



SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

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COUNCIL MEETING – 20 FEBRUARY 2018 OUTCOMES:

Natural Resource Management/LandCare

Council agreed to add an additional goal: *‘To improve biosecurity by managing flora and fauna pests’ to the Natural Resource Management Committee’s Terms of Reference.*”

Neighbouring Shires face a similar issue of addressing flora and fauna pests with finite resources and try to work collaboratively with land owners, Landcare, State Government agencies and volunteers. Ultimately some shires risk matrix may necessitate higher priorities in other core areas such as road maintenance and re-sheeting at the expense of improved biosecurity leaving land owners to manage their own properties and boundaries. The challenge is striking a balance!

Upgrade of Kojonup Airstrip Lighting

Council endorsed the Chief Executive Officers signing of the Funding Deed between the Minister for Transport under the Regional Airports Development Scheme (RADS) 2017-19 to upgrade the runway lights to L.E.D. at Kojonup Airport. The Shire will contribute \$48,500 ex GST while the RADS Grant will contribute \$47,870 towards the supply and installation of new L.E.D. AGL light fittings with new bases.

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Condolences

Council would like to offer our condolences to Cr Judith Warland, Helen Bignell and families on the passing of their Mother. Our thoughts are with you at this time.

THE KODJA PLACE UPDATE

Council's aim is to achieve the following key objectives for Kodja Place;

1. Be sustainable – financially, socially and culturally
2. Be a place of community pride and engagement
3. To nurture our future storytellers and makers

Unfortunately, nothing is as clear cut as it we would like it to be. Council has a legal responsibility to focus on preventing further degeneration of the building structure and to address identified risks which the Shire is legally bound to address.

Council have agreed that this is their priority for The Kodja Place Precinct for the balance of the 2017/2018 and the 2018/19 financial year.

While Council's budget for Kodja Place is still significant it needs to be noted that the budgeted amount includes \$195,000 in depreciation which is not an actual cash cost. It also includes salaries which are not exclusive to the Kodja Place but, of which, a percentage goes to overall community development, promotion and events.

The budget also includes a number of costs relating to Visitor Information provision and grounds maintenance, including the Rose maze, which would be a cost to the Shire regardless of whether Kodja Place existed.

The past two financial years we have also faced a number of unexpected expenses in relation to the Kodja Place Cafe which, following urgent upgrades, is now operating very well under new management.

Your Council is being proactive in assuring future cost reduction by securing funding to install a pipeline from the disused south town dam to the tank near Kodja Place, in order to water the Rose Maze and lawns including Apex Park.

We continue to seek efficiencies and are pleased that with growing visitation, especially tour bus groups, we are increasing our revenue.

Kodja Place has a very wide appreciation and recognition both Nationally and Internationally and has increasingly become a 'must stop' for tour organisers.

I encourage all locals to come down and view the many wonderful comments recorded in our visitor books.

While Tourism will never be Kojonup's core business, it definitely value adds to existing businesses. This value can be measured in both social and financial return. Kodja Place, however, is much more than tourism - it is your (the community's) Place and Story.

MEDICAL CENTRE

Council in consultation with the community undertook a comprehensive review of the 2013 – 2023 Community Strategic Plan (CSP) and adopted the Kojonup 2027+ SMART Possibilities Community Strategic Plan at its meeting held 25 July 2017. This document is reflective of community views, collected from targeted and comprehensive community consultation.

Running concurrently with the CSP, Council implemented a Building Assessment Framework which was adopted at the 25 July 2017 Council Meeting.

This framework defines the methodology that the Shire implements for undertaking a qualitative assessment of all Shire building assets against an agreed set of criteria to identify which assets should remain on the Shire's inventory and which assets should be considered for replacement, rationalisation/disposal or re-purposing.

Council, at the same meeting, also adopted the Asset Management Plan 2017 including 12 recommendations contained within the plan. This process also aligned with recommendations contained in the NAJA Health Precinct Report from 2016.

The Asset Management Plan (AMP) specifically states:

“The most significant recurring issue for all local government organisations is the sustainability concerns related to financing the renewal gap. Ageing community infrastructure, cumulative infrastructure renewal backlog and changing community expectations for the assets being replaced contribute to an industry wide challenge.”

The Shire of Kojonup has limited resources and is the custodian of a large number of assets. Therefore, when making decisions in relation to infrastructure assets, the Shire is committed to the philosophy of renewing assets before acquiring new assets. In addition, where possible, rationalising and consolidating assets that are no longer used or do not provide the agreed level of service.

In relation to the building of a new medical centre, Council has to ensure that sufficient funds are set aside for whole of life costs including building renewal and operating costs over the effective life of the new asset which could be upwards of 50 years. In this case, the Council will be reliant on annual rental and ratepayer funds to meet these requirements.

Such considerations may be balanced by demonstrated community need however if the current Medical centre is able to expand its existing premises the necessity to seek additional funds is not required.

There will be the ongoing need for a physical building and Council has to consider whether funding can be found and what the ongoing cost implications to rate payers would be of building a new facility as opposed to significantly improving the existing site at a much reduced cost.

Based on previous quantity survey costings (on an approx 300sq m commercial building) Council will need to secure \$1.4 million in addition to Mr Church’s request to build a new Medical Centre on a Greenfield site that complies with Australian Standards.

A minimum of \$40,000 per annum would need to be set aside for Asset Management to cover building maintenance/renewal for a new \$2 million building.

If Council does not borrow \$1.4 million specifically for a new Medical Centre the net effect to the Long Term Financial Plan is annual savings of \$140,000 for years 1 - 10 (the equivalent of an annual rate rise of 3.78%) before any other budget items aligned to the Community Strategic Plan are considered.

A unanimous Council decision in April 2015 included a commitment to review Aged Care, Medical and Health Services and Infrastructure in the 2018/19 financial year at which time all of the above will be duly considered.

Cr Ronnie Fleay
Shire President

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 Lorraine at the Shire Office on (08) 9831 2408.



Shire President
Ronnie Fleay

Chief Executive Officer
Rick Mitchell-Collins

SPRINGHAVEN LODGE NEWS

As our partnership is coming to an end with Alzheimer's WA, they are visiting this Friday for morning tea and to see what improvements we have completed at Springhaven to promote the "Household Model".

The Australian Aged Care Quality Agency has completed their three day audit and recommended Springhaven Lodge has attained all four standards and forty four outcomes. A big thank you to the staff for the outstanding care they give our residents.



Residents embraced Valentine's Day with the theme of love enjoying a lovely morning tea listening to their all-time favourite romantic music bringing back memories of love and sharing stories. Residents were greeted in the morning with rose and flower seeds to plant.



Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday this month to Graham Melrose.

As always if anyone has a special talent, plays a 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 9831 2800.

Sue Northover

Manager of Aged Care Services

9831 2800

LIBRARY NEWS

Well we have our new Library Management System in place. We are skilled at issues and returns, so life is good. We can still order inter library books and return those you have finished with also. Our first client with the new system was Mrs Margaret Crapella (pictured), with her books and new look library card. Thank you!!



Kojonup Youth

Centre Homework classes on Tuesday have been well attended by the children. Once again the adult volunteers and Teacher support is valued so keep supporting the kids. Thanks to Kojonup IGA for the donation of fruit every week and also the Kojonup Bakery for their generosity of baked goods. Food after school is always greeted with smiles.

We have been having lots of fun back at 'PLAY CAFÉ' this year. This last week we spoke and sung rhymes about **pedestrian road safety**. Even our mums turned into cars, trucks and motorbikes as we all held hands, stopped, looked, listened and walked safely across our pretend road.



Master Ollie, mastered his frog making skills with the guidance of his mum, and was super proud to have his photo taken with his frog. Gluing, glitter,



feathers, foam peanuts, patty cases and more glitter was the highlight of our gluing project. We also discovered that using our playdoh to pick up excess glitter gives us even more reason to keep the playdoh for next time.

Save the date:

Storytime 10.30am reading starts @ the library.

2 March 2018

16 March 2018

30 March 2018

13 April 2018

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

(4th Wednesday each month)

28 February 2018

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

7 March 2018

14 March 2018

21 March 2018

4 April 2018

11 April 2018

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Senior Library Officer

9831 2412

LANDCARE UPDATE

WEEDY WATTLE REMOVAL DAY

A few volunteers joined the Shire of Kojonup, on Wednesday 7 February 2018, to remove weedy wattle species from the area bounded by Tunney, Soldier and the Old Rubbish Tip roads. Over 6 Ha of the varieties *Acacia pycnantha* (Australian Golden Wattle), *Acacia decurrens* (Black Wattle),

Acacia iteaphylla (Flinders Range Wattle) and *Acacia longifolia* ssp. *Longifolia* (Sydney Golden Wattle) as well as a few garden plants and *Tagasaste* (Tree Lucerne) were routed from the reserve.

Many thanks to Sue O'Halloran, Chris Evans and Cr Ned Radford for diligently hand-sawing and chain-sawing weeds as well as Marina Murray and the garden crew from the Shire of Kojonup for the equipment and extra people-power.



*Caption: Sue O'Halloran, volunteer, putting some elbow grease into sawing down an Australian Golden Wattle (*Acacia pycnantha*)*

The next weeding day will be held on 7 March from 9am to complete the wattle removal from the section commenced and start on the section north of the Old Rubbish Tip road. All are welcome to attend. No equipment required but chain-saws or hand-saws are welcome.

For more information, please contact Jane Kowald, 9831 0291, landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au or Marina Murray, 9831 2900, sh@kojonup.wa.gov.au

GRANT MONEY COMING KOJONUP'S WAY

The Shire of Kojonup has been successful in obtaining funding from the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program, supported by Royalties for Regions, to revegetate and infill areas with native plant varieties on David McFall's Temple Farm. Over 15 Ha of farmland will be planted, with an aim to 'manage erosion and create new distributed and connected habitat linkages higher in the landscape'. Incorporated in the funding is the participation of students in the School National Tree Day on Wednesday 27 June

2018. If you would like to know more information, please contact Jane Kowald on 9831 0291 or landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au

More funding has been received from the Australian Governments National Landcare Program's 20 Million Trees. The 20 Million Trees Program is part of the national stream of the National Landcare Program, and has four strategic objectives:

- **20 Million Trees** – 20 million trees and associated understorey planted by 2020.
- **Environmental Conservation** – support local environmental outcomes by improving the extent, connectivity and condition of native vegetation that supports native species
- **Community Engagement** – work cooperatively with the community
- **Carbon Reduction** – contribute to Australia reducing its greenhouse gas emissions.

The Shire of Kojonup has been successful in securing funds to direct seed native species in an unused gravel pit along the Collie-Changerup Road and, using local Indigenous groups, to plant native species seedlings in the Old Speedway, north of the Kojonup Showgrounds.

CLEAN COMMUNITY GRANTS

Up to \$500 is available to volunteer groups or individuals that participate in the Clean Communities initiative by collecting and separating waste for recycling.

Clean Communities contributes to the objectives of the Western Australian waste strategy: Creating the Right Environment by providing collection bags to volunteer community groups.

The bags allow the community groups to enable separation of the waste they collect and are consistent with Australian Standard bin colours.

Community groups and individuals that collect waste for recycling and composting through the

program, can receive up to \$500 based on the number of bags that they fill.

For more information about how you can get involved, visit

<http://wasteauthority.wa.gov.au/programs/grants/clean-communities>

NATIONAL LANDCARE PROGRAM – ENVIRONMENT SMALL GRANTS

The program will provide a total of up to \$5 million in grants in 2017-18 to community, environment, and other groups to undertake eligible natural resource management activities that improve the quality of the local environment. The program will support projects that address the following National Landcare Program objective:

- to protect and conserve Australia's water, plants and animals and the ecosystems in which they live and interact, in partnership with local communities.

The intended outcomes of the program are an:

- increase in the protection, rehabilitation and restoration of environmental assets
- increase in the natural resource management community delivering biodiversity and natural resources practice.

The grant will be up to 100 per cent of eligible project expenditure.

- The minimum grant amount is \$5,000.
- The maximum grant amount is \$50,000.

The maximum grant period is 12 months.

To be eligible to apply you must:

- be a legal entity that can enter into a grant agreement with the Commonwealth
 - have an Australian Business Number (ABN)
 - be 18 years of age or older, if you are applying as an individual.
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REGIONAL LAND PARTNERSHIPS - CALLING ALL LANDHOLDERS!

The Regional Land Partnerships component of the Australian Government's National Landcare Program, has now been released for tender.

South West Catchment Council is tendering for a range of projects within the South West Region. Would you like to get involved? If so, tell us about your Landcare idea and we may be able to include it as part of one of our on-ground projects.

Email landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au for a copy of the RLP EOI or call into the Shire to pick up a hard copy of the form.

Jane Kowald
NRM/Landcare Officer
9831 0291

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – KODJA PLACE

WA WASTE AUTHORITY SEMINAR

On Wednesday 7 February the Shire of Kojonup attended a seminar with other stakeholders in Albany on the future of waste (rubbish collection/recycling). Coordinated by the Waste Authority for Western Australia, the focus was two-fold: review what WA does successfully and secondly, to identify goals to aim for in the future.

The Government is seeking to make Western Australia into a sustainable low-waste society in which human health and the environment are valued and protected. The Western Australian Waste Strategy: Creating the Right Environment, published in 2012, set a long-term strategic direction and identified priorities for waste in the State.

The State Government is now reviewing its waste strategy and invites community consultations with stake-holders to work out how to shift our focus from limiting how much waste each household and industry creates and encouraging recycling toward identifying and developing strategies that will assist us to move toward using our recycled

waste innovatively. For example, encouraging start-up enterprises to use recycled materials in programs for Art, roadworks and in other brilliant ways.

If you would like to contribute and make a comment please click on this link: [online survey](#)

KOJONUP CALENDAR OF EVENTS

There are a number of events coming up in the next few weeks. **Saturday 24 Feb** is going to be a massive day – Kit and Kooky's Concert is on at the Baptist Hall from 2pm.

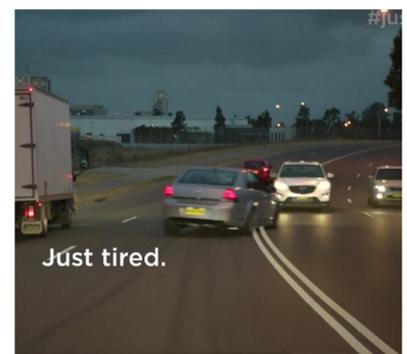
For more information about these events, please contact the Kojonup Visitor Centre.

Open Community invitation, Thursday the **1 March 2018**: The Shire of Kojonup has purchased an Outdoor Ping Pong Table and it is being installed at the Newstead Park. Everyone is welcome to attend the launch which will start at 3.30pm at Newstead Park. Please note: parking in the area is limited and caution will be necessary during that time if you are driving near the area.

A road safety reminder for anyone travelling over the Labour Day Long Weekend, with **Monday 5 March 2018** a public holiday. Police will be out on the roads and remember, double demerits will be in place from Thursday, 1 March until Monday midnight!

Remember:

Driver Reviver free coffee will be available from Kodja Place all weekend for all travellers, and if you are on the road remember: Stop. Take a break. Stretch your legs. Don't drive tired.



VOLUNTEER AWARDS "SAVE THE DATE"

The last week of May is "National Volunteer Week" and the Shire of Kojonup will be hosting a High Tea on Sunday, 27 May for all residents of Kojonup to come together to recognise the dedicated volunteers of our great community.



Nomination forms will be available from Wednesday, 27 February from a variety of locations and online from the Shire website. The closing date is 23 April 2018.

HEALTHWAY GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE NOW.



These grants are available to support clearly defined health promotion activities and programs, particularly those focusing on Healthway priority health issues of tobacco control, reducing harm from alcohol, preventing weight issues, and promoting good community and individual mental health.

Healthway has identified priority areas for health promotion projects as well as target groups which include children, young people and disadvantaged groups. Applications for innovative, sustainable projects that reach these target groups are particularly encouraged.

There are three Healthway sponsorship categories: Under \$5,000 • \$5,000 - \$50,000 • Over \$50,000

Information relating to Healthway sponsorship programs, including application conditions, on the website: www.healthway.wa.gov.au available to clubs and groups planning an event in the future that meet the criteria.

KODJA PLACE & KOJONUP VISITOR CENTRE: DID YOU KNOW?

2,959 people found us on Google

- **113** asked for directions (-28% from December 2017)
- 33 visited the Kodja Place website (+32% from December 2017)

KO is OK

The majority of Kojonup residents would agree that this is a great town to visit and, it turns out, our visitors agree. Here's what some of them are saying about The Kodja Place and Visitor Centre:

On Google

"Very popular, great food. Museum adjoining it is very interesting and well worth a visit..."

"Very interesting local history of Kojonup. Particularly enjoyed the rose maze walk."

In Our Visitor's Book

"My one stop shop between Gingin and Albany! Thank you xx." Raylene, Gin Gin.

"Wonderful Visitor's Centre. Very helpful." Bill and Mary, Perth

We know that many of the Koji businesses and community groups provide great service and/or products and we'd love to hear what your customers are saying about you so that we can share them on your behalf. Please send your comments to cdo@kojonup.wa.gov.au and we'll send you a **KO is OK** sticker for your trouble.

Zahra Shirazee

Manager Community Development & Tourism

9831 0500

LOCAL AND REGIONAL EVENTS


Shire of Kojonup

All Residents are Invited!

A new, unique outdoor recreation opportunity
for
The Youth of Kojonup!

Light Refreshments
will be available.
Challenge the kids to
a game!

Starts from: 3.30pm
Thursday 1 March



*Newstead Park
Corner of Newstead Rd
and Honor St.*

MINI-BEASTS NIGHT STALK!

Join Margaret Jacobson
(macro-invertebrate
specialist) and SoWA
Landcare for a night stalk
to discover what lurks in
the bush at Nangip Creek
Reserve after the sun goes
down....

Friday March 2nd 7:30-9pm
Nangip Creek Reserve

Bring your own torch plus a
responsible adult with all
children, wear long pants and
closed in footwear. Meet
under the Gazebo at
Robert.L.Perry Park for a
guided walk to find out!



Bookings essential
by February 28th on
9765-1555 or karrie@blackwoodbasingroup.com.au







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YOUNG TRAVEL WRITERS: WIN THE BEST JOB IN THE WORLD!

If you're in secondary school and think you have what it takes to do the best job in the world then this notice is for you.

On Saturday, 17 February, The West Australian and Seven West Travel Club announced the opening of the Young Travel Writer 2018 competition. The competition promises to give students the chance to discover the beauty and history of Western Australia and share the experience with others.

All you need to do is write about your travels and get your entry in before Friday, 9 March for a chance to go on assignment to Exmouth and Dirk Hartog Island. Ten finalists will get a camera and writing and photography workshop and two winners will go on assignment to research, write, take photos, shoot video and work on social media and digital content. Their stories will be published in The West Australian and online.

If this is for you, then click on the following link [Best Job in the World](#) for full details and terms and conditions. We'd love to have someone from Koji win, goodluck!

HUNTING FOR MINI-BEASTS!

Sat March 3rd
9-10:30 am
Lake
Towerrinning

All children must
be accompanied
by a responsible
adult.

Join Margaret Jacobson
(macro-invertebrate
specialist) and SoWA
Landcare at Lake
Towerrinning BBQ area,
for fun activities including
making your own bug
nets, then hunting for and
identifying the mini-
beasts that live around
the Lake.





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COMMUNITY EVENTS (REGULAR & UPCOMING)

Call the Shire on 9831 2400 or view the Shire website – www.kojonup.wa.gov.au for further details.

Date / Day	Time	Event	Location	Cost
Thursday 1 March	3.00pm	Outdoor Ping Pong	Newstead Park	Free
Wednesday 7 March	9.00am	Weedy Wattle Removal Day	Old Rubbish Tip Road	Free
Tuesdays	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Homework Help	Library	FREE
Wednesdays (no 4 th Wednesday)	9:30am – 11:00am	Play Café 7 March 2018 14 March 2018 21 March 2018	Kojonup DHS (Kindy Rooms)	FREE
Fortnightly on Friday	10:30am – 11:30am	Storytime 2 March 2018 16 March 2018 30 March 2018	Library	FREE
4 th Wednesday of each month	10:00am – 12:00pm	Play in the Park 28 February 2018 28 March 2018	Apex Park	FREE
Daily	12:00am – 6:30pm	Swimming Pool Open	Swimming Pool	\$2 or FREE for 0-3 & Spectators
Tuesdays 3 rd Tuesday of each month	Commencing at: 3.00pm	Ordinary Council Meeting 20 March	Council Chambers	FREE