

SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

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COUNCIL BRIEFS

2017/18 Annual Electors Meeting

Elected Members and Officers appreciated the opportunity to present the 2017/18 Annual Report and receive feedback from the 40 Community Members who attended the meeting on Tuesday, 19 March 2019. Comments and feedback received will be assessed by Council in planning for the 2019/20 Budget having undertaken a half yearly 2018/19 budget review at the March 2019 Council Meeting.

Council Elections 2019 – Mandatory Training for candidates

- Mandatory training for election candidates and council members is among a suite of local government reforms introduced to Parliament today
- Subject to the passage of the legislation by Parliament, training will be in place in time for local government elections this October

Local government election candidates will be required to complete an online induction prior to nominating for this year's local government elections under new legislation introduced today into State Parliament.

The McGowan Government's Local Government Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 introduces priority reforms to better equip council members to undertake their role, and provide greater transparency and accountability to the community.

Candidates will be required to complete an online induction prior to nominating for election to ensure they are fully aware of what is involved in being an elected member and the rules around campaigning.

Following election, they will also be required to complete five modules of training within the first 12 months of being in office.

Additional reforms include strengthening the Councillor Code of Conduct, CEO recruitment and performance standards, a new framework for the acceptance of gifts and improved reporting to the community.

The Bill includes provisions for simplifying and strengthening local government gifts provisions by removing any doubt about what gifts need to be reported, mandating online reporting, focusing on gifts that create conflicts of interest and extending requirements to Chief Executive Officers.

The next stage of reforms is currently open for comment at www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/lgreform and closes on March 31, 2019.

Voluntary Assisted Dying – Discussion Paper

Western Australians will have the opportunity to have their say on key issues being considered in the development of laws to enable voluntary assisted dying. As part of a comprehensive consultation being conducted across the State, public sessions will take place in April and May in Perth, Bunbury, Kalgoorlie, Geraldton and Broome before legislation is introduced to the State Parliament later this year.

This consultation is a vital step in developing legislation that meets the needs of Western Australians and ensures the introduction of appropriate safeguards for all involved.

A discussion paper released today by the Ministerial Expert Panel on Voluntary Assisted Dying outlines key issues for the proposed legislation. Members of the Ministerial Expert Panel, which includes expertise from clinical, legal, consumer, disability and culturally and linguistically diverse groups will lead discussion at the consultation sessions to hear community views.

People who cannot attend a consultation session can lodge written submissions for consideration by the panel. Feedback will help inform the expert panel's final report to the McGowan Government.

The purpose of the voluntary assisted dying discussion paper and the public consultations is to assist the development of fully informed and workable legislation - not to review or debate the arguments for or against voluntary assisted dying.

In November 2018, the McGowan Government announced that it would introduce legislation into Parliament to enable voluntary assisted dying in Western Australia, following recommendations made by a Joint Select Committee aimed at strengthening and adapting the way the health system delivers end-of-life choices and palliative care.

The Government is also currently implementing the Joint Select Committee's recommendations related to Advance Health Directives (AHD) and end-of-life and palliative care, with an expert panel on AHD appointed by the Attorney General.

The discussion paper and more information about the planned consultation sessions and upcoming legislation can be found at <http://www.health.wa.gov.au/voluntaryassisteddying>



*Shire President
Ronnie Fleay*

*Chief Executive Officer
Rick Mitchell-Collins*



Tuesday, 2 April 2019

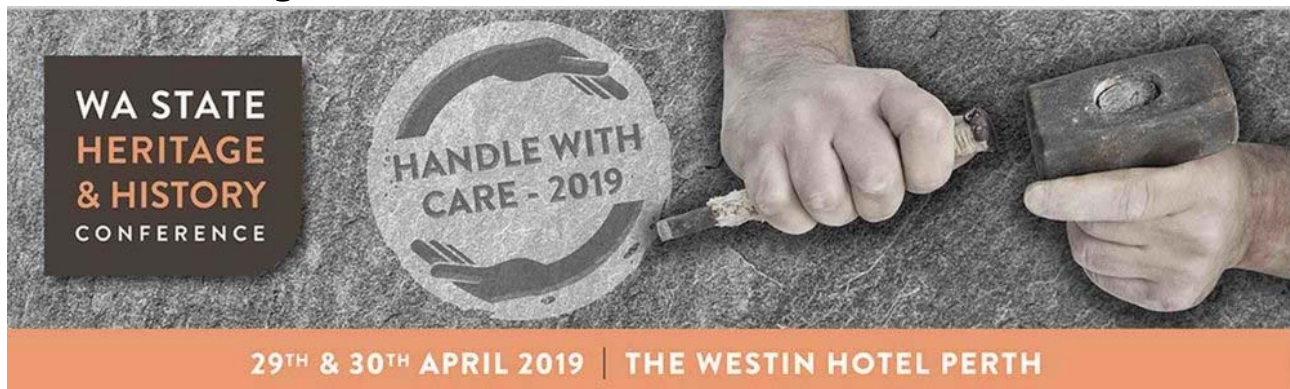
6.00pm - 7.30pm

Shire of Kojonup, Council Reception, 93 Albany Hwy, Kojonup



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

2019 State Heritage Conference



A reminder that Bursary Applications to assist with attendance to the conference close 5pm, Friday 29 March. Thanks to Lotterywest, there will be tiered bursary funding available to assist with travel, accommodation and registrations with Australian Museums and Galleries Associations WA administering the funds.

Please refer to the bursary website for further information, terms and conditions as well to register for the bursary www.amaga.org.au or <https://www.amaga.org.au/wa-state-heritage-history-conference-bursary-application-form>

Nominations Open For Kojonup's 2019 Volunteer Awards



National Volunteer Week (NVW) is an annual celebration to acknowledge the generous contribution of our nation's volunteers. From 20–26 May 2019, thousands of events will be held across the country to say thank you to the 6 million Australians who volunteer their time with this year's "Making a world of difference."

As part of National Volunteer Week the Kojonup Shire will once again be hosting an Awards Ceremony and Thank You Afternoon Tea to publicly recognise the invaluable contribution local volunteers, community groups and community led events make to our town.

The ceremony will be held during National Volunteer Week on Sunday 26h May, at 2.30pm in the Kojonup Memorial Hall.

There are 4 different award categories to consider and nominations will open next week.

- *Volunteer of the year: This award will be given to an individual who has worked tirelessly to benefit the community. People nominated for this award must be over the age of 35.*
- *Young volunteer of the year: Locals that are nominated for this award must have made an outstanding contribution to the community and must be 35 or under. This is open to students who have taken part in volunteering either off their own back, via their school or through other programs.*
- *Community Group of the year: This award will be given to a community group comprising of more than 3 people whom gave up their time in order to make a positive influence amongst the wider community between May 2018 and April 2019.*
- *Community Event of the year: This award will be given to a local event which was held between May 2018 and April 2019 which demonstrated a strong local community focus and volunteering element.*

Nomination forms will be available from next week at the Shire office, The Kodja Place and Kojonup Visitor Centre and key retail locations around town. You can also download a copy from the Shire of Kojonup's website.

If you have photos of the volunteers you are nominating or any local community volunteers in general, please send them to cdo@kojonup.wa.gov.au, or alternatively call into The Kodja Place so that staff can make a digital copy and give you back the original. We are aiming to create a slide show of images from around the district. They don't have to be recent photos, anything you have from past years will be most welcome.

All Nominations will close Thursday, 2nd May 2019

WHAT OUR VISITORS ARE SAYING:

The Kodja Place

"Wonderful Informational Museum. Wish I could have one in NSW." T & S Watson, Central Coast NSW

"Thank you to Jack. What an amazing guide and information shared. Jack was great, it was a wonderful story." S Byrne, Dublin Ireland

"Great viewing and information. Thanks." L & D Schmich, Toowoomba QLD

"Great. Very Interesting. Great Guide." V Fowler, Croydon

Kidsport

Clubs are gearing up for the winter season sports and for many, club registrations and training sessions are well underway. It is also a time when some families will be applying to KidSport to assist with the costs of registration fees.

KidSport is a financial assistance program that enables eligible Western Australian children aged 5 to 18 years to participate in community sport by offering up to \$150 per calendar year towards club fees. Administration of the KidSport program has seen some changes over the past 12 months which has made the process more streamlined. The following information has been provided to assist you with your application with the full details provided on the Department of Sport and Recreation website.

For Parents:

Who is eligible for KidSport?

All Western Australian children aged 5 to 18 with a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card are eligible for KidSport.

How does KidSport work?

You can apply for KidSport online www.dsr.wa.gov.au/funding/individuals/kidsport or by completing a hard copy application form and presenting it with a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card to one of the staff of the Community and Development team located at The Kodja Place. Although you should allow up to 10 days for your application to be processed, online applications are usually processed within 3 days or less. Hard copy applications which need to be inputted by staff online may take a little longer so allow plenty of time before registration to get your application in. If you need to process your hard copy application in a hurry, please ensure you have the right documentation and call 9831 0500 to make an appointment to avoid disappointment by staff not being available.



UP TO \$150 TOWARDS CLUB FEES FOR KIDS!
 Eligible kids aged 5-18 years can access financial assistance to contribute towards club membership.

SHIRE OF KOJONUP

For assistance on how to apply contact
 the Community Development & Tourism team
 at The Kodja Place

9831 0500

You can apply for KidSport online at
dsr.wa.gov.au/kidsport

KidSport applications are assessed by the local government in which the child resides or by the KidSport team at the department. If an application is approved, the KidSport team will email you a voucher code (unique to the child). The code should then be provided to the club when registering so that the approved amount can be deducted from the registration or membership fees.

All voucher codes will expire in 90 days.

For Clubs

How often should clubs update their details?

Clubs should update their details BEFORE every season or whenever there are any changes to club contact details, fee structures or bank details. It is vitally important to ensure club details are up to date to ensure the club can receive appropriate payment.

How do I know what fee information to provide to Kidsport?

The club must update its fees for the upcoming calendar year before to start of the season. Parent/guardians need to know what the fees will cost so they can claim the appropriate KidSport amount (up to \$150) and they can only choose one listed registration fee.

If you have a different registration fee for different age groups, please list these and make them clear so a parent can choose the right fee i.e. U/12s rego fee \$120, U/15s rego fee \$140

Please ensure that all associated costs are listed as a part of one fee i.e. insurance, state association affiliation cost, training fee etc. For clubs that have a variety of different types of registration fees and costs, please keep in mind a parent will not be able to choose multiple registration fees within the one KidSport voucher.

Every Club Is A Club Support Program.

Every Club is the latest program provided by the Department to provide every club in Western Australia with access to best practice resources on how to make your club succeed.

If you are looking for ways to improve your club but don't know where to start, visit the Every Club portal to find ideas, the latest thinking and practical tools to deliver club support.

Whether it is bookkeeping, how to run a club Facebook page, engaging your members through social media, ideas for fundraising and better financial management, improved committee meetings or any of the other hundreds of small tasks club volunteers want to master – Every Club will be a one-stop shop for anyone to access and at any time.

If you are not familiar with the portal, check it out on www.dsr.wa.gov.au/clubs/every-club

Respite For Carers

Do you assist a family member or friend who has a disability, chronic illness, dementia, mental illness or is frail aged?

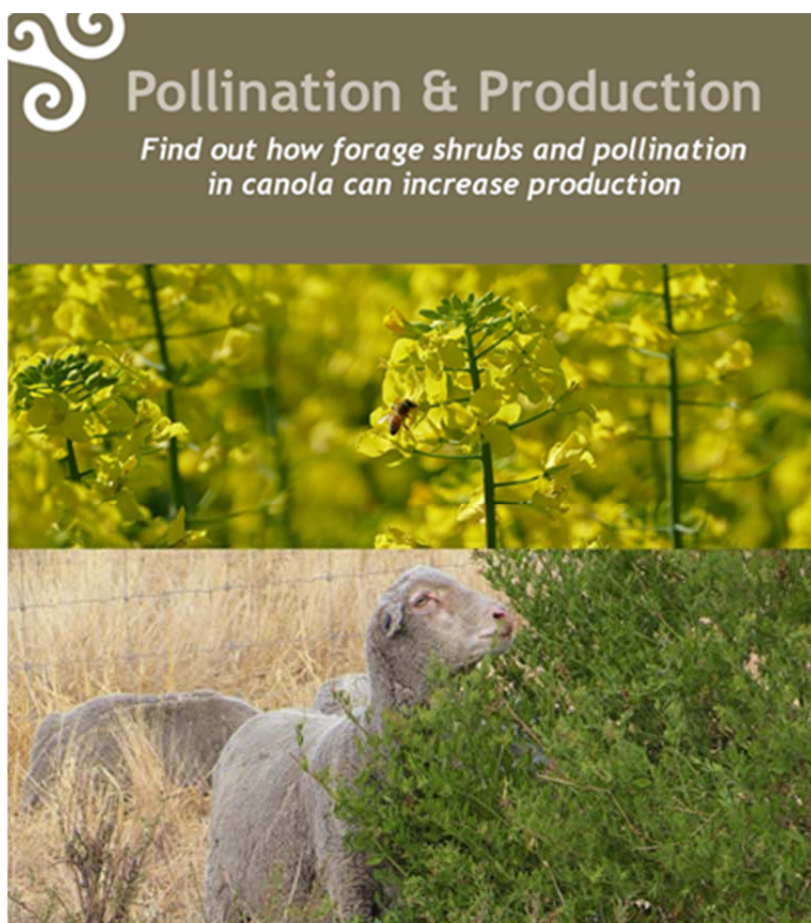
Did you know that you have access to carer support services through the Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre who can also assist you to take a break from your caring role?

Respite care can include:

- in-home respite care
- day care programs
- residential respite care in an aged care home
- residential respite care for younger people with an illness or disability
- recreational activities in the community

To find out more contact 1800 052 222. For emergency respite support outside of normal business hours please call 1800 059 059.

LANDCARE



Pollination & Production
Find out how forage shrubs and pollination in canola can increase production

The poster features two images: the top one shows a close-up of a bee on a yellow canola flower, and the bottom one shows a grey sheep grazing on green forage shrubs in a field.

WHEN: Tuesday 16 April 2019

WHERE: Woodanilling Pavilion

TIME: 1.30pm - 3.45pm

COST: Free

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS:

Dr Dean Revell outlines the benefits, costs and risks associated with forage shrubs and varieties to suit your soils and climate.

Dr Mike Christensen reveals the benefits of insects and other pollinators for canola production.

REGISTER NOW:

E: wendy.wilkins@swccnrm.org.au

T: 0448 939 307



This project is supported by the South West Catchments Council, through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

AGED CARE SERVICES

It was a sea of green at Springhaven as the St. Patrick's Day festivities took place.



Residents wore their best green clothes, "Irish for a day" sashes and some green props to get into the spirit of the day. The celebrations began with a beautiful themed morning tea and a singalong session. This was followed by a lovely Irish lunch - beef Guinness pie to the sound of Irish music. Residents reported to be happy and relaxed and enjoyed this special cultural day.

We've also had a special guest speaker, Kym Crosby who shared his humorous bush poetry with residents. Residents thoroughly enjoyed the poetry and the visit.

If anyone has a special talent, plays a musical instrument or if you have a special pet you would like to bring in for pet therapy with residents – please contact Jacky on 9831 2800.

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Help us improve!

Join the WA Country Health Service Great Southern Community of Interest

The Community of Interest is a register of volunteers from across the region interested in making our health services the best they can be.


How does it work?

- As a member, you'll receive invitations to participate in a variety of service improvement activities including:
 - Public meetings or forums held by our health service
 - Discussions about particular health issues or services
 - Sharing your "patient story" of experiencing the health service
 - Providing feedback on patient information and forms
 - Joining a working group or committee to design better systems of care
- You can choose how and when you wish to participate, depending on your interest and time.

Interested? Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/COIR> or contact Amber on 9842 7504.

For more information contact:

WA Country Health Service
Phone: 08 9842 7504 or Email: GS.HealthPromotion@health.wa.gov.au



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- Participation is voluntary and does not attract a participation payment. You can choose to accept or decline any offer to participate, depending on your interests and available time.
- Your personal details will be kept confidential and will not be used for any other purposes.
- You can withdraw from the group at any time.

Register your interest today

I consent to my contact details being placed on the Community of Interest Register.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Year of birth: _____

Are you of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background? Yes No

I may be interested in (please tick any that apply below):

Participating in public meetings or forums held by our health service

Sharing my thoughts about a particular health issue or service

Providing my "patient story" about my experience with the health service

Providing feedback on patient information and forms so they are easily understood

Being involved in training our staff on the consumer and carer perspective

Joining a committee or working group to design better systems of care

Thank you for registering! Please return this form:

In person: To the Reception/Front Desk/Suggestion Box or your Nurse, or
Email: GS.HealthPromotion@health.wa.gov.au, or
Post: WACHS Great Southern Regional Office, PO Box 252, Albany WA 6331
Or complete this form online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/COIR>

A member of our team will contact you to confirm your membership.

For more information about the Community of Interest please contact (08) 9842 7504 or GS.HealthPromotion@health.wa.gov.au

IN STORE: KOJONUP VISITOR CENTRE

Feature: Dark Emu, Author Bruce Pascoe (New edition)

Listed number 3 on Booktopia's best-selling books and recipient of a number of literary achievements including:

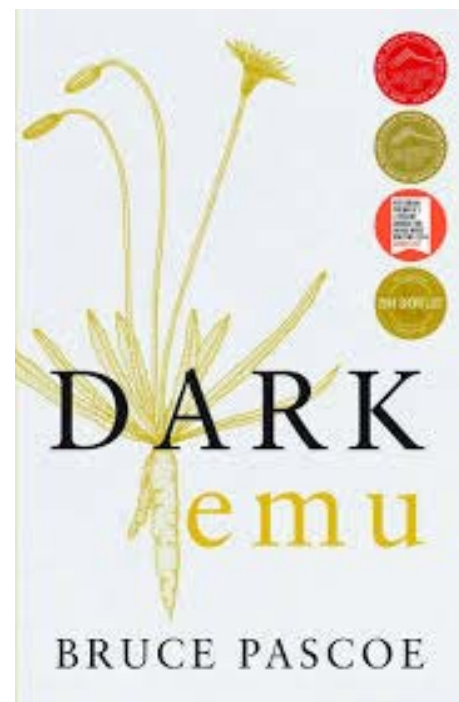
- Winner – Book of the Year in 2016 NSW Premier's Literary Awards
- Winner – Indigenous Writer's Prize in the 2016 Premier's Literary Awards
- Shortlisted – History Book Awards in the 2014 Queensland Literary Awards
- Shortlisted – 2014 Victorian Premier's Award for Indigenous Writing

Bruce Pascoe's *Dark Emu: Aboriginal Australia and The Birth of Agriculture* seeks to recast the basic assumptions on which Australian agriculture was built and a view of pre-colonial Aboriginal society.

Below is one of the many comments about the book:

'Dark Emu is a profound challenge to conventional thinking about Aboriginal economy and analyses the historical data showing that our societies were not simple hunter – gatherer economies but sophisticated, with farming and irrigation practices. This is the most important book on Australia and should be read by every Australian', Marcia Langton, The Australian

This book is available for purchase from the Kojonup Visitor Centre's retail shop and various bookstores.





Department of
**Local Government, Sport
and Cultural Industries**

Media statement

www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au
@DLGSCsport
20 March 2019

Dob in a volunteer who's doing great work in the Great Southern!

If you know a volunteer who's doing great work and deserves recognition, we want to hear from you.

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) is searching for sport and recreation volunteers in the Great Southern who make their club a better place because of their support and service.

If you know someone like that, please nominate them for the Mike Stidwell Medal.

Nominations are now open for this annual award which recognises outstanding contributions to sports administration. The award honours the memory of former Department of Sport and Recreation regional manager Mike Stidwell and his selfless and long-term contribution to sport and recreation in the region.

DLGSC's Great Southern Regional Manager, Chris Thompson, says the award is open to all volunteers.

"It doesn't matter if you're young or old, or how long you've been volunteering with your club," says Chris.

"This award recognises that volunteers are the backbone of their clubs and communities and if you know someone like that in your club, I encourage you to nominate them so that their hard work and generosity can be publicly acknowledged."

The selection committee will consider a combination of administrative performance, length and type of service, value to the organisation, people skills and character.

To be eligible, you must live in Great Southern region or have done so within the past two years. Nominees must predominantly have been involved in a sport and recreation club or group in a volunteer administrative role.

Previous nominees may be re-nominated this year. This acknowledges the fact that valued contributions are often made over many years.

The late Mike Stidwell was Regional Manager of the former Great Southern Department of Sport and Recreation from 1979 – 2000. The first medal was awarded in 2000 and is an on-going award through his family.

Nominations close on **30 April 2019**, with the winner announced during National Volunteer Week (20 – 26 May 2019) at the Volunteer Recognition Sundowner on **Monday 20 May** at Centennial Stadium in Albany.

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Score Card

In partnership with 10 councils in the Great Southern Region, we have commissioned CATALYSE® to administer the MARKYT® Community Scorecard in our area.

This is a valuable opportunity to receive feedback on Councils' performance, and to hear and understand the needs and aspirations of local community members.

We would love to hear from everyone.

Scorecards are being sent to all households and are available for completion at www.catalyse.com.au/studies until Friday 29 March, 2019.

We would be grateful if you could help us to spread the word. Please encourage your members, friends and family to have their say.

If you have any questions about this study, please contact Claire Servaas at the Shire on 9831 2416.

Kevin O'Halloran Memorial Swimming Pool



Please be advised that the Swimming Pool will be closed from 1 April 2019.

**The last swimming day of the season is
31 March 2019**

Did you know?

The Local Government (Council) elections will be held on **19 October 2019**. Make sure you are enrolled so you can have your say.

KOJONUP LIBRARY

Well; it's good to be back in our library after extensive leave, but there is a lot to catch up on, So I thank you for your patience. To my fellow Office Staff, thanks for keeping the doors open and the library a haven for our community! To my gorgeous Hailz & Kez, you ladies are GOLD! To Kat, sweet lady, thank you for picking up and running Play Café for our community. You are all so appreciated.

So let's talk **Play Café**....In true Kat style.....we had a leprechaun visit Play Café, all sorts of shenanigans, gold hidden everywhere, pots at the end of rainbows, leprechaun masks and the most divine morning tea shared by all. Next week, we are looking at the letter 'C'



and have 'C' craft ☺

Play in the Park is back Wednesday 27th March, 10am – 12pm @ the APEX Park!!

Make sure, Mum's and carers, that you bring a take away coffee to enjoy as you watch your children play with our sandpit toys and participate in early years activities.

Be prepared and wear old clothes.....We will have shared fresh fruit with the little ones followed by story time.

Books, DVD's and more books..... Since returning Kez & I have managed to put about 250 books/DVD's onto the system for everyone to enjoy. We do have more from our exchange and we are working hard to get them done. Hailz is your go to girl for interlibrary loans, please chat or leave a message for any books required. Don't forget you have access to the Regional Libraries Online Catalogue and can access and order for yourself.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Bin Collection Services



There is no change to the regular bin collection services over the upcoming Easter/ANZAC day holiday period. The days remain the same as normal.



My Health Record

My Health Record will be holding a Community Information Session in the recreation room at Springhaven Lodge on Monday 1 April between 2.00pm and 3.00pm.

Community members are encouraged and your RSVP should be directed to Springhaven Lodge on 98312800

DISCO

FRIDAY: 22nd March 2019
KOJONUP MEMORIAL HALL
6.30PM - 8.30PM



THEME FANCY DRESS: Hippie



Drop off and pickup required
Ages 0 - 15yo *Canteen : Drinks, Chips, Lollies, Novelties*
Cost \$3.00 per child
parents & babies to kindy free



Special food requirements or medical conditions are not the responsibility of organisers



KOJONUP/ KATANNING BLUELIGHT
Queries Contact: KOJONUP POLICE STATION 98312555

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Want to know what's happening in Kojonup? Check out this month's Community Calendar compiled by the team at the Kodja Place. Printed versions of the calendar will be available from the Kojonup Library and the Kodja Place.

April 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
Mbn-day - Friday, 10:00am - 4:00pm
Mbn-day - 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: bcc@kojonup.wa.gov.au

Every Sunday:	Every Monday:	Every Tuesday:	Every Wednesday:	Every Thursday:	Every Friday:	Every Saturday:
Grab a copy of the Kojonup News for Church Service times	Bridge Club, Bowling Club 9:30am Southern Singers, Uniting Church 7:00pm	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	Renew Op Shop OPEN occasionally 10:00am-2:00pm	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
					Disco – Katanning Town Hall Easter & Zombie Themes 0-4 yrs Free, 5-17yrs \$3.00 6:30pm – 8:30pm	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
					Last Day of Term	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
					Good Friday	Easter Saturday
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Easter Sunday	Easter Monday		Kojonup Men's Shed OPEN 1pm	ANZAC Day		
28	29	30				
	School Returns					

Compiled by the team at the Shire of Kojonup & Kodja Place for the Kojonup Community. What events do you want to know about? Contact us, we would love to hear from you.

Want your event listed in the Kojonup Community Calendar? Please contact Kristel on 9831 0500 or via email vso@kojonup.wa.gov.au