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## **EMPLOYMENT**

### **SPRINGHAVEN LODGE – RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITY**

Springhaven Residential Aged Care Facility is seeking expressions of interest for an Occupational Therapist. Springhaven is a 22 bed facility operated by the Shire of Kojonup. The Occupational Therapist is required to conduct assessments, plan and implement treatment and provide a rehabilitation and lifestyle activity plan, and evaluation of the lifestyle program. They are also required to identify continuous improvement as it relates to resident well-being and health.

#### **Job Criteria:**

Degree in Occupational Therapy and current registration with the Australia Health Practitioner Regulation Agency.

#### **Rewards:**

This is a flexible position, the employment conditions are founded in the Aged Care Award 2010. The base rate for this position will be the full time equivalent (FTE) of \$55,328.00 per annum.

Please contact the Manager, Sue Northover via email at [macs@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:macs@kojonup.wa.gov.au) or telephone 98312800 if you are interested or require further information.

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## **SHIRE BRIEFS**

### **THE HEART OF MY COMMUNITY**

*SEGRA (Sustainable Economic Growth for Regional Australia)* is excited to invite Kojonup to participate in the 2015 short film event to promote the people, place and productivity of regional Australia. THE HEART OF MY COMMUNITY theme provides the opportunity to construct a 90 second film highlighting who/what makes the heart of your community and why. The winner will be decided on the best in cinematic storytelling, judging each film on the strength of its story.

The winner will receive \$1,000 and the runner-up will receive \$500 from Bendigo Bank. Filmmakers entering the competition will have their films showcased to an esteemed judging panel. Entry fee is \$50. All shortlisted films will be celebrated at the 2015 *SEGRA* conference in Bathurst.

The short film competition is open to anyone who wishes to enter –regardless of their background or experience. All shortlisted films will be on show on the big screen and the winner announced at the *SEGRA* 2015 conference in Bathurst 20-22 October 2015.

To register and to find out more information, head to the *SEGRA* website [www.segra.com.au/registration.php](http://www.segra.com.au/registration.php).

## SHIRE PRESIDENT NEWS

### Local Government Elections

The following nominations have been received for the 4 vacant positions:

1. John Benn
2. Judith Warland
3. Ian Pedler
4. Jill Mathwin
5. Graeme Hobbs

As the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacant positions, an election will be held on Saturday, 17 October 2015 at the Council Chambers between 8:00am and 6:00pm.

### Council Meeting – 15 September 2015

- 10.1 Financial Management – Monthly Statement of Financial Activity
- 10.2 Monthly Payments Listing
- 12.1 Request for Consideration of Road Closure
- 12.2 Proposed Piggery Expansion – Consideration Under *Shire of Kojonup Health Local – Laws 2000*
- 12.3 Request for Extension of Planning Consent Approval Period – Moonies Hill Pty Ltd
- 12.4 Proposed Scheme Amendment for Matthews Transport Depots Lots 1, 2, 3 & Portion of Lot 32 Albany Highway, Kojonup
- 12.5 Proposed Scheme Amendment for Cheviot Farms/Stone Axe Pastoral Company Lot 11 Albany Highway/Crapella Road, Boscabel
- 12.6 Proposed Storage Shed on Vacant Lot at Lot 401 Larsen Street, Muradup
- 12.7 New Gardens at Kojonup Military Barracks
- 16.1 Kodja Place Advisory Committee
- 19.1 Request for Tender 02/15 for the Installation of Drainage Works, Loton Close Development
- 19.2 Request for Tender 03/15 for the Installation of Water Main Upgrade, Soldier Road & Loton Close

### Vale – George Church

On behalf of Council I would like to acknowledge the passing of a much loved and well respected local identity, George Church. George & Tricia gave much to the Kojonup community including a significant bequest towards our future Medical Services. Our thanks and gratitude goes to a genuinely good bloke who has left a lasting legacy. Condolences to family and friends.



I would also like to extend our congratulations to our own Kate Mason who was recently recognised as the Australian Egg Corporations Farmer of the Year. Well done Kate!

I thank our Councillors who are up for re-election for their dedication and important contribution over the past term and wish all who are re-nominating, including new nominees, the very best at the upcoming election.

Last but not least, I wish to thank Jane Trethowan sincerely for her contribution over the past 12 years, including 2 years as President. Jane has been a passionate contributor at the Council table and has represented Council on a number of local and regional committees such as the Great Southern Development Commission, Great Southern Regional Recreation Advisory Group, WALGA Zone, Southern Link VROC and Regional

Road Group, to name a few. Jane can leave satisfied with the role she has played, working with community, Council members and staff to bring to fruition a number of projects, one of which being the new Day Care Centre.

I wish Jane well for the future and am confident that Jane will continue to be a significant contributor to the Kojonup community going forward.

Community members are reminded that the Shire President is available for appointments Wednesday morning from 10am until noon. Please contact the Shire Office on (08) 9831 2400.

Ronnie Fleay  
*Shire President*

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### **THE KODJA PLACE – FEEDBACK SESSION WITH SUE GRAHAM-TAYLOR**

Many local people attended workshops at the RSL Hall on 7 May 2015 at which Dr Sue Graham-Taylor sought input on the interpretive displays and stories at The Kodja Place. Sue is very grateful for all the feedback and suggestions received that day and has since worked with these and many other ideas to prepare a draft Curatorial Audit for The Kodja Place precinct. The Audit outlines how we can build on and upgrade the existing stories and exhibits and add a fresh 'wow' factor!

**Community members who participated in one of the 7 May 2015 workshops with Sue are invited to come to The Kodja Place at 2:00pm on Thursday, 15 October 2015 to hear Sue outline the ideas in her draft report. If you weren't at one of the workshops but you are interested in The Kodja Place stories and exhibits, you are also very welcome to attend.**

A light afternoon tea will be served. Please RSVP to help with catering:

- Visitor Centre: 9831 0500
- Marg Robertson: 0427 520 196 (phone or text)
- Email [margaretrobertson@westnet.com.au](mailto:margaretrobertson@westnet.com.au)

**For those who are unable to come at 2:00pm, you are most welcome to come to the Shire Reception Room at 5:00pm on Thursday, 15 October 2015, when Sue will meet with The Kodja Place Advisory Committee to discuss the ideas in her draft Audit. Please RSVP to Marg Robertson.**

A photocopy of Sue's draft Curatorial Audit will be available from the Visitor Centre from Monday, 28 September 2015 or you can access a copy via the Shire's website from 28 September 2015. If you would prefer to receive a copy via email or you have a query about Sue's visit, please contact Marg Robertson (see details above).

### **THE KODJA PLACE – WILDFLOWERS IN KOJONUP**

You may have seen them popping up around the bases of the Whitegum and Jarrah trees or throughout Kojonup's nature reserves. After a cold winter the wildflowers of Kojonup are now in full bloom.

Wildflowers are also filling the gallery at The Kodja Place. We have a selection of the wildflower specimens on display which you can find in the Kojonup region. Part of this display includes the archives of the Kojonup Herbarium, a library of the different plant species found in Kojonup. To find out more, come see the display at The Kodja Place, which will be running until early October.

Kodja Place is also the home of the Kojonup Visitors Centre where you can find out where the best spots are in the Kojonup region to see wildflowers. Come have a chat with our friendly volunteers to get the inside word on where the wildflower hotspots are.

## KOJONUP LOCAL SES SERVICE

**Did you know that the Wagin State Emergency Service Unit is our local SES unit?** They respond to calls for assistance from the Shires of Katanning, Kojonup, Woodanilling, West Arthur and Dumbleyung as well as Wagin.

The Unit can assist members of the public in storm or flood situations by:

- Assisting with significant structural damage like collapsed roofs or ceilings
- Making temporary emergency repairs to homes and buildings
- Removing fallen trees that have damaged homes and cars
- Sandbagging areas in danger of flooding
- Rescuing trapped or injured people and helping people relocate if they are in danger

The Wagin SES meets every fortnight at 7:30pm on Monday evenings. The next meeting will be on the 14 September 2015. If you would like to know more about what the SES do or you want the opportunity to challenge yourself, learn new skills and become a member, call Sue on 0409 102 332 or Lyn on 0418 811 510 for further information.

If there is an emergency and you require assistance please call 132 500 or 000.

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## LIBRARY NEWS

### Koji News September 2015

We had the most wonderful whirlwind class visit from St Bernard's Pre-Primary and Kindy Students with support from their teacher – Libby Rose, staff support – Margy Davies and Annette Sawyer & parent support – Kate Clayton. Thank you all so much for your assistance not only in getting the children to and from the library but also your help with the work stations.

I truly enjoyed reading to the children and I hope the children enjoyed the stories that were read. ☺ The children made their very own 'Hot Dog Books' to take home. They are very easy to make and you can make them at home using A3 paper. The instructions on cutting and folding can be picked up here at the library or from the **Better Beginnings** portal from the **State Library Website**.

It's wonderful for the children to be able to experience the library, to know the books are here to share with them and to be able to reinforce this library is theirs to use also. If your child was one who visited yesterday they have been given a membership form which gives the children the opportunity to be involved in the library. Please encourage the love of reading and literature to give your children the brightest start in life as they begin the learning journey of reading, writing and arithmetic.



*Right: Margy helping the children make their 'Hot Dog Books' to take home.  
Far Right: Reading to the children, the best part of my job ☺*



## New into the Library

One of the ways I choose books for our library is through suggestions from patrons, this includes our young readers. So thanks to Abby we now have *'The Dork Diaries'* volumes 1-9. Because of Darcy's recommendation, we also have the three books by David Lawrence & Cyril Rioli, entitled *'Fox Swift'* (yes, you're right! The same Cyril Rioli, the AFL footballer who played for WA's South Fremantle & Hawthorn. How fantastic that legends of the great game of AFL write books for kids to take pleasure from.) Our Local Collection is certainly growing for everyone to enjoy.

*'Make Me'* – Lee Child: "Why is this town called Mother's Rest?" That's all Reacher wants to know but no one will tell him. It's a tiny place hidden in a thousand square miles of wheat fields with a railroad stop, sullen and watchful people and a worried woman named Michelle Chang, who mistakes him for someone else – her missing partner in a private investigation she thinks must have started small and then turned lethal.

*'11<sup>th</sup> Hour'* – James Patterson: Lindsay Boxer is pregnant at last! But her work doesn't slow for a second. When millionaire Chaz Smith is mercilessly gunned down, she discovers that the murder weapon is linked to the deaths of four of San Francisco's most untouchable criminals. And it was taken from her own department's evidence locker. Anyone could be the killer – even her closest friends.



DVD – *'Fighting Mac'* - In this year of the 100th anniversary of ANZAC, when planning commemorations or curriculum elements, teachers could use as sources across many levels, *'The Man the Anzacs Revere'* – with its stories of William *'Fighting Mac'* McKenzie's experiences and parts of *'The Hero of the Dardanelles'* (from the DVD or film clips available from the National Film and Sound Archives site <http://aso.gov.au/titles/features/hero-of-the-dardanelles/clip1/>) to create more

realistic awareness of Christian witness, in particular within the human story of the ANZAC legend. Understanding McKenzie's story "...adds a new dimension to the Anzac legend, one that has been relentlessly indoctrinated to paint the Anzacs as indifferent to religion," says Reynaud. "Yes, the majority of soldiers were secular but Christians were strongly represented and many chaplains engaged the Anzacs in spiritual things." About one in four of the diaries Reynaud read made positive references to religion. "That's startlingly high for a secular legend! If we're to understand and memorialise Anzac fully now, we need to know Christians were active, visible and influential in the ANZAC story. McKenzie is the most obvious and most powerful example of this."



DVD – *'Snowpiercer'* - It's been 18 years since we froze the earth. The few remaining humans live on the Snowpiercer, a train on an infinite loop around the globe. For those at the front, it's a lavish paradise of drugs and sushi in the lap of luxury; for those trapped in the tail section, life is short and cruel. But change is in the air. Curtis (Chris Evans), desperate to escape the tail of the train, plans an uprising, aided by his mentor Gilliam (John Hurt). What begins as an isolated riot explodes into a mass revolution, an all-or-nothing push to the front of the train and a war for humanity's future. Who will live and who will die? How far can they go? Is there hope beyond the frozen wastes?

## Story Time Dates:

- 18 September 2015 – reading begins at 10:30am. Guest Story Teller – Libby from the Cancer Council reading *'Lauren Child's'* – "I will not ever NEVER eat a tomato!"
- 16 October 2015

## Play in the Park:

23 September 2015 – *Free Community Event for Parents & Carers of children aged under 5 years.* Share toys, fruit, craft, stories and playtime together. At the APEX Park 10:00am – 12:00pm. It's getting warmer and if the suns shining remember to bring hats, sunscreen and water bottles for you and your little ones.

Please always remember – if you are chasing a particular book/DVD to borrow and we don't have it on our shelves, we do have an opportunity to borrow from another library, so usually we can get in what you are requesting. Just ask at the desk.

Lorreen Greeuw  
*Library Services Officer*

## SPRINGHAVEN NEWS

On the 27 September 2015 Springhaven was buzzing with activities for young and old. The Kojonup Playgroup visited for Intergenerational Day and our residents assisted the children with painting and playdough activities. The children enjoyed their fruits and their mummies enjoyed their morning tea and having a chat with our residents.

Residents also visited Elverd Cottage for morning tea to celebrate Daffodil Day. We enjoyed lovely scones, fruit bread and a nice warm cup of tea. We looked around the machinery museum and the residents had a great time reminiscing about all the old equipment used many years ago.

Barb, Nancy and our carer Donelle got their hands dirty making homemade bread. It was great fun to listen to Barb and Nancy talk about how they made it from scratch just like when they were living on stations up in the Kimberley.

We also have got ourselves a fish tank! Watch this space for more news on our ongoing project!

We love having visitors for morning tea at 10:00am and afternoon tea at 3:00pm. If anyone has any special talents they would like to share with us, please come on up or contact Springhaven on 98312800.



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### WORKS DEPOT – MISCELLANOUS AUCTION

The Shire Works Depot advised in Issue 17 of the Koji News that they would be holding a Miscellaneous Items Auction at the Works Depot, possibly on 10 October 2015. Please be advised this has been postponed to February 2016.

Items to be auctioned will consist of office furniture, paving bricks, skidsteer broom, broom attachment, 10,000L water tank, mobile post hole digger, impounded motor vehicles, several car trailers, 3-point linkage broom attachment, old playground equipment, old grader blades, flat granite stone, old roller doors, miscellaneous kitchen utensils and various other items.

Any queries, please call Craig McVee, Manager of Works & Services on 0427 427 854.

## KOJONUP PROBUS PUTS STARS ON CARS

Kojonup Probus recently had the opportunity to learn about the importance of consulting the stars before buying a car by taking part in the RoadWise Safe Vehicles activity.

Participants learned that a higher price does not always correspond to a maximum safety rating and that a larger vehicle is not necessarily a safer vehicle.

The group was pretty successful in matching star ratings and prices correctly to their own vehicles. The activity generated good discussion about the merits of considering the safety ratings when purchasing a vehicle, whether it be new or used.

The safe vehicles activity is free for anyone in the network to use. If you would like to use it in your area, please contact your closest Rad Safety Advisor.

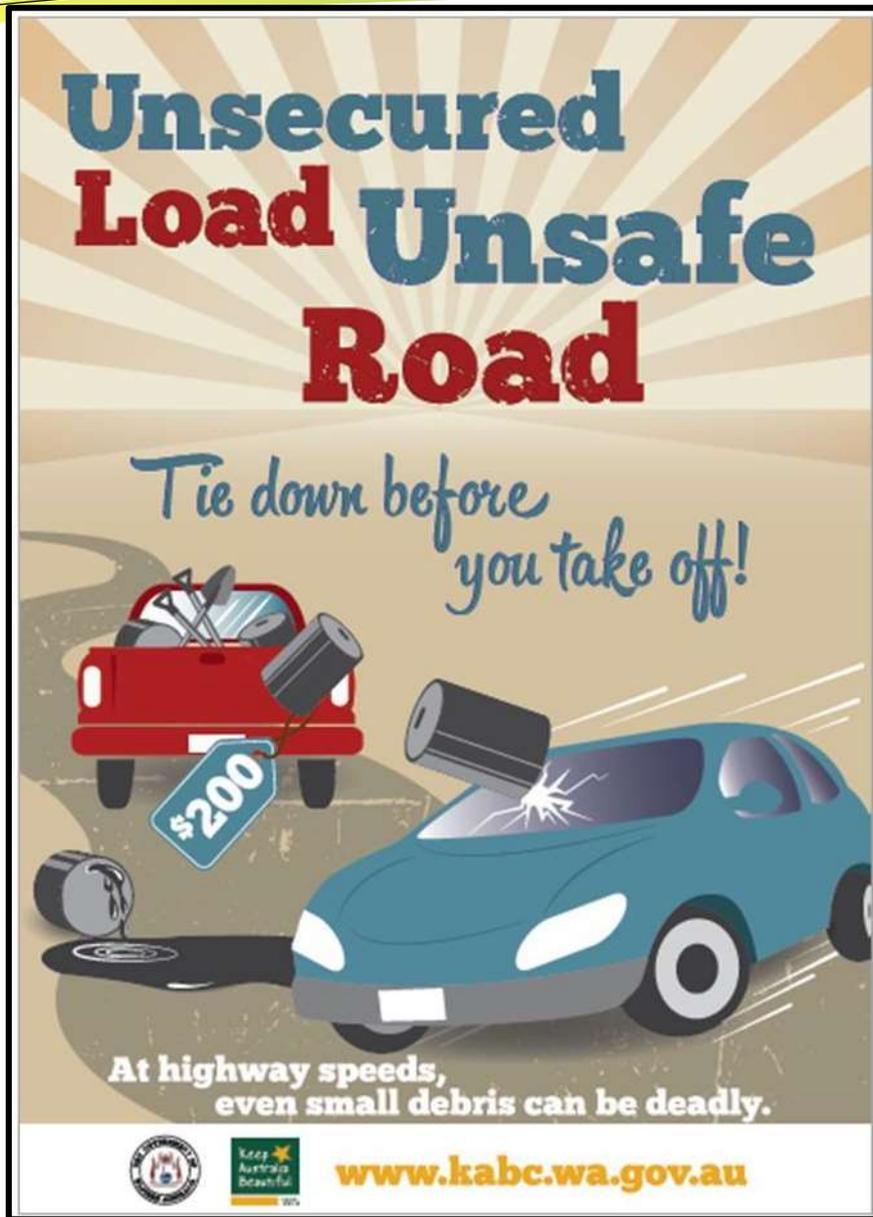
*Pictured right: The safe vehicles activity in action*



## NEW CAT ROLLER FOR WORKS DEPOT

*The work team is pleased to have this new addition to our fleet – a CAT Roller.*





## SNAKES ON THE MOVE

### What to Do:

#### Do Not Approach the Snake:

*Most snake bites occur when people try to catch and kill them.*

Watch it from a safe vantage point. Ideally watch it from an elevated platform and keep pets and children away as they will be curious or dogs may be aggressive towards the snake.

#### Discouraging Snakes:

Snakes are attracted to an area in pursuit of food (mice or rats, etc...) and habitat. By decreasing the availability of these two variables, it is possible to reduce the likelihood of snakes entering the vicinity around your house. Chook sheds and bird aviaries should be rodent proof and all animal food should be stored in air tight containers. If you do have a rodent problem, use a product called "Racumin" as this will not give secondary poison to other animals that may eat an affected rodent. You must however, ensure that pets, chickens, etc...do not have first access to the bait, otherwise your pets will be poisoned.

### Habitat:

A well maintained lawn free of refuse provides a poor habitat for snakes. It also allows good visibility which reduces the incidence of people accidentally stepping on a snake. Any material lying directly on the ground can provide habitat for snakes. This can include timber, iron sheeting, grass clippings and firewood, etc...

The following precautionary measures can be taken to reduce available habitat for snakes:

- Building materials and fire wood piles should not be stored directly on the ground but raised at least 100mm off the ground on strips of timber and away from the house.

Some species, such as Tiger Snakes, feed on frogs. Ponds and other water sources that provide frogs with a habitat have the potential of attracting this species of snake. For this reason it is a good idea to situate ponds a sensible distance from the house.

### Characteristics:

DUGITES are very shy and will move away if allowed to. They will not confront you unless you have cornered it or you are showing aggression towards it.

TIGER SNAKES are not a fast moving snake and therefore may stand their ground if confronted. They will flatten their neck and body to let you know they are not happy and if this occurs, you must slowly move away immediately.

I have seen two tiger snakes on my property in the past couple of weeks so they are on the move. Please take care and if you require any further information, I am contactable on 08 9831 2400.

Paul Retallack  
*Senior Ranger*

# Snake bite



## + first aid

In a medical emergency, call Triple Zero (000) for an ambulance.

**Warning**

- DO NOT wash venom off the skin.
- DO NOT cut the bitten area.
- DO NOT try to suck venom out of wound.
- DO NOT use a tourniquet.
- DO NOT try to catch the snake.

- **Signs** are not always visible but may be a puncture marks, bleeding or scratches.
- **Symptoms** developing within an hour may include headache, impaired vision, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, breathing difficulties, drowsiness, faintness, problems speaking or swallowing.

**What to do**

1. Follow DR<sup>S</sup>ABCD.
2. Reassure the patient and ask them not to move.
3. Apply a broad crepe bandage over the bite site as soon as possible.
4. Apply a pressure bandage (heavy crepe or elasticised roller bandage) starting just above the fingers or toes of the bitten limb, and move upwards on the limb as far as can be reached (include the snake bite). Apply firmly without stopping blood supply to the limb.
5. Immobilise the bandaged limb with splints.
6. Ensure the patient does not move.
7. Write down the time of the bite and when the bandage was applied. Stay with the patient.
8. Regularly check circulation in fingers or toes.
9. Manage for shock.
10. Ensure an ambulance has been called.



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## Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

Event	Date	Time	Location
Play in the Park	23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2015	10:00am	APEX Park