

# Shire of Kojonup E-News

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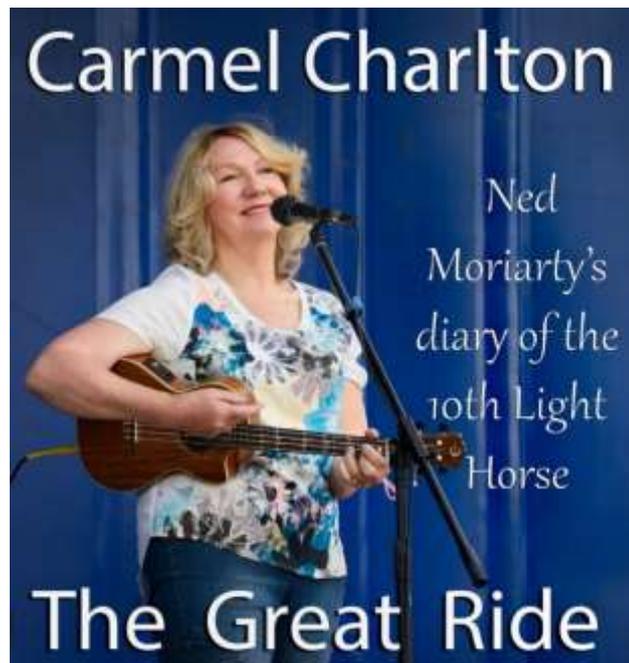
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## LIBRARY NEWS

Keep the **15<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm** free & join us at the **Library**

Carmel Carlton will be presenting the  
**'GREAT RIDE' – Ned Moriarty's diary of the 10<sup>th</sup> Light Horse**

In 1918 Palestine, the Australian Light Horse commenced a pursuit of the Turks all the way to Damascus. The presentation is based on a diary/letter written by Trooper Ned Moriarty to his sister Alice in 1918. The 10<sup>th</sup> Light Horse was given the honour of leading the Australian Mounted Division into Damascus where they accepted the formal surrender of the city.



RSVP: [library@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:library@kojonup.wa.gov.au) or  
Phone Lorreen on 9831 2412 to reserve your seat.

'Play in the Park' – Join Bec & Lorreen on the 25<sup>th</sup> March at the Apex Park at 10am. Remember this is a free community event. Playing with rice, play dough, making an Easter Basket, sharing fruit & stories ☺

Lorreen Greeuw  
*Library Services Officer*

## SHIRE PRESIDENT NEWS

### Civic Ceremony – Dr King

Over 200 community members attended the reception to farewell Dr King.

Dr King recounted some memorable and often hilarious moments as a country GP and reiterated how appreciative he was for all the support received from the Shire and Community in this time. While this chapter in his book of life may have closed, a new chapter with his family begins.

We offer our sincere apologies to Dr King and the community for the breakdown in communication which led to deficient preparation being made for this important event.

We are sourcing a suitable new PA as a matter of urgent priority as both of the Shire PA systems have failed.

Margaret Robertson and Wendy Thorn will conduct a video interview with Dr King in a controlled environment that goes to the heart of the rural experience of a GP. This video will be available to attendees as well as a valuable addition to the Kodja Place Storyplace allowing visitors to relate to health and health services as they are a common concern, regardless of where you live in the world.

Photographs taken on the evening will be uploaded onto Council's website allowing community members an opportunity to order specific photographs as a memento of the farewell.

For those who did not get to sign the Book please note it will be available at the Shire Office front counter for the next couple of weeks should you wish to do so.

Again, we regret any inconvenience caused as it is never our intention and will not be repeated.

We sincerely thank all in attendance who, by the presence, showed Dr King how much he and his family are valued and will be sadly missed.

### Annual Electors Meeting 2013/2014

We encourage community members to attend despite the 2013/2014 financial year being well behind us however it is a requirement of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Council is now progressing budget considerations for the 2015/2016 financial year.

### Southern Link Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (VROC)

During 2014, as part of its forward planning and in recognition of changes to funding opportunities, the VROC agreed that a new strategic plan was required and a consultant was appointed to drive this process.

Several planning workshops with individual Councils as well as combined groups, collating both Councillor and staff viewpoints were held. The results of the planning sessions were summarised in a document presented to the full VROC on 26 November 2014. At this meeting further minor changes were requested.

The VROC Strategic Plan document 'Strategic Directions (2015-2020)' provides a good framework to commence collaborative implementation planning (who, when, what resources, what cost) within the four VROC member Councils of Broomehill-Tambellup, Cranbrook, Kojonup and Plantagenet.

Throughout the strategic planning process there were opportunities identified and already some of the chosen strategies are being implemented including:

Goal 3: Environment (Value and protect the environment):

Strategy 2 – Encourage natural resource management – encourage waste water harvesting and recycling of waste water; and

Strategy 3 – Improve waste management – Develop opportunities for combined waste management for collection services, transfer station management and landfill operations.

Council unanimously adopted the new Strategic Directions (2015-2020) at its meeting held 17 March 2015 and a copy of the plan is on our website for perusal.

### Local Law Review

The *Local Government Act 1995* requires that a Council must, eight years after adoption of any Local Law, review the local law to ensure that it still remains current.

Through the VROC meetings an opportunity was identified to undertake this mandatory review of Local Laws collaboratively which the Shire of Kojonup endorsed at its meeting held 17 March 2015. WALGA offer a suite

of templates for Local Laws which can be changed to suit local conditions and offer uniformity where required to the four VROC member councils.

The first stage of the collaborative review of local laws is to review, identify, compare, seek public comment and develop actions. Council and Officers will participate in this process following which further reports will be submitted to each member Council who in turn can determine by resolution whether or not the Local Law should be repealed, amended or a new Local Law adopted.

To commence the review processes Councils are required to advertise state-wide their intention to review the Local Laws and as a collaborative approach via VROC, joint advertising will be undertaken.

#### Day Care Tender

As a result of the Special Meeting of Council held 5 March 2015, Council awarded the tender to BGC Construction after assessing the following criteria:

Price - 30%;

Demonstrated Experience/Capacity – 30%;

Timing - 20%;

Safety Management – 10%;

Local Economic Effect – 10%.

The methodology outlined above is used for all Council Tenders to provide a formal, rigorous, consistent and transparent system of evaluation that guides staff and ultimately Council in accepting the preferred Tender. Works will commence ASAP.

#### WALGA (Western Australian Local Government Association)

Council continues to represent our community at the Great Southern Zone of WALGA meetings. At the last meeting we flagged the issue of compliance anomalies in relation to Department of Environment & Regulation regulations including those imposed at the Saleyards. As the peak lobby body for local Government we have requested that this matter be taken up with relevant Ministers.

#### 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*

Rick Mitchell-Collins  
*Chief Executive Officer*

### **UPCOMING WORKS**

- Qualeup South Road reseal;
- Samson Road gravel sheeting;
- Watts Road gravel sheeting; and
- Road grading where and as needed.

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

### **KOJONUP BUSH FIRE ASSOCIATION**

The Annual General Meeting of the Kojonup Bush Fire Association will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at the Sports Complex. This meeting is open to all brigade members. We look forward to seeing you there.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF VENUE TO THE SPORTS COMPLEX\*\***

## **KOJONUP TRUCK WASH**

Works will shortly be commencing 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.

## **SPLASHINGS FROM KOJONUP SWIMMING POOL**

Congratulations to Henry Simpson who won the Back to School Walter the Watch Dog colouring in competition run by Royal Life Saving Society in Perth. Henry was selected as the winner in Perth in the 4 – 6yr old bracket where he won a \$200 Toys R Us voucher.



## **KEVIN O'HALLORAN SWIMMING POOL – END OF SEASON**

Council wishes to advise that although the pool is scheduled to close at 6.00pm Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2015, dependent on weather, water temperature and patronage, the facility may reopen after the Easter break for part of the school holiday period. Keep an eye on the Shire of Kojonup Facebook page for further details.

The last Water Aerobics session will be at 5.30 pm on Thursday 26th March 2015.

Up to end of February attendances at the pool have increased 43% from last season, due in part to reduced entry fees, but importantly through a constant improved water temperature achieved through daily use of pool blankets, making the water more inviting and conducive to bather comfort.

Patrons are to be congratulated for supporting this major recreational facility during the current season and can rest assured that management and staff will continue to strive for gradual improvement in the delivery of a quality service provision in their ongoing management of the pool.

## 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*

### OFFICE CLOSURE

The Shire of Kojonup Office & Library will be closed for the Easter Break from 4:30pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 and re-open at 8:30am on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

For emergencies please contact 0427 989 187.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Rick Mitchell-Collins  
*Chief Executive Officer*

### WORKS DEPOT CLOSURE

The Shire of Kojonup Works Depot will be closed for the Easter Break from 5:00pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 and will commence again at 6:30am on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

For emergencies please contact 0427 989 187.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Rick Mitchell-Collins  
*Chief Executive Officer*

## SALE OF PLANT - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Shire of Kojonup is seeking expressions of interest for the outright purchase of the following plant:

- 1 x Tri-Axle Water Tank (30,000 litres)
- 1 x Small Plant Trailer

These vehicles are available on a “As is, Where is” basis.

For further information or to arrange inspection contact Mr Craig McVee on 0427 427 854 between 7am and 5pm Tuesday to Friday.

Expressions of Interest are to be:

- 1) Received in writing by the closing date,
- 2) Include the purchase price offered (includes GST), and
- 3) Marked attention to the CEO.

**Closing Date: 4.00pm, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

These can be mailed to:

Shire of Kojonup  
PO Box 163  
KOJONUP WA 6395

Delivered to the Shire Office at 93 Albany Highway, Kojonup.

Or emailed to [council@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@kojonup.wa.gov.au)

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

Rick Mitchell-Collins  
*Chief Executive Officer*

## DR KINGS FAREWELL

Dr King recounted how, on his first day at Kojonup he delivered a baby boy and how they recently met again, baby now a young man, in Bunbury. He was able to deliver 19 more babies before the service was forced to cease.

Dr King also shared about getting a call from a farmer asking for assistance to treat a cow with a broken leg, which he put in a cast, resulting in a complete recovery!

We heard hilarious tales including of how, head down and peddling, he rode head on into a stationary van and of another occasion when he, head down and peddling, somersaulted over a Shire roadwork's sign on his way to the hospital!

Dr King noted how very quickly 20 plus years have passed by and that the generosity of the Kojonup community had been tremendous with many people providing him hospitality.

He told how he genuinely loves his patients, who are like family, and that the strong sense of community which they, as a young couple from Sydney, were unaware could exist, was so appreciated. His son Nicholas has also been able to experience this wonderful community spirit while working here in his profession. He said it was a privilege to be able to raise his young family in our country town.

Dr King paid tribute to his Wife, Family, Staff, St Johns Volunteers, Kojonup Hospital and Shire for their significant support.

He stated that he did not wish to leave Kojonup but if he left his departure any longer his family may not want him! *Photos below courtesy of Gwenda Kinniburgh.*



Pictured above are Dr Anthony King & Cr Ronnie Fleay (Shire President)



Pictured above are Dr King's Team - Helen Hunter, Dr King & Bev Ryall



Pictured above is a Group Photo of the Attendees

### Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

Event	Date	Time	Location
Council Meeting	21 <sup>st</sup> April 2015	3:00pm	Council Chambers