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SHIRE PRESIDENT NEWS

Vale

Councillors and Staff extend sincere condolences to the family of Mr Frank Kelly who was a valuable elected member of Council from 1970 to 1978.

Australia Day Awards

Council extends congratulations to this year's recipients and also to community members who participated in the breakfast and celebrated recipients well deserved awards.

We should never take for granted what a wonderful Country we live in despite the stresses of day to day life and how important community participation is in truly identifying the "Sense of Community" that Kojonup possesses.

Council Volunteer Recognition Awards will be presented March/April 2015.

Medical Centre

The reality that Dr Anthony King will be leaving Kojonup in April is no doubt a shock to some residents, however after 20 years of faithful service to Kojonup Dr King deserves to undertake the next chapter of his life with his family. Council are considering holding a civic ceremony in the Memorial Hall at 6.30pm 17 March 2015 to pay tribute to Dr King. This will be confirmed in the next issue of The Kojonup News. Council will be meeting with St Lukes Family Practice in early February to discuss transition arrangements for the Bagg Street Clinic.

Council is also continuing the development of concept plans for the possible construction of a new Medical Centre adjacent to the existing Hospital Car Park in Spring Street and is working collaboratively with representatives from WA Country Health Services. Future planning options regarding Civic Centre Precinct Development incorporating the Memorial Hall, Council Office, Bagg Street Clinic, Hillman Park and Harrison Street area are being progressed as part of the Main Street Master Planning in order to leverage funds from the second round of National Stronger Regions Fund which opens in May 2015 including the tremendous bequest made by George Church and his family.

Aged Care, Health and Medical Services and Infrastructure provision remains a high priority for the Shire and Council will ensure the community remains informed of our progress.

Day Care Centre

Tenders are presently being called for the construction of the new Day Care Centre. It is envisaged that the successful tenderer will be known by the end of February with the completion timeframe being 30 weeks from appointment.

Community Engagement Survey

The Shire will be undertaking a confidential online community engagement survey during February to ascertain the effectiveness of Councillors and employees in providing good governance and the delivery of services aligned to the Community Strategic Plan as a benchmark for continuous improvement. This feedback also allows the Shire to ascertain the level of community knowledge and understanding about "the business of Council" and also whether our perception of performance is matched by the Community. For example when you look in the bathroom mirror of a morning ask yourself this question "Is my perception of the person I feel I am matched by other people's perception?" If not how can I improve or alternatively get people to understand me better?

What are my good traits and areas where there may be miscommunication or misinterpretation? Council via the Community Survey is seeking similar feedback.

Manager – The Kodja Place

Council received quality applications for the above position and formal interviews will be conducted at the end of January. It is hoped that an announcement of the successful applicant will be made by mid-February.

Arborist Tree Inspections

A qualified Arborist is about to visit Kojonup to undertake a public tree audit of Council owned/managed land to identify trees that require lopping, removal or pose a significant risk to public safety. Community members please note that any trees to be removed will be the subject of a planned replacement program.

Thank You

On behalf of Council we would like to commend all involved in the firefighting efforts over the past couple of weeks. It is truly heart-warming to see the co-operation of so many volunteers swinging into action resulting in a potential disaster being averted. Well done and thanks to the CFO's, Zulus, Water bombers, Shire staff, Police and the wonderful ladies who provide much needed support. What a fantastic community effort!

Ronnie Fleay
Shire President

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer

UPCOMING WORKS

- Kojonup/Broomehill Road Widening
- Road Grading: South West corner of Shire and other areas as required

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

KOJONUP SALEYARDS

Following from the November Council meeting, Shire officers are progressing with a licence application to be lodged with the Department of Environment Regulation. In the interim, the Shire has been informed that should any pollution be evident by DER officers, the Shire is committing an offence and liable to a penalty.

Unfortunately this pollution can be as simple as sheep droppings being visible on the ground surface as the droppings have the potential following a rain event to wash into the environment.

For this reason, all users of the facility are requested to ensure that they clean up after their use. Should the Shire find that the facility is not being kept clean, it will be necessary for access to be restricted as Council does not wish to jeopardise future use or pass on penalties to Saleyard users. We thank all users for their cooperation and will keep the community informed as the application progresses.

Shire President, Cr Ronnie Fleay, is raising the issue of Saleyards and Regulations at the February WALGA Great Southern Zone meeting in order to discuss same with the State Minister.

SPRINGHAVEN NEWS

Our Christmas has come and gone and the New Year has started off being a busy one. The Residents hopped on the bus and headed out to the Marinoni's farm for lunch before Christmas. To start the day off a spot visit by the Accreditation Agency was announced and the Agency was very impressed by the Residents excitement and enthusiasm for the day ahead. The day was beautiful, the food was enjoyed and as usual, the bus trip always is eventful!

We have enjoyed making our Christmas cakes, rocky road and even attempted to make reindeer biscuits! We also made gingerbread houses which tested our skills. We were able to do Drumbeat again for 3 weeks, and are looking forward to having Geordie back again during the year.

The Residents were thrilled with their coffee mugs with their picture on, thank you to the Friends of Springhaven for their gift. We also had calendars made up of the Residents and they are being proudly displayed around Springhaven.

Below are pictures of Jean Smith, Barb Boddington, Greta Flugge and Norma Fleay with their cups.



EMPLOYMENT

SPRINGHAVEN LODGE KOJONUP

If you have a genuine rapport with the elderly we are looking for you to become part of our team.

We are seeking to employ self-motivated, enthusiastic individuals in the following areas:

- Enrolled Nurse
- Cert III, Cert IV Carers
- Cleaning / Kitchen Hand
- Activities assistant / OTA

You must be available to work all shifts as required.
Aged Care experience is preferred.

If you are interested please contact the Manager on 9831 2800

Or send your resume to
**Springhaven Lodge
Barracks Place
KOJONUP WA 6395**

COMMUNITY CONTACTS/OFFICE BEARERS 2014/2015

Thanks to all those organisations who have returned their Community Contact updates – your assistance is very much appreciated. To those organisations that have not yet updated their details, or advised their information is unchanged, could you please attend to this as soon as possible, either by phone 9831 2400, fax 9831 1566, email community@kojonup.wa.gov.au or by handing in the form at the Shire office.

STOCK ROAD WATER STANDPIPE UPGRADE

The work to upgrade the water standpipe at Stock Road has been completed. The changes required were instigated by a mandate from Water Corp to install RPZ valves at all of our standpipe sites. This will mean that there will be work carried out at all sites in the coming months which in turn will affect the flow rate of the water. This decrease in flow will be minimal but unfortunately, this is something that we cannot avoid.

You will require a swipe card for the Stock Road Standpipe site to work. These cards are available at the Shire office at a cost of \$16.50 (incl GST).

If there are any queries or questions, please call Rob Cowie on 9831 2400 or email to admin@kojonup.wa.gov.au.

KOJONUP SWIMMING POOL UPDATE

Opening Hours

Please note that as of Monday 2nd February 2015, the pool opening hours will be as follows:

Monday to Friday 12pm – 7pm
Saturday & Sunday 10am – 6pm

Super Sharks

Junior Squad Program

**Monday 2.45pm – 3.30pm and
Thursday 3.30pm to 4.15pm**

The Kojonup Swimming pool is introducing a Junior Squad program during Term 1, commencing on the 2nd February 2015. The cost per lesson will be \$10.00 per child (\$80.00 per child per term) **BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**. Once children complete level 5 criteria they will then be eligible to join the Kojonup Swimming Club.



Super Sharks is about bridging the gap between lessons and joining an aquatic Club.

The Super Sharks program encourages children to build confidence to get involved and participate in the activities of a Swimming Club, Surf Club, Triathlon Club or Water Polo's Flipper Ball program via this transitional pathway.

Many children have done swimming lessons, but feel they are not “good enough” or “strong enough” to join a Club. They may also feel a little bored with general swimming lessons and more times than not quit swimming before they really get started. Through the Super Sharks program participants will do skills beyond the basics that will show them that they are both good enough and strong enough to move up to a Club Squad Program.

To join the Super Sharks swimmers need to have completed Stage 3 at swimming lessons. Swimmers can book for either Monday or Thursday or do both days, it is up to you. There is NO Certificated Criteria to pass allowing swimmers to improve at their pace.

***Come On....Be Better Than You Thought You
Could Be – Be a Super Shark!!!***



SCHEDULE III (B) NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING CONSENT

**SHIRE OF KOJONUP
TOWN PLANNING SCHEME NO 3
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING CONSENT**

TO THE OCCUPIER/OWNER

IN ACCORDANCE with the provisions of this Scheme the Council of the Shire of Kojonup hereby gives you notice that an Application for Planning Consent has been received as detailed below. The Council invites submissions from interested parties concerning the proposal within twenty-one (21) days of the service of this notice. The Council will duly consider such submissions prior to determining the Application.

Application submitted by: Shire of Kojonup.

Location of proposal: Lot 330 (Reserve 24245) Elverd Street, Kojonup.

The type of development and the nature of the proposed buildings are as follows: Additions to existing day care building/property.

The estimated time of completion is: July 2015

The approximate number of persons to be employed when the development is complete is: n/a.

Interested parties may view and/or request further details from the Council Office, 93 Albany Highway, KOJONUP during office hours. Submissions shall be received within 21 days from the date indicated below.

R Fleay
SHIRE PRESIDENT
22 January 2015

R Mitchell-Collins
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
22 January 2015



Request for Tender Kojonup Day Care Centre

The Shire of Kojonup is seeking Tenders from experienced and registered builders wishing to tender for the construction of a new 260m² Day Care Centre facility in Kojonup. Tender documents are available from 23rd January 2015. Please contact community@kojonup.wa.gov.au to be emailed the tender documents. Further information may be obtained from Joanne Macri 9831 2400.

Tenders close
2pm Friday 13th February 2015.

Council reserves the right to not accept the lowest price or any Tenders.

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

Event	Date		Time	Location
Council Meeting	17 th February 2015		3:00pm	Council Chambers