

For the week starting Monday, 12 August 2024

SHIRE OF KOORDA

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Sat August 17

Drive-in Night

Wed 21 August

4pm - Grants Committee Meeting

5pm - Ordinary Council Meeting.

Sat 31 August

Winter Sports Grand Final - Koorda

Sat 14 September

Koorda Agricultural Show

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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.

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

The Shire of Koorda Strategic Community Plan 2022-2032 was due for review in 2024. At the June 2024 Council Meeting, Council reviewed and endorsed the new initiatives for the next 2 years based off the Community Priorities identified in the community workshop sessions. A list of achievements from the original plan can be found below. The full document can be found on our website and the original Council Actions and Revised Council Actions are included on the following pages for public comment. Comments can be emailed to the Shire email; shire@koorda.wa.gov.au

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS - 2022-2024



- Advocated to secure a new Medical Service Agreement to increase the current service to two days per week in Koorda.
- Created and ran a successful inaugural round of the Koorda Community Grants Scheme. Continuation of program into 2024/2025.
- Held regular meetings and exercises for the Local Emergency Management Committee to collaborate with local support organisations, hazard management agencies, and industry representatives, to collectively build a resilient community that is prepared to respond and recover from an emergency.
- Re-established the Koorda Bushfire Advisory Committee to provide advice on matters pertaining to obligations contained within the Bush Fires Act, organising, managing, resourcing and training volunteer bush fire brigades.



- Secured State Government funding through the Seroja Resilience Fund to execute projects that enhance facility and community resilience in times of emergencies. Purchased additional water truck, upgraded ablutions at Evacuation Centres, secured fixed and portable generators to utilise during extended power outages and deployed water tanks at strategic locations to compliment current firefighting water supplies.
- Enhanced and activated the town centre through new town directional signage and facility entrance signage.
- Replaced and renewed Caravan Park and Yalabee Short Term Accommodation Units through Local Roads and Community Infrastructure funding.



- Adopted a Waste Management Plan and Landfill Closure Management Plan in November 2022.
- Partnered with NEWROC to investigate regional landfill solutions.
- Endorsed of an application by NEWROC to the Federal Government's Regional Precincts Partnership Program for waste management planning.
- Expressed an interest for a solar power and battery back up system for the Recreation Centre submitted as a group application with NEWROC.
- Liaised with Wheatbelt NRM to secure free trees to replant dead trees in avenue of trees and trees around town.
- Collaborated with DWER to install water tank at Mt Collier Dam.



- Reviewed Financial Management, Risk Management, Legislative Compliance and Internal Controls in May 2023. Achieved a 70% completion rate within the first year for reported findings and recommendations.
- Endorsed a new Customer Service Charter.
- Commenced a full Council Policy review.
- Adopted a "Continuing Professional Development for Elected Members" Policy in June 2023.
- Reported regularly on the progress of our Strategic Plan to the Community.



STRATEGIC PILLAR 1 - OUR COMMUNITY

Community Priorities	Council Actions	Revised Council Actions
1.1 - Local people feel safe, engaged, and enjoy a healthy and peaceful lifestyle.	1.1.1 - Maintain strong working relationships with State Agencies. (e.g. WAPOL, Department of Education and WACHS)	1.1.1 - Schedule of quarterly President and CEO meetings with regional representatives from: WAPOL, WACHS and Department of Education representatives.
	1.1.2 - Advocate for continued improvements in medical, education and support services from other levels of government and the private sector that facilitates aging, living and learning within the Shire.	1.1.2 – Secure medical practitioner for Koorda for two days per week.
	1.1.3 - Facilitate and support events that promote the region and deliver a positive economic impact.	1.1.3 - Complete agreement with CRC to define and implement a schedule of events and activities to enhance community lifestyle and engagement.
1.2 - Local volunteer groups supported through initiatives that reduce volunteer fatigue and strengthen their resilience.	1.2.1 - Recognise and support the value of our community volunteers and provide meaningful opportunities to contribute to Shire projects and improving local living.	1.2.1 - Create a register of volunteers' skills and availability and hold an annual event (via CRC agreement) to recognise registered volunteers.
	1.2.2 - Develop and implement a Community Grants Program.	1.2.2 - Review and refine community grants program as required.
	1.2.3 - Make available a list of current grant opportunities to local businesses, clubs and community groups.	1.2.3 - Develop grants communication strategy in concert with CRC to alert community groups to opportunities.
1.3 - Emergency services are supported with effective planning, risk mitigation, response, and recovery	1.3.1 - Work with emergency service stakeholders to ensure the Shire and Volunteers meet WHS standards	1.3.1 - Work with emergency service stakeholders to ensure the Shire and Volunteers meet DFES training and WHS standards.
	1.3.2 - Conduct regular LEMC meetings and exercises.	1.3.2 - Conduct regular LEMC and BFAC meetings and exercises with outcomes reported to community.
	1.3.3 - Investigate regional emergency service arrangements. (Policies, procedures, risk management plans).	1.3.3 - Establish closer links to regional emergency services and participate in regional exercises.

STRATEGIC PILLAR 2 - OUR ECONOMY

Community Priorities	Council Actions	Revised Council Actions
2.1 - Our local economy grows in a sustainable manner.	2.1.1 - Ensure that our planning framework is modern and meets the needs of the relevant zoning stakeholders, such as industry, residential, small business and any emerging opportunities.	2.1.1 - Review planning framework and scheme to ensure contemporary and compliant and engage community and business input to confirm will meet needs and expectations of stakeholders.
	2.1.2 - Advocate regionally to reduce economic barriers such as access and reliability of water, electricity, logistics infrastructure and telecommunications.	2.1.2 - Develop continuity plans for power and telecommunications infrastructure and advocate requirements with other levels of government and regional stakeholders as required.
	2.1.3 - Investigate the viability of a Business/Economy grant program.	2.1.3 - Develop local supplier panel to support and streamline local purchasing by Shire.
	2.1.4 - Promote business network development and collaboration. (e.g. CRC business after dark and Wheatbelt Business Network)	2.1.4 - Create economic development strategy in consultation with community and business to identify unique proposition and operational barriers.
	2.1.5 - Activate the town centre through community inspired street scaping and initiatives	2.1.5 - Complete community infrastructure projects including Business Buzz and Green Heart townscape projects, and the Recreation Precinct phases 2 and 3.
2.2 - Tourism helps to diversify and grow our local economy	2.2.1 - Contribute to regional tourism marketing campaigns. (e.g. NEWTRAVEL/Wheatbelt Way)	2.2.1 - Undertake redevelopment of Drive-In facilities and develop and implement promotion strategy.
	2.2.2 - Work towards a high standard of tourism assets and information.	2.2.2 – Investigate enhancing tourist experience with free Wi-Fi at Yalambee Units and Caravan Park.
		2.2.3 – Investigate a unique event that leverages the Shire's assets to attract visitors and tourists.



STRATEGIC PILLAR 3 - OUR ENVIRONMENT

Community Priorities	Council Actions	Revised Council Actions
3.1 - Shire owned facilities are renewed and maintained in a strategic manner to meet community needs.	3.1.1 - Manage Shire Assets sustainably using the Strategic Resourcing Plan.	3.1.1 - Review asset management program to include asset life planning and replacement with defined scheduled maintenance program.
	3.1.2 - Develop and implement online user maintenance request system	3.1.2 - Develop and implement online user maintenance request system.
3.2 - Safe, efficient, and well-maintained road, and footpath infrastructure.	3.2.1 - Continue to improve the road and footpath network by maximising external funding sources and delivering infrastructure projects to a high standard.	3.2.1 – Review and enhance existing road construction and maintenance strategy to align with changing funding provision and opportunities.
	3.2.2 - Implement an effective, proactive road maintenance program that is sensitive to industry seasonality.	3.2.2.- Road asset review to determine routes and develop works program required to support future industry requirements.
3.3 - A high standard of sustainable waste services.	3.3.1 - Develop and effectively implement Waste Management and Landfill Rehabilitation Project.	3.3.1 – Construct waste transfer station to extend life of existing landfill and to prepare for regional solution
	3.3.2 - Continue to work towards a Regional Waste solution with NEWROC.	3.3.2 - Continue to work towards a Regional Waste solution with NEWROC.
3.4 - Conservation of our natural environment for future generations.	3.4.1 - Support renewable energy initiatives and encourage further renewable industry development.	3.4.1 – Develop Shire strategy for renewable energy options to trial prior to implementation.
	3.4.2 - Partner with Wheatbelt NRM and DWER for future grant and project opportunities.	3.4.2 - Partner with Wheatbelt NRM and DWER for future grant and project opportunities.
	3.4.3 - Increase community awareness and preparedness for the impacts of climate change and its major local risks such as bush fires.	3.4.3 – Identify climate change initiative that Shire can implement and involve community in development and implementation.

STRATEGIC PILLAR 4 - OUR ORGANISATION

Community Priorities	Council Actions	Revised Council Actions
4.1 - Open and Transparent Leadership.	4.1.1 - Ensure the use of resources is effective, efficient and reported regularly. (e.g. Financial Management)	4.1.1 – Ensure efficient use of resources and that governance and operational compliance and reporting meets legislative and regulatory requirements.
	4.1.2 - Identify business improvement opportunities to enhance operational effectiveness. (e.g. implement any recommended actions from audit/OAG reports)	4.1.2 – Ongoing refinement of organisational structure and capacity, and alignment of resources with strategic Community, Economic and Environmental priorities.
	4.1.3 - Develop and implement Customer Service Charter & External Stakeholder communication plan.	4.1.3 – Develop communications strategy and scheduled tactics to engage and report outcomes to community and business stakeholders.
		4.1.4 – Initiate annual customer satisfaction and perceptions survey and report results to community.
4.2 - Investment in the skills and capabilities of our elected members and staff.	4.2.1 - Promote continued professional development amongst elected members and staff.	4.2.1 – Develop professional development programs for staff and elected members.
	4.2.2- Progress 'Team Koorda' initiative.	4.2,2 – Align staff culture development program with practical skills development and strategic planning.
		4.2.3 – Set Elected Member SAT band allocation at 80 per cent for Band 4 Local Government.
4.3 - Forward planning and delivery of services and facilities that achieve strategic priorities.	4.3.1 - Actively participate in regional collaboration initiatives. (e.g. NEWROC regional subsidiary)	4.3.1 – Enhance service delivery through mutually beneficial partnerships with neighbouring Local Governments and Band 1 Local Governments.
	4.3.2 - Regularly report on progress of strategic plan initiatives using a quarterly score card.	4.3.2 – Report to Council progress of Council Actions using a quarterly score card and report results to community.



2024/2025 RATES

PAYMENT EARLY DISCOUNT AMOUNT

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 21 August 2024.

Option 2 - Payment in full by due date Full payment of Rates or 1st Instalment payments are due by 4.00pm Wednesday 4 September 2024.

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 eleven percent (11%) per annum (accrued daily) will be applied.

1st Instalment - **DUE** Wednesday 4 September 2024

2nd Instalment - **DUE** Wednesday 13 November 2024

3rd Instalment - **DUE** Wednesday 22 January 2025

4th Instalment - **DUE** Wednesday 26 March 2025

TV RE-BROADCASTING UPDATE

The Shire wishes to advise that from 30 June 2025 the television re-transmission service will be decommissioned.

The service was initiated by the Shire about 20 years ago with the change over from analogue to digital broadcasts. However, as more communities move away from the type of service provided by the Shire, the available expertise to provide repairs and updates has similarly reduced. The result is that the costs have increased for ratepayers while the service has become less reliable.

For a period, the Shire added a \$25 fee to rates to help fund the service, but due to reliability issues it was decided not to impose that charge for the past four years. In all residents contributed \$19,000 in user fees for the service over the past 10 years, while for the same period it cost the Shire \$215,000. This is not sustainable, especially to receive an unreliable service.

The decision by Council to provide notice that the service will not be terminated until June next year is to enable residents to make alternative arrangements. These can include using a smart TV and using internet access or having a satellite dish installed.

The Shire office has details of providers of dish supply and installation.



LOCAL ROADWORKS

Burakin/Wialki Road - Please expect delays when travelling through roadworks and road maintenance grading is happening this week.

Please be aware and abide by the road work speed limits. We thank you for your patience.

REC CENTRE SNEAK PEAK & PLAYERS TEA

A final handover walk through for our Recreation Extension and Upgrade has been completed. We are now able to furnish the building and move in.

Congratulations to all those who were involved in and contributed towards the project. Thanks to our users for their patience during the construction stages. This is such a great asset for our town and community and we are looking forward to being able to enjoy it with you all!

The Shire have partnered with the Koorda Winter Sports for the upcoming Players Tea. All are welcome for a sneak peak, or to join us for dinner as we celebrate our newly renovated centre and the Koorda Winter Sports Teams as they head into finals.

Thursday 15th August 2024.

5.30pm | Junior Windup

7pm | Players Tea

Please bring a plate to share & BYO refreshments



LIBRARY NEWS

August brand new exchange books have arrived and will hit the shelves this week. Come in and have a browse and borrow some items to enjoy in the comfort of your own home or sit in our comfortable library area complete with lounge chairs. Don't forget the Library now has a GoPro, a Camera and accessories that can be borrowed. We also have a laptop available to access in our library for anyone interested in researching your family history. We acknowledge and thank the WA Government through the State Library of WA for financial assistance to provide a GoPro, Camera and Laptop for our Library project. We hope to see you in the library soon.



AVON WASTE COLLECTION CALENDAR

August 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

September 2024						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

October 2024						
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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)

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