

Shire of Kojonup E-News

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DR KINGS FAREWELL

This is a reminder that the Council will be holding a Civic ceremony in the Memorial Hall at 6.30pm on Tuesday 17th March 2015 to pay tribute to Dr King. There will be finger food and drinks available.

If you wish to attend the Civic ceremony for Dr King then please RSVP your attendance by contacting Hannah Watkin via email- pep@kojonup.wa.gov.au.

RATE NOTICES

Instalment Payments

A reminder to Ratepayers who had elected to pay by instalments, the last instalment was due on 6th March 2015. If you have elected to pay by instalments and have not received your Instalment Notice please contact the shire.

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 2014. To find out more or to register please contact Heather Marland at the Shire on 9831 2400.

SHIRE PRESIDENT NEWS

Sports Precinct Master Plan

ABV Consultants presented the Draft Sports Precinct Master Plan at the Breakfast Forum on 3 March 2015 and Council officers will conduct meetings with sporting clubs associated with the Kojonup Sports Precinct Management Group after Council formally considers the report in the near future. Many thanks to the Rotary Club of Kojonup for providing us a lovely breakfast.

Civic Ceremony – Dr King

A reminder that Council will hold a civic ceremony in the Memorial Hall at 6.30pm, Tuesday 17 March 2015 to pay tribute to Dr King. Please register your attendance with Hannah at the Shire Office by phoning 9831 2416 or emailing pep@kojonup.wa.gov.au.

Congratulations

Council extends its sincere congratulations to Customer Service Officer - Annie Lomas and Boyd Wood on the safe arrival of Derick Leslie Wood born 23 February 2014.

Welcome – Zahra Shirazee (Manager – The Kodja Place Precinct)

The Shire of Kojonup welcomes Zahra Shirazee to their team as Manager - The Kodja Place Precinct. Zahra who commenced on Monday 2nd March will be undertaking the management and promotion of the Kodja Place Precinct and is keen to work with the local community and key tourism organisations to increase the profile and visitor numbers to Kojonup with the aim to develop The Kodja Place Precinct as a premier cultural and tourism attraction for Western Australia.

Zahra has relocated from Albany after originally moving from Perth in 2000 and has a strong tourism marketing and public relations background with extensive experience working with the media, visitor centres and the corporate sector having worked for the regional tourism body, Australia's South West and Tourism WA. She has also worked for the City of Albany, the Heritage Council of WA, Perth Zoo and Scoop Traveller and has a special interest in working with youths and the Noongar community.



Pictured at left is Zahra, Jack Cox and Glenys Russell.

Condolences

Council extends its sincere condolences to the Spark Family on the tragic loss of Darryl. The efforts of the emergency services must also be recognised for the difficult jobs they have to undertake from time to time. Its times like these we can be thankful for living in a small community that joins together in these tough times.

Ronnie Fleay
Shire President

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer

UPCOMING WORKS

- Honner Street reseal from 10 to 13 March 2015;
- Samson Road re-sheeting;
- Road grading as and where needed; and
- General Town maintenance.

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

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.

SPRINGHAVEN LODGE KOJONUP

There are a few new faces around Springhaven, new staff, a full house and new furniture! The Residents have been enjoying being outside while the weather is beautiful and mild. We have morning tea at Toms' Bakehouse on Tuesday 10th March and are getting ready to farewell Elodie and Enzo and also our favourite Dr King. We wish these special people all the best for their next journey and we will miss them immensely! We thank Dr King for time, patience and also caring nature, we have all enjoyed Dr King's presence around Springhaven and he has certainly left big shoes to fill.



Jean Jenkins reading the Koji News which is kindly dropped off for us by Penny Ednie-Brown.



Norma Fleay, Barb Boddington and Walter Furniss enjoying the fresh air.

COMMUNITY SPORTING CLUB EQUIPMENT SUBSIDY SCHEME 2015

The Community Sporting Club Equipment Subsidy Scheme provides valuable assistance to local sporting clubs in Western Australia to help increase and upgrade shared sporting equipment for club members.

Eligible sporting clubs have the opportunity to apply for a one-off \$500 subsidy towards shared sporting equipment accessible to all members.

The Club Equipment Subsidy Scheme is made available to all sporting clubs by the state government in recognition of the important role clubs play in our community. It is one of the many programs and initiatives which support the development of sport and recreation clubs across WA.

Subsidies for regional clubs are provided through the State Government's Royalties for Regions Program.

Guidelines can be found at <http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/funding/clubs/club-equipment-subsidy>

Snapshot

- \$500
- Opens March 2015
- Closes April 2015
- Apply online

For regional enquiries, or if you have any problems with your application, please contact your local regional DSR office.

KIDSPORT

KidSport enables eligible Western Australian children aged 5–18 years to participate in community sport and recreation by offering them financial assistance towards club fees. The fees go directly from the local government to the registered KidSport clubs participating in the project.

What are the eligibility criteria?

- Applicant must be aged 5–18 years.
- Applicant must have a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card OR be referred by a recognised referral agent (local government discretion on referral agent).
- Applicant's primary place of residence must be in the local government area where they are applying.

What else?

- Funding will cover the cost of fees to join the nominated sport or recreation club and this may include other related costs identified by the club.
- Maximum of up to \$200 per child per calendar year.
- Fees are only for the nominated registered season.
- No retrospective fees will be paid.
- No limitation to applications per family as long as the criteria is met.

Sport and recreation club criteria:

Sport and recreation clubs can get involved in KidSport by registering as a KidSport club with their participating local government. To be eligible clubs can be a:

- Not-for-profit sport or recreation club and affiliated with a recognised State Sporting Association or have affiliation through a State organisation.
- Business/privately owned BUT individual members MUST be affiliated with a recognised State Sporting Association or have affiliation through a State organisation.

Application forms are available at the Shire or for further information, please visit the Department Sport & Recreation website:

<http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/docs/default-source/file-funding/file-individuals/kidsport-factsheet-dec-2014.pdf?sfvrsn=4>

SHIRE OF KOJONUP TOWN PLANNING SCHEME No. 3

LOCAL PLANNING POLICY MANUAL

Notice is hereby given that the Shire of Kojonup at its 17 February 2015 meeting resolved that Council pursuant to c.7.6.2 of Town Planning Scheme No. 3 adopt as final Town Planning Scheme Policies, the Town Planning Scheme Policy Manual including the following policies:

- 1) Caretaker's Dwellings in the Kojonup Industrial Area
- 2) Tourist Accommodation in Rural Zoned Areas
- 3) Advertising Signs
- 4) Road Construction Standards
- 5) Outbuildings in the Residential, Residential Development and Special Rural Zones
- 6) Subdivision/Amalgamation Applications
- 7) Lots Subject To Stormwater Flooding and/or Inundation
- 8) Kojonup Industrial Buffer Area
- 9) Ancillary Accommodation Units

and advertise their final adoption in the Great Southern Herald and The Kojonup News newspapers accordingly.

A copy of the Local Planning Policy Manual can be viewed at the Shire of Kojonup office at 93-95 Albany Highway, Kojonup during normal office hours or viewed and downloaded via the Shire's website www.kojonup.wa.gov.au.

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer

FATHER/SON CAMP FOR LOCAL NOONGAR FAMILIES

The Wirrpanda Foundation and Department of Sport & Recreation wish to enhance the opportunities for all Great Southern Noongar families to help provide greater opportunities and increased positive outcomes for the Noongar people of the Great Southern region.

Robbie Minter, Great Southern Sports Development Manager for the Wirrpanda Foundation is hoping to develop a family leadership opportunity for Noongar fathers and sons within our community. Over the next twelve months, a father/son camp will be introduced that will benefit many families and community members.

The father/son camp will involve many life social skills that will provide a cultural understanding to improve healthy life choices.

Father/Son Leadership skills, where both father and son will develop a working relationship to help make family decisions together with respect and positive bonding through many different ways of sport, cultural and recreational activities such as:

- Fishing, beach walking, kayaking, swimming, sight-seeing
- Traditional hunting tips, traditional fish trapping
- Educational sessions from local Elders
- Counseling sessions
- Health Education sessions
- Guest speakers from the Wirrpanda Foundation, local leaders, successful academic achievers and local youth speakers

The camp will be restricted from the day to day living giving the positive effect by creating a drug and alcohol free camp.

For further information or to express your interest, please contact Robbie Minter on 0439 982 008 or email robbiem@wf.org.au

OFFICE CLOSURE

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

For emergencies please contact 0427 989 187.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

Council Meeting	17 th March 2015	3:00pm	Council Chambers
Civic Reception for Dr King	17 th March 2015	6:30pm	Memorial Hall