



RESTRICTED BURNING TIME

From the 1 March 2013 until 30 April 2013, permits are required for all fires lit during the Restricted Burning Time and must be obtained from your local Fire Control Officer, who will explain the conditions under which fires may be lit.

Permits will not be issued for town site burning between 1 March – 30 April unless there are exceptional circumstances.

For further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Senior Ranger, Paul Retallack on 9831 2400.

MEETING NOTICE, BUSHFIRE ACT REVIEW

Lesser Hall, 7th March 2013 8pm.

All interested members of the public are invited to a meeting to discuss Kojonup's response to a review into the emergency services acts, which includes the Bushfires Act.

Further reading matter available from Digby Stretch on 9833 7521 or email digbystretch@bigpond.com

TOWN OVAL

Have you noticed the Town Oval is looking a bit brown? The Shire gets the water from the overflow from the sewer system and with the dry season and everyone away during January we have run out. The Shire has secured a grant with the Southern Link Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup, Shire of Cranbrook, Shire of Plantagenet and Shire of Kojonup) to extend both the waste water re-use system and combine with storm water runoff collection. This will fix the oval watering issue and also extend the system to other public gardens around town, particularly the rose maze. Thank you for your patience whilst we work towards turning the oval back to its normal green lush condition.

Enquiries please contact Craig McVee on 9831 2900.

SPRINGHAVEN NEWS

Pancake Day saw the Residents enjoy pancakes with their favourite toppings, cream cheese, golden syrup, lemon and sugar. And then how lucky we were to have Red Cross for afternoon tea on Valentines Day! We have welcomed a new member of staff, Rosey, who comes every Tuesday and does wonderful massage for the Residents, we are very lucky to have Rosey join us and the Residents are lining up to see her!

Bob and Jean Green are pictured getting into the spirit of Valentines Day, all our lady Residents were given a rose.



SPLASHINGS FROM KOJONUP SWIMMING POOL

We have had some really good weather over the interm swimming this year. The teachers and children have been able to achieve a lot between them.

The Lap Club is still going very strong they have come up to a point that now the race is on to see who can get close to Jill Cavanagh.

There are several dates to remember over the next few weeks. We will still have Early Morning Swim from 6.00am till 9.00am. Then the pool won't be open to the public till 3.00pm. These are:

Friday 1st March. St Bernards Swim Carnival.

Thursday 14th March. KDHS Swim Carnival.

Friday 5th April. Interschool Carnival.

The end of March will also be the swimming club wind up this date is yet to be confirmed.

This means that you can come and watch your child swim and it is free entry for those who come and watch only. It is a very good time to come and support your child's faction.

Sunday 7th April will be the final day the Pool will be open for season 2013.

Note: Parents of children under 10years of age you must be here to supervise your child. This doesn't mean that you drop them off at the pool and get someone else to watch them at short notice. This isn't looked on very kindly as it put pressure on the patrons and several have gone home leaving the child behind. Then the staff have to remove the child from the water and contact the parent concerned.

Hope to see you all here soon.

Alma Watson
YMCA Pool Manager
Kojonup Swimming Pool.

RATE NOTICES

Instalment Payers

A reminder to Rate Payers who have elected to pay by instalments, the last instalment was due on 19 February 2013.

Overdue Amounts

Ratepayers with overdue amounts are urged to finalise payment of their account immediately.

Please note that late payment interest of 11% p/a will continue to accrue until full payment is received. Late payment interest does not apply to Pensioners or Senior card holders who are currently registered with the Shire.

If you are unable to make payment or are having other difficulties paying your rates please contact Heather Marland at the Shire on 9831 2400, to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

Pensioner and Senior Card Holders

A reminder to holders of Senior and Pensioner concession cards, it is not too late to register with the Shire for a rebate on the current year's Rates and ESL charges. To be eligible you must be a card holder and have owned and lived on your property as of the 1st July 2012. To find out more or to register please contact Heather Marland at the Shire on 9831 2400.

YMCA BUS



The Shire of Kojonup recently acquired a bus donated by the YMCA. The bus is designed to provide activities for young people living in regional towns. Some features of the bus include a small kitchen, air conditioning, flat screen monitors, gaming consoles and outdoor activity equipment. The bus will be available for community groups to use for events and/or activities. Hire fee/charges or bond may apply in some instances. If you or your community group would like to know more information, please feel free to contact me at the Shire on 9831 2400 or email – community@kojonup.wa.gov.au

“Name the Bus” Competition

Our new bus needs a name! If you have any suggestions as to what you think it should be please put it in writing and hand it in to the Shire, or email community@kojonup.wa.gov.au
Please include your name and contact number. Competition closes Monday 25th March, 2013.

Joanne Macri, Community Services Officer



FREE SHOWERHEAD SWAP PROGRAM FOR KOJONUP RESIDENTS

Did you know that almost 1/4 of total household water is used in the shower? A new low flow showerhead that is water efficient (WELS rated 3 star or above) can save you up to 3 litres of water a minute and you can still enjoy a good pressure shower.

Swap your water guzzling showerheads for new improved highly efficient ones for FREE with the Water Corporation's Showerhead Swap Program. If you occupy a house in the Shire of Kojonup which is served by the Water Corporation's mains, you can take up to two old showerheads along with a recent water use account to the Shire Office to claim the swap.

Be quick as there is limited stock available.

Enquiries please contact Sophie Knight on 9831 2400 or pogo@kojonup.wa.gov.au

Are you registered to receive the new Shire of Kojonup E-News?

The Shire of Kojonup is now offering updates and information in the form of a fortnightly E-newsletter. The E-newsletter can be found on the Shire Website or alternatively can be sent directly to your e-mail address. To register to receive regular Shire updates please contact Dominique at the Shire Office on council@kojonup.wa.gov.au A big THANK YOU to those who have already registered.

LIBRARY NEWS

New Books

Twilight Children – Torey Hayden: In Twilight Children, Hayden tells three gripping stories. At the centre of the book is the story of Cassandra, a nine-year old girl who was kidnapped and abused by her father for two years and, by the time Hayden starts working with her, is ready to lash out at anyone who tries to befriend her. Running parallel to Cassandra's story is that of four-year-old Drake who won't speak to anyone except his mother. The third narrative is about Gerda, an elderly woman who, after suffering a stroke, refuses to free herself from her self-imposed silence and crippling depression. Told with compassion, sensitivity, and, believe it or not, humour, this is the story of one woman's fierce determination, the struggles of three people, and their amazing road to recovery.

The Traders Dream – Anna Jacobs: The Trader's Dream is the third novel in Anna Jacobs' wonderfully atmospheric new saga series 'The Traders', set in Europe, the Orient and Australia's Swan River Colony. Bram Deagan dreams of bringing his family from Ireland to join him in Australia, where he now runs a successful trading business. But when a typhus epidemic strikes Ireland, it leaves the Deagan family decimated. And, with other family members scattered round the world, it is left to Maura Deagan to look after her orphaned nieces and nephew. Forced to abandon her own ambitions, and unsure whether she is ready to become a mother-figure to three young children, Maura recognises that their only hope is to join Bram in far away Australia. So they set sail on the SS Delta, which will carry them there, via the newly opened Suez Canal. It is only when a storm throws her and fellow passenger Hugh Beaufort together that Maura realises this journey may also give her a chance to pursue a dream she set aside long ago--to have a family of her own. That is, until someone from Hugh's past threatens to jeopardise everything.

Night Road – Kristin Hannah: Lexi and Mia are inseparable from the moment they start high school. Different in so many ways - Lexi is an orphan and lives with her aunt on a trailer park, while Mia is a golden girl blessed with a loving family and a beautiful home. Yet they recognise something in each other which sets them apart from the crowd. Mia's beloved, and incredibly good-looking twin brother Zach, finds life much less complicated than his sister. The summer they graduated is a time they will always remember, and one they could never forget. A summer of love, shared confidences and promises. Then one moment, one night changes them all forever.

We have an opening for someone to be our Story Time Reader. Storytime is held every second Friday morning, if you enjoy reading to children & would love to volunteer a little of your time, please call Lorreen (A Working with Children Check is vital) and have a chat on 98312412.

Story Time dates: March 8th & 22nd, reading starts at 10:30am



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2013

The Shire is currently seeking volunteers for Clean Up Australia Day for Sunday March 3rd. **Clean Up Australia Day is a simple way you can take action to clean up, fix up and conserve our prized Australian environment.**

In 2012 an estimated **591,400 volunteers** cleaned up **16,169 tonnes** at **7,363 sites** right across Australia. But we can do better! So be a good sport and join the team to Clean Up Australia on **Sunday, 3 March 2013**. If you would like to volunteer please contact Sophie Knight on 9831 2400 or ppgo@kojonup.wa.gov.au

The Department of Sport & Recreation and the Albany & Regional Volunteer Service present

Grant Writing Made Easy

2013 Workshop Series with...



Rebecca Cotton
Strategist & Facilitator

“If you have a chance to get to one of her sessions, don’t walk – run,”

is what one Albany participant said about a Rebecca Cotton workshop in 2010, and if it’s your New Year’s resolution to attract funding for your club in 2013 then you won’t want to miss this opportunity. Rebecca will be training workshop participants in her Creative Logic process – a user-friendly (and fun) tool to help people get their thinking straight and develop great project plans and grant applications.

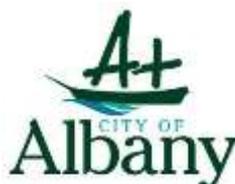
Four workshops are being held in the Great Southern Region, see details and contacts below.

Town	Date	Time	Venue	Cost	To book your place, please contact
KOJONUP	Thurs 16 th May	1.30pm to 4.30pm	Kojonup Sporting Complex	Free	Amelia Bishop Club Development Officer on 0417484619 or cdo@shirebt.wa.gov.au

Department of Sport & Recreation, Lotterywest and the Shire of Kojonup Community Development Officer

will also be making a presentation on the day about funding opportunities available through their organisations! Ask those tricky questions, talk to them about your projects and learn how to write a grant!

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CLUB DEVELOPMENT OFFICER BLOG—MARCH 2013

Summer sport is coming to an end and winter sport is fast approaching!
Old Fellas Football Fitness League in Tambellup, better known as *OFFFL* has already advertised that they are in full swing!

The Kidsport program has officially launched for the winter sporting season so if you would like to find out more information give me a call or contact your local shire. \$200 could go a long way!

I am happy to announce that the Shire of Kojonup will be holding a FREE grant writing workshop on the 16th of May 2013. This is the most requested workshop by clubs. Find out how to apply for grant money! We are also pleased to announce that we will be having a representative from the Department of Sport & Recreation, Lotterywest and the Shire of Kojonup to talk to you about their funding rounds.

There you have it...talk to them about your project, find out how to apply and a professional will show you how to write a grant application! Why wouldn't you take this opportunity up? Check out your local publications and keep your eyes and ears open for more information.

Don't make your club good... make your club great!

Amelia Bishop

Club Development Officer



FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME!

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EMPLOYMENT – SPRINGHAVEN HANDY PERSON

Springhaven is seeking a well skilled handyperson for two half days per week for general repairs and maintenance with some general yard tidy tasks.

The hours and days are flexible between Monday – Friday but would prefer Tuesday and Thursday between 9am – 1pm.

The pre-employment requirement is to have a current police clearance for working in aged care.

Please contact Manager 98312800 to arrange an appointment and collect the expression of interest application form, position description, duties and scheduled EBA pay rates.



Draft Vision and Plan Now Available

After reviewing 206 survey responses, facilitating a well attended community workshop and several lengthy and productive meetings with Shire Councillors and staff, the draft Community Strategic Plan is now available for public comment.

The Plan has been prepared around eight themes that were identified by the community as priority areas. The themes are:

- Being well governed
- Feeling good about living in Kojonup
- Creating opportunities for youth
- Living in a safe community
- Staying active and entertained
- Being healthy
- Supporting main street
- Building prosperity

Each theme includes a description of the community's aspirations and the Shire's commitment to work towards achieving the community's goals. Commitments are wide and varied and include undertaking a comprehensive traffic and community study to identify the most appropriate solution to reduce heavy vehicle traffic on Albany Highway. Also included is the purchase of solar blankets for the swimming pool, and measures to create a local youth advisory council and a progress association.

Residents are invited to comment on the Plan before 11 March 2013. A copy of the Plan can be collected from the Shire Office, downloaded from the Shire's website (www.kojonup.wa.gov.au) or facebook page.

Comments should be in writing and faxed to 9831 1566, emailed to ppgo@kojonup.wa.gov.au or posted to Shire of Kojonup, PO Box 163, Kojonup 6395. Alternatively, you can leave a comment on the Shire's facebook page.

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

Event	Date	Time	Location
Kojonup Medical Centre Community Feedback Wanted !!!	Open Now	-	Shire Office
Council Meeting	19 th March 2013	3:00pm	Council Chambers