

# SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

Edition 221 – 17 September 2021

## COUNCIL BRIEFS

# Local Government Elections

The Local Government Elections are now in full swing. The Shire of Kojonup has four vacancies and I have received the following nominations for the office of Councillor.

Candidate's name	Name to appear on ballot paper	Date nomination accepted
<a href="#">Susanne Bilney</a>	Bilney, Susanne	09/09/2021
<a href="#">Paul Webb</a>	Webb, Paul	02/09/2021
<a href="#">Roger Bilney</a>	Bilney, Roger	08/09/2021
<a href="#">Ned Radford</a>	Radford, Ned	08/09/2021
<a href="#">Alan Egerton-Warburton</a>	Egerton-Warburton, Alan	06/09/2021
<a href="#">Ronnie Fleay</a>	Fleay, Ronnie	09/09/2021
<a href="#">John Benn</a>	Benn, John	08/09/2021

**Election of Council to be held on 16 October 2021** however, **in person voting is now open** and can be undertaken by attending the Shire Administration Office. For more information about each of the candidates, profiles have been posted on the Administration Office noticeboard and are also available on the Shire [website](#).

## Change of September Council Meeting Date

The September Ordinary Council Meeting was scheduled to occur on Tuesday 21 September 2021 however, as five of the Councillors and the CEO will be attending the WALGA Convention, Council resolved to change the meeting date to **Tuesday, 28 September 2021** at 3.00pm

## 2021 WA Local Government Association (WALGA), Convention and Trade Exhibition

At the Council meeting held 17 August, Council approved the Elected Members (Shire President John Benn, Deputy Shire President Ned Radford, Cr Gale, Cr Fleay and Cr Singh) and the CEO, attendance at the 2021

WA Local Government Association (WALGA), Convention and Trade Exhibition from Sunday 19 September and Tuesday, 21 September.

The theme for the 2021 WALGA Convention is *Leading the Way: Looking Forward, Looking Back*, taking place against the backdrop of generational change for the sector with the reform of the Local Government Act on the horizon. The Convention program has been developed help Local Government representatives to positively embrace change and have a forward thinking mindset as to what could benefit their communities.

## Albany Highway

Council has made contact with Main Roads WA regarding the diminishing road base and resurfacing of Albany Highway within Kojonup and you may have noticed that temporary works have now been undertaken outside the Post Office.

While the installation of additional passing lanes along Albany highway has been welcomed, the response from Main Roads WA has indicated that there is no forward funding in the state budget to progress any additional upgrades required along Albany Highway.

Council will continue to advocate on behalf of the Kojonup community (and other road users) and will advise when additional information has been received.

## Great Southern Treasures - Livelighter Bloom Festival

The Shire of Kojonup proudly supports the Great Southern Treasures annual [Bloom Festival](#), a celebration of our region's spectacular wildflower season. Held in spring each year, Saturday 18 September to Sunday 17 October 2021, the Bloom Festival attracts thousands of people keen to experience the extraordinary landscapes and natural beauty of the entire Great Southern region.

## Unsuccessful Grant Application - The Kodja Place

The Shire was unsuccessful in its Grant Application to the Public Regional Galleries Improvement Fund 2021 for The Kodja Place. This is disappointing as grant funding is becoming harder to find, however The Kodja Place did not meet the criteria for this type of funding. Officers will continue to research other options.

John Benn  
Shire President

Grant Thompson  
Chief Executive Officer

### Council Meeting Dates for 2021 – September Meeting Date Changed.

The next Council meeting will be held on **28 September 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](mailto:cmpqt@kojonup.wa.gov.au) and the Manager Corporate and Community Services will table all correspondence received.

## CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

### Kojonup Public Library

#### A message from Lorreen



*Hi Everyone, after my long absence from the library I am back part time before moving back fulltime. I do want to say....many thanks for your enquiries and understanding, patience as my team members fill in and a huge shout out to Kerry, who has continued to keep everything ticking along beautifully. It's great to be back!!*

## Where Do We Stargaze? Western Australia - The Envy Of The World!

Western Australia is renowned for some of the world's best Stargazing, here's why:

- ✓ Perth is the most isolated continental capital city in the world so you don't have to travel far from the bright city lights to see beautiful night skies full of stars.
- ✓ With low humidity, clean air & very little light pollution, Western Australia boasts some of the darkest night skies in the world, making it an absolute mecca for Stargazers from all around the globe.
- ✓ Country Western Australia is uncrowded and offers an array of ideal observing sites in welcoming country towns.
- ✓ Being in the Earth's Southern Hemisphere allows us to see the best part of the Milky Way Galaxy all year round!

### TELESCOPE

AVAILABLE AT THE  
LIBRARY FOR USE,  
JUST ASK LIBRARY  
STAFF TO SHARE  
WITH YOU!



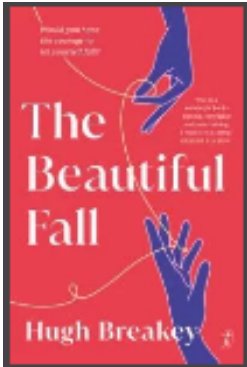
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FOLLOW US IN ANOTHER GALAXY

## Whats New in....Books?

### The Beautiful Fall by Hugh Breakey



*The Beautiful Fall* is a cinematic, page-turning romance. Both an intriguing puzzle and a compulsively readable love story, it will sweep you away. Every 179 days Robbie forgets everything. He knows this because last time it happened he wrote himself a letter explaining it. The disorientation. The fear. The bizarre circumstances imposed by the rare neurological condition he lives with.

To survive the forgetting - to cope with his recurring loss of identity - Robbie leads a solitary, regimented life. Lives alone. Speaks to no one if he can avoid it. Works to complete a strange herculean task set for him by his former self. And then, with twelve days left before his next forgetting, Julie invades his life. Young, beautiful - the only woman he can ever remember meeting.

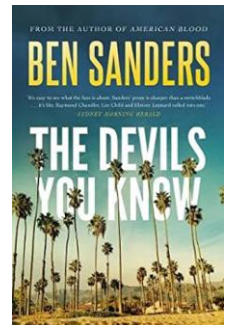
As the hour draws near, Robbie is forced to confront the fact that his past is very different from how he had imagined it. And when Julie reveals her own terrible secret, he must find a way to come to terms with the truth about himself.

### The Devils You Know by Ben Sanders

**Ben Sanders, author of *American Blood*, strikes again in a mile-a-minute white-knuckle ride through the heart of darkness in sunny California.**

Vincent needs a change. He's spent the last fifteen years in covert operations for the US government, but after a botched and fatal mission, he decides he's done with pulling triggers.

He lucks into a dream job in Santa Barbara as head of security for supermarket mogul Eugene Lamar: nothing more than driving the boss to and from golf, with ample downtime for surfing, or sitting by the pool contemplating life-and how to live it with a zero-body count.



### Winner Winner Bin Chicken Dinner by Jol Temple & Kate Temple



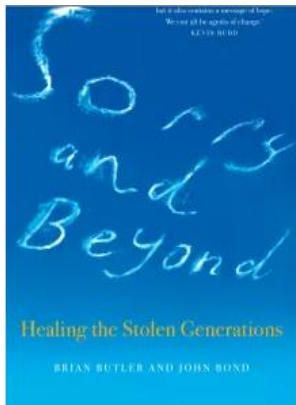
Ibis is on the lookout for food, but she's not welcome anywhere! Until she spies the most amazing dinner of all.....

A very fun rhyming adventure about the bird everyone loves to hate — the IBIS!

Ibis is looking for dinner but has no luck anywhere, until she spies the most wonderful food wonderland of all . . . the school playground!



## Sorry and Beyond: Healing the Stolen Generations by Brian Butler & John Bond



Brian Butler's grandmother was taken from her family by government officials in 1910. She was 12 years old. Twenty years later her daughter, Brian's mother, was taken. Thousands of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, like Brian Butler's, have been coping with the impact of child removal for more than a century.

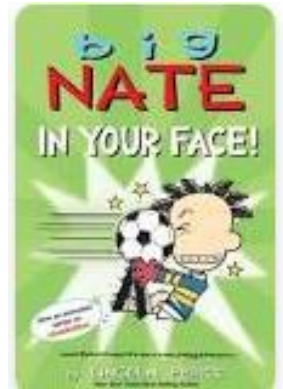
'Sorry and Beyond' describes the growth of the grassroots movement that exposed the truth about Australia's removal policies and worked for healing and justice. Born in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, the movement was joined by nearly a million non-Indigenous Australians in the Sorry Day and Journey of Healing campaigns, which paved the way for the Australian Parliament's unanimous apology in 2008.

As these campaigns have shown, community initiatives have played a vital part in overcoming the immense damage done. The journey isn't over. 'Sorry and Beyond' is a call to continue the work of healing this national trauma.

## Big Nate: in Your Face! By Lincoln Peirce

When you're a sixth-grade dynamo like Nate Wright, life comes at you fast. Whether it's a soccer ball to the head or another teacher tirade, surprises lurk around every corner. In this Big Nate collection, Nate's friends issue the ultimate insult: they point out all the ways he resembles his arch-nemesis, Gina. Nate also scores a new job as an intern at Klassic Komix, and his master plan to carpet-bomb the school with Valentine's Day cards goes seriously sideways. And when Nate gets dragged into a cringe-worthy party for the dreaded Mrs. Godfrey, what could possibly go wrong?

With laughs, adventures, and jokes galore, In Your Face! Will make your head spin.



## 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)

## Stay On Your Feet is Western Australia's falls prevention program for older adults living in the community.

Stay On Your Feet aims to reduce falls and fall-related injuries among older adults living in the community and encourages older adults to feel confident in independent living.

*As part of our community, your library is excited to support this program with Community Connection.*

*Checkout the website, if you don't have access to a computer, you are always welcome to use the computers in the library.*

*Four easy steps:*

- 1. Visit [stayonyourfeet.com.au/elearning](http://stayonyourfeet.com.au/elearning)*
- 2. Register for an account*
- 3. Confirm your email address*
- 4. Get ready to learn!*

*Community Connection also offers opportunities to connect with others, which can be hard to come by. Community Connect keeps older Western Australians connected and reduces social isolation.*



## Springhaven

Hello from us here at Springhaven, what a great month September has been so far, starting to see all the beautiful blossoms and bulbs sprouting is a real joy. This month we have had a very interesting visit from the "Birds of Prey" group, they brought in a half dozen fascinating birds and told us all they could about them, from the Falcons to the Wedge tailed Eagle and even some different types of Owls, everyone really enjoyed the show. It was extra special being that it was Father's Day and we had our loved ones with us to enjoy the show. This week we are celebrating all thing Mexico as the national Cinco De Mayo day is the 16<sup>th</sup> Sept.

We're all excited for the football grand final in the coming weeks and look forward to seeing who the champions will be.

Take care out there! The Magpies are on full guard at the moment!

**Aleigha (Activities Coordinator)**



## THE KODJA PLACE

## Noongar Six Seasons



'Y-INAGN' (Creation) by local Noongar artist Craig McVee

### The Six Noongar Seasons are:

<b>Birak</b> (Summer)	Mid-December / Mid-February
<b>Bunuru</b> (Autumn)	Mid-February / Mid-April
<b>Djeran</b> (Windy)	Mid-April / Mid-June
<b>Makuru</b> (Winter)	Mid-June / Mid-August
<b>Djilba</b> (Windy)	Mid-August / Mid-October
<b>Kambarang</b> (Spring)	Mid-October / Mid-December



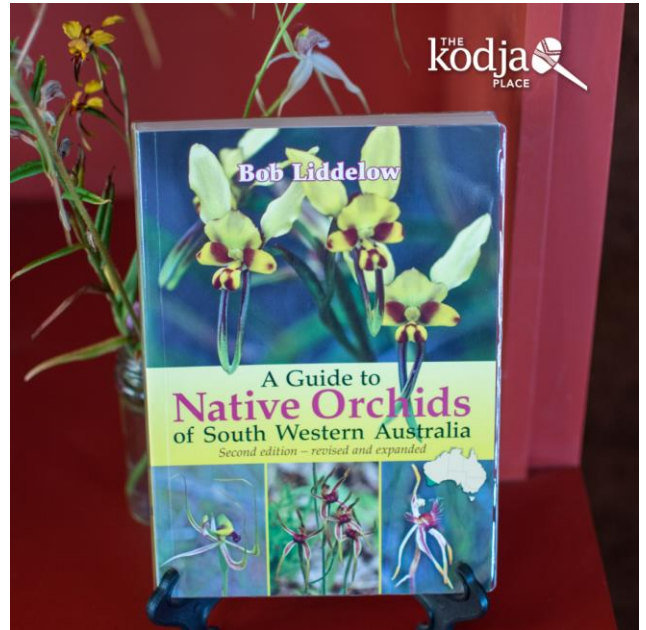
# Wildflower Season

Brochures for Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary, Farrah Reserve and self-guided wildflower tours within the Shire of Kojonup are available at the Kojonup Visitor Centre or by visiting [www.kojonupvisitors.com.au](http://www.kojonupvisitors.com.au)

The Kojonup Visitor Centre has just received the last batch of the second edition for the book 'A Guide to Native Orchids of South Western Australia' by Bob Liddlelow. Bob spent many hours in the field each season, seeking different orchids.

This is an orchid guide with a difference and instead of covering all species with total distribution areas, this book treats a very representative collection of orchids in great detail.

The book cross references some 239 orchids with about 200 sites in the greater south-west of Western Australia and every orchid is illustrated fully in colour and include a mud map.



## Look what's flowering now



**The Blood Spider Orchid** (*Caladenia filifera*) is now flowering in Kojonup. The Blood Spider Orchid is usually found high in the landscape where it grows in well drained soils under scattered Eucalyptus wandoo and occasional thickets of Sheoak. It is recognised by its blood-red colouration, small uniformly red labellum and long drooping petals and sepals.

This Orchid can be found from Tenterden, northwards along the western edge of the Wheatbelt to Wongan Hills.

**The Cowslip Orchid** (*Caladenia Flava*) is also flowering now and is Western Australia's most common and best known small-flowered spider orchid. Hundreds, or even thousands, of flowering plants often grow together in dense colonies. Each discrete group of plants is a clone of a single original seedling and a close look will reveal that all the flowers in a group display similar colouration and markings. In one group the flowers may be a deep yellow with prominent red markings, while in another group they may be paler yellow with almost no red.

The cowslip orchid grows in coastal heaths, woodlands, forests, winter-wet swamps, rocky hills, mountain ranges and shallow soils on granite outcrops.

Flowering starts in July in areas north of Perth and continues into early December in the cooler forest areas.





# 'The Beauty of the Bush in Macro' Opening Night

6pm - 8pm  
Thursday 30th September

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

All funds raised will go towards collecting new stories and upgrading displays at the Kodja Place with the sole intention of making the Kodja Place a viable, vibrant place for locals to be proud of.

Wendy Thorn

THE KODJA PLACE COMMUNITY FUND  
PRESENTS  
25TH SEPTEMBER - 10TH OCTOBER 2021

**'THE BEAUTY OF THE BUSH IN MACRO'**  
A Collection from Kojonup's Natural Environment  
Wildflowers - Herbarium - Photographs - Sculptures - Artwork - Wildflower Walks

Artists  
Alan Goodall - Late Viv Holly - Ollie Anderson  
Craig McVee - Bronwyn Gaze - Sally Wilson  
Designer Dirt

**Art & Craft Trail Opening Night**  
6pm - 8pm, Thursday 30th September  
\$25 per head (including a glass of champagne and canapés.)

Art for sale - Guest speaker Alan Goodall - Licenced bar  
Canapés, including bush tucker - Music, Andrew Bradshaw on guitar

Enquiries/Bookings - The Kodja Place - 9831 0500 - kojonupvisitors@bigpond.com

Bookings for workshops and the opening night are essential.  
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Southern Art + Craft Trail

THE KODJA PLACE

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Tickets available from the Kodja Place T: 9831 0500. E: [kojonupvisitors@bigpond.com](mailto:kojonupvisitors@bigpond.com)

## What our visitors are saying



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Tel: 9831 0500 | Fax: 9831 0300 | [www.kojonup.wa.gov.au](http://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au) | [www.kojonupvisitors.com](http://www.kojonupvisitors.com) | [www.kodjaplace.com.au](http://www.kodjaplace.com.au)

## REGULATORY SERVICES

The first phase of the Australian Warning System (AWS) has been implemented with changes to bushfire warning colours and icons, and all hazard icons. Check out the [media release](#) for more info on today's announcement.

You'll see the new colours and icons on Emergency WA, WebEOC, FESMaps, the DFES corporate website and across relevant Community Preparedness resources.

A handy [toolkit](#) including a [video](#), social media graphics, poster and factsheet has been developed to help volunteers communicate this important change to their local communities. I encourage you to share it amongst your brigades, groups and units so they can share it with their communities for use on local social media pages, in newsletters and on display at stations. Their contribution is vital in helping spread the word about these important changes to bushfire warnings.

The bushfire warning changes are the first step in a phased implementation of AWS. Subsequent phases, including changes to the cyclone warning system, will see the new framework introduced for other natural hazards beyond bushfire. The DFES Public Information Branch will engage with volunteers and all key stakeholders on this important and exciting change.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me directly or the DFES Public Information Branch at [statepublicinfo@dfes.wa.gov.au](mailto:statepublicinfo@dfes.wa.gov.au)

**EMERGENCY WARNING**  
There is a threat to lives or homes.  
You are in danger and need to take immediate action to survive.

**WATCH AND ACT**  
There is a possible threat to lives or homes.  
You need to leave or get ready to defend – do not wait and see.

**ADVICE**  
A fire has started but there is no immediate threat to lives or homes.  
Be aware and keep up to date.

**Where can I get information during an emergency?**  
 🌐 [emergency.wa.gov.au](http://emergency.wa.gov.au) 📞 13 DFES (13 33 37)  
 📺 @dfeswa 📱 @dfes\_wa 📻 Local ABC Radio

AWS FACT SHEET

## CHANGES TO BUSHFIRE WARNINGS

Western Australia is joining with other Australian states and territories to deliver nationally consistent emergency information through the Australian Warning System (AWS).

**What is AWS?**  
AWS is an easy-to-understand warning system to help you stay safe during an emergency, no matter where in Australia you are.  
Knowing the AWS warning levels, colours and icons will help you know what to do when you see a warning.

**Why is AWS being implemented?**  
The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) is committed to continuously improving emergency information for all Western Australians and for those travelling throughout our vast State.  
We want everyone in WA to be safe, and that's why we're delivering nationally consistent emergency information when you need it most.

**What's changing?** From late 2021, the bushfire warning colours and icons on Emergency WA will change. You'll also see updated icons for all hazards on Emergency WA.

ADVICE	WATCH AND ACT	EMERGENCY WARNING
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Over time you'll see more changes to emergency information as we continue to achieve national consistency across bushfire, cyclone, flood, storm and extreme heat.

**Stay alert, stay informed and know what to do during an emergency.**  
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FOR A SAFER STATE

## PUBLIC NOTICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### KidSport

KidSport enables Western Australian children to participate in community sport and recreation.

KidSport vouchers have been doubled for 2021 to help families reconnect through sport. All eligible children will be able to access two \$150 KidSport vouchers in 2021. Applications are currently open for voucher 1, applications for voucher 2 open 1 July 2021.

Voucher 1 is available January 2021 to December 2021.

Voucher 2 is available July 2021 to December 2021.

KidSport vouchers can be used for registration/membership fees at any KidSport approved club. All voucher codes have a 90-day expiry from date of approval, both vouchers may be used at the same club during the calendar year. Parents/carers and clubs are encouraged to utilise this opportunity to help kids to play sport year round.



**Double the fun.**  
Additional voucher available from **1 July 2021.**

Apply online  
[www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/kidsport](http://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/kidsport)

 **KS KIDSPORT**



**OPEN DAILY**  
**10AM—5PM**  
**100 Albany Highway**  
**Kojonup 6395**

**Art for all and all is Art for Southern Art+Craft Trail Saturday 25th September to Sunday 10th October 2021.**





## POSITIONS VACANT

# Swimming Pool Manager

Applications are invited for the position of 'Swimming Pool Manager' at the Kevin O'Halloran Memorial Swimming Pool. Employment will be on a fixed term contract of between 3 to 5 years

Work hours are concentrated from approximately 1 October to 31 March each season and an hourly rate of between \$45.00 and \$50.00 will be offered for the position dependent on experience, qualifications and demonstration of a high level of customer service to pool patrons. Annual and sick leave is included on a pro-rata basis. Subsidised accommodation will be provided with terms and conditions.

### To Apply:

The Position Description (including Selection Criteria), Job Application Form and Information Package are available for viewing on Council's website at: <http://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au/council/employment-vacancies/>

Applications must be received on or before **4:00pm, Friday, 17 September 2021.**

For further information please contact Anthony Middleton on (08) 9831 2405.

# Administration Officer

Regulatory Services  
(\$62,935p.a. pro rata)

The Shire of Kojonup is looking for a highly organised and enthusiastic individual to join our Regulatory Services team. Under the direction of the Manager Regulatory Services, the successful applicant will be responsible for ensuring the timely processing of development, health and building applications and other duties as appropriate. High attention to detail, a friendly disposition, great time management skills, a commitment to continuous improvement and the desire to work as part of a close knit team are attributes required for this rewarding position.

This permanent part time position (32 hours per week (\$31.85/hour)) is offered in accordance with Level 3 of the All of Staff Agreement 2011 and the Local Government Officer's Award (WA).

Applications are to be addressed to the undersigned and close at **4.00pm on Monday 27 September 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, contact Robert Jehu, Manager Regulatory Services via email [mrs@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:mrs@kojonup.wa.gov.au) or telephone (08) 9831 2424.

Grant Thompson  
**Chief Executive Officer**



## Personal Care Assistant – Traineeship – Springhaven Lodge

**Are you caring with a passion for the elderly? Are you interested in furthering your education and learning on the job?**

Springhaven Lodge is a 22 bed residential aged care facility in Kojonup WA, and has a trainee carer position available. We will train you on the job and help you to obtain your Cert III Individual Support, without having to step foot in a classroom!

### What we are looking for:

- A current police clearance is essential.
- Current influenza and COVID vaccines are essential (or willingness to obtain.)
- An enthusiastic and genuine person with respect for the elderly.
- A reliable team player.
- Some-one able to work flexible shifts as rostered. (morning, evening and night shifts available).
- Experience taking care of others is desirable but not essential.

### What we can offer you:

- 5% above Aged Care Award pay rates.
- A Permanent Part Time contract (after successful probation).
- A friendly, supportive, multicultural team.
- A rural and 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: Ciara O'Regan, Manager of Springhaven , Springhaven Lodge, Barrack Place, Kojonup WA 6395 or email [macs@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:macs@kojonup.wa.gov.au).

Ciara O'Regan  
Manager of Springhaven, Shire of Kojonup.