



# SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

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## COUNCIL BRIEFS

### Upgrade of Kojonup Airstrip Lighting

The supply and installation of new L.E.D. AGL light fittings with new bases at the Kojonup Airstrip commenced 4 April 2018 thanks to the Regional Airports Development Scheme (RADS) Grant of \$47,870.

### Sporting Complex

Design works are continuing in order to facilitate the requests endorsed by Council at the 20 March meeting enabling quotes to be obtained and Purchase Orders to be issued.

### 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.

### Swimming Pool Maintenance

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 now that the swimming season has ended, and the pool can be emptied.

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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. On behalf of Council I wish to thank Mort, Gavin, Sonya and team for a very successful swimming pool season which was enjoyed by many community members over the summer period.



*Shire President  
Ronnie Fleay*

*Chief Executive Officer  
Rick Mitchell-Collins*

### **LIBRARY NEWS**

Our last 'Play Café' for this term will be on 11 April 2018 from 9.30am – 11.30am at KDHS Kindy Room. Then we should be back all refreshed for our last term at this stage.

This week we have all been making caterpillars, playing with Playdoh and a lot of outside play, which is important for skills learning. Many thanks to Mrs Fleay who graciously set up a skills course every week that we are able to utilise, also with the Pre-Primary students.

'Play in the Park' was huge this last month. Jamie, always provides our community with so many varied activities each time. Jennifer from the Albany Regional Library is our incredible story teller on the day and we all appreciate what they bring to our community.

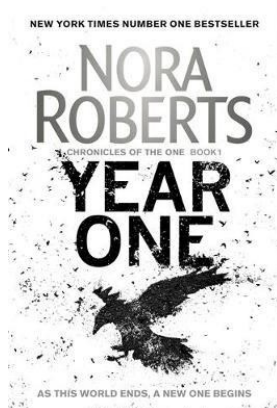
'Super Special Guest' the EASTER BUNNY, visited us and delighted many of the children with her gift of an Easter Egg. Some little ones were unsure but bravely accepted an egg with the guided support of a parent or carer. One little boy had a drive by to get his egg in the little red wagon.



From here Easter Bunny made her way up town a little to the surprise and delight of our community, visitors and a lot of waves from vehicles. The Police were obviously busy as they were closed but 'The Men's Shed' had a few laughs as she gave out eggs.



## NEW TO OUR LIBRARY!



**Year One** – Nora Roberts; both available as a book & audio

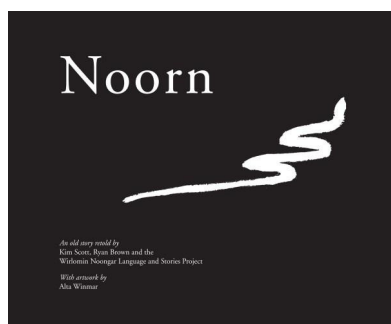
*With one drop of blood, the old world is gone for ever. And in its place, something extraordinary begins...*

They call it The Doom - a deadly pandemic that starts on a cold New Year's Eve in the Scottish countryside. There's something mysterious about the virus and the way it spreads.

As billions fall sick and die, some survivors find themselves invested with strange, unexpected abilities.

Lana, a New York chef, has the power to move things and people with her will. Fred can summon light in the darkness. Jonah, a paramedic, sees snatches of the future in those he touches. Katie gives birth to twins, and suspects that she has brought fresh magic into the world, along with new life.

But The Doom affects people differently. Along with the light, a dark and terrifying magic will also rise. As the remaining authorities round up the immune and the 'Uncannies' for testing, Lana, Katie and others flee New York in search of a safe haven. The old world is over, and Year One has begun.



**Noorn** - An old story retold: This story comes from the wise and ancient language of the First People of the Western Australian south coast. Noorn is a

story of alliances between humans and other living creatures, in this case a snake. It tells of how

protective relationships can be nurtured by care and respect.

*Lorreen Greeuw*  
**Senior Library Officer**

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## LANDCARE UPDATE

### MORE INFORMATION NEEDED TO RID KOJONUP OF SHARP RUSH

The Shire of Kojonup together with the South West Catchments Council ran a Sharp Rush Management Field Trip to Lynley Andersons and Jorn and Sharon Ramel's properties.

At the end of the morning, participants were able to confidently identify sharp rush, and describe what methods have been tried by farmers in the area to eradicate the weed from their paddocks.



*Caption: Sharon Ramel, Phil Worts and Jorn Ramel explaining their control methods at their farm in Orchid Valley.*

Huge thanks to Lynley Anderson and the Ramel's for sharing their knowledge and practices in an open and unbiased way.

Phil Worts is currently writing a 'Sharp Rush Management Strategy' for the Shire of Kojonup which will be available soon. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the strategy, please email Jane Kowald at [landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au).

## BUSH HERITAGE AUSTRALIA ANNUAL ANIMAL TRAPPING 14 TO 16 MAY

Angela Sanders, Ecologist, Bush Heritage Australia will be conducting red-tailed phascogale monitoring by checking nest boxes and trapping at their Kojonup Reserve on Mission Road on each day from Monday the 14 May to Wednesday 16 May 2018.

Volunteers are welcome and if you are interested you can join the survey for a morning. Animal monitoring will be commencing from 7am each morning.

To join the fun, you will need to meet us at the entrance to the reserve on Mission Road off Cherry Tree Pool Rd by 7am. I'm sorry but we won't be able to accommodate later starts as we need to check all our traps by 9am.

If you would like to assist, please RSVP to Angela by Friday 11 May. A map and more information will be provided when you RSVP to [angela.sanders@bushheritage.org.au](mailto:angela.sanders@bushheritage.org.au) or 0459 190 288.

## WEED OF THE FORTNIGHT COTTONBUSH

Scientific Name: *Asclepias fruticosa*



Caption: Cottonbush, courtesy of Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development photo library.



Caption: Cottonbush seed pods courtesy of Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development photo library.

**Physical Description:** An erect shrub to 2 m high producing a milky sap when damaged. The flowers are white to cream and the leaves are long, sparsely hairy and pointed.

### Control Methods:

- Seedlings can be controlled with 4 L/ha glyphosate or Grazon applied in spring to early summer when they are actively growing.
- Spray foliage and a 1 metre buffer area until just wet with 100 mL Grazon plus 25 mL Pulse in 10 L of water in spring to early summer before flowering when the plants are actively growing.

### 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, please contact your NRM/Landcare Officer, Jane Kowald, 98310291 or [landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au).

**Jane Kowald**

**NRM/Landcare Officer**

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## KODJA PLACE



All community groups, including sporting, youth and business are invited to apply for a grant of up to \$500 to organise a fun event for that time. The Community Activity Fund are one-off-grants to help fund community activities for families with children aged 0 - 12 years.

How could your group benefit plus help contribute to creating healthy families, provide support to families and parents or provide early learning opportunities? For example, help pay for a Young Mum's First Aid course, as an idea.

If you have another Family friendly event in the planning process for Mother's Day or Father's Day, or Grandparents' Week consider talking to the team to see if your ideas fit the objective.

For more information, including how to apply for a Community Activity Fund, you can contact: The Communities for Children team on 98422797 or email [cforc@amithhealth.com.au](mailto:cforc@amithhealth.com.au)

## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 21 – 27MAY



The Shire of Kojonup is well underway in planning its "Thank you" award ceremony for our community's local volunteers who dedicate long hours putting together amazing sporting, theatre and family fun events publicised in all forms of media; the amazing individuals who work behind the scenes and the supporting organisations who

sponsor groups who help kids, families and the community as a whole. Without their efforts Kojonup would be at a loss – they all "Give a little, Change a lot", which is this year's slogan.

Nomination forms are scattered around town in various shops and businesses, plus is also available on the Shire Website.

Everyone knows someone who has put in time in the football/hockey/polocrosse canteens, coached sports, organised events, volunteered to help at events and so on. Please take the time to nominate them for public recognition. **Nominations close: Monday 23 April.**

Award Ceremony: Sunday 27 May – all volunteers, their families and the businesses who support them, and local community members are invited to attend this event.

## THE POTTS' FLAG EVENT – THURSDAY 12 APRIL

If you can help out the local chapter of the RSL and the Shire of Kojonup with information, pictures, posters and other memorabilia of Brigadier Arnold Potts or the Kokoda campaigns, we would be very grateful to be given permission to display these at the Kojonup Memorial Hall. Items can be left at Kodja Place for Heidi, so that they may be included at this event, by the close of business Monday, 9 April.

Please ensure that you provide return information to receive these items back after the event. Alternatively, if you would like to donate these items permanently, they can then be passed to the RSL or Kojonup Historical Society with your details for recording purposes, with our gratitude.

## KIDSPORT

Changes to this program this year have been a drop from \$200 to \$150 per child aged 5 – 18 who wish to participate in organised, club, sports. To quality parents must have a Health Care Card with the child listed on the card. Please note, all applications by parents must be entered online at <https://www.dsr.wa.gov.au> You must also upload a copy of the Health Care Card for the application to be processed.

If you do not have access to the Internet, please remember that the Shire Library and the Kojonup CRC have computers available for you to use during business hours.

### **FUTURE WORK EXPERIENCE FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS**

The Shire of Kojonup is having conversations with Edith Cowan University, Bunbury Campus, regarding 13 week practical work experiences for their Social Work students.

While the program is not being implemented at this time (potentially 2019) as we are only at the 'discussions phase', there are opportunities for local businesses, including health organisations and community groups, to provide practical working experiences for ECU students. What's the hold-up?

As most parents would be aware, 13 Weeks is a long time for a Uni. student to potentially be paying rent in their home location plus at their unpaid Country Placement- if it can be found. Would you consider billeting students, for a nominal fee toward groceries as an example, to give City students an opportunity to experience country/farm life and work in a rural area?

It's just something to think about.

### **TALKING 'UP' KOJONUP AT THE CARAVAN AND CAMPING SHOW**

Kodja Place, Volunteer Laurette Costello at the recent Perth Caravan & Camping Show:



Kojonup Visitor Centre staff member Cassandra and volunteer Laurette represented Kojonup at the Hidden Treasures of the Great Southern stand

at RAC Perth Caravanning and Camping Show which was held at the Claremont showgrounds 21 to 25 March. They were not alone with Kojonup Caravan Park's owners Ian and Sharon, flying the flag for Kojonup on the Kui Parks stand.

This year the annual caravan and camping show attracted 47,337 visitors with 28,187 visitors over the weekend. The consumer show is a great marketing opportunity to directly promote Kojonup and the upper Great Southern shires to the Perth market as well as to industry operators. Feedback from visitors who been to Kojonup said that it has always been their place to stop on the way down south and it is a great little town.

In addition, Kojonup was also promoted on the Australia's South West (ASW) stand with ASW's Holiday Planner as the key marketing tool.

### **KODJA PLACE ON DESTINATION WA**

Please note that Kodja Place will be featured across the State on Destination WA on SUNDAY, 8th APRIL on Channel Nine at 5.30pm (please check your TV guide in case of programming changes). Destination WA is a now WA's most popular daytime travel show and the success series is distributed to more than 100 countries internationally via the production company's New York based program distributor.



Repeats of the show are usually aired on the same channel on the following Saturday and on GEM. The show will also be aired again nationwide in a few months.

### **Zahra Shirazee**

**Manager, Community Development & Tourism**  
9831 0400

## REGULATORY SERVICES

### PRESCRIBED BURNS

Please be advised that the Shire of Kojonup intends on doing prescribed burns before winter sets in, the reserves are as follows;

- Road Reserves – Portion of Tunney Rd, Luz Rd, Mather Rd, Treasure Rd;
- Reserve No – 9589 Portion of Old Motor Cross Track South Of Showgrounds;
- Reserve No – 14215 Katanning Rd Standpipe;
- Reserve No – 22995 South East of Transfer Station;
- Reserve No – 11301 South East of Transfer Station;
- Reserve No - 22994 North End of Myrtle Benn/South of Collie Rd;
- Reserve No – 10691 Portion of Farrah Reserve.

All burns will be liaised through the CBFDO, even though burns are planned, not all burns may proceed as they will be subject to weather.

### DID YOU KNOW...?

Transportable buildings such as “dongas” generally require a building permit prior to placement on a property and may also require development approval.



It is important that you consider what approvals are required, prior to purchasing a transportable, particularly one that has been previously used on a mine site. Many mine site dongas were exempt from requiring building approvals when in use on a mine site. Some don't achieve the minimum floor to ceiling height and depending on their intended use, may not meet disability access requirements.



Construction in bushfire prone areas is also an important consideration as dongas are required to achieve the standards applicable to the intended building site.

For more information please contact the Shire's Development Services Coordinator Michelle Dennis on 9831 2424 or via email [health@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:health@kojonup.wa.gov.au)

**Mort Wignall**  
**Manager Regulatory Services**  
9831 2407

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## WORKS AND SERVICES

### NEWSTEAD PARK

The Shire would like to hear from families who use Newstead Park for any ideas of upgrades or possible new equipment that they would like to see at the park in the future. Please contact Marina Murray at the Shire on 0428 566527 or email: [sh@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:sh@kojonup.wa.gov.au).

### ROADWORKS UPDATES

Pensioner Road upgrade has progressed well, with sealing 99% complete. Outstanding works are the sealing of junctions at Gregory St and George St to be done 12 April.

Brooming of the road will be done on 6th April and kerbing will be completed on 12 April. Budgeted \$482,166, Current cost \$430,110.

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

## RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD

With the Bushfire season coming towards the end, the Shire would like to thank and acknowledge the massive effort put in by all volunteers over the summer. There were 16 fires over the season, some bigger than others, but everything was put out and contained without too much damage.

Even though the cooler weather is coming, it is still very dry out there and we all need to remain vigilant until the season breaks. **The Restricted Burning Period has been extended by the Chief Fire Control Officer (FCO) to 27 April 2018.** Permits will still be required until this date. Please contact the FCO's for your relevant brigade or a Zulu for more information.

I would like to personally thank Denise Berryman for all of the hard work and information gathering on the volunteer numbers. The Shire would be at a great disadvantage if she wasn't doing this work. Also, thanks to the Zulu's – Tony, Roger, Murray and Myles for their hard work over the season.

*Rob Cowie*  
**Payroll and Emergency Management Officer**

## LOCAL AND REGIONAL EVENTS



**Arnold William Potts**

was promoted to Brigadier and appointed to command the 21st Brigade in April 1942. The following August, he was ordered to recapture the village of Kokoda in New Guinea. The fighting on the Kokoda Track was a hostile environment, which resulted in a series of tactical withdrawals in order to delay the Japanese advance.

**Open Invitation**

On behalf of the Kojonup RSL and the Shire of Kojonup, Shire President Ronnie Fleay cordially invites the Kojonup Community to honour the life and achievements of Brigadier Arnold Potts during both World Wars and particularly his role on the Kokoda Track during WWII at the

**Unveiling of Brigadier Potts' Flag**  
kindly donated by his daughters, Mrs Judith Mathwin and Mrs Nancy Harper

**and Commemorative Display**

on  
**Thursday, 12 April 2018**  
commencing at **11.30 am**  
in the Memorial Hall (next to the Shire office)  
Albany Highway, Kojonup

**Followed by a light lunch and refreshments**

RSVP by Monday, 9 April 2018  
Lorraine Wyatt on (08) 9831 2408  
or by email to: ea@kojonup.wa.gov.au

This community event is proudly supported by the Kojonup RSL and Kojonup Historical Society



## LIVESTOCK THEFT FORUM

**Wednesday 11 April 2018**

**1.00pm at the Katanning Saleyards**

You are invited to attend a forum and Q & A session to discuss:

- Livestock theft incidents in the Great Southern region - recent and historical
- What's being done in relation to recent incidents of livestock theft
- How can our industry be proactive into the future to stop livestock theft

Representatives from key industry stakeholder agencies have been invited to attend the forum, including:

- Great Southern Police
- Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
- Katanning Saleyards
- Pastoralists and Graziers Association
- WA Farmers Federation
- WAMMCO/Fletchers International
- Livestock agents

**All welcome - a coordinated and informed approach to this issue will assist in reducing the incidence of stock theft from our properties.**

**Pre-event advice of any questions you want answered on the day would be appreciated, to allow for relevant information to be presented.**

**Please RSVP (phone or SMS) your attendance, and any questions to Scott Thompson on 0428 916131.**

**Please note - the Saleyards Canteen will be open, and lunch, tea and coffee will be available for purchase**



**COMMUNITY EVENTS (REGULAR & UPCOMING)**

**Got a 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 Wyatt on (08) 98312408 to make an appointment.**

<b>Date / Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Tuesdays	3:15pm – 4:15pm	<b>Homework Help</b>	Library	FREE
Fortnightly on Friday	10:30am – 11:30am	<b>Storytime</b>	Library	FREE
4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month	10:00am – 12:00pm	<b>Play in the Park</b>	Apex Park	FREE
Wednesday 11 April	9.00am	<b>Weedy Wattle Removal Day</b>	Old Rubbish Tip Road	Free
Tuesdays 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month	Commencing at: 3.00pm	<b>Ordinary Council Meeting 17 April</b>	Council Chambers	FREE
Thursday 12 April	11.30am	<b>Unveiling of Brigadier Potts' Flag and Commemorative Display</b>	Memorial Hall	Free