

Shire of Kojonup E-News

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UPCOMING WORKS

- Shoulder grading of all bitumen roads
- Install gravel around graves at cemetery
- Working on 2015/2016 budget
- Commenced winter hours for depot crew (7am – 4pm) 9 day fortnight
- Engaged services of Mrs Marina Murray as our Supervisor Horticultural Tradesperson who will commence on 18 May 2015

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

THE AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) will be conducting address canvassing in Kojonup. This work is to develop the ABS Address Register, a comprehensive list of physical addresses and land use in Australia. ABS Officers will have official ABS field identification visible at all times. They will be walking and observing physical addresses and will not make contact with residents in private dwellings. At no stage will the ABS be collecting personal information.

However, ABS Officers may need to approach businesses to seek additional information. ABS Officers will be in the field between **May** and **September**. If you have any questions, or would like additional information regarding the field exercise, the ABS is currently undertaking please phone the National Information Referral Service on **1300 135 070**.

BUSHFIRE PRONE AREA MAP

The Office of Bushfire Risk Management (OBRM) is currently developing a state-wide Bushfire Prone Area Map. The Shire is currently awaiting confirmation of the areas of Kojonup that may be affected. What this means for landowners in areas affected are likely to be additional construction requirements for houses to meet Australian Standard 3959 “Construction of buildings in bushfire-prone areas”.

The Maps are still being developed and there will be a four month phase-in period for the requirements to come into effect. The Shire will provide updates as they become available. More information on the OBRM is available at: <http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/waemergencyandriskmanagement/obrm/Pages/default.aspx>



SHIRE OF KOJONUP

Executive Assistant

The Shire of Kojonup is looking for a suitable person to join its Governance team in the position of Executive Assistant.

The successful applicant will be responsible for:

- providing confidential administrative and secretarial support to the Chief Executive Officer, Executive Managers and Shire President;
- preparation of Council & Committee Agenda and Minutes; and
- co-ordinating advertising/media requirements.

Time management, personable nature, continuous improvement, high work ethic and the desire to work as part of a close knit team are attributes required for this challenging but rewarding position.

This full-time position is offered on a permanent basis. Salary and conditions will be in accordance with the Local Government Industry Award 2010 and the All of Staff Agreement 2011 and will be paid at a Level 5.1 (\$58,526.49 gross per annum).

For a copy of the position description please go to www.kojonup.wa.gov.au. For further information please contact Rick Mitchell-Collins, Chief Executive Officer on 9831 2400.

Applications addressing the selection criteria, including a covering letter and up-to-date resume are to be forwarded to the undersigned, PO Box 163, KOJONUP WA 6395 on or before Thursday 11 June 2015 at 4:30pm.

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer



SHIRE OF KOJONUP

Community Development Officer

The Shire of Kojonup is looking for a suitable person to join its Community & Regulatory Services team in the position of Community Development Officer.

The successful applicant will be responsible for:

- liaise with and support community and tourism development;
- creating a vibrant and enriched Kojonup community through the planning, research, development and delivery of community development programs, services and events on behalf of the Shire.
- develop, coordinate and implement strategies to communicate and positively promote relevant projects and events to community groups and other stakeholders.
- research and prepare grant applications and acquittals for community development projects under the direction of the Manager.
- liaise with community groups and other stakeholders as required, to examine community services needs and in consultation with the Manager, develop initiatives within key areas

Time management, personable nature, continuous improvement, high work ethic and the desire to work as part of a close knit team are attributes required for this challenging but rewarding position.

This full-time position is offered on a permanent basis. Salary and conditions will be in accordance with the Local Government Industry Award 2010 and the All of Staff Agreement 2011 and will be paid at a Level 4.1 (\$55,317.12 gross per annum).

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SHIRE PRESIDENT NEWS

Kodja Place – Interpretative Review and Museum WA Workshops

Thank you to community members who attended the Kodja Place Precinct Curatorial Audit and Museum WA workshops.

As stated by Deputy Shire President, Cr Robert Sexton when welcoming participants “*The Kojonup Shire Council has taken a re-invigorated and pro-active approach to the discussions on the future directions of The Kodja Place Precinct, in this context the Council is fully supportive of these series of meetings to give guidance to Council on future determinations.*

The Council sees the future of the Kodja Place as being an integral part in the development of the Main Street Master Plan that is currently under active discussion. Again in the context of The Kodja Place Precinct, the Council is treating The Kodja Place proper including the Café, The Rose Maze, Apex Park, The RSL Hall and the Railway Reserve as all part of The Kodja Place Precinct.

A budgeted figure has not yet been determined by the Council as to the extent of Councils monetary involvement in any future development, that figure will be determined in the normal budgetary process that includes these series of meetings that are now occurring. The Council is fully supportive of the process now occurring and will take into account public aspirations and expectations coupled with fiscal responsibility.”

National Stronger Regions Fund & Ageing in the Bush

Council has received advice that we were unsuccessful in our Round 1 application seeking \$1.7M from the National Stronger Regions Fund. Round 2 applications close 31 July 2015 and Council will lodge an application. There were 5 successful applicants in WA – Albany, Mount Marshall, Serpentine/Jarrahdale, Belmont and Northam. There were only 51 successful applicants from 405 applications received! So to put this into perspective – 354 applications (87.5%) were unsuccessful!

The State numbers of successful projects were Victoria 19, NSW 12, QLD 7, WA 5, SA 4, TAS 3 and NT 1.

Council is awaiting advice of its success or otherwise in relation to a \$645k Ageing in the Bush grant to construct 3 Independent Living Units at Loton Close to compliment the 3 units to be constructed from the VROC (CLGF) funds which are to be released to Kojonup next month.

Horticulture Supervisor

Following interviews, the CEO has appointed Marina Murray to the above position effective 18 May 2015. Marina should be well known to community members having held a similar position with Council from 1999 to 2006 and being heavily involved in Tidy Towns and Townscape improvements. Council is delighted to have Marina return to Kojonup.

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

LIBRARY NEWS

A fantastic afternoon chatting with Linda Bettenay as she introduced us to her new book 'Wishes for Starlight'. We do have copies here at the library if you would like a copy to read.



'Wishes for Starlight' is steeped in our pioneering history: when the orchards, the dams and the timber mills were being established, when typhoid epidemics threatened daily survival and fears of forest fires, destitution and starvation were very real. A time when the Zig Zag railway was built, the horse and cart reigned and barn dances provided entertainment.

Everyday life occurs on every page of this book and the reader is transported to a simpler but also much crueller and more confronting time.

Do you use '**BORROWBOX**' as part of your audio listening time?

If so, I have good news to share with you.

You can now return books sooner, borrow more, more freedom to change your reserves if you change your mind, better tracking of your listening pleasure, download faster, even the choice to listen faster, better navigation, new sleep timer function.

Or if you would like to know more about the free Audio App, call into the library.

New to our Library

The devil's own / Sandra Brown. (AUDIO) ROMANCE. From the start, Kerry Bishop anticipated danger: She expected unimaginable fear. In a terrifying race to save nine children, she prepared for the fight of her life. But she wasn't prepared for a passion almost as dangerous as the mission she had undertaken. At the first, Linc O'Neil appeared to be exactly the kind of man Kerry needed: strong, ruthless and definitely too drunk to care about helping her steal a truck to get past the guards. Then she discovered her mistake. Linc was not a hardened mercenary; the heavy gear he carried was not guns but cameras. She had hijacked a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist. Now he was their last hope. Dependent on a stranger, Kerry refused to let unexpected desire complicate their mission. If Linc had the mistaken impression that she was a woman of the church, she was not about to correct him.

All my tomorrows / Ellie Dean. (LARGE PRINT) As enemy planes bomb the East End, Ruby Clark is fighting for her life against her brutal husband and is forced to flee London. Ruby's billet in Cliffhaven is comfortable and the job in the tool factory is well-paid. But when her landlord makes unwelcome advances, Ruby faces life on the streets. Until an unexpected turn of events brings her to Peggy Reilly's boarding house. Ruby dares to hope for a brighter future now she has the love and support of those at Beach View. But swiftly-moving events in London mean that it is all about to change...

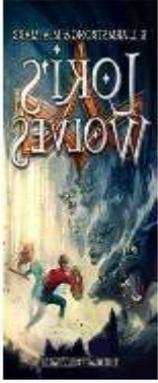
Run for home / Dan Latus. (LARGE PRINT) British counter-intelligence officer Harry Gibson finds the murdered bodies of his three colleagues in their safe houses in Prague and knows he has to get out before he becomes the fourth. The uncertainty of the attacker's identity ensures Harry can trust no one. Seeking sanctuary back in the UK, there is no peace with so many unanswered questions and the knowledge that someone dear to him has been left behind. Harry must return to Prague and submerge himself in the changing and dangerous landscape if he is to uncover the far-reaching conspiracy in the ranks of his own service.

Feast: food that celebrates life / Nigella Lawson. Whether you're hosting Christmas dinner, planning a wedding or having a children's party, you'll find a deliciously simple recipe for any occasion. With warm and witty food writing, clear recipes and ingredients lists and a beautiful hardback design, this is a book you will treasure for many years as well as a delicious gift for friends and family. Thanksgiving and Christmas turkey and ham, mince pies and Christmas cake.



My presents / Rod Campbell. (Junior) POP-UP & LIFT-THE-FLAP BOOKS. It's my birthday! I'm having a party. All my friends have brought presents...shall we open them? Lift the flaps and find out what's inside all the presents. Then open the very last one and look inside the basket to find the best present of all! This lift-the-flap story from the creator of preschool classic DEAR ZOO is sure to delight young children -- and would make the perfect birthday gift. Ages

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Loki's wolves / K.L. Armstrong, M.A. Marr. (JF) can stop. When this apocalypse happens, the gods must battle the monsters – wolves the size of the sun, serpents that span the seabeds - all bent on destroying the world. But the gods died a long time ago. Matt Thorsen knows every Norse myth, saga, and god as if it was family history - because it is family history. Most people in the modern-day town of Blackwell, in fact, are direct descendants of either Thor or Loki, including Matt's classmates Fen and Laurie Brekke. But knowing the legends and completely believing them are two different things. When the rune readers reveal that Ragnarok is coming and kids - led by Matt - must stand in for the gods in the final battle, Matt can hardly believe it. Matt's, Laurie's, and Fen's lives will never be the same as they race to put together an unstoppable team to stop the end of the world.

STORYTIME DATES:

Reading starts at 10:30am and we read & sing for about 30 minutes

22nd May 2015

5th June 2015

19th June 2015

3rd July 2015

Celebrating FAMILIES WEEK.....

Join with Hannah and Lorreen at the Complex on May 21st as we discover & join in at the TEDDY BEARS PICNIC from 9.30am-11.30am.

With activities, Kindy Gym, Story time, Morning Tea & much much more....

Come meet our **Special Guest**, and make sure you bring your Teddy (make sure he/she has his name attached in case he hides when it's time to go home, and we'll make sure he gets back to you.

Come meet the Community Services of Playgroup, A Smart Start, Amity Health, Wanslea, 4families, Relationships Australia and your Kojonup Shire!!



PLAY IN THE PARK ☺

27th May 2015 - See you at the Apex Park from 10am-12pm.

Free Community Event, I'm wondering what our activity will be this time???? Maybe Cloud Dough

Lorreen Greeuw

Library Services Officer

PUBLIC TRUSTEE DEPARTMENT SESSION

Helen Makeham from the Public Trustee Department in Perth is coming down to Springhaven on the 25th May at 1.30pm. An invitation has been extended to the wider community for those who are interested in finding out more information. The session will go for an hour and will cover the following topics:

- The role of Service Providers
- Enduring Power of Guardianship
- Advanced Health Directives
- Decision making in line with guardianship

If you would like to attend the talk then please RSVP to Jody Stevens at Springhaven on 9831 2800 by Thursday 21st May.

KODJA PLACE & WA MUSEUM VISIT

Telling our story to the world

Over the years the people of Kojonup have been happy to share our stories. The Kodja Place has been one proof of this fact and the community has once again been invited to do the same. Last week the WA Museum sent two members of their New Museum Project team to Kojonup as part of its endeavour to gather the thoughts of all West Australians, so that the stories within the New Museum express 'The Heart of our State- the soul of our people'. The New Museum will include a new building and some refurbishment of the old and will be situated in the Perth Cultural Centre, opening in 2020.

Philippa Rogers and Jeff Hurley led two sessions of discussions with a total of over 50 local residents in which we discussed what stories we would like the world to know about our community, how we would like those stories to be told and how the WA Museum could help us to be included in their activities. Lively discussions which displayed the pride we have in Kojonup's history, diversity and resilience, as well as some of the issues that we face and the need to inform the world of the contribution communities such as ours make, were all freely expressed.

Pictured at right (L to R) Annabel House, Liz Heggaton, Zahra Shirazee, Philippa Rogers (WA Museum), Dick Padbury and Frank Pritchard at the WA Museum/Kodja Place workshop on 7 May. Photo by Wendy Thorn.



The Kodja Place interpretive review

These sessions provided an ideal opportunity for historian and curator Dr Sue Graham-Taylor AM to also gather the community's thoughts on The Kodja Place. Sue has been engaged to review the interpretive displays in The Kodja Place Precinct and was in Kojonup for the week talking to all stakeholders and the community about what aspects of the displays we like and dislike, what stories are missing and what are the aspirations of various groups and the community at large. We look forward to seeing Sue's draft report in two months' time. This report will help us to build on the stories told at The Kodja Place, make adjustments to some of the individual displays, add some fresh 'wow' factor, and further integrate the display spaces and visitor facilities across the precinct.

Thank you

We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to Rosie Hewson who volunteered many hours to make the workshop sessions with the WA Museum and Sue Graham-Taylor so productive and enjoyable. We extend our sincere thanks to the Kodja Place Advisory Committee members, all the individuals and groups at The Kodja Place, catering businesses, and Shire councillors and staff for all your help and input during last week. Once again the Kojonup community rallied to put its best foot forward and we thank all participants at the workshop sessions, as well as the Noongar community for discussions with Sue at the Noongar Centre and being part of a lunch at The Kodja Place. Special thanks to Kathy Durack and Jecky Harvey for your assistance with the latter. Jecky, Wendy Thorn, Chris Lewis and Jill Robertson helped make the Storyplace sparkly for Sue's visit – thank you! We also acknowledge the wonderful men who helped with the upgrade of lighting in the Shearing Shed display, which has brought to life the large shearing graphic – Paul Retallack, Ned Radford, John Lewis, Brent Simpson, Gary Fleay and Ryan Thomson.

Barbara Hobbs & Marg Robertson

SPRINGHAVEN NEWS

The Residents have had a special brunch to celebrate Mother's Day; we thank the families that were able to travel far and wide to join us. The food, as always, was delicious! Thank you - Heather, Robyn, Awhina and Jody for their preparation. As you can see from the photos, an enjoyable time was had by all.



We have welcomed some new staff recently, Donelle, Zanche, Kay, Hayley, Mandy (sorry if I have forgotten anyone!), we like new faces as well as existing!

We are looking forward to having a bus trip out to Jody's farm, pictures in the next issue.

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR WINTER STORMS? DID YOU KNOW?

- Severe storms impact the southern half of WA from May to October each year.
- The impact of storms is often underestimated, but they can be extremely dangerous and destructive with lightning, hail, flash flooding, gale force winds and even tornadoes.
- Dangerous storms are the most common natural hazard in Australia and can cause millions of dollars in damage and pose a threat to people and properties.
- Stay safe and minimise property damage by clearing gutters, trimming tree branches, and putting away loose items or furniture around your home.

For more information visit www.dfes.wa.gov.au/WinterSAFE and download a copy of *Preparing for Storms*.

KOJONUP'S NEW SETTLING PONDS - WASTE WATER REUSE SCHEME

Under Kojonup's waste water reuse scheme, the construction of two settling ponds to receive waste water from the saleyards truck wash is nearly completed. The ponds have been raised, rather than dug into the receiving soil, to enable the ponds to operate under gravity to the sewer (i.e. reducing ongoing running costs) as well as to provide some vertical separation between the receiving environment.

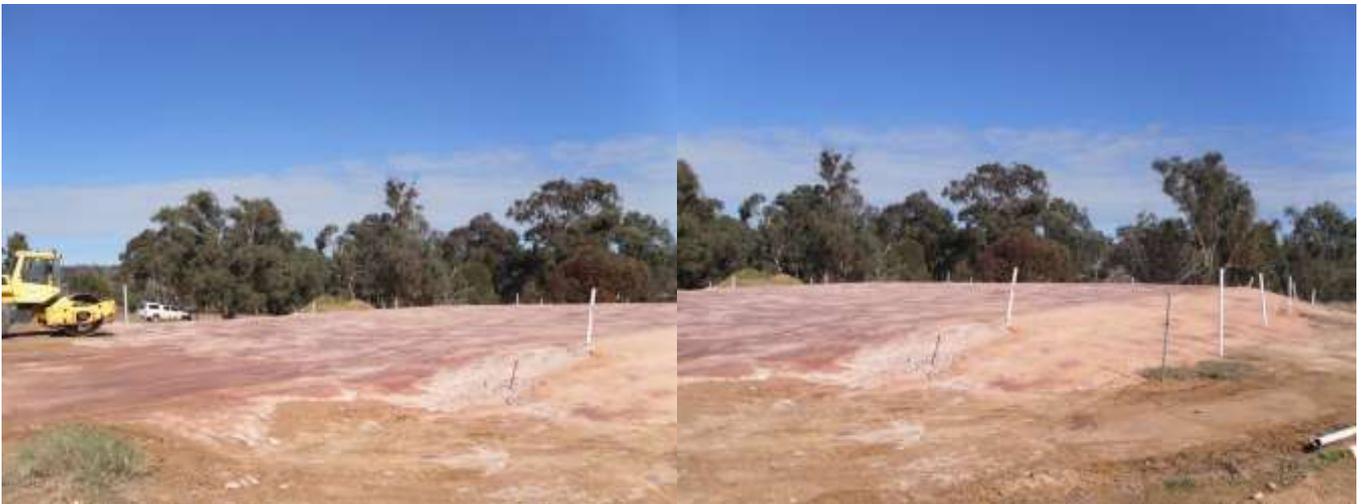
Once the earthworks are completed general plumbing will be fitted to transfer waste water from the truck wash to the new ponds. These works are necessary to improve the quality of the waste water entering the Water Corporation's Waste Water Treatment Plant. When the water has reached the plant it will then undergo further treatment, including chlorination, prior to reuse on the Football and Hockey Ovals.

Construction of the ponds is part of a staged development to upgrade Council's waste water reuse infrastructure funded by the Shire and the Country Local Government Fund, Royalties for Regions program. Subject to further funding it is intended that the scheme will be extended for irrigation of the Rose Maze, Apex Park, the Kojonup District High School and hopefully the golf club.

It is anticipated the settling ponds will be operational by the end of May early June and that stage two relating to extension of the scheme will roll out within the next twelve to eighteen months, subject to sourcing grant funding.



ROYALTIES
FOR REGIONS



REVIEW OF LOCAL LAWS

The Shires of Broomehill-Tambellup, Cranbrook, Kojonup and Plantagenet have resolved to review their respective local laws as identified in the table below:

Plantagenet	Broomehill-Tambellup	Cranbrook	Kojonup
Activities in Thoroughfares and Public Places and Trading Local Law	Activities on Thoroughfares Local Law	Activities in Thoroughfares and Public Places and Trading Local Law	Activities on Thoroughfares and Trading in Thoroughfares and Public Places Local Law.
Bushfire Brigade Local Law		Bushfire Brigades Local Law	
Cemeteries Local Law	Cemeteries Local Law	Cemeteries Local Law	Cemeteries Local Law
Dogs Local Law	Dogs Local Law	Dogs Local Law	
Extractive Industry Local Law	Extractive Industries Local Law		
Health Local Law	Health Local Law	Health Local Law	Health Local Law
	Fencing Local Law		
Landfill and Transfer Station Local Law			
Local Government Property Local Law	Local Government Property Local Law	Local Government Property Local Law	Local Government Property Local Law
Parking and Parking Facilities Local Law			
Pest Plants Local Laws	Pest Plants Local Laws		
Standing Orders Local Law	Standing Orders Local Law	Standing Orders Local Law	Standing Orders Local Law
	Removal of Refuse, Rubbish and Disused Materials Local Law		
	Waste Services Amendment Local Law		
	Waste Services Local Law		

to determine whether or not they consider that any Local Law should be repealed or amended. A copy of the Laws and any review proposals may be inspected at or obtained from:

Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup Administration Office, 46-48 Norrish Street Tambellup WA 6320, www.shirebt.wa.gov.au;

Shire of Cranbrook Administration Office, Gathorne Street Cranbrook WA 6321, www.cranbrook.wa.gov.au;

Shire of Kojonup Administration Office, 93-95 Albany Highway, Kojonup WA 6395, www.kojonup.wa.gov.au;

Shire of Plantagenet Administration Office, 22-24 Lowood Road, Mount Barker WA 6324 or
www.plantagenet.wa.gov.au;

between the hours of 9.00am and 4.00pm.

Submissions about the proposed review may be made to the respective Council (to the address above) to the attention of the Chief Executive Officer by Wednesday 1 July 2015

Joanne Trezona

Chief Executive Officer

Peter Northover

Chief Executive Officer

Rick Mitchell-Collins

Chief Executive Officer

Rob Stewart

Chief Executive Officer

ROAD WISE

CONGRATULATIONS AND THE WINNER IS..... Sarah Burt!!

Sarah is the winner of our Care Restraints Quiz to win a \$50 Fuel Voucher.

Kindly drawn by Mrs Cavanagh.

The Shire would like to acknowledge 'Roadwise' in providing resources & the Gift Voucher.



Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

Event	Date	Time	Location
Volunteer Awards	17 th May 2015	4:00pm	Memorial Hall
Public Budget Submissions Close	18 th May 2015	-	-
Council Meeting	19 th May 2015	3:00pm	Council Chambers