



# SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

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## GENERAL COMMUNITY NEWS

### Australia Day Breakfast

Congratulations to all award recipients and thank you to Kojonup Lions Club, Southern Singers, Kate Mason and David & Nancy Cooke for your continued support of the Breakfast and also to the 200 community members who attended.

### Staff Changes - Executive Assistant

Lorraine Wyatt has been appointed to the above position replacing Miranda Wallace and commenced duties on 29 January 2018.

Lorraine held a similar position with the Shire of Merredin for 3 years and was also Office Manager at the Western Metropolitan Regional Council for 3 years.

Lorraine has an interest in Criminology and is undertaking a double major in legal studies and criminal behaviour via Murdoch University.

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## Condolences

Council extends its sincere condolences to families and friends at the recent passing of Chris Owen, Muriel Edgerton- Warburton, Hayden Harper and Graeme Stewart.

## Wandecia Races

Council wishes Wandecia every success in conducting the races and associated entertainment.



## Smart Possibilities – First 100 Days!

Status report as required on page 27 of Community Strategic Plan 2017 -2027

STRATEGIC DELIVERABLES	PROGRESS MADE
<p><b>Key Pillar 1 – Place</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual Calendar of Events – prepare list of events presently conducted which includes NAIDOC week</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Development &amp; Tourism have prepared list and new CDO will continue to liaise with schools, community organisations, Youth Groups etc., to add to the list.</li> <li>Carols by Candlelight held 3 December 2017 and Swimming Pool Open Day held 9 December 2017 – both events well attended</li> <li>Council continuing sponsorship of Australia Day Breakfast</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports Precinct – Bundle Oval Drainage, duplication of Car Park, Nature Play area, general drainage, entry signage, conversion of netball courts to concrete polyurethane surface and roof, pathways, exercise areas and landscaping as a future Building Better Regions Fund application for community consideration.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Officers have been busy seeking concept plans and cost estimates for the various elements attached to the Sports Precinct which include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Converting three Netball Courts from Hot Mix to a concrete base and polyurethane surface, roofing and lighting of same</li> <li>➤ New access to Sports Complex and improved car parking to existing car park near the Swimming Pool</li> <li>➤ New meeting room, office(s) and under storage area south of the Squash Courts</li> <li>➤ Extension of decking and improved disabled access to the Sports Complex</li> <li>➤ Nature Playground and outdoor exercise circuit</li> <li>➤ Install mesh fence to segregate expanded car park from Hockey ground</li> <li>➤ Install Solar Panels for improved energy efficiency</li> <li>➤ Upgrade oval lighting</li> <li>➤ Improve oval and surrounds drainage system</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Keston Technologies provided concepts and costings with aim of submitting a BBRF Round 3 application mid-2018.</p> <p>CSRFF application to be lodged in the first half of 2018 in an effort to leverage commonwealth funds application.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Memorial Hall/Harrison Place Redevelopment project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A BBRF Round 2 application seeking \$750,000 from Commonwealth was lodged 19 December 2017 for Memorial Hall/Harrison Place improvements following earlier visit from Lotterywest. Council website link of the submission will be made available for community information. Lotterywest application to be submitted in first quarter of 2018.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Townscape Planning options being progressed by officers prior to seeking community feedback</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Men’s Shed undertaking repairs and repainting of street seats as a trade-off for rent in accordance with Rental Agreement.</li> <li>Officers are undertaking an audit of existing street furniture and attempting to transfer this data into our RAMMS Asset Management System which requires specific training to be organised. Works</li> </ul>

	<p>Admin Officer is organising training in the first quarter of 2018.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works &amp; Services briefed Council regarding a new 'Directional Service &amp; Tourism Signage Policy (4.2)' which was subsequently adopted at the Council Meeting held 19 September 2017.</li> <li>• CDO prior to leaving compiled photos of various interpretation uses for rubbish bins.</li> <li>• Main Roads WA following attendance at December 2017 Briefing has been formally asked to assist Council prepare traffic, pedestrian, parking, signage concept plans prior to June 2018 to show options available for public comment.</li> <li>• Draft Street Tree Policy prepared following assessment and audit of trees and consultation with horticulturalist, NRM, etc., awaiting concept plans before tabling with Council.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Key Pillar 2 – Connected</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage and assist (where permitted) the Kojonup Aboriginal Corporation (KAC) hold an AGM and adopt its Strategic Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KAC AGM held 13 December 2017 and hopeful adoption of Strategic Plan in first quarter of 2018 including WAITOC opportunities.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lobby the State Government to honour the 'Growing our South' Great Southern Housing Initiative and allocate \$11m from Royalties for Regions over 2 financial years which leverages off the BBRF \$10m allocation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shire President has been actively lobbying State Minister and Director Generals on the need to fund BBRF approved application. Shire President and CEO attending meeting at GSDC office (Albany) 18 December 2017. BBRF agreement sign off extended to March 2018 in an attempt to persuade State Government to allocate funding.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commence process to adopt a new Town Planning Scheme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Town Planner has held workshops with Elected Members and is liaising with Main Roads regarding preferred Heavy Vehicle Freight Route options. Liaising with Department Planning Lands and Heritage officers regarding time lines/potential changes to new Planning Scheme.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Key Pillar 3 – Performance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct a bi-annual Community Engagement Survey prior to November 2017</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CDO leaving has delayed survey until second quarter of 2018.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare a draft Signage policy – erect signage at 8 sealed road entry points</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signage erected at main entry points to the shire by Works &amp; Services. Further discussion required on themes to be incorporated for airport signage with MCD&amp;T.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare a draft Marketing and Promotions Strategy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CDO leaving has not permitted MCD&amp;T progressing same until 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2018.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement an asset rationalisation process based on adopted Building Assessment Framework prior to December 2017</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work in progress with last update at Briefing Session held 5 December 2017.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Key Pillar 4 – Prosperity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Become a member of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Albany) and invite Small Business Centre Albany to conduct a Business Breakfast Forum prior to November 2017</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kojonup Community Growth Association 'wound up' and some business operators attempting to resurrect some form of group representing businesses. Council will engage with any new group formed.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue discussions with G D Pork and Stone Axe Pastoral on benefits of a single access point (Cheviot Hills) to proposed developments off Albany Highway</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting with Main Roads on 12 December 2017 re-enforced importance of Albany Highway planning for such developments. Council also raised need at Great Southern Regional Road Group meetings by Kojonup delegates and via Shire President when attending meetings in Perth.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receive progress reports on Moonies Hill Wind Farm Stage 1 development proposed to commence October 2017</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr Sarah Rankin has briefed Council re project status and agenda item regarding underground cabling agreement tabled and adopted at 19 September 2017 Council Meeting.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress installation of Solar Panels on Council Admin Building and at Springhaven</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solar Panels at Springhaven installed and Council Admin Building will be progressed in first quarter of 2018 as part of Energy Efficiency Strategy.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress discussions with suppliers for the installation of an E Charge point at the Kodja Place Car Park</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awaiting formal development application from proponent as do not wish to reseal balance of car park until E Charge point installed. Expect to finalise in first quarter of 2018.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish construction timeframes with Land Corp on new 15 – 17 lot Residential Subdivision off Soldier Road</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New State Government has merged several departments, however Land Corp have formally surveyed area and awaiting formal notification when project will proceed.</li> <li>Quotes obtained for Engineering/Subdivision services provision for Katanning Road/Murby/John Street subdivision in order to progress BBRF Housing Initiative project.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Key Pillar 5 – Digital</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress full Wi-Fi coverage within the Main Street</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MCS progressing same as NBN now activated in Main Street.</li> <li>Project has been scoped by two private companies and currently awaiting quotes.</li> <li>Exact WiFi hotspot locations still need to be determined in accordance with townscape plans and people friendly locations.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress Communications infrastructure coverage improvements either by sharing improved Telecommunication Towers or replacing existing tower</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offer from Telstra (via WA Police) for co-use of Lumear tower</li> <li>Meeting held with “iPDAT Communications Consultants &amp; 10B Fabrication” to discuss requirements.</li> <li>Discussions held for use as FM radio transmitter / joint partner and funding opportunities.</li> <li>GSDC proposed private internet network being fed into the project proposal scope.</li> <li>(Connect Technologies) difficult to pin down for outcomes, but still best long term project partner/consultant.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liaise with Universities/Southern Dirt etc. exploring potential Technological Centre of Excellence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MCS project for first quarter 2018, commencing with meeting with Southern Dirt and Council agenda item.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare discussion paper assessing pros and cons of centralising CRC, Library, Southern Dirt, NRM/Landcare services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MCS progressing same as part of Building Assessment process with Council, last update at Briefing Session held 5 December 2017</li> </ul>

Got a burning question for the Shire President? Want to liaise with Council? Community members are reminded that the Shire President is available for appointments every Wednesday morning from 10:00am until noon. Please contact the Miranda at the Shire Office on (08) 9831 2408.



*Ronnie Fleay*  
*Shire President*

*Rick Mitchell-Collins*  
*Chief Executive Officer*

### COMMUNITY EVENTS (REGULAR & UPCOMING)

Call the Shire on 9831 2400 or view the Shire website – [www.kojonup.wa.gov.au](http://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au) for further details.

Date / Day	Time	Event	Location	Cost
Tuesdays	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Homework Help	Library	FREE
Wednesdays (no 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday)	9:30am – 11:00am	Play Café	Kojonup DHS (Kindy Rooms)	FREE
Fortnightly on Friday	10:30am – 11:30am	Storytime (2 February)	Library	FREE
Daily	11:00am – 7:00pm	Swimming Pool Open	Swimming Pool	\$2 or FREE for 0-3 & Spectators
(4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month)	10:00am – 12:00pm	Play in the Park	Apex Park	FREE
Wednesday, 31 January	Night	Lunar Eclipse	Where ever prefer	FREE
Thursday, 1 February	4:00pm	Applications for Chemical Applicator / Plant Operator close	N/A	N/A
Wednesday, 7 February	8:30am – 12:00pm	Weed Removal	Kojonup Cemetery Carpark	FREE

### ROADWORKS

#### Upcoming/In-Progress

- Pensioner Road – upgrade of side entry pits
- Sporting Complex – replacing the front pavement and doing the cul-de-sac to the west side
- Bitumen Patching where and as required
- Spraying of roadsides, parks and gardens
- Guidepost, signage and culvert extensions on Magini Road and Fisher Road scheduled for January 2018
- Road grading when and where required

- Jago Road and Lowden Road – wood culvert replacement

Any comments regarding the proposed works are welcome.

*Craig McVee*  
**Manager Works & Services**  
0427 427 854.



## RATE PAYMENTS

### Instalments

A reminder to Rate Payers who have elected to pay by option 4, the 4<sup>th</sup> and last instalment is due on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

### Overdue Amounts

Unless you have elected to pay by the 4 payment method all other amounts owing are now overdue. Outstanding rates other than Pensioners incur late payment interest of 11% p/a.

Ratepayers with overdue amounts are urged to finalise payment of their account immediately, or, if you are unable to make payment or having other difficulties paying your rates please contact Senior Finance Officer Heather Marland at the Shire on 9831 2404, to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

### Pensioner and Senior Card Holders

A reminder to holders of Senior and Pensioner concession cards, to register with the Shire for a rebate on the current year's Rates and ESL charges. To be eligible you must be a card holder and have owned and lived on your property as of the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017. To find out more or to register please contact Heather Marland at the Shire on 9831 2404.

**Heather Marland**  
**Senior Finance Officer**  
 9831 2400



## PROTECTING YOUR PET DURING AN EMERGENCY

More than 60 per cent of Australian households include a much loved pet and with the bushfire season upon us it's important our furry friends are included in the family bushfire survival plan.

Department of Fire and Emergency Service (DFES) Director of Community Preparedness Suellen Flint said actions for keeping pets safe were often left out when putting together an evacuation plan.

*"Given we hold animals so close to our hearts, it is only natural that bushfire survival plans should include what you will do with your animals if you need to evacuate,*

*There are several things you can do to prepare for a possible evacuation if you have pets.*

- *Make sure your pet is properly micro-chipped and collared*
- *Have a bag near the front door containing a lead, some food, a water bowl and any medications they may need*
- *If you can't take your animals with you make sure they are not tied up so they can escape if necessary.*

*While evacuation centres provide temporary accommodation during emergencies, they often do not accommodate animals other than trained assistance dogs*

*If you are evacuating during a bushfire, you should try to take your pets with you on the first trip. You may have the best intentions of going back to get your pets on a second trip, only to find when you return that the roads have been closed because the area is unsafe."*

DFES and RSPCA WA recommend community members talk to their local government regarding where their pets can stay during an emergency, or ask family and friends if they can temporarily care for pets until the evacuation is over.

DFES and RSPCA have developed this video which outlines the steps to consider when evacuating with your pets (see link below).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ORnKLnRhA8&feature=youtu.be>

To prepare your bushfire survival plan visit [www.dfes.wa.gov.au/firechat](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/firechat)

**SPRINGHAVEN LODGE NEWS**

The festive season is now over and with summer is well and truly upon us.

December was very busy month with Springhaven Lodge being decorated for Christmas.

Residents enjoy having morning tea with Andrew Collins and Kate McAllister from ABC breakfast radio, some residents was interviewed regarding their thoughts on the meaning of Christmas. Pictured below is Ray Russel with Andrew Collins



Many resident went out on Christmas day to celebrate with family and friends. It was also wonderful to see families, staff and residents come together to celebrate Christmas lunch with loved one at Springhaven. Thank- you to all the staff who helped make this possible!

We are now busy planning activities for the coming year and are fortunate to have Yoga every Friday morning to play the piano for the residents like she did attending last year.

We will celebrating Australia day with a good old AUSSIE BBQ and a few songs- watch this space for the update next time.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

The following residents who celebrated birthdays in December and January

Kathleen, Barb, Raymond and Hope.

As always if anyone has a special talent, plays musical instrument or if you have a special pet you would like to bring in for pet therapy with the residents. Please contact Cathy on 98312800.

*Sue Northover*

**Manager of Aged Care Services**

9831 2800

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Welcome to the New Year and a busy start for us all.

Summer Holidays almost at a close and a new school year about ready to begin and so do our Early Years sessions. All our events are free and we would thoroughly love the company of yourself & your child, alongside aunts, uncles, grandparents & friends.

Storytime 10.30am reading starts @ the library.

2 February 2018

16 February 2018

2 March 2018

16 March 2018

30 March 2018

13 April 2018

Play in the Park 10am-12pm @ the APEX Park.

(4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month)

28 February 2018

28 March 2018

Play Café 9.30am – 11.30am @ KDHS Kindy Rooms.

7 February 2018

14 February 2018

21 February 2018

7 March 2018

14 March 2018

21 March 2018

4 April 2018

11 April 2018

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**Snr Library Officer**

9831 2400

## LANDCARE, NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT & SHIRE WEED REMOVAL DAY

Kojonup Landcare and the Shire will be holding a



‘Weedy Wattle Removal Day’ in the reserve opposite the cemetery. We will be cutting down, removing and painting stumps of the Acacia’s decurrans (black), pycnantha (golden) & iteaphylla (Flinders Range) that are classed as “Environmental Weeds of Community Concern”.

To realise the vision of the Kojonup Weed Strategy which is “To capitalise on the positive community spirit in Kojonup, to encourage entire community involvement to control environmental weeds that degrade our fragile native habitat” each month we will be holding a weed eradication/removal and/or revegetation day. This will be undertaken in various reserves within the shire or road verges that have been identified.

**When** –Wednesday, 7 February 2018 from 8:30am – 12:00pm

**Where** – meet at the Kojonup Cemetery Carpark

**What to Bring** – water bottles, hats & sunscreen. Small chainsaws/handsaws and a couple of trailers. Shire will provide staff, wands, paint brushes and Glyphosate.

**Who** – any community members, service clubs and volunteers.

*Marina Murray*

**Supervisor/Horticultural Tradesperson**

0428 566 527

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – KODJA PLACE

### Welcome to New Team Member

The Shire would like to welcome Heidi Tyler who joined the Community Development and Tourism team at Kodja Place at the start of January replacing Serena.



### KIDSPORT

With the end of school holidays quickly upon us, families will be planning which sports to participate in this year. If you have children aged between 5 years and 18 years of age, have a Pensioner Concession Card or a valid Health Care card you could be eligible for help to pay for registration fees. For more information parents can go to: [www.dsr.wa.gov.au/kidsport](http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/kidsport) for information, check which clubs are registered in Kojonup and Katanning and lodge application forms.

### Bicycle Road Safety – New Regulations

Recent road regulation changes stipulating the minimum passing distance of 1m came into effect in November last year. Drivers – do you understand your responsibilities when driving past cyclists? Please go to: <https://www.rsc.wa.gov.au/Rules-Penalties/Browse/Cyclists> for further information. To participate in a quick survey, check your knowledge of these new road rules and give feedback to the Road Safety Commission, go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XZ9H2J5>

### Lunar Eclipse

Special events are being planned by various community groups for the evening of 31 January. Check your social media and notice boards around town to see how you can be part of this rare experience as it coincides with a Blue Moon. Remember: save any photos you take for this year’s Kojonup Show in October.



### ***Curtin/Elon US University Student Study Tour: The Kodja Place***

On Saturday, The Kodja Place and Black Cockatoo Café in Kojonup played host to 24 visiting students and accompanied staff from the Elon University in the United States. The visit was part of a 3 week study tour organised through Curtin University.



The students were provided with a special guided tour of The Kodja Place focusing on the Noongar story and spent 3 hours in Kojonup. The staff and students were very impressed with The Kodja Place and it is hoped to extend future visits to allow the students more time.

### ***Updating Community and Sporting Groups Directory***

A few years ago the Shire had a directory created with contact information for all of the community and sporting groups within the district of Kojonup. This was last updated in 2016. Heidi Tyler will be emailing all of these groups in the next few weeks to request current information and have this directory updated and available on the Shire's website, or as a hard copy on request. To help her complete this project, or if you are aware that changes are necessary to update your Club or Association's information, you can locate Heidi at Kodja Place, phone her on 9831 0500 or send an

email to: [cdo@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@kojonup.wa.gov.au) Thank you in advance for your support of this project.

*Zahra Shirazee*

***Manager Community Development & Tourism***

9831 0500

### ***EMPLOYMENT***

#### ***CHEMICAL APPLICATOR / PLANT OPERATOR***

*(Level 4-4A \$26.51 – \$27.03 per hour)*

The Shire of Kojonup is looking for a suitable candidate to join the Outside Works Crew as a Chemical Applicator/Plant Operator.

Time management, high work ethic and the desire to work as part of a team is required. Candidates need to have an understanding of workplace health and safety. All positions will involve physical labour and candidates will need to demonstrate a reasonable level of personal fitness.

This fulltime position is offered on a permanent basis. Salary and conditions will be in accordance with the Local Government Industry Award 2010 and the All of Staff Agreement 2011. The final offer will be dependent on the successful applicant's level of experience and qualifications.

To apply for this position please download the Information Package from the 'Employment Vacancies' page on the Shire website – [www.kojonup.wa.gov.au](http://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au). For further information about the positions, please contact Craig McVee, Manager of Works Services, on 0427 427 854.

Applications must be received on or before **Thursday, 1 February 2018 by 4:00pm.**

*Rick Mitchell-Collins*

***Chief Executive Officer***