



SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

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COUNCIL BRIEFS

George Church Bequest

A question was raised at the Annual Electors Meeting held on 15 May 2018 regarding the security (legal status or protection) of the very generous bequest from Mr George Church to the Shire of Kojonup for the construction of a medical centre.

The donation of \$500,000 was placed into a reserve account titled "G&P Church Medical Centre" which has the definition (purpose) of "to construct a medical centre as defined within the existing Shire of Kojonup Town Planning Scheme No.3". These funds are currently earning interest significantly above the level of inflation (Consumer Price Index for Perth for March 2018 quarter was 0.9%) and the balance has grown to \$537,581 as at 30 April 2018.

Section 6.11 of the *Local Government Act 1995* legislates reserve accounts and states:

- (1) *Subject to subsection (5), where a local government wishes to set aside money for use for a purpose in a future financial year, it is to establish and maintain a reserve account for each such purpose.*

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- (2) *Subject to subsection (3), before a local government —*
- (a) *changes* the purpose of a reserve account; or*
 - (b) *uses* the money in a reserve account for another purpose,*
- it must give one month’s local public notice of the proposed change of purpose or proposed use.*
- * Absolute majority required.*
- (3) *A local government is not required to give local public notice under subsection (2) —*
- (a) *where the change of purpose or of proposed use of money has been disclosed in the annual budget of the local government for that financial year; or*
 - (b) *in such other circumstances as are prescribed.*
- (4) *A change of purpose of, or use of money in, a reserve account is to be disclosed in the annual financial report for the year in which the change occurs.*

‘The Manager of Corporate Services will conduct an annual review for the Council addressing the appropriateness of each reserve account purpose, suitability of current balances, and deficiencies for the funding of future projects as identified in adopted forward plans.’

Copies of these reviews can be viewed in the Council minutes for 13 December 2016 and 12 December 2017 and clearly demonstrate that the Council has no intention of using these funds for any other purpose than its original definition.

Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission

Council officers are presently in discussion with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission seeking clarification regarding the process required to establish a Community Building Fund for ‘Health related’ purposes and community members will be advised our progress.

Road Maintenance

Works and Services have commenced its winter grading program following the recent rain. Community members are encouraged to lodged maintenance requests with Council as each request is then logged into our records system allowing the Manager to action works accordingly with monthly progress reports generated to the CEO to ascertain compliance with our Customer Service Charter.

In November 2015, the Council amended its Policy 2.1.8 – ‘Financial Governance’ to include:



*Shire President
Ronnie Fleay*

*Chief Executive Officer
Rick Mitchell-Collins*

SPRINGHAVEN LODGE

POSITION VACANT - CASUAL COOK, KITCHEN HAND & CLEANER

If you have a love of cooking, enjoy cleaning and have a genuine interest in older people this might be the position for you.

Springhaven Lodge is currently recruiting for a person willing to cook, kitchen hand and clean. This position is casual and you must be available to fill any of the above positions at short notice including weekends. You will be paid under the Aged Care Award 2010. A current police clearance is essential.

If you require further information please contact 98312800.

Applications including a covering letter and resume to be addressed to:

Manager of Aged Care Services, Springhaven Lodge, Barrack Place, Kojonup WA 6395 or email macs@kojonup.wa.gov.au.

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Manager of Aged Care Services

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LIBRARY

'Play in the Park' last Wednesday was just gorgeous in every way. Yes the Sun was shining, kids are smiling & playing together, doing various activities. Mums are chatting and some enjoying their coffee. Jennifer from Albany Regional Library gave the best reading of 'Hickory Dickory Dash' by Tony Wilson as part of the Nation Simultaneous Storytime.



We have lots of fun at 'Play Café' on Wednesday mornings at the KDHS Kindy room.



Jamie, as always the Master of Bubbles!

Mothers' Day crafts, Teddy Bears Picnic. A huge thank you to Katrina who has been helping me every week to bring the program to our families.





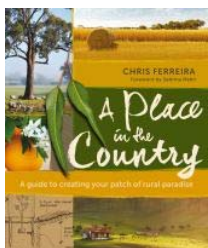
Still to come is our 'Super Hero's Day', Prince & Princess Day & Emergency Day. Please join with us, it's great fun and a good way to get out of the house.

Hayley is now the Queen of Interlibrary loans, so please leave your requests at the library for Hayley to order for you. Kerry....Queen of Cataloguing, the new books on our shelves are because of her effort.

We have been receiving many wonderful donations of books, DVD'S games. Thank you really doesn't seem to be enough sometimes. Look at our Sale table, this is excess that we cannot use and the purchase donation gives us funds for new items for our library.

Did you know, we have a box of Leggo, yes, we welcome families to create Leggo, but it's got to go back in the box when you have finished!

We still receive 98 books from the State Library every month to add to our collection, so there is always something new to read.



This is a no-nonsense guide to choosing, establishing and sustaining your patch of rural paradise in Australia and New Zealand. Chris Ferreira brings years of experience, a wealth of knowledge and a great sense of

humour to these tasks, covering everything you need to know if you have, or plan to have, a hobby farm. Supplemented with photos,

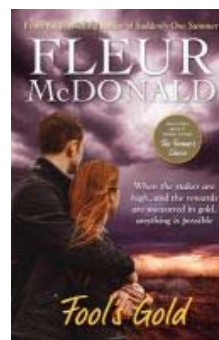
illustrations and checklists, *A Place in the Country* is essential reading for the rural land owner.



'Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul' - Emily Dickinson. This is a story about hope, kindness and redemption set in a grey dystopian world. When a great feather drifts from the leaden sky, two children recognise its extraordinariness and take it to the village for its protection. The villagers, however, want to encase it, upon which the feather loses its radiance. The children take it home and care for it through the night. In the morning it is again radiant, and when they set it free it leaves behind the first signs of blue sky and colour. The ambiguous ending invites multiple interpretations about the effects of selflessness and kindness.



Explores the system of Indigenous Protected Areas and their animals, landscapes and guardians. In the 75 Indigenous Protected Areas (IPA's) across the Nation, traditional owners are managing their land for a better future. IPA's cover 8.8% of Australia. IPA's cover 8.8% of Australia. There are 40 IPA's under consideration for the future. The IPA program's combination of culture, connection to country and modern scientific knowledge, has seen significant success since it's introduction more than 20 years ago, and will continue to succeed in the future.



'To Dave, the posting to Barrabine was exactly what he'd wanted - it was a town on the edge, the wild west. There would be excitement, mystery and intrigue here. Everything a detective looked for.' Detective Dave Burrows' first posting to the far west goldfields town of Barrabine in 1997 holds everything he's looking for, but Melinda, his wife of two weeks, is devastated at leaving behind her family, friends

and career. More comfortable in heels than RM Williams, Melinda walked away from her much-loved job in the city as a paediatric nurse to follow Dave into the bush. Dave settles in easily to the plain-speaking toughness of his new town, determined to do well, knowing that Barrabine could be his stepping stone into the elite stock squad. But will his marriage last the distance? As Dave investigates reports of mysterious late-night trespassing, a missing person, and guns being drawn on strangers, a local prospector phones in with horrific news that could hold the key to everything.



You Are Never Too Small To Achieve Great Things; In the magical world behind the never-ending forest, an evil lord, eager to rule the Valley of Knights, steals a magic suit of armor and is determined to hunt down the young queen for the missing part, the snow-making glove. But two courageous kids from our world are coming to her rescue...

Play Café

Wednesdays at KDHS Kindy room

9.30am – 11.30am

6 June, 13 June, 20 June

PLAY in the PARK

APEX Park

10.00am to 12.00pm

27 June

STORY TIME

@ Library

10.30am – 11.30am

15 June 29 June

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Senior Library Officer

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EMAIL MY RATE NOTICE

It's almost that time of year



The Shire is pleased to offer its ratepayers the opportunity to receive their rate notice via email. This convenient service saves paper and offers a quick and easy way for people to receive their rate notice.

To receive your rate notice via email, please contact council@kojonup.wa.gov.au with the following details.

Assessment Number:

Name:

Postal address:

Email address you would like the rates sent to:

Phone number:

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

DECLARED RABBIT AND FOX PESTS

Rabbits cause \$206 million annual loss to Australian agricultural production and have a well-documented history for causing environmental damage (<https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/mechanical-physical-and-cultural/rabbit-fencing-protect-crops-and-pasture>).

Foxes cause \$50 million annual economic impact (via sheep production loss, management costs, research costs) and an additional \$190 million annual environmental impact (via predation of native fauna).

That is nearly half a million dollars per year damage and through the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007 (BAM Act), landholders (including Local Government Authorities) have a responsibility to control declared pests on their property.

The days of having a dedicated officer to help landowners with the control of these pests are well and truly behind us. The State Government is encouraging the formation of Recognised Biosecurity Groups (RBG), which is designed to enable landholders and managers to develop a coordinated approach to control and manage declared pests in their area.

The work undertaken by RBGs is intended to add value to pest control undertaken by individual landholders and is not intended to replace individual responsibilities.

RBGs, with the agreement and support of landholders in their prescribed area, can request the Minister for Agriculture and Food to levy rates on properties in the area to fund declared pest control activities. These rates collected are matched dollar-for-dollar by State Government funds.

- RBG responsibilities may include:
- surveillance and reporting on new and emerging declared pests, and assisting with compliance if necessary
- carrying out operations or engaging contractors to manage declared pests
- promoting best practice pest management to landholders in their area, and developing and working with networks that encourage community involvement in biosecurity
- preparing annual work programs, including operational and budget planning
- conducting preliminary consultation prior to the imposition of rates to fund declared pest control, and
- the management of association affairs including paid support such as executive officers.

Would you like an officer dedicated to co-ordinating declared pest control in your area? Do you think an RBG would be a good idea to have in Kojonup?

Your thoughts on this subject would be appreciated as no funds will be distributed for pest control if we are not in an RBG. For more information visit:

<https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/bam/recognised-biosecurity-groups-rbgs> or call Jane Kowald 9831 0291 or email landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au.

RABBIT CONTROL TRAPPING/BAITING OPTIONS DIY

Manjimup Biosecurity Officer, Jason Dearle, constructed this 'bunny igloo' from irrigation pipe, joiners and netting.



'Bunny igloo' homemade trap, photo courtesy Jason Dearle, Biosecurity Officer – Invasive Species, Agriculture and Resource Risk Management, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Below are some home-made baiting stations for rabbits, courtesy Stephen Newbey, Environmental Project Manager, South West Catchments Council. This design prevents other animals from eating the baits. Instructions for making the stations:

1. Thoroughly clean a 200L drum to get rid of any trace of previous contents.
2. Cut the drum in half (length way is best).
3. Cut an opening just big enough for a rabbit to get through in one end, you now have two rabbit bait stations.
4. Place the half drum on or near a rabbit warren or place where rabbits are feeding.

5. Place a large mug full of bait under the drum away from the opening.
6. Tie the drum down or secure it with a heavy log.
7. Check periodically and top up bait as required.
8. Best to bait rabbits in late summer or before seeding, planting or revegetation efforts.

The use of 1080 baits require you to complete training (online) and apply for and obtain the appropriate permit(s) to purchase the chemical. See <https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/pests-weeds-diseases/control-methods/chemicals/baits-poisons/baiting-poison-permits> for more information.



WEED OF THE FORTNIGHT – FREESIA

Scientific Name: *Freesia alba x leichtlinii*

Physical Description: Tufted plant with soft light green basal leaves arising annually from a corm. The erect flowering stem have cream to yellow flowers, often with yellow to orange markings, and are sweet scented. Flowers in spring.

Control Methods:

- Grazing and mowing provide control.
- 2-3 years of spraying with 0.5 g metsulfuron (600g/kg) plus 25 mL Pulse® in 10 L water will usually eradicate it. One fifth of these rates provides reasonable control with much less damage to native species.
- Alternatively, 50 mL glyphosate (450g/L) plus 25 mL Pulse® in 10 L water applied in winter or spring before the end of flowering provides good control of

existing plants but there is often a subsequent emergence



Freesia, photo courtesy Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development photo library.

NESTING TIME FOR RED-TAILED PHASCOGALES

Students from Mrs Bignell's Year 6 class from the Kojonup District High School, were excited to visit the Bush Heritage Australia's Kojonup Conservation Reserve on Mission Road, Cherry Tree Pool on Tuesday, 15th May 2016, to see some animal monitoring in action.

Angela Sanders, Bush Heritage Australia, has been collecting information on the Red-tailed Phascogale population in the Kojonup Conservation Reserve for 8 years. The Red-tailed Phascogale is a threatened species and is at risk to predators (foxes, cats) and loss of habitat.

At this time of year, Phascogales are busy collecting materials for making their nests. Good materials for nests include feathers, soft grasses, leaves or wool. Nest boxes are designed to keep out cats and foxes and are installed by groups such as Bush Heritage Australia, to help protect the species and aid in monitoring.

Students were able to look into the nest boxes and see materials collected for nest making, identify their scats and look at other animals that might be living in the bush.

Everyone had a great time. Thanks to Angela from Bush Heritage Australia for her time, Diana Blacklock, Wagin-Woodanilling Landcare Zone, Ian from Kojonup Bus Service and Mrs Bignell for helping to organise the event.



Angela Sanders, Bush Heritage Trust, showing the spreadsheet of information collected from animals trapped and released.



Eden Morrison-Gianatti looking in the nest boxes to see nesting materials used by the Red-tailed Phascogale.



Lanii Brown found the skin of a witchetty grub.

WEEDY WATTLE REMOVAL BUSY BEE

Note: Change of time to the afternoon!

When – Wednesday 6 June 2018, from **2pm to 4pm.**

Where – meet at the Old Rubbish Tip

What to Bring – water bottles, hats & sunscreen. Small chainsaws/handsaws and gloves. Shire will provide staff, wands, 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.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

STAR GAZING WORLD RECORD

Council was delighted to participate in the Star Gazing World Record attempt held at Glenlossie on 23 May 2018. The weather held out and the evening was very enjoyable with clear skies and an ideal venue.

It was pleasing to see the support the event received from community members. Budding astronomers should make contact with Len North on 98321162.

The following images have kindly been provided for your pleasure, courtesy of Gwenda Kinniburgh.



SHIRE OF KOJONUP'S 2018 VOLUNTEERS' AWARDS

The Shire of Kojonup was proud to announce Mrs Cathy Wright as Kojonup's 2018 Volunteer of Year Award at a special ceremony held on

Sunday, 27th May in the Kojonup Memorial Hall. Mrs Rosie Hewson was on hand to accept the award on behalf of Cathy, who was currently away on holiday.

The award was presented in recognition of an individual, over the age of 35 who had worked tirelessly and made an outstanding contribution to the Kojonup community.

Many will be familiar with Cathy through one of her many volunteering roles including her dedication and skills as Choir leader for the Southern Singers, coordinating performances at countless community events throughout the calendar year. Her inspiring leadership and encouragement ensures that this special group of people continues to bring joy and entertainment through song to so many in Kojonup.

In addition, Cathy has become the driving force through her gardening expertise and organisation skills, together with a band of Rose Maze volunteers to ensure that the garden is maintained as a key attraction for visitors and locals alike. Her dedication to gardening has seen her involved with the Vegi Club, the Open Garden Scheme and she has also been instrumental in coordinating and assisting with Kojonup to host later this year, 200 attendees of the National Rose Conference visiting on their way through to Albany.

Cathy is a person who identifies other peoples' talents and encourages them to use them.

Other category winners included: Trent Clarke, awarded Young Volunteer of Year for his work with the local volunteer fire service since the age of 13 and Nightingale's Nest and Nursery for their innovative and sell out event with Sabrina Hahn. The Southern Singers were awarded the Community Group of the Year for their dedication to perform regularly at local church services, Springhaven, many Kojonup community events as well as "flying the flag" for Kojonup with their performances at festivals in Albany and Denmark.

"Congratulations to all nominees and award winners," Shire of Kojonup's CEO, Rick Mitchell-Collins said. "It was great to see a good turnout on Sunday with approximately 70 community members there to celebrate and acknowledge our wonderful volunteers."

"These Awards are an opportunity to put a spotlight on our volunteers and say thank you," he said, "and to appreciate the inspirational role volunteers play in our communities in helping others. No matter how big or small the contribution, all volunteers make a difference."

If you missed the opportunity to nominate someone who you believe to be worthy of an award then keep an eye out early next year when nominations open. The Shire is delighted to see the interest in these awards grow from year to year and look forward to receiving even more nominations next year.





Zahra Shirazee

Manager, Community Development & Tourism
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REGULATORY SERVICES

DID YOU KNOW?



Once upon a time, a local government's only course of action with relation to unauthorised building works was to serve a building order to have the unauthorised structure removed.

The introduction of the Building Act 2011 brought with it the ability of applying for a Building Approval Certificate, essentially a retrospective building approval. The application process for a Building Approval Certificate attracts penalty application fees, requires the involvement of a private Building Surveyor Contractor and occasionally a Structural Engineer, requires that

the building comply with the building standards applicable at the time of applying for the Certificate and acknowledges that work was carried out without approval.

It does not prevent a local government from undertaking formal action. In some cases, works may be required to rectify a non-compliant building, which attracts further fees and permits.

The paperwork associated with applying for a building permit, before undertaking works, is considered far less onerous than applying for a Building Approval Certificate once works have been completed. It is also much easier to modify a design, rather than modify a completed building. Residents and builders are encouraged to contact the Shire's Building Surveyor before proceeding with any building project within the Shire.

Mort Wignall

Manager Regulatory Services
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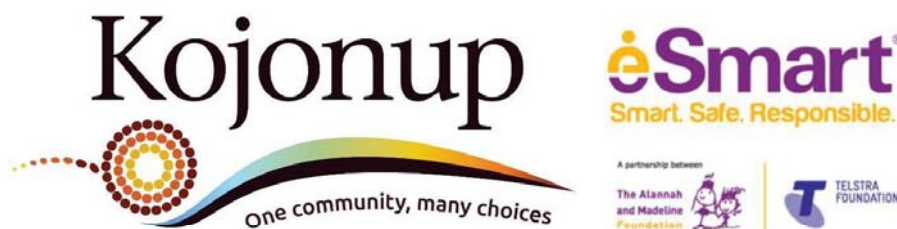
LOCAL AND REGIONAL EVENTS

KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY LITTER GRANTS ARE NOW OPEN.

Projects that aim to reduce litter, change litter behaviour and address littering issues in your community are now eligible for funding through Keep Australia Beautiful's 2018 community litter grants.

You can read the media release [here](#) and you can find out more about the grants at this link - <https://www.kabc.wa.gov.au/resources/community-litter-grants> , including guidelines, previous successful applicants and an application form.

Grant applications close on 25 June.



eSmart Libraries

eSmart Libraries is a behaviour change initiative for cybersafety and wellbeing designed to equip libraries and connect library users with the skills they need for **smart, safe and responsible** use of technology.

How can we embrace the benefits of technology and at the same time protect our communities from cyberbullying and other risks online? Albany Public Library is committed to educating our community and providing a safe, welcoming environment for all library users.

How the Library can help you to be 'eSmart'

- Free computer and Wi-Fi access for everyone
- Basic staff assistance with technology
- The Computer School – free technology tutorials online
- “eLiteracy” training sessions
- BYO Device sessions for learning to use the Library’s online resources
- Cyber safety information and handouts
- Cyber bullying information and handouts
- Policies and guidelines for using Library internet and technology
- Cybersafety Help button on all public PC’s
- Public information sessions
- Connections to external organisations
- Stay Smart Online Partner - promote the annual Stay Smart Online Week

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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
Wednesdays	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Homework Help	Library	FREE
Fortnightly on Friday 15 June 29 June	10:30am – 11:30am	Storytime	Library	FREE
4 th Wednesday of each month 27 June	10:00am – 12:00pm	Play in the Park	Apex Park	FREE
Wednesday 6 June	2.00pm to 4.00pm	Weedy Wattle Busy Bee	Old Rubbish Tip	Free
Tuesdays 3 rd Tuesday of each month	Commencing at: 3.00pm	Ordinary Council Meeting 19 June 2018	Council Chambers	FREE
22 September to 21 October		Bloom Festival Theme: "Bloom" or "Spring"		