

# Shire of Kojonup E-News

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## SHIRE PRESIDENT NEWS

### WALGA

WALGA State Council will be in Albany in May for their Regional meeting. We will take the opportunity to showcase Kojonup to our City and Country counterparts giving them a glimpse into regional issues and local achievements.

### Cultural Awareness

Invitations have been sent to our sporting clubs & service groups to attend a Noongar cultural awareness workshop on the evening of the Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Presenters will be Robbie Miniter, Dale Kickett & Troy Cook. I expect this to be an informative and exciting evening, the first of many, aimed at raising awareness & understanding.

### Reminder:

The Kodja Place and WA Museum Workshops - Make sure you have these in your diary!

Council hopes community members will take the opportunity to help shape the progress of The Kodja Place displays and also provide valuable input to the WA Museum's New Museum Project. On Thursday 7 May two sessions of a community workshop with a combined focus on these topics will be held at the RSL Hall (**see details elsewhere in this edition**).

Curator and historian Sue Graham-Taylor is working with The Kodja Place and is keen to hear from the community about what important stories are missing and what has changed in the Kojonup district since the displays were created in 2002. The review will guide future improvements at The Kodja Place.

In another exciting development, the WA Museum is inviting the Kojonup community to help shape the New Museum that is being built in Perth and due to open in 2020. A team from the WA Museum will be here on 7 May to encourage you to participate in the process by thinking about what stories and content are important to the district and region.

### 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*

## UPCOMING WORKS

- Purchase of new tri axle water tanker (photos below)
- Gravel sheeting Watts Road
- Road grading South West corner of the shire
- Truck Washdown bay settlement ponds
- Street sweepers are in town
- Roads to Recovery Bridge Programme was successful in obtaining the following funding:  
Boilup Road – Tarup Brook Bridge: 2015/2016 - \$450,000  
Old Broomehill/Kojonup Road – Jackaneedup Creek: 2016/2017 - \$450,000  
Old Broomehill/Kojonup Road: 2016/2017 - \$290,000
- Road side spraying of bitumen roads



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

## SPRINGHAVEN NEWS

19 Residents enjoyed a lunch out at Tom's Bakehouse on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April which was also Alice's (OT) 30<sup>th</sup> birthday! A meal of fish and chips was had by all and an ice-cream to top off the day - it was lovely to see the Residents enjoy themselves and the conversations flowed back to Springhaven. It has given the Residents a bounce in their step. We thank the staff at Tom's - Judy, Chloe, Sam and Tom for all their assistance in making the day out a great success!

We held a successful garage sale - now to spend the money! Springhaven is definitely looking fresher and more modern, with thanks to the Shire's support, and this is showing with our 22 rooms all occupied. We have welcomed Gary Fleay to our team of volunteers, Gary is helping out on a Friday with Happy Hour - we appreciate our volunteers and if you think you could spare an hour each week or fortnight - we would love to hear from you.



## SHIRE OF KOJONUP



### **ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTOR'S**

Notice is hereby given that the annual elector's meeting for the Shire of Kojonup will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015 commencing at 7.00pm in the Lesser Hall, Albany Highway, Kojonup, to consider the Annual Report for the 2013/2014 year.

This report was adopted by Council on 17 March 2015.

Copies of the Annual Report are available from the Shire Office, or on the website [www.kojonup.wa.gov.au](http://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au) and additional copies will be made available at the meeting.

Rick Mitchell-Collins  
*Chief Executive Officer*

### **KOJONUP TRUCK WASH**

Works have commenced at the truck wash to have installed the new settlement ponds. There should be limited disruptions to the truck wash operation; however users are requested to abide by temporary traffic control measures and bunting. For your own safety residents and visitors are requested to avoid the area during these works.

For any additional information please contact Michelle Dennis on 9831 2424.

## KOJONUP'S 2015 VOLUNTEER AWARDS

As part of National Volunteer week, the Kojonup Shire will be hosting an awards ceremony to acknowledge the commitment and contribution of local volunteers, community groups and community events.

The event will be held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm in the Kojonup Memorial Hall. Nominations will be taken for the following awards:

### *Volunteer of the year*

This award will be given to an individual who has worked tirelessly to benefit the town of Kojonup. The award will recognise those that have worked in the community for a long period of time or someone who is new to volunteering. Locals that are nominated for this award must have made an outstanding contribution to the community and must be over the age of 35.

### *Young volunteer of the year*

This award will be given to an individual who has worked tirelessly to benefit the town of Kojonup. The award will recognise those that have worked in the community for a long period of time or someone who is new to volunteering. Locals that are nominated for this award must have made an outstanding contribution to the community and must be 35 or under.

This is open to students who have taken part in volunteering within the community, at their school or in other programmes.

### *Community Group of the year*

This award will be given to a community group who has worked tirelessly to benefit the town of Kojonup between January 2014 and January 2015. The group has to have demonstrated a strong local community focus and volunteering element.

### *Community event of the year:*

This award will be given to a local event which has been held between January 2014 and January 2015 which demonstrated a strong local community focus and volunteering element.

If you know of an individual, group or an event that deserves recognition, please visit the Shire and fill out a nomination form. Nominations will be available from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April and will close Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May.





## Finding Prostate Cancer Early



Throughout the Great Southern Region of WA, the *Find Cancer Early* Campaign urges people to pay attention to changes in their body and if they notice differences that may be symptoms of cancer, to tell their Doctor.

### Once again we are reminding you of the common signs and symptoms of prostate cancer:

- If there is ever blood in your pee or semen
- Waking frequently at night to pee
- Sudden or urgent need to pee
- Needing to pee more often
- Difficulty starting or stopping peeing
- Slow flow when you pee
- Pain when you pee
- Dribbling at the end of peeing
- Bladder doesn't feel quite empty after peeing
- Being unable to control the bladder (incontinence)
- Unexplained weight loss

If you have had **any** of these signs or symptoms, tell your doctor. It doesn't mean you've got prostate cancer – usually they turn out to be something less serious. But it's important to tell your doctor and get them checked.

**Remember, if it is prostate cancer, the earlier it is found, the earlier it can be treated.**

## Prostate Cancer Myths and Facts

*Myth: Only elderly men get prostate cancer.*

**Fact: Although risk increases as men get older, about 1 in 3 prostate cancers occur in men under 65 years old.**

*Myth: Difficulty peeing or peeing more often are just normal signs of getting older.*

**Fact: Having problems when you pee can be an important symptom of prostate cancer, regardless of age.**

### Are you over 40?



Have you had any of these

### Prostate symptoms...

- If you ever find blood in your pee
- Waking frequently at night to pee
- Sudden or urgent need to pee
- Difficulty starting or stopping peeing
- Slow flow
- Pain when you pee
- Unexplained weight loss

If you have...

### Tell your doctor

The earlier cancer is found, the greater the chance of successful treatment.



For more information visit: [www.findcancerearly.com.au](http://www.findcancerearly.com.au)



**For more information &/or to book a talk for your community  
Please ring 9842 7513**

Libby Foster | Great Southern Region  
Cancer Council Western Australia

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The Shire is delighted with the expressions of interest it is receiving to the forthcoming 7 May workshop described below. Please read on and book your place at the table ...

## *You're Invited*

**Your valuable input is requested to assist the further development of The Kodja Place displays and to help shape some of the content for the New Museum for Western Australia.**

Although these are two different projects they have been combined into one workshop as the information you provide will complement both.

Curator and historian Sue Graham-Taylor is working with The Kodja Place and is keen to hear from the community about what important stories are missing from the existing displays and what has changed in the Kojonup district since the displays were created in 2002. The review will guide future improvements at The Kodja Place.

In addition to the workshop discussion about The Kodja Place displays, which Sue Graham-Taylor will lead, WA Museum staff will be present to ask participants about local stories that could be displayed in the new museum, scheduled to open in the Perth Cultural Centre in 2020.

The New Museum will present stories from around the State, showcasing Western Australia's people and places. It will have strong links to regional museums and visitor centres.

At the workshop, WA Museum staff will ask locals what stories and content are important to the region, and what makes Kojonup different from other places in Western Australia, and the world.

Prior to the workshop, participants are encouraged to revisit The Kodja Place galleries and the Three Women's stories in the Rose Maze to help refresh your memory and assist with ideas.

For more information about the new museum for Western Australia please visit [www.museum.wa.gov.au/new-museum](http://www.museum.wa.gov.au/new-museum)

**When: Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

**Where: RSL Hall**

**You can attend this workshop at either of these times:**

- 10.30am to 2.30pm (with a light lunch); **OR**
- 4.00pm to 6.30pm (with light refreshments).

**Please nominate your preferred workshop time when booking your place, which can be done by calling The Kodja Place on 9831 0400, by email to**

**[mkpp@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:mkpp@kojonup.wa.gov.au), or by calling Rosie Hewson on 9833 6224**

**Please RSVP by no later than Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015**





## SHIRE OF KOJONUP

### Supervisor Horticultural Tradesperson

The Shire of Kojonup is looking for a suitable person to join its Parks and Gardens team in the position of Supervisor Horticultural Tradesperson.

This is a permanent position with a good opportunity to join the team in the maintenance and development of town site landscaped areas. This position would suit someone with horticultural experience.

If you are a people person, have strong horticultural skills, a positive attitude, willingness and ability to be flexible and work as part of a close knit team this may be the perfect role for you.

Salary and conditions will be in accordance with the Municipal Employees (WA) Award and the All of Staff Union Collective Agreement at a Level 5 (\$52,541.32) subject to skills and experience.

Applications, inclusive with details of qualification, relevant experience and names of referees should be directed to Craig McVee at PO Box 163, KOJONUP WA 6395.

Closing date of applications is Thursday 30 April 2015.

For a copy of the position description please go to [www.kojonup.wa.gov.au](http://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au). For further information, please contact the Manager of Works & Services, Craig McVee on 0427 427 854.

Rick Mitchell-Collins  
*Chief Executive Officer*

### Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

| Event                   | Date                        | Time   | Location         |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|------------------|
| Council Meeting         | 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2015 | 3:00pm | Council Chambers |
| Annual Electors Meeting | 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2015 | 7:00pm | Lesser Hall      |