



## WORKS PRESENTLY IN PROGRESS

Pictured below is the Shire of Kojonup Depot Crew, constructing a new footpath on George Street.



## AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2014

Once again it is the time of year when we have the opportunity to recognise those people whose achievements help to make Kojonup the wonderful community it is.

This is also the time of year when many organisations are holding AGMs, compiling annual reports etc, and I would ask that you give consideration to nominating a long serving or particularly active member for an Australia Day award.

There are four awards presented by the Shire at the Australia Day Breakfast. We are seeking nominations in the following categories:

- Certificate of Achievement
- Certificate of Participation
- Certificate of Appreciation
- Community Event of the Year

Community and business groups, organisations and individuals can all be nominated. Nomination forms may be obtained from the Shire, the Shire website or emailed to you.

For further information please contact Joanne Macri at the Shire on 98312400 or email [community@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:community@kojonup.wa.gov.au)

## SPRINGHAVEN NEWS

Springhaven Residents had a special furry visitor last week in the form of a little joey kangaroo. Our new Resident, Rose Jones, is pictured holding the kangaroo.



The visit brought back vivid memories for the Residents as they all had a story to tell with their experiences with Kangaroos. On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August, we enjoyed a visit to Kodja Place where we had a tour by Jack Cox, and some damper and billy tea out by the fire. The sun was shining and it was nice to get some vitamin D into our bones. We were once again entertained by Bill Tompsett and his country music, some toe tapping and clapping was a happening! Residents are looking forward to a bus trip out to a farm, where they will tour the farm, see some animals and enjoy pumpkin soup before heading back into town. We are hoping the weather will be nice for us to wander around.

### **WESTERN POWER – STREET LIGHT FAULTS**

Due to frequent and lengthy streetlight outages occurring lately, we advise that if you do notice any streetlights off at night or on during the day to please contact Western Power directly on 1800 622 008 or if you prefer at [www.westernpower.com.au/customerservice/reportaproblem](http://www.westernpower.com.au/customerservice/reportaproblem).

For faults including but not limited to, no power, partial power, vegetation touching power lines or vandalism please call 13 13 51.

These are a 24hr 7 day a week service.

### **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](mailto:council@kojonup.wa.gov.au) A big THANK YOU to those who have already registered.

## HOUSEHOLD BATTERY DROP OFF POINTS

If you have household batteries you would like to recycle keep an eye out for the drop off bins located at the IGA, Home Timber and Hardware and the Shire Office. Just place all your old batteries in the buckets (check out the local photo on the bucket whilst you're there!) and the school will recycle them as part of their recycling initiative. For further information contact Sophie Knight on 9831 2411.



## FACEBOOK

Just a reminder that the Shire now has a Facebook page. To keep up to date with news, information and events please "like" the page. [www.facebook.com/ShireOfKojonup](http://www.facebook.com/ShireOfKojonup)

## COUNCIL ELECTIONS - SATURDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2013

Local Government Elections will be held across Western Australia on 19 October 2013, if the Shire of Kojonup receives more nominations than vacancies an election will be run

Are you enrolled to vote? Or perhaps you are thinking of nominating to become a Councillor at the Shire of Kojonup?

To ensure that you are eligible to vote and/or nominate as Councillor in the Shire of Kojonup elections, your registration must be correct with the WA Electoral Commission.

To check your registration please contact the Western Australia Electoral Commission on 13 63 06 or visit [www.waec.wa.gov.au/check\\_enrolment/index.php](http://www.waec.wa.gov.au/check_enrolment/index.php)

The Shire of Kojonup is calling for nominations from interested community members. Nominations open on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013 and close at 4:00pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013. Any queries regarding nominating for Council should be directed to Kim Dolzadelli, Manager of Corporate Services.

## COUNCIL LAND RATES – DUE 30 AUGUST 2013

### Rate Notices

Council Rate Notices for the 2013/14 year were issued on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

The due date for payment in full and/or the First Instalment is the **30th August 2013**; late payment interest will start to accrue after this date.

If you have not received your rate notice or if you expect to have difficulty paying the rates by any of the offered options you are urged to contact Heather Marland on 98312 400.

### Pensioners and Seniors Rebates

Ratepayers who are the holder of a Pensioner Concession Card, State Seniors Card or Commonwealth Seniors Health Care Card may be eligible for up to a 50% rebate on current rate and emergency service levy charges. The rebate percentage will vary dependent upon individual circumstances and which cards are held.

To be eligible you must be the holder of one the abovementioned cards, have been the owner or part owner of the property as at 1<sup>st</sup> July and you must live at the property. Furthermore you must be registered with the Shire.

To find out more please contact Heather Marland at the Shire on 9831 2400.

## EMPLOYMENT - RELIEF COOK

Springhaven Frail Aged Hostel is seeking applications for the position of a *Relief Cook*.

Mandatory Police Clearance

Relevant experience in commercial kitchen

Organized and capable to work unsupervised

Familiar with the requirements of Food Safety Act.

Week days and some weekend work available

Award Rate with EBA

Orientation and ability to work within a positive team environment

Contact the Manager, Lynne McIntosh for Expressions of Interest package on 9831 2800.

## BANNERS IN THE TERRACE 2013

Below is our Shire President, Cr Jane Trethowan, accepting the award for Kojonup's winning entry in the 2013 Banners in the Terrace competition.



## FIREBREAKS

Landowners and occupiers are urged to consider implementing their firebreak precautions now rather than leaving it until the last moment. Mowing, spraying, grazing or using a machine to turn the soil to provide a clear area can form suitable firebreaks.

### **Spraying Reminder:**

The Fire Break Order requires that if you are using chemical spraying for firebreaks on land within the gazetted Townsite this needs to be completed to the Shire's satisfaction by the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

### **Firebreaks:**

The Fire Break Order requires that during the period from 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013 to 31 May 2014 Urban Land Owners (within the gazetted Townsite) must have a 20m wide firebreak cleared of all flammable material surrounding the perimeter of any homestead, building, fuel installation (including drums), or group of structures or installations. On land that is 4,000 sq. metres or less, all remaining flammable material is to be reduced to a height of less than 50mm. Owners of property with an area greater than 4,000 sq. metres, adjacent to a developed residential property, must have a 20m boundary firebreak cleared of all flammable material on the land abutting residential land. Council will conduct its annual firebreak inspection of all land within the gazetted Town site.

The Fire Break Order requires that during the period from 14<sup>th</sup> December 2013 to 31 May 2014 Rural Land owners (outside of the gazetted Town site) must have a 20m firebreak around all infrastructure including; homesteads, buildings, bulk fuel, drums and liquid petroleum. Haystacks that are within 60metres of a building are also required to have a 20m fire break. Council will conduct aerial inspections of rural properties on the 16 December 2013.

Infringements or penalties may apply to those who are no compliant with the specifications above. For more information please call the Shire Ranger, (08) 9831 2400 or the Chief Brigade Fire Control Officer, 0428 540 521.

## UPCOMING/CONTINUING WORKS FOR SEPTEMBER

- Mulching of overhanging limbs Tone Road from Blackwood Road to Orchid Valley Road
- Install new Footpath George Street
- Install new Kerbing Gordon Street
- Grading Old Broomehill Road Area
- Grading Cherry Tree pool area
- Cleaning of Numerous Culverts/Drains throughout shire
- Bitumen pothole repairs where needed
- Remove/Replace Lemon Scented Gums on north side of Cemetery Drive with Chinese Elms
- Rural Bitumen Roadside Spraying
- Muradup Townsite Spraying
- Parks & Oval Mowing/Marking
- Grading other Roads of an urgent nature
- Street Sweeping (Contractor)

As you would be aware there may be a slight change depending on what weather systems we get.

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

# cdo blog



Welcome to this month's edition of the *Talk Sporting Clubs* E-Newsletter.

In recent weeks, I have had clubs contact me about expanding their memberships. This is fabulous news as it means we have more people wanting to be involved in organised sport! Also on this note, if there are any clubs requiring assistance with setting up committees, governance or incorporation give me a call as I am always happy to assist.

The proposed replacement of the Kojonup netball courts is ongoing. We are currently finishing a grant application which we hope will help get this project off the ground. A recent inspection of the new multipurpose surface installed at Frederick Square, Cranbrook has provided a number of very good options for consideration. It looks fresh, bright and very modern! Exciting times for the Kojonup Netball Club, as a new surface maybe closer than you think!

With winter sports coming to a close, summer sports are RAPIDLY approaching. I anticipate that I will be working solidly with the summer sporting clubs to help promote Kidsport and provide assistance to ensure the best start to summer sporting season.

***Amelia Simpson***  
*Club Development Officer*

**FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME!**

**Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup P 9825 3555**

**Shire of Kojonup P 9831 2400**

**M 0417 484 619**

# Play in the Park

## Outdoor Play & Storytime All Welcome

KOJONUP  
Apex Park Albany Hwy



KOJONUP

Wednesday 10-12

4th Wednesday of the month  
except school holidays

*Free*

activities / rhymes / stories  
for you to enjoy with  
your children

For more details contact  
YMCA Albany 9842 1457

24 July

28 August

25 September

23 October

27 November

School Holidays

School Holidays

26 February

26 March

School Holiday

28 May

25 June

23 July



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We build strong **PEOPLE**  
strong **FAMILIES**  
strong **COMMUNITIES**



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## LIBRARY NEWS

### Literacy Update

Can we hit Australia's critically low literacy rate for a six in just 10 minutes a day? "Absolutely", says The Reading Hour ambassador Tim Ferguson. Spreading the simple message to **'Share a book with your child 10 minutes a day, an hour a week, and give them the gift of reading'** is the aim.

The Reading Hour aims is to raise awareness of how easy it is to help children develop a life---long love of reading and all the benefits that come with it – just 10 minutes a day can change a child's life forever.

Responding to research highlighting Australia's critically low literacy rates and the increased social and economic opportunities for children that are read to from an early age.

The Reading Hour initiative reminds parents and caregivers that reading together doesn't have to be a massive undertaking in their increasingly busy lives. **'If you can manage only 10 minutes a day from an early age, you will still give your child the best chance of becoming a good reader, along with the entire social and educational benefits that brings,'** says 2013 Reading Hour ambassador Tim Ferguson – Australia's much---loved author, comedian, lecturer and performer. **'And the beauty of reading books is that it's like taking a bath – once you're in, you just don't want to get out!'**

Every Australian family can download the delightful interactive children's eBook **COWZAT!** *For free on Saturday 24 August* thanks to our friends at Cricket Australia and Colour Me PLAY. The fabulously fun COWZAT! – Which Tim is the voice for – follows a lovable herd of cows as they discover the unusual origins of Cricket, and is based on the CBCA award---winning children's picture book by Bruce Atherton and Ben Redlich.


### A Smart Start



**SAFE4KIDS**, what a great morning with *Protective Behaviours Educator* Holly-Ann Martin!

It's a horrible subject, but one as parents we need to come to face with, our children are at risk from family, friends as well as the stranger on our streets. 1 in 4 girls & 1 in 6 boys will be abused by the time they are 18, now that's a scary National statistic. But with new knowledge shared by Holly-Ann we can be more aware how to keep our kids safe. Mums, grandparents, teachers & our Child Care Nurse walked away thinking, but we are all striving for a greater safer community, and we are just starting.

Parents who attended were given the **parent handbook** as well as the fridge magnet with **'15 Tips for Parents that will help your child feel safe'**. These are also available at the library with new books "Some Secrets should Never be Kept" by Jayneen Smith & "Everyone's got a Bottom" by Tess Rowley. "Matilda learns a valuable lesson" by Holly-Ann is also on the shelves for families to borrow.

Safe4Kids.com.au or find *Safe4Kids* on 



## NEW RANGER

### Carol Grazier

Hello  
My name is Carol Grazier and I am your new Ranger for the next six months.  
I come here to Kojonup from Carnarvon, where I worked for the Shire for the last 5 years as Ranger Coordinator. I have worked with several other Councils before this time.  
I have a son, who lives and works in Perth.  
When given the opportunity to work in Kojonup for the Shire, I jumped at the idea, as I enjoy the rural lifestyle.  
My main interests are camping and patchwork.  
I am looking forward to living in Kojonup



## SHOPPING BAG SURVEY

As part of the Shire's Community Strategic Plan we are investigating how often people use re-usable canvas shopping bags when doing their grocery shopping. If you would like to participate please visit [www.recyclingnearyou.com.au](http://www.recyclingnearyou.com.au), search for Kojonup and complete the survey on the right hand side of the page. For further information contact Sophie Knight 9831 2411.

### Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

Event	Date	Time	Location
Council Meeting	17 <sup>th</sup> September 2013	3:00pm	Council Chambers