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SHIRE BRIEFS

SHIRE PRESIDENT NEWS

Council Elections

As a result of the Local Government Elections held 17 October 2015, Council at its meeting held 22 October 2015 welcomed new Councillors Judith Warland and Graeme Hobbs – may your time on Council be as rewarding as it will be challenging! We also welcomed back Councillors Jill Mathwin and Ian Pedler who will continue to play an integral part in realising Kojonup's potential.

Commiserations to John Benn who missed out by just a few votes. On behalf of Council and the community I thank John for the 29 years of commitment to his position of Councillor, Deputy President, and member of numerous committees such as Regional Road Group, Great Southern Zone, Bushfire committees and many others. Special acknowledgement goes to John's contribution to Kodja Place, Tourism and numerous regional tourism committees and events in which he has played a significant part in developing Kojonup's Tourism profile. I am sure John's valued presence in this space will continue but no one will complain if he takes a break after 29 years!

I am honoured to have been provided a further two year term as Shire President and congratulate Councillor Robert Sexton on his re-appointment as Deputy Shire President. Council will continue to focus on achieving the strategic objectives contained within the Community Strategic Plan 2013 – 2023.

The Day Care Facility has been completed, tenders have been issued for the construction of 6 new independent units, the tender for the CEO house will be considered by Council next month and we are finalising/awaiting advice on funding applications with respect to water harvesting and re-use within Kojonup, improvements to the Town Hall, Kodja Place, Springhaven and Sports Precinct etc...as indicated in the 2015/2016 Budget.

Congratulations to a great community as without your commitment and tireless efforts each year we would not have so many excellent and varied clubs and events for example:

- Kojonup District High School – conducted an awesome 2 day sports carnival.
- Wandecle Polocrosse Club for another great weekend of competition with teams travelling far and wide to participate.
- P & A Society for a very successful show which was well attended and experienced fine weather for a change!
- Emergency Services (Fire & Ambulance) for always being there when needed!
- Kojonup Theatrical Society and Southern Singers for another fabulous production "1915 – Under the Surface."
- Kodja Place and Historical Society Volunteers for promoting our heritage and cultural diversity.
- Kojonup RSL and Muradup volunteers for undertaking improvements to the Muradup Memorial.
- Kojonup Police, Kojonup Golf Club and terrific sponsors for a superb 21st annual police & community golf day.

Community members are reminded that the Shire President is available for appointments Wednesday morning from 10:00am until noon. Please contact the Shire Office on (08) 9831 2400.

Ronnie Fleay
Shire President

LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

Results of Election

The results from the 17 October 2015 Shire of Kojonup election were as follows:

Jill Mathwin	227 votes (elected)
Graeme Hobbs	208 votes (elected)
Ian Pedler	189 votes (elected)
Judith Warland	186 votes (elected)
John Benn	169 votes

The total number of votes cast was 277 or 20.6% of electors.

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Returning Officer

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome to Alison Treasure

It is with great pleasure that I welcome Alison Treasure to the Library Team. Alison is a volunteer and you will see her in the library sorting shelves, serving on the counter, dusting (my most hated job) and she will be here to chat with about 'all things library'. Please make Alison most welcome.

Jigsaws

We have been given six jigsaws that I hope to have on the shelves ready for our patrons to use by the time this gets to you.

Play in the Park

We had a beautiful sunny day for our Play in the Park for our usual group of parents, grandparents and children and a wonderful group of new mums with babes in arms – so gorgeous! We welcomed back Bec who has had other commitments of late but her presence is certainly welcome. We had master painters and future builders – what the children can do with play doh truly amazed us all. It was also the last time Austin & Janette Sparrow were able to join us with their family moving North very soon.

The next Play in the Park (25 November 2015) will be our last for the year, so come down & join with Bec and I at the APEX Park from 10:00am – 12:00pm.

Lorreen Greeuw
Library Services Officer

UPCOMING ROAD WORKS

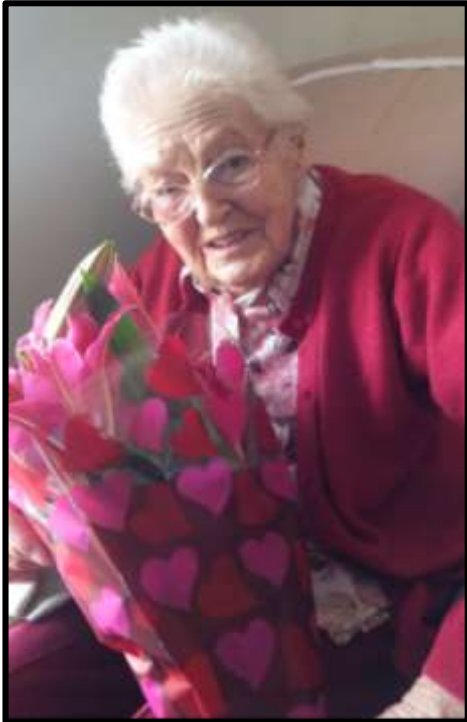
- Widening of Kojonup / Darken Road
- Cemetery kerbing and gravel installation
- Patching to bitumen roads
- Grading of roads as required

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

SPRINGHAVEN NEWS

The 16th October saw Springhaven busy with the celebration of Kathleen Johnson's birthday! Kath is (pictured right) here with the awesome cake our lovely kitchen staff made her. The very yummy chocolate cake was enjoyed by everyone!

Nancy Boddington and Stacy were busy in the kitchen on the 27th October cooking scones. Nancy made them from scratch and she showed Stacy a thing or two! They were absolutely delicious and enjoyed by the residents for afternoon tea.



We have thoroughly enjoyed having Reverend Lindy back from her holidays. We enjoy our church service every Wednesday morning. Thanks Lindy!



Also a mention goes out to Trish and Josh for coming whilst Lindy was away. Our residents really enjoy the guitar playing and the singing! Thanks so much Trish and Josh!

The residents and staff at Springhaven would like to wish Emily Toovey all the best in her new adventure. Emily has been given the opportunity to go back to Mt Barker and be closer to her family. We will miss you Emily. Best wishes to you and your family.

We love having visitors for morning tea at 10:00am and afternoon tea at 3:00pm. If anyone has any special talents they would like to share with us, please come on up or contact Springhaven on 98312800.

FORM 5

Local Government Act 1995

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

Notice pursuant to Schedule 6.3 of the *Local Government Act 1995* of sale of land for non-payment of outstanding rates or service charges

Notice is hereby given that, under section 6.64 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, as rates/service charges have been owing for a period of at least 3 years the Shire of KOJONUP is to offer for sale by public auction at 8 Macbride Place, Kojonup, WA, 6395 on the 27th day of November 2015 the land described below.

Signed for on behalf of the Shire of KOJONUP this 14th day of October 2015

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer

Description of Land etc.

Description of land and lot or location number:

LOT 113

Plan or Diagram Number:

ON PLAN 13453, VOLUME 1595 FOLIO 12

Title reference:

REGISTER NUMBER: 113/P13453
SKETCH OF LAND: 1595-12 (113/P13453)
PREVIOUS TITLE: 593-34A

Area:

SHIRE OF KOJONUP

Street:

LOT 113 MACBRIDE PLACE, KOJONUP

Description of improvements, if any:

N/A

Name of Owner:

THOMAS WILLIAM ROURKE OF POST OFFICE BOX 83, KOJONUP (TI664973) REGISTERED 17 OCTOBER 2003

Name of other persons appearing to have an estate or interest:

- (1) EASEMENT TO SHIRE OF KOJONUP. SEE SKETCH ON VOLUME 1595 FOLIO 012. REGISTERED 1 DECEMBER 1980 (C036267)

Rates/service charges outstanding:

AMOUNT OF \$14,248.81 COMPRISING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT RATES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE CHARGES, EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY, RECOVERY LIST AND INTEREST AT THE RATE OF 11%

Other charges due on the land:

N/A

COMPULSORY MICROCHIPPING OF DOGS

Please be advised that from the 1 November 2015, that to register your dog you must provide proof of the microchip details. This includes existing registered dogs that aren't micro chipped must now be microchipped

21 – Microchipping of dogs other than Dangerous Dogs

1. On and after 1 November 2013, the owner of a dog must ensure that the dog is microchipped if —
 - a) The dog has reached 3 months of age; and
 - b) The dog was not registered under this Act or the law of another State or a Territory so that its registration was in effect on 31 October 2013.

Penalty: A fine of \$5,000.00

2. On and after 1 November 2015, the owner of a dog that has reached 3 months of age must ensure that the dog is microchipped.

Penalty: A fine of \$5,000.00

3. Neither subsection (1) nor (2) requires a dog to be microchipped if, under subsection (4) it is exempt from microchipping.
4. A dog is exempt from microchipping if a certificate given by a veterinarian stating that the implantation of a microchip in the dog may adversely affect the health and welfare of the dog applies in respect of the dog.
5. A certificate referred to in subsection (4) cannot apply in respect of a dog that is under 3 months of age.

[Section 21 inserted by No. 18 of 2013 s. 21.]

Paul Retallack
Senior Ranger

THE CAT ACT

What is the purpose of the Cat Act 2011?

Cat laws are about encouraging responsible pet ownership and reducing the number of unwanted cats in the community and the number that are euthanised each year.

Cats that have reached six months of age are to be:

- Microchipped;
- Sterilised; and
- Registered with the relevant local government.

Contact Shire Ranger, Paul Retallack, on 9831 2400 for more information or regarding unwanted cats.

Paul Retallack
Senior Ranger

WATER SYSTEM BLOCKAGES

There have been a number of blockages in Kojonup's wastewater system, caused by fats, rubbish and other solid materials. Blockages in the system can cause wastewater overflows into the environment and nearby properties. Please help us prevent blockages and overflows by:

- Not flushing wet wipes
- Pouring fats and oils into a container rather than down the drain
- Using a strainer in the sink
- Reminding children not to put rubbish into the toilet or drains.

We appreciate your help!

For more information about keeping your drains clear, please visit

<https://www.watercorporation.com.au/water-supply-and-services/wastewater/your-responsibilities>

Kate Duff
Water Corporation
Ph: 9842 4252

FOOD SAFETY TRAINING WORKSHOP

- Are you a new employee at a food business and want to gain some more training?
- Are you an employer or employee of a food business and want to brush up on your food safety knowledge?
- Are you a volunteer of a community group that operates a food stall or use community facilities?

Then this training is for you!

The Shire has engaged Peter Kampen, a food safety training consultant, to conduct a free workshop on food safety.

When: Wednesday, 18 November 2015, 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Where: Lesser Hall, Albany Hwy, Kojonup

RSVP: While not essential for attendance it will assist us if you are able to register your interest by 5:00pm 17 November 2015.

For further information or to register your interest, please call Mort Wignall or Michelle Dennis on 9831 2400.

ENJOY THE RIDE

A message to our precious rural communities this harvest.

Harvest is upon us and the RACE is on again,
Got to get the headers out and gather in the grain.
Got to keep the PACE up, the road trains in top gear,
It's a crazy, hectic, HELL FOR LEATHER, stressful time of year.

Everything is FLAT OUT from the farmhouse to the sheds,
Answering the two way, taking phone calls, making beds,
Cooking meals, drying grain, kids home off the bus,
Moving gear from paddocks with a minimum of fuss.

Harvest is a time to push, to drive the horse power home,
To work long days, and sleep short nights, feel knackered to the bone.
Two weeks down, stress levels high, the team show signs of strain,
The chaser driver hangs on in, with secret hopes for rain.
But harvest stops for no man, and the drive does not subside,
The record year upon us at the forefront of our minds.

Run the lunch out, wash the clothes –
Fix the bust hydraulic hose.
Ring the truckie, feed the chooks –
Update the BAS and office books.

Shift the silo, move the bin –
Which ute was the grease gun in?
Check the bearings, order fuel –
Where's the mobile set of tools?

Note grain prices, load the truck –
WHERE'S he got the chaser stuck?!
Change the tyre, switch to Mace –
Can we keep up at this pace?

Test the sample, take the grain
To CBH then back again,
Pick up parts, drive to town...
AND NOW'S YOUR CHANCE TO STOP - SLOW DOWN.

Leave speed behind you when you put your vehicle on the road,
Rebel against the rush and put yourself in BACK OFF mode,
Make your car your sanctuary, and shut the door on speed,
And from fast-paced harvest pressure let yourself recede.
Let's get through this season, a community together.
Avoid the pain road trauma leaves, the scars that last forever.
Stuck behind a road train? Don't struggle to get past,
When all those tiny seconds saved could end up as your last,
And if you're choked with gravel dust, stress rising deep inside,
BACK OFF, breathe deep, and tell yourself - '
'Slow Down — Enjoy the Ride'

Stephanie Waldron
Works Admin Officer



VERGE SIDE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS COLLECTION

The Shire of Kojonup's waste contractor, Warren Blackwood Waste, will be conducting a verge side collection of bulk household items of the residential premises of Kojonup and Muradup town sites. This will be conducted throughout the week commencing Monday, 30th November 2015.

Please place items for collection one metre from the road boundary or kerb. Lawn clippings, asbestos, batteries, waste oil, tyres and general household waste will **NOT** be collected. Timber items placed for collection are limited to not more than 2metres in length please.

Mort Wignall

Manager Regulatory Services