

SHIRE OF KOJONUP E-NEWS

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COUNCIL BRIEFS

Regional Aged Accommodation Program (RAAP) – Great Southern Independent Units (ILU)

The Great Southern Aged Accommodation Project, under the Great Southern Housing Initiative, involves the delivery of 21 Independent Living Unit's (ILU's) across the Shires of Kojonup, Broomehill-Tambellup, Cranbrook, Katanning and Jerramungup.

Kojonup plans to construct three (3) ILU's north of Loton Close without compromising any building footprint should Springhaven ever expand to a 40 plus resident aged care facility in the future.

Under the Financial Assistance Agreement (FAA) the following five deliverables are required for June 2019 enabling the State to release a milestone payment of \$1.84 million:

1. Execute Agreements with each participating Shire for project delivery.
2. Finalise a procurement plan to inform and guide the assessment and awarding of tenders. The procurement plan is to maximise opportunities for local content and confirm the proposed mix of in situ and modular builds.
3. Engage the services of an appropriate third-party enabling environmental design consultant to review and provide advice on plans for the 21 ILU's to optimise ageing in place outcomes.
4. Finalise and secure Departmental endorsement of a means testing/allocation model for the constructed units.
5. Finalise design and construction plans.

Council anticipates that tenders will be awarded and works commenced within the next 2 - 3 months.

2019 – 2021 Regional Airports Development Scheme

The Minister for Transport – Hon Rita Saffioti has advised that the Shire of Kojonup has been allocated up to \$110,852 (ex GST) to supply and fit new conduit, pit system, primary cable, plug and light connectors and reposition threshold/spacings to Civil Aviation Safety Authority lighting standards at Kojonup Airstrip.

The submission forms part of Kojonup's asset renewal program to ensure compliance and longevity of crucial community assets especially when the airstrip is used by RFDS. A matching contribution will be incorporated into the 2019/20 Annual Budget.



*Shire President
Ronnie Fleay*

*Chief Executive Officer
Rick Mitchell-Collins*



**MEDIA RELEASE
PILOT PROGRAM FOR KOJONUP YOUTH**

An AFL football and structured sports program designed to engage young people is being rolled out on a pilot basis in Kojonup after being well received in northern regional communities and the Perth Metropolitan area.

The launch of the Stephen Michael Foundation's Night Fields program in Kojonup will provide free, structured football with potential to include hockey and netball games for children aged 6-18 every Friday night for 5 weeks between from June 7. If the pilot program is successful in Kojonup then there is an opportunity to extend the program on an ongoing or seasonal basis.

Stephen Michael Foundation's Program Coordinator Liam Anthony said from working in partnership with town elders, the Kojonup Shire, Kojonup police, Kojonup District High School, Palmerston and local community groups he was hoping that the program will be a hit with local children and their families.

"We've run the program successfully in other regional areas like Karratha and Roebourne as well as in Perth and now it is time to expand it to the Great Southern," he said.

Mr Anthony said the program would be running only on a trial basis in Kojonup for 5 weeks and it will be reassessed at the end of that time.

Games will be held at Kojonup Oval at the Sport Precinct every Friday night from June 7th at 3.30pm-5.30pm until July 5th and will include food and lots of giveaways.

Shire President, Ronnie Fleay hoped that the community will get behind the initiative with calls for assistance from individuals and community groups, "To run a program such as this which provides our youth with structured activities in a safe and family-friendly environment requires a team of volunteers and supporters to help manage the various roles. I urge anyone with a few hours to spare on a Friday over the 5 week program to consider lending a hand, even if it is for one session. Our children and youth are our future. Let's show them by example that as a community we consider their well-being and mental health important and by being involved you may just find in turn the experience rewarding and fun."

Community members or groups who would like to assist are encouraged to contact Liam Anthony 0408 929 960 or Zahra Shirazee on 0417 987 237.

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For more information:

Liam Anthony, Stephen Michael Foundation, 0408 929 960

Zahra Shirazee, Shire of Kojonup, 0417 987 237



KOJONUP WATER STANDPIPE ACTION PLAN

Council at its Ordinary Meeting held 18 September 2018 (Decision 116/18) adopted the 'Kojonup Water Standpipe Action Plan'

What does this mean:

- 1. Establishes the Stock Road Standpipes as the primary location for the controlled access and use of potable and non-potable water supply via a registered 'user pays' Avdata system.**
- 2. Locks be placed on the 3 (Three) remaining standpipes with access only in emergency situations as determined by an authorised person namely the Chief Executive Officer.**
- 3. Key access be given to the Manager Works & Services, and a key to be placed in each of the DFES supplied fire trucks to access the standpipe for firefighting or emergency purposes.**
- 4. Water Corporation be provided a copy of the 'Water Standpipe Action Plan' to ensure standpipe infrastructure meets Water Corporations new meter sizes, flow rates and charging criteria which will be introduced on 1 July 2019.**
- 5. Water Corporation advise the Shire of Kojonup if water pressure from use of the Stock Road potable standpipe will decrease continuous supply to properties connected to the scheme.**

THIS DECISION WAS MADE TO ENSURE THE FUTURE LONGEVITY OF THE WATER SUPPLY TO THE SHIRE OF KOJONUP FOR DOMESTIC, AGRICULTURAL AND EMERGENCY USE.

WATER USERS ARE URGED TO REGISTER FOR THE AVDATA SYSTEM WHERE POTABLE AND NON POTABLE WATER SUPPLY IS AVAILABLE FROM THE PRIMARY LOCATION AT STOCK ROAD.

YOUR COOPERATION IN THE TRANSITION TO THE NEW SYSTEM IS APPRECIATED.

**Cr Ronnie Fleay
Shire President**

SPRINGHAVEN NEWS

We have had a busy couple of weeks at Springhaven. Our recreation room was decorated in a sea of pink flowers and love hearts as we enjoyed a beautiful High Tea to celebrated Mother's Day last week. We were joined by our much loved and devoted knitting group ladies who shared in the celebration. As we listened to music and chatted with friends we were served beautiful cakes, sandwiches and a finger foods gallore – none of us went hungry.



Each of our Mum's in residence were given a gift bag full of goodies to show our love and appreciation for all that they have done as Mother's. The residents, and staff had a beautiful afternoon.

In preparation for Mother's Day our residents took place in a scrapbooking activity. The residents enjoyed putting their creativity to the test. We were able to compile a beautiful Mother's Day themed scrapbook which we will be able to enjoy and look back on for years to come.

Some of our residents love following the AFL and partake in our, just for fun, weekly Footy Tipping. Last week one of our residents, Nora Harrison came in first place having picked the winning team for every match in Round 7 – wow!

Finally, with the Federal Election for 2019 in full swing our residents were given the opportunity to vote on Monday last week. The Australian Electoral Commission made a special stop at Springhaven to make voting as accessible as possible for the residents.

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 Alex on 9831 2800.



NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Community Stewardship Grants 2019

The WA Government's investment in Natural Resource Management (NRM) is guided by the WA Natural Resource Management Framework. The Framework recognises the value of partnerships in protecting and managing WA's natural resources and outlines six priorities for coordinated NRM in WA:

- sustainable management of land resources
- maintain and enhance water assets
- protect and enhance the marine and coastal environment
- conserve and recover biodiversity
- enhance skills, capability and engagement
- deliver high quality planning that leads to effective action.

In 2018, the WA Government committed ongoing support to the State NRM Program. The Program aims to achieve sustainable natural resource use and environmental conservation outcomes by improving the capacity of community groups to undertake stewardship of natural resources in their local area.

A feature of the State NRM Program is the Community Stewardship Grants.

About the Community Stewardship Grants 2019

Community Stewardship Grants are available for community-based projects that help conserve, restore, rehabilitate or enhance a local natural area, conserve WA's biodiversity and maintain or build the capability of NRM community groups across the State. In 2019, \$7 million is available for the 2019 Community Stewardship Grants round.

The 2019 Community Stewardship Grants program involves two components: a small grants round and a large grants round. Their respective features include:

- Small grants:
 - valued between \$1 000 - \$35 000
 - commencing on or after 1 January 2020
 - for up to 12 months duration
- Large grants
 - intended for more strategic, complex projects
 - valued between \$3 5001 and \$450 000
 - commencing on or after 1 January 2020
 - for up to 36 months duration.

If you are interested in applying, please contact your NRM/Landcare Officer, Jane Kowald on 0428712050, or email landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au.

SAVE THE DATE

[Click here to add to your calendar](#)



Regenerative Agriculture Conference

OPTUS STADIUM, September 11th, 2019

Investing in our innovative farming communities
and a more secure food future for West Australians.

Join us for the inaugural **Regenerative Agricultural Conference**, demonstrating practical approaches to farming that will allow Western Australia to provide safe and healthy food, using innovative sustainability practices.

While food security has been raised as an issue at other events, the 2019 Regenerative Agriculture Conference will be the first to lay the groundwork for industry-led solutions to meet the challenges of population growth and responsible environmental management.

This is your chance to meet the innovative producers from **RegenWA**, understand the productivity constraints and challenges of 'business-as-usual' farming practices, and participate in building a strategic plan for investing in the future.

Please email info@regenwa.com to register your interest.



This RegenWA conference is managed by Perth NRM with funding from State NRM and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, supported by NRMWA and Commonland



Department of
Primary Industries and
Regional Development



NRM WA
CONNECTING COMMUNITIES
LINKING LANDSCAPES



COMMONLAND
4 RETURNS FROM LANDSCAPE RESTORATION



natural resource
management program



foodfuture WA



Communities Environment Program Guidelines - Applications to be submitted through the Landcare Office

Federal Member for O'Connor, Rick Wilson has announced the federal government's Communities Environment Program, which has \$22 million allocated to support local communities to deliver a wide range of on-ground projects that conserve, protect and sustainably manage our environment.

Please read these guidelines for this Program and contact Claudia at the Landcare Office to assist you to complete the EOI Form.

Under the Communities Environment Program, the electorate of O'Connor can receive up to \$150,000 in grant funding for small-scale, community-led projects for environmental priorities such as:

- waste and litter reduction
- protecting native animals, including our threatened species
- addressing weeds and pest animals
- restoring and improving coasts, wetlands, riverbanks and waterways
- greening parks and urban areas.

This program aims to support the environmental priorities of local community and environment groups in their regions and neighbourhoods. It aims to not only recover and strengthen our environment, but also to build and strengthen our communities.

Each electorate can receive funding for up to 20 projects, with the minimum grant amount being \$2,500 and the maximum grant amount set at \$20,000. Projects are nominated for funding by the Local Member of Parliament in consultation with the community.

Initial Expressions of Interest (EOI) are now open and assistance is available to help you complete the form. Who is eligible?

- You must be a community organisation that is a legal entity, able to enter into a grant agreement with the Commonwealth.
- Community clubs (including Lions clubs, rotary clubs, scouts and guides groups, sports clubs), not-for-profit organisations such as Indigenous organisations, Landcare groups (including bushcare, coastcare, 'friends of' groups), schools, councils, and other community and conservation groups are all encouraged to apply.

How do I express interest?

- Submit an EOI form with assistance from your local Landcare Officer
- Expressions of Interest will be reviewed and projects nominated.
- Successful applicants will be invited to apply formally when the program officially opens in mid-2019 through the Australian Government Business Grants Hub.
- Nominated projects will need to meet Program Guidelines and eligibility criteria, which will be made available closer to the opening date.

Help Save Australian Frogs – Become a Citizen Science

FrogID is a national citizen science project that is helping us learn more about what is happening to Australia's frogs.



Dr Jodi Rowley with the FrogID app.

Australia has over 240 known species of frog, almost all of which are found nowhere else in the world. Some species are flourishing, like the Striped Marsh Frog. But others have declined dramatically since the 1980s, and four have become extinct.

FrogID is a national citizen science project that is helping us learn more about what is happening to Australia's frogs. All around the country, people are recording frog calls with nothing more than a smartphone.

With the data obtained through FrogID we are able to track the Cane Toad and identify where frogs are thriving and where they aren't. And by matching calls to weather and habitat, we are learning more about how different frog species are responding to a changing environment.

This information could be crucial in saving Australia's frogs. Explore the interactive map on the FrogID website to see where frog calls have been recorded and view Australia's top froggers on our FrogID leaderboard.

Download the free mobile app

With our new app, FrogID, you can discover which frogs live around you and help us count Australia's frogs! Discover more about this ground-breaking project and sign up to get involved. <https://www.frogid.net.au/>

Visit the FrogID website

Croaks, whistles, bleats and barks - every frog species makes a different sound! By recording a frog call with our new app, FrogID, you can discover which frogs live around you and help us count Australia's frogs! Discover more about this ground-breaking project and sign up to get involved.

Find out more



Expanded grants program delivers more for community

The Forest Products Commission awards \$30,000 in grants to community groups. Recipients included groups that improve forest accessibility for people with disability.

Forestry Minister Dave Kelly has today announced the 20 successful applicants of the Forest Products Commission's (FPC) expanded Community Support Program, of which Kojonup is one.

The expanded program generated interest from a range of new groups, with 30 per cent more applications received compared with the first round in 2018. Groups that improved forest accessibility for people with disability received two grants. This will ensure all Western Australians have the opportunity to enjoy WA's beautiful forests.

The Shire of Kojonup will host school aged children at the Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary to participate in 'Lets go on a Bug Hunt', incorporating nature play with bug hunting, bird watching and learning about tree's life cycles.

The grants vary from \$500 to \$2,000 and will be used to support the implementation of a range of services in regional areas including education, disability access, recreation and fire protection.

For a full list of FPC Community Support Program grant recipients, visit <https://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/McGowan/2019/05/Expanded-grants-program-delivers-more-for-community.aspx>

Weedy Wattle Busy Bee – Wednesday, 5 June 2019



It's on again, once a month volunteers gather at the old Rubbish Tip to cut down and pull out weedy eastern state's wattles from the bush.

WHEN: from 8:30am Wednesday, 5 June 2019

Bring: hand saw or chainsaw, old tin/plastic container and paint brush and gloves

Who: anyone who wants to get a bit of exercise and fresh air whilst doing something positive for the environment.

WHY? To keep our bush areas as biodiverse and as natural as possible. The species of wattles targeted are not from Western Australia and they tend to form monocultures when left alone. A monoculture does not support the diverse range of natural flora or fauna that is currently in the reserve.

HOW LONG? From 1-2 hours depending on how much time you have available.

Bunny Orchid flowering now at Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary.

Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee Meeting – Open to Public

The Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee holds meetings once a quarter. These meetings are open to the public. Minutes and Agenda's are available by request from the Landcare Officer, Jane Kowald, landcare@kojonup.wa.gov.au.

The next Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, the 6 June 2019 from 1pm in the old CWA building.

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Library Opening Hours Have Changed



We wish to advise that the Library opening hours have changed. The Library no longer operates on weekends

The week day opening hours are:

8:30am - 4:30pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays; and
8:30am - 4pm on Wednesdays.

This is the same opening hours as the Administration Office.

Have You Tried Our E-Resources?

There is no need to buy e-Books when you can borrow them like a normal library book, for free!

We are a part of the State Library of WA public library system meaning we have access to various e-Resources like BorrowBox, Overdrive, Libby (all e-Books, e-Audios) Kanopy (digital streaming) & RB Digital (e-Magazines). Having access to these platforms provides another avenue to borrow items, including titles that may not be available to borrow in print.

If you have tried to use a e-Resource but had trouble logging on, please let us know and we will do our best to rectify the problem.

If you haven't used e-resources but are interested in learning how or finding out more information, just get in touch, we are here to help and support you. It is up to you to provide the donuts though.

To access the Kojonup Online Catalogue: <https://kojonup.spydus.com> You will need your library card barcode and your password (6395).



**NATIONAL
SIMULTANEOUS
STORYTIME**

**Alpacas
with
Maracas**

Wednesday 22 May 2019 www.alia.org.au/nss #NSS2019 #1millionkidsreading

Join with Kat and Rick during 'Play in the Park' on Wednesday 22 May 2019 from 10am – 12pm. Kat, with our usual sand play and other activities, bring you 'National Simultaneous Storytime'.

This is a great way for families to come and join together for conversation & play with our children.

This is a free community event and everyone is invited.

Library and Information Week

Did you know that visiting your local library isn't the only way you can support and celebrate libraries? You can also use library services from the comfort of your own home, such as OverDrive, BorrowBox, Libby, RB Digital and Kanopy. If you haven't tried these services before, Library & Information Week is the perfect time to try them.

Play Café News

Wednesday mornings at Play Café have been so much fun lately, playdoh still continues to be a favourite of the children (I guess it's the texture and that the children can totally engage with their imagination play.) Mother's day craft was great with the children making 'Craft Stick Pots' and a beautiful verse poster for the fridge.

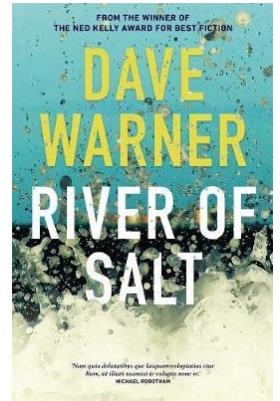
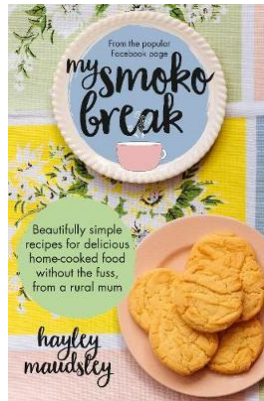
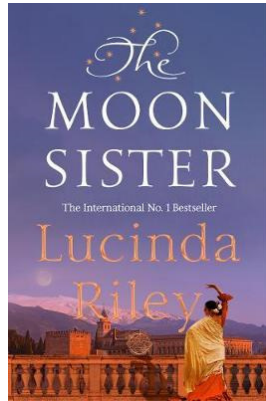
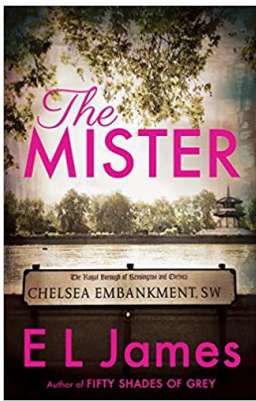
Coming up we have a 'Pirate' & 'Teddy Bear' themed mornings to look forward to, to enjoy. All families with children aged 0-5 years are welcome to join in with us at the KDHS Kindy room from 9.30-11.360am each Wednesday.



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New Books for our Library



Did you know?

Did you know that the Shire currently has approx. \$3.6m in reserves?

Did you know – there are 5 key pillars established in Smart Possibilities:

- 1. Place*
- 2. Connected*
- 3. Performance*
- 4. Prosperity*
- 5. Digital*

Council Meeting

Owners and Occupiers are advised, that the June ordinary Council meeting date has been changed from 18 June to 11 June 2019.

Please update your calendars and we will see you on
11 June 2019 at 3.00pm



**WA Day
Monday 3rd June 2019.**

The Kojonup Historical Society wishes to invite you to a special afternoon to celebrate WA Day.

It will be held at the Old Post Office Spring Street (red brick building) on Monday 3rd June 2019.

The event will commence with a short, Historical Society Meeting held at 2.00pm, followed by an afternoon tea commencing at 2.30 pm (please bring a plate to share if you can).

We ask that you also bring with you an item from your home that you hold as historically significant to you and your family. We will be asking those of you who have a item to briefly share with us what it means to you and its history.

We look forward to seeing you at this event.

**Arthur Collins
President
Kojonup Historical Society**





Let's not draw the short straw – reduce single-use plastics issues paper website URL:

www.dwer.wa.gov.au/single-use-plastic-issues-paper

Link to Issues Paper survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2M7XBYK>

The Western Australian Government wants to hear from you! Contribute your views on reducing single-use plastics at: www.dwer.wa.gov.au/single-use-plastic-issues-paper.

Community groups are invited to hold consultation sessions to discuss issues facing women throughout the State. Feedback will help shape a women's plan for Western Australia. Limited funding is available for consultations in regional locations. Get your applications in now. Find out more from <https://www.communities.wa.gov.au/wa-have-your-say/womens-plan/>



State Government calls for feedback on the current cat and dog laws

The introduction of the Cat Act 2011 brought in mandatory sterilisation of cats and amendments to the Dog Act 1976 in 2013 included compulsory microchipping. The consultation period will be open for three months until August 4, 2019. Community members are invited to 'pause for paws' and have their say on the effectiveness of Western Australia's cat and dog laws.

The Cat Act 2011 and Dog Act 1976 are designed to assist with the control and management of cats and dogs in WA, primarily carried out by local governments. The cat law included mandatory microchipping and sterilisation of all cats aged six months and over, as well as registration of cats with the relevant local government.

The aim was to reduce the impact of unwanted cats on the community and environment and encourage responsible pet ownership. Amendments to the Dog Act made in 2013 included compulsory microchipping of all dogs and stricter control of dangerous dogs to improve community safety.

The State Government is reviewing how effective these amendments have been in the control and management of cats and dogs in WA.

Local Government Minister David Templeman released a consultation paper exploring some key issues. To have your say, read the paper and complete the short survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/58L3QJZ>



A workshop to assist in transitioning your business to a paperless farm office administration system.

This workshop will provide you with the key knowledge and tips and tricks to develop and manage your own paperless farm office. It focuses on using technology to increase the productivity and efficiency of the administration and management side of the farm business, the workshop does not cover application or integration of machinery software.

Topics covered:

- Equipment and connections
- Efficient scanning
- Internet & enhancing your data use
- Data storage & security (including cloud storage)
- Back-ups & virus protection
- Efficient email communication and management
- Electronic storage and management of:
 - Finance records
 - Plant & Machinery records
 - HR records
 - Operations, livestock & technical info
- Mapping your paperless system.
- Tips and tricks for improving efficiency in your paperless office

Who should attend: All members of the business who are involved in administrating or managing the farm office.

Workshop duration: 8.45am to 3pm (morning tea and lunch provided).

Register here <https://pingwa.org.au/paperless/>

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Want to know what's happening in Kojonup? Check out this month's Community Calendar compiled by the team at the Kodja Place. Printed versions of the calendar will be available from the Kojonup Library and the Kodja Place.

Want your event listed in the Kojonup Community Calendar? Please contact Kristel on 9831 0500 or via email vso@kojonup.wa.gov.au

May 2019

| Every Sunday: | Every Monday: | Every Tuesday: | Every Wednesday: | Every Thursday: | Every Friday: | Every Saturday: |
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| Grab a copy of the Kojonup News for Church Service times | Bridge Club, Bowling Club 9.30am Southern Singers, Uniting Church 7:00pm | Renew Op shop OPEN 10:00am-2:00pm All Crafts, 10am, Hockey Club ASK Youth Group, Baptist Church 3:30pm | Play Café, KDHS Kindy Rooms 9.30am-11.30am (not during school holidays) Kojonup Men's Shed OPEN 1pm Third Wednesday of every Month | Play Group & Toy Library, Old School, 9.30am-11.30am (not during school holidays) Renew Op Shop OPEN 10:00am-2:00pm | Renew Op Shop OPEN 10:00am-2:00pm | |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| Targa South West Tarmac Rally, Manjimup/Pemberton www.targasouthwest.com.au | | COUNCIL MEETING DAY Commencing at 3.00pm in the Council Chambers | Craft & Quilt Fair, Perth 22-26 May, Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre Play in the Park – Alpacas with Maracas 10.00am to 12.00pm | | | |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |
| Kojonup Volunteers Award, 2.30pm Memorial Hall | | | | | Denmark Festival of Voice, 31 May-3 June | |