

# SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

Edition 178 – 1 May 2020

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## COUNCIL MEETING OUTCOMES

### Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee Minutes

Council received the minutes from the meeting held 5 March 2020 and endorsed the following meeting dates

- Thursday, 4 June 2020
- Thursday, 13 August 2020
- Thursday, 5 November 2020

Council also endorsed the Natural Resource Management Committee decision 06/20 that a Weedy Wattles information pamphlet be sent to all residents in the Shire of Kojonup, with a budget provision of \$2504.00 being made from account 5684 within the 2020/2021 budget.

### Kevin O'Halloran Memorial Swimming Pool – 10 Year Plan

Council adopted the Ten (10) Year Precinct Plan for the Kevin O'Halloran Memorial Swimming Pool. A copy of the Plan can be found at <https://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au/facilities/swimming-pool/>

### Great Southern Regional Trails Master Plan

Council endorsed the Great Southern Regional Trails Master Plan which is prepared by the Great Southern Centre for Outdoor Recreation Excellence. For more information, a copy of the plan can be found at <https://gscore.com.au/resource-categories/trail-planning/>

### Community Hall Grounds – Camping Sites

Councillors enquired about the possibility of community hall grounds becoming camping areas for travellers in our region. Following extensive Officer research the outcome of this item was as follows:

1. *That advice be received acknowledging that management orders for Reserves 10346, 11487, 15186 and 24632, where community halls are located, do not allow for camping; and*
2. *That further investigation be undertaken by the CEO, looking at State Tourism opportunities for off highway caravan and camping sites given the present and post Covid-19 interstate and international travel restrictions and report back to Council.*

### Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Plan – Annual Review

Council adopted the updated Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Plan including a COVID-19 Pandemic Response Plan and Springhaven Lodge Outbreak Management Plan.

### Fees, Charges and Rent – Reduction, Postponement or Removal – COVID-19

Council considered the reduction, postponement or removal of the listed fees and charges to local businesses and community groups due to the COVID-19 Pandemic effect on those businesses and community groups. The outcome is as follows:

That:

1. *The application by Kojonup Child Care Centre Inc. for the retrospective reimbursement of Shed Application fees totalling \$339.55 be approved and funds dispersed to their nominated bank account*
2. *The following organisations fees are paused from 1 March 2020*
  - *Kojonup Child Care Centre Inc. lease payment*
  - *Kojonup Men's Shed*
  - *Kojonup Toy library*
  - *Kojonup Play Group*
  - *Kojonup Croquet Club*
  - *Kojonup Squash Club*
3. *The following organisations 2019/2020 fees and charges are waived*
  - *Kojonup Football Club*
  - *Kojonup Hockey Club*
  - *Kojonup Netball Club*
4. *The loss of income as a result of points 1-3 above be funded by a budget amendment that reduces account C370 (Digital Signage) by \$8,500 and the corresponding income accounts by a total of \$8,500;*
5. *St Luke's Family Practice request for rental relief be declined.*
6. *F Ebner's request for waiving of six (6) months of rates and garbage collection be declined.*
7. *The CEO be delegated authority to consider any further requests to the Shire in relation to the reduction, postponement or waiving of fees and charges or rent for Shire owned facilities due to situations caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic.*

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN ELECTRONIC COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Council meetings are now be held via electronic communication in light of the current COVID-19 Pandemic.

Social Distancing measures require that members of the public are NOT encouraged to attend.

Questions may be submitted using the special email address for **Council Meeting Public Question Time** being [cmpqt@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:cmpqt@kojonup.wa.gov.au) .

Minutes and agenda for each meeting will be available on the Shire's website [www.kojonup.wa.gov.au](http://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au)

Please stay safe and self-isolate.



Shire President  
*John Benn*

Chief Executive Officer  
*Rick Mitchell-Collins*

## CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

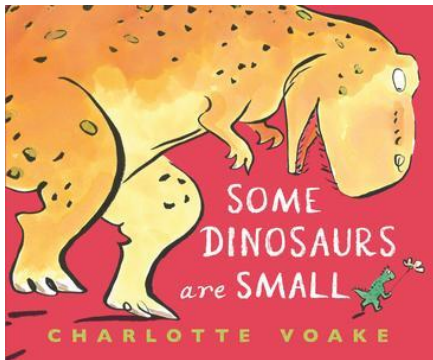
### Kojonup Library

If you are missing the library and require some books, call on 9831 2412 to request a 'Mystery Bag! You choose your genres, authors, age groups or I can choose for you 😊

...it's a great way to keep reading

Our Exchange for March has arrived, slightly different to what we are used to, but they are all **NEW RELEASES**, to keep us happy with our reading.

#### A book about opposites: big and small, fast and slow, carnivore and herbivore.



Some dinosaurs are small, and some dinosaurs are BIG. Some dinosaurs have tiny teeth for munching leaves, and some dinosaurs have POINTY teeth for munching ... OTHER dinosaurs! UH-OH. Some dinosaurs need to RUN! In pure pantomime spirit, children will want to cry out, "He's behind you!" in this bright, bold and thrilling picture book from one of the most acclaimed contemporary children's book makers, Charlotte Voake.

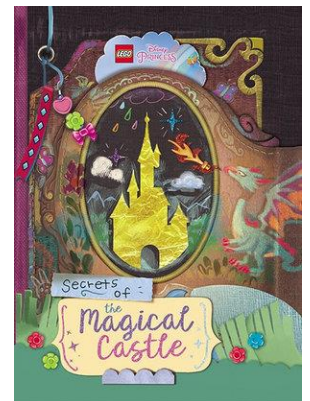
- A great introduction to the concept of size.
- Will appeal to little children who love dinosaurs but aren't ready to dive into facts about them yet.

#### Welcome to the Magical Castle! I'm the Mysterious Messenger!

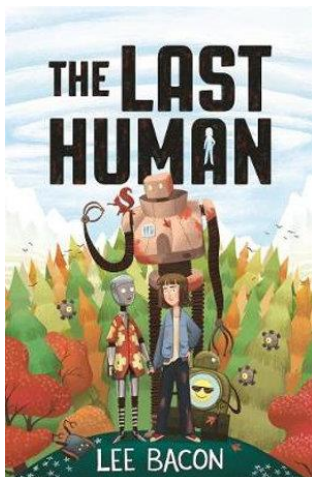
I've built it for the Disney Princesses, and it's always changing as I come up with new ideas for it.

Lots of princesses have rooms inside it: Cinderella, Ariel, Rapunzel, Belle, Mulan, Snow White, Aurora, Moana, Tiana, and Jasmine. It has a library, a ballroom, and even some secret rooms the princesses haven't found yet! I love surprising them with new adventures.

I'm writing this book so that I can keep all of my awesome ideas for them in one special secret place!



#### A funny, adventurous and poignant standalone set in a world ruled by robots.



An unlikely friendship. A dangerous voyage. A story about what it means to be human. Humans went extinct thirty years ago. Now the world is ruled by machines. And twelve-year-old robot XR\_935 is just fine with that. Without humans around, there is no war, no pollution, no crime. Every member of society has a purpose. Everything runs smoothly and efficiently. Until the day XR discovers something impossible.

Until the day XR discovers a twelve-year-old human.

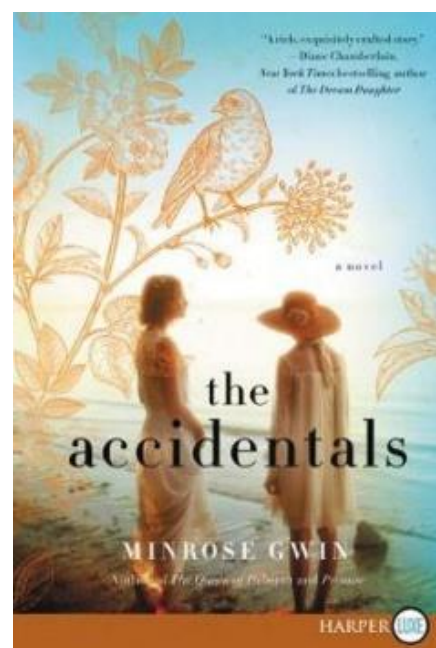
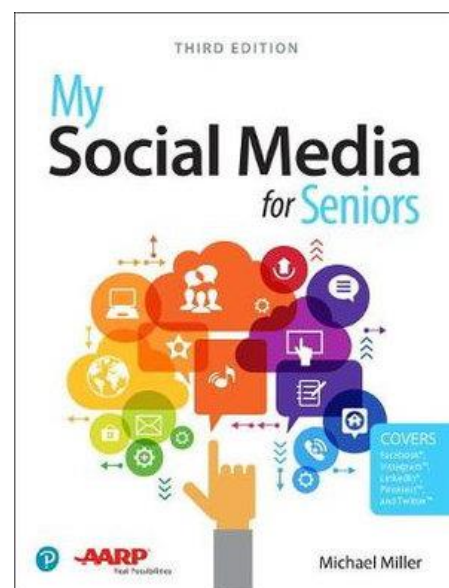
## Learn Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, Pinterest, and More!

**My Social Media for Seniors** helps you learn what social media is all about, and how to use it to connect with friends, families, and more. The full-colour book provides a general overview of what social media is and what it does, then offers step-by-step instruction on how to use the most popular social media-- Facebook, LinkedIn, Pinterest, and Twitter. It also covers other social media, including online message boards and group video chat services such as Skype and Google Hangouts. In addition, the book offers strategies for using social media to find old friends and colleagues, as well as how to use social media safely and securely. Here are a few things you will learn:

- What Social Media is and why we use it
- What to share and what not to share on Social Media
- Using Social Media safely and privately
- Comparing the most popular Social Media
- Keeping in touch with friends and family on Facebook
- Sharing pictures and videos on Facebook
- Discovering interesting groups on Facebook
- Configuring Facebook's privacy settings
- Pinning and repinning on Pinterest
- Finding other users and boards to follow on Pinterest
- Fine-tuning your professional profile on LinkedIn
- Connecting with people and businesses on LinkedIn
- Tweeting and retweeting on Twitter
- Sharing photos with Instagram
- Getting social on special interest message boards
- Playing social games
- Getting social with video chats
- Using Social Media to find old friends
- Using Social Media on your smartphone or tablet
- Exploring other social media

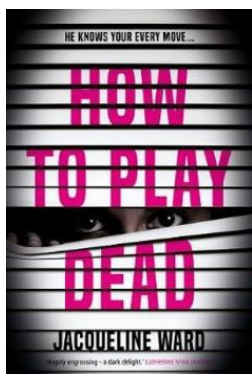
### The Accidentals

Following the death of their mother from a botched backwoods abortion, the McAlister daughters have to cope with the ripple effect of this tragedy as they come of age in 1950s Mississippi and then grow up to face their own impossible choices--an unforgettable, beautiful novel that is threaded throughout with the stories of mothers and daughters in pre-Roe versus Wade America. *"Life heads down back alleys, takes sharp left turns. Then, one fine day it jumps the track and crashes."*





### A thrillingly explosive psychological thriller that will leave you reeling.



She's watching over them. And he's watching her...

Ria Taylor is everything to everyone. Wife and mother, the centre of her family. And the manager of a refuge for women whose partners have driven them out of their own homes.

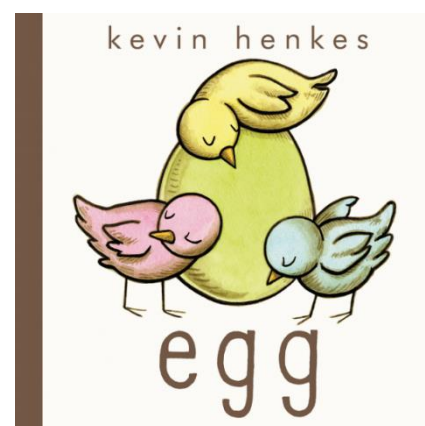
But one night, with her husband away, Ria receives a terrifyingly sinister message. Someone is watching her. Someone who seems to know everything about her. She knows what she should do - seek help, just like she tells her clients to. But Ria is the help. As events escalate, and terror takes hold, Ria must decide whether to run or hide...

## Storytime at the Library

Have you joined us for Storytime yet?

If not, that's ok. Hop on the [Kojonup Play Cage & Play in the Park](#) Facebook page at 10.00am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to join in.

See you there



### ADMINISTRATION OFFICE CLOSURE

Residents are reminded that the front doors of the Administration Office are closed to customers and that only ESSENTIAL business can be conducted via appointment.

To arrange an appointment, please contact Stacey on 9831 2400 or by emailing [cso@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:cso@kojonup.wa.gov.au). Appointments will be limited to one person at a time. Upon arriving at the Shire Administration Centre, customers will need to ring 9831 2400 to be let inside the door.

Alternatively, much of the business you conduct with the Shire can be undertaken online. Information about how you can pay your accounts can be found on your rate notice or at the bottom of your invoice. For more information please see: <https://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au/doing-business/rates-information/>

Department of Transport payments such as vehicle and drivers licenses, can also be conducted online at: <https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/licensing/licensing.asp>

If you must conduct your business in person, please do not be offended when officers request that you make your payments via Eftpos card, rather than by cash.

## SPRINGHAVEN NEWS

### COVID-19 - UPDATE

Following the Government directive on 18 March 2020, anyone that enters a Residential Aged Care Facility needs to have had the influenza vaccination from 1 May 2020.

So what this means is, if you want to visit anyone at Springhaven, volunteer your time, or come along to our wonderful morning teas, you will need to have had a flu vaccination and provide the evidence to the staff before entering the building.

Currently we do remain closed to visitors, but this is being reviewed on a fortnightly basis.

Once we are open again to visitors, ALL visitors will need to provide evidence of your current vaccination, at the door. Once your evidence has been recorded you will not need to produce it again.

Our job is to keep the residents safe and we require to follow Government directives.

### WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO . . .

Good day all, it's really starting to get chilly now! We've had both the heaters on in the rec room for our first ever Chair Yoga class, which was a great success. Everyone that participated gave their best effort and hopefully left feeling calm and stretched out. Afterwards those that wanted to, chose an affirmation Card and I read out the meaning. We are trying to come up with new and creative ideas to keep our residents spirits up while we have visiting restrictions.

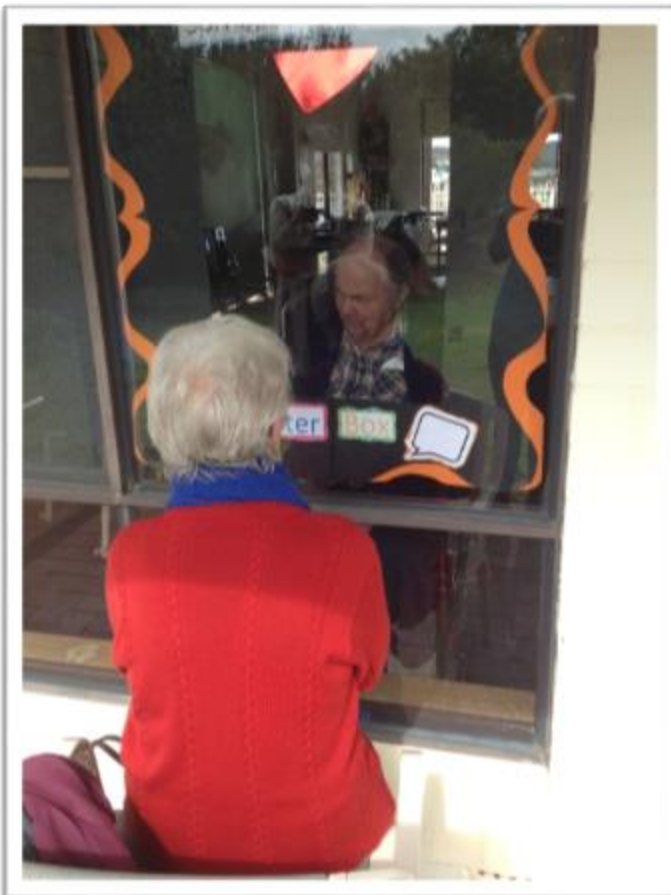
I got quite a few smiles from this one so that's a win!





We had a beautiful Anzac Day service. It has been a real treat having access to the Shire of Kojonup's projector, particularly for events like this; to be able to put a really moving video on to compliment the service is brilliant.

We have set up a chatterbox window and a few of our residents have put it to use already. If you would like to connect with your loved one this way please.





We hope your all doing well and keeping yourselves warm. Trust we are doing our absolute best in here through this tricky time, and we will see you all soon.

Until next fortnight ciao,  
**Alegha**  
**Activities Coordinator**  
Springhaven

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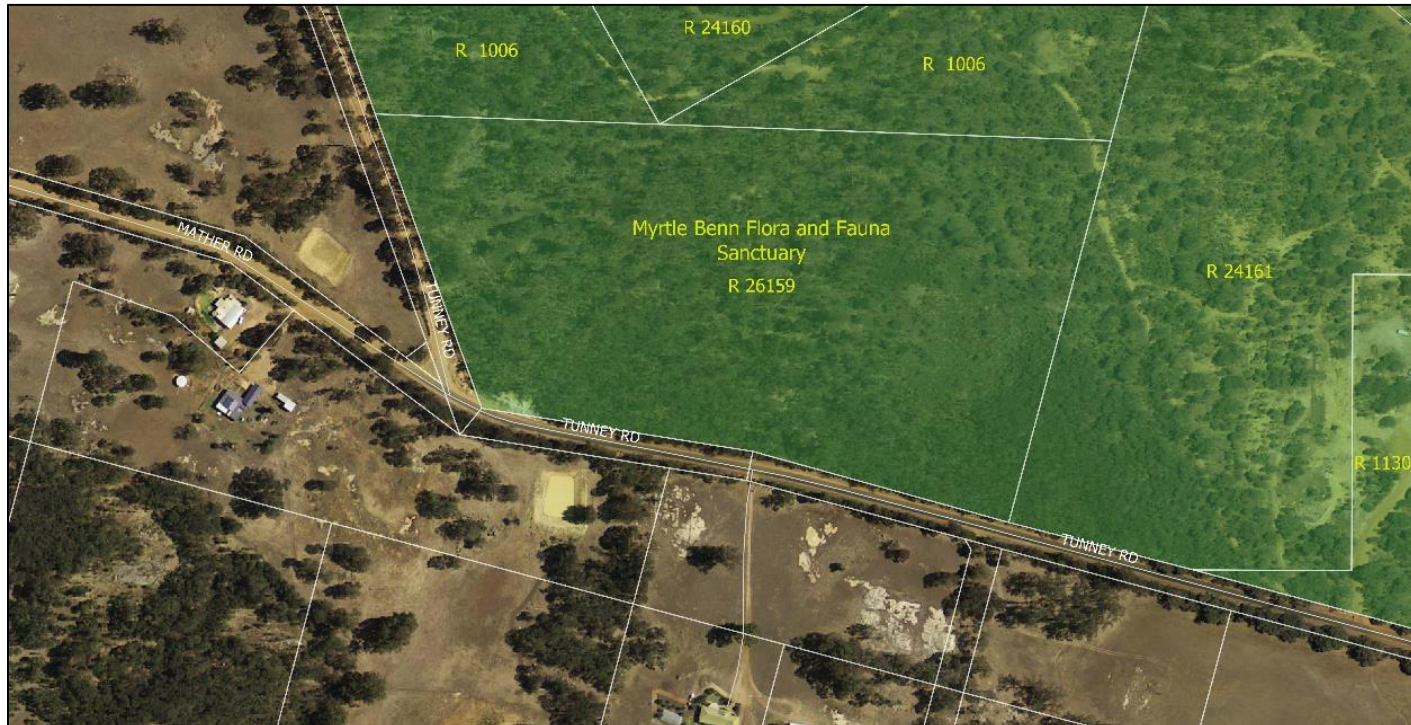
## NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

### SEEKING BUSH RESERVE NAMES - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Many of the Bush Reserves in the Shire of Kojonup have no name attached to them. As part of the Shire of Kojonup's Corporate Business Plan, SMART Implementation 2017-2021, reserve management plans are being developed.

Local reserves may have had a name that has not been used for many years, or have not been passed on from older to younger generation, maybe it's a name only your family use? Whatever it is, can you please let us know so we don't have to call it by a number, rather by a name that is meaningful.

If you require any more information, please call Jane Kowald, 0428712050 or email [landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au).



Please let us know the name of your local reserve!



## COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP GRANTS 2020 – APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15 JUNE 2020



Community Stewardship Grants are available for community-based projects that help conserve, restore, rehabilitate or enhance a local natural area, conserve WA's biodiversity and maintain or build the capability of NRM community groups across the State.

The 2020 Community Stewardship Grants program involves two components:

Small grant valued between \$1 000 - \$35 000 up to 18 months duration

Large grants valued between \$35,001 and \$450,000 for up to 36 months duration

An initiative of the WA Government, the State NRM Program is designed to conserve and sustainably manage the State's natural resources by supporting local community groups to undertake stewardship of natural resources in their local area.

Activities funded but not limited to the listed below:

- *Revegetation to enhance the local environment*
- *Protecting remnant vegetation is a highly desirable activity.*
- *Regenerative agriculture is a holistic approach to farming that seeks to use natural techniques to regenerate soil health and increase biodiversity.*

Types of activities that may be considered for funding include:

- *farm planning that supports regenerative farm management*
- *implementation of regenerative farm plans*
- *demonstrating innovative techniques that support a regenerative approach*
- *planning, observing and measuring change*
- *sharing and learning opportunities that support regenerative approaches.*

If you have a project idea and wish to develop it further, please contact your NRM/Landcare Officer at the Shire of Kojonup, [landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au) or 0428712050.

## HAVE YOU EVER SPOTTED ANY COCKATOO'S ON YOUR FARM? ONLINE SURVEY – Yes or No we still want to know!

*Photo Caption: A Carnaby's Black Cockatoo. PHOTO CREDIT: KEITH LIGHTBODY.*

A project is underway in the South West to help address the decline of Carnaby's black cockatoos. The South West Catchments Council (SWCC) and its' project partners have secured funding for the project.

The project aims to improve the nesting success of the species through the inland areas of the South West Region. The project has been funded through to June 2023.

Carnaby's cockatoos generally move from coastal areas to the Wheatbelt in winter each year to breed, a behaviour which has earned them the nickname of 'rainbirds'.

The success of their breeding efforts has been declining due to the loss of breeding hollows and the lack of suitable food sources within flying distance of nesting sites.

South West Catchments Council will work with local Landcare groups across the birds' breeding areas to address these issues and help to stop the decline of this species.

"In order to do this, we first need to understand where the Carnaby's cockatoos are breeding and we're seeking the help of the community to do this" SWCC's Threatened Species Program Manager Dr Brian Chambers says.

"There are very few Carnaby's cockatoos inland at the moment, but we would like for members of the community to tell us about where they have seen black cockatoos in the past, whether they have been seen feeding, roosting (staying overnight) or breeding."

SWCC is also keen to hear from people if they have never seen black cockatoos on their properties, with Dr Chambers saying "This information helps to build up a better picture of the birds' behaviour."

Project partners across the South West include Blackwood Basin Group, Shire of Kojonup, Wagin-Woodanilling Landcare Zone, Katanning Landcare, Shire of Kent, Shire of Dumbleyung and Birdlife WA.

Cockatoo sightings can be submitted online at <https://app.maptionnaire.com/en/7399/>

This project received grant funding from the Australian Government.

Don't know the difference between a Carnaby's and Baudin's black cockatoo? Not to worry, all sightings are accepted by the survey, even Red Tailed Black Cockatoo's. Records can be created for areas you do not own (e.g. reserves, neighbours property) even if you have retired and moved you can still record a sighting. If you have not seen any cockatoo's, this information is also important to know.

If you require help with the survey, please speak to your NRM/Landcare Officer, Jane Kowald, [landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au) or 0428712050.



**BIRDS IN BACKYARDS SURVEY! WIN A PAIR OF NIKON BINOCULARS WORTH \$249!**

With COVID-19 meaning we are all spending almost, if not, all of our time at home, it is the perfect opportunity to become acquainted with your birdy neighbours. Birds in Backyards surveys can be submitted at any time, and as often as you like. Your data tells us how our urban birds are doing and how our gardens, and our own behaviour in those gardens can impact on the birds visiting.

**Even though we are not, birds are on the move!**

Autumn is a season of migration, cooling temperatures (for the most part) and with most of us stuck at home, it gives us another excuse to get out into our backyards and survey birds. Our Birds in Backyards Autumn Survey runs from March to April with a focus on what unusual or unexpected birds are turning up in your backyard?

This fire season was unprecedented and many of our bird communities have lost refuge and resources, pushing them to their limits. There have been accounts of unusual birds turning up in unexpected places or at the extremes of their range and we want to know more about these occurrences.

When you complete a survey in our Birddata portal, leave a comment in the notes section to flag when a bird is a really unusual visitor to your garden - maybe it is one you have never seen before, or is showing up earlier or later than you would usually expect them. This kind of information is hard for us to find so the input from our dedicated surveyors and citizen scientists can really have an impact on our research. Getting started is easy.

**What if I don't know a Pipit from a Pardalote?**

You don't have to know the names of all your birds to take part. The Birddata portal and app will automatically give you a list of birds (with photos) known to be in your area and you can select from that list. The more surveys you do, the more accurate that list becomes. You can of course type in the names of any other birds who are not in that list - use our Bird Finder to help identify them.

**How do I submit my surveys?**

1. If you don't have a Birddata account, sign up for one today. Then read the instructions or watch the video.
2. Go to the Birddata portal or download the Birddata app
3. Select 'Birds in Backyards' from the program list and locate your garden on the map
4. Fill in some details about your garden - take a 'birds eye view'... and tell us what your space is like. You only have to do this once (unless something changes in your garden)
5. Spend either one block of 20 mins recording which birds visit your garden OR keep a record over a week of all the birds you see and fill in the survey
6. There are options to add photos, give us more details (if the bird is something unusual in your garden, put this in the notes), record any breeding info or aggressive bird behaviour if you want to
7. Submit and enjoy!



### Annual Competition

Don't forget our major prize for the year - if you complete at least one survey per season (that's Summer 2019/20, Autumn 2020, Winter 2020 & Spring 2020) you will go into the draw to win a pair of brand new Nikon binoculars (worth \$249) to take with you on all your birding adventures! We also give out prizes for each seasonal survey as well.

A quick refresher of the rules for the annual competition:

- All surveys must be completed within the Birds in Backyards surveys on Birdata
- Surveys must be submitted from a single surveyor/Birdata account holder
- Surveys are only counted within each survey period
- For the Major Challenge, at least one survey in each season must be completed from a single Birdata account
- For Summer Survey, surveys can be from multiple sites

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### RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD



The restricted burning period has been extended to Friday, 15 May 2020. You should contact your local Fire Control Officer or ring the hotline on 9831 0145. Please consult the [2019-2020 Fire Break Order](#) for more information

## COMMUNITY/PUBLIC NOTICES

# Western Australia Regional Travel Restrictions

From 11:59pm Tuesday 31 March 2020, Western Australians are not permitted to travel outside their designated region without an exemption.

Exemptions apply for:

- people travelling to work
- attending medical appointments
- transporting freight
- those who do not have access to groceries or supplies within their region
- returning to a place of residence
- attending school or an educational institution where necessary
- caring for family members
- compassionate grounds.

If you believe you fall under an exemption category AND are required to travel between these regions you will need to apply for approval to travel via one of the following two options:

- Use G2G PASS to apply to travel and receive a QR code which can be displayed on a mobile phone and/or through a vehicle window without human contact. Visit the [G2G PASS website](#).
- Or
- Request approval to travel at the checkpoint by providing Police with supporting documentation, such as a letter/email/SMS from an employer, that proves you meet the criteria to travel intrastate.



**G2G  
PASS**

For more information view the [Prohibition on Regional Travel Directions](#).



The Western Australian Government is implementing staged measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 coronavirus in the community and save lives.

To respond to some of the particular challenges this has created, we're asking you, the Western Australian community, to share your innovative ideas on iThink.

Through iThink we are seeking suggestions on how to better:

- work with manufacturers, entrepreneurs and innovators to harness new and emerging technologies
- support vulnerable community members
- educate and change behaviours in the community to ensure everyone stays safe and well.

Let's work together to put bright ideas in front of the right people, and support the State's response to the COVID-19 coronavirus.

[Register now!](#)

# A hotline number has been launched

'The Emergency Relief and Food Access Service', which provides support in identifying and applying for emergency relief. This can be with either food or bill assistance, and through a process of triage questions can possibly give referral options to individuals who may not be aware of supportive services in their community.

## Worried about money as a result of COVID-19?



Relief is one call away

# 1800 979 777

Emergency Relief and  
Food Access Service



Financial  
Counselling  
Network