

# SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

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## COUNCIL BRIEFS

Well, what a few weeks it's been since we arrived in Kojonup and I took up the mantle as CEO of the Shire. I have been welcomed by all and sundry and overwhelmed by the hospitality. Over that time I have been fortunate to have moved through the Community, meeting as many community groups and community members as I can in order to listen and understand the community needs and goals for the future.

Some of those I have met already include the George Church Medical Centre Inc. Board, Historical Society, Kojonup Sports Alliance, CRC, Showgrounds Committee, Kodja Place Community Fund, Rotary and many individuals in the community discussing all matter of topics. I am looking forward to meeting many more groups and people as I make my way through the Shire over the coming weeks identifying those topics we need be focussed on.

I was also fortunate to have witnessed the Kojonup Football Teams excellent 15 goal win the other week, meeting many of the locals at the same time. It was a great day and it demonstrated to me the spirit and depth in Kojonup.

The message from myself is a relatively simple one. My role and the Team Members roles at the Shire of Kojonup are here to serve the Community and the Council, listen to the community's needs and translate them into solutions and actions that generate economic wellbeing for the current and future generations of people residing in the Shire. We have a great Team of people at the Shire who are committed to their roles and ready to support the Community in all aspects of growth and governance. One Community, One Team. What I have observed in Kojonup, is we are extremely fortunate to have residents that are invested, both emotionally and financially, in the Shire to support its potential growth. We at the Shire may not be able to deliver everything all at once, but what we can promise as a Team, is to listen and openly communicate with all of you focusing on those projects that will deliver value, better utilising what we already have and building new assets to benefit everyone.

My door is always open to Community Members and if there is anything you need to discuss please don't hesitate to reach out.

Remember we also have an election just around the corner and I urge you all to take a civic interest and participate when it occurs.

Thank you to all for the great welcome and I look forward to meeting many more people in my travels over the coming weeks and being a part of the community in the coming years.

John Benn  
**Shire President**

Grant Thompson  
**Chief Executive Officer**

# Standing for Council

Elected members play a vital leadership role, working together to create and implement the community's vision, strategic direction and values. Improving your community starts with local government. If you want to make a difference to your local facilities and services, then you should consider becoming a candidate.

## Nominations Are Now Open

Prior to nominating, all candidates must complete the Induction for Prospective Candidates Course from the [Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries](#) website.

To nominate as a candidate for a local government election, the candidate must make a valid nomination application. This consists of:

- a completed nomination form –
- a candidate profile (800 characters including spaces)
- a deposit of \$80
- a photograph (optional).

All nomination applications must be signed by the candidate in front of a witness.

**The nomination application must be presented to the Returning Officer before 4.00pm on Thursday 9 September 2021.**

As the Returning Officer may ask candidates to amend their nomination, it is recommended that candidates ensure that they have allowed sufficient time to finalise any required changes prior to the close of nominations.

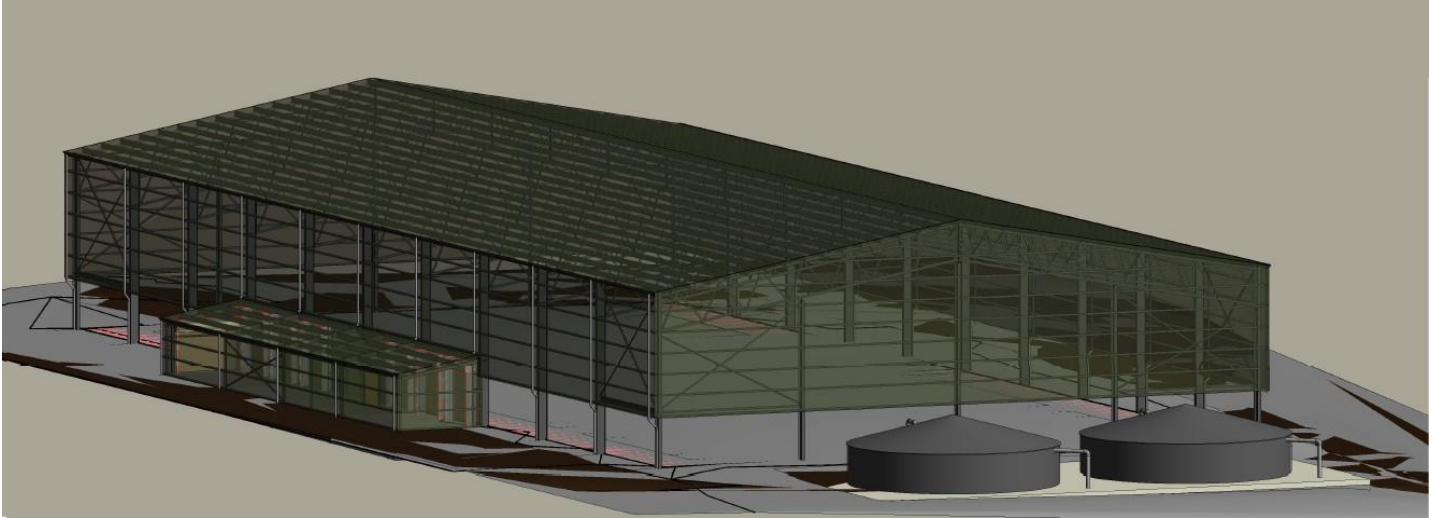


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# Netball Court Reconstruction and Roof Structure

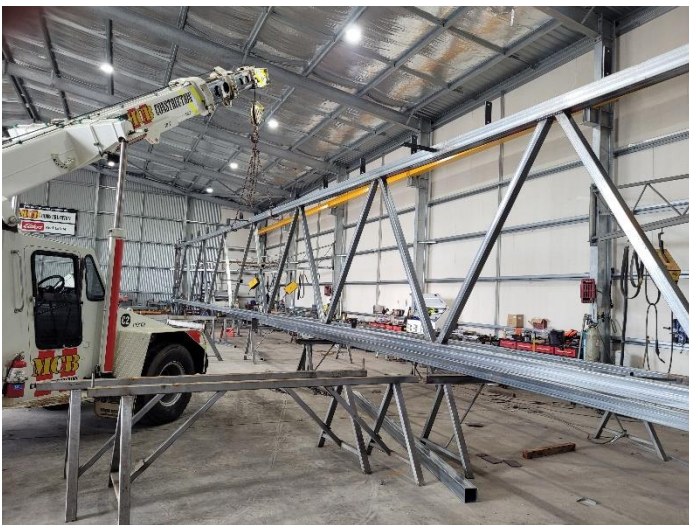
Exciting times ahead! Works has begun on the structure that will soon cover the four netball courts at the sporting complex.



The builders will take possession of the site mid-September to begin on-site works, whereas the manufacturing of the structure has already commenced as can be seen in the following photos.

The photo of the truss gives some hint to the large scale of this project, which will measure 80m long x 40m wide x 10m gutter height! The possible uses when completed, in addition to netball, basketball, volleyball & tennis, will only be limited by our imagination.

Building works are expected to be complete by the end of January 2022 at which time the new netball surface will also be completed.



## Casual for a Cause

Have you ever wondered why our administration team staff wear casual dress?

Well, the first working day of the month is "Casual for a Cause" day. We dress in our casual clothes and make a donation to a worthy cause.

September 10 is White Balloon day so this month's contributions will be donated to the Bravehearts.

Bravehearts is Australia's leading child protection organisation and the only charity in the country dedicated solely to the prevention of child sexual assault and exploitation.

If you would like to donate, please call into the Administration Office by 15 September and make your contribution at the front counter. All proceeds will be paid to Bravehearts on the 16 September 2021.

Proudly Supporting

# Bravehearts

Educate Empower Protect Our Kids



## Practical Driving Assessments

- Bookings are filling fast -



The next practical driving Assessor will be visiting Kojonup on **Wednesday, 15 September 2021** from 8:15am. However there is only a small number of vacancies available. Contact the Shire Administration Office to book your place 98312400.



## Did you know that you can now pay your rates online?

From the comfort of your own home, rates payments can now be completed on line using the Biller Code and reference number indicated on your rates notice, via: [kojonup.wa.gov.au/services/rates-information/rates-payment.aspx](http://kojonup.wa.gov.au/services/rates-information/rates-payment.aspx)



## THE KODJA PLACE

### What Our Visitors Are Saying.....



## Wonderful Wildflowers - What's Flowering Now!

The Blue Fairy Orchid (*Pheladenia deformis*) is now flowering at Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary.

This common species has a long narrow leaf and flowers with an upright labellum covered in densely packed calli. It is the first blue orchid to flower each season and may appear as early as late May. The Blue Fairy Orchid is also known as the Blue Beard.

You can find the Blue Fairy Orchid from north of Kalbarri to Israelite Bay. It occupies a variety of habitats ranging from granite outcrops, swamp margins, coastal heath and Banksia woodland to Jarrah forest but favours open situations. Flowering is more abundant following summer fire.



The Little Pink Fairy Orchid (*Caladenia reptans* subsp. *Reptans*) is now flowering. This attractive orchid often forms small dense clumps, which are particularly noticeable in areas that have been burnt the previous summer. The little pink fairy rarely grows more than 15 centimetres high. Little pink fairy orchids are related to the pink fairies but has smaller flowers, which are a darker colour with a smaller leaf, which is usually purplish rather than green underneath. This orchid is common in area of Jarrah and wandoo woodland and distributed widely throughout the south-west of WA, flowering from July to September.



Hybrids between little pink fairy and cowslip orchids are common and vary from orange through pink to red.

## REGULATORY SERVICES



# FREE

## Online Food Safety Training

Now available through the Kojonup Shire.

The Kojonup Shire takes food hygiene within our region very seriously. All food businesses have obligations and the Kojonup Shire is assisting food businesses to meet these obligations by providing free access to this exciting new training tool.

There is a high demand for training within the food sector. This training will assist food handlers in developing the required skills and knowledge to ensure food is handled in a safe and hygienic manner.

The program is easy to follow, includes an entertaining presentation as well as interactive quizzes and the ability to view Chinese text and captions. A training acknowledgement form can be printed upon completion and be kept as a part of your staff records.

Visit [kojonup.imalert.com.au](http://kojonup.imalert.com.au) to conduct the training now.

## LANDCARE

# Nature Based Future Farm Systems

Experience the benefits of incorporating nature based values and practices into future farming systems.

This is a 'drive- walk' tour of the property that will showcase practices to support soil health, hydration management [dry and wet], beneficial bugs and biology, carbon farming, and trees all integrated under a natural capital management system.

Learn and exchange conversation with local expert fauna and flora specialist's, agroecological farmers and those passionate for ecology.

Morning, Lunch and Afternoon Tea provided.

**When:** Sunday, 19 September 2021

**Where:** Temple Farm, RSN 509 Marron Pool Rd, Cherry Tree Pool, WA 6395

**Cost:** \$20.00

Registrations is essential: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/nature-based-future-farm-systems-tickets-168368018275?utm-campaign=social,email&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term=listing>

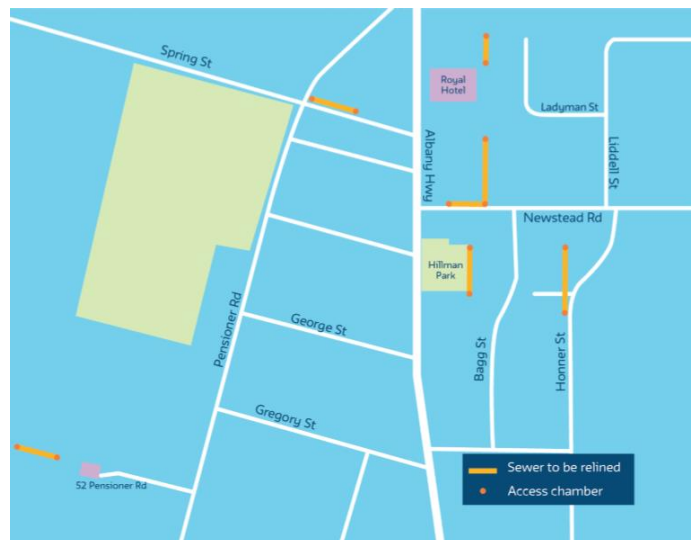
## PUBLIC NOTICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### Water Corporation

Upcoming Water Corporation work in Kojonup: sewer relining

Water Corporation, via authorised contractors, will soon be undertaking work to reline some of the sewer mains across Kojonup. This work is to prevent overflows and blockages and will extend the life of the pipes by over 50 years. You might notice increased activity in the areas marked on this map, including vehicles, crews and noise from generators. Traffic management may be in place in certain locations.

Crews will be working in verges and roads, and also in the boundary of private properties where required. If crews require access to your property, they will contact you directly to discuss the work and arrange entry.



The work is scheduled to commence toward the end of September and will take 2-4 weeks in total to complete. More information will be provided closer to the commencement of the work.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Water Corporation Community Engagement Advisor Eva Buckley on (08) 9420 2085 or email [Eva.Buckley@watercorporation.com.au](mailto:Eva.Buckley@watercorporation.com.au).



# SOUTHERN SINGERS LAST HURRAH



The Southern Singers choir has been active in the Kojonup community for more than twenty years. Firstly directed by Rosemary Cussons and more recently by Cathy Wright.

It has been our great pleasure to sing at community services, events, concerts and plays and we hope that it has been equally enjoyed by the community. Over the years we've had up to 30 in the choir but mostly the number has been around 20. I'd expect that well over 60 people would have sung with the choir at some time. We've had a lot of fun but it is time to move on and with a bit of luck, another singing group will form to bridge the gap.

As a last hurrah, we're going to be singing at a concert.

**Hyfield Function Room, 23 Bell Road  
Friday 15th October at 7pm.**

**We will be joined by a singing duo the 'Vita Bellas' from Busselton, for whom Rosemary Cussons plays the keyboard.**

**As an added bonus, the band and the singers from the cast of Snow White will be singing the songs from the recent pantomime.**

This is a free event and we ask you to bring your own food and drinks. There is no need to book.

Any funds raised through donations at the door will be forwarded to the Royal Flying Doctor.

**Enquiries Cathy Wright 0417178614**





# Southern Art & Craft Trail Event 2021

'The Beauty of the Bush in Macro', a collection from Kojonup's natural environment is this year's theme for the Southern Art and Craft Trail event being held at the Kodja Place from Saturday 25th September through to Sunday 10th October.



With a wildflower display, herbarium, photographic exhibitions, artwork, sculptures, floral workshops, children's workshops and self guided wildflower walks the Kodja Place Community Fund committee are proud to be hosting this event.

## Wildflowers:

Wildflower display and herbarium from early September until the end of October. Brochures for wildflower walks will be available from the Kojonup Visitor Centre.

## Art & Sculpture:

Alan Goodall's photographs of local birds will be a highlight. Alan is a local farmer and keen photographer who has always been interested in birdlife and wildlife in general. He enjoys the challenge of bird photography. He will be the guest speaker at our opening night on Thursday 30 September.

The late Viv Hollys' photographs of local orchids. Viv was a very keen photographer for over 50 years. She captured thousands of images of local flora. Her collection is too vast to display so we have chosen to exhibit her orchid images only. Her images are not for sale.

Ollie Anderson's rustic sculptures created from recycled farm materials. Ollie grew up in Kojonup and is now based in Fremantle.

Craig and Christie McVee's exhibiting original paintings including the 'Six Seasons', as painted in the Kodja Gallery.

Paintings by landscape artist Bronwyn Gaze. and a selection of unique garden art pieces from Designer Dirt, Albany.

## WORKSHOPS: (Bookings through The Kodja Place)

WA floral artist, Sally Wilson, will be hosting two one day floral workshops. Her workshop is not quite a bear hunt but a walk in the wild observing, collecting and arranging native foliage and presenting it in a contemporary style.

**Dates: Friday 1st October and Sunday 3rd October**

**Time: 10am - 3pm.**

**Cost: \$75 (maximum 12 per workshop) includes materials**

In keeping with our bush theme, children's workshops will be offered utilising materials from our surroundings to create small works of art.

**Dates: Wednesday 29th September & Tuesday 5th October**

**Time: 10 -12**

**Age: 5 - 12 (maximum 20 per workshop) Cost: \$5**

**Opening Night:**

6pm - 8pm Thursday 30th September

- Art for sale
- Guest speaker Alan Goodall
- Licenced bar
- Canapés, including bush tucker
- Music - Andrew Bradshaw on guitar
- Tickets: \$25 per head (including a glass of champagne and canapés.)



You are invited to join

**The Hon Mark McGowan MLA**

Premier of Western Australia

**2021-22**

**Great Southern  
Budget Briefing**



Great Southern business and community leaders are invited to join a special event in Albany as WA Premier Mark McGowan delivers a briefing on Western Australia's 2021-22 State Budget.

Mr McGowan will discuss achievements that have kept WA safe and strong, what business leaders and the community in the Great Southern can expect from this year's budget, and what comes next for the State's economy. The briefing is on Monday 13 September from 2.30pm to 4.30pm at the Retravision Stadium in Lockyer Avenue. Tickets are \$28; numbers are limited and bookings are essential. Book now through: <https://www.trybooking.com/BTNFO>



**Rural West** is a Small Business and Rural Financial Counselling team that provides a free, independent, confidential, and mobile service - travelling right throughout regional Western Australia. We have 13 qualified Rural Financial Counsellors available to provide guidance, support and strategies to people who are navigating their way through difficult and turbulent financial times. Our services are available to eligible regional small business, primary production enterprise, not for profits, community clubs or other groups.

In our experience, we find that individual circumstances across these enterprises always vary, and there are always longer-term goals at play. Working with clients, we map out the situation and develop practical solution sets. Together we assess the priorities, the possibilities and reduce the stress. The outcomes are up to the client - and the team of experienced Small Business and Rural Financial Counsellors will work with clients to make it happen.

Sometimes events out of our control can put our businesses at risk of financial difficulty. Rural West has recently offered their services to those affected by drought (even in those communities where it has rained but rainfall has been lower than average); Covid; Midwest-Gascoyne floods; Woorloo fires, and the TC Sereoja.

What we can do:

- \* Give a hand to deal with the immediate issues
- \* Identify financial implications
- \* Develop solution sets for a way forward
- \* Facilitate negotiations with lenders
- \* Identify available assistance schemes
- \* Give a hand to develop longer term solutions

The Rural West team are experienced in resolving both critical and underlying issues for a positive and sustainable future. Our services are available free of charge to all eligible primary production enterprises, including farming, horticulture, forestry and fishing in all areas of WA. They are also available to eligible regional small businesses, non-profit organisations, community groups and other groups that operate outside of the Perth metropolitan area.

With 13 counsellors around WA from Kununurra to Albany, Kojonup to Merredin, Margaret River to Kukerin, Geraldton to York, Moora to Perth, there is a counsellor available for you.

Contact your local counsellors on Freecall 1800 612 004

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