

For the week starting Monday, 5 October 2026

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 16 Oct

A free Concert & Stargazing Event

Wed 21 Oct

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

Sat 24 Oct

Koorda Drive-in Screening

Sat 31 Oct

Koorda Community Awards closing 4pm
Dog & Cat Registrations Renewals



Avon Waste Collection Calendar

Visit our website to view the 2026/27 collection calendar.
Services > Waste Management

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MEDIA STATEMENT – RESIGNATION OF CEO



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Shire to Commence Search for New CEO

The Shire of Koorda Council has accepted the resignation of Chief Executive Officer Zac Donovan, who has served as CEO since joining the Shire in February 2024.

Shire President Cr Jannah Stratford said Mr Donovan would remain with the Shire until the offices close for the Christmas break in December. “We are now working to position the administration to ensure a smooth transition and continued support for our community.”

“During his time with the Shire, Zac has demonstrated an exceptional work ethic and a genuine commitment to the betterment of the Koorda community. He has worked diligently with Council to progress our long-term priorities through a considered, strategic and sustainable approach.” Cr Stratford said.

During his time as CEO, Mr Donovan has overseen and progressed significant initiatives which will provide lasting benefits to the Koorda community. These include his persistent advocacy for the establishment of a Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM) position, which has resulted in State Government funding being allocated for a shared CESM servicing the Shire’s of Koorda, Mt Marshall and Mukinbudin.

Mr Donovan has overseen an extensive rate recovery program, which has recovered more than \$250,000 in outstanding funds for the Shire, equivalent to approximately 20 per cent of the Shire’s annual rates base.

He also progressed shared service arrangements with the City of Wanneroo, providing the Shire with a cost-effective means of delivering important services to the community.

Another significant achievement was the completion of the Koorda Bowling Green project. While the project commenced prior to Mr Donovan joining the Shire, it required considerable review before construction could proceed. Mr Donovan worked closely with Council throughout the process, with the project ultimately completed within the revised timeframe and budget, incorporating variations to improve the final design.

Cr Stratford also acknowledged the resilience and adaptability required of a CEO working within a small regional community.

“Regional local government comes with a unique set of challenges. Our administration is often called upon to assist with matters extending beyond traditional local government responsibilities and to help bridge gaps in services provided by other agencies and levels of government. Zac has approached those challenges with resilience, professionalism, and a strong focus on finding solutions for our community.

“On behalf of Council and the Koorda community, I sincerely thank Zac for his contribution to our Shire. We wish Zac, Nadine and their family every success and happiness for the future.”

Council will provide further information to the community regarding the recruitment of a new Chief Executive Officer as the process progresses.

Cr Jannah Stratford
Shire President



COMPLIANCE DUE BY: 31 OCTOBER 2026

FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION NOTICE 2026/2027

Important: The works outlined below must be completed by 31 October 2026 and maintained in this state up to and including 15 March 2027.

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

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 2026, 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 2026 to 31 October 2026
Prohibited-No Burning:	1 November 2026 to 31 January 2027
Restricted-Permit Required:	1 February 2027 to 15 March 2027

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

LIBRARY NEWS

The September new exchange items have arrived and are now on the 'new shelf' ready to be browsed and borrowed. There is a great range of titles available. Please see below a sneak peek of titles which are available.

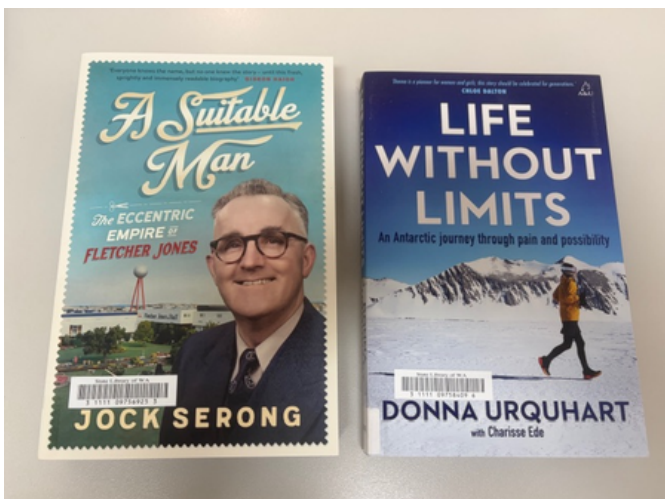
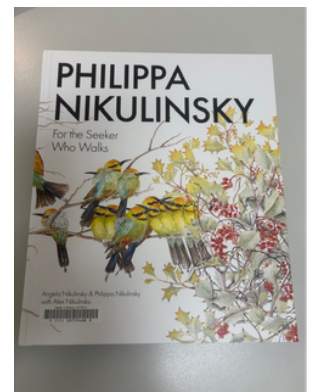
The July -September used exchange items have arrived! There are 150 items to browse in the categories of adult fiction, adult non-fiction, young adult, junior fiction, junior non-fiction and junior kindergarten. These items will all be on the new shelf by the end of this week.

We hope you have had a chance to log into and explore the library's new Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) at <https://koorda.spydus.com>. If you are unsure of your card number or password to log in please contact Megan at the office on 9684 1219 or admin5@koorda.wa.gov.au

Once logged in, members can browse the collection online, check item availability, renew loans, place reservations and manage their library account from any device, at any time.

Children on school holidays it is not too late to come into the library to keep yourself entertained and enjoy all the library has to offer for **FREE**. There are jigsaws, card games, lego, duplo, connetix plus more! We hope to see you soon in our comfortable library area which also has a large play mat to sit on.

Watch this space as soon we will be announcing the launch of an exciting e -resource you can access only with your Koorda Library membership card.



2026 – SENIORS LUNCHEON SAVE THE DATE

It's that time of year again!

Please save the date for our 2026 Seniors Luncheon.

Date: Thursday

12 November 2026

Where: Koorda Recreation Centre

More details will be shared soon — we look forward to celebrating with you!

If you are homebound and unable to make it to the lunch, a meal can be packed and delivered to you.

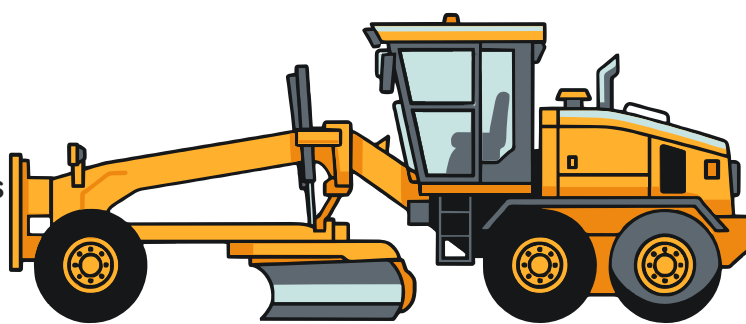


LOCAL ROADWORKS

Maintenance Grading - Various Locations

Gravel sheeting on Scottsman Road

Gravel sheeting on Kalannie Kulja 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.



KOORDA COMMUNITY AWARDS NOW OPEN

Know someone great? Nominate them for the 2026 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, 31 October 2026

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 31 October
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.

