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SHIRE PRESIDENT NEWS

Sports Precinct Master Plan – Breakfast Forum

ABV Consulting will present at 7.30am on Tuesday 3rd March 2015 at the Sports Complex the Sports Precinct Master Plan. Breakfast will be available from 7.15am and sporting clubs/community members are most welcome to join Council with entry being “Pay us what you think is reasonable!” Please register your attendance with Joanne or Hannah at the Shire Office on or before Friday, 27th February 2015 by phoning 9831 2416.

Wandecle Races

Congratulations to the hard working committee for conducting a great day of racing and entertainment despite competing against several other major events at Boyup Brook, Bunbury and Perth.

Civic Ceremony – Dr King

A reminder that Council will hold a civic ceremony in the Memorial Hall at 6.30pm, Tuesday 17 March 2015 to pay tribute to Dr King. Please register your attendance with Hannah at the Shire Office by phoning 9831 2416. Council was pleased to see the number of community members who attended the St Luke’s Family Practice Open Day on 16 February 2015 and to hear first-hand from Dr Du Preez and his team their intentions for Kojonup.

Capital Projects Update

1. Day Care Centre

A Special Meeting of Council will be held on Thursday, 5 March 2015 at 3:00pm to consider and appoint the successful tenderer for the construction of the Day Care Centre.

2. Medical Centre

Council will also finalise its position regarding a new Medical Centre at the Special Council Meeting to be held on Thursday, 5 March 2015 at 3:00pm in order for the appropriate funding applications to be prepared and submitted given Dr King’s imminent departure.

3. Water Reuse & Stormwater Harvesting Project – Stage 1

Officers have progressed compliance/regulatory and works approvals from the various Government Agencies in order to expedite these long awaited works that formed part of a Southern Link VROC application.

4. Independent Living Units & Staff Housing – Loton Close

Engineering/water/stormwater/power/architectural plans and specifications are being finalised to enable tenders to be called with consideration and appointment of the successful tenderer determined in the last quarter of the 2014/2015 financial year.

5. Springhaven

Design plans, engineering drawings and specifications for Bathroom improvements to be submitted to Council in the last quarter of the 2014/2015 financial year as we did not want a construction site to be evident for the full re-accreditation audit of the facility undertaken on 10 - 11 February 2015.

Council congratulates CEO, Manager Aged Care Services, Springhaven Staff, team members, Residents, their families and friends for the excellent results of the audit. Keep up the terrific work!

6. Roads Program

Reconstruction, maintenance, resealing, grading, kerbing and footpath upgrades works continue in accordance with adopted program and within budget.

7. Building Maintenance/Asset Management

Council's Building Maintenance Coordinator together with contractors have made significant advancements in scheduled maintenance and asset replacement including energy efficiencies with the installation of LED lighting. This program will be ongoing each year in accordance with budget allocations. The IT "catch up" to Council's Infrastructure Network is almost completed with Springhaven, The Kodja Place and the Works Depot linked with Council's main server providing immediate efficiencies when the system goes "live!"

Council and Staff remain committed to delivering a realistic/targeted and outcome orientated budget despite various aspects being reliant on external approvals and prior acquittals for the release of funds but we are making progress! Sometimes leveraging additional funding to achieve a "Do it once – do it properly" approach may extend anticipated time frames but we should not lose focus on the end result we wish to achieve.

Ronnie Fleay
Shire President

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer

UPCOMING WORKS

- Commencing Samson Road gravel resheeting.

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

DR KINGS FAREWELL

This is a reminder that the Council will be holding a Civic ceremony in the Memorial Hall at 6.30pm on Tuesday 17th March 2015 to pay tribute to Dr King. There will be finger food and drinks available.

If you wish to attend the Civic ceremony for Dr King then please RSVP your attendance by contacting Hannah Watkin via email- pep@kojonup.wa.gov.au.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

A special meeting of the Council of the Shire of Kojonup will be held at 3:00pm on Thursday 5th March 2015 in the Council Chambers.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Consider the tenders for the Construction of a new Day Care Centre; and
- Medical Centre approach.

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer

SWIMMING POOL NOTICE OF EARLY CLOSE

The Shire of Kojonup wish to advise all pool patrons that the pool will close at 4:30pm on Saturday 21st February 2015 as the venue is being hired out for the Kojonup Blue Light Pool Party.

SPRINGHAVEN LODGE KOJONUP

We are all jumping for joy at Springhaven Lodge as we have passed all 44 standards of our Re- Accreditation Audit! The 2 day Audit was busy and the residents all enjoyed liaising with the Agency. Obviously there were celebrations all round!

The Residents celebrated Friday 13th by going on a bus trip to Creepy Hollow for morning tea. As always, the bus trip was an event in itself! We really must thank Dale from the Depot for putting up with our calls for help.

On behalf of the staff at Springhaven, we would like to extend our thanks to Manager - Sue Northover and CEO – Rick Mitchell-Collins for being fantastic leaders and to Council, our wonderful residents, their families and the Kojonup community for your continued support. The last 11 months have been busy but also very rewarding for all staff.



Norma Fleay, Walter Furniss, Kathleen Johnson



Norma Fleay, Elodie, Jean Haig, Kathleen Johnson



Jean Smith

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO BE A REGISTERED BUILDER OR PAINTER?

The Building Commission runs regular information sessions for prospective builder and painter applicants which may be useful in assisting them navigate the registration process more quickly, potentially saving them valuable time and money.

Submitting incomplete registration applications is a common cause of delay for prospective builders and painters in becoming registered. Many of the things that cause these delays such as using incorrect forms, failure to provide sufficient clarification or evidence are avoidable and will be covered in these sessions. In addition, information will be provided on the:

- application process;
- correct forms to use and how to complete them; and
- required qualifications and experience.

There will also be time for questions and answers during which Building Commission staff can provide practical and tailored advice.

The sessions are free. Tea and coffee will be provided and street parking is available.

Presented by:

Moshe Gilovitz, Director Licensing and Applications, Building Commission
Margaret Sharpe, Manager Licensing
Kacy Page, Principal Registration and Licensing Officer
Nicole Sadler, Registration Assistant

Dates and times:

- Builder's session held 4:00pm to 5:30pm on the first Tuesday of every month
- Painter's session held 4:00pm to 5:30pm on the third Tuesday of every month

Location:

Mason Bird Building, ground floor
303 Sevenoaks Street, Cannington

Registrations:

Registrations can be completed for both events on the [Events and seminars](#) webpage on the Building Commission website.

The Building Commission would welcome you passing this information onto to anyone you know who is or may be thinking of becoming a registered builder or painter. For more information, please call 1300 489 099.

THE 2015 BANNERS IN THE TERRACE COMPETITION

This annual exhibition of banners along St Georges and Adelaide Terraces in Perth allows communities and regions throughout Western Australia to represent themselves to thousands of people travelling along these routes each day.

As one of the State's largest single community arts projects, this annual event is widely acknowledged as being one of the most colourful and vibrant displays throughout the year.

It is now a much anticipated part of the annual WA Local Government Convention and Trade Exhibition, with this year's theme being 'Local Government - Switched On'.

In 2015 the banners will be displayed along the Terrace from Sunday, 26th July to Saturday, 8th August.

The Shire of Kojonup is seeking interest from community groups who would like to participate in the competition. For further information please contact Joanne Macri, Community Services Officer on 9831 2400 or email community@kojonup.wa.gov.au

COMMUNITY SPORTING CLUB EQUIPMENT SUBSIDY SCHEME 2015

The Community Sporting Club Equipment Subsidy Scheme provides valuable assistance to local sporting clubs in Western Australia to help increase and upgrade shared sporting equipment for club members.

Eligible sporting clubs have the opportunity to apply for a one-off \$500 subsidy towards shared sporting equipment accessible to all members.

The Club Equipment Subsidy Scheme is made available to all sporting clubs by the state government in recognition of the important role clubs play in our community. It is one of the many programs and initiatives which support the development of sport and recreation clubs across WA.

Subsidies for regional clubs are provided through the State Government's Royalties for Regions Program.

Guidelines can be found at <http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/funding/clubs/club-equipment-subsidy>

Snapshot

- \$500
- Opens March 2015
- Closes April 2015
- Apply online

For regional enquiries, or if you have any problems with your application, please contact your local regional DSR office.

FATHER/SON CAMP FOR LOCAL NOONGAR FAMILIES

The Wirrpanda Foundation and Department of Sport & Recreation wish to enhance the opportunities for all Great Southern Noongar families to help provide greater opportunities and increased positive outcomes for the Noongar people of the Great Southern region.

Robbie Minter, Great Southern Sports Development Manager for the Wirrpanda Foundation is hoping to develop a family leadership opportunity for Noongar fathers and sons within our community. Over the next twelve months, a father/son camp will be introduced that will benefit many families and community members.

The father/son camp will involve many life social skills that will provide a cultural understanding to improve healthy life choices.

Father/Son Leadership skills, where both father and son will develop a working relationship to help make family decisions together with respect and positive bonding through many different ways of sport, cultural and recreational activities such as:

- Fishing, beach walking, kayaking, swimming, sight-seeing
- Traditional hunting tips, traditional fish trapping
- Educational sessions from local Elders
- Counseling sessions
- Health Education sessions
- Guest speakers from the Wirrpanda Foundation, local leaders, successful academic achievers and local youth speakers

The camp will be restricted from the day to day living giving the positive effect by creating a drug and alcohol free camp.

For further information or to express your interest, please contact Robbie Minter on 0439 982 008 or email robbiem@wf.org.au

2015 NICKY WINMAR COACH AND PLAYER REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

The 2015 Nicky Winmar Carnival will be bigger than ever before with more than 300 participants expected and a minimum of 12 teams from throughout regional and metro WA.

The carnival will be played in a round robin format, with all teams lead by Aboriginal coaches and current and former AFL and WAFL role models.

Each competing team will also be linked with the relevant WAFL talent development officers, who will be in place to identify exciting new talent on the day.

The carnival will also provide the opportunity to select players and coaches for U15 State Aboriginal Squad, which will compete at the KickStart National Championships in April 2015.

Nominations are now open to coach or play in the carnival which will take place at Bendigo Bank Stadium, Mandurah on Sunday 1st March 2015.

Want to play in the carnival?

To be eligible to play in the carnival you must:

- Identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Be born in 2000, 2001 or 2002*

**Players born in 2002 will need to make a special request to play in the carnival*

Want to coach in the carnival?

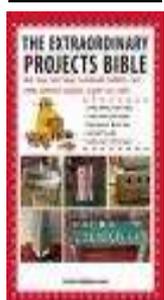
To be eligible to coach you must have the following:

- Working with Children Check
- Minimum Level 1 Coaching Accreditation (if not yet achieved enrolled to complete by 2015)
- Previous coaching experience
- Strong links in the Aboriginal Community
- Identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

To find out more information about the Nicky Winmar Carnival visit www.wafootball.com.au or call Jayden D'Vauz on 9381 5599 or jdvaуз@wafc.com.au

LIBRARY NEWS

New Reads



Reviews & More

The extraordinary projects bible: duct tape tote bags, homemade rockets, and other awesome projects anyone can make / Instructables.com. A mammoth collection of projects has been selected and curated for this special best-of volume of Instructables. The guides in this book cover the entire spectrum of possibilities that the popular website has to offer, showcasing how online communities can foster and nurture creativity. From outdoor agricultural projects to finding new uses for traditional household objects, the beauty of Instructables lies in their ingenuity and their ability to find new ways of looking at the same thing. Extraordinary Projects Bible has that in spades; the possibilities are limitless, thanks to not only the selection of projects available here, but also the new ideas you'll build on after reading this book. Full-colour photographs illustrate each project in intricate detail, providing images of both the individual steps of the process and the end product.

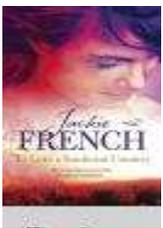
A great book for the person tinkering & creating in the Shed.



Reviews & More

Coal Creek – Alex Miller - Me and Ben had been mates since we was boys and if it come to it I knew I would have to be on his side.' Bobby Blue is caught between loyalty to his only friend, Ben Tobin, and his boss, Daniel Collins, the new constable at Mount Hay. 'Ben was not a big man but he was strong and quick as a snake. He had his own breed of pony that was just like him, stocky and reliable on their feet.' Bobby understands the people and the ways of Mount Hay; Collins studies the country as an archaeologist might, bringing his coastal values to the hinterland. Bobby says, 'I do not think Daniel would have understood Ben in a million years.' Increasingly bewildered and goaded to action by his wife, Constable Collins takes up his shotgun and his Webley pistol to deal with Ben. Bobby's love for Collins' wilful young daughter Irie is exposed, leading to tragic consequences for them all. Miller's exquisite depictions of the country of the Queensland highlands form the background of this simply told but deeply significant novel of friendship, love, loyalty and the tragic consequences of misunderstanding and mistrust. Coal Creek is a wonderfully satisfying novel with a gratifying resolution. It carries all the wisdom and emotional depth we have come to expect from Miller's richly evocative novels.

To love a sunburnt country / Jackie French. Nancy has driven cattle a thousand miles into Queensland and laughed at the disapproval of colonial memsahibs. But even 'Nancy of the Overflow' cannot stop the Japanese Army surging towards Australia. As bombs fall on Singapore, she vows that her sister-in-law and baby nephew will survive. From the desperate prison camps of Malaya and Thailand to secret flights in tiny planes into Japanese-held New Guinea jungle, this is the story of Australia, from 1941 to 1946, when loving your country meant you had to fight for it - and for survival.



PLAY IN THE PARK - Wednesday 25th February at the APEX PARK BETWEEN 10AM – 12PM

Please come join Bec & myself as we bring toys, stories & activities for the children. Share fruit together. This is a **Free Community Family Event** fully supported by the **Shire of Kojonup**.

For further information, please call the Library on 9831 2412.

The Library will be hosting 'STORY TIME' on Friday 6th March. Reading starts at 10:30am come join in the fun!!

We have had our first session for 'EatPlayThrive' on Friday 20th February. With our mums eager to embrace new ways to live a happier healthier life with their families. EatPlayThrive is a preventative program that assists parents and carers of children aged 1-12 years in creating a healthier lifestyle for their family. The program consists of three 2.5 hour workshops conducted over a three week period. Each parent will also receive a follow-up phone call 1-2 weeks after the final workshop. Workshops will cover topics such as the importance of healthy eating and regular activity for child development, how to identify healthy foods, practical meal solutions on a budget, how to avoid family mealtime conflicts, how to incorporate movement into daily life and much more. The final workshop will conclude with parents cooking a healthy meal together, using skills learned over the program's duration. **Our next session will be held at the Playgroup Rooms.**



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Library Services Officer

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NATIONAL RED BALLOON DAY
28TH FEBRUARY 2015

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

Event	Date	Time	Location
Breakfast Forum – Sporting Complex Precinct Master Plan	3 rd March 2015	7:30am	Sporting Complex
Special Council Meeting	5 th March 2015	3:00pm	Council Chambers