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SHIRE PRESIDENT NEWS

Ageing in the Bush (Royalties for Regions) Independent Living Units

The Shire is very pleased to report that the application submitted by the CEO, Projects Development Team and with the support of the Great Southern Development Commission to build an additional 3 Independent Living Units (ILU's) in Loton Close to complement the 3 ILU's to be constructed via the Country Local Government Fund (CLGF) Southern Link VROC application to meet senior housing demand in Kojonup, has been successful resulting in \$646,000.00 being allocated by the State Government.

The project to provide housing for aged people in Kojonup complements and is adjacent to the existing Kojonup Hospital, the Springhaven Aged Care Facility (which has 22 beds) and the existing seven ILUs for seniors. The development of this Medical / Health / Aged Care precinct will enable residents of all the ILUs to use the facilities at Springhaven such as the recreation / craft / games room, occupational therapy and if required, for meals. This innovative precinct-based planning allows small communities such as Kojonup to centralise ancillary services / facilities rather than duplicate them.



The ILU's will allow ageing residents to remain in their community close to family, friends and existing support networks.

Council will progress documentation to enable Tenders to be called in August for the construction of 6 units and associated infrastructure works allowing the two projects to commence in October/November 2015. Copies of concept plans will be made available on Council's website and publicly displayed for community information at the same time.

Caption for photo – Left to Right: Rick Mitchell-Collins, Ronnie Fleay, Terry (Tuck) Waldron & Peter Rundle.

Main Roads WA

Council met with Acting Regional Manager for the Great Southern Region, Mr Lindsay McCartin, in Kojonup on Friday, 24 July 2015 to discuss a number of matters such as:

Heavy Vehicle Detour

- A draft alignment selection report has been completed by the Planning and Technical Services Directorate Main Roads WA;
- Consultation on several workable alignment options was proposed for early 2015 however, Main Roads WA funding and resource constraints resulted in this being delayed;
- Recommencement of the stakeholder and community consultation is tentatively planned for late 2015, subject to available Main Roads WA funding and resources;
- Once community and stakeholder consultation is complete, a finalised alignment selection will be made in consultation with key stakeholders;
- Further consultation will progress confirming the outcome of the alignment selection planning study;

- As a result of this there is likely to be a need to clarify issues associated with land holders potentially impacted by the preferred alignment;
- Ideally an Alignment Definition planning study would follow selection over an 18-24 month period.

Main Street Master Plan

A walk of the Main Street was conducted allowing Mr McCartin an opportunity to view the Master Plan concepts including rationalising speed zones which will be considered at the 18 August 2015 Council Meeting.

Main Roads have no major works planned for the Kojonup Main Street until the 2016/2017 financial year when it is envisaged to reseal the Main Street from Robinson Road to 200m South of the Stock Road intersection. There will be some minor pavement repairs undertaken prior to the reseal works.

Albany Highway

Works on a further 4km section heading North towards Harold Road and including passing lanes is planned to progress from the most recent works completed.

Samson Road Intersection with Albany Highway

Mr McCartin acknowledged that bridge replacement, road widening, sight distance improvements and realignment works would vastly improve the intersection. Council considers the intersection to be a major blackspot issue and wishes to work with Main Roads to realise improvements.

Local Government Elections – 17 October 2015

This year sees 4 Councillors terms expire, namely:

Cr. John Benn;
Cr. Jill Mathwin;
Cr. Ian Pedler; and
Cr. Jane Trethowan.

The voters' roll closes 5:00pm 28 August 2015 – so please make sure you are on the voters' roll!

If you are considering nominating as a Councillor the following time frames apply:

- Nominations open 2 September 2015
- Nominations close 4:00pm on 10 September 2015
- If there are more candidates than the number of vacancies an election will be held on 17 October 2015.

The Shire President, CEO and Senior Management will conduct an information session for interested persons at the Reception Lounge on Tuesday 18 August 2015 commencing at 6.00pm regarding the role of Council and that of a Councillor. Senior Management will provide background on their respective areas both strategic and operational.

Please register your interest in attending by contacting Dominique Hodge at the Shire Office on (08) 9831 2400.

Rose Maze – Pruning

A BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers who assisted with pruning the Rose Maze - well done once again!

Rural Addressing

Provision has been made in the 2015/2016 Budget to progress rural addressing within the Shire to assist emergency services. It is envisaged that Sporting and Community Groups will register their interest to install rural address numbers throughout the Shire with Council making a donation in return for volunteer assistance. Manager of Corporate Services – Anthony Middleton will coordinate the project and provide additional details in The Kojonup News, via formal correspondence to clubs and on Council's website and Facebook page in the near future.

Ronnie Fleay
Shire President

FIREBREAK NOTICE

The 2015/2016 Firebreak Notice has been sent out with the rate notices and they are also available on the front counter at the Shire Office for collection or on the Shire of Kojonup website <http://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/Firebreak-order-15-16.pdf>. Residents should begin hazard reduction for the upcoming summer shortly.

CENTRAL GREAT SOUTHERN HEALTH DISTRICT – CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE

Capital works at the Tambellup Nursing Post and the Kojonup Hospital have almost reached completion with the issuing of Practical Completion (PC) for both sites expected by 10 August 2015.

Please note that as part of WA Country Health Service (WACHS) wide change, the new facilities will soon be renamed to better reflect their contemporary roles within the community. The Tambellup Nursing Post will be known as the Tambellup Health Clinic and the Kojonup Hospital will become Kojonup Health Services.

The Katanning Hospital (previously known as an Integrated District Health Service) is now referred to as a Health Campus. These new naming conventions do not alter the services that they have recently been delivering. For further information regarding capital works to the Kojonup and Tambellup health services, please contact your respective Shire Office or alternatively see 'More Information' section below.

Please note the following site specific information:

Kojonup Health Service

Contact: 9831 2222

- Services: No change to clinical services. These will continue with no downtime required for transition.
- Patient entrance: The refurbished main entrance is already being used.
- Ambulance delivery/pick up: No change to ambulance access.
- Official opening: An official opening will be scheduled in the near future.

More Information

- The Southern Inland Health Initiative (SIHI) capital works program is more extensive and complex than any project previously undertaken by the WA Country Health Service, with new builds and upgrades to 37 hospitals and health services in the Wheatbelt, South West, Great Southern and Midwest.
- To find out more, visit www.health.wa.gov.au/southerninland
- Queries in relation to these capital works and health services can be addressed to Ruth York (MPS Operations Manager) on 0428 758 213.

UPCOMING ROAD WORKS

- Road grading Narlingup Road area. Just completed Tenner Road area
- Tree pruning Qualeup North Road
- Culvert repair Kemminup Road
- Roadside weed spraying of bitumen roads
- Patching to bitumen roads
- Guide post/ signage repairs

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

LIBRARY NEWS

Our winter rains have arrived, there is a bounce in the steps of our farmers (pure relief, I am sure). But by gosh, those early mornings as we wait for the children's sports to begin & finish so we can get home again to the warmth of our fires, hot soup and fresh bread...now I'm feeling hungry as I write this.

But it's also a time to sit with and read to the kids. This is so important for them to continue their learning journey. Being read to at any age is amazing. Boys especially listening to their dads read...priceless. There is so much more to life than working hard. Take this time and enjoy it with your little ones. You deserve it and so do they!

NEW BOOKS FOR BOYS

Once Upon a Slime – Andy Griffiths: Have you ever wondered where ideas come from and how stories are made?

Would you like to know the true stories behind some of Andy's books and characters?

Are you a teacher looking for simple, practical and inspiring writing activities for your next creative writing class?

Would you like to discover 45 great ways to have fun with words and pictures?

If you answered 'Yes' to any of these questions then this is definitely the right book for you!

Designed for teachers, students and young aspiring writers, 'Once Upon a Slime' contains 45 fun writing and storytelling activities such as lists, instructions, cartoons, letters, personal stories, poems and pocket books.

Fortunately, the Milk - Neil Gaiman: "I bought the milk," said my father. "I walked out of the corner shop and heard a noise like this: T h u m m t h u m m. I looked up and saw a huge silver disc hovering in the air above Marshall Road."

"Hullo," I said to myself. That's not something you see every day." And then something odd happened.

Find out just how odd things get in this hilarious story of time travel and breakfast cereal.

Jungle of Bones – Ben Mikaelson: Lost and alone in the jungle, one boy will have to let go of his assumptions and anger or be dragged down with them.

Dylan Barstow has finally crossed the line. After getting caught on a late-night joyride in a stolen car, Dylan is shipped off to live with his ex-Marine uncle for the summer. But Uncle Todd has bigger plans for Dylan than push-ups and early-morning jogs.

Deep in the steamy jungles of Papua New Guinea, there's a WWII fighter plane named SECOND ACE that's been lost for years, a plane that Dylan's own grandfather barely escaped from with his life. In all this time, no one has ever been able to track down SECOND ACE -- but now Dylan and his uncle are going to try.

Lush and haunted, vital and deadly, these alien jungles half a world away could mean Dylan's salvation or they could swallow him whole.

NEW BOOKS FOR GIRLS

Tilly's Pony Tails: 'Rusty; the Trustworthy Pony' – Pippa Funnell: Tilly Redbrow doesn't just love horses - she lives, breathes and dreams them too!

Gentle pony, Rusty, comes to live at Silver Shoe Farm when his elderly owner dies and Tilly immediately senses something special about him. And when Rusty starts to form a close bond with a young autistic boy called Edward, Tilly is sure this is the beginning of a lifelong friendship.

Perfectly heart-warming pony tales packed with expert advice from champion rider and Grand Slam winner, Pippa Funnell, on everything you ever wanted to know about horses.

Layla Queen of Hearts – Glenda Millard: A friend like Layla comes along once in a lifetime. Griffin's Daddy used to say that Layla had been sent to comfort them after Tishkin went away, 'like an arm about their shoulders, a candle in the dark or like golden syrup dumplings for the soul'. When Senior Citizens' Day is announced at school, Layla wishes for someone special to take. It is then that the intriguing Miss Amelie comes into their lives. Through their new friendship, Layla and Griffin learn the importance of memories, generosity of spirit and the small miracles that warm the heart.

What's happening within the Library?

Have you read a book that you just loved and would like to share it with other people to try? Here at the Kojonup Public Library we are going to have a “**BOOK CHAT**” session on the morning of Tuesday, 25 August 2015 at 10.30am. All you have to do is come along – you can just listen or feel free to contribute, no pressure, just a bit of fun. You may discover some new authors that you have not read before – No need to RSVP – Just come and join in.....I'll even offer you a cuppa ☺

Story Time:

7 August & 21 August: reading starts at 10.30am. Come and join in with a child under the age of 5 years Mums, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles & carers are all welcome.

Play in the Park:

Join with Bec (YES! Bec is back and yes, I have missed her happy face) and I as we try to add a little fun to your child's day. Bring a coffee and chat to other parents/caregivers. Let's hope Mother Nature gives us a little warm sunshine that day ☺

See you on the 26 August 2015 at 10:00am at APEX Park (or RSL Hall if it's raining or threatens to). Remember this is a **FREE COMMUNITY EVENT FOR ALL FAMILIES**.

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Library Services Officer

Schedule III(B)

SHIRE OF KOJONUP TOWN PLANNING SCHEME No. 3 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING CONSENT

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 21-days of the service of this notice. The Council will duly consider such submissions prior to determining the Application.

Application submitted by:	Kerrie Cribb
Location of proposal:	No. 47 (Lot 41) Newstead Road, Kojonup
The type of development and the nature of the proposed buildings are as follows:	The proposal is to utilise 90m ² of the existing outbuilding for Industry-Cottage purposes as a art workshop/studio and to conduct art classes on a fortnightly basis for 4-6 people.
The estimated time of completion is:	n/a
The approximate number of persons to be employed when the development is completed is:	0

Interested parties may request further details from the Council 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.

All submissions must be in writing and addressed to the Chief Executive Officer and submissions shall be received within 21-days from the date indicated below.

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer
22 July 2015

SPRINGHAVEN NEWS

The residents have been enjoying the rain we have recently been having, especially Bob who checks our rain gauge every day and loves converting it from mls to inches and points.

The residents also enjoyed making Yo-Yo biscuits on Tuesday, 28th July for afternoon tea. Nancy and Barb had a blast measuring out the ingredients and rolling the mixture into balls. We also made pikelets on Tuesday 4th August for afternoon tea to share with everyone.



On the 27th August we would like to encourage children and their parents to come along to Springhaven and have a play with the playdough that the residents will be making.

We love having visitors for morning tea at 10am and afternoon tea at 3pm. If anyone has any special talents they would like to share with us such as playing the guitar or a musical instrument, singing, reciting poems or even have a small pet they would like to bring to visit or anything at all, please come up or contact the OT's on 9831 2800.

IT'S ALL OVER THE MEDIA AT THE MOMENT....HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT IT? INTERGENERATIONAL VISITS

It is important that Kojonup value all ages within the community from the very young to the old. The older generation who are now residing at Springhaven often feel very isolated and excluded from what is happening around the town. Developing stronger connections between the Springhaven residents, the younger generations and the community will have remarkable benefits.

On Thursday 27th August 2015, we would love a group of up to 6 families to come along and visit at 'Springhaven Lodge' with our residents. This will be a morning of fun and interaction between residents and the children. As a parent you can come and enjoy a cup of tea whilst watching the children make a difference to all our residents.

We would love to hear from you so please do not hesitate to call for more information:

- Alice - Springhaven Lodge on 9831 2800
- Lorreen - the Library on 9831 2412

KODJA PLACE NEEDS YOUR HELP

We'd appreciate your help to find photos for three stories being developed for The Kodja Place. Please contact Rosie Hewson on 9833 6224 (or jrhewson1@westnet.com.au) if you have photos and/or recollections about the following:

Those Memorable Dances

Rosie is gathering stories to mark the era when dances were a regular and much loved part of local life, featuring live bands, smartly dressed dancers and wonderful suppers in halls dotted throughout the district. We'd be glad if community members could supply dance-related photos of themselves, family members or friends. We're also very keen to receive more recollections and stories about the district's dances.

Stores of the District

District stores that were once located at Boscabel, Muradup, Orchid Valley, Qualeup and Jingalup are another important focus of our current story gathering. We have great material from John Hewson, Pat Bunny, Penny Ednie-Brown and Glenda Bock, but more is needed. We'd appreciate hearing from you if you have any photos of these stores, the owners, or those who worked there, and/or if you'd be happy to share your recollections.

Digging for Rabbits

Lloyd Radcliffe, who farmed at Changerup during the 1950s to early '80s, is writing about his experience of combating rabbits, which were prolific during part of that period. Mr Radcliffe dug out a great photo (*see below*) to accompany his story. Please browse your family albums for photos that will help tell the story of rabbits and farming in the Kojonup district. Mr Radcliffe's decision to document his experiences came during a visit to The Kodja Place. He felt there needed to be a story about rabbits in the displays, so we invited him to help fill the gap.

If you think there's an important story missing from the displays, then write it down or contact Rosie about an interview.



Photo caption: Lloyd Radcliffe of Changerup after a night's trapping, c.1950s.

2015/2016 RATES

Rates Notices for the 2015/2016 financial year were sent out on 23 & 24 July. If you have not received your notice please contact the Shire Office.

A 2.5% discount was offered for full payment of rates made on or before 7 August 2015. **All other rates accounts are due for either payment in full (or an instalment option selected) by 28 August 2015.** Payment of your rates account may be conveniently made via Bpay, payment in person or by sending a cheque through the post. Please refer to your rates notice for details.



This financial year has seen a revaluation of all Gross Rental Value (townsite) properties by the Valuer General's Office which only occurs every five years. As such, individual property rates may vary considerably as a result of this revaluation, and not as a result of the Council's rating levels. Any specific enquiries can be directed either to Heather Marland at the Shire or to the Valuer General's Office.

SHIRE OF KOJONUP ROOSTER LAWS

Roosters

The Shire has received complaints concerning crowing roosters. For resident's information, the Shire's local laws prohibit the keeping of a rooster without prior approval. There is no application fee for consideration of the keeping of a rooster within the town site, however if a noise complaint has been received approval is unlikely to be granted.

For further information, please contact Michelle at the Shire on 9831 2400.

EMPLOYMENT

SPRINGHAVEN LODGE – RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITY

Springhaven Residential Aged Care Facility is seeking expressions of interest for an Occupational Therapist. Springhaven is a 22 bed facility operated by the Shire of Kojonup. The Occupational Therapist is required to conduct assessments, plan and implement treatment and provide a rehabilitation and lifestyle activity plan, and evaluation of the lifestyle program. They are also required to identify continuous improvement as it relates to resident well-being and health.

Job Criteria:

Degree in Occupational Therapy and current registration with the Australia Health Practitioner Regulation Agency.

Rewards:

This is a flexible position, the employment conditions are founded in the Aged Care Award 2010. The base rate for this position will be the full time equivalent (FTE) of \$55,328.00 per annum.

Please contact the Manager, Sue Northover via email at macs@kojonup.wa.gov.au or telephone 98312800 if you are interested or require further information.

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

Event	Date	Time	Location
Council Meeting	18 th August 2015	3:00pm	Council Chambers