

# 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

Fri 1 November - Fri 31 January 2025

Prohibited - **NO BURNING**

**Wed 5 February**

Annual General Meeting of Electors  
At the Koorda Council Chambers at 6pm

**Wed 19 February**

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

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# NOTICE OF 2025 COUNCIL MEETINGS

In accordance with Section 5.25(g) of the Local Government Act 1995, notice is hereby given of the Shire of Koorda Ordinary Council Meeting Dates for 2025, as per Council's resolution (171224) at its December 2024 Meeting. All meetings to be held at the Shire Administration Office, 10 Haig Street, Koorda.

These Meetings are open to members of the public and a minimum of fifteen (15) minutes is allowed at each meeting for questions from the public.

TIME	DATE
5.00pm	19 February 2025
5.00pm	19 March 2025
5.00pm	16 April 2025
5.00pm	21 May 2025
5.00pm	18 June 2025
5.00pm	16 July 2025
5.00pm	20 August 2025
5.00pm	17 September 2025
5.00pm	15 October 2025
6.00pm	19 November 2025
6.00pm	17 December 2025

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS WEDNESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2025

The annual general meeting of electors of the Shire of Koorda is to be held on Wednesday, 5 February 2025 at 6.00pm in the Council Chambers, 10 Haig Street, Koorda.

The purpose of the meeting and order of business is:

1. Presentation and consideration of the 2023/2024 Annual Report;
2. Responses to questions submitted by electors prior to the meeting; and
3. Any other general business.

Each elector is entitled to one vote but does not have to vote.

Copies of the 2023/2024 Annual Report are on the Shire's webpage <https://www.koorda.wa.gov.au/documents/annual-report>

To allow for and assist with the provision of an appropriate response at the meeting, electors are encouraged to submit their questions via email to [shire@koorda.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@koorda.wa.gov.au) or in person to 10 Haig Street, Koorda by 4.00pm on Thursday 23 January 2025.





# SHIRE OF KOORDA – INTEGRATED STRATEGIC PLAN 2024

## Current Review Period: October 24– December 24

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES & ACTIONS	COMMENTS
<b>1.1: Local people feel safe, engaged, and enjoy a healthy and peaceful lifestyle.</b>	
1.1.1 - Schedule of quarterly President and CEO meetings with regional representatives from: WAPOL, WACHS and Department of Education representatives.	Meetings with WAPOL Koorda OIC. Planning for contacts/contingencies over Christmas/New Year period.
1.1.2 - Secure medical practitioner for Koorda for two days per week.	Complete.
1.1.3 - Complete agreement with CRC to define and implement a schedule of events and activities to enhance community lifestyle and engagement.	Ongoing weekly CEO meetings with CRC to develop community activities and leverage Shire assets/events.
<b>1.2: Local volunteer groups supported through initiatives that reduce volunteer fatigue and strengthen their resilience.</b>	
1.2.1 - Create a register of volunteers' skills and availability and hold an annual event (via CRC agreement) to recognise registered volunteers.	Deed of agreement signed with the CRC for the Community Development Officer Role. The CRC is to provide monthly updates to Council, which includes the creation of a volunteer skill register.
1.2.2 - Review and refine community grants program as required.	Review sought through acquittal process of inaugural Community Grants Program. Minor adjustments made to CGP Guidelines. To monitor acquittals and update program as required.
1.2.3 - Develop grants communication strategy in concert with CRC to alert community groups to opportunities.	Deed of agreement signed with the CRC for the Community Development Officer Role. The CRC is to provide monthly updates to Council, which includes the creation of a community grant alert.
<b>1.3: Emergency services are supported with effective planning, risk mitigation, response, and recovery.</b>	
1.3.1 - Work with emergency service stakeholders to ensure the Shire and Volunteers meet DFES training and WHS standards.	Initial discussions with Chief Bushfire Officer regarding training and succession planning. Recommence following harvest.
1.3.2 - Conduct regular LEMC and BFAC meetings and exercises with outcomes reported to community.	LEMC meeting held 28 November 2024.
1.3.3 - Establish closer links to regional emergency services and participate in regional exercises.	Koorda LEMC planning annual exercise for 2025 and will investigate regional exercise scenario to increase participation and promote regional collaboration.
<b>2.1: Our local economy grows in a sustainable manner.</b>	
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.	LPS Amendment 2 (L19 Orchard St) and 3 (Grouped Rural Dwellings) advertised in Government Gazette.
2.1.2 - Develop continuity plans for power and telecommunications infrastructure and advocate requirements with other levels of government and regional stakeholders as required.	NEWROC meeting (26 Nov) update on EO work to secure ATUs for Shire. Minister commitment to CEO to investigate inclusion of Koorda. WDC investigating inclusion of Koorda with Telstra dependent on neighbouring connectivity. Telstra will not permit Shire to purchase ATUs.
2.1.3 - Develop local supplier panel to support and streamline local purchasing by Shire.	
2.1.4 - Create economic development strategy in consultation with community and business to identify unique proposition and operational barriers.	NEWROC economic development strategy completed. Provide basis for local consultation.
2.1.5 - Complete community infrastructure projects including Business Buzz and Green Heart townscape projects, and the Recreation Precinct phases 2 and 3.	Green Heart Project Plan completed November 2024. Tender for Recreation Precinct upgrades to be considered at December 2024 Special Council Meeting.
2.1.6 - Develop Shire Housing Strategy to include expanded short-term and worker accommodation.	Council endorsed participation in Wheatbelt Development Commission housing investigation to produce a housing strategy for the Shire at the November 2024 OCM.
<b>2.2: Tourism helps to diversify and grow our local economy.</b>	
2.2.1 - Undertake redevelopment of Drive-In facilities and develop and implement promotion strategy.	Drive-In Renovation project on hold to investigate supporting grant funding.
2.2.2 - Investigate enhancing tourist experience with free Wi-Fi at Yalambee Units and Caravan Park.	TV dishes to be installed at Yalambee units in February as part of closure of rebroadcast service in June 2025. Ablution cover works at the Caravan Park have commenced.
2.2.3 - Investigate a unique event that leverages the Shire's assets to attract visitors and tourists.	
<b>3.1: Shire owned facilities are renewed and maintained in a strategic manner to meet community needs.</b>	
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.	System implemented. To continue improvements to streamline end user experience and increase efficiencies within Shire.



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<b>3.2: Safe, efficient, and well maintained road, and footpath infrastructure.</b>	
3.2.1 - Review and enhance existing road construction and maintenance strategy to align with changing funding provision and opportunities.	New policy under development on requests for private road construction, to be presented at February OCM. Tree removal planned for corner of Ninghan Rd and Railway St to redress damage to pavement and road.
3.2.2 - Road asset review to determine routes and develop works program required to support future industry requirements.	Item endorsed at August 2024 Council Meeting to facilitate local industry during harvest, by allowing critical roads to be afforded Restricted Access Vehicle ratings of RAV 7 for the period between 1 October 2024 to 31 January 2025 (Subject to specific conditions. Full list of roads available in minutes).
<b>3.3: A high standard of sustainable waste services.</b>	
3.3.1 - Construct waste transfer station to extend life of existing landfill and to prepare for regional solution.	CEO and Works Supervisor working on project proposal for Koorda Transfer Station.
3.3.2 - Continue to work towards a Regional Waste solution with NEWROC.	November NEWROC meeting resolved that Mount Marshall and Wyalkatchem CEOs continue to develop costings for regional solution.
<b>3.4: Conservation of our natural environment for future generations.</b>	
3.4.1 - Develop Shire strategy for renewable energy options to trial prior to implementation.	NEWROC EO to report on renewable energy workshop on 27 November.
3.4.2 - Partner with Wheatbelt NRM and DWER for future grant and project opportunities.	Initial stages of WDC project to define Shire and region housing needs and capacity. Will provide basis for Shire housing strategy and subsequent grant applications.
3.4.3 - Identify climate change initiative that Shire can implement and involve community in development and implementation.	
<b>4.1: Open and Transparent Leadership.</b>	
4.1.1 - Ensure efficient use of resources and that governance and operational compliance and reporting meets legislative and regulatory requirements.	Audit Exit Meeting held in November 2024. Consideration of final Audit Report, Annual Financial Statements and Annual Report to be considered at December 2024 Meetings.
4.1.2 - Ongoing refinement of organisational structure and capacity, and alignment of resources with strategic Community, Economic and Environmental priorities.	CEO recruitment item at December OCM. Council endorsed NEWROC Economic Development Strategy at August 2024 OCM.
4.1.3 - Develop communications strategy and scheduled tactics to engage and report outcomes to community and business stakeholders.	Renewed focus on use of Facebook with assigned staff resource.
4.1.4 - Initiate annual customer satisfaction and perceptions survey and report results to community.	
<b>4.2: Investment in the skills and capabilities of our elected members and staff.</b>	
4.2.1 - Develop professional development programs for staff and elected members.	Management and follow up of outstanding Elected Member training requirements.
4.2.2 - Align staff culture development program with practical skills development and strategic planning.	All staff attended first aid training in July 2024
4.2.3 - Set Elected Member SAT band allocation at 80 per cent for Band 4 Local Government.	80% allocation included in 2024/2025 draft budget. Elected Members adopted the below allocations for the final 2024/2025 Budget; 43% President allowance, 26% President Annualised Meeting Fee and 45% Elected Member Annualised Meeting Fee.
<b>4.3: Forward planning and delivery of services and facilities that achieve strategic priorities.</b>	
4.3.1 - Enhance service delivery through mutually beneficial partnerships with neighbouring Local Governments and Band 1 Local Governments.	City of Wanneroo attended Koorda for inspections of three Shire and three private businesses. Identified Shire requirements being implemented.
4.3.2 - Report to Council progress of Council Actions using a quarterly score card and report results to community.	Advertised 2024 Integrated Strategic Plan review for comment to the community in July 2024.





# SHIRE OF KOORDA – WORKFORCE PLAN 2022

## Current Review Period: October 24– December 24

WORKFORCE OBJECTIVE & ACTIONS	COMMENTS
<b>1: Attracting and selecting the right people.</b>	
1.1 - Develop an employment brand for the Shire of Koorda.	COMPLETED - Employment brand developed and utilised for all job vacancies.
1.2 - Provide flexible work arrangements and promote the positive workplace.	COMPLETED - Flexible arrangements in place.
1.3 - Develop an appropriate induction and orientation process.	COMPLETED - New employee packs developed and provided.
<b>2: Developing a flexible, innovative and capable workforce.</b>	
2.1 - Encourage employees to identify professional development and training opportunities.	Final performance review of senior staff (DCEO and Works Supervisor) and annual planning/objectives scheduled for January to include training and development.
2.2 - Continually review and upgrade finance and administration systems to improve performance.	NEWROC executive group to hold workshop in New Year to explore shared services opportunities. Shire terminated LG Best Practice reporting support.
2.3 - Encourage all staff to contribute to a workplace culture that values safety and eliminates workplace injuries.	Work Supervisor liaising with LGIS to reintroduce Take 5 job start program. LGIS 3 steps to safety assessment has been scheduled for early 2025.
<b>3: Retaining and engaging our valued workforce</b>	
3.1 - Provide opportunities for staff to act in other roles that will support their development.	Ongoing.
3.2 - Foster and value openness by encouraging effective communication throughout the shire.	Ongoing. Project to be implemented to review Workplace Plan and to include all staff input and consultation.
3.3 - Review current meeting structure and introduce meetings that improve performance.	Ongoing.
3.4 - Encourage participation in whole of organisation social activities.	Ongoing. Annual Christmas function well attended by Staff and Council Members.
3.5 - Review our performance management framework and create a simplified performance review process that aligns to our strategic objectives.	DCEO and Work Supervisor performance objectives to be finalise in January for year ahead. Performance Management Framework in place is relevant. Annual reviews of framework undertaken before each review period to ensure it
<b>4: Developing a strategic workforce for improved performance.</b>	
4.1 - Develop an Employee Code of Conduct.	Completed. Annual employee acknowledgement of Code undertaken within June 2024 performance reviews.
4.2 - Develop position-based information that includes job task instructions, key contacts, and a calendar.	Documentation exists. To periodically review to ensure information is up to date and relevant.
4.3 - Develop succession plans for key roles.	To review/develop plans in line with 2022 Workforce Plan review.
4.4 - Develop a contemporary suite of human resource policies and procedures.	Policies being drafted for review and adoption.

## WINNERS OF THE EARLY RATE PAYMENT PRIZES

Congratulations to the below winners of the Early Rate Payment Prizes.

**1st Prize - Nairns Livestock** - 2 night stay for 2 people in a premium room at the Quality Hotel Ambassador Perth. Inclusive of breakfast and parking. Prize valued at \$500. Donated by Quality Hotel Ambassador Perth

**2nd Prize - Lake Hillman Mining** - 1 x 24" HP Monitor. Prize valued at \$427.90. Donated by Wallis Computers Solutions

**3rd Prize - Wallambin Park** - 2024/2025 Adult Gym Membership to the Koorda Kinetic Centre. Prize valued at \$170.00. Donated by the Shire of Koorda



## LOCAL ROADWORKS

### Sealing works on Burakin-Wialki Road (Kulja Section) - stabilising and seal works

Please expect delays when travelling through roadworks.

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



## KOORDA SHIRE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Have you ran out of books to read over summer holidays. The Koorda Shire Public Library is open for 2025. We hope to see you soon.



## 2024/2025 SWIMMING POOL SEASON

The forecast for this week is HOT. Why not enjoy a refreshing swim at your local pool to keep nice and cool. There is a new barbeque at the pool and FREE ENTRY for everyone.

The pool opening hours are **Monday - Sunday 11.30am to 6.30pm. Closed Tuesdays.**

