



# SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

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## COUNCIL BRIEFS

### PLANNING AND BUILDING APPROVALS

A gentle reminder to property owners or occupiers proposing to erect/construct/move/expand or even demolish structures etc. please contact our Regulatory Services Team to ascertain what is required as the Building Code and Planning Scheme are statutory requirements which must be administered and our team would much rather assist you through the process instead of being considered a hindrance or obstacle. Unfortunately, that “Compliance” word but it is also an essential safeguard against future litigation.

### ROSE MAZE – PRUNING

A Big thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with pruning the Rose Maze which will ensure a massive bloom of colour in the months ahead!

### KOJONUP TOURIST RAILWAY

Correspondence was received on 10 July 2018 from the Office of National Rail Safety Regulator (ONRSR) who advised that under the *Rail Safety National Law (WA) Act 2015*, the Shire of Kojonup (SOK) as the Accredited Entity for the Kojonup Tourist Railway Inc. (KTR), is required to demonstrate it has the financial capacity, or has public risk insurance arrangements, to meet reasonable potential accident liabilities arising from railway operations. ONRSR was of the view that the existing insurance policy forwarded by

KTR to them, did not include the SOK as a Principal to the policy.

ONRSR understands KTR holds a level of public risk insurance. However, as it appeared that the Accredited Entity (SOK) was not covered by this policy, ONRSR required written documentation that SOK hold sufficient insurance to undertake railway operations. Failure to address this matter within five days of the date of the letter (10 July 2018) would result in ONRSR requesting us to voluntarily suspend all rail operations until such time the situation is rectified.

In response to ONRSR's correspondence, the Manager Regulatory Services (MRS) contacted KTR's insurer Willis Towers Watson who have advised that Clause 3.1 of the KTR insurance policy provides indemnity to Principals for their vicarious exposure arising out of the insured's negligence but does not extend to the principals own direct negligence.

The insurer was happy to provide a Certificate of Currency (COC) noting SOK as a Principal. A copy of the COC was forwarded to ONRSR for their information. ONRSR responded by indicating that the COC:

1. Did not satisfactorily cover the Shire of Kojonup for its own negligence or breach of statutory duty.
2. The policy covers the Shire of Kojonup for its vicarious liability for the negligent acts or omissions of the Kojonup Tourist Railway (KTR) (arising out the insured's i.e. KTR's business). It is unclear how the policy defines KTR's business i.e. does it contemplate that business as being, in effect, the business of operating railway operations for and on behalf of the Shire of Kojonup?

Council sort clarification from its own insurers LGIS who confirmed that 'running' a tourist railway is not a core business of Local Government and coverage could not be secured.

Unfortunately, as a result of this advice Council has had to suspended KTR operations until further notice and is working with ONRSR and KTR to address the insurance anomaly.

### CONDOLENCES

Council would like to offer our condolences to the Pearce and Page families and friends after the sad passing of Lyn Page. Our thoughts are with you at this time.



*Shire President  
Ronnie Fleay*

*Chief Executive Officer  
Rick Mitchell-Collins*

### KOJONUP LIBRARY

#### EARLY YEARS ACTIVITIES

##### Play in the Park

22 August, 26 September

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

##### Play Café

15 & 29 August, 5 & 12 & 19 September

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

### Story Time

24 August, 7 & 21 September

Kojonup Library 10.30am-11am, free community event 0-5years

### HOMEWORK HELP

The Kojonup Youth Centre will be holding their HOME WORK HELP sessions every **Monday 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.

## SPRINGHAVEN

Springhaven along with our lovely Volunteers celebrated Christmas in July with a delicious Luncheon.



Christmas lunch was served with all the best bits: Roast Ham, Turkey, potatoes and vegetables and for dessert, Pavlova. Residents, Staff and Volunteers enjoyed lunch, sang Christmas carols, chatted and enjoyed each other's company. Springhaven would like to thank our Volunteers once again for their time that they spend at Springhaven, it is very much appreciated by all.



Residents are looking forward to the start of Spring and some warmer weather.

Happy Birthday to Bob Green and Phyllis Toovey who recently celebrated their Birthday.

As always if anyone has a special talent, plays a musical instrument or if you have a special pet you would like to bring in for pet therapy with residents – please contact Jacky on 9831 2800.

## CASUAL COOK, KITCHEN HAND & CLEANER

If you have a love of cooking, enjoy cleaning and have a genuine interest in older people, follow this link:

<https://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au/council/employment-vacancies/>

Sue Northover  
*Manager Aged Care Services*

## LANDCARE

### OLD SPEEDWAY TREES PLANTED

Funding from the Australian Governments National Landcare Program's 20 Million Trees program was used to rehabilitate the old speedway (behind the show grounds) to native vegetation. Seedlings were planted on the 27 July by Bill Riley, Mitch Cox, Jamaine Weasel and Tim Michael, organised by the Kojonup Aboriginal Corporation. They are pictured below battling the very clayey conditions to plant over 2000 seedlings.



The 20 Million Trees Program is part of the national stream of the National Landcare Program, and has four strategic objectives:

- **20 million trees** – 20 million trees and associated understorey planted by 2020.
- **Environmental conservation** – support local environmental outcomes by improving the extent, connectivity and condition of native vegetation that supports native species
- **Community engagement** – work cooperatively with the community
- **Carbon reduction** – contribute to Australia reducing its greenhouse gas emissions.

### PHASCOGALE MONITORING IN MYRTLE BENN FLORA AND FAUNA SANCTUARY

On 2 August, the Year 7 Class from the Kojonup District High School visited the Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary to monitor the Phascogale Nest Boxes they built and installed in 2017. To help the class Angela Sanders, from Bush Heritage Australia, drove from Albany to assist being a qualified native animal handler.

Unfortunately, no Phascogales were in residence in the nest boxes. This is not totally unsurprising given the only monitored population is at the Bush Heritage Australia's Kojonup Conservation Reserve, Cherry Tree Pool. These once widespread marsupials may only be in the Kojonup Conservation Reserve.



If you are interested in building your own nest box or registering your nest box for monitoring, please email your NRM/Landcare Officer at [landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au).



### PLANET ARC NATIONAL SCHOOLS TREE PLANTING DAY

Sixty-six enthusiastic students from St Bernard's Catholic Primary School from the Year 1/2 and 3/4 classes rugged up and braved the weather to plant over 1000 seedlings at David McFall's 'Temple Farm' in Kojonup on Friday 3 August 2018.



The Tree Planting Day was funded by the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program, supported by Royalties for Regions.



Students were welcomed by Jack Cox, then David McFall explained why trees were being planted on his property and how to use the tree planters.



Many thanks to the teachers, principal and administration staff from St Bernard's for organising so many students, Kojonup Bus Service and David McFall.



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

### GRASS ROOTS FUND INFRASTRUCTURE ROUND - APPLICATIONS OPEN 1 AUGUST 2018.

Please see below link to the CBH Grass Roots Fund: Infrastructure Round, which is now open for applications. Grants of up to \$20,000 are available for assistance with small scale infrastructure activities.

#### What is the Grass Roots Fund: Infrastructure Round?

The Grass Roots Fund: Infrastructure Round aims to provide financial assistance to grain growing communities to conduct small scale infrastructure and repair projects which contributes to the health and vitality of their community.

The purpose of the CBH Community Investment Fund is to deliver funds back to our grain growing communities through worthy projects and activities.

The Infrastructure Round came to fruition after listening to community feedback and receiving requests for assistance surrounding maintenance and small-scale infrastructure activities. These requests were received via our existing Grass Roots Fund which primarily focuses on community events and activities.

The fund is open for grants of up to \$20,000. Examples of application types accepted by the fund are playgrounds, repairs to community halls and construction of shade and sun protective areas.

Applications are assessed on the following criteria:

- Have value, relevance and credibility to our growers, customers, CBH and/or its employees
- Fit with CBH's purpose, values and behaviour
- Contribute to the vitality, development, wellbeing and/or safety of grain growing regions

To see if your project meets with CHB's Community Investment objectives for the Infrastructure round visit their website [www.cbh.com.au/cbh-community/grass-roots-fund-infrastructure-round](http://www.cbh.com.au/cbh-community/grass-roots-fund-infrastructure-round)

For further assistance email: [CommunityFund@cbh.com.au](mailto:CommunityFund@cbh.com.au)

#### LOCAL CAPABILITY FUND

Local Capability Fund to assist regional Aboriginal business participation was announced by Regional Development Minister Alannah MacTiernan in Broome on Friday, 27 July 2018. The Fund will provide eligible regionally-based Aboriginal businesses with up to \$20,000 in funding to assist them to secure procurement opportunities in the public and private sectors.

Premier Mark McGowan said, "A key part of our Plan for Jobs was the introduction of an Aboriginal Procurement Policy, which was launched on 1 July 2018.

"The Regional Aboriginal Business round aims to increase the number of State Government contracts awarded to Aboriginal businesses.

"The recently appointed Local Content Advisers across the State will be a major contact point and delivery partner for this exclusively Aboriginal business-focussed round."

- Regional Aboriginal small and medium businesses invited to apply for funding through new Local Capability Fund (LCF) round
- Up to \$20,000 available for eligible businesses seeking to be involved in public and private sector markets
- Initiative follows the recent commencement of the McGowan Labor Government's Aboriginal Procurement Policy
- Opportunity to enhance businesses to create jobs and diversify the economy

The 'Regional Aboriginal Business' round will focus on helping competitive Aboriginal businesses that are seeking to better prepare to participate as suppliers of products, services and works to Western Australian State or Local Government agencies, Federal Government and the private sector. Applicants are encouraged to seize this opportunity to enhance their businesses with a view to ongoing growth, future job creation and the diversification of regional economies.

The funding will include assistance for Aboriginal businesses to meet essential pre-qualification requirements for supply-chain entry, purchase and upgrade of essential equipment, consultancy engagements related to a range of expertise including occupational health and safety, marketing and finance amongst other eligible activities.

The round is open until 31 December 2018 and is an addition to the existing LCF 'Western Australian Industry Participation Strategy (WAIPS)' round.

For more information, visit [www.itsi.wa.gov.au/local-capability-fund](http://www.itsi.wa.gov.au/local-capability-fund) or <https://industrylink.wa.gov.au/advisory-services/services-to-businesses-sub-contractors/advice-programs-to-build-capability>

### **HOLDEN HOME GROUND ADVANTAGE (HGA) PROGRAM.**

Strengthen your community by strengthening your sporting clubs with the Holden Home Ground Advantage (HGA) program.

It's Girls' Round and Holden have cash grants available to sporting clubs and community organisations who embrace and promote the participation of girls in sport.

As part of Holden's ongoing support local communities are invited to apply with funding available for anything from new uniforms to facility upgrades. Clubs will simply need their details and project to apply!

Are you a local sporting club that promotes the participation of females in sport that would benefit from some financial help? If so, pick up a flyer from Kodja Place or visit [www.holden.com.au/discover-holden/home-ground-advantage#what-is-hga](http://www.holden.com.au/discover-holden/home-ground-advantage#what-is-hga)

### **AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLAG DAY**

Australian National Flag Day, on 3 September 2018 celebrates the occasion the Australian National Flag was first flown on 3 September 1901 at the Royal Exhibition Building in Melbourne.

To celebrate Australian National Flag Day, the Federal government is encouraging schools, businesses and community groups to host flag raising ceremonies on, or about, 3 September 2018.

If you are interested in participating in Australian National Flag Day, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has a Flag Kit with fact sheets containing information and activities about the Australian National Flag and other ways to celebrate the day. These resources are available in a digital format on the Department's website

([www.pmc.gov.au/flag](http://www.pmc.gov.au/flag)) which also provides the protocols for flying the flag, information on how to subscribe to the Commonwealth Flag Network and resources for teachers and students on Australia's national symbols.

Local Federal Parliamentarian can also help with providing Australian National Flags to constituents, local councils and other eligible recipients.

### **LEADER ACCREDITATION TRAINING**

Coaching Young People for Success (CYPFS) Leader Accreditation Training is being offered at the Siena Newman Training Centre in DOUBLEVIEW in August and December in 2018. The course is also available online.

This training is available for all youth professionals and teachers who would like to learn how to coach young people in groups or one to one. The training includes access to up to **80 hours of potential coaching curriculum** that is designed to enhance any of your existing counselling, mentoring, case management, employment, career, transition and pathways program and more straight away!

More detailed flyers are available by visiting [www.coachingyoungpeopleforsuccess.com](http://www.coachingyoungpeopleforsuccess.com)

### **SCHOOL CAMP & EXCURSION MARKETING ALLIANCE (SCEMA)**

SCEMA is a not-for-profit marketing alliance funded by government to create and foster an informal network of businesses, community groups and government agencies that provide products and services to schools and youth groups.

Their goal is to promote the Great Southern as a destination for educational visits. Membership to the alliance is free.

"We aren't an incorporated body or a business, we are an informal network that recognises the power of working together to promote the region. Great Southern Centre for Outdoor Recreation Excellence (GSCORE) is coordinating the project on

behalf of SCEMA members.” GSCORE’s Executive officer, Lenore Lyons said.

At a recent meeting to discuss the marketing strategy it was determined that a dedicated online directory of Great Southern camp and excursion providers would be created and used to promote the region to school principals, teachers and parents.

**GSCORE would need an indication from a minimum of 20 businesses willing to sign up before they can proceed. If you want to be part of this exciting initiative,** details on the costs and how to be involved is detailed in their Marketing prospectus which can be obtained by contacting Julia Scriven, GSCORE Training Development Officer on 9892 0151 ([ra.gscore@sportshouse.net.au](mailto:ra.gscore@sportshouse.net.au)). **The booking deadline is the 17th August** with payments due in October.



*This project is made possible by the State Government's Royalties for Regions program.*

### **TOURISM BUSINESSES INVITED TO HAVE YOUR SAY ON AIRBnB**

Tourism Council WA (TCWA) has been in discussions with the State Government regarding the impact of residential properties operating in the short stay accommodation market via Airbnb and similar platforms.

TCWA would like to invite all tourism businesses to complete a short survey to share their feedback on this complex policy issue. To complete the short survey visit their website [www.tourismcouncilwa](http://www.tourismcouncilwa)



### **VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY ACTS NEEDED**

This is a call out for voluntary community acts to perform at The Kodja Place **Bloomin' Family Fun Day, Monday 24 September 2018**. It is a great opportunity to pick up some stage and audience experience.

As part of the Kojonup's Bloomin' Family Fun Day, we are putting together a program of entertainment for the staged area at Kodja Place. If you are interested or know of anyone or group who would like to perform please contact Kristel or Zahra on 9831 0500 or email [kojonupvisitors@bigpond.com](mailto:kojonupvisitors@bigpond.com) for more details.

### **FOLLOW THE DREAM ALBANY VISIT**





The Kodja Place hosted 21 students and teachers from ASHS, NASHS, Denmark and Mt Barker who enjoyed Jack's Billy Tea and Damper tour on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> August as part of Albany's Follow the Dream program. The program is a government initiative that provides tuition and mentoring support to aspirant Aboriginal secondary students in WA public schools to assist them to achieve positive outcomes in their career pursuits.

### WHAT VISITORS THINK ABOUT KOJONUP'S: THE KODJA PLACE AND VISITOR CENTRE

Here is a very small snapshot taken from our visitors' book on what people are saying about Kojonup's key tourist attraction and visitor information centre. We welcome the community to come in to the centre and read the endless number of entries recorded:

*"Such a wonderful place to visit as a family and show our daughters the special history of this place," M & T Wedge, Karrinyup WA*

*"Best shop in WA (Karijini National Park shop tight contest)," M Aitken, Perth WA*

*"Beautiful centre and asset," W Sargeantson, Bundaberg QLD*

*"Your centre is a gift to the world. Thank You" J Myers, Thornlie WA*

*"I love this place," Jamie, Kojonup*

*"The Kodja Gallery and Story Place are a credit to the small community of Kojonup and district. Comprehensive and beautifully presented. Will visit again," R & J Sinclair, Perth WA*

*"We were here 15 years ago as a couple and now we are back with the kids. A great place" Alderson Family, Germany*

*"Great reason to visit the town," P England, East Perth WA*

*"We've been stopping here for 15 years." T & J Pate, Demark WA*

*"The 3<sup>d</sup> time here, always love, love, love this great shop and nice people. Want to come again!" J Plendil, Berlin, Germany*

*"This is the best tourist centre ever been to, amazing local produce, beautiful people," G Lloyd, Denmark WA*

*"A wealth of information, a great asset!!!" M Jones East Gippsland-Trafalgar, VIC*

*"I was totally blown away by the centre – such a valuable repository of a community's social history. Very awesome." D Cunningham, Perth WA*

**Zahra Shirazee**

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

## WORKS AND SERVICES



The works and Services crews have been busy fixing pot holes due to wet weather.

They are also:

- Grading when conditions are right
- Replacing guideposts/signage
- Cleaning culverts
- Removing trees from storm events

Reminder: please drive to the road conditions and as always, please be cautious when you see our crews working and slow down.

**Craig McVee**

**Manager Works & Services**  
0427 427 854

## REGULATORY SERVICES

### SPORTING COMPLEX

Access improvements to the Sporting Complex are progressing, with block layers scheduled to complete their works by the second week of August. Access will continue to be restricted while works progress, with regular user groups aware of the temporary access arrangements. Thank you all for your patience to date. For any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Dennis on 9831 2424



Ramp area May 2018



Ramp August 2018

**Mort Wignall**

**Manager Regulatory Services**

## CASUAL COOK, KITCHEN HAND & CLEANER

If you have a love of cooking, enjoy cleaning and have a genuine interest in older people this may be the position for you. Springhaven Lodge is currently recruiting for a person willing and able 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 [acfi@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:acfi@kojonup.wa.gov.au).

Sue Northover

*Manager Aged Care Services*

## LOCAL AND REGIONAL EVENTS AND INFORMATION

### THE KODJA PLACE COMMUNITY FUND Inc. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Kodja Place Community Fund Inc. 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.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF  
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Celebrate International Day of People with Disability and make a positive change to the lives of 4.3 million Australians with disability. International Day of People with Disability held on 3 December is a collaborative effort between communities, organisations and individuals to help break down barriers and celebrate abilities.

#### Who can be involved? Everyone!

The best way to get involved is to hold an event on or around 3 December. An event is a great way to challenge perceptions, educate others and to make your community a more inclusive place for everyone.

They can take any form you wish. Big or small, simple or challenging, your event is only limited by your own considerations – and imagination.

Are you up for the challenge? Here's what you'll need to do:

- Get [event ideas](#)
- Register your event
- [Promote](#) your event

You may not be able to host an event but there are still [other ways to celebrate](#) to show your awareness or you can simply start a conversation about disability.

# KOJONUP YOUTH GIRLS FOOTBALL CARNIVAL



**FRIDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 10AM TO 1PM**

**Kojonup Town Oval, Blackwood Street, Kojonup**

**Who: Girls in Years 4 to 10**

**What: 9-a-side AFL Carnival**

The Kojonup Youth Girls Carnival is an exciting opportunity for young girls within the Great Southern and Upper Great Southern region to put their AFL skills on display in a special one day football carnival.

For more information please contact Paul Mugambwa on 0400 037 417 or [paul@stephenmichaelfoundation.com.au](mailto:paul@stephenmichaelfoundation.com.au)





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## BASKETBALL CAMPS



### PERTH METRO

AQUINAS COLLEGE

TUES 25 & WED 26 SEPT

TIME: 10am-1pm COST: \$120

### BUNBURY

SOUTH WEST SPORTS CENTRE

THURS 27 & FRI 28 SEPT

TIME: 1pm-4pm COST: \$120

### KOJONUP

KOJONUP SHIRE COURTS

MON 1 & TUES 2 OCT

TIME: 10am-1pm COST: \$120

### ALBANY

ALBANY LEISURE CENTRE

THURS 4 & FRI 5 OCT

TIME: 10am-1pm COST: \$120



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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
Monday	3:00pm – 4:00pm	<b>Homework Help</b>	Library	FREE
Fortnightly on Friday 10 & 24 August 7 & 21 September	10:30am – 11:30am	<b>Storytime</b>	Library	FREE
4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month 22 August 26 September	10:00am – 12:00pm	<b>Play in the Park</b>	Apex Park	FREE
Wednesdays 15 & 29 August  12 & 19 September	9.30am – 11.30am	<b>Play Café</b>	KDHS Kindy Room	FREE
Tuesdays 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month	Commencing at: 3.00pm	<b>Ordinary Council Meeting 21 August 2018</b>	Council Chambers	FREE
22 September to 21 October		<b>Bloom Festival Theme: “Bloom” or “Spring”</b>		
24 September		<b>Kojonup Wildflower Festival</b>		