



# SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

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## COUNCIL BRIEFING

### Sporting Complex

Recent roadworks between the oval and the sporting complex has uncovered significant additional and urgent retaining wall requirements adjacent to the deck at the front of the complex.

A Land Surveyor and Consulting Engineer have been engaged to undertake detailed planning and design of corrective work required to address drainage and pedestrian access between the Oval and the Sporting Complex.

A temporary access ramp will be installed at the eastern (i.e. squash court) end of the Sporting Complex to provide a pedestrian link between the change rooms and the upper oval level while works are progressed. Vehicle access to the oval level is now only available via the newly constructed access from Benn Parade between the Bowling Club and the Swimming Pool. Signage will shortly be installed to highlight these changed access arrangements.

Sporting Complex user groups will be kept informed as works progresses and their input sought during the design phase. The Shire is aware this will cause inconvenience to all users as we enter the winter sports season and we are working urgently to implement a permanent solution.

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Councillors have had the opportunity to participate in a number of regional committees and forums and recently attended the following:

#### **Great Southern Recreation Advisory Group**

Councillors received an update on the new Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC).

While we are constantly reminded by the State Government that there is not much funding available, there remain some limited opportunities. Clubs should note the Sport and Recreation Grant funding that is available and take advantage where possible. A new round is expected to be advertised at the end of March so watch their website [www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au](http://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au).

#### **Great Southern Centre for Outdoor Recreation Excellence (GSCORE)**

GSCORE has been working within the Great Southern with the aim to stimulate economic activity within the region to turn the Great Southern into the Adventure Capital of Australia. The vision is to have a flourishing outdoor recreation industry, world class trails, outdoor education and training, as well as creative and innovative technologies. Visit <http://gscore.com.au>

#### **True Sport**

Did you know that WA Sport and Recreation is made up of over 5,000 grass roots sport and rec bodies! There are 100 state sporting associations, industry peak bodies, commercial and Local Government service providers. True Sport recognises the importance of these groups in our communities and would love feedback on your good news stories.

If you have any stories that promote the values that illustrate the benefit of Sport and Recreation such as 'play fair', 'be safe', 'have fun', 'Show respect', 'Bring your best', 'Inclusion', 'being healthy', 'Giving back', please visit [www.truesport.com.au](http://www.truesport.com.au), @TrueSportWA or hashtag #TrueSportWA and share.

#### **SAVE THE DATE FOR IMPORTANT COMMUNITY EVENT**

On Thursday, 12 April 2018 at 11.30am there will be a special commemorative service for the Unveiling of Brigadier Potts' Flag together with a special display at the Memorial Hall. The Historical Society working in partnership with the Shire, Kojonup RSL club and local schools are finalising details of this important community event that is also expected to attract dignitaries, military personnel and media from outside of Kojonup to attend.

More information will be released in upcoming weeks but please save this date on your calendar as we would love to see you all there.

In the meantime, if you have any information or memorabilia that you would like to contribute towards the display we would love to hear from you. Please contact Heidi Tyler on 9831 0500 or email [cdo@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@kojonup.wa.gov.au)

#### **Every Club is the newest club support program delivered by Sport and Recreation (WA).**

WA community sporting and recreation clubs are run by passionate volunteers, who are always looking for ways to improve their clubs but don't always know where to start.

The new Every Club program has come from community sporting club volunteers and local governments telling the Department of Sport & Recreation what they need, and they have responded to these ideas and will use the latest thinking and tools to deliver club support tools to the entire State.

Whether it is bookkeeping, how to run a club Facebook page, engaging your members through social media, ideas for fundraising and better financial management, improved committee meetings or any of the other hundreds of small tasks club volunteers want to master – Every Club will be a one-stop shop for anyone to access.

Every Club provides resources that anyone can access, at any time, for the specific needs of their local club and can be accessed at <https://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/clubs/every-club>

### **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 are available from a variety of locations and online from the Shire website. The closing date is 23 April 2018.

### *Condolences*

No one can prepare you for the loss of a loved one and the Councillors and staff at the Shire of Kojonup would like to offer our thoughts and sympathies to the following families

To Pat Bunny and family on the passing of Graham, our thoughts are with you at this time.

To the family of Max Hart, we are saddened by Max’s loss and offer you our thoughts.

To Brodie Potter and family at the sudden passing of your mother Christine Hueppauff, our deepest sympathies are with you.

May you each find comfort in the lasting memories.

Kind Regards,  
Ronnie Fleay  
**President**



*Shire President  
Ronnie Fleay*

*Acting Chief Executive Officer  
Anthony Middleton*

### **LIBRARY NEWS**

What a great day we had for 'Play in the Park' last Wednesday. Quite a few of our Mum’s and Dad’s chatting while the children played happily. I really enjoyed digging in the sand and filling up the tip trucks with Oliver, James and Grayson; we even took our shoes off.

Many thanks to Jamie from the 'YMCA' and Jennifer from 'Albany Regional Library' for an incredible morning of activities, fresh fruit and storytime.



*Cruz is going to be the speed demon in reverse - he has got the car track sorted.*

Play in the Park has been an amazing program for the families of Kojonup over the years and we certainly appreciate the different activities that Jamie & Jennifer bring to our Early Years Families.

It is Play Café time again, held at the KDHS Kindy Room and supported by C4C, Amity Health and the Shire of Kojonup.

'Play Café is for the families with children 0-5years to play, craft, read and interact together. It's a free community event, held each Wednesday (except the fourth), so please join with us.

Just a quick reminder, 'Playgroup' is now only on Thursdays at the Old School Precinct on Pensioner Road. Opening from 9.30am - 11.30am, there is much to do at playgroup and it's a great place to meet families if you are new to our town.

I've had a few phone calls and emails in regards to the new Library Management System, I honestly cannot take any credit for your almost due back reminders as they are system generated, but thank you for your confidence.

The new exchange has arrived and is almost on our shelves to help provide you with new reading material.

Save the date:

**Storytime 10.30am reading starts @ the library.**

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 March 2018

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

14 March 2018

21 March 2018

4 April 2018

11 April 2018

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**Senior Library Officer**

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## LANDCARE UPDATE

### WEEDY WATTLE REMOVAL BUSY BEE

Another busy bee was held on the 7 March 2018, although hot and poorly attended, wattles and tagasaste were removed from the section of bush bounded by the Old Rubbish Tip road, Soldier road, Tunney road and the Recycle Transfer Station road.



There are plenty more wattles to be removed from the north section of the Old Rubbish Tip road and that's where the next busy bee will be held.

**When** – Wednesday 11 April 2018

**Where** – meet at the Old Rubbish Tip road entrance

**What to Bring** – water bottles, hats & sunscreen. Small chainsaws/handsaws and gloves. Shire will provide staff, wants, paint brushes and Glyphosate.

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

Landowners who live near the Myrtle Benn Reserve would be asked to monitor their properties for Eastern States Wattles germinating or mature trees and remove these to prevent further spread.

## ROUND 3 HAS OPENED - AGRICULTURE AND AQUACULTURE ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM



If you live in regional Western Australia, work in agriculture or aquaculture and you have a new idea, invention, technology or practice that you want to investigate, you may be eligible for the WA Government's Agriculture and Aquaculture Entrepreneurship Program. The program offers scholarships of up to \$30,000 which can be used for travel to research international or Australian best practice, as well as for local commercialisation, testing and training. Successful projects are expected to offer a commercial benefit to WA businesses and an economic return to WA if the innovation is adopted (such as jobs growth or industry development in regional areas).

A third round of funding was announced on 27 February 2018 by Hon. Dave Kelly MLA, Minister for Science and Hon. Alannah MacTiernan MLC, Minister for Regional Development.

You can find out more about the program and how to apply at [www.jtsi.wa.gov.au/agriculture-and-aquaculture](http://www.jtsi.wa.gov.au/agriculture-and-aquaculture) or by taking part in an information session.

To register for an information session email [science@jtsi.wa.gov.au](mailto:science@jtsi.wa.gov.au). Applications are due by 12pm (noon) on 3 April 2018.

## RECYCLE RIGHT APP



The Recycle Right app provides you with all the information you need to know about waste and recycling, as well as tips for living sustainably including:

- what goes in which bin;
- a full a-z of different materials and which bin to put it in;
- a find my nearest drop off and disposal facility guide;
- hints, tips, recipes and information about how you can get involved in community projects.

The app is available from both the App Store and Google Play and since September 2013 has had over 16,000 downloads, with more than 8,500 downloads in the last 8 months alone.

## THE IMPACT OF CHINA'S WASTE IMPORT BAN

You may have heard in the news that China has implemented a 'National Sword' Policy, restricting the import of contaminated recyclables in order to reduce pollution and clean up their environment.

Whilst these changes to the global market present a challenge for the recycling industry, it also presents a number of opportunities for the community, industry and government to improve our efforts, and highlights:

- the need to create greater public awareness and responsibility for the generation and disposal of waste;
- the importance of reducing the amount of contamination being placed into the yellow-topped recycling bin; and
- the opportunity to create local industries to reprocess materials on shore, rather than exporting them to overseas markets.

SMRC Chief Executive Officer, Tim Youé recently spoke to the ABC about the impact of the current situation and also urged residents to continue to recycle through their yellow-topped bin, “It’s important for the ratepayers to continue to recycle. We do have markets; the material is used in sustainable outcomes and the worst thing for people to do would be to not continue to recycle.”

You can read the full article by visiting – [www.abc.net.au/news/2018-02-16/waste-collectors-struggling-after-china-recycling-ban/9452574](http://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-02-16/waste-collectors-struggling-after-china-recycling-ban/9452574) .

### WEED OF THE FORTNIGHT – AFGHAN THISTLE



Photo courtesy of Dept of Primary Industries Picture Library.

**Weed Botanical Name:** *Solanum hystrix* and *Solanum hoplopetalum*

**Plant Description:** Very prickly, sprawling, colony forming herb with perennial underground stems. Can grow to 30 cm high and have many spines to 15 mm long. Flowers are pale blue to white from Jan-Mar and Sep-Nov.

**Control Options:** Apply a mixture of 120 mL amitrole in 10 L water and spray the bush until thoroughly wet. Seedlings and young plants can also be hand pulled with gloves. Cultivation followed by treatment of regrowth and seedlings with Tordon 75-D is effective. Control infestations within 5 km of the target area to reduce the spread of seed by birds. Plant perennial species which provide a good mulch on the soil.

**DISCLAIMER:** Read the manufacturer’s labels and material safety data sheet before using any herbicides. Control options are suggestions only. Mention of trade names does not imply endorsement or preference of any company’s product and omission of a trade name is unintentional. Note that some herbicides are non-selective e.g. glyphosate, and will kill everything. Whenever possible, non-chemical methods of control are recommended before use of herbicides.

For more information contact your NRM/Landcare Officer, Jane Kowald, on 9831 0291 or [landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au).

### SHARP RUSH FIELD TRIP



The Natural Resource Management Committee, together with the South West Catchments Council would like to invite you to attend a field trip on the management of Sharp Rush.

**When** – Wednesday 21 March 2018, 8:30am from Shire Office

**Where** – meet at the Shire Offices to get onto a bus at or meet us on the road at:

**Who** – anyone interested in Sharp Rush Management

**Cost** – Free

**Catering** – Refreshments provided

**RSVP** – Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Collie-Changerup Road corner Boilup North Road  
1565 Tone Road, Orchid Valley**

**Boyup Brook – Kojonup Road corner Qualeup  
South Road**

For more information, call Jane Kowald 0428712050 or email [landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au).

Jane Kowald  
NRM/Landcare Officer  
9831 0291

## KODJA PLACE

### NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

At a small community event on Thursday afternoon 1<sup>st</sup> March the Shire President, Cr Fleay launched the installation of a new piece of recreation equipment for Newstead Park. The park is now the proud home of a robust steel, outdoor pin pong table.

Although the official launch was due to commence at 3.30pm, some of our local kids came well prepared with their own bats and ball didn't pass the opportunity immediately test drive the table well before the event.

After the launch the eager youngsters were keen to take on the adults for a competitive game of ping pong with the KDHS Principle Clare Roser and Shire President, Ronnie Fleay put through their strides.



*(I wonder who won?)*

The table is design to hold the bats and balls which will be left at the park for locals to use. Additional bats and balls can be obtained from the Library

and Kodja Place for hire. Alternatively, the local sport store has a supply of equipment to purchase.

The Kojonup Youth Centre is running a competition to come up with a design to decorate the table which presently is in the standard industrial colour. All local youths can contribute to the design and should contact the Kojonup Youth Centre for information on how to enter!

Thank you also to Cr Ronnie Fleay, Councillors, staff and Clare Roser, Principal of Kojonup District High School, her husband and especially, the parents and grandparents for attending our little party in the park.

### NEW ROAD RULES

The Road Safety Commission advises that new road rules came into effect on Friday, 2 March 2018. All drivers passing the scene of an accident, or whenever Emergency Service vehicles have their beacon lights (flashing blue and red), must slow to 40kph. See this link: <https://rsc.wa.gov.au/Rules-Penalties/> for more information.



Simply remember:

- If it is safe to pull left to provide safe passage for an emergency vehicle with lights / sirens in effect – please, do so.
- No lights and sirens – drive normally.
- At an incident where Emergency vehicles are stopped and lights are flashing – YOU MUST SLOW DOWN TO 40KM/HR.

### WORK SAFETY AND INJURY SURVEY

Many of us hurt ourselves at work. Sometimes it's just a simple bump or scrape. Sometimes it requires months off work with rehabilitation and doctor's appointments across the Great Southern and up to Perth for specialist follow-ups. If this describes you, then you can contribute to a survey found at [Injury Impacts All Survey](#) to help create a greater understanding and improve implementation of the injury prevention strategies and safety promotion being done in WA.

### ROUND 3 – AGRICULTURE AND AQUACULTURE ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM

This WA Government program offers Scholarships of up to \$30,000 to farmers and other innovators working in these sectors in regional WA. The grant covers up to 4 years of potential work being done to improve opportunities in our region.

If you have an innovative project or you are diversifying your farm/business practices and would like to apply for this Scholarship you only have until **3 April, 2018 (12noon closing time)** to get your application in.

Go to: [www.jtsi.wa.gov.au/](http://www.jtsi.wa.gov.au/) for more information. Have questions? Contact Jane Gilligan at the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation at: [science@jtsi.wa.gov.au](mailto:science@jtsi.wa.gov.au)

### E-SAFETY WORKSHOP – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Anglicare WA (Katanning) are organising an E-Safety workshop for women to be held on **26 June 2018**. This will be a 2 hour workshop for “frontline and specialist staff working in the field of family and domestic violence working with female individuals who make up the target group for online safety risk.”

Expressions of interest are being requested to ensure that this event happens. Please register your interest with June Henden ([June.Henden@anglicare.wa.org.au](mailto:June.Henden@anglicare.wa.org.au)) or Kimberley Attwell ([Kimberley.Attwell@anglicare.wa.org.au](mailto:Kimberley.Attwell@anglicare.wa.org.au))

For the workshop to go ahead they need a minimum of 15 people to attend. Please support this event so that this essential service is given support.

### CONFERENCE FEEDBACK:

A 2 day conference was held over 25 and 26 February in Katanning by the *Australian Institute of Company Directors Governance Foundations (for Not-for-Profits)*. The purpose of the conference was to build understanding for anyone currently (or considering) taking on the position of Chairperson for a local volunteering (not-for-

profit) based committee, so that they could learn about the roles and responsibilities of anyone holding these important positions for incorporated associations.

Unfortunately Kojonup’s representation at the event was quite low with only 2 locals selected to attend.

The practical, and very informative, seminar helped attendees to realise that sitting in the chairperson’s seat of a committee, involves so much more than sitting at a table and heading up a meeting of like-minded volunteers helping to run their local sporting club/association.

Thank you to the Shire of Katanning for hosting Regional Development Australia (Great Southern), the AICD and the 25 attendees for this essential information session.

If there was anyone locally who registered, but not selected, and would like information about the seminar, please contact Heidi Tyler at Kodja Place on 9831 055 or [cdo@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@kojonup.wa.gov.au) Similarly, if the multitude of committees located in the Shire of Kojonup, or within neighbouring shires, who would like a similar event run here, please let us know.

### SURVEYS

A number of surveys were sent out to local community individuals and groups requesting feedback to support the Albany Youth Support Association’s (AYSA) fact-finding efforts to identify the services available to youth in our community that provide Wellbeing and Mental Health support in the regions of the Great Southern. The survey was also uploaded onto the Shire Facebook page for all locals and interested parties to access.

Thank you to those of you who completed the survey. Your feedback was given to Rick England from AYSA at a meeting at Kodja Place, Tuesday 6 March.



## TOURISM DESK

### PROMOTE YOUR EVENT WITH AUSTRALIA'S SOUTH WEST

Did you know that anyone holding an event in Kojonup can register your event for free on Australia's South West website? Australia's South West is our Regional Tourism Organisation that is responsible for marketing this corner of Western Australia including Kojonup and other great little towns of the Great Southern. Adding your event to the Australia's South West website is easy and FREE. It's a great way to get some extra promotion with very little effort.

Before you are ready to submit make sure you have an image to promote your event; and either a website or Facebook page so your future event attendees can access more information if needed. Once you've got your image and webpage organised go to [www.australiassouthwest.com](http://www.australiassouthwest.com) and click on 'Submit an event' located at the top of the page and fill in the information. It will take up to two weeks before your event appears on the events page, but if it's at the last minute contact the team at Australia's South West and they may be able to review your submission sooner.

Please let us know at the Kojonup Visitor Centre if you are holding an event. We can spread the word through the Visitor Centre network, our business database within the region, via social media and by having a chat with visitors who find themselves in Kojonup on any given day. If you need any assistance posting your event on Facebook or Australia's South West's site contact Cassy at The Kodja Place & Kojonup Visitor Centre on 9831 0500 or email [vso@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:vso@kojonup.wa.gov.au).

### THUMBS UP FOR KOJONUP

Kojonup's Anglican Church hosted the first Western Australia performance of Canadian Christian Group, The Common Cup



on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February. The group of five Ministers from Canada were accompanied by their wives who were thrilled at the opportunity to explore Kojonup whilst the band prepared for their performance.

The ladies were very impressed at the hospitality they received from the Kojonup community stating, "We were treated like kings".

During their visit, the group took part in a tour with Jack of The Kodja Place, explored the Rose Maze and then took advantage of the Free Wi-Fi offered by the Visitor Centre to reconnect with friends and family back home. They also took the time to write in our visitor's book, which included comments of "Beautiful country", "Such fine hospitality" and "Thanks to Jack!!"

Congratulations to Kojonup Anglican Church and everyone who helped assist with the event. I'm sure they will tell everyone what a great town Kojonup is as they continue on their journey through WA for the Common Cup Tour.

Zahra Shirazee  
**Manager Community Development & Tourism**  
 9831 0500

## POOL WINTER MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

In the lead up to a scheduled repaint of the pools a contractor has undertaken a dye test of the main pool and toddler's pool water to determine any water leakage and from these preliminary tests some minor leakage was detected. The contractor will also carry out an inspection of the main pool concrete shell after it is emptied following the current swimming season, which ends on Thursday 29 March.

These works will involve core sampling of the pool floor which will be analysed by an accredited laboratory to assess the condition of the concrete. A check of all rubber seals and other sealant materials used in construction joints will also be carried out as well as replacement of broken or cracked tiles. Water inlets along the base of the pool will be checked and may be reduced to improve water pressure, which will increase water circulation and assist in maintaining optimum water conditions for bathers.

Concrete pools generally require re painting about every five to seven years and patrons can look forward to a revitalised sparkling pool next season following completion of the winter maintenance program scheduled for our facility.

**Mort Wignall**  
**Manager Regulatory Services**  
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## LOCAL AND REGIONAL EVENTS



The Kojonup Volunteer Bushfire Brigades AGM is being held on Wednesday 4 April 2018 at the Lessor Hall commencing at 7:30 pm. All Brigade members are invited to attend

# Farmer wants a life

## Sheep industry research open day

**Feel like you're dealing with your flock around the clock? Maybe it's time to get yourself a better deal.**

The 2018 sheep industry research open day will showcase the latest technology, emerging research and management techniques for sheep. You'll see practical information and solutions put into action, helping you get more out of your sheep enterprise in less time and with less stress.



**Thursday 22 March 2018**  
**Katanning Research Facility, Nyabing Road, Katanning**  
**Morning tea from 9:30am**  
**Program from 10.00am – 4.30pm, with a sundowner to follow**

#### Topics include:

- Call the midwife!! Let's minimise lambing strife – Beth Paganoni, the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) and Amy Lockwood, Murdoch University
- Sheep parasites: not only affecting your sheep's bottom, but also your bottom line – Danny Roberts, DPIRD
- Tough mothers: chewing the fat. The value of whole body energy stores in your breeding index – Sarah Blumer, Murdoch University and John Young, Farming Systems Analysis Service
- Sins of the father: the hidden mysteries of maternal genetics – Dave Rubie, Smartshepherd
- Sheep passports: where they have been? What did they do? (and with who?) Use individual animal data to get the details – Nathan Scott, Achieve Ag Solutions

No cost, however RSVPs are essential. Register online at [agric.wa.gov.au/farmerwantsalife](http://agric.wa.gov.au/farmerwantsalife) or contact Julia Smith at [julia.smith@dpiird.wa.gov.au](mailto:julia.smith@dpiird.wa.gov.au)

The Sheep Industry Research Open Day is made possible by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's Sheep Industry Business Innovation project, and in partnership with the Sheep Alliance of WA.



**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	<b>Homework Help</b>	Library	FREE
Wednesdays (no 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday)	9:30am – 11:00am	<b>Play Café</b> 14 March 2018 21 March 2018	Kojonup DHS (Kindy Rooms)	FREE
Fortnightly on Friday	10:30am – 11:30am	<b>Storytime</b> 16 March 2018 30 March 2018	Library	FREE
4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month	10:00am – 12:00pm	<b>Play in the Park</b> 28 February 2018 28 March 2018	Apex Park	FREE
Daily	12:00pm – 6:30pm	<b>Swimming Pool Open</b> <b>The season ends Thursday 29 March 2018</b>	Swimming Pool	\$2 or FREE for 0-3 & Spectators
Tuesdays 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month	Commencing at: 3.00pm	<b>Ordinary Council Meeting</b> <b>20 March</b>	Council Chambers	FREE
21 March 2018		<b>Sharp Rush Field Trip</b> (Departing from the Shire Administration Office)		FREE
Wednesday 11 April	9.00am	<b>Weedy Wattle Removal Day</b>	Old Rubbish Tip Road	Free