

SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

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COUNCIL BRIEFS

Sport and Recreation Upgrade Works in progress

The Shire is currently progressing multiple capital works projects to upgrade essential community facilities.

A new playground and outdoor gym is being constructed at the Sports Precinct, with plans finalised and the construction tender process beginning shortly. The playground will include a multi-level, all ages play space equipped with sand play, outdoor gym equipment, sensory play items, a custom built ninja monkey bar course and landscaped seating areas. The design has been compiled with input from local community groups and sporting clubs and it is anticipated will be completed by July 2021. The playground has received considerable funding from Lotterywest.

The four netball courts at the sports complex will also be reconstructed, lined as multi-purpose courts and new lights will be installed. A roof will also be constructed over two of these courts. This project has been many years in the making and with some funding being obtained it will be an amazing addition to the town. The options available for using this space for many different recreational pursuits under the protection of a roof, will certainly be welcomed by our sporting clubs, community groups, schools and visitors.

Geotechnical surveys will be completed in January to ensure that designs are appropriate and enable the purchasing process to begin for the roof structure, reconstruction of the playing surfaces and lighting. The Shire has received funding from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries for the reconstruction of the netball courts and the lighting components.

The main oval at the Sports Precinct will also be coming out of the 'dark ages' with the installation of competition grade lighting, replacing the existing light towers which have reached the end of their useful life. No doubt this will 'light up' the faces of our football, hockey, rugby and exercise enthusiasts, and see the space utilised productively into the evenings.

A new shade shelter over the baby pool has already been installed thanks to funding assistance from Lotterywest.

We would like to thank Lotterywest, the Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries and the Department of Industry Innovation and Science who have assisted with funding the above projects.



John Benn
Shire President

Anthony Middleton
A/Chief Executive Officer

Council Meeting Dates for 2021

The first Council meeting will be held on 16 February 2021. As we are still operating under some COVID-19 restrictions, please note we have a digital option for submitting items for Public Question Time. An email can be sent to cmpqt@kojonup.wa.gov.au and the Manager Corporate and Community Services will table all correspondence received.

THE KODJA PLACE

Jacks Final Tours

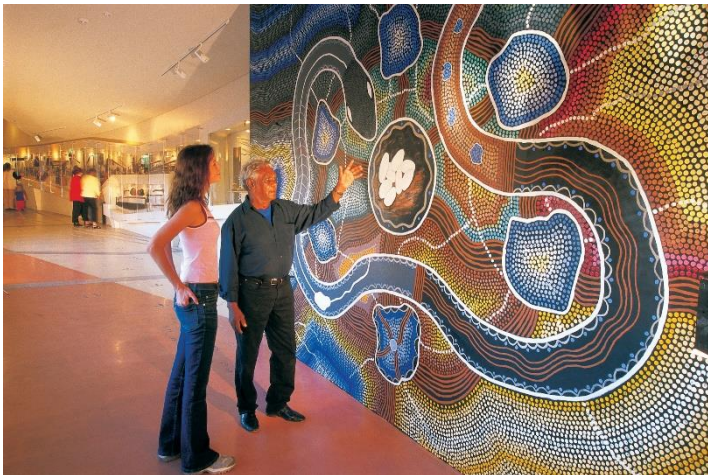
The Shire of Kojonup would like to thank Noongar Elder Jack Cox, for the many years of enjoyment his business has provided to our local, national and international visitors as they engaged in “Jacks Tours”, which will conclude on Monday 1 February 2021.

Jack’s association with the Shire of Kojonup spans many years commencing with his assistance in planning the building of The Kodja Place and the Kojonup Rose Maze before its official opening in 2002.

Since then, “Jacks Tours” have operated daily at the Kodja Place and Rose Maze as well as incorporating tours of Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary.

Jack is certainly a local legend and visitors included school groups, university students as well as international travellers just to see Jack and listen to his storytelling, enjoy billy-tea and damper, and learn from his knowledge of bush tucker in Kojonup and the surrounding areas. Jack’s personal stories have been both heart-felt and heart-warming.

If you haven’t had the chance to enjoy a yarn or share in a billy-tea and damper, please make the time before Monday 1 February 2021.







Thank you

What Our Visitors are Saying.....

"The kids enjoyed Jack's Story Telling and unique perspective of the history of Kojonup"

Rowling Family

"Absolutely the best interactive museum we have visited. Thank you"

Raddock Family, Swan Valley

"Thanks Jack for your humour and generous commentary"

Beard Family

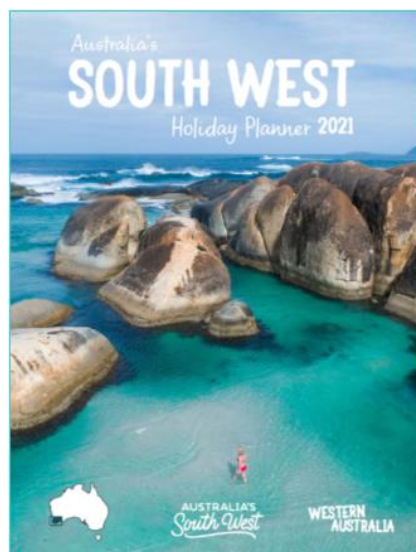


2021 Holiday Planner

Australia's South West has just launched their 2021 Holiday Planner digitally. In the Planner you will find all the things to see and do, Travel tips, Local insights including everything from events, destination bucket list and some of the regions amazing locations including Kojonup.

You can download your copy of the Holiday Planner directly from Australia's South West website

<https://www.australiassouthwest.com/> or by scanning the QR Code below.



SPRINGHAVEN UPDATES

Happy New Year from all of the residents and staff of Springhaven Lodge. Just a quick note to show our huge appreciation for two local groups, who have been so generous and kind to our residents over the Christmas period.

Kojonup Mens Shed has very thoughtfully donated a beautiful handmade giant domino set, which has already seen some competitive games in the Rec room, as well as under the gazebo in the garden. It will undoubtedly provide many hours of entertainment for years to come. We are so lucky to have such a talented and generous group in our community.



Renew Op Shop generously covered the cost of Springhaven residents' Christmas haircuts. Everyone looked very smart, the ladies with their perms and the gentlemen with fresh cut and shaves. Renew has also donated \$1,000 to assist in purchasing some much needed equipment to cater for the changing needs of residents. Many thanks to all at Renew for their continued kindness and support.

Ciara O'Regan

Manager of Springhaven

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Library News

Welcome to our first e-newsletter for 2021! We hope you are enjoying some time to rest and relax this summer so you are re-energised for a brand new year.

Consistent with advice from WA Health, there have been some changes when visiting the Library. It is currently a requirement of entry to check into the Library using the [SAFE WA App](#) or, please use the pen and sign in sheet on the counter. The Library encourages you to connect at any time via the library collection website spydus.kojonup.com.au

You can also keep up-to-date with what is happening at the Library by following us on Facebook [@KojonupLibrary](#).

We hope you and your family had a Happy New Year and all the best for 2021!

Lorreen & Kerry



KANOPY: Gather is an intimate portrait of the growing movement amongst Native Americans to reclaim their spiritual, political and cultural identities through food sovereignty, while battling the trauma of centuries of genocide.

You can stream now & watch using your device. Contact your library for assistance to register with Kanopy.

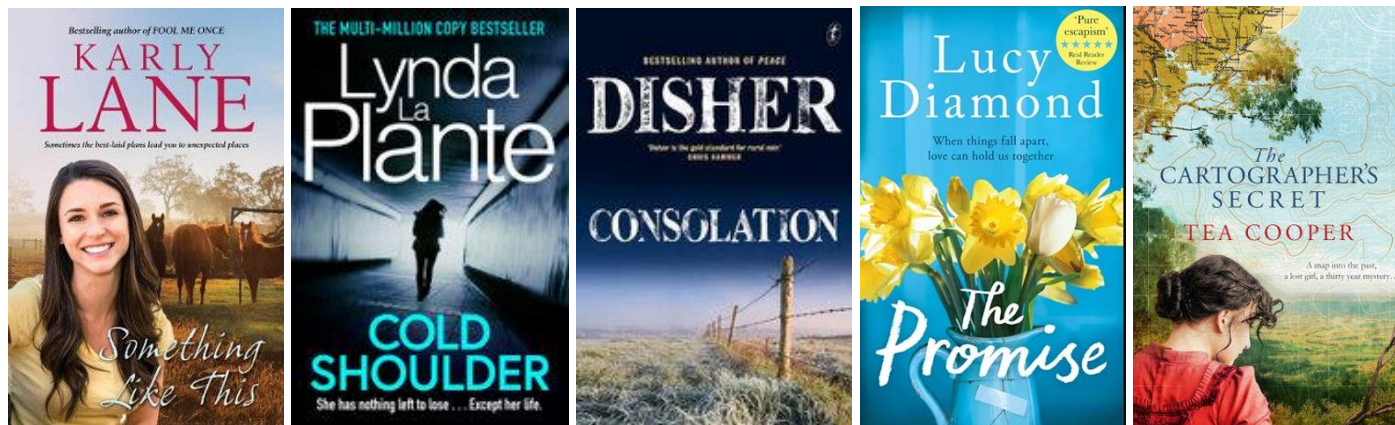
Whats new on our shelves?

Games!!!!



This year we are gathering a few more games for you to enjoy, so if you have any at home you wish to pass forward... YES, we would love to add them to our selection. We hope to keep adding through the year, and YES!! You can borrow to enjoy games night at home.

Books:



Play in the Park:

Libby, Emily and Alice bought 'Play in the Park' to our community in January 2021. Such a wonderful way to share the mornings in Kojonup Park.

Libby, Alice and Emily enjoyed sharing time with you all and the children certainly had lots of fun. We had lots of compliments and questions from those travelling through who also enjoyed Play in the Park, if only for a while. They truly liked the concept and wished it was available in their communities (yes, we are very fortunate).



2021 SCHEDULE

'PLAY CAFÉ'

Wednesday's @ KDHS Kindy room
 9.30am – 11.30am
 February – 3rd, 10th & 17th
 March – 3rd, 10th, 17th & 31st
 April – 21st
 May – 5th, 12th & 19th
 June – 2nd, 9th, 16th & 30th

'PLAY in the PARK'

Wednesday's @ Kojonup Park
 9.30am - 11.30am
 February – 24
 March – 24
 April – 28
 May – 26
 June – 23

'STORY TIME'

Friday's @ Library
 10.30am – 11am
 February – 5th & 19th
 March – 5th & 19th
 April – 23rd
 May – 7th & 21st
 June – 4th & 18th
 July 2nd

'Play in the Park' is held on the 4th Wednesday of each school month, at Kojonup Park from 9.30am-11.30am. Make sure you bring your hats and water bottles.

Libby & Alice also look forward to the start of 'Play Cafe', every Wednesday of the school term other than the 4th (we are at the park). Open for all families to join in but certainly aimed at pre kindy (3 year olds).



KOJONUP 6 MARCH 2021

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IMMERSIVE LIVE THEATRE PERFORMANCE IN CINEMAS

ADAPTED FOR THE STAGE BY JENNY DAVIS & STUART HALUSZ

TICKETS \$35pp inc supper on sale at
The Kodja Place and Shire Administration
Building
Please be seated by 6.45pm for a 7pm start

BACK BY
POPULAR
DEMAND!



SAT FEB 6 BRIDGETOWN TOWN HALL • FRI FEB 12 MARGARET RIVER HEART •
SAT FEB 13 MANJIMUP REPERTORY THEATRE • SAT FEB 20 CUMMINS THEATRE,
MERREDIN • SUN FEB 21 CORRIGIN TOWN HALL • SAT FEB 27 & SUN FEB 28
BODDINGTON TOWN HALL • SAT MAR 6 KOJONUP MEMORIAL HALL •
SAT MAR 13 LINK THEATRE, NORTHAM • SAT MAR 20 WICKEPIN TOWN HALL •
SAT MAR 27 HARVEY RECREATION & CULTURAL CENTRE



Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development



CINEMASTAGE
IMMERSIVE STORYTELLING



Australia Day Celebrations!



Tuesday, 26 January 2021

**Come to Kojonup for
FREE ALL DAY
FAMILY FUN DAY!**



Lions Breakfast
6.30am-7.45am
at RSL Hall
Flag raising 8am



10am-4pm
Visit Kodja Place
with free entry



12pm-4pm

**Head down to the pool for
a splashing good time!**

There will be:

- Giant Dolphin Inflatable Slide/Giant Slip and Slide
- Giant Dominos/Giant Jenga
- Slushy Machine/Bouncy Castle
- Live Music
- Hotdogs/Hamburgers/Soft Drinks
- Inflatable IN the pool



COMMUNITY NEWS AND POSITIONS VACANT



Great Southern Treasures is looking for a Bloom Festival Coordinator

This is an opportunity for an organised and motivated community minded person to coordinate the annual Great Southern Treasures Bloom Festival.

Our tenth spring festival will be run across the eight shires of Broomehill-Tambellup, Cranbrook, Gnowangerup, Katanning, Kent, Kojonup, Plantagenet and Woodanilling.

The coordinator will be responsible for submitting funding applications, report writing, budgeting and event coordination & development to put together a diverse and exciting festival program. The production of a festival program and supporting media campaign are also required.

The coordinator will be contracted by Great Southern Treasures.

The contract may be extended subject to performance and funding. For more information email info@greatsoutherntreasures.com.au or phone 0408 900 337



Environmental Health Officer

We are seeking to appoint a qualified professional to fill the role of Environmental Health Officer.

This position will provide effective and efficient shared environmental health services to both Shire of Kojonup and Shire of Katanning. To be successful you will have experience and qualifications coupled with excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

To discuss this role further please contact Moh Aeson on (08) 9821 9999 or email hr@katanning.wa.gov.au.

To be considered for this position applicants must address the Selection Criteria as detailed in the Application Package.

Applications addressed to the undersigned should be sent to hr@katanning.wa.gov.au or mailed to PO Box 130 Katanning, WA 6317 by **4.00pm 12 February 2021**.

We are Equal Opportunity Employers and committed to creating an equitable and diverse workplace.

We actively encourage people with disability, people from culturally diverse backgrounds and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to apply for available position.

Julian Murphy
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Katanning

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Kojonup



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- Learn and practice a life-saving intervention model
- Widely used by professionals and the general public

Upcoming ASIST workshop

Date: March, 2-3, 2021, 8.45am - 5pm

Location: Kojonup, Anglican Church Community Hall, Cnr Albany Hwy and Spring Street

Hosted by: Palmerston Association

Cost: Free, Snacks and Lunch provided

To inquire or register, call 08 9892 2100

or email Prevention@palmerston.org.au

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