



Shire of Koorda

OFFICE HOURS:
8.00AM - 4.30PM
MONDAY TO
FRIDAY

Shire of Koorda

10 Haig Street
 PO BOX 20, Koorda WA 6475
 Phone: (08) 9684 1219
 Fax: (08) 9684 1379



Financial Year 1st July 2020 to 30th June 2021

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 2020/2021 financial year the following Rates, Rubbish, Sewerage Charges, Fees, Penalties and Discounts be imposed:

Schedule of Rates, Charges, Fees and Discounts:

General Rate - Gross Rental Valuation (GRV)	11.350 cents in the \$ of GRV
General Rate - Unimproved Valuation (UV)	01.919 cents in the \$ of UV
Minimum Rate	\$400.00
Sewerage Charge	10.180 cents in the \$ of GRV of residential and commercial properties \$350.00 minimum, Vacant Land \$350.00 minimum, Residential Land \$350.00 minimum, Commercial Land \$350.00 minimum, Industrial Land
Rubbish Charge	\$180.00 per bin
Recycling Charge	\$150.00 per bin
Instalment Fee	Nil Charge
Discount on Rates Charge	5%, if paid by 4.00pm, 20th August 2020.

OPTIONS FOR PAYMENT OF RATE NOTICES AND DUE DATES

► **OPTION 1 - Early Payment Discount Amount**

A 5% discount (on Rate Charges only) will be given if all Rates and Charges are paid in full by 4.00pm Thursday, 20th August 2020

► **OPTION 2 - Payment in full by due date**

Full payment of Rates or 1st Instalment payments are due by: 4.00pm Thursday 3rd September 2020

****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 instalments. There are no additional charges for this option. Payments must be made by the following date, otherwise penalty interest of 8% per day will be applied

1st Instalment - DUE: Thursday 3rd September 2020

2nd Instalment - DUE: Thursday 12th November 2020

3rd Instalment - DUE: Thursday 14th January 2021

4th Instalment - DUE: Thursday 18th March 2021

To receive all future notices via email, contact the shire office with your assessment numbers 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 issue at 8% per annum. Eligible pensioners are exempt.

► **INSTALMENT OPTION TAKEN:** Interest will be charged on any instalment that remains unpaid 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 3rd September 2020** and are not subject to one of the options for payment 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 2020, 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 for Credit or Debit Cards)



Via phone by using Credit/Debit Card details. (No additional charges will apply)
Call the Shire Office on (08) 9684 1219
(Office Hours: 8.00am to 4.30pm)



Via Electronic Funds Transfer
SHIRE OF KOORDA
BSB: 633 – 000
ACC: 153 – 457 – 353
Reference: Assessment Number and Surname



Biller Code: **268987**
Reference Number: provided on the front of your rates notice

Incentive Prizes for 2020/2021

A 5% DISCOUNT (on Rate Charges only) will be given if all Rates and Charges are paid in full by **4.00pm THURSDAY 20th AUGUST 2020**

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

Your entry is included with your rate notice. (One entry per assessment paid in full). If you pay online, an entry will be filled out on your behalf and added to the box. The draw for the winners will be conducted shortly after the close of the discount period, 4.00pm Thursday 20th August 2020. **Shire employees and Councillors are not eligible to enter.**

- ▶ **1st Prize: 2 night weekend stay for 2 people at the Perth Ambassador Hotel. Inclusive of full buffet breakfast and car parking. Prize valued at \$500.00.**
- ▶ **2nd Prize: \$250 Bendigo Bank Account Voucher. Donated by Mukinbudin Community Bank.**
- ▶ **3rd Prize: 1 x HP 21.5" IPS HAS Monitor and 1 x Microsoft wireless keyboard and mouse combo. Donated by Wallis Computers Solutions. Prize valued at \$250.00.**
- ▶ **4th Prize: 2020/2021 Adult Membership to the Koorda Kinetic Centre. Prize valued at \$120.00**



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).

Budget Overview

The Shire adopted its 2020/2021 Budget at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 15 June 2020. The fore-going summary details income and expenditure included within the Budget and copies of the budget document can be obtained on the Shire website. www.koorda.wa.gov.au

At the April Council Meeting, Council adopted a Shire of Koorda COVID 19 Pandemic Community Support Response which included the following considerations contained within the 2020/2021 Budget

- No increase in rates;
- Adoption of a COVID 19 Financial Hardship Policy;
- A review of fees and charges that can be reduced, waived or deferred; and
- Consideration of additional capital works and infrastructure spending during the preparation and adoption of the budget. (Please refer to resolution 050420 within the April 2020 Council minutes for full Community Support Response)

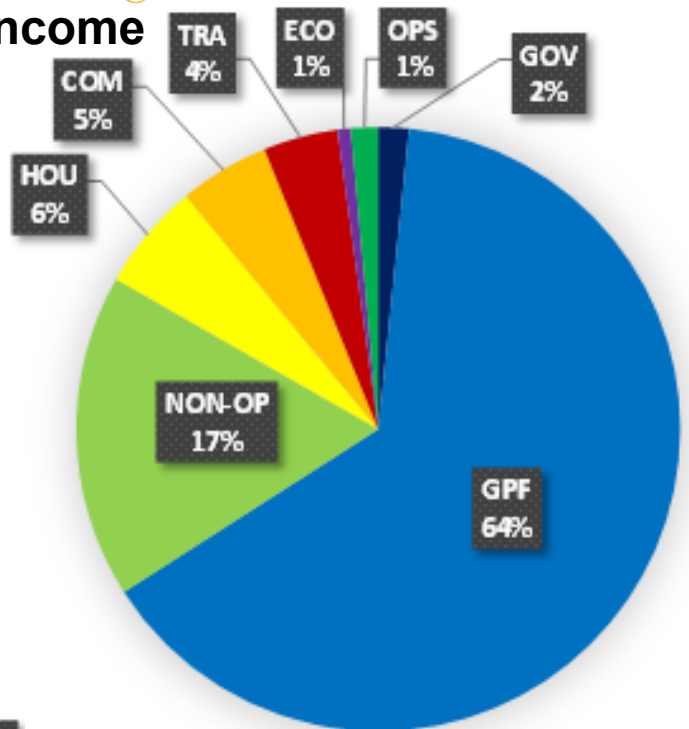
Council once again elected not to charge instalment fees and charges and the penalty interest on overdue rates and ESL charges has been reduced from 11%pa to 8%pa in light of the global pandemic.

2020/2021 Budget

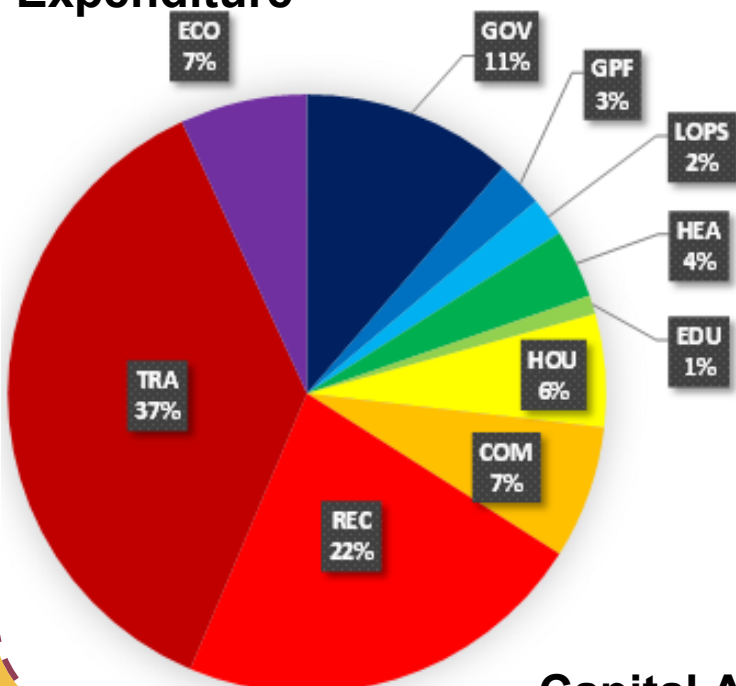
GOV: Governance
GPF: General Purpose Funding
NON-OP: Non-Operating Grants
LOPS: Law, Order and Public Safety
HEA: Health
EDU: Education and Welfare
COM: Community Amenities
REC: Recreation and Culture
TRA: Transport
ECO: Economic Services
OPS: Other Property and Services
ROA: Roads
P&E: Plant and Equipment
IO: Infrastructure Other
F&E: Furniture and Equipment
BUI: Buildings

*Some programs have not been included in the graphs as they represent less than 1%

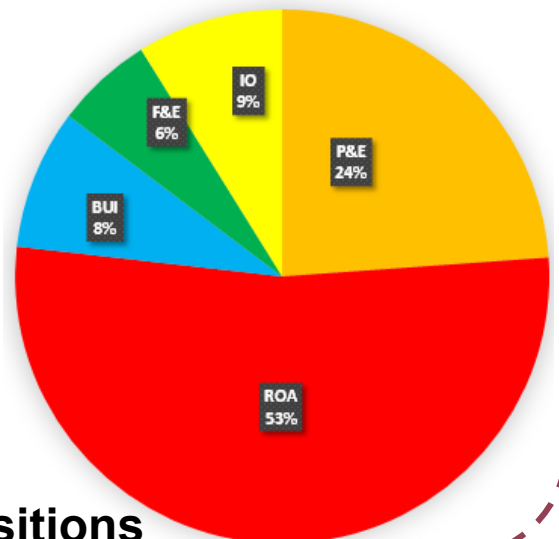
Income



Expenditure



Capital Acquisitions



Annual Fire Break Notice 2020/2021

SHIRE OF KOORDA

BUSHFIRE ACT 1954

Notice of 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 2020 or within fourteen days of the date of you becoming the owner or occupier should this be after the 31st day of October 2020.

All work required by this Notice shall be maintained until the 15th day of March 2021.

“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 2020	to	31 October 2020
Prohibited-No Burning:	1 November 2020	to	31 January 2021
Restricted-Permit Required:	1 February 2021	to	15 March 2021

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

Farewell to Councillor Gary Greaves
& President Ricky Storer



Koorda Kinetic Centre (Gym)



Updated Shire boundary signs



Successful ANZAC service livestream during COVID-19



New house built through partnership with Dept. of Communities (Dept. of Education House)



New Grader as part of the 2019/20 Plant Replacement Program



Official opening of the Gym and changerooms



Court resurfacing - Grant from Aus Sports



New fire truck funded through DFES

Citizen of the year recipient, Graeme Stott



New footpath - Pearman Street



Local number plates update as part of Council rebranding



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)
Andrew Leeke (South-West Koorda) - 0427 446 004 (Fire Control Officer)

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.

► **DOG ACT 1979:** 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 dog 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.*

► **OPERATIONAL MATTERS:** Any requests or complaints with regard to Works and Service should be directed to the Chief Executive Officer so that necessary investigation/action can be take.

► **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 meter of gravel taken from the gravel pit.

ELECTED MEMBERS



President Mrs JM (Jannah) Stratford
Phone 0428 036 889



Deputy President Mrs PL (Pam) McWha
Phone 0427 007 194



Councillor Mrs GL (Gina) Boyne
Phone 0438 062 037



Councillor Mr BG (Buster) Cooper
Phone 9684 1229



Councillor Mrs LC (Lea) Smith
Phone 0448 112 349



Councillor Mr RDG (George) Storer
Phone 0428 846 062