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## MEDICAL CENTRE UPDATE

Council at its meeting held 21 April 2015 passed the following resolution:-

### That Council:

1. Receive the Chief Executive Officers Report;
2. Directs the CEO to undertake formal independent valuations of 30-34 Katanning Road;
3. Upon the independent valuations being received enter into negotiations with St Luke's Family Practice regarding the purchase of 30 – 34 Katanning Road;
4. Does not progress development of a new Medical Centre or alterations to the Bagg Street Building at this stage given the financial impacts on the Long Term Financial Plan and extent of other projects listed for consideration aligned with the Community Strategic Plan; and
5. Review Aged Care, Medical and Health Services and Infrastructure provision in the 2018/2019 Financial Year.

The resolution does not mean that a Medical Centre will never be built, it merely allows Council to address points 2, 3 and 4 and review Aged Care, Medical and Health Services in the 2018/2019 Financial year when the majority of existing major capital works will have been completed such as the new Day Care Centre, Independent Living Units and Staff housing.

Mr. Church's bequest in accordance with his written wishes will remain in Trust specifically for use for a new Medical Centre unless he advises otherwise.

Council has invited Dr Du Preez to a future Briefing Session to update Council on the transition from Dr. King given community feedback on a number of matters to elected members.

The Shire President will provide further updates in The Kojonup News.

Rick Mitchell-Collins  
*Chief Executive Officer*

## CALL FOR ASSISTANCE WITH WILDFLOWER EVENT

In September, Kojonup will be hosting the launch of the Hidden Treasures of the Great Southern's Annual Bloom Festival at the same time as Kojonup's Wildflower Festival. In preparation for the festival launch and to help showcase Kojonup, an urgent call for donations of large ceramic pots, approximately 50cm in diameter or larger is requested so that the pots can be planted up ready in time for the spring event. If you have any spare planter pots you are willing to donate, please call Marina at the Depot on 9831 2900 or The Kodja Place Visitor Centre on 9831 0500.

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Are you community minded with a few hours to spare each week or month and enjoy sharing with visitors what Kojonup has to offer? Or maybe you've been out of the workforce for some time and looking to revitalise your skills or have even considered a career in tourism or marketing but don't know where to start? Whatever your reason, The Kodja Place Precinct is looking for more volunteers to help build their existing volunteer base in a variety of areas including visitor servicing, the Kodja Gallery, events and assisting with bus and school groups.

"We are looking to build our register of volunteers to help develop The Kodja Place Precinct not only into a major tourist attraction and drawcard for Kojonup, but to also help progress it into a community hub for all locals to enjoy," Manager, Zahra Shirazee said. "It would be fantastic to be able to hold local family events at Kodja Place or attract more school groups but to do this we more people to assist."

"You don't need any experience, just a willingness to learn and ability to deal with people as we will provide training," she said.

Anyone interested in volunteering or wanting to find out more can contact Zahra on 9831 0500 or email [mkpp@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:mkpp@kojonup.wa.gov.au)

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Visiting Author – Megan Henry

A very enjoyable morning, surrounded by books, literature, poetry, and a story of the heart.

Megan spoke very openly and honestly about her life and her battle with mental illness, coming to accept her life and living with changes she had to make to survive. The love of self, the love of family and the love of life. "Always on my mind" is her story so far. Megan's story of growing up in a small country town with the flaming red hair, friendships with the Nyungar children her age, her first love, the shearing industry and her eating disorder. Certainly a colourful life, with more to come.



Megan chatting & signing her book with Emily George, Lowana Jury & Tracy Kilner

Yes!! How lucky are we? ....

Another Author to inspire our reading minds, come enjoy an afternoon with Dave Goddard, presenting Aussie Yarns.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm

*It really surprised me to have in the back of my mind that I recognized this author's name, and yes I remembered Dave (Mr. Goddard back then) from my school days here at Kojonup District High, so I call out to fellow previous students & parents, come in and say hello to Dave if you too remember him.*

**Hiding Place;** Central Australia and Alice Springs are places where many people go to hide from a past. In 2017, life in the area is defined by increasing interracial violence and conflict. For Mick Wilson, a bricklayer and former top-level Australian Rules footballer, it's also a place of unexpected challenge, growth and hope.

Mick, his wife and two kids were living in Adelaide. His wife leaves him for a long-haul truck driver and takes their kids. Mick, heartbroken, has no idea where they've gone, but blindly searches for them, ending up in Alice Springs. He stumbles upon work at a remote cattle station and gets to know the Aboriginal community close by. He also meets three very different women, each of whom will help shape his destiny.

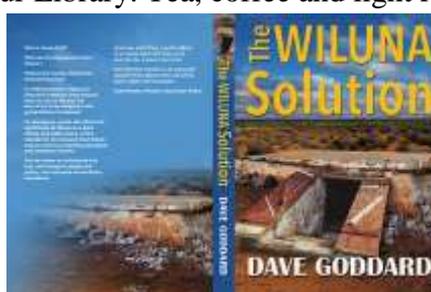
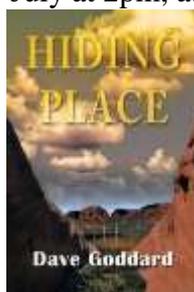
**The Wiluna Solution;** Who is Jessie Croft?

Why has she disappeared from Wiluna?

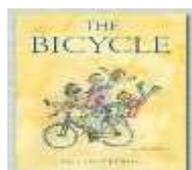
Who are Gabriel, Clarrie and O'Halloran?

What is the mystery behind the mesmerising eyes?

In seeking answers, Detective Inspector Greg Johnson from Kalgoorlie is taken beyond anything he's ever imagined possible, and finds his way of life and the lives of his three daughters and grandchildren threatened. The Wiluna Solution involves solving crime across two different eras. Detective Inspector Johnson is on the verge of retirement when he has to investigate the disappearance a teacher in Wiluna, north of Kalgoorlie. But he also learns a great deal about the significance of Wiluna as a gold-mining and cattle centre, as the rail head for the Canning Stock Route, and as a site for competing Aboriginal and European histories. And he comes to understand that love, and caring for people and justice, can transcend extraordinary boundaries. Dave joins us on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm, at our Library. Tea, coffee and light refreshments to follow.



What's New on our shelves?



**The Bicycle** – Quentin Blake; I hope you'll look out for *The Bicycle*. Isn't it fantastic for kids to see adults contributing to such a project? To me, *The Bicycle* is not only a testament to human creativity, but also a reminder of humanity's need to be compassionate and offer a helping hand to others. This is a great book for children to use their imagination and create a story themselves and then portray they're thoughts into their own words.

**Creed** – Trisha Leaver; YA - When their car breaks down in the middle of nowhere, Dee, her boyfriend Luke, and Luke's brother, Mike, seek help in the nearby town of Purity Springs. But as they walk the vacant streets, the teens make some disturbing discoveries. The seemingly deserted homes each contain a sinister book with violent instructions on disciplining children. The graveyard is full of unmarked crosses. Worst of all, there's no way to contact the outside world. When Purity Springs' inhabitants suddenly appear, Dee, Luke, and Mike find themselves at the mercy of Elijah Hawkins, the town's charismatic leader who has his own plans for the three of

them. Their only hope for survival is Elijah's enigmatic son, Joseph. And his game may be just as deadly as his father's . . .

**Eleanor & Park** – Rainbow Rowell; is the first young adult novel written by Rainbow Rowell, published in 2013. The story follows dual narratives, Eleanor and Park, two misfits living in Omaha, Nebraska in 1986. Eleanor, a full-figured sixteen-year-old girl with big red hair, and Park, a half-Korean sixteen-year-old, meet on a school bus on Eleanor's first day at her new school, and through a connection of comic books and mix tapes of 80's rock music, they create a spark that ignites a love story

**Finding Audrey** – Sophie Kinsella; Audrey can't leave the house. She can't even take off her dark glasses inside the house.

Then her brother's friend Linus stumbles into her life. With his friendly, orange-slice smile and his funny notes, he starts to entice Audrey out again - well, Starbucks is a start. And with Linus at her side, Audrey feels like she can do the things she'd thought were too scary. Suddenly, finding her way back to the real world seems achievable. Be prepared to laugh, dream and hope with Audrey as she learns that even when you feel like you have lost yourself, love can still find you . . .



**Children's Spaces; from zero to ten** – Judith Wilson: To many of us the idea of having children is synonymous with bidding farewell to being in control of our homes. Judith Wilson, mother of two, shows how homes can be adapted for children without surrendering order and good taste--while also ensuring that children have their own wonderful spaces to enjoy. Judith's wise and witty text, combined with lively photography by Debi Treloar, captures the potential for a happy and stylish mix of children and home. \*A wealth of inspiration drawn from the homes of real families, Judith showcases rooms for children between birth and ten years old. \*Covering ideas ranging from full-scale decorative schemes to clever finishing touches.

Lorreen Greeuw  
*Library Services Officer*

## UPCOMING WORKS

- Maintenance Grading
- Culvert Cleaning
- Tree Pruning - Qualeup North Road
- Rose Maze Pruning at The Kodja Place

### Implements - Damage to roads

The Shire wishes to remind road users that implements are lifted high enough so as to not damage the road surface. Road repairs place an unnecessary additional expense to ratepayers.

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

## SHIRE PRESIDENT NEWS

### Kojonup Saleyards

Council is continuing its discussions with the Department of Environment Regulation in an effort to seek a satisfactory resolution to licensing requirements at the Saleyards. It is hoped that this matter can be resolved by September/October 2015.

### Works & Services

Marina and her team have been busy improving the visual amenity of the town by removing litter, dead vegetation, weed spraying, creating new garden beds, etc. which will become the norm rather than the exception for residents and visitors enjoyment.

50 Chinese Elm trees have been planted at the Cemetery plus rose pruning, planting everlasting, poppies and other types to ensure Kojonup and Muradup is “Blooming Marvellous” as we approach spring.

Our Rural Road Grading team is grateful for the recent rain as we continue our extensive road program but more rain is welcomed and we again seek motorists’ compliance with road signage and speed limits. Drainage maintenance, roadside spraying and trimming continue and community members are encouraged to complete maintenance requests for any Works & Services areas that you consider require investigation or attention. For example the Manager Works & Services will liaise with Transport operators on those roads that rank as a priority for sight distance improvements at intersections or safer access with oncoming traffic which presently occurs regarding school bus routes.

### National Stronger Regions Fund – Round 2

Council via the Projects Team has submitted an extensive application to increase investment in the Shire however the success of those initiatives are dependent upon the availability of housing and infrastructure services. If the grant funding is successful it will allow:-

- building of new houses on newly released blocks,
- increased ability to progress sooner rather than later the main street revitalisation and sporting complex upgrades,
- employment opportunities and the ability to attract and employ new professionals to the area, and
- increase school numbers ensuring long term viability through retention and inflow of young families.

Council’s success or otherwise will be known on 31 December 2015.

### Kojonup Tourist Association (KTA)

The transition at Kodja Place continues and Council is working with new KTA Office bearers namely; President – Ian Malane, Vice President – Frank House, Secretary – Robyn Radford and Treasurer – Jill House and Committee members to ensure the future aims and objectives of the Association are realised including consideration at the 21 July 2015 Council Meeting of KTA utilising the CWA building for Tourism and Business promotion and other opportunities.

### Shire President Availability

Community members are reminded that the Shire President is available for appointments Wednesday morning from 10am until noon. Please contact the Personal Assistant to the CEO, Miss Dominique Hodge on (08) 9831 2408.

Ronnie Fleay

***Shire President***

## SPRINGHAVEN NEWS

On Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of July we celebrated Noreen Gliddon's 97<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a Delicious Cake.

Springhaven is celebrating NAIDOC Week from the 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> July. We have done some Dot Paintings Went to visit Kodja Place to have a Tour and some Billy Tea and Damper with Jack which they really enjoyed.

We had a wonderful time on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July when the St Bernard's Children came to us with Geordie and put on a wonderful Drumbeat Concert, the residents loved listening to the musical talents of the students and delighted in talking to the students after the concert whilst they shared Juice Boxes.

We love having visitors around morning tea (10:00am) and Afternoon Tea (3pm) Time.

If anyone has any special talents they would like to share with us such as playing a musical instrument, telling stories, reciting poems, bringing in a Pet to visit, playing (board) games or sporting games or anything at all please come up or contact the OT's on 9831 2800. Thank You.







# Media Release

2 July 2015

## 30,000 premises added to WA construction plan

### nbn updates national construction plan

**nbn** today released its quarterly update to the national rollout plan, adding 30,000 Western Australian homes and businesses to the rollout plan of the **nbn**<sup>™</sup> network and a further 210,000 premises across the country.

New areas that have been added to the rollout include Margaret River, Moora, Kununurra, Kalgoorlie, Maida Vale and many more.

The construction plan provides an indicative schedule for work to commence before the end of December 2016, and now covers more than 318,000 WA homes and businesses.

The expansion of the rollout is an important step toward reaching the goal of connecting 8 million premises to the **nbn**<sup>™</sup> network by 2020.

#### **nbn** spokesperson Peter Gurney said:

"The addition of more than 30,000 homes and businesses is great news for WA and really demonstrates that the roll out continues to grow.

"Our job is to help bridge the digital divide by ensuring that all Australians can have access to fast broadband as soon and as cost-effectively as possible.

"This is exciting news for the areas added to the construction schedule because it means work to deliver fast broadband is expected to be underway by December 2016."

The rollout of the **nbn**<sup>™</sup> network continues to build momentum; more than 1 million homes and businesses across Australia are already able to connect.

**nbn** is planning to release a three-year rollout plan in coming months, where more communities will be added to the roll out plan, including in HFC areas.

More information on the new construction schedule is available at [nbnco.com.au/rolloutplan](http://nbnco.com.au/rolloutplan)

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#### **TABLE BELOW**



**New areas added to the 18-month rollout plan:**

<b>Western Australia</b>		
<b>Region</b>	<b>New suburbs or localities that may be covered or partially covered by work to commence before December 2016</b>	<b>Estimated number of premises covered [Fixed Line]</b>
<b>Goldfields-Esperance</b>	Broadwood, Hannans, Kalgoorlie, Karlkurla, Lamington, Mullingar, Piccadilly, Somerville, South Boulder, South Kalgoorlie, Victory Heights, West Lamington, Williamstown, Boulder	2300
	Coolgardie	400
	Norseman	800
<b>Great Southern</b>	Kojonup	400
	Mount Barker	900
<b>Greater Perth</b>	Boya, Darlington, Gooseberry Hill, Greenmount, Hazelmere, Helena Valley, High Wycombe, Koongamia, Maida Vale, Midland, Midvale, Swan View, Viveash, Woodbridge, Bellevue	5200
	Highgate, Mount Lawley, North Perth, Northbridge, Perth, West Perth, East Perth	1200
<b>Kimberley</b>	Derby	1500
	Kununurra	2000
<b>South West</b>	Augusta	1200
	Bridgetown	1200
	Gracetown, Cowaramup	900
	Margaret River, Prevelly, Gnarabup	4100
	Nannup	300
	Pemberton	300
<b>Wheatbelt</b>	Cunderdin	500
	Moorabool	800
	Narrogin	2200
	Toodyay, Dumbarton	700
	Wagin	800
	Wongan Hills	600



	Wundowie	400
	York	1600
<b>Total</b>		<b>30,300</b>

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**Notes to editors:**

- This media release contains only new areas that have not been announced previously. The rollout plan (link above) contains all work scheduled to commence up to end of December 2016 and the list of areas where work is completed or underway is available at <http://www.nbnco.com.au/content/dam/nbnco2/documents/website-communities-table.pdf>
- **nbn** is committed to fulfilling the Australian Government's policy goal of ensuring all Australians have access to fast broadband as soon and as cost-effectively as possible.
- **nbn's** strategic goals include connecting eight million premises to fast broadband and achieving annual revenue of \$4 billion by 2020.
- **nbn's** current rollout schedule includes all technology in the Multi-Technology-Mix with the exception of HFC and the Long Term Satellite Service. These technologies will be added in a future forecast.
- Your experience including the speeds actually achieved over the **nbn™** network depends on the technology over which services are delivered to your premises and other factors outside our control such as your equipment quality, software, broadband plans and how your service provider designs its network.
- The technology deployed in these communities may also change depending on a number of factors once the construction planning stage has been finalised.
- The exact number of premises as well as the regions covered in the rollout plan may vary once **nbn** has finalised its construction planning.

## Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

Event	Date	Time	Location
Council Meeting	21 <sup>st</sup> July 2015	3:00pm	Council Chambers