

For the week starting Monday, 5 September 2022

SHIRE OF KOORDA

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SHIRE ADMIN OFFICE HOURS

Please see below the Shire Administration Office hours.

Monday - Friday
9.00am to 4.00pm
Licensing
9.00am to 3.30pm

The office has a message bank service. If you phone out of our office hours, please leave a message and we will get back to you.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 21 September

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

Wed 19 October

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

Wed 16 November

Ordinary Council Meeting. At the Koorda Council Chambers, starting at 6.00pm.



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NEW FIRE DANGER RATING AS OF 1 SEPTEMBER 22

Shire of Koorda residents are advised that the current Fire Danger Rating system will be changing to a new Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) backed up by a new Fire Behaviour Index (FBI) from 1 September 2022.

The change will see ratings decrease from six to four and will be displayed in a uniform format on signage across the nation with consistent colours, signs, and terminology. This means that wherever you go in Australia, you can understand the level of threat and what you need to do to stay safe.

The current Fire Danger Rating System is largely based on science that is more than 60 years old. New technology and research have greatly improved our ability to predict fire behaviour and the potential threat more accurately to the community. The new fire danger rating system is designed to deliver more precise and timely information by utilising the latest science and community input.

The AFDRS will have four levels with action-oriented messages to encourage people to take action. The ratings and high-level messages are:



Supporting messages, including localised information, will clearly explain what community response is required at each level.

The AFDRS also introduces an ‘off’ or ‘no rating’ level (white strip under Moderate) for days where no proactive action is required. This does not mean that fires cannot happen, but that they are not likely to move or act in a threatening way.

Name/Colour	Fire Behaviour Index Range	Suppression difficulty
MODERATE (Green)	12-23	Most bushfires in this category. Fires typically suppressed with direct, parallel or indirect attack.
HIGH (Yellow)	24-49	Initial attack success critical to prevent large fire development. Defensive suppression strategies.
EXTREME (Orange)	50-99	Defensive suppression strategies. High levels of threat to life/property. Safety of firefighters and community paramount.
CATASTROPHIC (Red)	100+	Unsafe for firefighters and community. Without initial attack success, likelihood of very large fire development is very high. High probability of loss of life and property.



NEW FIRE DANGER RATING CONT..

Fire danger ratings are crucial as they provide people with important information so that they can take action to protect themselves and others from the potentially dangerous impacts of bushfires. It aims to improve public safety and reduce the impacts of bushfires by:

- Improving the scientific accuracy behind fire danger predictions.
- Improving the way that fire danger is communicated.
- Providing government and industry with better decision-making tools.
- Reducing the costs associated with bushfire impacts.

For more information, please visit <https://news.dfes.wa.gov.au/media-releases-feature-stories/new-fire-danger-ratings-launching-1-september-2022/> or <https://dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/bushfire/fire-danger-ratings-resources>

CLEANER EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Shire of Koorda are currently seeking expressions of interest for a cleaner to join our team (predominately cleaning the Yalambee Units)

If you are passionate about presentation and are looking for approximately 10 hours per week, this could be the job for you.

Email Lana at dceo@koorda.wa.gov.au with your interest and an outline of your past experience.

KOORDA SHOW

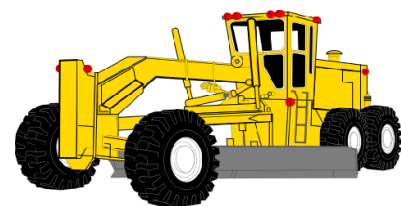
Congratulations to the Koorda Agricultural Society and all volunteers involved for another successful Koorda Show.

It is great to see so many community groups, businesses and individuals work together to create a day everyone can enjoy.

Congratulations to all the award winners.

LOCAL ROADWORKS

Maintenance Grading - Various Locations



RAV APPLICATIONS

Please ensure to have your RAV applications submitted before the 30th of September to be considered for a letter of approval.



ANNUAL FIRE BREAK NOTICE 2022/2023

SHIRE OF KOORDA - BUSHFIRE ACT 1954 Notice to Owners and/or Occupiers of Land within the Shire of Koorda

In pursuance of the powers conferred in Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act, 1954, notice is hereby given to all owners and/or occupiers of land within the Shire of Koorda that Council has adopted the following requirements to prevent the outbreak or spread of a bush fire within the Shire.

All owners and/or occupiers of land are required to carry out fire prevention work in accordance with this notice on land owned or occupied by you on or before the 31st day of October 2022 or within fourteen days of the date of you becoming the owner or occupier should this be after the 31st day of October 2022.

All work required by this Notice shall be maintained until the 15th day of March 2023.

“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.

Persons who fail to comply with the requirements of this Order may be issued with an infringement notice or prosecuted with a penalty up to \$5,000.00 through the courts as per Section 33 (3) of the Act.

Additionally, Council may carry out the required work at a cost to the owner or occupier as per Sections 33 (4) and 33 (5) of the 1954 Bush Fires Act.

Restricted-Permit Required:	19 September 2022 to 31 October 2022
Prohibited-No Burning:	1 November 2022 to 31 January 2023
Restricted-Permit Required:	1 February 2023 to 15 March 2023

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.

Darren Simmons
Chief Executive Officer



AVON WASTE COLLECTION CALENDAR

September 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

October 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

November 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

■ Rubbish ● Recycling

What can go into your recycling bin?

The following items can go into your recycling bins; glass, plastic, paper, cardboard, aluminum and steel and liquid paperboard. For more information visit the Avon Waste website. <https://www.avonwaste.com.au/>

What NOT to put in your Recycle Bin



Green waste
(Belongs in the waste bin)



Nappies
(Belongs in the waste bin)



Polystyrene
(Belongs in the waste bin)



Food scraps
(Belongs in the waste bin)



Soft (scrunchable) Plastics
(Belongs in the waste bin)

KNOW YOUR COUNCILLORS

Councillors are elected to represent the Shire's residents and ratepayers. If you wish to discuss a Council matter, offer any suggestions, have compliments, concerns or feedback, please contact the Councillors below.



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