



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Synergy plugs Kojonup in as electric vehicle link to Great Southern**

Electric vehicles are set to become a familiar sight in Western Australia's Great Southern region following the installation of a 50kW EV charging station in Kojonup, thanks to Synergy.

The fast charger establishes Kojonup, a three-hour drive from Perth, as an important travel link for electric vehicle owners, creating new opportunities to draw visitors to the town and surrounding regions.

Synergy has gifted the fast charger to the Shire of Kojonup, as an extension of its support for regional WA's economic diversity, as well as promoting the adoption of electric vehicle technology.

An event to plug-in the first EV to the unit was held in Kojonup today, celebrating the region's Aboriginal links and welcoming visitors to the community.

Synergy Chief Executive Jason Waters said the charger not only offers the Kojonup community new opportunities to attract people to the town, but also provides an important link for electric vehicle users looking to access the Great Southern.

"Synergy is thrilled to provide this EV charger to the Shire of Kojonup which we hope will support the region's economic prosperity, as well as help to unlock new opportunities," Mr Waters said.

"EVs are growing in popularity and will play a significant role in the future of Western Australia's transport mix. The fast charger will help EV owners more efficiently access new regions, especially with additional travel expected within State due to coronavirus."

To make the charger available for everyone, it has been positioned in the Shire of Kojonup's Kodja Place Information Centre and tourist facilities on the Albany Highway.

"The location of the charger enables visitors to access local facilities, play equipment and the town's shops while they recharge for the next part of their journey," Mr Waters said.

The Shire of Kojonup will manage the ongoing operation and maintenance of the charger.

EV users who wish to access the fast charger will do so through the Charge Fox app on their smart phone, a common set-up for most EV owners.

The Tritium Veefil charger is fitted with CCS2 (Type2) and CHAdeMO charging cables and will suit most modern electric vehicles.

The fast charger will be available for use every day, 24 hours a day.

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