# SHIRE OF KOORDA

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm | Licensing 9.00am to 3.30pm



# **DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### Wed 21 August

Rates - DISCOUNT Period Closes

4pm - Grants Committee Meeting

5pm - Ordinary Council Meeting

#### Thu 29 August

3.30pm - Bushfire Advisory Committee Meeting

4.30pm - LEMC Meeting

#### Sat 31 August

Winter Sports Grand Final - Koorda

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Koorda Agricultural Show

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#### **Council Contacts**

Visit our website to view the Council Contacts - Council > About Koorda > Councillors





# **2024/2025 RATES PAYMENT DATES**

The 2024/2025 Shire of Koorda rates were posted at the end of July.

#### 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 instalments. 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

### **LOCAL ROADWORKS**

**Chapman Road & Maintenance Grading (Various Loations) -** Please expect delays when travelling through roadworks.

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

### **FAREWELL PETE**

We bid farewell to Pete Boulton who has retired as a plant operator. We would like to thank Pete for nearly 10 years service and appreciate all Pete's dedicated work throughout the years.

We wish Pete all the best in his retirement and future endeavours.

# **GOOD LUCK TO THE WINTER SPORT TEAMS**

Congratulations to the Koorda Ladies Hockey Team who won their game on the weekend and are straight through to a home grand final! Good luck to the Koorda Netball Team who play in the preliminary final against Mukinbudin this weekend.

Commiserations to the Koorda Football Team who unfortunatey lost their final on the weekend.

We wish the Winter Sport Community well in the preparations for hosting the Grand Final on 31 August 2024.







# **RECREATION GROUND SNEAK PEAK**

The Shire of Koorda in conjunction with the Koorda Winter Sport Teams hosted a players tea in the new rec centre last Thursday. It was a great success with community members being able to walk through the finished building. It was great to receive plenty of positive feedback.

We are very lucky to have this amazing facility in our community. We can't wait for all the future events that can now be held in our new and improved recreation centre.



Before







Before



After



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After







# FIRST AND FINAL NOTICE FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION NOTICE 2024/2025

#### NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS OF LAND WITHIN THE SHIRE OF KOORDA

Important: The works outlined below must be completed by 31 October 2024 and maintained in this state up to and including 30 April 2025.

Pursuant to Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954 (WA), the Shire of Koorda (Shire) gives written notice to act as specified in this notice to land that you own and/or occupy and with respect to any matter which is upon the land that you own and/or occupy within the Shire. Failure to neglect to comply with this notice is an offence and can result in a penalty of up to \$5,000.

The Shire's Fire Hazard Inspectors are authorised under the Bush Fires Act 1954 (WA) (Act) and have powers to enter land pursuant to Section 14 of the Act. The Shire advised that its officers, servants, workmen, contractors, vehicles, machinery, and appliances (as the officers deem fit) may carry out the requisitions of this notice that are not complied with by 31 October 2024, and any costs and expenses incurred may be recovered from you as the owner and/or occupier of the land.

"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.

Restricted-Permit Required: 19 September 2024 to 31 October 2024 1 November 2024 to 31 January 2025 Prohibited-No Burning: 1 February 2025 to 30 April 2025 Restricted-Permit Required:

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.

Zac Donovan **Chief Executive Officer** 





