ronnie Fleay  
Robert H Sexton  
Ned Radford  
Frank Pritchard

On behalf of Council I extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to retiring Councillors Rosie Hewson, Greg Marsh and Michael Baulch for their contributions to the Shire of Kojonup.

## MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

I am pleased to advise that Anthony Middleton has been appointed to the above position and officially commenced duties on Monday 28 October 2013.

Anthony holds a Bachelor of Business and has in excess of 17 years' experience in Local Government, over half of which has been at a senior level. Anthony is well known to the Shire of Kojonup having held the position of Acting CEO until July 2013 and is a valuable addition to the team.

## KODJA PLACE IT UPGRADE

Council recognises the need to progress the IT upgrade and I have appointed Hannah Watkin as Project Manager for this important community project. Hannah holds a Business Management and Marketing degree and will work closely with key stakeholders to ensure database upgrades add value through visual/static displays recognising the special intent and messages to be conveyed, layering to enrich the stories and themes and interaction with users and visitors of this wonderful Storyplace.

## SPRINGHAVEN NEWS

We are gearing up for Melbourne Cup celebrations and the Residents look forward to the sweeps and prizes that are up for grabs! Eight Residents enjoyed morning tea at Country Kitchen having coffee and cake; we will make this a regular event as the weather warms up. Christmas plans are underway, with the weeks slowly creeping by to not give us much time to achieve what we want to achieve. Christmas cakes, shortbread, white Christmas are just a few things we plan to make so if anyone is looking to fill in an hour or two of their day, you are most welcome to come and help us! Cooking will be most Thursday mornings. Pikelet making in the Rec room on Thursday afternoons has been a huge success and the Residents love them. Stay tuned for photos in the next issue of our Melbourne Cup celebrations.

### **BUSINESS BREAKFAST FORUM – THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2013**

I am pleased to advise that Russ Clark - CEO Albany Chamber of Commerce and Industry will be our special guest speaker at the inaugural Business Breakfast Forum which will be held at the Sports Complex from 7.30am until approx. 8.50am on Thursday 28 November 2013

Eggs and bacon, toast/cereal will be available with entry fee being a “pay us what you think is reasonable” and I encourage every business operator to register your attendance with Annie at the Shire Office on or before 26 November.

### **KOJONUP SHOW**

The Community Feedback survey is still open for those who wish to provide their thoughts on the show. The survey can be accessed through the following ways:

1. Shire Office
2. Shire website [www.kojonup.wa.gov.au](http://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au) ‘Doing Business’ ‘Documents & Forms’
3. Shire of Kojonup Facebook page
4. [www.surveymonkey.com/s/V6D9CGN](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/V6D9CGN)

Thank you to those who have already taken the time to fill out the survey.

### **AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2014**

Once again it is the time of year when we have the opportunity to recognise those people whose achievements help to make Kojonup the wonderful community it is.

This is also the time of year when many organisations are holding AGMs, compiling annual reports etc. and I would ask that you give consideration to nominating a long serving or particularly active member for an Australia Day award.

There are four awards presented by the Shire at the Australia Day Breakfast. We are seeking nominations in the following categories:

Certificate of Achievement  
Certificate of Participation  
Certificate of Appreciation  
Community Event of the Year

Community and business groups, organisations and individuals can all be nominated. Nomination forms may be obtained from the Shire, the Shire website or emailed to you.

For further information please contact Joanne Macri at the Shire on 98312400 or email [community@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:community@kojonup.wa.gov.au)

## 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 Townsites. This will be commencing on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013**.

**Please place items for collection 1 metre from the road boundary or kerb.**

**Lawn clippings, asbestos, batteries, waste oil, tyres and general household waste will NOT be collected.**

## SPRINGHAVEN AGED CARE FACILITY

Lynne McIntosh has tendered her resignation and will leave Council on 25 November 2013 after 7 years of dedicated and committed service as Springhaven Manager. Lynne leaves a positive legacy for which the Kojonup Community should be very grateful and on behalf of Council I pass on our very best wishes and appreciation.

## BUSHFIRE UPDATES

### Fire Maps

Updated Kojonup Shire Fire Maps are now available to purchase from the Shire Administration Office for \$20.00 per map.

### Bush Fire Ban Phonenumber – (08) 9831 0145

Simple recorded message service providing information on conditions or bushfire ban updates. It is regularly updated by The Kojonup Shire and Zulu's.

### Bush Fire Emergency – 000 or new number is (08) 9831 1580

This number can be called to report a bushfire emergency as well as 000; it will directly connect you to the CFCO/Zulu on-duty. Remember 000 is still an important number in any emergency situation, so if for some reason you can't get through on the Bush Fire Emergency number please call 000.

### Bush Fire SMS

If you wish to be placed onto the bushfire SMS please contact the Shire 9831 2400 and provide your full name, mobile phone number and brigade/company (if applicable). If your number has changed, or you want to be removed please let us know.

### Prohibited Burning Time

Permits may be issued from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2013 through to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2013 for protective burning ONLY. From the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013 until 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014 NO FIRES may be lit without the express permission of the Chief Fire Control Officer. The Shire Council has authority to extend this date and you should consult with your local Fire Control Officer or ring the hotline on 9831 0145.

### Firebreak Inspection Warning

3 December 2013 – All firebreaks and fire hazard reduction measures to be completed on land within the gazetted Town site

4 December 2013 – Council will conduct its annual firebreak inspection of all land within the gazetted Town site

14 December 2013 – All protective burning and firebreak precautions to be completed on land outside the gazetted Town site

16 December 2013 – Council will commence its aerial and ground inspection process of land outside the gazetted Town site.

Non-compliance may attract a penalty.

## RSL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Kojonup RSL is looking for ex-servicemen or women and/or relatives in the Kojonup area.

This includes nearby towns that do not have an RSL Sub Branch, but would like to become members, or affiliated members, of the Kojonup Branch.

Please contact Graham Pember 9831 1136 or Robert Sexton 9832 3069

## WATERWISE GARDENING WORKSHOP



The Shire of Kojonup in conjunction with the Water Corporation held a free WaterWise Gardening Workshop on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October at the sports complex. Our presenter and expert was Mike Brown from Narrogin Nursery, Café and Gallery. Mike was a wealth of knowledge and gave a fantastic presentation. After supper we had a Q&A session which we all thoroughly enjoyed and had many questions answered. 14 people attended the workshop, which was a perfect number as everyone got to pick Mike's wealth of knowledge. Both Mike and Letisha (from the Water Corp) had plenty of give-aways and even raffled off a trailer load of mulch which was won by Mrs Hillary Bilney! Everyone also went home with a goodie bag from the Water Corp which contained seeds,

gardening gloves and information leaflets plus a few other treasures.

Everyone thoroughly enjoy themselves and came out with some great ideas to improve the effectiveness of their soils and gardening plus reduce their water consumption. A few valuable tips from Mike were;

- Soil wetter your garden in winter when it's raining, saves you turning the sprinkler on and getting water free from the heavens;
- Horse and cow poo are the best manures for the garden with retaining moisture, slowing evaporation and placing micro-organism back into the soil; and
- Gardens need probiotics (such as Neutrog's GoGo Juice) which provides your soil and plants with a huge boost of the living microbiology necessary for them to perform at their optimum level to resist pest and disease and to withstand heat and frost stress.



We hope to hold another workshop in the New Year so keep an eye out in the Kojonup News and on our Facebook page.

## HEAVY HAULAGE DETOUR

Council anxiously awaits results of the traffic surveys recently conducted by the Department of Main Roads and will inform the community upon its release.

## Are you registered to receive the new Shire of Kojonup E-News?

The Shire of Kojonup is now offering updates and information in the form of a fortnightly E-newsletter. The E-newsletter can be found on the Shire Website or alternatively can be sent directly to your e-mail address. To register to receive regular Shire updates please contact Dominique at the Shire Office on [council@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@kojonup.wa.gov.au) A big THANK YOU to those who have already registered.

## LIBRARY NEWS

We decorated the library for Halloween, and really had a great time; the children certainly enjoyed the treats (balloons, toys & lollies).

Many thanks to IGA for the use of their pumpkins and to Flea for the hay.

The display certainly became a great topic for discussion, with many thinking it is an American Holiday, so this is a little of what I researched to share.....

*Today's Halloween customs are thought to have been influenced by folk customs and beliefs from the Celtic-speaking countries, some of which have pagan roots, and others which may be rooted in Celtic Christianity. Historian Nicholas Rogers, exploring the origins of Halloween, notes that while "some folklorists have detected its origins in the Roman feast of Pomona, the goddess of fruits and seeds, or in the festival of the dead called Parentalia, it is more typically linked to the Celtic festival of Samhain", which comes from the Old Irish for "summer's end". Samhain (pronounced SAH-win or SOW-in) was the first and most important of the four quarter days in the medieval Gaelic calendar and was celebrated in Ireland, Scotland and the Isle of Man. It was held on or about October 31 – November 1.*

**Our November book exchange has arrived, so please call in to browse through our new titles, there is something for everyone**

**Covet / Tracey Garvis Graves;** What if the life you wanted, and the woman you fell in love with, belonged to someone else? Chris and Claire Canton's marriage is on life support. Downsized during the recession and out of work for a year, Chris copes by retreating to a dark place where no one can reach him, not even Claire. When he's offered a position that will keep him away from home four nights a week, he dismisses Claire's concern that time apart could be the one thing their fragile union can't weather.

**Doctor Sleep: a novel / Stephen King;** HORROR & GHOST STORIES. An epic war between good and evil, a gory, glorious story that will thrill the millions of hyper-devoted readers of *The Shining* and wildly satisfy anyone new to the territory of this icon in the King canon. King says he wanted to know what happened to Danny Torrance, the boy at the heart of *The Shining*, after his terrible experience in the Overlook Hotel. The instantly riveting *Doctor Sleep* picks up the story of the now middle-aged Dan, working at a hospice in rural New Hampshire, and the very special twelve-year old girl he must save from a tribe of murderous paranormals.

**Unstuck and on target! : an executive function curriculum to improve flexibility for children with autism spectrum disorders / by Lynn Cannon;** For students with autism spectrum disorders, problems with flexibility and goal-directed behaviour can be a major obstacle to success in school and in life. But flexibility and goal-setting can be taught just like any other skill and this how-to manual equips professionals with simple, real-world ways to help students with ASD develop this critical aspect of executive function. A classroom-based intervention approach for high-functioning students ages 8-11, this innovative guide of 27 lessons gives special educators and other service providers ready-to-use lessons that promote cognitive and behavioural flexibility in everyday situations, from compromising with peers to handling schedule changes.



# Play in the Park

## Outdoor Play & Storytime All Welcome

KOJONUP  
Apex Park Albany Hwy



KOJONUP

Wednesday 10-12

4th Wednesday of the month  
except school holidays

*Free*

activities / rhymes / stories  
for you to enjoy with  
your children

For more details contact  
YMCA Albany 9842 1457

24 July

28 August

25 September

23 October

27 November

School Holidays

School Holidays

26 February

26 March

School Holiday

28 May

25 June

23 July



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strong **FAMILIES**  
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## WOULD UP TO \$200 PER CHILD HELP PAY FOR THEIR SPORTING CLUB FEES?

KidSport will assist *eligible* families to receive up to \$200 annually for each of their children aged between 5 – 18 years, to subsidise fees to join a sport and recreation club.

Eligible families include those with health care cards or pension concession cards, or those referred by other community groups such as schools, juvenile justice teams, government agencies and health practitioners. These groups are known as referral agents.

*The process for accessing KidSport is simple!*

Kids and parents/guardians can complete the application by picking one up from the Shire of Kojonup office or their website. The parent/guardian fills in the application and takes it to be validated at the local government they reside in. A photocopy of the health care card or pension concession card must be attached.

Alternatively, referral agents may assist in filling out the application, complete their section on the back and give it to the parent/guardian to sign. The parent/guardian will take the voucher to the sport or recreation club for processing when registering their children. The club will then invoice the Shire. It's that easy! - *To find out who the Referral Agents are in your community please contact the Shire.*

For more information regarding **KidSport** please contact the Shire Kojonup by calling (08) 9831 2400, visit the Shire website [www.kojonup.wa.gov.au](http://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au) or call/email the Club Development Officer, Amelia Simpson, on 0417 484 619, [cdo@shirebt.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@shirebt.wa.gov.au)

**“ENABLING THE CHILDREN OF KOJONUP TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY SPORT AND RECREATION, NO MATTER THEIR FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.”**

### Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

Event	Date	Time	Location
Special Council Meeting	5 <sup>th</sup> November 2013	9:00am	Council Chambers
Council Meeting	19 <sup>th</sup> November 2013	3:00pm	Council Chambers