

SHIRE OF KOORDA

2023/2024 RATES AND BUDGET INFORMATION

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FINANCIAL YEAR 1 JULY 2023 TO 30 JUNE 2024

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1995, and the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007, the Council of the Shire of Koorda has resolved that for the 2023/2024 financial year the following Rates, Rubbish, Sewerage Charges, Fees, Penalties and Discounts be imposed:

Schedule of Rates, Charges, Fees and Discounts:

General Rates - Gross Rental Valuation (GRV)	12.170 cents in the \$ of GRV
General Rates - Unimproved Valuation (UV)	01.262 cents in the \$ of UV
Minimum Rate	\$420.00
Sewerage Charge	10.960 cents in the \$ of GRV
Minimum Charge	\$360.00
Rubbish Charge	\$185.00 per bin
Aged Pensioner	\$120.00 per bin
Recycling Charge	\$175.00 per bin
Aged Pensioner	\$120.00 per bin
Instalment Fee	Nil charge
Early Payment Discount (Rates Charges only)	5%, if paid in full by 4.00pm 23 August 2023

OPTIONS FOR PAYMENT OF RATE NOTICES AND DUE DATE

Option 1 - Early Payment Discount Amount

A five percent (5%) discount (on rate charges only) will be given if all Rates, Charges and arrears are paid in full by Wednesday 23 August 2023.

Option 2 - Payment in full by due date

Full payment of Rates or 1st Instalment payments are due by 4.00pm Thursday 7 September 2023.

**** Should you be experiencing any difficulties paying rates, please contact our office to discuss alternative payment arrangements ****

Option 3 - Payment in four instalments

There is no discount applicable paying by instalment. There are no additional charges for this option. Payments must be made by the following date(s), otherwise penalty interest of seven percent (7%) per annum (accrued daily) will be applied.

1st Instalment	DUE Thursday 7 September 2023
2nd Instalment	DUE Thursday 9 November 2023
3rd Instalment	DUE Thursday 18 January 2024
4th Instalment	DUE Thursday 21 March 2024



To receive all future notices via email, please contact the Shire Office with your assessment number and preferred email address.

Please note this will replace the paper notices.

RATES PENALTY FOR LATE PAYMENT

NO INSTALMENT OPTION TAKEN

Interest shall begin to accrue on all Rates and ESL Charges that remain unpaid 35 days after the date of the issue at 7% per annum. Eligible pensioners are exempt.

INSTALMENT OPTION TAKEN

Interest will be charged on any instalment that remains unpaid until after the due date of the instalment.

ACCOUNT IN ARREARS

Interest shall begin to accrue as of 1st July on all Rates and Charges, including previous interest charges, that remain in arrears. Eligible pensioners are exempt.

NOTE: Interest shall accrue on a daily basis using simple interest at a rate set by the Council in the Budget for that Financial Year.

CONSEQUENCES OF DEFAULT IN PAYMENT OF RATES, RUBBISH AND SEWERAGE CHARGES

If any rates and charges remain unpaid after **Thursday 7 September 2023** and are not subject to one of the options for payments offered, the amount owing will be recovered, as well as the costs of proceedings, if any, for that recovery, in a court of competent jurisdiction.

ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

Rate payers experiencing difficulty in paying rates and charges should contact Council's Rates Department as soon as possible to discuss alternative arrangements before Council commence the process of debt recovery.

STATEMENT OF LOAN DEBT

As at 30 June 2023, Council's outstanding debt was **NIL**.

PAYMENT OF RATES



By mail addressed to:
Shire of Koorda
PO BOX 20, Koorda WA 6475
(Cheque and Money Orders accepted)



In person at the Shire Office.
Located at 10 Haig Street, Koorda.
Cash, Cheque and EFTPOS facilities are available.
(No additional charges apply)



Via Electronic Funds Transfer
Account Name: **Shire of Koorda**
BSB: **306 - 028**
ACC: **0425 882**
Reference: Assessment Number & Surname



Via phone using Credit/Debit card details.
(No additional charges apply)
Call the Shire Office on 08 9684 1219
Office Hours: 9.00am - 4.00pm



Billers Code: **268987**
CRN: Provided on the front of your rates notice.

INCENTIVE PRIZES FOR 2023/2024

A 5% DISCOUNT (on Rate Charges only) will be given if all Rates and Charges are paid in full by **Wednesday 23 August 2023**.

You will also go into the draw to win one of three of the below prizes which have kindly been donated by Quality Hotel Ambassador Perth, Wallis Computer Solutions and the Shire of Koorda.

The early payment draw will be conducted through the rating system (SynergySoft). The system will automatically recognise the early payment so there will be no need to complete paper entries. The draw for the winners will be conducted shortly after the close of the discount period, 4.00pm Wednesday 23 August 2023.

Shire employees and Councillors are not eligible to enter.

1st prize: 2 night stay for 2 people in a premium room at the Quality Hotel Ambassador Perth. Inclusive of breakfast and parking. Prize valued at \$500.00. Donated by Quality Hotel Ambassador Perth

2nd prize: 1 x Z120 Logitech Speakers, 1 x Multi Port Desktop Charging Station & 1 x EPOS USB Headset. Prize valued at \$189.00. Donated by Wallis Computers Solutions.

3rd prize: 2023/2024 Adult Membership to the Koorda Kinetic Centre. Prize valued at \$160.00. Donated by the Shire of Koorda.



AMBASSADOR PERTH



SEWERAGE

A 'Water Customer Service Charter' for the Shire of Koorda which outlines the 'Sewer Service' supplied to residential and commercial properties within the Koorda Town Site.

The Ratepayers are entitled to review the charter at the Shire Office and request a copy or to view. In Summary the Customer Service Charter explains the following;

- ▶ A brief description of the utility and a commitment to service that states the service values underpinning the operations of the utility.
- ▶ How customers can obtain services and a list of products and services offered.
- ▶ A statement of standards and customer rights including the level of service that customers can expect and should be specified.
- ▶ The utility's power including, for example, the power to prohibit the discharge of unauthorized substances into the wastewater system.
- ▶ Communication procedures including, for example, information on customer committees, notice for work to be undertaken, and dealing with correspondence.
- ▶ Contact information containing the address, telephone numbers and general business hours of the Shire of Koorda. It explains how customers can obtain emergency assistance with a list of appropriate telephone number(s).

2023/2024 BUDGET OVERVIEW

The 2023/2024 Budget was adopted at a Special Meeting of Council on 28th July 2023. An overview of the budget highlights have been included in the infographic below. To view the full budget, visit our website. www.koorda.wa.gov.au

(Under the 'Public Documents' quick link on the home screen, search the 'Budgets' category).

HIGHLIGHTS



income

\$1.225m rates (2.5% increase)
\$1.079m road grants
\$590k fees & charges
\$568k LRCI grant
\$130k CSRFF grant



capital upgrades

\$1.732m roadworks & footpaths
\$1.218m building/equipment
\$905k plant renewals
\$645k other infrastructure



caravan park

Pay 2 - Stay 3 initiative continued for 2023/2024 to promote local tourism and encourage visitors to stay a third night.



resilience funding

Access to \$500k non-competitive funding pool for TC Seroja community resilience initiatives.



townscape revitalisation

\$40,000 investment into directional and facility signage and seating upgrades for the 2023/2024 year.



recreation centre upgrade

\$1.1m investment carry forward to expand and upgrade the recreation centre. \$879k grant funded.



community grants

\$10,000 allocation for the inaugural community grants scheme to be accessible in the last quarter of 2023.



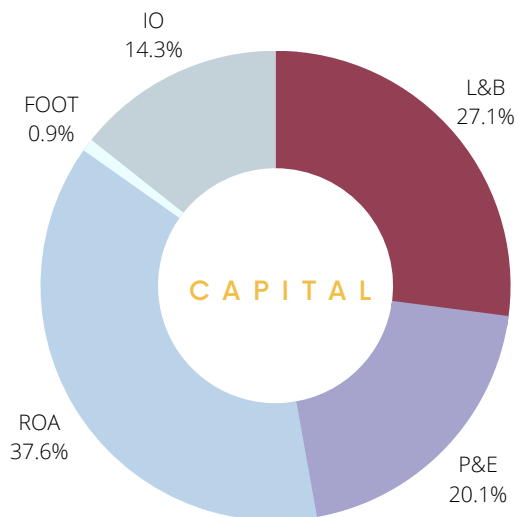
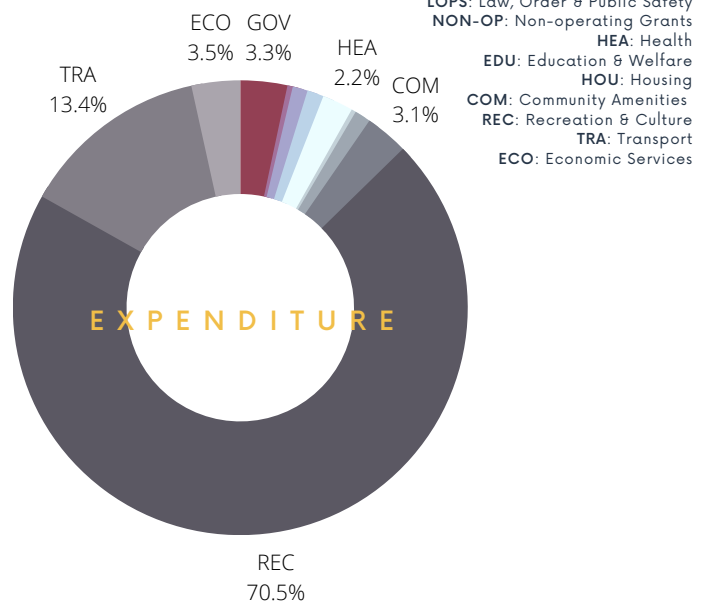
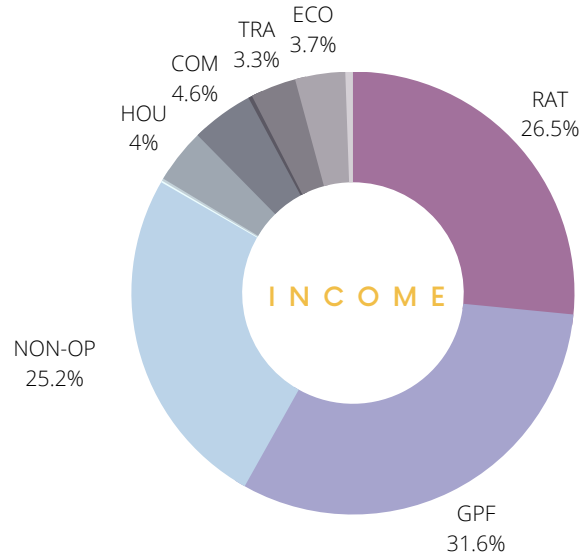
bowling green

Successful CSRFF grant application to upgrade and re-locate the synthetic bowling green to the recreation centre. Funds allocated for centre management consultation with sporting groups.



health centre

Continued support for health services with an allocation to allow for negotiations for two days of doctor services in town.



GOV: Governance
RAT: Rates
GPF: General Purpose Funding
LOPS: Law, Order & Public Safety
NON-OP: Non-operating Grants
HEA: Health
EDU: Education & Welfare
HOU: Housing
COM: Community Amenities
REC: Recreation & Culture
TRA: Transport
ECO: Economic Services

L&B: Land & Building
F&E: Furniture & Equipment
P&E: Plant & Equipment
ROA: Infrastructure - Roads
FOOT: Infrastructure - Footpaths
IO: Infrastructure - Other

ANNUAL FIRE BREAK NOTICE 2023/2024

SHIRE OF KOORDA - BUSHFIRE ACT 1954 Notice to Owners and/or Occupiers of Land within the Shire of Koorda

In pursuance of the powers conferred in Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act, 1954, notice is hereby given to all owners and/or occupiers of land within the Shire of Koorda that Council has adopted the following requirements to prevent the outbreak or spread of a bush fire within the Shire.

All owners and/or occupiers of land are required to carry out fire prevention work in accordance with this notice on land owned or occupied by you on or before the 31st day of October 2023 or within fourteen days of the date of you becoming the owner or occupier should this be after the 31st day of October 2023.

All work required by this Notice shall be maintained until the 15th day of March 2024.

"Firebreak" means an area of ground, of a specified width that is kept and maintained 'reasonably' clear of all material (living or dead) by scarifying, cultivating, ploughing or other means, and includes the pruning and removal of any living or dead trees, scrub or other material that overhang the cleared firebreak area to a vertical height of 4.5 metres from the ground.

In this instance, 'reasonably' is intended to mean "best endeavour", acknowledging that it is impracticable to clear and maintain a firebreak 'totally clear' of inflammable material for the period of this notice.

"Flammable Material" means material that can be easily ignited, i.e. - dead or dry grass, leaves, timber, paper, plastic and other material or things deemed by an authorised officer to be capable of combustion.

Rural Land:

- ▶ On all land owned or occupied which is not within a townsite subdivision, firebreaks not less than three (3) metres wide must be cleared inside and along the external boundary of all land.
- ▶ For the purpose of this part, all Road Reserves are to be taken as boundaries.
- ▶ The maximum area allowed with a single perimeter firebreak must not exceed 400 hectares.
- ▶ Where buildings or hay stacks are situated on the property, additional firebreaks not less than three (3) metres in width must be provided within ten (10) metres of the perimeter of such buildings or hay stacks in such manner as to completely encircle the buildings or hay stacks.

Townsite Land:

- ▶ All lots within townsites are required to be completely cleared of all debris of any inflammable nature and maintained free of such material.

If it is considered impractical for any reason to clear firebreaks or remove flammable materials from the land as required by this notice, a written application for a variation may be made to the Chief Executive Officer, to reach him not less than two weeks prior to the date by which the firebreak(s), are to be cleared.

No such application will be considered unless it bears the signature of the Fire Control Officer for the area in which the property is situated signifying the Officer's agreement to the variation applied for.

Persons who fail to comply with the requirements of this Order may be issued with an infringement notice or prosecuted with a penalty up to \$5,000.00 through the courts as per Section 33 (3) of the Act.

Additionally, Council may carry out the required work at a cost to the owner or occupier as per Sections 33 (4) and 33 (5) of the 1954 Bush Fires Act.

Restricted-Permit Required:	19 September 2023 to 31 October 2023
Prohibited-No Burning:	1 November 2023 to 31 January 2024
Restricted-Permit Required:	1 February 2024 to 15 March 2024

Landholders should note that as the reasonable installation and maintenance of fire breaks is a local Council requirement, any landholder not meeting this obligation may breach their insurance provisions.

Darren Simmons
Chief Executive Officer

YEARLY RECAP



Asphalting of the driveway at Yalambee Units.



^ CWA Building Upgrades included roof and floor board restoration work.

Community Citizen of the Year

Two nominations were received for Community Citizen of the year; Marissa Chandler and Kylie Burrell.

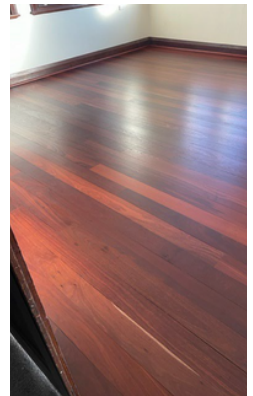
The 2022 Community Citizen of the Year was awarded to Marissa Chandler.



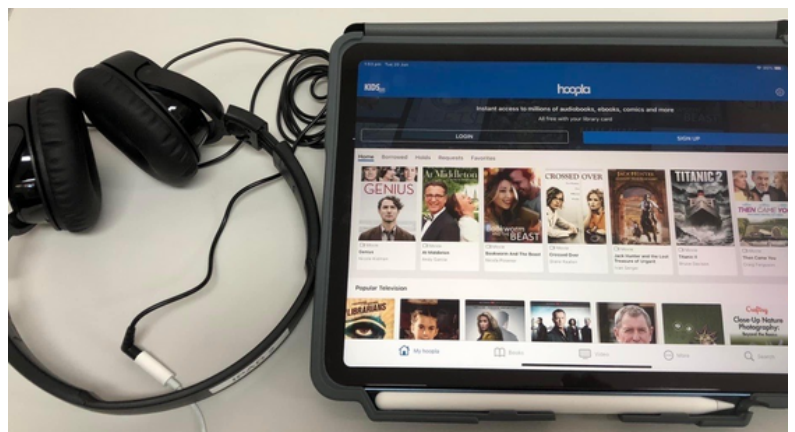
Marissa Chandler accepting the award



Kylie Burrell receiving her nomination certificate



The Shire was successful in receiving a grant from the Western Australian Government through the State Library of WA. With this grant, we were able to secure two iPads and one Samsung Tablet for public use.



Hosted another successful Seniors Luncheon with catering from Saffron Cakes & Catering.



Purchased a generator to run the Admin Office during power outages.

Hosted a number of successful and positive workshops for the Recreation Ground Upgrade



GENERAL INFORMATION

► **ANNUAL FIREBREAK NOTICE:** It will be the intention that the Bush Fire Control Officers or Council Rangers inspect firebreaks and owners/occupiers are reminded penalties can occur for non-compliance.

Additionally;

Harvest Ban Days - No harvesting will be permitted on Christmas and New Year Day.

Bush Fire Permits - Can be obtained from the following;

George Storer (North-East Koorda) - 0428 846 062 (Chief Fire Control Officer)

Carl Fuchsbichler (North-West Koorda) - 0427 446 004 (Deputy Chief Fire Control Officer)

Andrew Leeke (South-West Koorda) - 0427 446 004

Gary Greaves (North-West Koorda) - 0428 843 015

Movement of Machinery/Vehicle Ban Officers - The Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Koorda, is authorized to impose a Movement of Machinery/Vehicle Bans or extend or suspend restricted burning periods within the guidelines of Council policy in consultation with the Local Bush Fire Brigade officers and the Chief Fire Control Officer.

Harvesting Equipment Requirements - Owner/Occupiers shall maintain a mobile fire fighting unit (self propelled, towed or slip on) in working order with a minimum of 400 litres of water, in or immediately adjacent to the paddock being harvested. All tractors, trucks and self propelled headers operating in standing crop or stubble paddocks shall carry an operational fire extinguisher.

► **HARVEST BAN SMS - MOBILE PHONE NUMBERS:** The Shire run a SMS Messaging service to all contacts who have opted in to receive Harvest Ban text messages. If you wish to join the service or update your current contact details, please contact the Shire Office on (08) 9684 1219.

The Shire believes this is the best service to notify farmers and contractors of relevant bans. Movement Bans are also published on the Shire of Koorda Facebook page.

► **OPERATIONAL MATTERS:** Works and Services customer requests, hazard reporting or complaints should be directed to the Shire's customer service officers for recording, assessment and appropriate action taken.

► **SHIRE WEBSITE:** We are always looking for ways to streamline processes and bookings. Did you know on the Shire website you can; request private works, book our facilities, report problems with Shire roads and buildings, book the community bus and much more. Visit www.koorda.wa.gov.au and take a look for yourself. If you are having trouble locating something on our website, use the "Contact Us" function and one of our staff members will be able to point you in the right direction.

► **COUNCIL MEETINGS:** Council meets at 5.00pm on the third Wednesday of each month with the November and December meetings to commence at 6.00pm. Please note there is NO January meeting. Agenda items close 12.00pm noon on the second Tuesday of every month except January.

► **MOTOR VEHICLE/DRIVER LICENSES:** All licensing matters can be dealt with at the Shire Office between 9.00am and 3.30pm.

► **ROAD BUILDING MATERIAL:** It is essential that Council can source suitable road building material close to proposed road works otherwise job cost increases mean less work can be carried out or in some instances defer the work. Land holders assistance is therefore sought, to enable Council to continue to maintain and improve the Rural Road Network. If you have a gravel pit on your farm and would like to supply gravel to the Shire, please call the Shire Office on (08) 9684 1219. Gravel Royalties will be paid per cubic metre of gravel taken from the gravel pit.

► **DOG ACT 1976:** A dog owner is legally required to register their dog with the Local Government if it is more than three months old. All dogs must be micro chipped. The registration period is from 1 November to 31 October the following year. It is an offence not to register your dog and you can be given a \$200 on-the-spot fine. The Act applies Statewide, not just town areas.

► **CAT ACT 2011:** A cat owner is legally required to register their cat with the Local Government if it is more than six months old. All cats must be sterilized and micro chipped before being registered. The registration period is from 1 November to 31 October the following year. It is an offence not to register your cat and you can be given a \$200 on-the-spot fine. The Act applies Statewide, not just town areas.

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WHAT CAN GO INTO YOUR RECYCLE BIN

Glass - all glass and ceramics, whole and broken

Plastic - all plastic containers and plastic wraps (empty with lids off)

Paper - All paper, junk mail and glossy magazines

Cardboard - All cardboard products

Aluminium & Steel - All metals, steel and aluminium **excluding** aerosol cans

Liquid Paperboard - Milk, juice and laundry detergent cartons.



If your bin is broken or needs replacing, visit our website www.koorda.wa.gov.au and fill out the Waste Management section of our online "Works Request Form" and one of our staff will lodge your repair or replacement request with Avon Waste.