

For the week starting Monday, 05 December 2022

SHIRE OF KOORDA

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Thurs 15 December

Ordinary Council Meeting. At the Koorda Council Chambers, starting at 6.00pm

Fri 16 December

Community Christmas Tree. Christmas Display Competition Winners Announced

Mon 19 December

Audit Committee Meeting. At the Koorda Council Chambers, starting at 5.00pm.

Mon 19 December

Special Meeting of Council (to consider the 21/22 Audit Report) (follows a rescheduled Audit Committee Meeting) - TBC

Fri 23 December - Mon 9 January 2023

Office closed from 12.00noon 23 December and re-opening Monday 9 January 9.00am

SHIRE ADMIN OFFICE HOURS

Please see below the Shire Administration Office hours.

Monday - Friday
9.00am to 4.00pm
Licensing
9.00am to 3.30pm

The office has a message bank service. If you phone out of our office hours, please leave a message and we will get back to you.



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OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE



Closed: 12noon Friday 23 December 2022.

Reopening: 9am Monday 9 January 2023

The Shire Office will be closing for the Christmas and New Year break.

Please ensure all your licensing needs are up to date and that you have restocked your bookshelves for some light Christmas reading.

Councillors and Staff would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



TRUCK PARKING

Due to the residential nature, we would like to remind truck drivers that trucks are not permitted to park within the streets of the Koorda townsite.

The designated truck parking is in the gravel bay along Railway Street and along Haig Street near the pool (Please do not block the ambulance gates).

We thank you for your cooperation.

LOCAL ROADWORKS

Mulji Road

HARVEST BAN

Please note there will be a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban implemented on Sunday 25th December 2022 and Sunday 1st January 2023.

CHRISTMAS DISPLAY COMPETITION

It is that time of year again to dust off your Christmas decorations!

Prizes will be on offer for Christmas displays and award winners will be announced at the Community Christmas Tree.

There is a Residential and a Commercial category with a prize pool of \$500.

To nominate your household, please complete the nomination form in this edition of the Narkal notes or phone the Office on 9684 1219.

Residential Prizes

1st Prize: \$200, 2nd Prize: \$100, 3rd Prize: \$50

Commercial Prizes

1st Prize: \$100, 2nd Prize: \$50



BUDDY MEETS BRUNO & DOT LUERS



Buddy is back and decided this year he would take some time to get to know some of the residents around town.

He landed and went to the first place that had their Christmas decorations up and met Bruno and Dot Luers.

Entering the house, he was greeted by a rotating Christmas tree full of twinkling lights and a lit-up Christmas village. Bruno prides himself with his Christmas display each year. One-year Dot thought she would save Bruno some time by putting the Christmas tree up for him, but of course she didn't place the branches the right way, so now, Bruno is the chief Christmas decorator, taking finesse in his work to make sure it is all perfect.

Dot moved from Bencubbin to Koorda when she was 24, after her Dad bought the butcher shop in town. Bruno has been in Koorda for 64 years.

In 1958, after being in Perth for 2 years, he decided to have a change of career. Originally being a Copper Smith, Bruno decided to try his hand in service and hospitality. He received a gig out in "the bush," boarded a train from Perth city at 6pm one night and the next morning at 6.20am arrived in the bustling town of Koorda. Bruno's first job at the Koorda Hotel was as the groundsman, later learning to pour beer and eventually taking over the kitchen.

Dot and Bruno's love for cooking was evident when they opened a Restaurant in the main street (currently WCI building). After 21 years the restaurant closed in 1992 and since then they have both enjoyed travelling and seeing the world. Their favourite spot was Canada and suggested if there is one place everyone must visit at least once in their life, it should be Canada.

Bruno recalled the inaugural meeting of the Koorda Pistol Club in 1969 and was honoured to be awarded a life membership in his later years at the club.

Bruno and Dot remembered their most precious Christmas was the year their son Rex was born. They mentioned they were also fortunate enough to have an Easter surprise too, when they adopted their daughter Jacqueline at 2 weeks old.

They then recalled and laughed about their least fond Christmas memory when one year they decided to have a Christmas over in Europe and Dot shortly regretted it. The weather was more than miserable and there was ice everywhere, staying upright was very difficult.

Some sound advice from the pair included "don't have too many hangovers, and if you do, always make sure you show up for work on time." Bruno suggested to "always be honest, no matter what."

Many things have changed in their time residing in Koorda, from the early days of 2 big shops, 3 banks, the pub, a butcher and a bakery to name a few, to the services here now. Even though there are a lot less shops and services now, they both agree they love the peace and quiet of town and feel safe in the community.



BUDDY MEETS MARLENE GRAY



After visiting Dot and Bruno, Buddy decided to go and visit Dot's sister Marlene and husband Phil Gray and get to know them.

A history lover, Marlene was busy researching her long lost Great Great Grand Father, William Chifney, who came out to Australia as a convict. He was convicted at 10 years old, after being accused of taking a 2 pound note off the floor from a Chemist he worked at back in England. He was imprisoned in London and transferred to Parkhurst, Isle of Wright, where he stayed until he was 16 and later got transferred to Fremantle Prison. After some time in Fremantle, he went to York for work and was later released as a Freeman.

Marlene, like Dot, moved from Bencubbin to Koorda in 1963 when their parents bought the Butcher and Marlene attended high school in Merredin. She spoke of the importance hockey played in her life and remembered many of the life lessons she learned just from being involved in the team. Marlene played in the goals, and said the ladies were all very welcoming, especially for anyone crazy enough to stand in the goals.

Marlene believes that “you get what you give, if you give a lot, you will get a lot back.”

Reminiscing on the past, Marlene remembers a big highlight being all the Cabarets the town use to have in the hall. Whether a football cabaret or one of the famous “New Year Cabarets,” the hall was alive and full of atmosphere. Most had bands from around the region or Perth, and to keep hydrated, they use to reverse up Utes to the double doors running along each side, each with a 5 gallon beer keg on the back. With the cabarets running all night and into the next day, they remember the refreshing cool down swim at the pool the next day, and Marlene recalls attending the pool opening in 1967.

This year Marlene and Phil are hosting their last Christmas at 33 Greenham Street. After 47 years in the house, they have decided to sell their property to downsize and move into a Shire Unit. A must have addition to the Christmas menu is definitely Trifle.

Stay tuned tomorrow to see what Buddy got up to with Phil.



BUDDY MEETS PHIL GRAY



Phil has been in Koorda all his life, being born in Wyalkatchem in 1945. In his early days he lived out of town on the farm, and when he was of school age, the family moved to town (to the corner house on Allenby & Haig Street).

Phil and Marlene have 3 boys and remember there being 25 kids born the same year as their son Duncan and when the boys were old enough to attend school, there was over 130 kids at the school, in appose to the 25-30 kids attending nowadays.

Phil is an avid sports fan, into all things Football, Cricket and Golf, just to name a few. He started playing golf when he was 8 and luckily for Buddy, he chucked his golf set in and was able to get a quick lesson on the front lawn. In 1991, Phil set a new low score for the course with 70 gross and a net of 59. He only held the record for 3-4 weeks when Terry Delane got a gross score of 68.

A treasured present of Phil's, which he still has today, is a Parker Pen he received for his 15th birthday.

Being into sports from a young age, Phil was part of 1962 Football Premiership Team at the age of 16. In the changerooms after celebrations, he and a few under 21 team mates were on the cool drinks when the local policeman suggested they could join celebrations as "it isn't every day you win a football premiership." He had a laugh and continued with how the story progressed the next day. The footy team went to the pub, so Phil followed the same philosophy and thought he'd enjoy an ice-cold beer with his team mates. The policeman came up and tapped him on the shoulder and said, "what do you think you're doing, I said you could have a drink yesterday, not today."

On the 5th November each year, Phil and his family celebrated Guy Fawkes Day. They would collect large mallee roots and pile them up to almost 2 metres high and burn it off. He remembers one Guy Fawkes Day he and a mate were on their way to school, they stopped in at Walley Ree's shop and bought some 6-penny bombs. They let them off across from the school in the spare block (which is the current Pioneer Women's Park) and lit the block on fire. When they arrived at school, they got into a bit of trouble, in those days, received 5 hits to the palm. Phil was cheeky enough to get them on his left hand, which meant he was unable to do any school work for 3 weeks until it healed.

At Christmas each year, another English tradition was Steam pudding, although you had to watch out when eating it as you didn't want to crunch on thruppence or a silver sixpence.

A piece of advice from Phil, you should "listen to what others have to say, you will always learn something and to never judge anyone."



BUDDY MEETS MARY BRADY



Buddy wasn't sure who was more excited for a visit after he popped in to meet Mary and her best friend and house mate, Sophie.

As a child, Mary lived at the St Joseph orphanage in Wembley until she was fostered out at 8 years of age, to the lovely Thompson family. She has a step brother Kevin, who she keeps in contact with. Her favourite Christmas gift ever was when she was 9 and her foster Mum gave her, her first puppy Lucy, who was a Collie cross. From here, Mary's love for dogs grew, and she has always had a best friend by her side.

She laughed about the time her and one of her friends caused a little bit of trouble at the orphanage, when one day they decided to climb up the olive tree and throw olives into the Nun's Habits. Although they didn't get into too much trouble, Mary said she learnt some of her valuable life lessons in "always being nice to people and treating them with respect."

Mary has now been in Koorda for 5 years. She moved here after spending 2 years in Wyalkatchem for the pet friendly shire housing options in town, and Mary hasn't looked back. She is thankful for all her friends who live next to and around her unit, and takes pride in keeping an eye on them, and appreciates the support they give to her in return.

Since being in Koorda, Mary said her health has improved and she is a lot more independent than she ever has been.

Sophie has been with Mary for seven years now and the pair are inseparable. They spend their time house sitting and pet sitting, and since moving to Koorda, Mary has taken up sewing, attending the Wheatbelt Cottage Industries when the ladies meet. Mary was most excited getting First Place at the 2022 Koorda Show for her beautiful home-made quilt (pictured).



BUDDY MEETS GRAEME & LYNN STOTT



Buddy last visited the pair back in 2020 in the Butcher Shop and was most excited to check in with Graeme and Lynn to see how retirement was treating them.

They both suggested they would highly recommend retirement. They enjoy being able to do what they want when they want to.

Since retiring and moving into town into one of the Shire units, they've spent their time gardening,

reading and visiting all the local sites around the Wheatbelt Way, that they couldn't do when running the butcher shop.

Graeme's favourite book would have to be *Catch 22*, by Joseph Heller, and Buddy can testify how blooming fantastic their garden is looking.

Graeme and Lynn have been together almost 55 years. Lynn was a Bruce Rock local and when Graeme moved there for work, he said, "Lynn chatted him up across the counter," and the rest is history.

Lynn had family connections to Koorda, with her sister and brother in law (Chris & Cyril Carter) once owning the then Four Square and later buying the Hotel in the early 80s from the Whitakers. They knew what a great town and community we had here, so when Graeme put out an advert to buy a freehold butcher shop and Koorda came up, some may call it fate.

They originally had a 3-year plan for being in Koorda, and the pair are still here 16 years later, and the idea of living anywhere else is a little frightening. They love the safety aspect and think the community is lovely in that everywhere you go, someone will always talk to you.

The Christmas memory they are both most fond of was 4 years ago when they had all the family together out the farm. They recall looking around and loved seeing 4 generations in the same room. Graeme and Lynn have 2 children, 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren, and are looking forward to getting together with them all again for this Christmas down in Bunbury.

Their closing words were "not to sweat the small stuff, when you look back, it never really matters."



AVON WASTE COLLECTION CALENDAR

November 2022						
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27	28	29	30			

December 2022						
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

January 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



Rubbish



Recycling

What can go into your recycling bin?

The following items can go into your recycling bins; glass, plastic, paper, cardboard, aluminum and steel and liquid paperboard. For more information visit the Avon Waste website. <https://www.avonwaste.com.au/>

What NOT to put in your Recycle Bin



Green waste
(Belongs in the waste bin)



Nappies
(Belong in the waste bin)



Polystyrene
(Belongs in the waste bin)



Food scraps
(Belong in the waste bin)



Soft (scrunchable) Plastics
(Belong in the waste bin)

KNOW YOUR COUNCILLORS

Councillors are elected to represent the Shire's residents and ratepayers. If you wish to discuss a Council matter, offer any suggestions, have compliments, concerns or feedback, please contact the Councillors below.



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