

For the week starting Monday, 14 October 2024

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

Thurs 19 September - Thurs 31 October

Restricted Permit Required Burning Period

Sat 19 October

Koorda Drive In

Wed 23 October

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

Thurs 31 October

Koorda Awards - Nominations close at 4pm

Cat & Dog Registrations Due

Firebreaks Due

Thurs 14 November

Seniors Luncheon



Avon Waste Collection Calendar

Visit our website to view the 2024/25 collection calendar.
Services > Waste Management



Council Contacts

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

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LOCAL ROADWORKS

Burakin-Wialki Road. Please expect delays when travelling through roadworks.

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

HARVEST BAN SMS SERVICE

With the Harvest Season fast approaching, please ensure you are registered for the Shire of Koorda Harvest Ban SMS Service.

Please visit the office or call us on 9684 1219 if you have changed your number or you wish to add a number to our SMS Service. If you no longer require your number on the list, please advise the Office.

FIRE BREAKS

Firebreaks are due to be completed by 31 October 2024. Please ensure your fire breaks are in order and the property is free of fire hazards. The local Ranger will begin inspections in the coming days.

For more information, please refer to the Annual Fire Break notice on the following pages or on the Shire website - www.koorda.wa.gov.au.

DOG & CAT REGISTRATIONS

Dog and cat registrations are due for renewal on the 31st October each year. If you are unsure if your pet is due for renewal this year, please call the office on 9684 1219 for staff to confirm. Alternatively, you can check the year on the registration tag.

Do you have a pet that needs to be registered? State Government regulations require that all dogs over three months of age need to be registered and microchipped. Cats over six months of age need to be microchipped, sterilised and registered.

Please note that owners of unregistered animals can incur an on the spot fine by Council Rangers.

CATS

Sterilised 1 year \$20

Sterilised 3 years \$42.50

Sterilised Life \$100

ALL CATS ARE TO BE STERILISED

DOGS

Sterilised - same as for the cats listed to the left

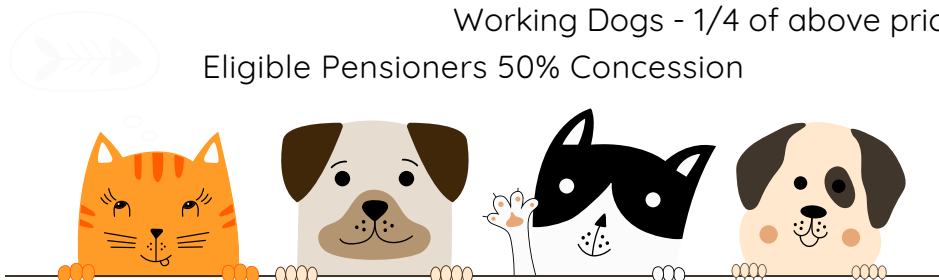
Un-sterilised 1 year \$50

Un-sterilised 3 years \$120

Un-sterilised Lifetime \$250

Working Dogs - 1/4 of above prices

Eligible Pensioners 50% Concession



LIBRARY NEWS

The Golden Feather Hunt

The Golden Feather Hunt is on until 25 October 2024. The Fuschia Feather in our library has been found, but there may be a Golden Feather! There are also plain feathers to be found for the children to colour in for a chance to win a spot prize.

Check out the Children's and Young Adult section in the library for a chance to WIN awesome prizes.

We look forward to seeing our younger community members in the library borrowing books and finding feathers. GOODLUCK!

Used Exchange

151 items have arrived in the used exchange and will be on the shelf this week! We have received some great new additions for our users to browse. Be sure to pop in and have a look.

The library is free and you can sign up anytime. We hope to see you browsing through the library soon.

2024 SENIORS LUNCHEON

The 2024 Seniors Luncheon will be held on Thursday 14 November 2024. It will be a fantastic luncheon with Amber Cooke joining us once again providing the music!

Watch this space for further information. Call the Office now on 9684 1219 to put your name on the list.



2024/2025 SWIMMING POOL SEASON

The pool season is nearly upon us, with it opening for the 2024/2025 season in just under three weeks!

There will once again be FREE ENTRY for everyone. Be sure to get down to the pool to cool off this summer.

NOMINATE NOW FOR THE KOORDA AWARDS

Previously being awarded at the Australia Day Event, the Citizen of the Year Awards have now been re-branded and revamped and we are proud to present the KOORDA AWARDS.

Following similar categories and nomination processes as previous years, the Community Awards will now be presented as part of the Community Christmas Tree Event.

Do you know someone great? Nominate them now for a Koorda Award. Visit our website for further information.

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

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



SHIRE OF KOORDA COMMUNITY AWARDS

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NOMINATIONS OPEN NOW

Close 4pm, Thursday 31

October 2024

**Late nominations will not be
accepted.**

ELIGIBILITY

A person must first be nominated to be considered for the awards. Self-nominations will not be accepted. Nominees must be a person who resides in the Shire of Koorda and for;

1. Citizen of the Year category, be a person of any age.
 2. Citizen of the Year - Youth category, be a person aged between 12 to 24 years.
 3. Citizen of the Year - Senior category, be a person over the age of 65.
 4. Citizen of the Year - Group category, be a local community group or not-for-profit organisation based within the Shire of Koorda.
- Sitting members of State, Federal and Local Government are not eligible.
 - Nominations must be apolitical in nature.
 - A person may only be nominated for one category on a nomination form.
 - A person may be nominated more than once (in different categories) on separate nomination forms.
 - Late entries will not be accepted.

HOW TO APPLY

Nominations must be submitted on the official Citizen of the Year Nomination Form available from the Shire of Koorda website (Community > Koorda Awards). Completed forms can be submitted via email to ceo@koorda.wa.gov.au or in person to the Shire of Koorda Administration Centre.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The nomination must demonstrate that the person(s) or group(s) citizenship activities occurred within the Shire of Koorda. External activities that benefitted the Koorda community may be taken into consideration during the selection process.

Nominations will be assessed for an individual or group who has:

- made a significant voluntary contribution to the Koorda community,
- demonstrated leadership on a community issue resulting in the enhancement of community life,
- undertaken a significant initiative that has brought about positive change and added value to community life,
- invested time and effort above the standard expected of any citizen (hours of time volunteered, range of tasks undertaken, and length of service) and is a good role model for the community.

SELECTION PROCESS

- Successful nominees will be determined by Council and the results kept strictly confidential until the announcement at the award presentation.
- All nominees will be notified prior to the event to allow recipients to invite friends and family to the presentation.
- Presentation of the Citizen of the Year Awards will be held at the P&C Community Christmas Tree on Friday 13th December 2024 (Koorda Recreation Centre)
- Shire of Koorda reserves the right to withdraw any awards issued to recipients who bring the awards program or Shire of Koorda into disrepute.