

SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

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COUNCIL BRIEFS

Sporting Facility Update:

As the preparation work continues for the reconstruction of the four netball courts and the tender advertised for the construction of a roof over two of the courts, the Shire is delighted that both the Netball Club and Bowls Club have begun discussions regarding sharing facilities. This proposal would involve relocating the netball courts to the (decommissioned) eastern bowling green and current car park area, followed by a new car park on the western side adjacent to the Sporting Complex entry road. The Bowling Club are also investigating expanding the remaining green to a ten rink green and installing a new surface.

The Council will be considering the co-location of these two sporting facilities at their 20 April 2021 Council meeting. Congratulations to both Clubs on your leadership and foresight into the future!

Shared Community Facility:

The first meeting was held on Monday 29 March 2021 between the Shire, Men's Shed, Tourist Railway and other interested groups to begin discussion for a newly constructed facility to be located in the western half of the railway precinct. Although very early days, this exciting project will represent a purpose built workshop and meeting place for community groups with similar interests and objectives.

Any questions regarding this project can be directed to Anthony Middleton, Manager Corporate & Community Services on 98312405 or mcs@kojonup.wa.gov.au



Shire President
John Benn

Chief Executive Officer
Rick Mitchell-Collins

Council Meeting Dates for 2021

The next Council meeting will be held on 20 April 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.

Corporate and Community Services

Practical Driving Assessments

The next practical driving Assessor will be visiting Kojonup on

Wednesday 28 April 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



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

The directory can be found at:

https://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au/Profiles/kojonup/Assets/ClientData/Contacts_Listing_2020.pdf

Restricted Burning Period

The Shire of Kojonup is still in the Restricted Burning Period until 14 April 2021.

This means that there can be **NO** fires lit without a permit from your Brigade FCO or the Fire Chief.

If you wish to report a fire, please ring "000"

SWIMMING POOL NEWS



With summer now coming to an end and a brief warm spell this March the swimming pool will be closing for winter **Thursday the 1 April**. I would like to thank everyone who came down during the season and enjoyed our beautiful facility and I look forward to coming back and getting stuck into another summer here in Kojonup.

Synchronised Swimming at the Pool

Synchronised Swimming WA will be coming back to the Swimming Pool next summer with 2 dates already locked in. These dates are Saturday 13 November and Saturday 4 December. They will be giving a demonstration and then will be running a Come and Try event for kids aged between 6 and 15, so bring the kids down have a look at this spectacular sport and get the kids involved. They are on the lookout for a parent who may be able to help take some sessions at the pool weekly (we can dedicate Thursday afternoon pool space every week if we get someone to help). So if you are interested please contact me at the pool on 9831 1374 or speak to Emily Sleight at the shire and we can put you in contact with SynchroWA.

Swimming Club

Swim Club Championships were held at the pool and it was a fantastic afternoon for all who came along. Congratulations to all the kids who swam, President Emily Clifton and to coaches Nathan Leitch and Dave Eatt on a brilliant season and I look forward to assisting you all again next summer.

Corporate Swim Challenge – Swim to Albany

With the first Corporate Swim Challenge over we have our inaugural winners.



(Left to right) Heather Marland, Lana Retallack, Emily Sleight and Hayley Clarke

Winner of the Team Event and the Perpetual Trophy the GOLDEN KICKBOARD:

The Shire Sirens, comprising Heather Marland, Emily Sleight, Hayley Clarke and Lana Retallack who managed a distance of 112.2 kilometres

Winner of the Single Swimmer and Prised GOLDEN GOGGLES:

Hayley Clarke who swam a distance of 49.5 kilometres

I would like to thank all involved in this fun event and will be running a longer event next year. This will be over approximately 16 to 18 weeks and I will look to see where we can swim to over the whole season.

Thanks again for a fun filled summer and I look forward to seeing you all at the swimming pool again soon.

Gavin Bunbury
Swimming Pool Manager

Did you know?

The Shire now has solar panels at Springhaven, the Administration building and the Depot.



The installation of solar panels on the Administration building is expected to save \$145,680 over the life of the panels.



Old Military Barracks Restoration Works

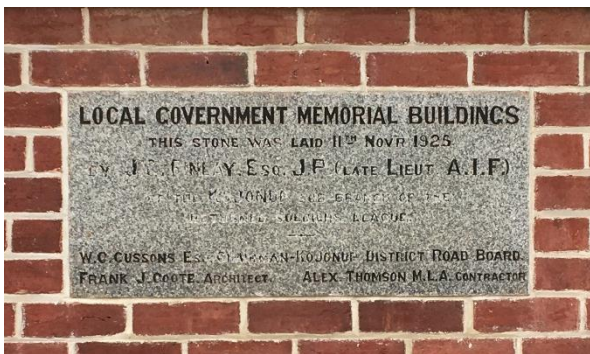


The continuing stone restoration will recommence on the 12 April 2021 with a focus on the double chimney, north facing wall.

This will be classed as a construction site with scaffolding in place so please keep your distance, works are expected to continue for a 2 week period.

Memorial Hall Restorations

The lettering on the plaque on the Memorial Hall has now been restored in gold tone and looks fantastic.



Before . .



After . . .

Harrison Place Toilets Demolition

The Harrison Place toilets will be demolished after Easter.

Demolition will begin on 6 April 2021 and will continue for approximately 4 days.

As a safety precaution, there will be a barrier fence in place while the works are occurring and parking will not be available.



THE KODJA PLACE

Now you've entered The Kodja Place. You understand the story is about the Mardjit (snake), so let's continue the journey.

Floor Markings

The imprints of three vulnerable, but surviving, bush animals can be tracked up the Gallery. The floor colours reflect the change in landscape, from Ochre red to the pale colour of summer stubble.

The three solid lines crossing the Gallery represent the moving stories of Yoondi, a local Noongar, Elizabeth, a British settler and Maria, an Italian settler. They extend across the courtyard and into the Rose Maze where the stories unfold.

The Kodj

The pivotal exhibit, the Kodj, an authentic Noongar stone axe, is central to the Kodj Gallery as the source of the district's name: Kodj- "axe"; up- "place of water" : Kojonup.

This authentic kodj (pronounced korch) is a double-axe made of two pieces of dolerite, coarse-grained basalt that was quarried and traded from sites such as one just west of Kojonup. One stone is sharp, with a cutting edge honed by chipping rather than grinding, and the other blunt. The sharp stone was used for cutting and the other for pounding or clubbing. The kodj was made using a resinous glue from Xanthorrhoea gum, ashes and kangaroo "poo". Heated resin was placed on one stone and a hardwood handle inserted and sandwiched with the second stone. The axe heads were then bound to the handle using kangaroo sinew.

The kodj was an all-purpose tool. Young men would use a pair of kodj to climb trees in search of possums, honey or eggs, cutting footholds with one axe and using the pointed haft of the other, stabbed into the bark, to draw themselves higher. A marked tree near the local Barracks Museum shows an 18-metre kodj climb

The Kodja Place: Open seven days between 9.00am and 4.00pm

What Our Visitors Are Saying.....

"Helped me learn more about my culture"

Aliyah Willey

"Great. The students enjoyed it."

Trevor Carruthers

"Very interesting and top set up"

Marianne



More Local Wares



We now stock colourful macramé key rings and exquisite indoor plants from "Cotton and Leaf Studio".

Come in to the Kojonup Visitor Centre and support all of our talented young entrepreneurs.



PUBLIC NOTICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Public Notice

The Shire of Kojonup wishes to advise that, in accordance with s6.20 of the Local Government Act 1995, at its Meeting held 8 December 2020 and 16 March 2021 the Council resolved to increase the loan to be taken for Land Development from \$200,000 to \$435,000.

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING



Government of Western Australia
WA Local Government Grants Commission

To be held at the:

**Shire of Kojonup Sporting Complex
Wednesday 21 April 2021
Commencing at 12.00pm and concluding at 2.00pm**

Order of Proceedings:

1. Shire to open the hearing
2. Introduction by the Chair of the Commission
3. Presentation by the Commission on its role, function and the process it uses to determine Financial Assistance Grants
4. Discussion on Shire submission (if submitted)
5. Close of hearing

The WA Local Government Grants Commission makes annual recommendations to the State Minister for Local Government on the allocation of Financial Assistance Grants to local governments in Western Australia.

In accordance with the Commonwealth Act, the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995*, the Commission is required to conduct public hearings with local governments in connection with the Financial Assistance Grant recommendations and also to discuss any submissions made to the Commission by local governments.

Organisations or persons wishing to make a submission, in connection with the Financial Assistance Grant recommendations of the Commission, at the above hearing, are requested to register their interest with:

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