

For the week starting Monday, 29 September 2025

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 15 Oct

Ordinary Council Meeting. At the Koorda Council Chambers, starting at 5pm

Mon 20 Oct

Special Council Meeting. At the Koorda Council Chambers, starting at 5pm

Thurs 13 Nov

SAVE THE DATE - Seniors Luncheon

Wed 19 Nov

Ordinary Council Meeting. At the Koorda Council Chambers, starting at 6pm

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Visit our website to view the 2025/26 collection calendar.
Services > Waste Management



Council Contacts

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



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FIRST AND FINAL NOTICE FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION NOTICE 2025/2026

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

Important: The works outlined below must be completed by 31 October 2025 and maintained in this state up to and including 15 March 2026.

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 2025, and any costs and expenses incurred may be recovered from you as the owner and/or occupier of the land.

DEFINITIONS

"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 2025 to 31 October 2025

Prohibited-No Burning: 1 November 2025 to 31 January 2026

Restricted-Permit Required: 1 February 2026 to 15 March 2026

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



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PUBLIC NOTICE – SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of Council will be held at the Council Chambers located at 10 Haig Street, Koorda, on Monday, 20 October 2025 at 5.00pm.

The purpose of this meeting is to swear in Councillors elected at the recent poll and for Councillors to elect a Shire President and Deputy President and elect Council Committee Members and Chairs.

Zac Donovan

Chief Executive Officer

RAV APPLICATIONS

A friendly reminder, please ensure to have your RAV applications submitted ASAP to be considered for a Letter of Approval.

LOCAL ROADWORKS

Maintenance Grading - Various Locations

Verge Maintenance on Downie Road

Gravel Sheeting on Martin 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.

LIBRARY NEWS

There is plenty happening at our library! Don't forget there are **FREE School Holiday** sessions at the Emergency Services Building on the below dates:

- **Card Playing/Jigsaws - Thursday 2 October 10am - 11.30am.** This session is for kids 5 years and over.
- **Duplo/Imaginative Play - Tuesday 7 October 10.30am - 11.30am.** This session is for kids under 5 years.
- **Makedo Cardboard Construction - Thursday 9 October 10am - 11.30am.** This session is for kids 5 years and over.

Please email admin5@koorda.wa.gov.au to book your spot - bookings are essential. This is a great opportunity for the kids to participate in a fun workshop these school holidays.

The July - September used exchange will be arriving in the library soon - keep an eye out! The October books will also be on the NEW shelf very soon. Be sure to pop in and browse these new items.



SHIRE PLANT AUCTION

As part of the 2025/2026 Plant Replacement Program, the Shire have various plant items budgeted for replacement. The Shire are running a local auction along side the procurement process to allow locals to bid on the items. Trade in prices have been received for each of the vehicles, and are listed below, and form the reserve price for each of the item.

Bids will not be accepted any later than 4.00pm Friday, 10 October 2025. One form should be submitted per item. All bids shall be inclusive of GST. PLEASE NOTE: If you are the successful bidder, vehicles will not be available for collection/changeover until the Shire has received the new replacement vehicles.

To view any items, please contact Works Supervisor Darren West on 0427 841 275. The online bidding form can be found on our website under "Latest News."

<https://www.koorda.wa.gov.au/news/shire-plant-auction/173>



Item 1: 2020 Single Cab 4x2 Ford Ranger Tip Tray Utility
Reserve: \$21,000.00 (inc GST). Odometer: 56,000km



Item 2: 2021 Single Cab 4x4 Ford Ranger Utility
Reserve: \$25,000.00 (inc GST). Odometer: 45,000km



Item 3: 2023 Dual Cab 4x4 Ford Ranger Utility
Reserve: \$36,000.00 (inc GST). Odometer: 40,000km



Item 4: 1986 Isuzu 4x4 FTS Water/Fire Tender
Reserve: \$8,000.00 (inc GST). Odometer: 153,000km

KOORDA COMMUNITY AWARDS NOW OPEN!

Know someone great? Nominate them for the 2025 Koorda Awards!

Award categories include;

Community Citizen of the Year

Citizen of the Year – Youth

Citizen of the Year – Senior

Citizen of the Year – Group



Nominations are open NOW and close 4pm, Friday 31 October 2025.

The full Koorda Awards guidelines and criteria are on the following page and the nomination form can be found on our website under Community > Koorda Awards or via the below link

<https://www.koorda.wa.gov.au/community/koordaawards.aspx>



SHIRE OF KOORDA COMMUNITY AWARDS

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NOMINATIONS OPEN NOW

Close 4pm, Friday 31

October 2025

**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 (Date & Time TBC)
- Shire of Koorda reserves the right to withdraw any awards issued to recipients who bring the awards program or Shire of Koorda into disrepute.



ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTE SUMMARY

Council Meeting Decisions: Ordinary Council Meeting - 17 September 2025

The following is a summary of resolutions passed by the Koorda Shire Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 September 2025, commencing at 5.00pm. Full Council meeting minutes and agendas can be viewed on the website at [Past Council Meetings » Shire of Koorda](#)

Announcements by President Jannah Stratford

The Shire President Cr Jannah Stratford offered condolences to the Cornish family on the passing of Shirley and to the Quinn family for the loss of Mick.

The President congratulated the Koorda Ladies Hockey Club for their win in the 2025 Central Wheatbelt Ladies Hockey Association Grand Final and Stephen Maher for Life Membership of the Koorda Golf Club.

Recommendations from Committees

Council received and endorsed recommendations from the Finance and Audit Committee for reporting against the shire's Strategic Plan and Workforce Plan; Financial Management, Risk Management, Legislative Compliance and Internal Controls; Risk Profile Report.

Harvest Roads Extended to 31 March

In support of local industry, Council resolved to request Main Roads WA to extend the upcoming harvest RAV status upgrades (commencing 1 October) for two months longer to end on 31 March 2026 instead of 31 January 2026. The resolution reflected Council's desire to assist local transport but with recognition of the shire's limited financial capacity for increased road maintenance.

Adoption of Workforce Plan 2025-2029

Under the Corporate and Community portfolio - in addition to endorsing the shire monthly accounts and list of payments - Council also adopted the 2025-29 Workforce Plan to complement the Integrated Strategic Plan. The adopted Workforce Plan includes detail on the composition of the shire workforce; employee costs (almost \$130,00 less than four years ago); employee feedback and challenges; and planned actions to attract and retain employees and build capacity.

WAPC Boundary Realignment

Council considered an application to the WA Planning Commission for the realignment of five blocks divided by the Cadoux-Koorda Road, Badgerin Rock into four blocks of more equal size and uniform shape. Council resolved to advise WAPC it had no objection to the change.

Review of Corporate Purchasing Cards

The sharing of the shire corporate purchasing card account between the three most senior staff was reviewed by Council with a view to help minimise transaction failures due to a lack of available funds. Council resolved to increase the limit on the account shared by the CEO and Deputy CEO and have a separate account for the Works Supervisor with a reduced credit limit.

Reform Changes to Audit and Review Requirements

Local Government reform will soon require Council to have an independent chair for a renamed Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee. Council has endorsed the change in name and appointed Mr Ron Back to be independent chair when required. Mr Back has extensive experience in council finances, including investigation work and advising State Government.

The meeting was closed at 5.57pm.



PROPERTY AUCTION TO RECOVER RATES

On Saturday (4 October), Bob Davey Real Estate will auction two properties on behalf of the Shire to recover outstanding rates and charges.

The first property to be auctioned at 23 Smith Street is a 1,012sqm block and zoned to accommodate three dwellings if required.

The second property at 1 Allenby Street is 1,275sqm and as such is zoned to accommodate 4 units.

Any development of either block will be subject to a Development Application being lodged with the Shire.

The auction of 23 Smith Street will commence at 11am on site on Saturday, and on completion, the auctioneer will relocate to 1 Allenby Street for the auction of that property.

Both properties will be sold “as is” with any questions regarding the auction process to please be directed to either Bob Davey or Jessica Hill at Bob Davey Real Estate on (08) 9622 8499.

SHEEP INDUSTRY TRANSITION GRANTS

The Shire has been advised of two grant programs open to local producers impacted by the end of live sheep exports.

The two programs - **Farm Business Transition Program** and **Livestock Transport Industry Transition Program** - open for applications on 7 October and close on 1 December.

The **Farm Business Transition Program** is designed to help producers plan for the future and adopt alternative systems and practices that suit their operations. Grants of up to \$75,000 are available, with a matching co-contribution required.

The **Livestock Transport Industry Transition Program** will provide grants of up to \$40,000 for planning, training, and co-funded investment in upgrading or modifying transport assets.

More details on each of the grant programs is available at:

Farm Business Transition Program

<https://www.grants.gov.au/Fo/Show?FoUuid=22B56754-035C-45CB-9616-E4692C5849FE>

Livestock Industry Transition Program

<https://www.grants.gov.au/Fo/Show?FoUuid=3E92D6D7-08F9-4824-A352-3D88765B9E0B>

The Koorda Community Resource Centre manager, Kim Storer, is able to assist local producers wanting to access the grants.

