CHRISTMAS WISHES

The Kojonup Shire Councillors and Staff wish everyone in our Community a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

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 4.30pm on Tuesday 24th December 2013 and re-open at 8.30am on Monday 6th January 2014.

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

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 A big THANK YOU to those who have already registered.
Rate Notices

Instalment Payers
A reminder to Rate Payers who have elected to pay by option 4, the 3rd instalment is due on Monday 6 January 2014.

Also Rate Payers who have elected to pay by option 3, the 2nd and last payment is due on Monday 6 January 2014.

Overdue Amounts
If you have overdue amounts please note that late payment interest of 11% p/a will/is accruing. Late payment interest does not apply to Pensioners or Senior card holders who are currently registered with the Shire.

If you are unable to make payment or are having other difficulties paying your rates please contact Heather Marland at the Shire on 9831 2400, to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

Pensioner and Senior Card Holders
A reminder to holders of Senior and Pensioner concession cards, it is not too late to register with the Shire for a rebate on the current year’s Rates and ESL charges. To be eligible you must be a card holder and have owned and lived on your property as of the 1st July 2013. To find out more or to register please contact Heather Marland at the Shire on 9831 2400.

Community Groups Contact List 2013-14
Thanks to all those organisations who have returned their Community Contact updates. Your assistance is very much appreciated. To those organisations that have not yet updated their details, or advised their information in unchanged, could you please do so at your earliest convenience by either phoning the Community Services Officer on 98312400, fax 98311566, email community@kojonup.wa.gov.au or hand the form in at the Shire office. Thank you.

Australia Day Awards 2014
The Australia Day awards presented by the Shire are still open for 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
RENAMING THE WEST PORTION OF FORRESTER ROAD TO KESTON VALE ROAD IN THE SHIRE OF KOJONUP – REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

On Tuesday 15\textsuperscript{th} October 2013, Council considered an item for the proposed road name change of the West Portion of Forrester Road to Keston Vale Road within the Shire of Kojonup. The Council invites community comments on the proposed name change. Comments should be submitted in writing and can be hand delivered to the administration office 93 Albany Highway, posted to PO Box 163 Kojonup WA 6395 or emailed to council@kojonup.wa.gov.au

Closing date for comment is 4:30pm, Wednesday 8\textsuperscript{th} January 2014.

The Council item considering the renaming is located in the October Council minutes. These can be viewed on the Shire website, or alternatively, please contact the Shire and a copy can be emailed to you. The item has all the background information about the requests for the change. For further information please contact Rick Mitchell-Collins, CEO at the Shire Office 9831 2400

SPLASHINGS FROM KOJONUP SWIMMING POOL

The Lap Club is underway and several people have already started to count how far they are going. Lauren Thomson 201, Griffin Jones 181, Pamela Thomson 150, Julie Fleay 137, Erin Fleay 128, Stephen Bignell 72, Duncan McQuade 60. There is still time for you to join the challenge!

There are several dates to remember over the next few weeks. We will still have Early Morning Swim from 6.00am till 9.00am on Tuesday to Thursday.

Friday 13\textsuperscript{th} December after Lunch Saint Bernard’s Windup.

Wednesday 18\textsuperscript{th} December KDHS years 1 to 3 Christmas party.

Thursday 19\textsuperscript{th} December after Lunch KDHS Upper School Wind Up.

The Pool is open on these days to the Public but may be hard if wanting to do laps.

For the Christmas break the times are as follows:

Tuesday 24\textsuperscript{th} December the Pool will be closed from 3.00pm.

Wednesday 25\textsuperscript{th} December the Pool will be Closed all day.

Thursday 26\textsuperscript{th} December open from 1.00pm.

Anyone who hasn’t enrolled for the Vacation Swimming Lessons that start on the 30\textsuperscript{th} December, you will be able to do so at the Swimming Pool after 16\textsuperscript{th} December. Any new swimmers must be 5 years old before the start of the series.

All those who need to do their Bronze or a requalification will also need to enrol for the first series as the course is only run in that series. If you have any questions about the classes please speak to Alma.

Everyone have a safe Christmas and hope to see you all soon.

Alma Watson

YMCA Pool Manager

Kojonup Swimming Pool
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – KOJONUP MAIN STREET RENEWAL STRATEGY & DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Shire of Kojonup is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) to undertake a Renewal Strategy and Development Plan of the Kojonup Main Street covering the Northern entry point from Robinson Road to the Southern boundary of Stock Road along the Albany Highway.

The Renewal Strategy and Development Plan upon completion will provide a realistic, measured and achievable approach to not only improving the visual amenity of the Main Street, but also:

- Enhance safety and functionality between pedestrians and vehicles;
- Develop crucial links within the commercial precinct for existing/future growth;
- Establish links with Kodja Place, Apex Park/Potts Memorial/RSL, Shire Offices/Civic Centre;
- Define and improve off-street parking/community space;
- Enhanced signage/street furniture;
- Encompass and promote Historical/Cultural values; and
- Concept design of shopfront facades/colour schemes.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the Personal Assistant to the CEO, Miss Dominique Hodge on 9831 2408 or cso1@kojonup.wa.gov.au.

Expressions of Interest are to be:
1) Received in writing by the closing date,
2) Clearly marked with “Expression of Interest”,
3) Include the price offered including GST, and
4) Marked attention to the Chief Executive Officer.

**Closing Date: 4.30pm, Thursday 6th February 2014**

These can be:

Mailed to: Shire of Kojonup
PO Box 163,
KOJONUP WA 6395

Delivered to: Shire Office at 93-95 Albany Highway, Kojonup.

Emailed: council@kojonup.wa.gov.au, or

Faxed: (08) 9831 1566

Council reserves the right to not necessarily accept the highest or any offer.

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer
SPRINGHAVEN NEWS

Our annual Springhaven Christmas party was a huge success and judging by the very tired Residents after, a good time was had by all. We thank David and Nancy from IGA for the beautiful spread of food, IGA always do a fantastic job and we are very appreciative and lucky to have this service in Kojonup. Residents had family members travel as far as Coorow to join them for their special day and the joy on their faces is what makes working at Springhaven with the Residents an absolute joy. Father Christmas aka Dazza from the cop shop did a great job of entertaining although we were slightly worried when he scooped Jean Smith up and took off out the door! I couldn’t have got through the day without some very special people and to them, I thank you – Jody, Lana, Lucy, Heather, Robyn-Joy, Sofia and a handful of Residents – thank you for helping me to set up on the Tuesday and for cleaning up on Wednesday, without your help the day would not have happened.

Throughout the year we always are so lucky to have such wonderful people who bring joy to our Residents. Rosey McKenzie, Reverend Lindy, Audrey Jessop, Friends of Springhaven, Renew Shop, Bill Thompsett, Monday Craft ladies, Joyce Reid and Peter Anderson for Bridge on Mondays, Robert Sexton, Peter Mason and Graham Pember for their ANZAC and Remembrance Day Services, the students and staff at KDHS, Red Cross ladies, Catholic Church, Uniting Church, Curly Wig Salon, Helen Bignell. I apologise if I have forgotten someone but we are fortunate to have so many people come through our doors.

I will say a big huge thankyou to some very clever ladies – Heather Marland, Lorreen Greeuw, Lisa Bellotti, Francis Gale, Jody Stevens and Kylie Leusciatti. Your contribution to the Residents scrapbook photo album was very much appreciated and the books were a huge success. I cannot thank you ladies enough.

Wishing everyone a very happy Christmas and a safe New Year.

SPRINGHAVEN PHOTOS

Pictured above is Rosemary Reid and her daughters Geraldine & Jane
Pictured above is Enid Crouch and her family

Pictured above is staff member (Elf) Nicole Pape and Santa

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Premiers Summer Reading Challenge - *Reading is out of this world*
Register online for a chance to win great prizes & raise funds at [www.summerreadingchallenge.org.au](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.au)

What’s New? 😊

**The dad factor: how the father-baby bond helps a child for life / Richard Fletcher.** FAMILY, HOME AND PRACTICAL INTERESTS. New research into child development is producing some surprising findings. One is that in the first hours after birth a baby can be looking for its father. Another is that when fathers create a bond with their child from the earliest days this boosts the way their child's brain develops. In this stimulating book, Richard Fletcher, a pioneer researcher on fathers’ role with young children, provides the hard evidence and practical guidance for fathering that builds children's brains and capabilities.

**Router: a craftsman's guide / Alan Goodsell.** WOODWORKING. The router is the most useful and versatile of all woodworking power tools, lightweight and inexpensive; it is a must-have tool for the workshop. This book will show you everything you need to know to create your own impressive and practical pieces of work. You can learn quickly and easily using the combination of reading the book and watching the accompanying DVD. This book and the accompanying DVD will show you, the craftsman or budding craftsman, that a router is the most versatile woodworking power tool in the shop. You will see how some of the fundamental techniques of routing can be employed to create impressive pieces of work. The techniques can be learned quickly and easily using a unique combination of reading the book and watching the accompanying DVD. This immersion into the world of routing will ensure that the skills you learn will stay with you and that you will be able use them to your own requirements.

**Jessi-cat: the cat that unlocked a boy’s heart / Jayne Dillon with Alison Maloney.** Lorcan Dillon was seven years old when his mother, Jayne, first heard him say 'I love you.' The words were not directed at her, but at Jessi-cat, the family pet. Lorcan suffers from autism and selective mutism, a condition that renders him unable to speak in certain situations, unable to express emotions or enjoy hugs and he has never told anyone he loves them. He didn't speak to anyone at school and lived in his own silent world. This all began to change with the arrival of a kitten named Jessi-cat. I Love You; Jessi-cat is the stirring tale of how the affection and attention of a constant loving companion allowed a little boy to start to connect to the world around him. Lorcan spends hours playing with her, cuddling her and telling her how much he loves her. He has also begun opening up to others, making friends at school and is constantly making progress. Jessi-cat proved so inspiring that she was named Best Friend and National Cat of the Year 2012 by the Cat's Protection Awards. This book charts the story of this great friendship and how the love between a young boy and his pet has changed his life forever.

**Flying monsters / Liz Miles.** This dynamic, lavishly illustrated book plunges the reader into the world of breath-taking giant dinosaurs not as dusty fossils, but as living, breathing animals.
Sugarlump and the unicorn / written by Julia Donaldson ; illustrated by Lydia Monks. What adventures would a rocking horse have if only he were a real horse? What if he were a racehorse? Or a circus horse? Is it too late to change his mind?

Santa's new suit : a pop-up story / written by Jenny Broom. Picture book. Pop-Up Book. When Santa pulls out his suit, he's horrified to discover it's covered in stains, rips and scratches-and it feels rather tight! Undeterred, Santa decides this is his chance to try something new. Thankfully Mrs Claus surprises Santa with a brand new red suit-Christmas is saved!

Hasn’t the year just flown by? We have been so busy with the delivery of ‘A Smart Start’, ‘Play in the Park’ with Jamie & Dora from Albany, exchanges, purchasing new resources for the library, Story time & Rhyme time. It has been a time of learning & sharing especially with the Better Beginnings Initiative for the Kindy & Pre-Primary students at our Schools, whom I had the greatest pleasure reading too and then giving them their book & library bag to keep, so many smiles & happy faces. I feel the biggest event for our library was the delivery of “Safe4Kids” with Holly-Ann Martin & how as Parents, Aunts, Uncles, Grandparents & Community Members the importance of keeping our Children Safe from Child Abuse. Congratulations to the Schools for following on and having the Teachers Trained & the Children taught ‘Protective Behaviours’.

The Christmas Tree & Library has been decorated once again. And our last Story time is this Friday at 10:30am, I will be wearing my Christmas Hat, will you wear yours?

It is with great pleasure I thank the girls whom I work with, Kerry, Bec & Hailey, you all make the library a great place for our community to belong to. I appreciate all you have done through the year with covering for me and the Saturday mornings. I wish you and your families the best the Christmas Season can offer. Love, laughter & family xxx

To all our Library Members, we too wish you the Merriest of Christmas’s, A Happy & Joyful New Year. We all look forward to seeing you next year all safe, happy and refreshed, ready for a huge 2014…………….Lorreen & the Girls xxx
Council has been informed by the Department of Main Roads that road repairs and resealing of the Main Street is proposed for February/March 2014 after the school holiday period. Public Notices will be published by the Department and at this stage it is envisaged that trucks and buses will be diverted via Pensioner Road for a three week period.

Submissions are being prepared in accordance with the Community Strategic Plan 2013-23 seeking funds to enable an initial Expression of Interest to be called to assist Council develop a Master Plan for the Sports Precinct presently bounded by Blackwood Road/Delaney Street/ Benn Parade and Pensioner Road.

Possession of a Master Plan will provide Council, existing and potential users a vision of potentially what could be achieved from a coordinated, planned and fully costed approach that is:-

1. A demonstrated community need,
2. Affordable,
3. Appropriately resourced and managed,
4. Sustainable.

Council is also keen to explore opportunities to maximise sustainable facility improvements and active/passive recreational pursuits including cultural/heritage trails.

I emphasise the words “explore opportunities” as it is not Council’s desire to create unrealistic expectations or unwarranted concern in the community that there will be major changes however; Council is obliged under the integrated planning and reporting framework to assess and review assets such as buildings, roads, footpaths etc. to ascertain their effective life span, cost of replacement, annual maintenance requirements, level of rating subsidy (if any), usage and value to the community.

Applications are also presently being prepared for the Great Southern Development Commission, Department of Health, Commonwealth Departments, Lotteries West and other potential funding avenues for an independent specialist to undertake a holistic Aged Care/Medical/Health Services and Facilities Plan during 2014 not only for the Shire of Kojonup but also from a Regional perspective given our location on the Albany Highway and the distance to existing services and facilities.

This week all Councillors participated in a two day training course run by the Australian Institute of Company Directors. The sessions provided valuable professional development. Our neighbouring Shires were also invited to participate and we are pleased to have seen representatives from three other Councils at the course.

The Australian Institute of Company Directors (Company Directors) is an internationally-recognised, member-based, not-for-profit organisation that provides leadership on director issues and promotes excellence in governance and is recognized as the leading program in Australia for all directors.

On behalf of Councillors and Staff, I wish you all a safe and happy festive season.

Ronnie Fleay
Shire President
Ribbons a reminder to be safe on the roads this festive season

With the festive season approaching, the Shire of Kojonup is joining forces with WALGA’s RoadWise Program to take part in the White Ribbons™ for Road Safety campaign. The campaign reminds everyone about their responsibility for ensuring the roads are safe over the busy holiday season.

The long term vision for road safety in WA is that no-one is killed or seriously injured from road crashes. To achieve this vision requires shared responsibility where we all have a role to play in working towards a safe system.

The safe system approach aims for a road network that protects road users and prevents crashes that result in death and serious injury.

As part of the safe system, road users are responsible for behaving safely, obeying road rules and purchasing safe vehicles with key safety features.

So this holiday season, the Shire is urges residents to make sure they do the right thing on the roads – don’t drink and drive, don’t drive tired, wear a seatbelt and don’t speed.

You can help raise awareness of the importance of road safety by wearing a white ribbon. They are available free of charge from the Shire of Kojonup office.

*White Ribbons™ for Road Safety* campaign will run from 17 November 2013 through until 6 January 2014.

**SUMMER CAMP - DWELLINGUP**

*The Ultimate Summer Camp*


Discounts are offered for bookings of 3 or more days and for family groups.

Limited spaces each day, so for more information detailing the great holiday program and for enrolment forms visit the website – [www.dareadventures.com.au](http://www.dareadventures.com.au)
**Planning and Development Act 2005**

**SCHEME AMENDMENT AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION**

**Shire of Kojonup**  
**Town Planning Scheme No. 3**  
**Amendment No. 10**

Notice is hereby given that the Local Government of the Shire of Kojonup has prepared the abovementioned scheme amendment for the purpose of:

1. Removing Lot 3 (No. 32) Spring Street, Kojonup from the Recreation Local Scheme Reserve classification and including it within the Public Purposes Local Scheme Reserve classification.
2. Amending the face of the Scheme Map accordingly.

Plans and documents setting out and explaining the scheme amendment have been deposited at the Shire of Kojonup Offices, 93 Albany Highway, Kojonup and will be open for inspection during office hours up to and including **Thursday 9 January 2014**.

Submission on the scheme amendment may be made in writing on Form No. 4 and lodged with the undersigned on or before **Thursday 9 January 2014**.

**Rick Mitchell-Collins**  
Chief Executive Officer  
**Shire of Kojonup**  
20 November 2013
TAKE THE
Act-Belong-Commit
CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE

The silly season is just around the corner! While Christmas is often a time to celebrate the year’s successes, indulge in delicious Christmas treats and spend quality time with loved ones, it can also be a stressful and emotional time for many people.

This festive season, Mentally Healthy WA’s Act-Belong-Commit team is inviting you to boost your mental wellbeing by participating in the inaugural Act-Belong-Commit Christmas Challenge.

The four week challenge kicks off this Monday!

1. DOWNLOAD weekly tips from the Act-Belong-Commit website each Monday starting Monday 2nd December.

2. DO SOMETHING each week during the challenge period: pick one activity for the week, or challenge yourself to a daily activity, it’s up to you!

3. SHARE your journey by posting photos of your Act-Belong-Commit activities to Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. Use the hash tag #ActBelongCommitXmasChallenge (and tag Act-Belong-Commit @actbelongcommit).

Mentally Healthy WA
Post a photo of yourself taking part in the challenge on social media to get a free t-shirt, visit www.actbelongcommit.org.au to find out how.
In January 2014 the Great Southern Development Commission, in partnership with supporting Shires, will once again fund the ‘Holiday bus’ for youth between 14 - 18 years of age. Younger children are welcome but must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

The bus will collect youth from Wagin, Woodanilling, Katanning, Broomhill, Tambellup, Cranbrook, Kendenup and Mt Barker.

This is a great opportunity for teenagers living in the Great Southern to have a day with friends at the beach, pool, go shopping or go to the cinema in Albany.

Children are more than welcome to bring their boogie boards, surf boards, skateboards, helmets and bikes.

WE WILL ONLY BE PROVIDING THE BUS SERVICE.

ONCE YOUR CHILD IS DROPPED OFF, WE DO NOT HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEM.

The children will be dropped off at five points around Albany: The Cinema, Peels Place Lower York St, The Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre, Middleton Beach and The Skate Park.

**Dates:** The service will run on the following dates in January 2014
- Tuesdays: 2nd, 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
- Thursdays: 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

**Bookings are essential**
$5 per person per trip.

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**Booking & Contact Information**

If you are wanting to book your seats for the 2014 Holiday Bus or have any questions do not hesitate to call or email Cheyenne Kay at the Tambellup Community Resource Centre on Phone: 9825 1177  Email: trainee2@tambellupcrc.net.au
The 12 Do’s of Christmas

1. Buy good quality decorations that can be reused year after year, or make your own.
2. Set up a recycling station for your workplace Christmas party and make sure the signage is clear so that no matter how much fun everyone is having, they know where the recycling goes. Download signage from BusinessRecycling.com.au.
3. Give thoughtful gifts. Find out what your recipients really want, or choose an experience or charity gift.
4. Choose reusable or recyclable wrapping, like paper. For extra points, use recycled content paper.
5. Plan ahead to prevent food wastage. For tips on serving sizes, the best way to store food, and recipes that use leftovers, visit LoveFoodHateWaste.nsw.gov.au
6. Compost or worm farm your unavoidable food scraps. Fruits and vegetables and their peels, pits and seeds are all perfect for composting.

Tis the season to commit to reduce, reuse and recycle

Shire of Kojoanup proudly supports Planet Ark’s RecyclingNearYou.

www.kojonup.wa.gov.au
Most food and drink packaging is recyclable. **Sort and flatten** it to fit as much as possible in your bin. Check what’s recyclable in your area at RecyclingNearYou.com.au.

If you give or receive a **mobile phone**, make sure you recycle the old one through MobileMuster. Visit RecyclingNearYou.com.au to find out what to do with other unwanted electronics like old printers and cartridges.

If you’re giving a battery-operated gift, **include a battery recharger and rechargeable batteries too** - it’ll save the recipient money! For information on battery recycling, visit RecyclingNearYou.com.au.

Reduce the impact of your holiday travelling and fuel costs by making sure your **tyres are inflated to the correct pressure** and your engine is **tuned**. Remember to recycle old car oil, tyres and batteries - to find out where, visit RecyclingNearYou.com.au.

**Recycle your Christmas cards at home, or use them for arts and crafts.**

If you choose a **live Christmas tree**, ask your council if they have a special collection or a mulching service, or if you can take the tree to your local recycling facility.

Do even more for the environment this festive season by sharing this factsheet with others and visiting 12dos.planetark.org to download social media graphics and other resources.
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

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

For more details contact
YMCA Albany 9842 1457

YMCA
We build strong People
strong Families
strong Communities

Albany Public Library

4+ City of Albany

Communities for children
Amity Health

Supported by the Australian Government
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 or call/email the Club Development Officer, Amelia Simpson, on 0417 484 619, cdo@shirebt.wa.gov.au

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

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