



SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

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COUNCIL BRIEFS

Potts Flag Unveiling

On behalf of the Shire of Kojonup we wish to extend a huge thank you to everyone involved in making the official unveiling of the Potts Flag such a wonderful occasion.

Council would particularly like to commend;

- Zahra Shirazee and her team of staff/volunteers who ensured the Potts Flag event was a resounding success.
- Potts Flag Committee
- MC - Robert Sexton
- Family of Brigadier Potts who donated the Flag to the RSL.
- Renew Shop who funded the framing of the flag
- Southern Singers and KDHS School Choir
- St Bernard's students' contributions
- Rev Lindy Rookyard leading in prayer
- All who contributed Memorabilia and assisted in any way
- All our visitors who travelled from far and wide to participate

Well done one and all for giving freely of their time and energy - what a wonderful community event!

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*Well done to Jack Cox who represented Kojonup and Kodja Place so well when he recently appeared on Destination WA and we wish all school children and teachers a great holiday break. Please stay safe.

Heavy Haulage Route – Update

Council is reluctant to endorse Main Roads preferred route until the process going forward is clarified in relation to the following:

- Design criteria linking preferred Eastern Route with Kojonup at each end of Highway as well as Broomehill and Katanning Road links.
- Expectation of Council assuming responsibility of old section of the Albany Highway once new route established.
- How design elements will prevent motorists perceiving route is a bypass of Kojonup.
- What landscaping/Tourist Information Bays/signage is envisaged at each intersection?
- What traffic calming can be done on the Main Street to improve vehicle and pedestrian safety?

Main Roads indicated that the alignment definition report will begin to drill down on the road corridor, intersection design elements, grade issues, soil type, construction costs, etc. providing further clarification to Council, landowners and the general community allowing further feedback to be received.

Given the State Governments financial position and road construction priorities, it is very unlikely the definition report will be undertaken in the near future.

Council in conjunction with RoadWise and WALGA will be trialling 'Courtesy Speed Display' signs on the Main Street (north & south) for the month of June 2018. Data from the trial will be downloaded to present a report to Council and conveyed to the community.

Retaining Wall & Ramp Kojonup Sporting Complex

Tenders from experienced contractors are invited for the construction of a retaining wall and ramp at the Kojonup Sporting Complex in Kojonup.

To arrange an inspection of the site or to obtain tender documents please contact Michelle Dennis on 9831 2424 or email: health@kojonup.wa.gov.au

Tenders close **11:00am Tuesday 8 May 2018.**

2016/17 Annual Electors Meeting

The above meeting will be held at the Kojonup Sports Complex on Tuesday, 15 May 2018 commencing at 7.00pm. The 2016/17 Annual Report can be accessed on the Shire Website and hard copies are available at the front counter of the Council Office. Council apologies for the lateness in conducting the electors meeting however Council has been waiting on the Auditors final report given the Office of the Auditor - General will assume responsibility for future audits from July 2018.



*Shire President
Ronnie Fleay*

*Chief Executive Officer
Rick Mitchell-Collins*

LANDCARE UPDATE

WEED ACTION GROUP – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST MEETING

Back in May 2000, Landcare Officer Jen Egerton-Warburton with the help of local weed eradicators, wrote the 'Kojonup Weed Strategy'. The Strategy was used as a guideline to operations by the locally supported Kojonup Weed Action Group, led by Jen.

The Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee, formed in 2015, have been supportive of re-establishing the Kojonup Weed Action Group. An initial meeting of interested persons will be held on Tuesday 1st May at 6:30pm in the NRM/Landcare and Southern Dirt Office (old CWA rooms).

To RSVP or to find out more information, please contact your NRM/Landcare Officer, Jane Kowald, 0428712050 or landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au



Weeding Wattles Busy Bee Update

The amazing team of Friends of Myrtle Benn and the Shire Gardens Crew has ridded over 16.5 Ha of Eastern States Wattle species and Tagasaste from the reserves bounding the Old Rubbish Tip road and Tunney road.

This effort, supported financially by the South West Catchments Council and the Shire of Kojonup is set to continue on the first Wednesday of every month, from 8:30am. Next date is Wednesday, 2nd May 2018. Please ensure you bring a hat and sunscreen and wear enclosed shoes. Hand saws are provided by the Shire of Kojonup.

For any more information, please contact your NRM/Landcare Officer, Jane Kowald on 0428712050 or landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au.



Caption: Shire Garden Crew and Friends of Myrtle Benn Volunteers hard at work

Weed of the Fortnight - Fleabane

Scientific Name: *Conyza* species



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

Physical Description: Annual herbs with an erect, often greyish, leafy flowering stem. They have small, cream to white flower heads appearing in summer and autumn.

Control Methods:

- Apply 1 L/ha glyphosate (450g/L) after stem elongation and before flowering when the plants are actively growing in late spring to summer each year.

- Lontrel®750 at 200 g/ha or 4 g plus 25 mL wetting agent in 10 L water can be used for fairly selective control in bushland.

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.

Government Employment Opportunities – Indigenous Apprenticeship Programme

The Australian Public Service (APS) is offering a pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to start their career in the APS. They are looking for motivated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with an interest in joining the APS.

Apply now for our 12 month Indigenous Apprenticeships Programme (IAP). The programme provides:

- a tailored approach to your learning based on cultural needs
- a full time entry level job and a competitive salary
- a nationally recognised certificate or diploma qualification
- a permanent role in the APS
- We're looking for people who:
 - identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
 - are school leavers, mature age or [people with disability](#)
 - have strong initiative and are willing to learn
 - want to contribute to services for Australians
 - want to work in the Australian Public Service (APS)

Jobs vary depending on the department. Some tasks may include:

- drafting documents
- administration
- corporate support
- managing travel
- reporting
- researching
- stakeholder management
- customer support

For more information visit <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/organisation/about-us/careers/indigenous-apprenticeships-programme>

For more information, please contact your NRM/Landcare Officer, Jane Kowald, 98310291 or landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au.

Jane Kowald

NRM/Landcare Officer

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DID YOU KNOW....

Under Section 6.64 of the *Local Government Act 1995* provides that, if any rates or service charges due to a local government have been unpaid for at least three years, the local government may take possession of the land and proceed to sell the land. Section 6.68 (1) of the *Local Government Act 1995* prevents the local government from exercising the power of sale unless the local government has at least once attempted to recover money due to it under 6.56 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Under the above act the shire has last month taken possession of a property in the Kojonup town site.

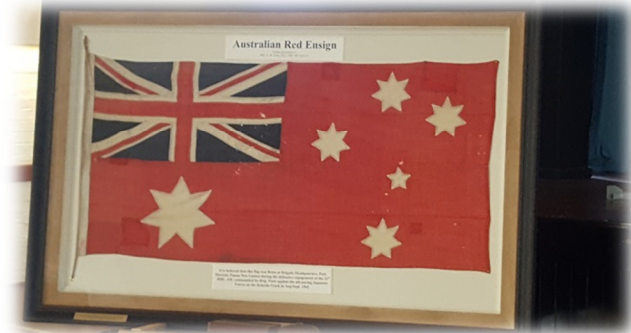
So please, don't underestimate the importance of paying your rates, if you are having difficulties paying your rates you are urged to phone Senior Finance Officer, Heather Marland on 98312404 to arrange a payment plan

KODJA PLACE

Brigadier Arnold Potts' Flag Unveiling

Thursday, 12 April, saw locals and visiting dignitaries from State Government, the Armed Services, and regional and Perth based RSL groups gather together at the Memorial Hall for an event put together by a small representative committee from the Kojonup R.S.L., Kojonup Historical Society and the Shire of Kojonup.

The R.S.L. and Shire sincerely thank the daughters of Brigadier Potts, Mrs Judith Mathwin and Mrs Nancy Harper and their families, for kindly donating the Brigadier's Red Ensign flag, which has been restored and beautifully framed, to be on permanent display.



The organisers would like to thank everyone who contributed memorabilia from the World Wars for display at the Hall, the volunteers who assisted with catering the lunch, the students and their teachers from St. Bernards' who contributed colourful artwork for the display and the High School students, (under direction of Ms Sharon Livingstone), who prepared additional sausage rolls and ANZAC biscuits for the luncheon.

We would also like to express our gratitude to the team of bus drivers who volunteered their time to transport students to the Hall at the conclusion of their own ANZAC service at the High School. And, to Mr. Robert Sexton, thank you for so ably hosting the event as our Master of Ceremonies.

There are many others who deserve recognition and thanks for their behind the scenes assistance and time, your help and contributions were invaluable.



Panorama Pic: By Heidi Tyler



Shot of Rob Sexton (MC): By Heidi Tyler

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 21 – 27MAY



LAST CHANCE TO GET MAKE YOUR NOMINATIONS

We have all encountered someone who has worked behind the scenes at an event, assisted organise an event, or volunteers to assist the community of Kojonup in some way. Have you nominated that 1 person who has made a difference to your day? Have you nominated the volunteers behind the scenes at sports days, balls and fundraisers to be recognised for their hard work? Do you know someone who counts birds for conservation projects, helps in weeding programs and rose pruning at the Rose Maze, folds the Koji News so it fits into your mailbox ... there are so many volunteers out there who deserve to be recognised.

It just takes a couple of minutes to fill out a form so the Shire can thank them publicly, on your behalf.

Email: cdo@kojonup.wa.gov.au or phone 98310500 to have a nomination sent to you.

Nominations Close on Monday, April 23.

KODJA PLACE ON DESTINATION WA



Destination WA is WA's most popular daytime travel show and the success series is distributed to more than 100 countries internationally and it featured an entertaining segment on Kodja Place on 8th April on Channel Nine.

In case you missed it . . . follow this link to watch the video

<http://www.yourlifestyle.tv/destinationwa/event.php?id=535&hit=1>

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Keep an eye out for notifications on the Shire of Kojonup's Facebook page for school holiday events happening in the Great Southern and in Perth/Fremantle for anyone who is planning to leave town for a break.

You can also check out Kojonup Youth Centre's Facebook page for local activities that are being organised for local children (it looks like the Treasure Hunt on Monday 16 April was well attended and lots of fun for the participants).

Zahra Shirazee

Manager, Community Development & Tourism
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REGULATORY SERVICES



Synergy Community Solar Fund

Are you eligible for our Synergy Community Solar Fund?

Is your organisation working from sun up until sun down to make a difference in WA? It might be time to put the sun to work for you - so you can save money on your electricity bill and invest these savings back in to your community.

Your organisation makes a big difference in WA – and we'd like to see if we can help make a big difference to your energy bills. We're giving away up to six SolarReturn solar systems, with a free energy audit for every eligible organisation who applies. It's called our Synergy Community Solar Fund.

<https://solarfund.optimytool.com/en/>

Applications close on 23 April 2018 – so apply today!

DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

The Building Regulations were recently amended to extend the existing transitional exemption from the Building Code of Australia (BCA) bush fire construction requirements for certain minor alterations and extensions to existing buildings located in designated bush fire prone areas. This transitional provision was introduced in 2016 to assist the implementation of bush fire reforms across WA. The Regulations now provide that, until 1 May 2019, the renovation, alteration, extension, improvement or repair of certain residential buildings in designated bush fire prone areas does not need to comply with the BCA bush fire construction requirements if it complies with one of the following options:

Option 1: The estimated value of the renovation, alteration, extension, improvement or repair is less than \$20,000.

Option 2: The renovation, alteration, extension, improvement or repair does not increase the risk of ignition from bush fire attack for the existing building.

A building permit may still apply for the works. For more information, or to check if your project requires building approval, please contact the Shire's Building Surveyor on 9831 2424.

<https://maps.slip.wa.gov.au/landgate/bushfireprone/>

Mort Wignall
Manager Regulatory Services
 9831 2407

WORKS AND SERVICES

HOW CAN I DETECT A LEAK?

Turn off all taps and water using devices in your house and garden.



- Locate your water meter.
- Record the RED Numbers on the top of your meter.
- Wait at least 15 minutes without using any water and read the RED numbers again.
- If the numbers haven't altered you won't have a leak, if they have there will be a leak somewhere.

Where should I look for leaks?

Inside the home

Look in the kitchen, bathroom/s and laundry for dripping taps or leaking washing machine and dishwasher connections. Damp patches on the walls may also indicate a leak.

You can check your toilet cistern for leaks by placing a few drops of food colouring in the tank. Without flushing it, look for colouring in the toilet bowl. If it's getting through then you have a leak.

Outside the home

Look around your garden at:

- outdoor garden taps/hoses
- garden irrigation (including sprinklers)
- automatic solenoids and manual isolation valves
- exposed pipe work.

Check your hot water systems and air conditioning units.

Also look for damp and unstable brick paving and garden areas that may be moist and greener than expected.

How can I repair a leak?

All plumbing work carried out in WA must be completed by a licensed plumber or tradesperson working under the direction of a licensed plumber. However, you are able to repair garden irrigation solenoid valves and sprinklers.

Once the repairs have been completed, carry out the leak detection test again to confirm the leak has stopped. It is not unusual to have more than 1 leak.

Craig McVee
Manager Works & Services
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RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD



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.

Rob Cowie
Payroll and Emergency Management Officer

LOCAL AND REGIONAL EVENTS

The nbn™ roadshow



All you need to know about the nbn™ broadband access network.

Tuesday 8 May 2018

You are invited to visit the nbn Sky Muster community vehicle team and learn about the nbn™ broadband access network rollout, and what opportunities and benefits it will provide to you.

Representatives from nbn will be on hand to advise what you need to know before making the switch. This information will assist your transition with minimal disruption and ensure you get the right information.

**Tuesday 8 May, 1pm to 4pm: all welcome
Kojonup Co-Op Car Park, Jones Road, KOJONUP
For information on times, dates and events,
please visit: nbn.com.au/roadmuster**

GREAT SOUTHERN YOUTH FESTIVAL 2018 SATURDAY 21ST APRIL 2018

Something for the 11 to 25 year olds this weekend.
Check out the poster below or follow this link:

<http://www.katanning.wa.gov.au/events/great-southern-youth-festival-2018/200>



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.

Date / Day	Time	Event	Location	Cost
Tuesdays	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Homework Help (resumes in term 2)	Library	FREE
Fortnightly on Friday	10:30am – 11:30am	Storytime (Resumes in term 2)	Library	FREE
4 th Wednesday of each month	10:00am – 12:00pm	Play in the Park (Resumes in term 2)	Apex Park	FREE
Wednesday 11 April	9.00am	Weedy Wattle Removal Day	Old Rubbish Tip Road	FREE
Monday 23 April	Commencing at 7.00pm	Special Council Meeting	Administration Building Reception Room	FREE
Tuesdays 3 rd Tuesday of each month	Commencing at: 3.00pm	Ordinary Council Meeting 15 May	Council Chambers	FREE
Tuesday 15 May	7.00pm	Annual Electors Meeting	Sporting Complex	FREE
Sunday 27 May	TBA	Volunteer Awards	TBA	FREE