

SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

Edition 213 – 28 May 2021

COUNCIL BRIEFS

At the Council meeting held 18 May 2021 Council considered 15 items. Some of the highlights are repeated below.

11.2 Bushfire Control Officer Recommendation 2021/2022

Council appointed the following positions for the 2021/2022 year.

- a) Tony Fisher - Chief Bushfire Control Officer and Fire Weather Officer,
- b) Roger House - Deputy Chief Bushfire Control Officer and Deputy Fire Weather Officer,
- c) Ross Fryer-Smith and Nick Trethowan - Senior Bushfire Control Officers,
- d) The Chief Bushfire Control Officer and the Deputy Chief Bushfire Control Officer be appointed as authorised officers to issue permits to burn for the collection of clover seed in the Shire,
- e) The Chief Bushfire Control Officer, Deputy Chief Bushfire Control Officer and the two Senior Bush Fire Control Officer's be authorised to recommend to the Chief Executive Officer on the imposition of Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans

11.3 Fire Break Order 2021/2022

Council adopted the 2021/2022 Fire Break order which includes new dates for firebreak inspections within the gazetted town site boundaries of Kojonup and Muradup.

Community members are advised that the date has now been moved forward by four weeks to 2 November 2021.

11.4 Bushfire Structure 2021/2022

The Bushfire Structure for the Shire of Kojonup as it relates to the 21/22 financial year given changes to nominated officers and Fire Break Inspection dates within the gazetted townsites, has now been updated.

12.4 Kojonup Historical Society Inc. – Machinery Shed

Council considered the Kojonup Historical Society's position to have a portion of part of Lot 2 Soldier Road owned by Jim and Robyn Potter subdivided as this was the original intent of the Historical Society in 2004.

Council's decision was to consider a financial contribution of \$12,000 within the 2021/2022 Annual Budget to progress the subdivision of the Machinery Shed located on part of Lot 2 Soldier Road owned by J & R Potter as it was believed that such an allocation would allow Council to commence the subdivision process in 21/22 financial year and clearly establish full costs of the process as a separate title owned by the Shire of Kojonup.

12.5 Model Code of Conduct for Elected Members, Committee Members and Candidates – Adoption

Council adopted the "Shire of Kojonup Code of Conduct for Elected Members, Committee Members and Candidates" (the Code) as required in *Division 9 Section 5.104 Adoption of model code of conduct*, of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

The Code has been developed to guide the decisions, actions and behaviours of members, in council, on council committees and candidates running for election as a council member. Members must comply with the provisions in the Code in fulfilling their role and responsibilities, as set out in the Act.

The Code is based on three overarching principles, separated into divisions, being:

Division 1 - Personal integrity: act with reasonable care and diligence; with honesty and integrity; act lawfully; identify and appropriately manage any conflict of interest; and avoid damage to the reputation of the local government.

Division 2 - Relationship with others: respect, courtesy and fairness; respect and value diversity in the community; contribute to a harmonious, safe and productive work environment

Division 3 - Accountability: base decisions on relevant, factually correct information; make decisions on merit, in the public interest and in accordance with statutory obligations and principles of good governance and procedural fairness; read all agenda papers in relation to council or committee meetings; and be open and accountable to the community.

Clause 11 provides a mechanism for a person to make a complaint about an alleged breach of the Code and clause 12 outlines the process for dealing with complaints regarding the conduct of elected members and candidates.

To find out more about the decisions Council made, visit the Shire of Kojonup [website](#)



Shire President
John Benn

Chief Executive Officer
Rick Mitchell-Collins

Special Council Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Council will be held on **Tuesday, 1 June 2021 commencing at 12.00pm** to consider following item:

- CEO Recruitment

Council Meeting Dates for 2021

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on 15 June 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 cmpgt@kojonup.wa.gov.au and the Manager Corporate and Community Services will table all correspondence received.

Council Elections October 2021 and Becoming a Councillor

Local government ordinary elections are held on the third Saturday in October every two years. The next ordinary elections are scheduled for Saturday 16 October 2021. Councillors are elected for terms of four

years in Western Australia. Elections are held every two years for half of the council, and candidates are elected using the first-past-the-post voting system.

Electors who wish to nominate as a candidate in a local government election must complete a valid nomination application and present it to the Returning Officer before nominations close. Prior to nominating all candidates must complete the online “candidate induction” from the [Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries](#) website.

Being a council member is a big commitment. This induction course has been developed to assist your understanding of what your obligations and commitments will be if you are elected and it is compulsory to complete this induction before you nominate. The induction should take approximately one hour to complete. At the end of the course, you must complete the online registration to ensure there is a record of your completion of the induction.

You will be asked to declare that you have completed the induction when you submit your candidate nomination form. It is an offence to make false or misleading statements on the nomination form, and penalties may apply.

Nominations for a local government election open 44 days before polling day and close at 4.00 pm, 37 days before polling day. Use the Commission’s Nomination Builder to electronically complete the nomination form and candidate profile.

On 27 June 2019, changes to the Local Government Act 1995 were passed by Parliament which require all council members to undertake training within the first 12 months of being elected. The Council Member Essentials course has five foundational units. All council members will be required to complete:

- ✓ Understanding local government
- ✓ Serving on council
- ✓ Meeting procedures
- ✓ Conflicts of interest
- ✓ Understanding of financial reports and budgets

SPRINGHAVEN

Springhaven Lodge Vacancies

Springhaven Lodge offers quality respite and residential care, within a friendly, home-like environment. Being a smaller facility, we are able to provide individualised support for all who stay with us, for whatever length of time.

Set amongst peaceful and spacious gardens, Springhaven is close to the centre of town and is a well-loved part of the local Kojonup community. There’s always lots of interesting and fun activities going on, and visitors are always welcomed.

Vacancies now exist here at Springhaven Lodge, so arrange a visit soon to check out this special place to be.

For enquiries please contact Ciara O’Regan, Manager of Springhaven 98312800 or macs@kojonup.wa.gov.au

KODJA PLACE

Locally Made Products

The Kojonup Visitor Centre stocks locally made winter woollies and with winter just around the corner, these locally knitted Socks, Scarfs and beanies are perfect to keep you warm.

Stop in to the Kojonup Visitor Centre to see a wide variety of colours, patterns and sizes.

A new delivery of Little Scents Candles have just arrived. The Candles are locally made by Sarah Little and smell amazing.

They would make a great gift someone special or just a little treat for yourself.



What's Flowering Now

Are you an avid Wildflower hunter?

If so the Kojonup Visitor Centre would love to hear from you and see any photos that you may like to share with us.

Contact the Kojonup Visitor Centre on (08) 9831 0500 or email kojonupvisitors@bigpond.com



Long Weekend Opening Hours

The Kodja Place and Kojonup Visitor Centre opening hours for the June long weekend will be:

Friday 4 June	9am – 4pm
Saturday 5 June	9am – 4pm
Sunday 6 June	9am – 4pm
Monday 7 June	10am – 4pm

**WE ARE
— OPEN —**

What Our Visitors are Saying.....

"Fantastic to read and see our history. Thank you Kojonup"

"Wonderful"

B & S Blythe

"Very Nice, Lovely"

B Jakuszewski, West Swan

"Excellent"

S & G Delporte, Boyanup WA



Positions Vacant

Customer Service Officers – Kojonup Visitors Centre

Casual Pool

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: Further details are contained in the [Candidate Information Package](#) or contact Kristel Thomson, Visitor Services Officer at bcc@kojonup.wa.gov.au or on 9831 0500. Please note that the selection criteria as listed in the Position Description **must** be addressed and an Application Form **must** be completed.

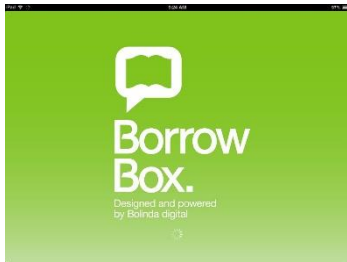
The Shire of Kojonup is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Further details can be found on our [website](#).

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Library News



By accessing our eResource collection, you can read or listen to a book anytime, anywhere, and for free! eBooks and eAudiobooks are available for most digital devices - smart phones, tablets, iPads and computers. These platforms are for eBooks and eAudios.

Libby also has eMagazines....over 300 titles in English, that's a huge saving with the cost of magazines today..... Please contact the library on 9831 2412 for a free library membership.

KANOPY is our eStreaming platform (documentaries, movies, etc.) The content is added to every month also has great content for your children.

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FREE Little Library

And WOW! All the ongoing work at the Kojonup Park is looking amazing, so just a quick reminder our **Free Little Library** is still accessible to our whole community and those travelling through. We add new books every week, including books for all ages, the odd DVD or audio book, you too are able to add books if you're having a clean out at home. *"A book is a gift that can be given again and again, bringing joy to many!"*



What's new in our library!



Skulduggery Pleasant Box Set Books 1 - 5 by Derek Landy

Boxed set of 5 new softcover books in slipcase box. Suitable for children aged 9 and older

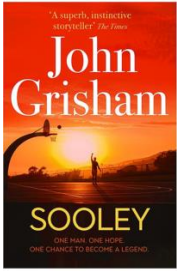
"Buffy meets Dr Who meets Ghostbusters in this thrilling new book series you just won't want to put down!"

The Faceless Ones trilogy: Book 1 Skulduggery Pleasant - Meet Skulduggery Pleasant: wise-cracking detective, powerful magician, sworn enemy of evil. Oh yes. And dead. **Book 2 Playing with Fire** - Just when you think you've saved the world, ANOTHER evil

villain turns up with an unbeatable monster and starts breaking things. **Book 3 The Faceless Ones** - Third bone-breaking, belly-busting adventure in the series that puts the "funny" back in ... um ... funny series. That didn't really work, did it? Anyway, this IS the third thrilling book in the Skulduggery Pleasant series.

The Necromancer trilogy: Book 4 Dark Days - It's the fourth fantastic Skulduggery Pleasant adventure - only Skulduggery Pleasant himself is lost on the other side of a portal, with only some evil gods for company. Can he possibly survive? (Yes, all right, he's already dead. But still.) **Book 5 Mortal Coil** - Following the shocking revelations of *Dark Days*, get ready for the fifth instalment of the bestselling Skulduggery Pleasant series ... guaranteed to contain at least 40% humour, 50% action, and 100% thrills!

Sooley – John Grisham: Global bestseller John Grisham takes you to a different kind of court in this gripping and incredibly moving novel that showcases his storytelling powers in an entirely new light. ONE MAN Seventeen-year-old Samuel Sooleyman comes from a village in South Sudan a war-torn country where one third of the population is a refugee. His great love is basketball: his prodigious leap and lightning speed make him an exceptional player. And it may also bring him his big chance: he has been noticed by a coach taking a youth team to the United States. ONE HOPE If he gets through the tournament Samuel's life will change beyond recognition. But it's the longest of long shots.



Project Hail Mary – Andy Weir:

A lone astronaut

An impossible mission.

An ally he never imagined.

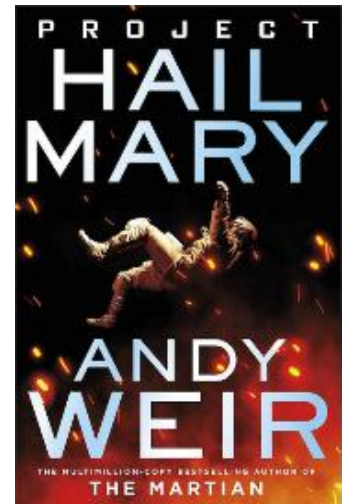
Ryland Grace is the sole survivor on a desperate, last-chance mission - and if he fails, humanity and the earth itself will perish

Except that right now, he doesn't know that. He can't even remember his own name, let alone the nature of his assignment or how to complete it.

All he knows is that he's been asleep for a very, very long time. And he's just been awakened to find himself millions of miles from home, with nothing but two corpses for company.

His crewmates dead, his memories fuzzily returning, Ryland realizes that an impossible task now confronts him. Hurling through space on this tiny ship, it's up to him to puzzle out an impossible scientific mystery-and conquer an extinction-level threat to our species.

And with the clock ticking down and the nearest human being light-years away, he's got to do it all alone. . .Or does he?



Savannah's Secret – Mandy Magro: Starting over was never going to be easy, especially as he's looking for the one thing she can't give ... the truth. Set in the heart of the Australian countryside comes a compelling romance with a touch of suspense from bestselling author Mandy Magro.



Savannah Garret remains resolute in testifying as the sole eyewitness in Brisbane's most dangerous criminal case. For safety, the police have furnished her with a new identity and instructions to keep to herself. With a shiny new driver's licence in hand and job as a barmaid lined up, this die-hard city girl finds herself stepping off a bus and into the desolate street of the small country town she's now to call home.

Ash Sullivan has it all, money at his fingertips, his own property, and a successful chopper mustering business. But when it comes to love, he's failed miserably. Bitter experience has taught him that if he is ever lucky enough to meet a special woman he can fall for again, she has to be upfront from the get-go, no matter what. These are two people, as different as chalk and cheese, who were never meant to meet until fate intervened. Will they grow to be the person each other needs? Or will their differences drive them apart?

TRETHOWAN QUIZ BOX

The Trethowan name sets most of us on our seats as the local Quiz Masters & Mistresses of our generation. Big laughs! Huge fun! And just because the family are moving homes doesn't mean the fun stops there.

The **'TRETHOWAN QUIZ BOX'** has a new home, here at your local library. The Collection of books, quiz's, games, how to & not to do's is accessible for to all to enjoy, maybe even to get the next community quiz night on the go! So come on in, have a look.....

Here's a sample of what you can put together...

1. *What term do we use when we have equal hours of daylight and darkness?*
2. *What is the seventh consonant in the alphabet?*
3. *What is special about a Manx cat?*
4. *What are the four basic tastes that the human tongue detects?*
5. *Which language is spoken by more people than any other?*
6. *Which ocean contains the Bermuda Triangle?*
7. *What instrument did Chopin play?*
8. *In the year 1999, who won the Brownlow Medal?*
9. *What is the Roman numeral for 43?*
10. *On what food do whales feed their young?*

Answers: (1)Equinox (2)J (3)Has no tail (4)Sweet.Sour.Bitter.Salt (5)Mandarin Chinese (6)Atlantic Ocean (7)Piano (8)Shane Crawford (9)XLIII (10)Milk



For our families with young children at home, remember you are welcome to join Annette & Libby at **'Play Cafe'** every Wednesday morning (except the 4th Wednesday) at the Kindy Rooms at KDHS from 9:30am-11:30am. Annette has an array of creative tables including play doh, Sensory tub where they can use cornfakes in scoops, funnels and much much more, and then there is fully enclosed playground where tractors, trucks, shovels help with construction play including hard hats!

On the 4th Wednesday, join the ladies as they bring **'Play in the Park'** to life. Remember if you need a sneaky coffee bring your \$5.00 and one of them will go to the Black Cockatoo Cafe to pick up, sounds good hey? And remember parking is available near the RSL Hall.

Just a quick thank you to our Shire Council who support these Early Years activities so they can be delivered free of charge for our families.



WORKS AND SERVICES

Have you been to the Kojonup Park lately? The installation of new bins, bollards and the new bridge has all commenced and the entire precinct is looking amazing.



But we haven't finished yet! We are still looking for the following images:

- Pygmy possum
- Brush Wallaby
- Bearded Dragon
- Phascogaile Red Tail

These images will be used for marketing and promotion across the Shire and will need to be of a high resolution to ensure the images can be printed clearly in large scale such as those on the bins at Kojonup Park. If you have any of these images and are willing to share them, please make contact with Steph Waldron at the Works and Services admin office on 9831 2462

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Carbon + Biodiversity Pilot

The South West Catchment Council (SWCC) are looking for interested landholders who would like to participate in the Federally Funded Pilot setting aside between 5-200ha of land to bio diverse planting for carbon offsets. The ABC Radio National interviewed the CEO of SWCC <https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/breakfast/strong-farmer-interest-in-new-carbon-market-biodiversity-scheme/13350124>.

For more information on the project and to submit your Expression of Interest by 11 June 2021, please follow the link below.

<https://swccnrm.org.au/carbonbiodiversity/>

Natural Capital Accounting Workshop

Landholders who are interested in attending a Natural Capital Accounting workshop via zoom on the Monday 14 June 2021.

To learn how The Accounting for Nature® model can be applied to environmental assets such as native vegetation, soils, water and fauna, at property and ecosystem and scale.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JZ07C0w6B2M>

Places are limited, if you would like to attend please contact landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au

Rabbit-scan

Farmers, governments and communities are working together to manage the problems that rabbits cause. RabbitScan is a **Free** valuable community resource that can be used to help people work together to manage rabbits.

RabbitScan is a free resource for farmers, community groups, Landcare groups, pest controllers, local councils, biosecurity groups and researchers. Anyone can use RabbitScan to record and view information about local rabbit populations. You can use RabbitScan to monitor and record rabbit activity (such as rabbit warren hot-spots), map areas where damage is most severe (such as erosion gullies), and document where you are controlling rabbits on your property or throughout your local area. You may also be able to assess the scale of the problem, seek support for coordinating and implementing control, and monitor rabbits after control programs.

For more information:

<https://www.feralscan.org.au/rabbitscan/default.aspx>

DEMOLITION OF THE HARRISON PLACE TOILETS

Demolition of the Harrison Place toilets has been completed. Architects have been engaged to complete a final design of the replacement facilities. The new facilities will include universal access toilets, which is a big step forward considering the limited access of the old ones.



The Memorial Hall will be a construction site for the next few weeks while re-roofing and new gutters occur.

OLD MILITARY BARRACKS



The Old Military Barracks is looking fantastic. It's great to watch the progress of the restoration works.

The north chimney wall and west wall are now complete.

The south wall and veranda works has been budgeted for in the 21/22 financial year

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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



UPCOMING VOLUNTEER WEBINARS

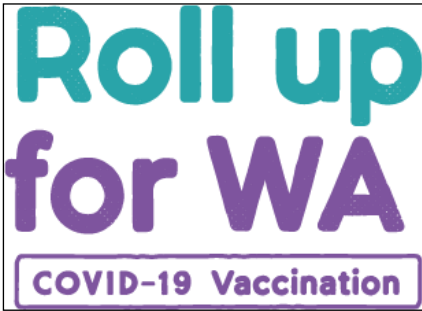
Sports Community Webinars in June and July

Sports Community are a company focused on assisting clubs and groups in various ways to be efficient, productive and positive places for members.

They are offering webinars through June and July covering the following topics:

- Successful AGM's and Committee Meetings
<https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/6203204223333499650>
- Recruiting Volunteers <https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/5175072890432791554>
- Risk Management for Committees <https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/5260862285190127106>
- Post COVID Success <https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/5643953027028296194>
- Being a Successful Committee Member
<https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/7944497489724065026>
- Being a Successful President <https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/2310940757604514562>

Head to the Sports Community website www.sportscommunity.com.au or visit the links next to each topic to register for a webinar.



Did you know, the “Online bookings for COVID-19” vaccinations was launched this week

The new online COVID-19 vaccination booking system opened for appointments on Tuesday (May 25). The VaccinateWA booking system, can be accessed at [Roll up for WA](#), and provides an online process for booking and confirming vaccination appointments at community and hospital-based vaccination clinics around the State.

Search results will display relevant clinics and dates based on information entered by the user, along with the recommended vaccine and timing between doses. Check your eligibility [here](#).

The launch of the online bookings this week coincides with a new cohort of eligible people - including younger adults with specified underlying medical conditions and people with disability, as part of the Phase 1B cohort, who will now have increased opportunities to be vaccinated through WA's State-run clinics.

In addition, selected clinics - starting with Claremont Showgrounds in early June - will soon start providing the Pfizer vaccine to eligible people aged under 50 on Thursdays to Sundays each week, strictly by bookings only via 13 COVID (13 26843) or via the online booking system at [Roll up for WA](#).

The Claremont Showgrounds clinic will administer the AstraZeneca vaccine through pre-booked appointments on Mondays to Wednesdays from May 31.

Vaccination appointments are still available at GP and GP Respiratory Clinics.

The poster features the Carers WA logo in the top right corner. The main title 'Carers WA, Pop Up Info Session' is centered in a large red circle. To the right, a smaller circle contains the event details: 'When: Wednesday, 16 June 2021 at 11.00am - 1.00pm' and 'Where: Corner of Jones Road and Albany Highway, Kojonup'. A large blue circle at the bottom contains the text: 'Do you provide unpaid care and support to family members or friends who have disability, mental illness, chronic condition, terminal illness, an alcohol or other drug issue, or who are frail aged? If so, please come and have an informal chat about how we can help, and the services we provide.' The background is white with several overlapping circles in red, blue, and yellow.

Carers WA,
Pop Up
Info
Session

When
Wednesday, 16 June 2021
at 11.00am - 1.00pm

Where
Corner of Jones Road
and Albany Highway,
Kojonup

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