



SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

Edition 137 – 27 July 2018

You can receive this e-newsletter directly to your email address by registering at the Shire Office or by emailing council@kojonup.wa.gov.au.

In This Issue

- **Council Briefing**
 - 2018/2018 Annual Budget
- **Administration Office**
 - Rebates – State Government Rebates
 - Email My Rates Notice
 - Casual For A Cause
- **Kojonup Library**
 - Update
- **Community Development and Tourism**
 - Banners on The Terrace
 - Kojonup NAIDOC Family Fun Day
 - Upcoming Workshops For Clubs and Community Groups
 - Departure of Community Development Officer
- **Regulatory Services**
 - Temporary Closure of Kojonup Tourist Railway
- **Works and Services**
 - Update
- **Local and Regional Events**
- **Community Events Calendar**

COUNCIL BRIEFS

2018/2019 ANNUAL BUDGET

As stated in last year's budget papers the challenge whenever undertaking major capital works is replenishing reserve accounts to meet Asset Management requirements such as maintenance, renewal or replacement. The State Government has questioned the need for rate increases above 2% for metropolitan councils as a 1% increase may raise in excess of \$150,000 per annum. For Kojonup to raise this amount requires an increase of 4.05%. Yet there is little comment regarding increases in utility charges, emergency services levy, fuel costs and wages.

Then there is the question of financial viability, for example, *"What is the minimum amount of rates that need to be raised to meet Long Term Financial Planning projections against the total income required so that there is not an over reliance on grant revenue?"*

Rates revenue for the 2017/18 financial year represented 42% of total operating revenue, realistically if Council wishes to achieve the deliverables contained within the Community Strategic Plan and to meet ongoing operational commitments is it unrealistic not to raise at least 60% from rates revenue?

Reserve funds are achieved through an operational surplus. Another alternative is via loan borrowings (particularly when interest rates are low) and the community benefit can be extended over a longer period therefore repayment includes future ratepayers. Reserve funds and borrowings can also be

leveraged against external funds/grants either on a \$ for \$ basis or higher ratio which will occur with the Regional Aged Appropriate Program and Building Better Regions Fund – Great Southern Housing Initiative as State and Federal funding has been secured.

Kojonup certainly does not wish to place itself in a position where it needs to borrow funds in order to meet operational obligations. The Council's focus is ensuring operational efficiencies achieve a small surplus which can be transferred to Reserve Accounts.

The Council also recognises that we must live within our means hence a proposed rate increase of 4% which will raise an additional \$144,000. Unfortunately projects, maintenance and renewal requests were deferred in 2017/18 given the additional works required at the Sports Complex with the access ramp and storm water drainage improvements. Council is always challenged to do more with less but not to an extent where service levels are jeopardised or outcomes are unrealistic.

Reserve Accounts

Reserve accounts are utilised to set aside funds for use in a future financial year.

This year's budgeted movement in Reserve Accounts sees a small decrease of \$165,823 as follows:

- Opening balance (1 July 2018) - \$3,500,532
- Closing budgeted balance (30 June 2019) - \$3,334,709

The figures above include \$1,580,533 of cash-backed bonds paid by residents of Springhaven Lodge.

Loans

The Council's loan indebtedness continues to be very low, with an outstanding balance at 30 June 2018 of \$384,651. This budget includes the raising of three (3) new loans as follows:

- Sports Complex Wall - \$100,000.00
- Aged Units – GSHI - \$205,000.00
- Staff Housing – GSHI - \$225,000.00

Following the raising of these new loans, it is budgeted that the loan balance outstanding as at 30 June 2019 will be \$884,130. Further information on these loans can be seen at Note 6 of this budget.

So What is in the Budget?

Governance:

- ICT Plan Implementation - \$60,000
- Town Wi-Fi & Digital Signage - \$50,000
- Furniture/Chambers technology - \$25,000
- Office Building Capital Renewal - \$13,500

Law, Order & Public Safety:

- Bush Fire Communications Tower - \$100,000 (100% reserve funded)
- Local Law Review - \$3,000

Housing:

- Great Southern Housing Initiative (Key Worker)(50%) - \$969,166 (grants and loan)
- Great Southern Housing Initiative (Aged)(50%) - \$512,000 (grants and loan)
- Springhaven iCare Software - \$30,000
- Springhaven Laundry Equipment Allowance - \$20,000
- Springhaven Furniture, Air-Conditioning & Building \$43,500
- Springhaven SIHI Project (carry over) - \$49,628
- Jean Sullivan/Loton Close Independent Living Unit's Building Renewal – \$16,500
- Independent Living Units Finalisation - \$10,000



(Independent Living Units, Loton Close – February 2018)



(1st stage of the Community Garden and ramp to Springhaven Lodge from Loton Close – February 2018)

Community Amenities:

- Re-paint Railway Station - \$24,000
- Render/Repair Barracks & Old Post Office - \$5,000
- Kojonup Cemetery Upgrade (Carry Over) - \$7,250

- Muradup Cemetery Upgrade (Remove Pine Trees) - \$10,000
- Liquid Waste Facility - \$20,000
- Townscape Plan - \$22,000
- Town Furniture - \$30,000
- Natural Resource Management Operations – fully funded from Reserves



Old Post Office Before



Old Post Office After

Recreation & Culture:

- Memorial Hall / Theatrical / Harrison Place DESIGN - \$10,000
- Swimming Pool – Painting – \$45,000
- Sporting Complex - Building issues (Balustrade) - \$14,000

- Sporting Complex – Wall & Ramp - \$333,706
- Sporting Complex - New Access and Parking Arrangements - \$100,000
- Sporting Complex – Resurface Netball Surrounds - \$5,000
- Apex Park Upgrade - \$10,000
- Trails Master Planning - \$3,000
- Contribution to Golf Club Roof - \$1,500
- BBRF Business Plan - \$8,000



(Ping Pong Table Installed at Newstead Park – January 2018)



Transport:

Plant (as per 12 year plan):

- Net Cost \$550,000 – 12 year average
- Major Plant Repairs - \$10,000
- Airstrip Building Improvements - \$5,000
- Airstrip Promotional Signage - \$25,000
- Signage Upgrades - \$10,000
- Footpaths - \$66,000
- Kerbing - \$47,000
- Road Construction - \$1.25m (As per draft 10 year Program)
- Gravel Re-sheeting - \$375,000
- Widening Kojonup-Darman Rd - \$124,000
- Widening Kojonup-Frankland Rd - \$501,000
- Bitumen Reseal – Kojonup-Darman Rd - \$108,000

- Bitumen Reseal – Kojonup Frankland Rd - \$84,000
- Bitumen Reseal – Kojonup Townsite - \$18,000
- Town Drainage Renewal - \$20,000
- Wooden Culvert Replacement - \$20,000



(Pensioner Road Upgrades – December 2017)



(Old Lights being taken out at the Air Strip)



(New LED Lights Installed at the Air Strip – July 2018)

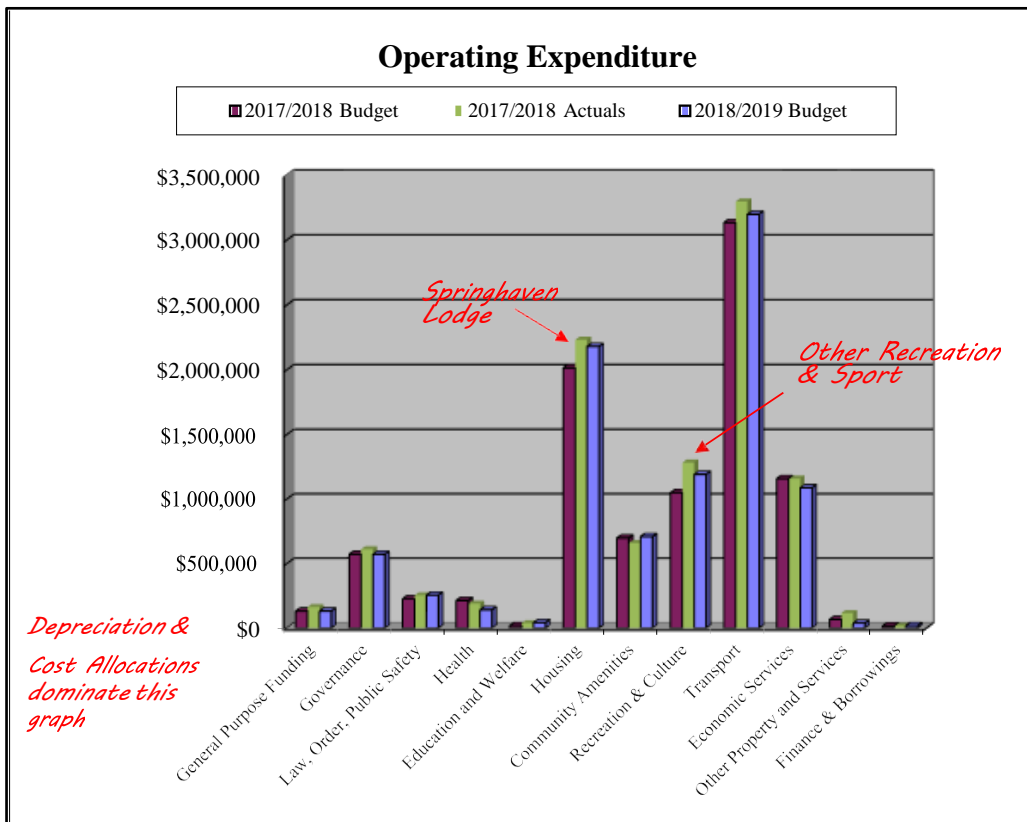
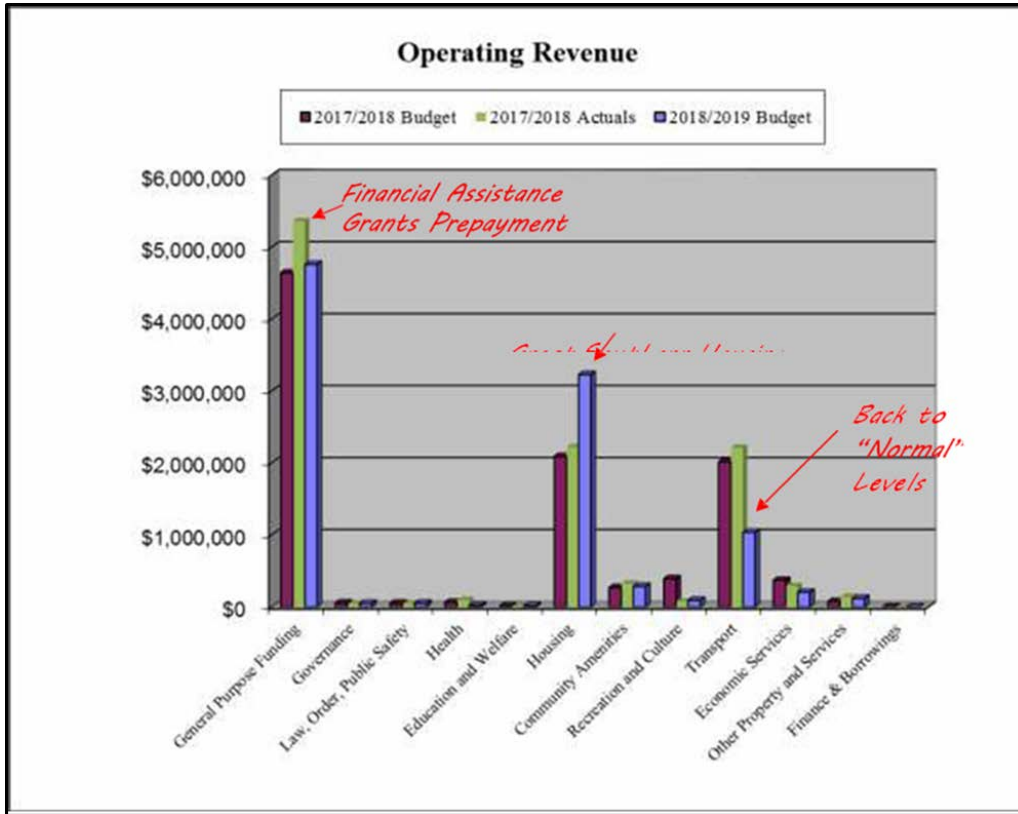
Economic Services:

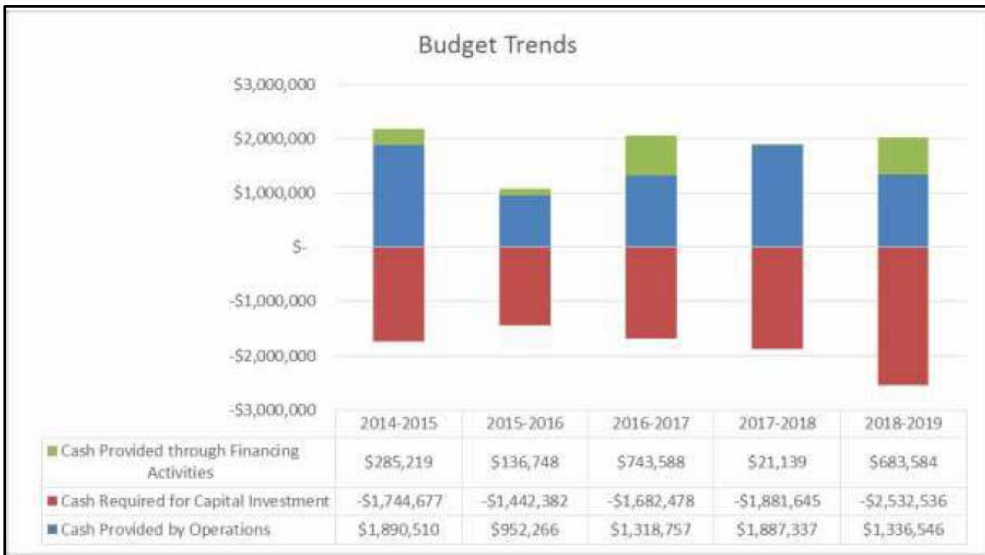
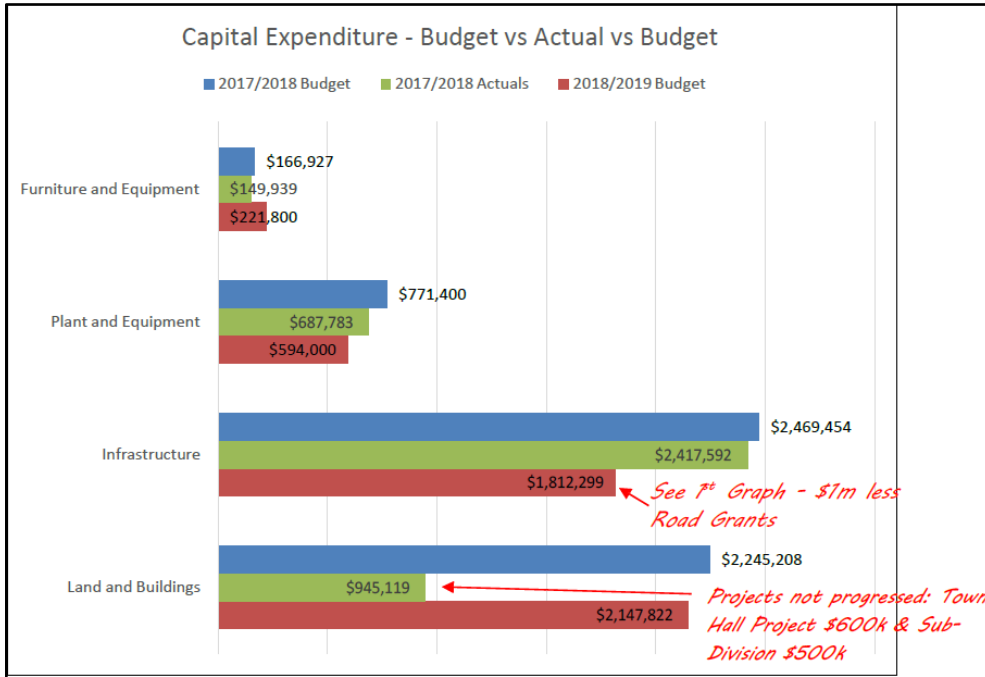
The Kodja Place:

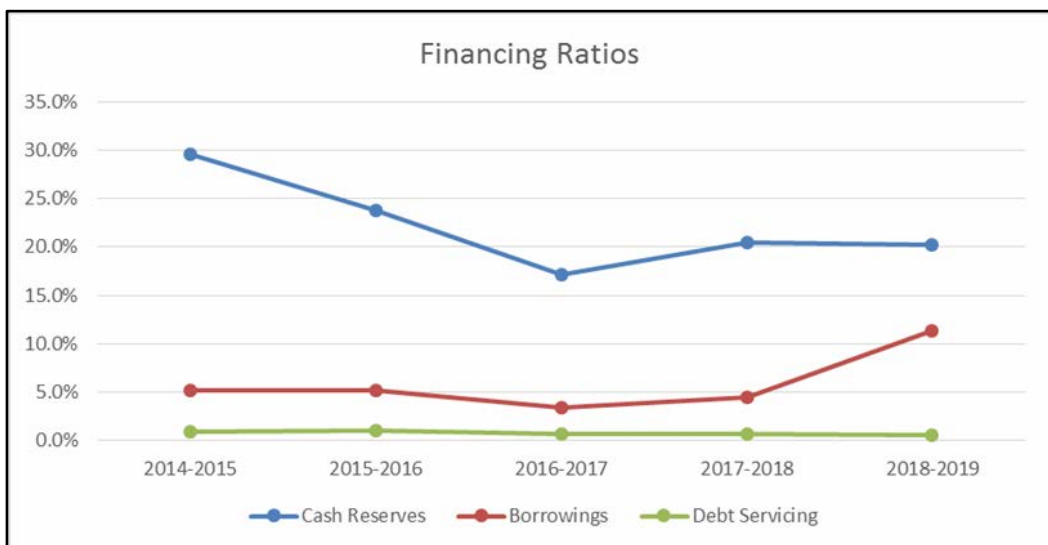
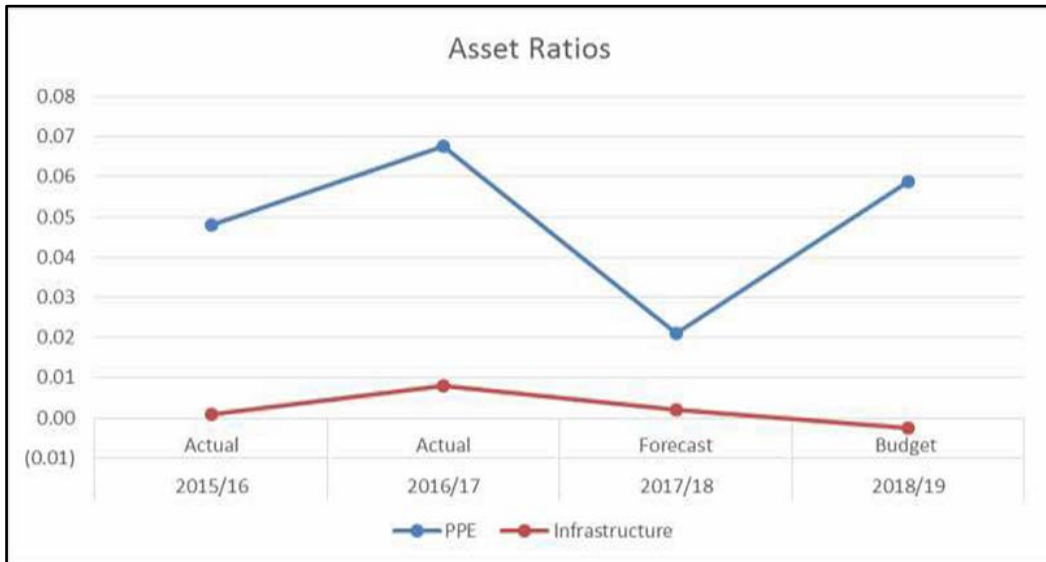
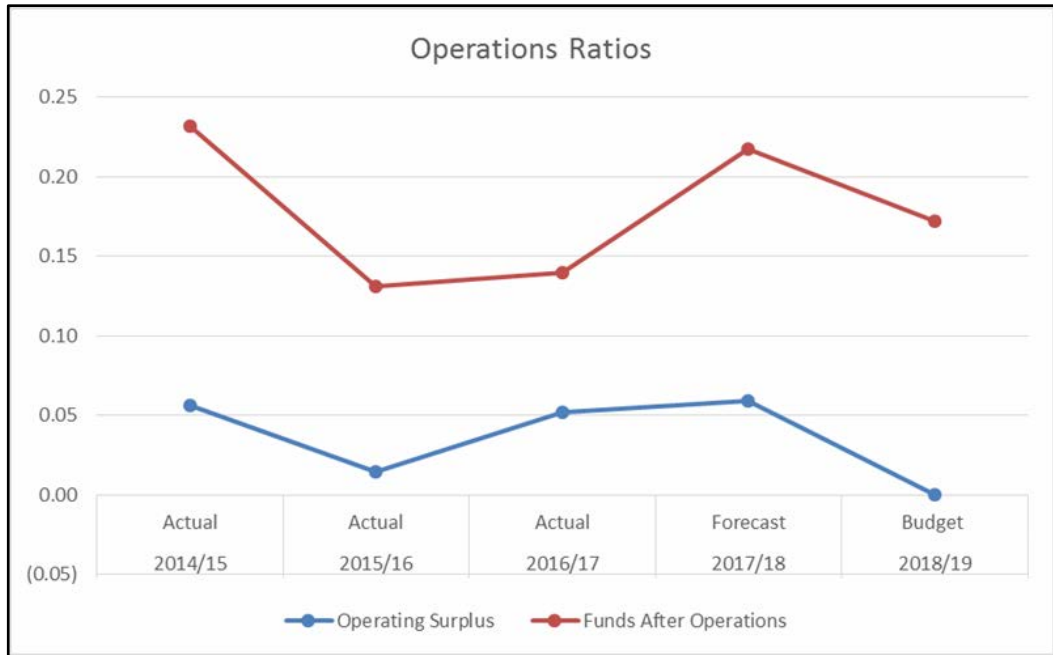
- Shelving & Storage - \$5,000
- Seal Car Park, Signage & Line Marking - \$20,000
- Rose Maze Structures - \$5,000
- Solar Panels - \$35,000
- Water re-use and recycle project (carry over) – \$27,048
- Automation of Water Re-Use - \$15,000
- Saleyards Renewal - \$40,000
- Sub-division expenses - \$115,000

Budget and Financial Summary

The following graphs summarise the 2018/2019 Annual Budget and analyse specific major items and trends to give greater meaning and understanding:







Conclusion

The 2018/19 Budget process included consideration of and implications to the Long Term Financial Plan, Community Strategic Plan, Corporate Business Plan, Asset Management Plan, Risk Management Plan, Workforce Plan, as well as our ability to meet and respond to changes in government funding streams, regulation, cost shifting and the political landscape.

I express my sincere gratitude to Councillors who now as “normal practice” continually assess, review and evaluate the strategic direction of Council on behalf of the community they represent which is reflected in the quality of decisions made, backed by sound business planning including “whole of life” costs, and analysis of social, economic, environmental, cultural, historical, heritage values and resource requirements – human and physical.

Council will continue to engage and consult with the community to rank priorities and assess external funding opportunities which have severely diminished given the state’s unsatisfactory financial position.

Private Sector Investment in our Shire from building activity, expansion of engineering/agricultural support services, retail, commerce and tourism sector and diversified agricultural base is not taken for granted and reinforces the new Community Strategic direction of SMART Kojonup and the possibilities we can collectively achieve now and in the future.

To all my team – Thank you for your commitment to change, continuous improvement, to be innovative and continually rising to the challenge. To grasp opportunities such as resource sharing and whilst our population remains static we are making a positive difference which is being recognised by others because we strive to be better rather than ‘more of the same!’

To the community members whom I, Council and staff have been involved with over the past year and the many volunteers who have contributed time and energy supporting various clubs, groups and organisations thank you for your input and feedback and I look forward to continuing our productive association in the year ahead.

To the businesses who continue to support our community a big thank you! Council recognises the pressures being placed on our community and the need to work together so to everyone who has attended Forums, Briefing Sessions, Advisory meetings, Work Shops, lodged submissions, made suggestions or requests thank you for taking the time to be interested in the past, present and future direction of the Shire of Kojonup.



*Shire President
Ronnie Fleay*

*Chief Executive Officer
Rick Mitchell-Collins*

ADMINISTRATION

REBATES - STATE GOVERNMENT REBATE

The WA State Government have released the capping rates for the 2018/2019 Pensioner/Senior Rebates:

- Pensioners: 50% of rates capped at \$750.00
- Seniors: capped at \$100.00

Please note these are the same rebate amounts as last year.

EMAIL MY RATE NOTICE

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:

KOJONUP LIBRARY

Wow! We have been super busy here in the library with receiving a double exchange and preparing it for our shelves, almost all of them are ready to be read, watched or listened to.

I would just like to truly thank the generosity of our community with the donations of books and DVD's. Without your kindness your library wouldn't have the turnover of resources it does. Especially with the new changes implemented by the SLWA of not allowing new items to be sent to other libraries for use. We all appreciate the gift of sharing new releases.

This week I am focusing on DVD's that have arrived for your viewing pleasure....



Princess Elena is on a journey that began years earlier when evil sorceress Shuriki took her parents and kingdom from her. Now, having defeated Shuriki, the royal teenager is due to take her place on the throne but needs help ruling Avalor -- that assistance comes in the form of the Grand Council, made up of Grandfather Tito, Grandmother Cici and royal adviser Duke Esteban. Princess Elena goes on adventures -- with wizard-in-training Mateo and magical Skylar at her side -- that help her understand the traits that make a good leader.

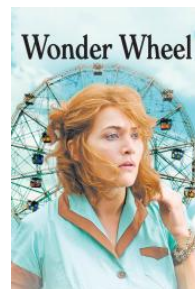


Leo, Raph, Donnie and Mikey put five years of training and fighting to the ultimate test as they embark on their final missions in the new DVD Series. In this final collection of episodes, the half-shelled heroes must band together once and for all, in order to be the heroes they were destined to be. Whether they are battling mutants in another dimension, teaming up with a rabbit samurai to defeat an evil sorcerer, or clashing with classic movie monsters to protect NYC, the Turtles will have to use all of their ninja-knowledge to defeat their enemies.



After contracting polio at the age of 28, Robin Cavendish is confined to bed and given only months to live. But with the help of his wife Diana and her twin brothers, and the ground-breaking ideas of inventor Teddy Hall, Cavendish emerges

from the hospital ward and devotes the rest of his life to helping fellow patients and the disabled.



Four peoples' lives intertwine amid the hustle and bustle of the Coney Island amusement park in the 1950s: Ginny, an emotionally volatile former actress now working as a waitress in a clam house; Humpty, Ginny's rough-hewn carousel operator husband; Mickey, a handsome young lifeguard who dreams of becoming a playwright; and Carolina, Humpty's long-estranged daughter, who is now hiding out from gangsters at her father's apartment.



A bunch of people coming around for dinner and cracking jokes over a few beers and wines ... is that a compelling idea for a feature film? The director Dean Murphy and his ubiquitous star/producer, Shane Jacobson -- who is increasingly giving the impression of being a person happy not just to attend the opening of an envelope but to star in a feature film about such an event -- believe the answer is a firm yes. The twist is that the guests of the true-blue soiree held in That's Not My Dog! are well-known Australian comedians, instructed to bring with them their three funniest jokes of all time. The guest list is impressive -- including Jacobson, Paul Hogan, Jimeoin, Paul Fenech, Michala Banas, Steve Vizard, Fiona O'Loughlin, Tim Ferguson, Lehmo, Ed Kavalee, Rob Carlton, Christie Whelan Browne, Hung Le and Lulu McClatchy.

EARLY YEARS ACTIVITIES**Play in the Park**

22 August, 26 September

APEX Park 10am-12pm free community event 0-5 years.

Play Café

1 August, 8 August, 15 August, 29 August, 5 September, 12 September, 19 September

KDHS Kindy room, 9.30am-11.30am, free community event 0-5years

Story Time

10 August, 24 August, 7 September, 21 September
Kojonup Library 10.30am-11am, free community event 0-5years

HOMEWORK HELP

Take the stress off at home.....*The Kojonup Youth Centre* will be holding their **HOME WORK HELP** sessions every **Monday this term from 3pm – 4pm at the library**. They include afternoon tea for the children, with parent & teacher support. This is the perfect way for kids to get their homework finished or at least started for the week.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

FRIDAY 3 AUGUST IS JEANS FOR GENES DAY



We have a box of merchandise on the front desk at the Admin office.

If you would like to purchase a pen, yoyo or nifty earpod and holder come in and see us or if you would just like to make a donation.

Every little bit helps.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

BANNERS ON THE TERRACE 2018

Considered to be the largest single community arts project in the State, over 60 banners from local governments from around WA went on display along St Georges and Adelaide Terraces from Sunday, 22 July – Saturday, 4 August as part of the Banners in the Terrace Competition.

If you are heading to Perth over the next two weeks, see if you can spot Kojonup’s stunning entry created St Bernard’s art students under the guidance of Art teacher Sophie Atkinson and artist Lisa Hart and maybe take a photo and send us a copy to publish?

The Banners in the Terrace, is an annual competition with winners announced during the West Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) Convention.

KOJONUP’S NAIDOC FAMILY FUN DAY

As a finale to NAIDOC week, Sunday, 15th July was a hive of activities in the Shire of Kojonup with a celebration of the Noongar culture at The Kodja Place cultural centre and a free train ride on The Spirit of Kojonup thanks to grant funding from Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Joining Kojonup for first time were members of the Broomehill-Tambellup Noongar community who brought a busload of 22 Noongar children to enjoy the various activities on offer and to assist with some of the traditional cooking.

With the fire burning near the Mia Mias, the drifting aromas of Bill Riley’s kangaroo tail soup, kangaroo rissoles and stew, Elder Jack Cox’ damper cooking and the billy tea on the boil; the scene was set for the morning to kick off with a music performance and singing of the Gina Williams’ Welcome song guided by local teacher Paul Frick.

There were a variety of fun children’s activities including face painting, sand play as well as art activities organised by Wanslea and Aboriginal Health Council of WA and music by All Events to enjoy. Many visitors and locals took advantage of the free-train ride on offer that was seated to capacity and a major hit with the Tambellup children who for some was their first train ride.





“Despite the cold weather it was great to see a good turnout to the event,” Community Development and Tourism Manager Zahra Shirazee said, “and everyone enjoyed the traditional foods, including the popular Johnny cakes. It was a great collaborative effort and I’d like to thank our Elder Jack Cox, Bill Riley and Tambellup’s Lynthia Flowers and her family for sharing their knowledge and preparing the food.”

After lunch the stage was taken over with budding young singers with some showing off their dance moves. The day ended with a screening of the movie, Bran Nue Dae.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS AND CLUBS



The Shire of Kojonup’s Community Development team in partnership with Albany and Regional Volunteer Service are bringing two “super charged” workshops designed specifically for community groups and clubs to Kojonup. Presented by Volunteer WA, the workshops will be held in the Community Room at Kodja Place on Tuesday, 14th August.

Workshop 1: Enlisting and Recruiting Great Volunteers, 10am – 2pm

Learn why the recruitment process is important including managing applications, interviews and volunteer orientation

- How to get the right Volunteer and ensuring they stay with your organisation

- How to target various groups to reach a wider audience
- Meeting the needs of prospective volunteers and understand why they want to volunteer for your organisation
- And we cover much more
Cost \$20.00 (includes lunch)

Workshop 2: Grant Writing, 3.15pm – 5.45pm

This workshop is design for grant seekers wanting information on what is involved and how to access important grant funding for your organisation or club.

- Understand the importance of planning your funding application, what is going to happen, what the end result will produce and the risks associated with it
- Be able to access the grant program, to ensure it fits your need and then sell that message to the grant provider
- Understand how to identify the project and why the community needs it
- Who will benefit from the expected outcomes of the project
- Define the project—is it ongoing, who will implement it, how will you ensure accountability, costs associated with the funding, when will it start and finish
- Ensuring you understand the acquittal process

Cost \$10.00

Please note numbers are limited so don’t delay in contacting The Kodja Place and Kojonup Visitor Centre on 9831 0500 or email kojonupvisitors@bigpond.com for your registration form. Registrations close Thursday, 9th August.

DEPARTURE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

The Shire farewells our Community Development Officer, Heidi Tyler who has decided to return to teaching and we would like to wish her well in her future endeavours.

Zahra Shirazee

Manager, Community Development & Tourism
9831 0400

REGULATORY SERVICES

“TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF KOJONUP TOURIST RAILWAY OPERATION”

Due to an unresolved issue regarding insurance cover for Shire of Kojonup as the Accredited Entity for operation of the Kojonup Tourist Railway (KTR), it has become necessary to temporarily suspend operations until further notice. The matter was brought to Council’s attention by the Office of National Rail Safety Regulator (the Regulatory Body) who requested Council to suspend railway operations until the insurance issue is resolved.

The insurance policy currently held by KTR does not, in the opinion of the regulatory body, provide indemnity to Shire of Kojonup for rail operations, as required by Rail Safety National Law and we have only recently been advised of this situation by the regulator.

Council is liaising with KTR in an endeavour to resolve the matter and apologises for any inconvenience to members of the public and community groups who have booked to ride on the “Spirit of Kojonup” zoo train. We will keep the community informed as to when the tourist railway is likely to resume operations. Any enquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the CEO, Rick Mitchell-Collins.

Mort Wignall

Manager Regulatory Services

9831 2407

WORKS AND SERVICES



Works and Services crews have been busy cleaning up after the wet and windy weather and are currently:

- Fixing pot holes due to wet weather
- Grading when conditions are right
- Replacing guideposts/signage
- Cleaning culverts
- Removing trees from storm events.

As always, please be cautious when you see our crews working and slow down.

Craig McVee

Manager Works & Services

0427 427 854

LOCAL AND REGIONAL EVENTS AND INFORMATION

The Kodja Place Community Fund Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 August 2018 at the Shire Administration Office in the Reception Lounge commencing at 5.30pm.

Please contact Wendy Thorn for more information.

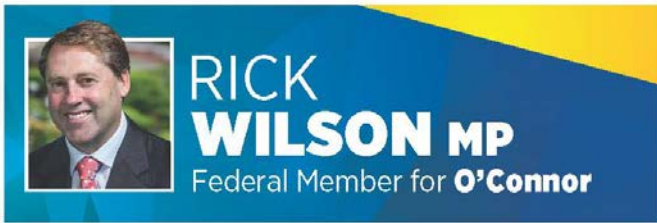


STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE

The recent high winds, heavy rain and hail storm necessitated a staff member seeking the assistance from SES as Council crews or the Volunteer Fire Brigades are not geared for example to undertake tarp covering of lifted roof sheeting.

The area that the Wagin SES covers is quite large and includes the Shires of Kojonup, Katanning, West Arthur, Arthur River, Woodanilling, Dumbleyung, Duranillin, Kukerin as well as Wagin.

I wish to thank our Kojonup SES volunteer for your prompt action. I am sure Wagin SES would welcome any new members and can be contacted at waginses@gmail.com.



Do you have a self-managed super fund and want to know how the Federal Government's policies will benefit you?

Your Local Federal Member
Rick Wilson MP invites you to

Let's talk your super and your retirement



with

The Hon Kelly O'Dwyer MP

Minister for Revenue and Financial Services

Where: Senior Citizens Centre Albany, 122 Grey St West

When: Monday, 30th July 2018

Time: 3.30pm

Shop 5, St Emille Way, Albany WA 6330 | 9842 2777

rick.wilson.mp@aph.gov.au | rickwilson.com.au | rickwilsonmp

Authorized and sponsored by Rick Wilson MP, Liberal Party of Australia Shop 5, St Emille Way, Albany WA 6330.



Biosecurity Officer - Full-Time
Biosecurity Officer Part-Time
Finance/Admin Officer - Part-Time

We are pleased to offer exciting job opportunities, with competitive salaries and conditions, in vital roles to support local communities manage declared plant & animal pests to protect the environment, agriculture & human health & amenity in the south west of western Australia.

From a Bridgetown office base, you will work in the Shires of Donnybrook-Balingup, West Arthur, Nannup, Bridgetown- Greenbushes, & Boyup Brook. All roles have essential requirements.

Job descriptions & selection criteria can be obtained by emailing Sheila Howat: projects@blackwoodbiosecurity.org.au
Applications close Wednesday 17 August, 2018.

Albany
GREAT SOUTHERN
SPEAKER SERIES
PRESENTS

REDUCING PLASTIC AND E-WASTE IN OUR ECOSYSTEM

A PANEL DISCUSSION FEATURING
PROFESSOR PETER NEWMAN, MARCUS GEISLER,
DR HARRIET PATERSON. FACILITATED BY
KATANNING ECO-HOUSE'S ELLA MAESEPP

THURSDAY 16 AUGUST, 5.30PM
KALYENUP STUDIO, ALBANY ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

TICKETS COST \$10 PER PERSON | FROM AEC BOX OFFICE OR TICKETEK.COM.AU
OR CALL ON P: 9844 5005 OR 1300 795 012 | A CASH BAR WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER THE EVENT



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
Monday	3:00pm – 4:00pm	Homework Help	Library	FREE
Fortnightly on Friday 10 & 24 August 7 & 21 September	10:30am – 11:30am	Storytime	Library	FREE
4 th Wednesday of each month 22 August 26 September	10:00am – 12:00pm	Play in the Park	Apex Park	FREE
Wednesdays 1, 8, 15 & 29 August 5, 12 & 19 September	9.30am – 11.30am	Play Café	KDHS Kindy Room	FREE
Tuesdays 3 rd Tuesday of each month	Commencing at: 3.00pm	Ordinary Council Meeting 21 August 2018	Council Chambers	FREE
Wednesday 1 August	From 8.30am	Weedy Wattle Busy Bee	Old Rubbish Tip	FREE
22 September to 21 October		Bloom Festival Theme: “Bloom” or “Spring”		
24 September		Kojonup Wildflower Festival		