

SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

Edition 170 – 13 December 2019

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Council Meeting Outcomes – 10 December 2019

Harvesting

Hopefully farmers will have a productive harvest as Council recognises agriculture is also a barometer on the economic, social and environmental health and well-being of our shire and the region. Please keep safe whether harvesting, transporting grain/ livestock/ wool etc., to markets in this hectic period.

School Leavers

Another school year has almost passed and to those students who will complete Year 10 a new chapter will occur for you in 2020, whether continuing further education, undertaking an apprenticeship or traineeship or attempting to gain employment. We wish you all the very best on whatever path you choose as the choices you are about to make will be the start of a journey that thousands of students throughout Australia will also be making. To students entering High School a different journey will occur from your Primary School days. Yes! – you may feel like a small fish in a big pond but remember that each journey starts with a step and fellow students are experiencing the same feelings and invariably despite your apprehension you will find support and reassurance!

Always try to push forward despite life's pressures as this determines your strength of character, resilience and desire to achieve. There will be obstacles along the way as life is a book which we (subconsciously or not) make an entry in every day and each entry will be good, bad or indifferent! Resist the temptation to lower your values or morals as the "if only" syndrome is very difficult to reverse once we have acted, especially on impulse and the outcome was not what we envisaged.

Your parents and grandparents may be able to relate to this as society has changed considerably since they were your age and the one constant in life is change. There will never be another Kojonup District High School Year 10 Class of 2019. To award recipients –celebrate your achievements as they are well deserved! To remaining students, families, teachers and support staff, enjoy your holiday break and keep safe!

Outcomes from Council Meeting – 10 December 2019

NRM Advisory Committee

"That Council:

1. Receive the Natural Resource Management Committee unconfirmed minutes for the meeting held 14 November 2019.
2. That Council accepts Phil Worts as a Community Representative of the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee.
3. Endorse the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee decision 12/19 that 1 Ha along the northern side of the Old Rubbish Tip road be revegetated with native species in 2020/2021 with a Budget provision of \$3,930.
4. Endorse the Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee decision 13/19 to make provision of \$10,000 within the 2020/2021 budget to progress the removal of Kojonup Town Site weeds."

Kojonup Pastoral and Agricultural Society Inc.

“That Council:

1. Provides in-principle support to the Kojonup Pastoral and Agricultural Society Incorporated (P & A Society) lodging applications seeking Commonwealth funding under the Regional Agricultural Show Development Grants Program conditional upon any structures erected using grant funds being capable of being relocated (if required) in the future; and
2. Requests the CEO to explore options 2, 3 & 4 as listed in the Officer Report with the P & A Society.”

The Kodja Place – Operating Hours

“That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to implement the new Kodja Place and Visitor Centre operating hours of 9.00am to 4.00pm effective from 1 February 2020.”

Development Approval For The George Church Community Medical Centre On Lots 2 & 3 (No’s 30 & 32) Spring Street, Kojonup

- 1) Council grant development approval for the medical centre use/development on Lots 2 & 3 (No’s 30 & 32) Spring Street, Kojonup subject to the following conditions/advice:
 - a) The development to be fully implemented consistent with the attached stamped approved plans and where marked in red, unless a variation has been approved in writing by the Chief Executive Officer.
 - b) The lots to be amalgamated to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer (confirmation of the Landgate dealing number or similar) prior to the building permit being issued.
 - c) The external building walls to be finished and/or painted in a colour/tone to the satisfaction of the Shire of Kojonup.
 - d) The roof to be clad in metal sheeting in a colour/tone to the satisfaction of the Shire of Kojonup.
 - e) Enter into a Deed of Agreement as prepared by M Rogers and tabled at the 19 November 2019 Council meeting regarding the car park on Lot 2 Spring Street being available for use as a Public Car Park as well as serving the Medical Centre.
 - f) The on-site car parking areas shown in the approved plans to the set-out, sealed, drained and line-marked to the satisfaction of the Shire of Kojonup.
 - g) The new access/egress crossover points onto Spring Street and Barracks Place to be sited, designed and constructed to the satisfaction of the Shire of Kojonup. The proponent is responsible to meet all costs of connecting to the Shire’s road networks including repairs to existing footpaths, kerbs, drainage pipes etc.
 - h) The new access paths to be matched to the existing paths along Spring Street and Barracks Place to the satisfaction of the Shire of Kojonup.
 - i) The building to be connected to the Water Corporation deep sewer and water supply networks.
 - j) All stormwater to be retained and/or disposed of or reused on-site unless discharge off-site to the Shire’s drainage system has been approved. The proponent is responsible to meet all costs of connecting to the Shire’s drainage system.
 - k) The proponent is to be responsible for all landscaping.
 - l) The bin storage area to include screen fencing, concrete floor, floor waste and water supply tap.
 - m) The building to comply with the WA Planning Commission’s State Planning Policy 3.7 ‘Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas’ and AS3959 ‘Construction of buildings in bushfire prone areas’.
 - n) The proponent is to submit a separate application to Council for signage approval.
 - o) Payment of the development application fee of \$3,627.50 as set out in the adopted List of Fees and Charges is waived.

Advice Notes:

- i) *The construction of the medical centre requires a separate Building Permit to be obtained prior to any works commencing.*
 - ii) *The provision of a rubbish service for the proposal will need to be negotiated through the Shire.*
- 2) Council in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2005 and Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015, initiate Town Planning Scheme No. 3 – Amendment No. 14 to remove Lot 2 Spring Street from the Recreation local authority scheme reserve and include it in the Public Purposes local authority scheme reserve to match Lot 3 under the new amalgamated lot. The amendment is considered a standard amendment on the basis that it is:
- (a) an amendment relating to a zone or reserve that is consistent with the objectives identified in the scheme for that zone or reserve;
 - (e) an amendment that would have minimal impact on land in the scheme area that is not subject of the amendment;
 - (f) an amendment that does not result in any significant environmental, social, economic or governance impacts on land in the scheme area; and
 - (g) an amendment that is not a complex or basic amendment.

Workforce Plan 2019-2023

That Council adopt the reviewed Workforce Plan 2019 - 2023

162 Blackwood Road, Kojonup – Upcoming Leasing Opportunity

That Council

1. Call for public tender the lease of the land at 162 Blackwood Road, with the following conditions applying:
 - a) Term of lease to be for a period of three (3) years;
 - b) The lessee accepts the property on an 'as is' basis;
 - c) The lessee is to maintain perimeter fences at the current standards;
 - d) The Shire will not be liable for any issues arising from fencing and/or containment of stock;
 - e) The lessee is responsible for managing and minimising any fire hazard and complying with any relevant conditions of the annual fire break order; and
 - f) Any stocking rates will be agreed by both parties on an 'as needs' basis to respond to any animal welfare, fire hazard reduction, and land quality preservation issues that may arise.

and

2. Applies the following tender grading criteria to each tender for these leases:
 - Contribution to Smart Possibilities 60%
 - Price 10%
 - Proposed Property Improvements 20%
 - Community Benefit 10%



Shire President
John Benn

Chief Executive Officer
Rick Mitchell-Collins

REGULATORY SERVICES



FIRE-BREAK INSPECTION WARNING

Appreciation to all those property owners that have responded to the 2019-2020 fire break order by making their properties fire safe. Property owner's efforts increases community safety and reduces the risk to the fire fighters particularly over the festive season.

To obtain a Guide to Constructing and Maintaining Fire-breaks follow this link
https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/regulationandcompliance/buildingplanassessment/Special%20Operations%20Guidance%20Notices/DFE40125_Constructing_Firebreaks_Brochure.pdf

Paul Retallack
Ranger/Building Maintenance Co-ordinator

Waste Collection during Christmas and New Year



Residents are advised that the waste collection days will not change during the Christmas and New Year period however, the transfer station will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Michelle Dennis
Development Services Coordinator



SPRINGHAVEN

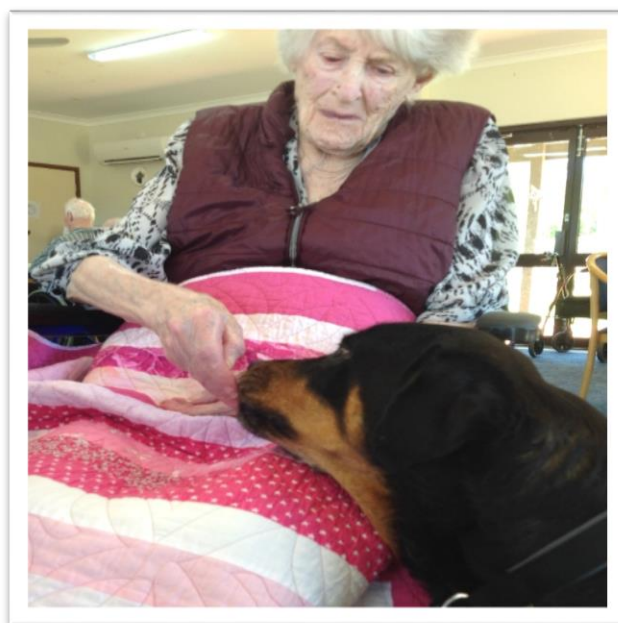


Deck the halls with boughs of holly! Springhaven has been decorated from end to end as we bring in the Christmas season in style. Residents have been enjoying loads of Christmas themed activities, movies and games throughout the week getting everyone in the Christmas Spirit. We had the amazing St. Bernard's School Choir sing for our residents over lunch last week which got a few of us moving as we enjoyed our lunch.. It brought great joy to the residents and we thank the St. Bernard's School Choir for coming to Springhaven and singing for us. It was awesome!

Last week we had Tue ("Chewy") the friendly Rottweiler come to visit the residents at Springhaven. The residents loved giving the affectionate dog some cuddles along with a few treats. Tue even enjoyed watching the afternoon movie with the residents. Tue is hoping to come back and visit again soon.

The residents are looking forward to the upcoming 'Resident and Family Christmas Luncheon' where we hope to have Santa himself come and visit!

Sue Northover
Manager Aged Care Services



SHIRE OF KOJONUP CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CLOSURES

Administration Office and Library

The Administration Office and Library will be closed during the Christmas and New Year period from 2.00pm Tuesday 24 December 2019 until 8.30am Thursday 2 January 2020;

Works & Services

Closed from 5.00 pm Tuesday, 24 December to Monday, 30 December 2019. Also closed 1 January 2020 Any emergencies should be directed to Craig McVee 0427 427854

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

SWIMMING POOL NEWS

Kevin O'Halloran Memorial Swimming Pools season is going really well with lots of entries and near perfect weather for swimming. We are seeing a few heat waves passing us already this year so please remember to slip, slop, slap and ensure that you are paying attention to any children you bring in. Season Passes can still be purchased from the Shire Offices or here at the Pool.

NEW ENTRY STEPS INTO THE POOL

Have you found it hard to get in and out of the water in the past due to the vertical wall steps? If so you should come in and view/try out our new Entry Steps. They have made a massive difference in ease of access to the main pool for many people already this season so if in the past it was a bit hard you definitely come in and give them a try.

SWIM CLUB FINISHES FOR TERM

Swim Club will be finishing up for Term 4 on the 13 December. Congratulations to all the kids involved and I hope to see you all back and ready to go Term 1 next year. A big thank you from me to all those who have helped out in setting up the pool and also in the kiosk this term as it had made the job of coaching much easier.

SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS

Well done to all school kids who have completed the past fortnight of swimming lessons here at the pool. These skills are invaluable in life and it has been fantastic to see all the kids having a great time learning. Also a big thank you to the amazing swimming teacher team that has been here competing these lessons daily, they have been great to work with and have done a brilliant job at teaching the communities children skills they will keep for life.

AQUA AEROBICS

Our fantastic Aqua Aerobics classes are held on Monday's and Thursday's from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Cost is \$10.00 per session which includes pool entry and \$8.00 for holders of a season pass. Come down and give this enjoyable exercise class a try, you will be amazed how great a workout it really is.

**KEVIN O'HALLORAN MEMORIAL
SWIMMING POOL**

OPENING TIMES

School Holidays 2019 2020

Morning Lap Swimming:
Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 6.00am to 8.00am

Please note: There will be no morning swimming from Monday 23 December to Monday 6 January

General Entry:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - 12pm to 6.30pm
Friday, Saturday & Sunday - 12pm to 6.00pm

The Pool Will be CLOSED on the following days
Tuesday December 24
Wednesday December 25
Thursday December 26 and
Wednesday January 1 2020

Anyone under the influence of Alcohol or Drugs will not be permitted entry. The Swimming Pool is designated an Alcohol and Drug Free Zone for the protection of the communities children.

Note well All children under 5 must have a swimming adult in the water with them at all times



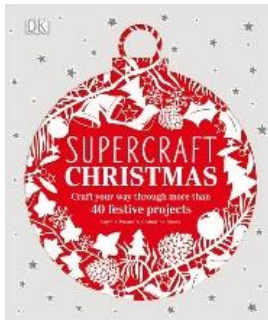
Remember!
To **Always**
Watch Around
Water

New Christmas DVD's :



New Books to our Library :

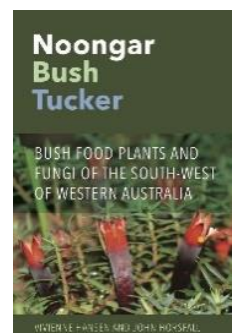
Supercraft Christmas ; Craft your way through more than 40 eco-friendly festive projects, including charming gifts, stunning decorations, and quirky gift wrap ideas, and bring the magic of the German Christmas markets into your home. No more braving the crowds for tatty tinsel - spend time with friends and family and turn cold nights cosy with homemade bath salts, floating tea lights, and gingerbread hearts. Follow clear, step-by-step instructions to create fresh flower garlands, bake edible gift tags, and paint authentic tree ornaments. Featuring a chapter devoted to last-minute ideas, your treats and trinkets can be as speedy as they are special. Full size templates and stunning photography combine to make your homemade projects simple. Brimming with inspiration so you can create your own magical, homemade holiday - you'll soon have the festive season all wrapped up with *Supercraft Christmas*.



Noongar Bush Tucker: Bush Food Plants and Fungi of the South-West of Western Australia –
By Vivienne Hansen and John Horsfall

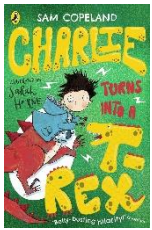
Before the colonisation of Australia, Aboriginal Australians lived on a wonderful larder of fresh fruit, vegetables and lean meat, in a land largely free from disease, with more exercise, less stress and supportive communities.

Today, in Aboriginal communities all over Australia, there are higher instances of heart disease, type 2 diabetes, renal disease, some types of cancer and lung diseases than in the general population.



This book is an attempt to preserve bush tucker knowledge for future generations of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people to ensure the information is not lost with the passing of Elders.

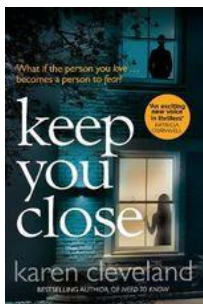
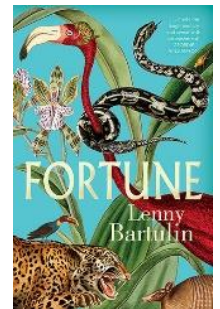
The authors describe over 260 species of the edible plants and fungi that were regularly gathered by the Noongars of the Bibbulmun Nation of the south-west of Western Australia before and after colonisation. Many of these plants and fungi are difficult to find today because of land clearing for crops and the farming of sheep and cattle.



Charlie turns into a T-Rex - When dad's business takes a sudden turn for the worse, the McGuffin family face the terrible prospect of having to sell their house and move in with Aunt Brenda and her seventeen cats (and wooden leg). Only Charlie and best friends Flora, Mohsen and Wogan can save the day. If they can break into the fortress-like offices of Van Der Gruyne Industries and recover the McGuffins' stolen gold, maybe Charlie won't have to move away after all.

Trouble is, the pressure is getting to Charlie, making it harder for him to control when he changes into an animal - and harder still to change back. Can Charlie's friends help him master his powers once and for all, or will he end up stuck as a pigeon forever . . . ?

Fortune – **Lenny Bartulin**: "A thrilling tale of adventure told across centuries and continents...It made me laugh and cry and swear with astonishment. It is savage and nihilistic, wise and kind, never less than gripping, and it is over far sooner than you want it to be. And every line is marked with the author's unmistakable stylistic signature: somewhere between Roger Federer at the net and Mick Jagger's rooster strut." **Geordie Williamson**, Chief Literary Critic.

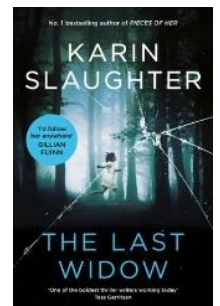


Keep you close – **Karen Cleveland**: You go into your son's bedroom. It's the usual mess. You tidy up some dirty plates, pick up some clothes, open the wardrobe to put them away. That's when you find it. Something so shocking it doesn't seem real.

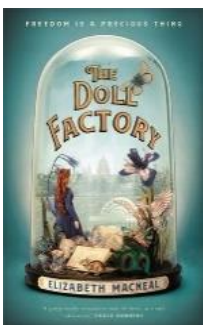
And you realize a horrifying truth... Your own son might be dangerous.

The last widow – **Karin Slaughter**:

A mysterious kidnapping : On a hot summer night, a scientist from the Centers for Disease Control is grabbed by unknown assailants in a shopping center parking lot. Vanished into thin air, the authorities are desperate to save the doctor. **A devastating explosion** : One month later, the serenity of a sunny Sunday afternoon is shattered by the boom of a ground-shaking blast-followed by another seconds later. One of Atlanta's busiest and most important neighborhoods has been bombed-the location of Emory University, two major hospitals, the FBI headquarters, and the CDC. **A diabolical enemy** : Medical examiner Sara Linton and her partner Will Trent, an investigator with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, rush to the scene-and into the heart of a deadly conspiracy that threatens to destroy thousands of innocent lives.



The Doll Factory – **Elizabeth Macneal**: London. 1850. The Great Exhibition is being erected in Hyde Park and among the crowd watching the spectacle two people meet. For Iris, an aspiring artist, it is the encounter of a moment - forgotten seconds later, but for Silas, a collector entranced by the strange and beautiful, that meeting marks a new beginning.

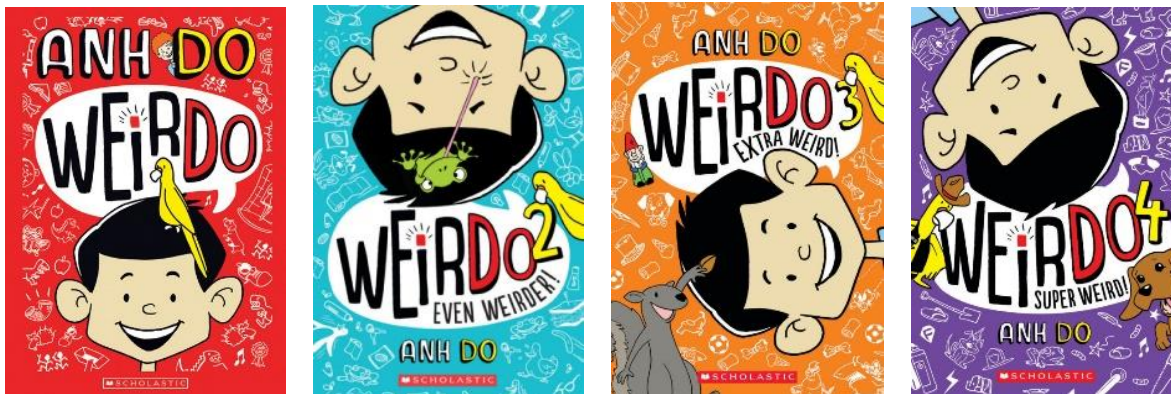


When Iris is asked to model for pre-Raphaelite artist Louis Frost, she agrees on the condition that he will also teach her to paint. Suddenly her world begins to expand, to become a place of art and love

But Silas has only thought of one thing since their meeting, and his obsession is darkening .



Merry Christmas & a Joyous New Year from Bec, Hayley, Kat, Kerry & Lorreen.
Thank you all for being a part of our Library Community See you on 2 January 2020.



From bestselling author and TV personality Anh Do

Anh's hilarious children's books keep kids laughing for hours.

Anh Do is a much-loved TV personality, artist, actor, comedian, producer, speaker, and an award-winning, best-selling author.

The first book in his junior fiction series WeirDo was awarded ABIA Book of the Year in 2014, and now, over ONE MILLION WeirDo books can be found on kids' bookshelves around Australia!

Age range 6 to 10 years Please check the shelves for more great books by Anh, in our library

Shire of Kojonup Office & Library Christmas and New Year's Opening Hours

Monday December 23 – 8.30am – 4.30pm

Tuesday December 24 – 8.30am - 2pm

Wednesday December 25 - Closed

Thursday December 26 - Closed

Friday December 27 - Closed

Saturday December 28 - Closed

Sunday December 29 - Closed

Monday December 30 - Closed

Tuesday December 31 - Closed

Wednesday January 1 - Closed

Thursday January 2 – 8.30am – 4.30pm

Friday January 3 – 8.30a, - 4.30pm



Please also take note of our modified opening hours during Christmas and New Year. On behalf of your dedicated and enthusiastic library team I would like to wish you all a safe and joyful festive season.

Till next year...happy reading!

Lorreen, Hayley, Kerry & Bec.



International Day of People with Disability

On Tuesday 3 December, the Shire celebrated International Day of People with Disability by holding a luncheon at the complex which also coincided with the launch of the Disability Access & Inclusion Advisory Committee. Two guest speakers travelled from Albany and Manjimup sharing invaluable information on the NDIS and Joblife, followed by a lovely lunch catered by Kerry Leusciatti. If any members of the community would like further information on the NDIS, call Clinton O'Brien 0448133357 or on Joblife, call Kerry Clark on 0429133125.

The Shire of Kojonup is committed to ensuring an accessible and inclusive community for people with disability, their families and carers. The Shire of Kojonup recognises that people with disability are valued members of the community who make a variety of contributions to local social, economic and cultural life.



The Shire is committed to consulting with people with disability, their families and carers and where required, disability organisations to ensure that barriers to access and inclusion are addressed appropriately. The Disability Access & Inclusion Plan (DAIP) is now being updated and reviewed (available in the 'Council Publications' section of the Shire's website www.kojonup.wa.gov.au). The Shire would like your suggestions, comments and any feedback to be forwarded by 7 February. If you would like further information please contact Elaine Venn at the Shire via cdo@kojonup.wa.gov.au or telephoning 9831 2411.

The next Disability Access & Inclusion Advisory Committee meeting will be held on 18 February 2020 at 9am in the Reception Lounge at the Shire Administration Centre.

DISABILITY ACCESS AND INCLUSION PLAN REVIEW

An opportunity to share your views with the Shire

The Shire of Kojonup's Disability Access & Inclusion Plan (DAIP) 2014-2019 is currently under review and we are seeking feedback and comment from individuals and community groups.

The purpose of reviewing the DAIP is:

- To assess how successful the strategies outlined in the previous DAIP have been at overcoming barriers and achieving positive outcomes for people with disability in the community.
- To understand and identify any new or existing barriers within the community for people with disability.

Your feedback is a vital element in improving access and inclusion within the Shire of Kojonup. Comments and feedback can be forwarded to cdo@kojonup.wa.gov.au or by sending to the Shire.

Anthony Middleton
Manager Corporate & Community Services

THE KODJA PLACE AND VISITOR SERVICES



KOJONUP CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT MARKET

On Saturday 30 November, the Kojonup Christmas Twilight Market was held in The Kodja Place Courtyard. The event attracted visitors from surrounding towns such as, Katanning, Broomehill, Tambellup, Boyup Brook and more. There was a wide variety of stall holders from Kojonup and Surrounds. The stalls ranged from handmade soaps, Reflexology sessions to wind chimes, hampers and plants to First Aid Kits and much more. Everyone loved Jessica Lenthall, who was the singer that performed on the night.

The Children had fun playing with the Giant Janga and the Giant Connect Four Games and were visited by Santa in the Kojonup Fire Truck.

This year's Christmas Twilight Market was another huge success and we look forward to next year's Twilight Market.



Kojonup Visitors are Saying

'Uncle Jack is a National Treasure'

N Punch, Perth WA

'Fabulous resting place. Story of the 3 women in the Rose Garden is Amazing'

V & P Bristol, UK

'Heard about Kojonup and Kodja so stopped by. Really nice and interesting'

D Brien, Yorkshire UK

'Thanks Jack and your helpers for today, great Tour and excellent Damper'

WACOA Denmark Year 10 Group

Kristel Thomson
A/Visitor Services Officer

LANDCARE

Want to get rid of your Rabbit problem? Order your RHDV1-K5 calicivirus now!

The NRM/Landcare Officer has been contacted by a number of farmers with rabbit problems wanting to release the rabbit biocontrol RHDV1 K5 (Korean strain of Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus). For maximum effectiveness, a coordinated, landscape scale release of rabbit biological control viruses will maximise effectiveness and produce greater results than patchy, individual landholder releases.



RHDV1K5 is a variant of rabbit haemorrhagic disease virus (RHDV1) that causes a fatal haemorrhagic disease in the European rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*). It is specific to the European rabbit, and once a rabbit shows symptoms,

death is rapid. There is no treatment or cure for rabbit haemorrhagic disease (RHD); however, a vaccine for domestic and production rabbits is available.

RHDV is spread by insect vectors, such as bushflies and blowflies. Direct contact between a rabbit and a rabbit carcass with RHDV is also an avenue of spread. Animals that predate on rabbit carcasses such as foxes, dogs and cats may also excrete the virus in their faeces.

The supply and use of RHDV1 K5 in WA to authorised users was enabled under the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Regulations Amendment 2017 (Government Gazette Friday, 3 February 2017). Under the regulations, anyone who will be handling and mixing the liquid suspension virus must complete on-line training to become authorised users of RHDV. RHDV1-K5 Authorisation Training is available from DAFWA's [Client Online Training](#) website.

An order for the virus vials will be done through the Shire of Kojonup NRM/Landcare Officer in order to avoid the \$50 shipping fee per order. If you would like a vial, the online training must be completed, then place your order by contacting the NRM/Landcare Officer, Jane Kowald, on 0428712050 or landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au, vials cost \$120 each and only 1 vial/1500 Ha is required.

BUSHFIRES, INCREASED VEHICLE STRIKES AND MORE...SUMMER IS A TOUGH TIME FOR OUR NATIVE ANIMALS

While most of us are enjoying end-of-year celebrations and perhaps taking the family on a holiday to one of our stunning national parks, the native animals we love are under intensified threat. More wildlife babies are born during the warmer months and it's also 'breeding season', so adults are on the move searching for a mate. Concurrently, many more of us are on the road at this time of year, so the number of animals struck by cars and other vehicles increases.



How to Assist Injured Wildlife

1. If you come across an injured native animal, the best way to save its life is to first call your nearest accredited Wildlife Carer. Kojonup's nearest accredited Wildlife Carer's are:

- **Roo Gully Wildlife Sanctuary, Boyup Brook.**
Undertakes emergency rescues and cares for all species of wildlife.
Phone: (08) 9765 1514
Emergency: 0429 651 510
- **Great Southern Care Wildlife, Mount Barker**
This volunteer group mainly cares for orphaned, sick and injured kangaroo joeys.
Mobile: 0401 334 729

2. While waiting for a rescuer or before taking an injured animal to a vet:

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- Cover the animal with a towel or blanket and remove from threats.
- Do not attempt to pick up a bat or snake - wait for expert assistance.
- Keep the animal calm and safe by placing it in a ventilated cardboard box, covered cage or similar.
- Keep the animal in a warm, quiet, dark and undisturbed place.
- DO NOT offer any food or water (unless advised by a vet or wildlife carer).
- Contact a wildlife care service. If this isn't possible, take the injured animal to a nearby vet ASAP.
- If you see a dead marsupial, always check the pouch for a living joey.

How to help an injured native animal

Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife

Organisation:

Phone:

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3. Download and print a Wildlife Emergency Card and write the name and contact number of your nearest rescue organisation on the card.

Need a Mistletoe to kiss under this Xmas? Look no further than the largest in the world, the Aussie Christmas Tree, *Nuytsia floribunda*.



Nuytsia floribunda, known locally as the Christmas tree, flowers every year around Christmas. Image credit: enjosmith/Wikimedia (CC BY-SA 2.0)

AUSTRALIA HAS A PARASITE believed to be the largest in the world, a tree whose greedy roots stab victims up to 110m away. The Christmas tree (*Nuytsia floribunda*) has blades for slicing into the roots of plants to steal their sap. The blades are sharp enough to draw blood on human lips. They cause power failures when the tree attacks buried cables by mistake. Telephone lines get cut as well.

The Christmas tree is indiscriminate, stealing juice from almost anything green – grasses, sedges, carrots, weeds, vines, shrubs, and eucalypts. It sometimes attacks its own roots by mistake, and fallen twigs as well. When one of its roots meet another root it forms a collar of tissue around it, like a swollen wedding ring, and a hydraulically operated blade forms inside that. Each tree attaches to hordes of victims.

The Christmas tree is an icon of the region it grows in, south-western Australia, because it blooms so dramatically in summer. The showy orange flowers have been likened to 'a bushfire without smoke'. When heathlands are destroyed to create pastures, Christmas trees are often left standing because of their beauty, and they carry on by feeding off grass.

This tree is very significant to the Noongar people. Around Perth it was considered sacred, a being in which the spirits of the newly dead resided. Elsewhere in the south-west it was valued for edible roots and for edible gum oozing from the trunk. I have sampled the cooked roots and found them pleasantly starchy.

The Christmas tree is a member of the southern mistletoe family (Loranthaceae), standing apart from most mistletoes by growing as a tree rather than a shrub attached to trees. It belongs to the oldest lineage in its family, from a time before most mistletoes had become aerial parasites.

Australia is well endowed with trees and shrubs that steal from other plants through their roots. The best known include desert quandong (*Santalum acuminatum*), Australian sandalwood (*S. spicatum*) and native cherry (*Exocarpos cupressiformes*). Technically speaking, these plants, along with mistletoes, are called hemiparasites, because they photosynthesise for themselves rather than stealing everything they need from their hosts.

From <https://www.australiangeographic.com.au/topics/wildlife/2017/05/australias-giant-parasitic-christmas-tree/> accessed on 6 December 2019.

Friends of Myrtle Benn – you are awesome!

A thank you morning tea was held in the Shire Reception lounge to thank volunteers from the Friends of Myrtle Benn group for their tireless efforts

Over the past three years, the group has put in over 580 hours of their time to help improve our local reserve, assisting in projects like weeding, weed mapping, installation of signs, leading tours and helping with school visits.

The group formed in July 2016 with 8 members. Membership is free and has no obligation other than an interest in the Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary. Some members are active and are able to give their time to busy bees, others are not but are able to contribute occasionally as it suits them. All types of members are welcome!

Some of the great things the group have initiated so far include:

- Interpretation signs
- Traffic direction signs
- Weeding Eastern States Wattles (Golden Wattle, Black Wattle and Flinders Range Wattle) from the reserve
- Numerous visits from School Children
- Rubbish clean up after illegal dumping
- Reporting Illegal firewood collection

If you would like to become a member of the group, please contact the NRM/Landcare Officer, Jane Kowald at landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au.

Jane Kowald

Natural Resource Management Officer

PUBLIC NOTICES



**SHIRE OF KOJONUP
TENDER 11 OF 2019/2020 - LEASE OF LAND**

Public tenders are invited in accordance with Section 3.58 (2) of the *Local Government Act (1995)* for the lease of the following property:

Lot 162 Blackwood Road, Kojonup

for a three (3) year period from 1 March 2020.

Tender 11 of 2019/20 provides for the lease of agricultural land.

Written tenders, outlining the proposed lease fee and proposed use of the land, are invited from prospective individuals, community organisations or sporting groups.

A plan and more specific information, along with conditions of tender and tender grading criteria, are available from the Shire Office or by contacting Judy Stewart, Senior Administration Officer on 9831 2406 or sao@kojonup.wa.gov.au.

Tenders close at 4.00pm on Friday, 31 January 2020 and must be marked Tender 11 of 2019/20 and addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Kojonup, 93 Albany Highway, KOJONUP WA 6395.

The Shire of Kojonup reserves the right to not accept the highest or any tender.

**Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer**

From everyone at the Shire of Kojonup
be sure to have a happy safe Christmas
filled with good friends and family.
Please remember to drive safely.



December 2019

What's on in Kojonup

and surrounding areas*

Kodja Place & Kojonup Visitor Centre
Kojonup Community Resource Centre
Kojonup Library

Open 7 Days, 9:00am - 5:00pm
Monday - Friday, 10:00am - 4:00pm
Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm, Saturday 9:30am - 11:30am

Ph: 9831 0500
Ph: 9831 0256
Ph: 9831 0412



Need more information? Or want your event listed?

Please call the Kodja Place or email: Kristel: bcc@kojonup.wa.gov.au

| Every Sunday: | Every Monday: | Every Tuesday: | Every Wednesday: | Every Thursday: | Every Friday: | Every Saturday: |
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| Grab a copy of the Kojonup News for Church Service times | Bridge Club , Bowling Club 9.30am Southern Singers , Lawrence House Hall 7:00pm Historical Society , 1 st Monday of every month, 3.00pm St Bernard's Play Café , 9am- 11.00am, Every Monday of Term | Renew Op shop OPEN 10:00am-2:00pm All Crafts , 10am, Hockey Club ASK Youth Group , Baptist Church 3:30pm | Play Café , KDHS Kindy Rooms 9.30am-11.30am (not during school holidays) Kojonup Men's Shed OPEN 1pm Third Wednesday of every Month | Play Group & Toy Library , Old School, 9.30am-11.30am (not during school holidays) Renew Op Shop OPEN 10:00am-2:00pm Gallery Aura Open | Renew Op Shop OPEN 10:00am-2:00pm Diabetes Clinic – Kojonup Hospital, second Friday of every month Gallery Aura Open | Gallery Aura Open |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| Kojonup Junior Tennis Tournament | | | | Last Day Term 4 | Muradup Christmas Tree , 5.30pm | |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| Annual Christmas Carols , St Mary's Church, 7.00pm | | Christmas Eve | Christmas Day Community Christmas Dinner , RSL Hall, 11.30am | Boxing Day | | |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | January 2020 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |