

# SHIRE OF KOJONUP e-NEWS

Edition 245 – November 2022

## ~ stories behind the strokes ~



**Nanny Turtle's Day Out**  
(acrylic on canvas)

"This is my first attempt painting a turtle swimming in the ocean. Nanny turtle swims with her five baby turtles, showing them how to swim in the big ocean safely as they look to explore their surroundings.

"This is their big day out."

Leanne – M Eades (Tyne)

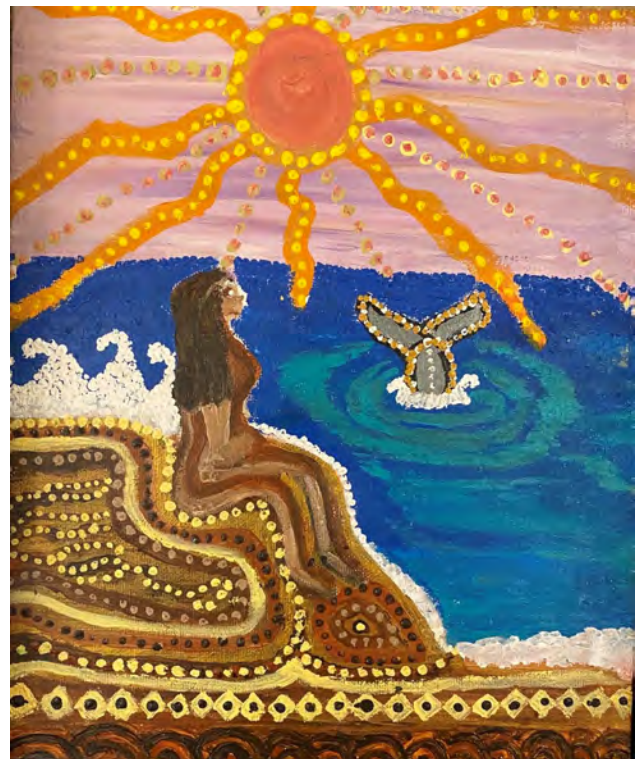
**Talaminu Dreaming**  
(acrylic on canvas)

"I was inspired to give this particular art piece the name 'Talaminu Dreaming', as Talaminu is the name of my great, great, great grandmother. She was born in the early 1800's.

"Talaminu is a Noongar Yorga (woman) from the Menang country and the town of Albany, also known by its Noongar name Kinjarling, which means 'Place of Rain'.

"Talaminu is sitting watching a whale as it swims and dives into the waters of the Great Southern Ocean. She appears to be very calm and at peace within herself as she daydreams in her beautiful surroundings."

Leanne – M Eades (Tyne)



## Ordinary Council Meeting and Council Advisory Committee Meeting Dates – 2022

Council has scheduled its Ordinary Meeting and Advisory Committee Meeting dates for 2022 – please see below for details of place, dates, and times.

### ORDINARY MEETINGS OF COUNCIL 2022 MEETING DATES

Ordinary Meetings of Council for 2022 are scheduled (unless advertised otherwise) to be held in the Shire of Kojonup Council Chambers, 93 Albany Highway, Kojonup commencing at 3.00pm, for the following dates:

- 29 November 2022
- 13 December 2022

### ADVISORY COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL 2022 MEETING DATES

Meetings of Advisory Committees of Council for 2022 are scheduled (unless advertised otherwise) to meet in the Shire of Kojonup Administration Reception Lounge, 93 Albany Highway, Kojonup, as follows:

— JOIN THE TEAM —  
**We're hiring!**

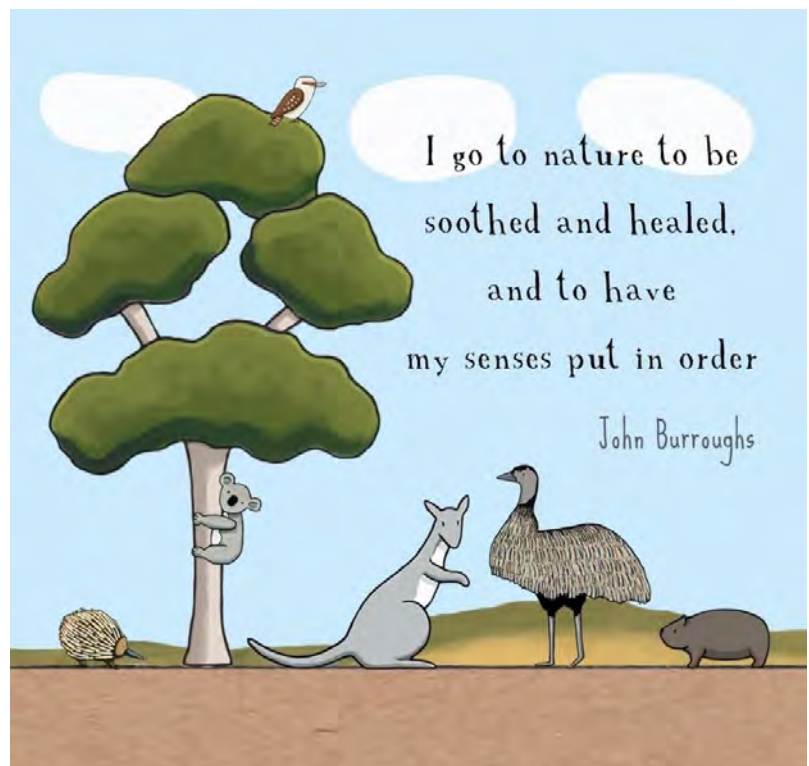
The Shire of Kojonup has the following position available:

**Springhaven Aged Care**

- Registered Nurse

To view and apply for this position please visit:  
[www.kojonup.wa.gov.au/employment](http://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au/employment)  
Email: [council@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@kojonup.wa.gov.au)

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# Council Briefs & Public Notices

## Special Council Meeting – 1 November 2022

### Grant Thompson (CEO)

#### MOONIES HILL ENERGY PTY LTD - REQUEST TO AMEND CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

That Council:

- 1) In accordance with Regulation 77 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* approve the amendment of the development approval issued to Moonies Hill Energy Pty Ltd for the Flat Rocks Wind Farm and issue a revised development approval through the following changes to conditions 4, 21 and 29 and adding advice notes.

In particular, to reword as follows:

#### Condition 4

The wind turbines are to be micro-sited in accordance with the following restrictions –

- a) All wind turbines shall be located a minimum distance of 1 kilometre from any dwelling existing at the time of the issue of this planning approval unless approval in writing is first granted from the owner of that dwelling to a closer location;
- b) The wind turbines shall be located in accordance with the 'Flat Rocks Wind Farm Landscape and Visual Assessment'. This report requires, in order to satisfy visual amenity considerations, either relocation of specified wind turbines or in the alternative, the implementation of vegetation screening.

#### Condition 21

Prior to commencing any works, the Applicant is to lodge a Noise Impact Mitigation Management Plan for approval by the local government. The Noise Impact Mitigation Management Plan is to outline the process by which the Applicant will –

- a) Undertake post-commissioning testing to ensure compliance with condition 29, including testing at existing dwellings, based upon the testing procedures and analysis contained in the South Australian EPA Wind Farms Environmental Noise Guidelines (2021);
- b) Make arrangements with adjoining landowners regarding the construction of dwellings on land;
- c) Modify micro-siting to ensure compliance with condition 29;
- d) Modify the operation of the wind turbines to ensure compliance with condition 29;
- e) Manage complaints regarding noise impact during the operational phase of the development.

#### Condition 29

- (a) The Applicant shall ensure at all times that the operation of the wind farm complies with the following noise levels within a 30 metre curtilage of a dwelling:



- a) Will not exceed 35dB(A) (LA90, 10 minutes); or
- b) Will not exceed the background noise (LA90, 10 Minutes) by more than 5dB(A), whichever is the greater.

(b) Assessment of noise impact is to be performed in accordance with SA EPA Wind Farms Environmental Noise Guidelines (2021).

#### Adding advice

Insert new advice notes as follows:

- A) The term 'dwelling' in this approval has the same meaning as the Residential Design Codes Volume 1.
- B) The applicant is advised that:
  - i) There is potential for vacant lots adjacent to the proposed wind farm to be further developed with dwellings.
  - ii) Legislation in Western Australia requires that the wind farm comply with the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997. The controls on noise contained in this approval do not override those contained in the Regulations, nor vice versa, but the wind farm must comply with whichever control is more stringent at any given location at any given time under then-prevailing meteorological etc conditions.
  - iii) The applicant takes the commercial risk that future wind farm operations may need to be altered or modified to continue to comply with noise limitations.
  - iv) It is recommended that the applicant prepare and submit acoustic compliance reports by a suitably qualified and independent acoustic engineer to demonstrate compliance with Condition 29 at key stages of development. This would provide compliance assurances to both the local government and surrounding landowners.
- 2) Advise the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup of the decision to approve the amendments to the Moonies Hill Energy Pty Ltd wind farm development.

#### AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION

119/22 Moved Cr Singh

Seconded Cr Gale

That Council defer any decision for a future meeting while it seeks more information.

LOST 3/4

## Urgent Notice:



### Works Scheduled for 15 and 16 November 2022

Maintenance works are proposed for the main street of Kojonup (Albany Highway) on 15 and 16 November. These works will require Albany Highway to be reduced to single lane operation to allow the works to be undertaken. Parking spaces on Albany Highway within the work area will be closed to allow for the safe operation of plant and machinery.

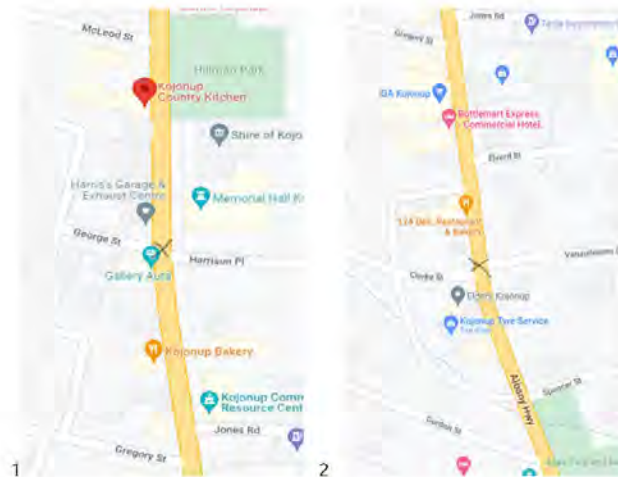
The initial section of works will occur at the intersection of George Street and Albany Highway on Tuesday 15 November. The work site will be between McLeod Street and Jones Road. The side roads of Harrison Place, Jones Road and George Street will be closed on the Albany Highway end.

The second section of works will occur at the intersection of Clarke Street and Albany Highway on Wednesday 16 November. The work site will be between Gregory Street and Gordon Street. The side roads of Elverd Street, Clarke Street, Vanzuilecom Street and Spencer Street will be closed on the Albany Highway end.

Further works are expected at other sections of Albany Highway through Kojonup in the coming weeks. Further information will be provided about these works.

If you have any queries, please contact Main Roads on 138 138 or [enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au)

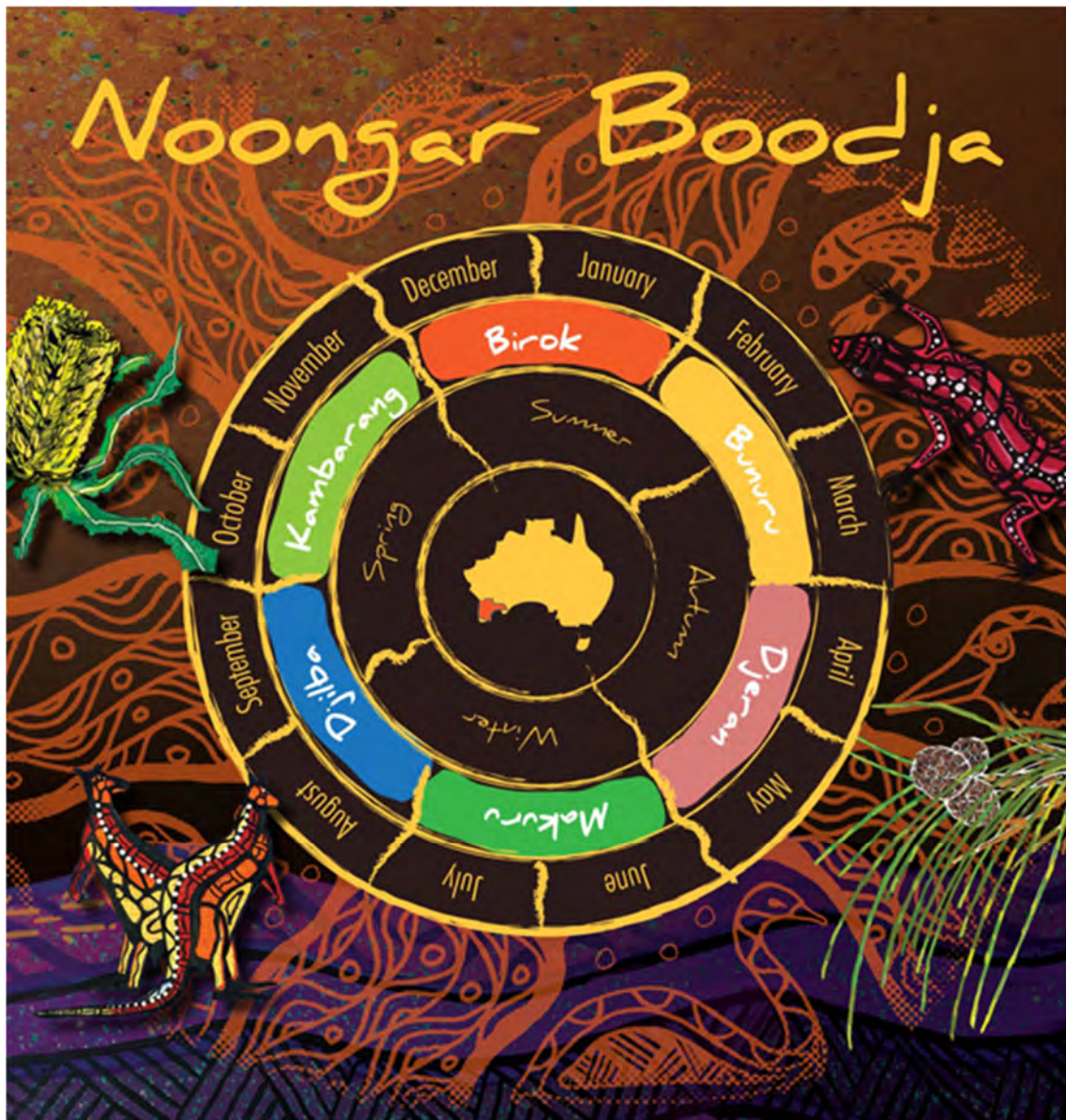
### Maps



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## Kambarang - Wildflower season (season of birth) October - November

During the Kambarang season, we see an abundance of colours and flowers exploding all around us. The yellows of many of the Acacias continue to abound, along with some of the Banksias and many other smaller delicate flowering plants including the Kangaroo Paw and Orchids. Also during this time the Balgas will also start to flower, especially if they've been burnt in the past year or closely shaved.

One of the most striking displays of flowers to be seen during this season will be the "Mooja", or Australian Christmas Tree (Nuytsia). The bright orange/yellow flowers serve to signal the heat is on its way.

For the animals, October is also the most likely time of the year that you'll encounter a snake as the reptiles start to awaken from their hibernation and look to make the most of the warm to assist them in getting enough energy to look for food. It's also a time that many young families of birds will be singing out for their parents to feed them. Koolbardies (Magpies) will also be out protecting their nests and their babies.

Many things are undergoing transformation with the warm change in the weather.

Longer dry periods accompany a definite warming trend.



## Shire notices:



### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### **Gazettal of Local Laws – s. 3.12 (6) of the *Local Government Act 1995***

The Shire of Kojonup provides public notice, in accordance with s. 3.12 (6) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, that the following local laws were published in the Western Australian Government Gazette on Monday, 31 October 2022 and will come into effect 14 days after that date being 14 November 2022. These local laws are published on the Shire of Kojonup website ([www.kojonup.wa.gov.au](http://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au)) and copies may be inspected at, or obtained from, the Shire of Kojonup Administration Office, 93 Albany Highway, Kojonup during normal office hours.

#### **Cat Local Law 2022**

**Purpose of the local law:** To address the impounding of cats, requirements and limitations on the keeping of cats, and the requirements of approved kennel establishments within the Shire of Kojonup.

**Effect of the local law:** To provide for consistent and effective management of the cat population within the Shire of Kojonup.

#### **Parking Local Law 2022**

**Purpose of the local law:** To enable better parking practices and to remedy parking anomalies in the Shire of Kojonup.

**Effect of the local law:** Effective and consistent parking practices within the Shire of Kojonup.

**Grant Thompson**  
**Chief Executive Officer**



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Review of Representation

(Number of Council Representatives)

On 3 July 2022 the State Government announced a package of local government reforms including a reduction in the number of Council representatives for many local governments, based on population. The Shire of Kojonup is required to reduce representation from 8 to either 5, 6 or 7 Councillors and to conduct a Representation Review. Reducing the number of elected representatives will not limit the matters that members of the community can raise.

**Public submissions are invited as to the number of Council representatives**

**the Community of Kojonup would prefer**

**(either 5, 6, or 7)**

An information sheet\* is available detailing the different representative to electors and population ratios for 5, 6 or 7 councillors for the Shire of Kojonup. The information sheet also outlines factors for consideration and perceived advantages and disadvantages of having a lower or higher number of councillors.

**Public submissions, in writing, are invited or forms are available to be completed – either method of submission needs to be received by the Shire of Kojonup by 4.30pm, Monday, 12 December 2022 and can be delivered by:**

- **Post or over the counter:** 93 Albany Highway, KOJONUP WA 6395 or
- **email:** [council@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@kojonup.wa.gov.au)

*\*For a copy of the information sheet, which includes the form, please contact Judy Stewart, Senior Administration Officer – [sao@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:sao@kojonup.wa.gov.au), telephone 0898 312400, visit the Shire website [www.kojonup.wa.gov.au](http://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au), or call into the Shire Administration office at the above address.*





## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **Change of November 2022 Ordinary Meeting Date**

from

**15 November 2022**

to

**29 November 2022**

The Shire of Kojonup's November Ordinary Meeting date has been rescheduled to be held 29 November 2022 in the Council Chambers, 93 Albany Highway, Kojonup commencing at 3.00pm.

Grant Thompson  
Chief Executive Officer



## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Shire of Kojonup wishes to remind all landowners and occupiers in the rural district that the Shire's annual aerial fire break inspections will commence on the 13th December 2022.

All properties that fall into the rural firebreak requirements must ensure they are compliant by the 12th December 2022.

Properties outside the gazetted town site must ensure that they meet the following requirements:

*(...) have firebreaks at least 20 metres wide, if provided by burning (with a permit), cultivating or spraying, or 60 metres wide if provided by being closely grazed or mowed to the satisfaction of the Shire. The firebreaks are to be in such positions as are necessary to completely surround the perimeter of any homestead building (excluding isolated non-flammable buildings), fuel installation (including drums), haystacks (but only haystacks within 60 metres of any building) or group of such structures or installations. In each case, the outer 3 metres of the firebreak area must be totally free of any inflammable material and where mowing is the method used; all residue of the mowing process must be removed from the area*

Any property owners that do not comply with the above requirements may be issued with a penalty of \$250.00 and the Shire may undertake the required work at the property owner's expense.

If you would like to view a copy of the Shire of Kojonup 2022/2023 firebreak order, please visit our website [www.kojonup.wa.gov.au](http://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au).

For any enquires regarding firebreak requirements, please contact the Shire of Kojonup Regulatory Services on 9831 2400.

**Grant THOMPSON**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

## KOJONUP BUSHFIRE BRIGADES



### Firebreak Inspection Warning:

**2 November 2022** – All firebreaks and fire hazard reduction measures to be completed on land within the gazetted townsite

**4 November 2022** – Council will conduct its annual firebreak inspection of all land within the gazetted townsite

**12 December 2022** – All protective burning and firebreak precautions to be completed on land outside the gazetted townsite

**13 December 2022** – Council will commence its aerial inspection process of all land outside the gazetted townsite

**BUSH FIRE BAN PHONE LINE: 9831 0145**  
**EMERGENCY SMS LIST: Shire 9831 2400**  
**BUSH FIRE EMERGENCY: 9831 1580 / 000**

For many cultures a blood meeka/maant/miyak (moon) traditionally symbolised a warning of danger to come. Is it a coincidence this week's lunar eclipse is occurring at the start of our bushfire and cyclone seasons? Either way, it's a good sign your emergency plans are due for a revival.

How fireproof is your plan?

<https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/bushfire>





## Exploring the Shires archives...

*Great Southern Herald – Friday, November 8, 1968*

# FIRE POSITION NOW SATISFACTORY

Kojonup Shire Council is happy with the response to the fire orders recently issued to some farmers and ratepayers in the district.

This was stated at the last meeting of Council after the results of a further inspection by the fire warden had been discussed.

The previous report from the fire warden had recommended prosecution of some district residents for non-compliance with the requirements of the Bush-Fire Act.

On that occasion, Council decided to write to the persons concerned asking them to show cause why they should not be prosecuted.

The Council had received replies from these letters and the inspection showed that where work was necessary it had been carried out in a satisfactory manner.

Councillor D. Tunney told Council that the Shire Clerk, R. L. Leggo should be complimented on his handling of the situation.

"The position is now satisfactory," he said.

It was decided that the persons concerned would be written to again, stating that Council accepted their explanations but pointing out the seriousness of the matter.

# Fire Brigade Training Track Sealed

Sealing of the Kojonup Town Fire Brigade's training track in Pensioner Road has just been completed at a cost of \$1,350.

Tanks and pumps have still to be installed on the track, but all work should be completed and ready for use by the Brigade's 15 members this summer.

The total cost of track construction is being met by the Brigades.



## LANDCARE

This week we said goodbye to our NRM / Landcare officer Adele Scarfone.

Lucky for the Shire of Kojonup she will still be involved with Southern Dirt and her expertise will not be lost for us.

We would like to wish Adele all the best with her future ventures!



### **HAVING A FUNCTION IN A SHIRE PARK OR AREA?**

Please let us know a few weeks in advance so that we can make sure your chosen spot is pristine on the day

*Not to mention turning off reticulation to make sure you don't have any unexpected surprises ...*

*Email: [council@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@kojonup.wa.gov.au)*

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## Springhaven:

Good afternoon family and friends of Springhaven, Springhaven Team Members, Shire staff and Council members,

As per the WA Health Chief Health Officer, the state of emergency in WA for COVID19 is declared over.

This means a number of restrictions will be lifted. Below is the current situation at Springhaven Lodge, effective immediately:

- RAT tests will no longer be performed for visitors to Springhaven Lodge
- Staff will continue to RAT test once weekly as a precaution
- Residents will continue to RAT test once weekly as a precaution
- Visitors and staff will continue to wear masks inside the building
- Masks are not required outside
- Visitors are now allowed to eat in communal areas, removing mask to eat and putting mask back on after
- Evidence of vaccination (for both flu and covid) is no longer necessary for visitors to the facility
- Visitors will still have to sign in, on the visitors register, but no questionnaire required
- Enter through the automatic front door (staff to ensure this is turned off in the evening)
- There is no restriction to time or amount of visitors
- Should a resident test positive for COVID, our response will be the same as before and our Outbreak Management Plan will be activated.

COVID is still a very real danger to our vulnerable residents, so visitors are still urged to stay at home if feeling unwell in any way.

Please feel free to share this information with anyone who visits Springhaven.

If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

*Kind Regards*

*Ciara O'Regan*

Manager of Springhaven / RN



# Regional WA's aged care homes capping intake amid ongoing staffing crisis affecting country

[ABC Great Southern](#) / By [Lauren Smith](#) and [Peter Barr](#)

Posted Thu 6 Oct 2022 at 9:40am Thursday 6 Oct 2022 at 9:40am, updated Thu 6 Oct 2022 at 3:56pm

Elderly residents of a small WA town may be left travelling hundreds of kilometres for adequate care, in what unions say is a growing problem across regional Australia.

## Key points:

- **Regional aged care homes are having to reduce their intake of patients amid ongoing staff shortages**
- **Kojonup's aged care facility will not take any more new patients**
- **Kojonup Shire president Edmond Radford says the facility can't run safely without adequate staff**

The Shire of Kojonup, 250km south-east of Perth, says its aged care facility, the only major one in the town, will not be able to take on any more patients because of limited staff.

Residents requiring more advanced care may need to remain at home, lean on local hospitals or relocate to Perth or Albany 150km further south.

Shire President Edmond Radford said it was a decision that had to be made to ensure the facility could be run safely.

"It's too much of a risk to have new patients because of our staff shortage," he said.

Cr Radford said Springhaven Lodge had 22 permanent beds but could only accommodate 16 residents to operate safely. He said the facility immediately needed an additional five staff and a registered nurse to operate at full capacity.

Its current and only registered nurse is set to depart, and a replacement has been nearly impossible to find.

"We're in a very serious position where we were not capable of finding another one," Cr Radford said.

**"There's no light at the end of the tunnel for us."**

**"It really has gotten beyond the local government to try and sort the problem."**

## Limited options for elderly

The crisis is not limited to Kojonup, with both the Shire and the union representing aged care workers pointing to similar situations in other towns.

United Workers Union's aged care director Carolyn Smith said older Australians in regional towns were being left with limited options when it came to support.

Ms Smith said some people would be forced to stay at home, which was unsafe, and others might need to go to hospital.

She said a lot of people would also need to relocate to larger cities and towns to get the support they required.



"That is really tough on that older person," Ms Smith said.

### **"It takes them away from their community and their family."**

"When they're forced to go to a bigger town or city for residential care, you really lose the heart of a country town."

While staffing shortages in the aged care sector are being felt across the country, attracting and retaining a skilled aged care workforce in regional and rural areas is challenging, Ms Smith says.

She said traditionally, the aged care workforce had been made up of migrants and international students.

"They are often populations we don't see in country towns," Ms Smith said.

"The problems of staffing aged care facilities get harder the further you are away from bigger cities.

"It's a real problem for the families and for the older Australians who are impacted."

Great Southern  
**2050 Cycling Strategy**

Help shape the future  
of bike riding in  
the Great Southern!



The Department of Transport and the 11 local governments of the Great Southern region seek your ideas on the Great Southern 2050 Cycling Strategy.

For more information, please visit [www.mysaytransport.wa.gov.au](http://www.mysaytransport.wa.gov.au) and scroll down to the Great Southern 2050 Cycling Strategy tile or just scan this code ... →

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# POOL SEASON IS OPEN FOR 2022

Opening Wednesday 16 November 2022

Pool opening hours:  
Mon, Wed - Sun 12 - 6.00pm  
Closed Tuesdays

Early morning lap swim 6-8am  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
starts 21 November







Government of Western Australia  
Department of Transport

# Great Southern 2050 Cycling Strategy

## “ HAVE YOUR SAY Shire of Kojonup

Have your say to help shape the future of bike riding in the Great Southern region.

### About the project

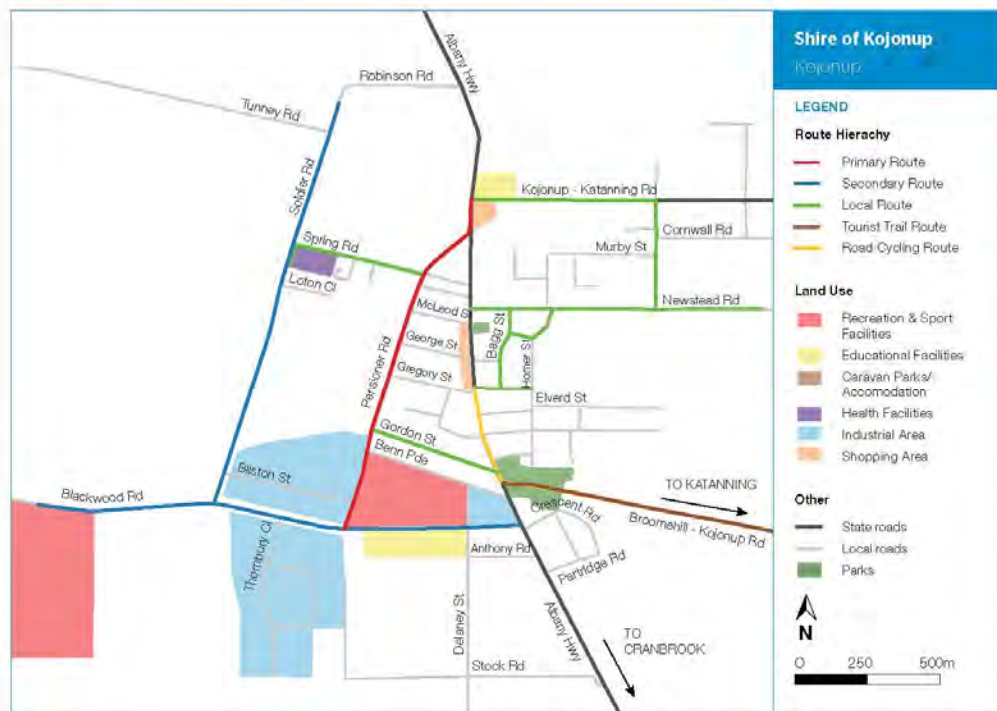
In collaboration with the City of Albany and the shires of Broomehill-Tambellup, Cranbrook, Denmark, Gnowangerup, Jerramungup, Katanning, Kent, Kojonup, Plantagenet and Woodanilling, the Department of Transport is developing the Great Southern 2050 Cycling Strategy.

The Strategy will set out a long-term vision for bike riding across the region, including an aspirational cycling network with proposed infrastructure covering key townsites and providing interregional connections.

When complete, the Strategy will be used to guide funding decisions and prioritise key bike riding projects.

To help us develop the strategy, we want to know:

- what your local bike riding needs are;
- what issues need to be addressed; and
- what opportunities you see to make riding safer, more enjoyable and convenient.



Great Southern 2050 Cycling Strategy; Have your Say Shire of Kojonup

## The Draft Cycling Network

This information sheet includes maps illustrating the draft cycling network for Kojonup, and the regional hinterland surrounding the Shire.

**The draft network has been built to help achieve the following themes:**

- Connecting people to where they live, work, learn and play;
- Encouraging cycling for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds;
- Improving planning for cycling;
- Developing unique cycle tourism experiences, including inter-regional cycle tourism routes along rail corridors;
- Improving safety for road cyclists; and
- Developing safe cycle routes in town centres

**Some of the key features of the draft network include:**

- Potential rail trail from Kojonup to Katanning and Nyabing;
- Potential cycle trails to Farrer Reserve and Myrtle Benn Reserve;
- Connecting regional towns via rail and road reserves; and
- Safer links to schools, shops and recreational facilities.

## About the Cycling Network Hierarchy

On the following maps you will see routes classified by the Western Australian Cycling Network Hierarchy. The WA Cycling Network Hierarchy identifies routes by their function, depending on the type of activities that take place on the route and not on their built form.

The route hierarchy includes:

- Primary Routes
- Secondary Routes
- Local Routes
- Road Cycling Routes
- Tourist / Transport Trails

Except for Road Cycling Routes, all levels of the hierarchy are designed to cater for bicycle riders of all ages and abilities.

## How you can have your say

- **Online Survey** – Visit [www.mysaytransport.wa.gov.au/great-southern-2050-cycling-strategy](http://www.mysaytransport.wa.gov.au/great-southern-2050-cycling-strategy) to complete a short survey and map your ideas
- **In-person Survey** – Visit the Shire of Kojonup, 93-95 Albany Highway, Kojonup, WA 6395 to view the map and complete the survey in person.
- **Online Community Forum** – If you provide feedback you can opt in to be invited to join us online in the new year (2023) to participate and provide comment on the development of the cycle network.



## More information

To learn more about the *Great Southern 2050 Cycling Strategy*, or any of the 11 regional cycling strategies underway or completed visit:

[www.transport.wa.gov.au/activetransport/long-term-cycle-network.asp](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/activetransport/long-term-cycle-network.asp)



ONE STORY MANY VOICES - FRIENDS OF KODJA PLACE  
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**A MAHOOSIVE THANK YOU to all our ULTRA GENEROUS KOJONUPIANS**  
**For Raising a Spectacular**  
**\$50,000 in October**

What a crazy daisy month it has been and I'm ashamed to say that we are delighted October is finally over so we can all recharge our batteries – volunteers and staff alike. What an incredible month, making all the sleepless nights so worthwhile.

### **Spring has Sprung**

Very generous local sponsors and Great Southern Treasures came up trumps in sponsoring our community family fundraising fun day Spring has Sprung on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October which celebrated the end of this year's Bloom festivities.

We raised \$3,800 which will be shared between the Albany Radiation Machine Project to support families whose loved ones are receiving treatment for cancer in the soon to be opened Linac Suite in Albany and for future community activities within Kojonup.

It was a very chilled and relaxing day with Cherylynn Michael extending 'Welcome to Country' and Colin Clinch opening the event with a smoking ceremony together with local MP and honourable minister for our region Mr Rick Wilson. Rick was instrumental in delivering \$14,000 million of Federal funding to prime the development of the Linac Suite in the South West so it was fitting he joined Mary Williams who never gave up on making this state of the art oncology treatment a reality.

The Bush Poets had us all in stitches with their often-irreverent yarns – what wonderful characters they all are and we all enjoyed the music provided by singer songwriter Dilip and the duo The Sibs. A sausage sizzle provided by the Lions and Rotary Clubs of Kojonup, together with food from the Black Cockatoo Café and Megachino's made the day very special so many thanks to all of you for your generous contribution of time and spirit.

It was so successful we are hoping to do a few more chilled Sundays in the Courtyard with music so WATCH THIS SPACE!



## Australian Native Wreaths

A fantastic day with the irreplaceable Sally Wilson who shared her skills with 10 enthusiastic wreath makers, most of whom stayed all day and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Sal's classes are such a huge success that we will most certainly be hosting further classes in early 2023.

Newcomer to Koji, Sarah Riley from Wandering Soul Photos demonstrated her talent as a photographer volunteering at Kodja Place and her laid back approach to photography really captured the essence of what we were doing. Thank you for your time Sarah and welcome to Kojonup and Kodja Place.

Check out Sarah's Christmas Mini Session on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November where she is offering 10 family portraits for \$100.



## Open Gardens

It's just as well gardeners are hardy souls given the dreadful weather we experienced over the Open Garden Weekend. It didn't seem to put people off and they came flocking from all over WA and even interstate to discover Kojonup's hidden gardens.

We welcomed 4 large tour groups specifically to visit the gardens including the Perennial Poppies from Queensland. This is brilliant news on a number of fronts, focussing attention on Kojonup as a tourist destination and generating significant income for our local economy as well as creating a real vibrancy in town throughout the weekend.



The 7 Open Gardens raised a massive \$15,000 for their chosen charities which is inspirational and a very just reward for all the hours of hard work and effort the participants put into making their gardens look so spectacular.

Thank You once again to Colin Rourke - Glenlossie, Mary Jones – The Hacienda, Roberta McGuire – Karaweera, Pete and Wayne Zadow Sunshine House, Cathy & Leftie Wright – Pine Avenue, Neit & Tim Ayres – Doreenup Cottage and last, but not least Di and Simon House - Starhaven who raised over \$5,000 for their chosen charity Living Child a charity who work with women and pregnant mums in local communities throughout Papua New Guinea to reduce infant and maternal mortality and provide health care.

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October also saw the Friends of the Royal Flying Doctor Service host a fantastically successful Long Table Lunch at Glenlossie, also raising a whopping sum. I don't want to steal their thunder, but well done and congratulations to all those involved in both organising the event and supporting it.



## Sundowners at Pine Avenue

This should have more accurately been named rain-downers! The torrential rain certainly made for a very intimate evening as you can see from the photos with 65 people huddled together under cover on the Wright's veranda. A hasty change of plan saw hot mulled wine being served alongside the fizz and it just hit the spot rapidly disappearing before the fizz to warm everyone up.



## Last Chance For You to Be Immortalised in Print

If you haven't done so already, we can still squeeze a few late recipes into the Kojonup Cookbook, so if you want your Great Grannies recipe immortalised in print or you have a favourite one of your own.

A photo and story to accompany it would be brilliant although not compulsory.

We have had some fantastic recipes submitted so thank you so much to those who have already sent their favourite, easy to produce crowd pleasers.

## Christmas Carols in the Courtyard at Kodja Place

Please save Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December in your diary if you would like to attend our traditional Carols in the Courtyard. More details will be available very soon.





# Twilight Markets

Onwards and upwards to the end of 2022 and our Fourth Annual Twilight Markets.

We are really looking forward to hosting the event this year to christen the refurbished Rose Maze. There will be a licensed bar to accompany some interesting food on offer.

More details will follow and look out for our Twilight Markets information which will be popping up around town in the coming weeks.

**DON'T MISS SANTA**

The Kodja  
PLACE

twilight  
MARKETS

**SUNDAY 27th NOV**

OPEN FROM 4PM—8PM

**Just in time for Christmas!**

**BAR - BEER - WINE - FIZZ**

FOOD & MARKET STALLS WITH  
A FANTASTIC SELECTION OF LOCAL PRODUCTS

## Making Tracks Adventures



We would like to welcome and introduce you to 2 other entrepreneurial people who are new to Kojonup.

Please meet **Cody McColl and Jayden Glassby**. Cody's wife is the new manager at Kojonup Day Care Centre and Jayden's wife teaches at KDHS.

Cody and Jaden are embarking on a second series of new adventures, their first series was adopted by WTV. Their first and indeed all their journeys will start from Kojonup and they will be heading up to Wolf Creek from Kojonup and back again in early 2023. Think of Top Gear on a budget which anyone who is adventuress can do for themselves.

They will be exploring WA in 2 old rust buckets, which they are yet to source. Do you have a retired rust bucket they can use – it just must have an engine and they will do the rest. It could be a one-way ticket! Watch social media and read the next Koji News!

Check them out on Making Tracks Adventures U-Tube series to find out what you can expect to see. : <https://www.facebook.com/makingtracksadventuresseries> In the short term Cody and Jayden will be filming throughout town show casing everything that life in Kojonup has to offer. This will include featuring local businesses and people living in the Shire, as well as the more obvious tourist trails and tracks. It will be fun and quirky and the guys are keen to showcase their new home in the best possible light.



DUI KANEANG ELDERS INVITE ALL IN THE COMMUNITY TO COME ALONG TO THE JACK COX'S PRECINCT

AS A COMING TOGETHER FOR **CASSIUS**

WHERE - KODJA PLACE  
TIME - 5-7pm  
**TUES 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

It's about our future growing together!

Sausage Sizzle Available for Gold Coin donation - \$40 candle + Rug

**Because All Kids need to feel Safe**

## Vigil in Memory of Cassius Turvey

Please join us in the Jack Cox Courtyard, Kodja Place Precinct on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November between 5pm and 7pm.

We are holding a candlelit vigil to honour the memory of Cassius Turvey. Everyone is welcome and food, tea and coffee will be available in return for a small donation. Please bring along your own candle if you would like to shine a light in his memory and in hope for a more peaceful and less violent future for our communities.







## The Red Poppy

The Red Poppy has special significance for Australians.

Worn on Remembrance Day (11 November) each year, the red poppies were among the first to flower in the devastated battlefields of northern France and Belgium in the First World War. In soldiers' folklore, the vivid red of the poppy came from the blood of their comrades soaking the ground.

In England in 1919, the British Legion sought an emblem that would honour the dead and help the living. The Red Poppy was adopted as that emblem and since then has been accepted as the Emblem of Remembrance.

<https://www.army.gov.au/our-heritage/traditions/red-poppy#:~:text=In%20soldiers'%20folklore%2C%20the%20vivid,as%20the%20Emblem%20of%20Remembrance>



*“So please, oh PLEASE, we beg, we pray,  
Go throw your TV set away, And in its  
place you can install, A lovely bookshelf  
on the wall.”*

Roald Dahl, from *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*

## Library

### Who’s going to be using our telescope?....Hopefully Your Family??

**A Total Eclipse of the Moon! Did you see this on the 8<sup>th</sup> November, it was too cloudy from my viewing point!**

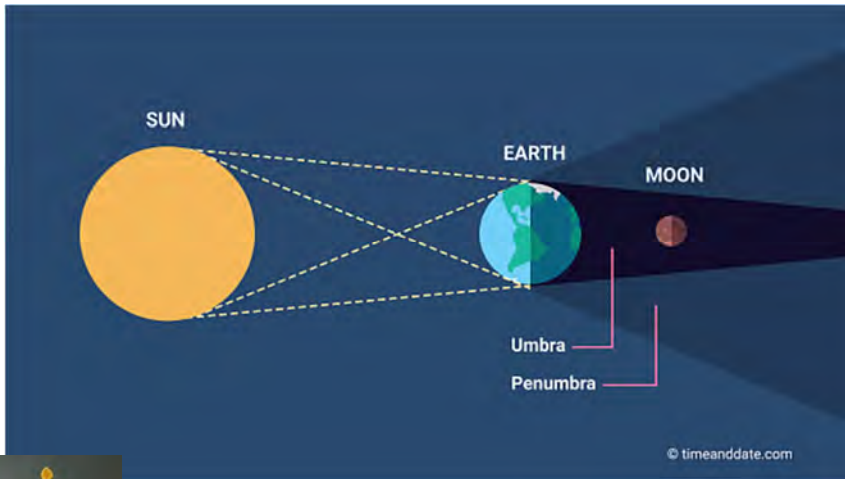
For natural cosmic phenomena, you don’t get more remarkable than a Total Lunar Eclipse!

A total lunar eclipse occurs, when the Sun and Moon are perfectly aligned in their orbits, with the Earth in the middle. As the Moon travels around the far side of the Earth, it passes directly into the shadow of the Earth.

#### **Why does the Moon turn Red?**

To add to the magic of it all, the Moon turns a coppery-red during a total eclipse, earning it the nickname of ‘Blood Moon’. As the Moon passes into the full shadow of the Earth, called the umbra, the Sun’s light passes through the atmosphere of our planet and is scattered, losing most of the blue light. This means that the light that reaches the lunar surface is predominantly red in colour. This effect is known as Rayleigh Scattering and this is also how our sunsets are created.





**Knitting and Crotchet:**  
Our knitting and crotchet ladies have been super busy and enjoy sharing ideas, colours and patterns with each other. You are most welcome to join us every Friday morning 10am-12pm. Morning tea is provided.

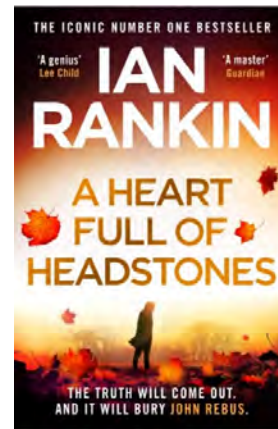
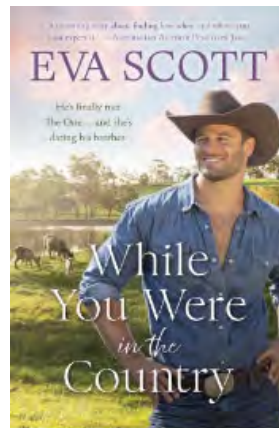
**WHAT THIS SPACE....**



**Mini Maker's Club...**Join Lorreen every Thursday afternoon during December (1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>) in the library as we make simple handmade decorations for your home and your Christmas tree.  
Skill level: 6-12 years.  
Limited spaces.



**What's new in our Library?**







## I have been very interested in being part of a Book Club.....

If you have ever thought about this too, then please give me a call, I'd love to hear your thoughts. I have been toying with the idea of a *BYO Book Club*, where you share what you have been reading in case others aren't aware of the book. We could read a passage from the book, talk it through, learn about the author..... Endless ideas. Tuesday's 10am-11am, morning tea????? Tell me your thoughts

## Play Cafe

We have been so fortunate to enjoy our perfect Wednesday morning's playing in the park with our local families, welcoming new families to our town and sharing the love of simple play and inclusion with those parents stopping and resting with children whilst travelling long distances.

If you are new to our community, please come down and enjoy our free event on every Wednesday from 9:30am-11:30am, just bring your hats.



This Wednesday we held a very special PANDA event, we enjoyed the first part of our morning with a fun play session at the new Sporting Complex Play Area, then mums enjoyed a cuppa and a delicious treat from “Megacino’s” (gastronomic delight), then mum’s had the opportunity to chat in a safe space with Bec Vincent who is a Mental Health Clinician who has a degree in Social Work Bec is a part of the Integrated Primary Mental Health Care Team at Amity Health and have a passion for working with new mums. I believe the discussion was enjoyed by all who attended (I was outside with the children playing).

Special thanks to Di (Community Health Nurse) Sarah (A Smart Start) Michelle (Carer extraordinaire). A Smart Start for providing funding for morning tea. Amanda & Deb (Wanslea), Shire of Kojonup for use of the facility. Our very important mums, you ladies are our future, always be kind to yourself. Master Finn, finding and counting different objects



## Libraries: Where do we go from here?

Public libraries continue to evolve organically, responding and aligning services and programs to the needs of communities. If we compare library services from 10 years ago to now, a lot has changed. While core library services and programs remain intact, local needs and priorities have shifted (digital technologies being an example) so public libraries are striving to meet and address those needs.

The new WA Public Libraries Strategy 2022-2026 highlights the direction of library services for the next four years by focusing on three key areas: *Libraries strengthening communities*, *digitally inclusive libraries*, and *Public libraries valued as an essential community asset*. This strategy has been shaped by consultations with key organisational stakeholders and most importantly, people in our communities. [You can view the full strategy here.](#)

The Kojonup Public Library team continues to listen, learn and explore ways of making the library space even more attractive, joyful, informative, and inclusive for the whole community to enjoy, welcoming feedback and suggestions. If you have any thoughts or ideas to share, please feel free to email the library at [library@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:library@kojonup.wa.gov.au)

### Acknowledgement of Country

Kojonup Public Library respectfully acknowledges the Kaneang Noongar People as the traditional custodians of the land which it stands, and pays respect to elders past, present, and emerging.

## St John - Kojonup

Did you know you can dial 000 through the St John first responder app and it allows our call takers to access the GPS location you're calling from? Calling this way eliminates any need to give convoluted explanations of where the crew needs to go and means you don't need to know where you are to call for help.

As we come into harvest, we ask that everyone, particularly new workers in town, download the app and familiarise themselves with how to use it. Should the worst-case scenario happen it will enable us to reach you as soon as possible.

Help us to help you! 🚑





