

SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

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COUNCIL BRIEFS

On Friday 16 July, Councillors and Staff thanked retiring CEO Rick Mitchell-Collins for his dedication to the Shire of Kojonup over the past 8 years and wished him all the best in his plans to return to Tasmania to spend time with his family and landscape his property, as he overlooks the hills and valley.



The evening was made all the more special by Craig McVee who presented Rick with a personalised gift depicting Ricks's journey, their friendship and appreciation for the respect Rick has shown for the Noongar community.



Thank you From Rick Mitchell-Collins

To all my team – Thank you for your support both personally and professionally and for the commitment you have shown towards continuous improvement. You have continually risen to the many challenges that have occurred and have grasped opportunities which have made a positive difference that has been recognised.

To the businesses and community members whom I have been involved with over the past 8 years, I also thank you for the input and feedback you have provided and I am sure this productive association will continue with the new CEO, Grant Thompson.

To the Elected Members, I thank you for the for the support you have given me throughout my tenure as CEO and for taking the time to be interested in the past, present *and*, future direction of the Shire of Kojonup.

I have enjoyed my time in Kojonup and wish everyone well for the years ahead.

Changing of the Guard

Grant Thompson (pictured) has now arrived and will spend his first two weeks undertaking a handover. I am sure you will join me in welcoming him to the Shire of Kojonup. Grant formally takes over in his own right from Monday 2 August 2021.



Albany Highway Update

The Shire President has been in contact with Main Roads and raised the condition of Albany Highway, particularly the area in front of the Post Office and the United fuel station and will continue to follow this up.

COVID Vaccination

Community members are advised that St Lukes Family Practice now have the Pfizer vaccines available for ages 49 to 59 years. Please make contact to book your vaccine appointment.



Shire President

Chief Executive Officer

Council Meeting Dates for 2021

The next Council meeting will be held on 17 August 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.

THE KODJA PLACE

What Our Visitors are Saying.....

*"Love it"**Elizabeth & Fiona, Perth & Bridgetown**"Wonderful"**Graham & Lorraine Perth**"What a great spot"**Rosser Family*

What's flowering now?

Red Leschenaultia (*Leschenaultia Formosa*) is now flowering at Kojonup's Farrar Reserve. The plant often grows as a flat, mat-like scrub and can be found during winter and spring along the coast from Albany to Israelite Bay. There are more than 25 species of leschenaultia and 20 of them are confined to the south-west of Western Australia. The greyish, needle like leaves of red leschenaultia are crowded along the stem and the branchlets are tipped with colourful flowers roughly 15 – 20 millimetres long.



What's about to flower?

Jug Orchid (*Pterostylis recurva*) is about to flower at Myrtle Benn and Farrar reserve. Insects such as gnats and mosquitoes are trapped by the labellum, which flicks against the column when it is touched. Unlike most WA Orchids, which have a solitary leaf, *Pterostylis* species produce multiple leaves. These consist of a flat rosette of up to 20 or more leaves, or leaves scattered up the stem of flowering plants. Jug Orchids grow up to 60 centimetres high and is the tallest species of *Pterostylis* in WA. The Jug Orchid can be found from August to October and widespread throughout the southwest from Geraldton to Israelite Bay.



CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Progress on the Sports Precinct Upgrades

This fortnight Black Stump Electrical and Kojonup Light Civil have commenced the trenching for the new Oval Lighting project. The footings have cured well, and now wiring for the poles and control system is being laid. We are anticipating the poles will arrive mid-August, and contractors are working hard to ensure we are ready for that.



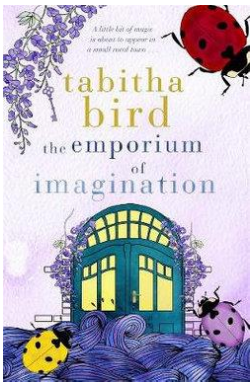
Final designs for the roof over the netball court have been signed off, with new storage areas for clubs and the community as part of this. This is now going through development approvals ready for a start date in August.

The existing Netball Club building is still available for purchase by Expressions of Interest, and the funds from this will be funnelled straight back into the project.

Kojonup Library

What a winter we are having! I feel a winter of years gone by. It is certainly the perfect time to enjoy a good book, snuggled on the lounge under a quilt! To help you with your choices we have had amazing new titles come into the library for you to enjoy. Plus the air conditioner is set to warm, kettles on and the sofa is awarickiting you and your family! Don't forget we have a great collection of board games & jigsaws for your family to enjoy at home too.

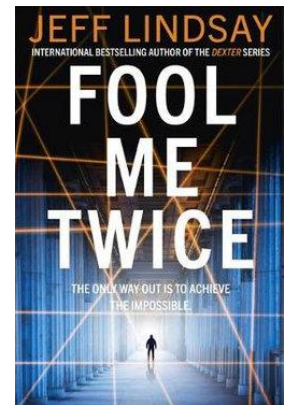




The Emporium of Imagination – Tabitha Bird: A captivating novel of magical realism about a fantastical shop that brings comfort, peace and hope to those in need. You won't want to miss the opening of this shop!

Welcome to The Emporium of Imagination, a most unusual shop that travels the world offering vintage gifts to repair broken dreams and extraordinary phones to contact lost loved ones. But, on arrival in the tiny township of Boonah, the store's long-time custodian, Earlatidge Hubert Umbray, makes a shocking realisation. He is dying... The clock is now ticking to find his replacement, because the people of Boonah are clearly in need of some restorative magic. Like Enoch Rayne - a heartbroken ten-year-old boy mourning the loss of his father, while nurturing a guilty secret. Like Ann Harlow, who has come to the town to be close to her dying grandmother. Though it's Enoch's father who dominates her thoughts - and regrets... Even Earlatidge in his final days will experience the store as never before - and have the chance to face up to his own tragedy...

Fool Me Twice – Jeff Lindsay: Book 2 of the Riley Wolfe series. Riley Wolfe, the master thief and master of disguise is back with Fool Me Twice, with a bigger take and much higher stakes. Can he steal a fresco in Rome, an actual painted wall, for the arms dealer who has captured him and threatened him in the most personal way? If anyone can get away with it, it's Riley Wolfe. He's always liked a challenge, and there is nothing more satisfying than robbing, and perhaps even double-crossing, the rich!

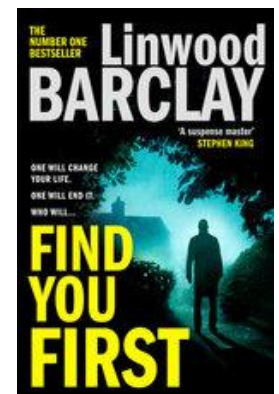


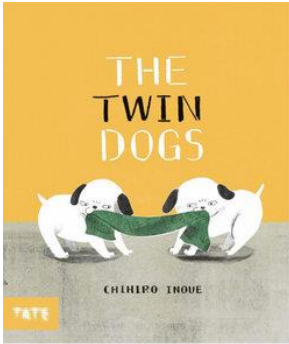
How To Mend A Broken Heart – Rachael Johns:

Summer in New Orleans means hot days, long nights, spooky stories and surprising new beginnings. Felicity Bell has struggled to move on after her marriage broke down. Her ex has found love again, her children have their own lives, and it's beginning to feel like her only comfort comes from her dog and her job as a taxidermist. So when Flick gets an offer to work in New Orleans for a few months, she's drawn to the chance to make a fresh start. Zoe is ready to start a family with her husband, but when he betrays her, she's left shattered and desperate for a change of scenery. Joining her mother on the other side of the world to drown her sorrows seems the perfect solution. Although both mother and daughter are wary of risking their hearts to love again, Theo, a jazz bar owner, and Jack, a local ghost hunter, offer fun, friendship and distraction. But all is not as it seems in New Orleans...A chance meeting with Aurelia, a reclusive artist who surprises them with lessons from her life, prompts Flick and Zoe to reassess what they want too. Can all three women learn from the past in order to embrace their future?

Find you first – Linwood Barclay: One will change your life. One will end it. Who will...FIND YOU FIRST? It's a deadly race against time...

Tech billionaire Miles has more money than he can ever spend, and everything he could dream of – except time. Now facing a terminal illness, Miles knows he must seize every minute to put his life in order. And that means taking a long hard look at his past. Somewhere out there, Miles has children. And they might be about to inherit both the good and bad from him – possibly his fortune, or possibly something more sinister. So Miles decides to track down his missing children. But a vicious killer is one step ahead of him. One by one, people are vanishing. Not just disappearing, every trace of them is wiped.

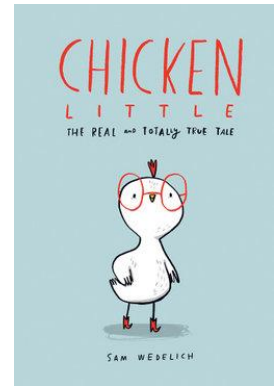




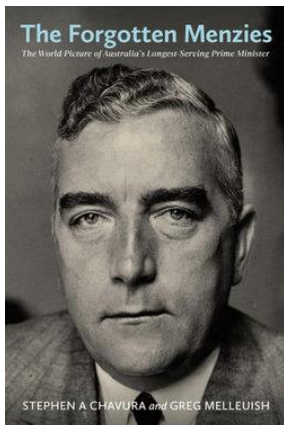
The Twin Dogs – Chihiro Inoue: The twin dogs are very happy, living in their house with their owners and getting up to anything they want. When they aren't arguing over which of them is the oldest, they like to take their family out for walks, drink milk in the mornings, play catch and get pet whenever they fancy. All of a sudden, everything changed. No milk in the mornings, strangers are taking them for walks and there's no running or playing catch - what on earth is going on? It appears there's a new member of the household - they must put a stop to this immediately, so they come up with a plan

Chicken Little The real and totally true tale – Sam Wedelich: Who are you calling little? Chicken Little is NOT afraid of anything.

Well, okay, maybe a mysterious BONK to the head can produce panic. But only momentarily. It's not as though she meant to send the barnyard into a tailspin, thinking that the sky was falling. How ridiculous! But can she calm her feathered friends with facts and reason



The forgotten Menzies: the world picture of Australia's longest-serving Prime Minister – Steven A Chavura & Greg Melleuish.



A new portrait of Australia's longest-serving prime minister that will transform your understanding of the beginnings of the Liberal Party.

Sir Robert Gordon Menzies was the founder of the Liberal Party of Australia. As well as being Australia's longest-serving prime minister, Menzies was the most thoughtful. Menzies' world picture was one where Britishness was the overriding normative principle, and in which cultural puritanism and philosophical idealism were pervasive. Unless we remember this cultural background of Menzies' thought then we will seriously misunderstand what he meant by the very project of liberalism. The Forgotten Menzies argues that Menzies' greatest aspiration was to protect the ideals of cultural puritanism in Australia from two kinds of materialism-communism; and the mindset encouraged by affluence and technological progress.

Central to Menzies' project of cultural and civilisational preservation was the university, an institution he spent much of his career extolling and expanding. The Forgotten Menzies makes an important contribution to the history of political thought and ideology in Australia, as to understanding the largely forgotten but rich intellectual origins of the Liberal Party.

Storytime is back!!

Join Lorreen as she share books, sings rhymes badly but has a great time in the library with children Every second Friday from 10.30am – 11am in the library.

23 July
6 & 20 August
3 & 17 September



LANDCARE

Black Cockatoo Project News

The Shire of Kojonup will again be participating in the ERF Black Cockatoo Project with South West Catchment Council and Birdlife Australia. Based on information provided in 2020 from members in the Shire of Kojonup as well as on ground survey results we will be returning to a number of sites where there are possible nesting hollows to monitor if the Cockatoos are using them for breeding this year.



If you see Black Cockatoos - Carnaby's Cockatoos in particular, but also Baudin's and Forest Redtail Black Cockatoos, primarily during their breeding season between July and February roosting, feeding or flying over we would love you to provide NRM officer Adele (landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au) this information for the project so that it can be used to track their movements and behaviours in the region.

NRM Drought Resilience Trial – EOI

The Landcare office has had a successful application with the Commonwealth Government Future Drought Fund – NRM Drought Resilience Grant Program. The Project design will be based on the Future Farms Industry ENRICH research. The project aims to reduce supplementary feeding during the summer/autumn feed gap and, importantly, by deferring the grazing of other parts of the farm at the break-of-season, allowing better management and more pasture to be grown elsewhere. There are also environmental benefits, such as controlling dry land salinity, wind and water erosion and waterlogging.

An expression of interest is now open to Landholders within the Shire of Kojonup who are interested in having a demonstration site on their land (approximately 10Ha each). The project will commence in October 2021 with completion in June 2023 and includes paddock assessment for suitability of the site, design and species selection by an agronomist, pasture seed and perennial shrubs as well as fencing material. If you are interested in increasing on-farm drought resilience in participating in the project to submit an expression of interest to Adele Landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au by 31 August 2021.



PUBLIC NOTICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Expressions of Interest – Purchase of Transportable Building

The Shire of Kojonup are calling for Expressions of Interest for the purchase of the current Netball Transportable Building. This will include the disconnection of services (water and electricity) and the removal of the building. All works will need to be completed prior to 15 August 2021.

Building is a James Hardie transportable, 12m long x 3.2m wide, with a verandah as shown in the pictures. Contents of building are not included.

Please forward Expressions of Interest via email to council@kojonup.wa.gov.au

Further details and site inspections can be arranged with Emily Sleight, Sport and Recreation Officer Phone 08 9831 2407 or sro@kojonup.wa.gov.au

MARKYT® Community Scorecard

Your input is requested to measure how the Shire of Kojonup is addressing the needs of the community as listed in the 'SMART Possibilities' Community Strategic Plan.

Please complete the MARKYT® **Community Scorecard** for the Shire of Kojonup.

The scorecard invites you to rate a range of services and facilities and will help the Shire to better understand and meet community priorities. Your responses will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence in accordance with the **Privacy Act** and **Australian Privacy Principles**

You will find the **confidential scorecard** by clicking on this link:

https://catalyse.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0DIIIMYmsnqAfUfY

The scorecard generally takes 5 to 10 minutes to complete, or may be slightly longer if you wish to expand on your written responses. We value your time and comments greatly.

The scorecard will remain open until **13 August 2021**. All community members aged 14 years or over are invited to submit a response.

If other people you know would like to participate, please invite them to visit www.catalyse.com.au/studies and follow the link to the Shire's study.

If you have questions about this study please contact the Shire on 9831 2400 email council@kojonup.wa.gov.au

We look forward to hearing from you.

The banner features a photograph of a man in a grey sweater holding a wooden netball bat, standing on a paved area with two children in school uniforms. The background shows a stone wall and a building. The banner includes the text 'MARKYT Community Scorecard' at the top, 'Rate the Shire of Kojonup' in a green and red gradient box, and logos for 'CATALYSE' and 'Kojonup' at the bottom. The Kojonup logo includes the tagline 'One community, many choices'.

POSITIONS VACANT

Personal Care Assistants – Day and Night Shifts Available

If you are caring, enjoy communicating and interacting with people and have a passion to make a difference in an older person's life then this may be the position for you.

What we are looking for:

- Certificate III or IV in Individual Support (Aged Care), or willingness to obtain.
- A current police clearance is essential.
- A current influenza vaccine is essential or willingness to obtain.
- COVID Vaccines will be mandatory for Aged Care staff by September, so this is also essential.
- An enthusiastic and genuine person with respect for the elderly.
- A reliable team player

There are a mixture of day and night shifts available, full or part time hours.

Night Shift

- Night shift hours are 9pm - 6am

Day Shift

- Day shift hours are morning shift 6am-1:30pm and evening shift 1:30-9pm.

What we can offer you:

- 5% above Aged Care Award pay rates.
- A friendly supportive multicultural team.
- A small rural homelike environment.
- Ongoing education and training.
- Assistance to complete aged care qualifications.

If you require further information please contact 98312800.

Applications including a covering letter and resume to be addressed to: Facility Manager, Ciara O'Regan, Springhaven Lodge, Barrack Place, Kojonup WA 6395 or email: macs@kojonup.wa.gov.au

Rick Mitchell-Collins

Chief Executive Officer

