

# SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

Edition 207 – 5 March 2021

## COUNCIL BRIEFS

### Recruitment

#### Chief Executive Officer

The position has been advertised and full Council is now in the process of assessing applications. The implementation of the *Local Government (Administration) Amendment Regulations, Model Standards for CEO Recruitment, Performance and Termination 2021*, requires that as part of the recruitment and selection process, Council must appoint an “independent person” to the selection panel. This person should have experience in the recruitment and selection of CEO’s and/or senior executives however cannot be, a human resources consultant or employee of the local government. On 23 February via a Special Council Meeting, Council appointed Mr Bruce Manning as the independent person in order to prepare a short list for interview.

#### Manager Regulatory Services

Interviews are being conducted and it is hoped that an appointment will be made within the next few weeks.

#### Environmental Health Officer – Resource Sharing Arrangement

Interviews have been conducted and it is hoped that an appointment will be made within the next two weeks.

#### Registered Nurse

After an extensive recruitment search, Council welcomes Tandin to our team.

#### Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) – Round 5

A submission has been lodged seeking funds to improve infrastructure at the Kodja Place and Sports Complex.

BBRF is a \$1 billion federal fund which is heavily subscribed but Kojonup’s projects meet all the criteria.

An application for \$150,000 has been lodged under the “Driver Reviver” Program to increase the capacity of the existing public toilets at Kojonup Park.



Shire President  
*John Benn*

Chief Executive Officer  
*Rick Mitchell-Collins*

## Council Meeting Dates for 2021

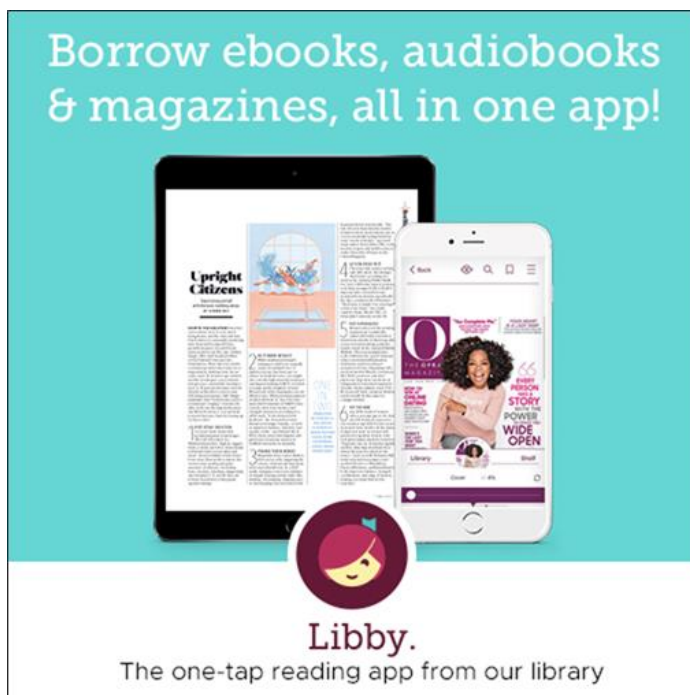
The next Council meeting will be held on 16 March 2021. As we are still operating under some COVID-19 restrictions, we have a digital option for submitting items for Public Question Time. An email can be sent to [cmpqt@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:cmpqt@kojonup.wa.gov.au) and the Manager Corporate and Community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

## CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

**BIG RBDIGITAL and LIBBY NEWS!**

As of February 23, all RBdigital magazines (46,000 of them!) will move to the **Libby** app (part of Overdrive). RBdigital won't close down straight away: it's going to remain available for a few weeks, so after the move you'll still be able to finish anything that you've already borrowed, but you'll need to use **Libby** for anything new.

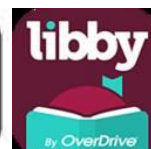
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**Libby App User Guide**

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- Click **Yes**, you have a library card.
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- Enter your **library card barcode** to sign in.
- Tap on the **magnifying glass** to search for a title or tap on the Library or Explore buttons to browse collections.
- Find a title you wish to borrow or reserve. You can **borrow up to 10 titles** at one time and **reserve up to 5 titles**.
- Tap **Borrow** to loan a title.
- Or, tap on **Place a Hold** to reserve a title that is currently out on loan.
- You will be prompted to **manage notifications**, these will tell you when your loan is due and when your holds are ready. Once you have done this select **Hide**.
- Tap **Keep Browsing** if you wish to look for more titles, or click **Open Book / Open Audiobook** to download the title.
- Titles can be returned early by selecting **Manage Loan**, otherwise they will be automatically deleted at the end of their 14 day loan.

## 'Play in the Park'

We had a quiet Wednesday morning at 'Play in the Park' but the little boys really enjoyed the trucks, painting, play doh & gluing activity. As you can see....Master J, thoroughly enjoyed the stories his mum read to him on our picnic mat under a beautiful blue Australian sky. I hope your painting arrived in the mail 😊

Our next 'Play in the Park' will be Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, hoping you may join us for another play date.



## 'Play Cafe'

A new coordinator has commenced as of this week.

We warmly welcome *Annette Sawyer* to our team. Annette is stepping in for Libby, as she takes time to slow down and prepare for and enjoy the arrival of Baby Rose!

Hopefully many of our families will know Annette through her work at St Bernard's School and more recently at Kojonup's Child Care Centre, Annette is certainly an asset for our team.

Play Cafe dates for **March: 3, 10, 17 & 31** at **KDHS Kindy room** from **9.30am – 11.30am**. Please bring a hat and water bottle, we will provide activities, refreshments, great conversation & companionship.

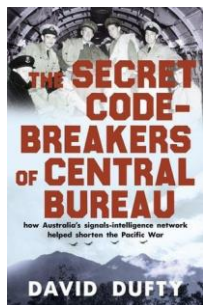
**Join in with Play Cafe**  
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at KDHS Kindy Room from  
9.30am - 11.30am  
Wednesday's

**Free Community Event**

Don't forget your water bottle and hat!



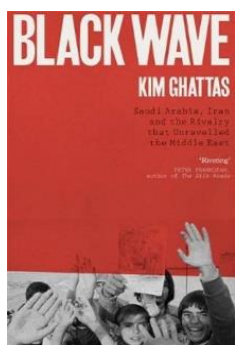
## New Books to our Library:



**The Secret-Code Breakers of Central Bureau – David Duffy:** A ground breaking work of Australian military history, *The Code-Breakers of Central Bureau* tells the story of the country's significant code-breaking and signals-intelligence achievements during the Second World War. It reveals how Australians built a large and sophisticated intelligence network from scratch, how Australian code-breakers cracked Japanese army and air force codes, and how the code-breakers played a vital role in the battles of Midway, Milne Bay, the Coral Sea, Hollandia, and Leyte.

The book also reveals Australian involvement in the shooting down of Admiral Yamamoto near Bougainville in 1943, and how on 14 August 1945, following Japan's offer of surrender, an Australian intelligence officer established the Allies' first direct radio contact with Japan since the war had begun.

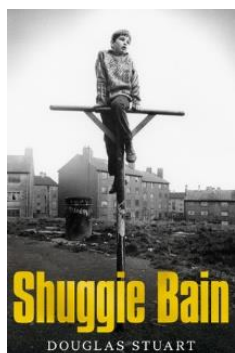
*This is a rich historical account of a secret and little-understood side of the war, interwoven with lively personalities and personal stories. It is the story of Australia's version of Bletchley Park, of talented and dedicated individuals who significantly influenced the course of the Pacific War.*



**Black Wave – Kim Ghattas:** For decades, the question has haunted the Arab and Muslim world, heard across Iran and Syria, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan, and in the author's home country of Lebanon. Was it always so? When did the extremism, intolerance and bloodletting of today displace the region's cultural promise and diversity?

In *Black Wave*, award-winning journalist and author Kim Ghattas argues that the turning point in the modern history of the Middle East can be located in the toxic confluence of three major events in 1979: the Iranian revolution; the siege of the Holy Mosque in Mecca; and the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Before this year, Saudi Arabia and Iran had been working allies and twin pillars of US strategy in the region - but the radical legacy of these events made them mortal enemies, unleashing a process that transformed culture, society, religion and geopolitics across the region for decades to come.

*Drawing on a sweeping cast of characters across seven countries over forty years, Ghattas demonstrates how this rivalry for religious and cultural supremacy has fed intolerance, suppressed cultural expression, encouraged sectarian violence, birthed groups like Hezbollah and ISIS and, ultimately, upended the lives of millions. At once bold and intimate, Black Wave is a remarkable and engrossing story of the Middle East as it has never been told before.*

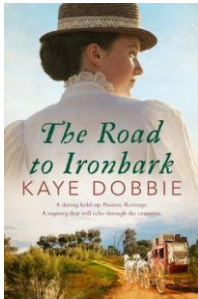


**Shuggie Bain – Douglas Stuart:** It is 1981. Glasgow is dying and good families must grift to survive. Agnes Bain has always expected more from life. She dreams of greater things: a house with its own front door and a life bought and paid for outright (like her perfect, but false, teeth). But Agnes is abandoned by her philandering husband, and soon she and her three children find themselves trapped in a decimated mining town. As she descends deeper into drink, the children try their best to save her, yet one by one they must abandon her to save themselves. It is her son Shuggie who holds out hope the longest.

Shuggie is different. Fastidious and fussy, he shares his mother's sense of snobbish propriety. The miners' children pick on him and adults condemn him as no' right. But

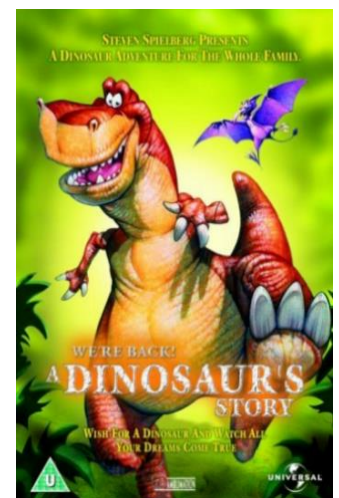
Shuggie believes that if he tries his hardest, he can be normal like the other boys and help his mother escape this hopeless place.

*Douglas Stuart's Shuggie Bain lays bare the ruthlessness of poverty, the limits of love, and the hollowness of pride. A counterpart to the privileged Thatcher-era London of Alan Hollinghurst's The Line of Beauty, it also recalls the work of Édouard Louis, Frank McCourt, and Hanya Yanagihara, it is a blistering debut by a brilliant novelist with a powerful and important story to tell.*



**The Road to Ironbark-Kaye Dobbie: 1874, The Victorian Goldfields.** In the town of Ironbark, Aurora Scott faces ruin as the railways supplant the Cobb & Co coach line, the lifeline of her hotel. Aurora is no stranger to adversity; the formidable publican has pulled herself from a murky past to build a respectable life in Ironbark. But when bushrangers storm the hotel, taking hostages as leverage for the Starburst Mine's payroll, Aurora has more trouble on her hands than she can handle. This is no random act, but a complex scheme of revenge. The gang turn on each other. Shots ring out. And when the dust settles, the money has vanished, and so has Aurora Scott... After 150 years, the mystery of the missing payroll has passed into folklore. And when journalist Melody Lawson helps her brother prepare for the town's annual Gold Hunt Weekend, she is just as drawn into the past as the tourists. But with a surprise inheritance her own family history becomes a puzzle, bound up with the fabled payroll - and as Melody follows the clues, danger mounts...

New Children's DVD's to our Library: Great Donation from a local family, thank you boys!!



Did  
You  
Know

In 20/21 we have a \$2.07m road construction program, an increase from \$1.52m last year

# Practical Driving Assessments

The next practical driving Assessor will be visiting Kojonup on

**Wednesday 31 March 2021 from 8:15am.**

Bookings are essential as there are only a small number of vacancies available. Please contact the Shire Administration Office to book a place 98312400.

For more information about your Practical Driving Assessment follow this link:

[https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/mediaFiles/licensing/LBU\\_DL\\_B\\_PDA.pdf](https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/mediaFiles/licensing/LBU_DL_B_PDA.pdf)



## SWIMMING POOL NEWS



Kevin O'Halloran Memorial Swimming Pool has put up a list of upcoming bookings on the notice board to keep you all up to date on the activities that have been booked, so please have a look and come down and see some of the activities occurring here at the pool.

### New World Record Sign

To provide further information on the Kojonup Olympian that our pool is named in honour of, Mr Kevin O'Halloran, a large sign has been erected showing the progression of the 4 x 200m Freestyle Relay World Record. From the first world record in 1908 with a time of 10:55:6 by Great Britain, through to today's current record of 06:58:06 by the United States, this sign shows how much the times have gone down over the years as well as all teams involved in achieving a new World Record. Importantly, the year Kevin and the Australian team broke the World Record winning gold at the Melbourne Olympics in 1956 is highlighted in bold lettering, so come on down and have a look at this great sign and how this has evolved through the ages.

### Corporate Swim Challenge – Swim to Albany

Is your company up for the challenge?? We have started a 6 week swim challenge to finish off the swimming pool season and ask you and your team to come down and complete some laps. All you need is 4 swimmers and the effort to get into the water and move from one end to the other. There are really no other rules so if you want to wear fins or a snorkel you can - all we ask is you touch each end of the pool to complete 1 lap. So far we have 5 teams up and swimming and we look to add more teams in the near future.

The CHALLENGE SO FAR: Team Shire Sirens are well and truly out in front with 45.85K's swum due to being the most consistent swimmers, followed Leitch's Lobsters on 31.25K with Precise Trecise 29.7K coming in



right behind them. Team Agsupplies 20.1K and The Chlorine Machines 15.55K need to get a bit more consistency from all team members to start clocking up the K's to keep in touch. So far after recording laps we have seen the swim club kids also record a combined total distance swum of 219.7K's which is an amazing distance and I will continue to keep track of how far they can go for the rest of the season.

### School Swimming Carnivals

St Bernard's School Swimming Carnival has been run on **Friday, 26 February** and was a major success with all of the kids involved having a fantastic day. Congratulations to all involved - you ran a great day and I look forward to helping you with your carnival again next summer.

Kojonup District High School's Swimming Carnival has been booked for **Thursday, 11 March** and we look forward to this being a busy and enjoyable day's so come on down, spectate and cheer on the fun.

### Swimming Club

Swimming Club has started again and runs every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3.15pm to 3.45pm for the younger group and then from 3.45pm to 4.30pm for the older group.

The Swimming Club will be holding their AGM on Monday, 8 March at 3.15pm and all parents are welcome to come along and be involved in keeping the club functioning.

Swim Club Championships will be held in the main pool on **Monday, 22 March from 3pm to 6pm**. This is a friendly competitive day where we encourage all participants to race hard, have fun and enjoy themselves.

### 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 Entry Steps. They have made a huge 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.

### 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.



**Please Always Remember to Watch Around Water**

Gavin Bunbury  
**Swimming Pool Manager**



COME & TRY

# SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING

Dive into synchronised swimming for FREE!  
Open to boys and girls, aged 6-15



**Saturday, March 20th 2021**

**1 PM**

**Kojonup Swimming Pool**



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Bring along your usual swimming attire and goggles.  
Basic swimming ability and confidence in the water is essential.  
Please register your interest on Facebook on the SynchroWA event page.  
For more information, contact [development.officer@synchrowa.org.au](mailto:development.officer@synchrowa.org.au)



## WORKS AND SERVICES

**Newstead Road:** New Kerbing being has now been laid on Newstead Road. Footpaths will be installed shortly.



The Shire received delivery of the new CAT 924K Front End Loader and rake attachment on 25 February 2021.



**Kojonup Brook:** The rock lining is now complete and looks amazing.



## Waterwise Council

The Shire of Kojonup has been re-endorsed and recognised as a Waterwise Council for 2021 by the Water Corporation. Annually a report is submitted with Endorsement Action Plan Updates which includes water management goals and corporate and community water actions.

Some management goals are

- ✓ Reporting leaks immediately so they can be rectified
- ✓ Informing new staff we are a Waterwise Council
- ✓ Informing the community we are a Waterwise Council and supporting them with Waterwise gardening and household information.



Corporate and community actions are –

- ✓ Shire staff completing online Water Efficiency Training
- ✓ Shire cleaners discussing better ways for water use efficiency at Toolbox meetings
- ✓ New Shire buildings have better than 3 WELS rated fixture and waterwise gardens
- ✓ Rain sensors installed on some irrigation systems
- ✓ Water leak reporting by community members
- ✓ Community waterwise tree planting
- ✓ Notifications in the Kojonup News.

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## LANDCARE

### Pantry Blitz 2021

Registrations for the Department's Pantry Blitz 2021 are now open.

Uncover the secret lives of the pests that live in your pantry!

Participants like you are important to the success of this one-month surveillance program.

By taking part, you will be undertaking general biosecurity surveillance and assisting to protect our vital food industry.



Figure 1 Picture of a cigarette beetle (©2021 DPIRD)

Many unwanted pests are expert hitchhikers, making their way past WA's borders unseen, hidden inside shipping containers, furniture, and even the food you eat!

Your pantry could be a pit stop along their journey!

The next stop could be your backyard fruit and vegetables, your garden, local park or supermarket – on their way to cause devastation to our forests, paddocks and orchards.

**Anyone who signs up for the program will receive a pack in the mail with a trap, assembly instructions and reporting tips.**



Instructions for assembling the traps may be found on a detailed information sheet online and via an instructional video which will soon be available on this site, to guide you through the set up.



Figure 2 A picture of a sweet potato weevil on grains of rice.  
(©2021 DPIRD)

Participants will be asked to provide an initial set-up report, and then to report once a week for four weeks (five reports in total) about any pests found in the trap, via the MyPestGuide™ Reporter app.

DPIRD experts will identify pests and respond back to you via the app with findings. The app is free, easy to use and can be installed on any android smartphone or iPhone.

Even if no pests are found, program participants are still asked to take photos and send in reports. Register now and help us keep our state free from unwanted pests!

<https://gga.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b8cc129c6aa849cb3b6e38460&id=e4e40d5cb5&e=4a49d23b4d>

Register through the link above before March 8 2021.

## Coles Nurture Fund

Coles launched the \$50 million Nurture Fund in April 2015 to help small and medium sized businesses innovate and grow.

Since then, we have offered more than \$24 million in financial support to more than 60 Australian food and liquor producers.

From Australia's first quinoa processing facility, to chickpea tofu, to home grown garlic and to Australian first prawn farming technology, the Coles Nurture Fund is helping Aussie producers bring their big ideas to life.

Small and medium sized businesses can apply for a grant of up to \$500,000 to help them develop new market-leading products, technologies and processes.

Round Nine of the Coles Nurture Fund is now open and closes at 5pm AEST on Friday 19 March 2021.

[Click here to download the guidelines](#)  
[Click here to download the application form](#)



David Hodge, Plastic Forests, Albury NSW

## POSITIONS VACANT

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (0.5 FTE)

The Shire of Kojonup is looking for a community minded, organised and enthusiastic individual to join our team. Excellent communication and time management skills, a personable nature and desire to work as part of a close knit team are attributes required for this challenging and rewarding position.

Under the direction of the Manager of Corporate & Community Services, the successful applicant will be responsible for:

- Developing strong and healthy community groups;
- Creating a vibrant and enriched Kojonup community through the planning, research, development and delivery of community development programs, services and events; and
- Guide Shire staff on current community needs, to help teams deliver projects that meet community expectations.

This half time position offers flexible working arrangements to enable times that meet the communities' needs and is offered in accordance with level 5 of the All of Staff Agreement 2011 (\$68092.48 p.a. - \$70344.45 p.a.) and the Local Government Industry Award 2010.

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### CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER

(13 Month Contract)

The Shire of Kojonup is seeking an enthusiastic and friendly person to be the smiling face of our Shire Administration Office customer service counter.

Reporting to the Manager of Corporate and Community Services, you will join our team and lead our customer service culture. The successful applicant will be the first point of contact for all customer enquiries in the Administration Office and be responsible for Department of Transport Licensing, cashiering duties, telephone enquiries, stationary purchases and other general administration. The Shire values professional development and exposure to the Library and financial management can provide career opportunities.

If you have strong customer service and numeracy skills, sound computer skills, a positive attitude, willingness and ability to be flexible and work as part of a close knit team this may be the perfect role for you. The successful applicant will be required to obtain a Police Clearance before appointment and undertake a five (5) day training course in Perth after commencement.

This thirteen (13) month maternity leave replacement contract is offered in accordance with Level 2 - 3 of the All of Staff Agreement 2011 and the Local Government Industry Award 2010 (\$57305.82 p.a. - \$63696.30 p.a.)

Applications for both positions are to be addressed to the undersigned and close on Monday, 22 March 2021. To obtain a copy of the information package please go to our website [www.kojonup.wa.gov.au](http://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au) or for further information about the position, please contact Anthony Middleton, Manager Corporate & Community Services via email [mcs@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:mcs@kojonup.wa.gov.au) or telephone (08) 9831 2405.



## CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER – CAUSAL POOL

Kojonup Visitor Centre

The Shire of Kojonup is developing a pool of casual Customer Service Officers to provide relief work when required, weekend and peak season relief at the Kojonup Visitor Centre.

This position provides high level of customer service to visitors to the region and residents of Kojonup and requires good interpersonal and communication skills and comprehensive local and regional visitor information.

The successful pool of applicants will have previous experience in a customer service or retail role, have highly developed customer service and public relations skills as well as team work and computer skills.

Although training will be provided, knowledge of the local government act and Kojonup and the Great Southern region will be highly regarded.

### How to apply:

Please submit a covering letter addressing the selection criteria contained within the position description and the “Application for Advertised Vacancy” form contained within the Candidate Information Package. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Lorraine Wyatt on 98312 408.

Applications can be submitted to [ea@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:ea@kojonup.wa.gov.au)

The Shire of Kojonup is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Rick Mitchell-Collins  
**Chief Executive Officer**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Calling all Community Groups



A recent review of our Kojonup Community & Sports Group Directory, has revealed that many of the details are not current.

If the details for your Community or Sports Group are incorrect, please forward your updated details to [council@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@kojonup.wa.gov.au)

The directory can be found at:  
[https://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au/Profiles/kojonup/Assets/ClientData/Contacts\\_Listing\\_2020.pdf](https://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au/Profiles/kojonup/Assets/ClientData/Contacts_Listing_2020.pdf)





# AquaStART Coaching Course

Sunday, March 21st | 9 AM  
Location: Albany Aquatic Centre

If you are interested in becoming a certified AquaStART coach  
contact us for more information  
[development.officer@synchrowa.org.au](mailto:development.officer@synchrowa.org.au)

[www.synchrowa.org.au](http://www.synchrowa.org.au)



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The Kodja Place and Shire Administration  
Building  
Please be seated by 6.45pm for a 7pm start**

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**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**



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**CINEMASTAGE**  
IMMERSIVE STORYTELLING

No Door Sales. Tickets can be purchased from the Kojonup Visitor Centre until 4.00pm Saturday, 6 March.