

For the week starting Monday, 12 December 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

### Thurs 15 December

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

### Fri 16 December

Community Christmas Tree. Christmas Display Competition Winners Announced

### Mon 19 December

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

### Mon 19 December

Special Meeting of Council (to consider the 21/22 Audit Report) (follows a rescheduled Audit Committee Meeting) - TBC

### Fri 23 December - Mon 9 January 2023

Office closed from 12.00noon 23 December and re-opening Monday 9 January 9.00am



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## OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE



**Closed:** 12noon Friday 23 December 2022.

**Reopening:** 9am Monday 9 January 2023

The Shire Office will be closing for the Christmas and New Year break.

Please ensure all your licensing needs are up to date and that you have restocked your bookshelves for some light Christmas reading.

Councillors and Staff would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



## LOCAL ROADWORKS

Mulji Road

## POOL CLOSING DATES

Over the Christmas/New Year holiday period, the pool will be closed as follows:

Sunday, 25 December 2022 - Christmas Day

Monday, 26 December 2022 - Christmas Day PH

Tuesday, 27 December 2022 - Boxing Day PH (and normal day closed)

Sunday, 1 January 2023 - New Year's Day

Monday, 2 January 2023 - New Year's Day PH

Re-opens Tuesday, 3 January 2023 (Special 'one-off' Tuesday opening)

## HARVEST BAN

Please note there will be a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban implemented on Sunday 25th December 2022 and Sunday 1st January 2023.

## CHRISTMAS DISPLAY COMPETITION

**LAST CHANCE TO  
REGISTER!**

It is that time of year again to dust off your Christmas decorations!

Prizes will be on offer for Christmas displays and award winners will be announced at the Community Christmas Tree.

There is a Residential and a Commercial category with a prize pool of \$500.

To nominate your household, please complete the nomination form in this edition of the Narkal notes or phone the Office on 9684 1219.

### Residential Prizes

1st Prize: \$200, 2nd Prize: \$100, 3rd Prize: \$50

### Commercial Prizes

1st Prize: \$100, 2nd Prize: \$50



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## BUDDY MEETS KATH & TED MCTAVISH



Kath and Ted had pulled out their finest handicrafts in the lead up to Buddy's visit. Buddy got stuck into one of Ted's sweet home-grown tomatoes, and Kath showcased her beautiful patch work quilt and crochet blanket.

Kath (nee Ovens) moved up to Koorda when she was 2, her grandfather was a pioneer out around Mollerin. After her Dad came back from war, he married a city girl and they set themselves up in Koorda.

Ted, originally from Wyalkatchem, and his Dad use to have a Milk run in Wylie and would deliver the milk in a horse and cart. They moved to Koorda in August 1949, after his Dad bought a farm. He ended up owning two farms, originally not having enough money to buy the second, a friend helped him out by outlaying the initial cost and his Dad paid him back in wheat.

Ted was part of the local footy team from 1954-1962, versing teams from Cadoux, Booralaming, Gabbin and Wyalkatchem. One memorable laugh from his time at the football club was one game versing Gabbin. One of his teammates, Neville Hesford, was late getting to the game, as he had made a detour to the hotel on the way and showed up to footy "absolutely rotten." Ted and Jack Watt were worried about Neville playing full back in his state, so they decided to put him up forward, and were equal parts shocked and impressed when Ted kicked him the ball, Neville actually marked it and proceeded to kick a goal.

Ted & Kath had a special celebration in August this year with all their family as they celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. They have 5 children (Nola, Sharon, Julie, Angus & Dougall), 11 grandies and 4 great grandies. Buddy discovered the secret to a happy marriage was as Kath says, "taking the ups and downs as they come, as it wont always be smooth sailing," and Ted believes in "always doing as you're told."

A must have on the Christmas menu for Ted is Crayfish and Prawns and Kath enjoys a delicious Trifle. Kath remembers the special Christmas Stockings they received each year, each with a cracker, a little bag of lollies and a new dress.

One memorable road trip for Ted & Kath was with a borrowed tent and their little Gemini car as they set off up north to visit their daughter Julie for the birth of her first child. \$150 was all it cost in fuel to get them all the way up there and Broome was a standout place they recommend people to visit. On another occasion up North, they remember visiting after 20 inches of rain had fallen. The plains were 4 foot under water and fortunately the roads were built for the wet season as they can remember 1-2kms of road that was a foot underwater.

A few tips for anyone planning a trip up north; make sure you are well prepared, take plenty of water, a generator, spare parts and an Engel is handy to store plenty of food.





## BUDDY MEETS GRAHAM BROOKS



Buddy was excited to meet another born and bred local in Graham (Digger) Brooks. Graham is the second child born to Margaret and Owen Brooks, along with his sisters June and Alma and brother Jeff. Graham's father Owen too, was born and raised in Koorda. Margaret was a Queensland girl, and Owen met her over there, after returning from his Service in New Guinea. They hit it off and "as they say, the rest is history."

Graham attended primary school in Koorda and remembered the 1 mile ride to the end of the track to jump on one of the three school buses that ran the farming kids into town for school. Some days the Brooks kids would catch a lift on the horse and cart as Margaret and Owen delivered freshly squeezed milk to the Koorda Hotel.

Come high school time, Graham would ride the 3-miles to town to catch the bus to Wyalkatchem. He remembers in the early days, the 15 or so kids heading to Wylie use to catch a Combi Van across, until it was upgraded to a school bus. Graham stayed at Wylie for about a year and a half until he decided to go out Shearing. In his heyday, he remembers there being about 35 shearers in the area. Graham sheared until 1968 when he joined the National Service for almost 2 years, until he had to withdraw after a serious back injury.

Graham met Janet in October 1975, when she was a Bridesmaid at Buster and Vicki Cooper's wedding. Janet caught Graham's eye and as he saw her leaving, he chased her to say, "I wanted to catch up with you." Fortunately, the pair ran into each other again in January 1976 and hit it off as they were married in July '76 and welcomed their first child, Chris, in November of the same year. In October '79 they welcomed their second son Nathan.

Graham worked at the Shire in Koorda for 2 years before moving to Wanneroo. He worked at the City of Wanneroo for 13 years as a Plant Operator. During this time, Janet worked in Aged Care and Childcare. Although they enjoyed their time in the City, it got too hectic in the end, and they decided to move back to Koorda in 2002 to help their son Nathan. Graham appreciated the quietness of country life.

Buddy was thrilled to check out the army tank in the RSL Trailer display. Graham has been visiting schools around the area for 20 years now. The idea was born in 2002, when the then School Principal, Shane Cumming, called to ask Graham to round up some of his mates from Nollamara and visit the school kids to talk about their time in the Service. Graham hopes he can keep visiting schools for at least the next 5 years, and acknowledges the support he receives from the Mukinbudin Community Bank, as he wouldn't have been able to keep it going without it.

Straight from the shop and cut about quarter of an inch thick, Graham's favourite Christmas food is definitely the ham.





## BUDDY MEETS ANDREW FISHER



Buddy got to visit the Birthday Boy early and wished him a big HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY (for Monday 12th December)

Andrew (Butch), originally a Wyalkatchem boy, came to Koorda in 1966. He said he got the nickname “Butch” as a child in Wylie when a shearing crew from Mt Barker were doing some work for them and it started from there. Butch said “apparently there was a little comic in the paper of a boy called Butch who looked similar to me at a young age. I had a mop of black hair, I was short and a little bit stumpy, so I presumed it came from there.”

One of his favourite sporting memories was back in the 1970s, playing alongside Phil Gray and Kevin Brooks, when the Demons versed the Booralaming Hawkes in Basketball. The Hawkes were the hot favourites to win for the season, and in front of a packed crowd, the Demons knocked them off by 2 points.

Butch met Rose (nee Felgate) playing hockey and said, “I’m going to marry that girl.” He admits, although it took a little while and work, the pair ended up marrying in 1967 and had 2 sons, Brayden and Wayne. He originally moved to Perth to get a job, however Rose loved Koorda so much, she didn’t want to leave, so they ended up buying a house and got a job on CBH.

Butch said he feels he is a similar husband to the Duke of Edinburgh, in always encouraging Rose to play her sports (hockey and golf) and to always follow her ambitions. During his 24-year employment with CBH, he admitted he didn’t get to see the boys for long before bedtime but cherished the one on one time he got with them on Sundays when Rose was playing golf.

One of the biggest changes in Koorda is at CBH. Butch thinks it is magnificent to see the growth and changes from his time being employed there to now. He acknowledges the opportunity CBH provides to locals with full time employment and is excited to see the expansion of the site. He can remember when he was working on the farm and had to cart to CBH, farmers would deliver the grain in bags. The famers could bring about 5 tonnes on a truck each load and would aim do about 6 loads per day. When the trucks got to the bin, they would unload the bags by hand and tip them onto the elevator and noted that this is why they were much fitter back then.

Rose was always wrapped up in the community and the Shire. In her early days, Rose worked at the Shire as a Secretary and typist, and in later years ran for Council, serving from 1994 to 2011 and held the position of Shire President from 2003 to 2005.

Butch’s favourite thing about Christmas was giving gifts to the boys when they were younger and watching the joy on their faces as they opened them.

Butch thinks Koorda is a good place to live, on top of it being safe, people talk to you wherever you go. Some sound advice for us all was that “it doesn’t cost you anything to say hello.”



## BUDDY MEETS JUNE WATT



Buddy put the pieces of the puzzle together as he got to know June.

June and older twin Eva were second/third born to Albert (Nip) and May Cornish and the first twins born at the Koorda Hospital (now the Museum). Nip and May had nine children; Merv, Eva, June, Brian, Barry, Ken, twins Ann & Alan and then Kay.

May (nee Brookes) was a Koorda girl and Nip migrated to Australia from Birmingham, England and ended up working on a farm in Koorda where he and May met. June and her siblings grew up on a farm just south of Koorda - Adrook, which is now the Boyne's home farm. June remembers having a big barn on the property, where they would take the sheep for shearing and it doubled as a great place to have big parties too.

June attended primary school in Koorda, however in the early days she would stay at the boarding house in town (which was the old Hospital and now museum), until they started catching a lift with the Larkmans, who were neighbours.

June finished schooling when she finished at Koorda Primary school as a young teen and started work at Rees grocer shop. She worked here for some time and that's when she met her late husband Tom Sutton. June and Tom had 3 children together; Lesley, Ken and Darryl (Dex). June is an animal lover and when the kids were growing up, had lots of animals, from dogs, to cats, to chooks, to pet lambs, she always had a furry friend by her side.

She was into all kinds of sports too, in her early days she was an avid hockey, tennis and basketball player, later turning to Bowls and Golf. She had a good hand for sewing, making lots of her own dresses and clothing for others too.

June married Jack Watt in 1986. Jack was born around the area too, and in his early days farmed out near Gabbin. He too was involved in many sports, being awarded a life membership for the Koorda Football and Koorda Bowling Clubs.

Together June and Jack established a beautiful home and well maintained garden; filled with well pruned shrubs, an array of beautiful flowers, a healthy looking vege garden and a large fruit tree yard. As they grew more than they could eat and preserve June made special deliveries to the neighbours down the street to share their produce.

Nowadays, June spends time puzzling, knitting, pondering in the garden, tending to her chooks and doing crosswords.



## BUDDY MEETS LESLEY WOOLCOCK



Today Buddy got to have a joy ride around town with Lesley.

Lesley was born in Perth, and spent her early days on a farm in Yandanooka, which is east of Three Springs, with her 4 other siblings. Lesley was born with Epilepsy and she admitted she wasn't allowed to go out and do as much as the other kids, however in her adult life, she sure makes up for it.

Lesley has two sons, David and Owen, and 3 grand children. She moved to Korrelocking with her late partner Alf and was asked to join the Wyalkatchem Bowling Ladies, and started playing there in the 70s. The move to Koorda came about when Owen heard about a farm house (originally Skinny Franklins) for

rent in Koorda which was in better condition than the one they were living in at Korrelocking.

Lesley and Owen stayed on the farm for a few years and moved into town in 2005. During her time in Koorda, Lesley has been quite the social butterfly. Currently the Vice President of CWA, she is also part of the Koorda Red Cross and Leisure Group.

Earning the title of "number one supporter" of the Koorda Netball Club, Lesley can usually be found most home games on the side line of Netball, Hockey and Football. Although she can no longer play bowls, she likes to go and support from the sidelines on home games too.

When Lesley was growing up on the farm at Yandanooka, she remembers her Grandma crocheting and always wanted to give it a go. So in her later years, she taught herself to crochet by reading books. She says her favourite achievement was hand crocheting the 90 blue flowers for the CWA 90 year celebrations.

Lesley loves her family and spending time with her boys and grand kids. This year Owen is home for Christmas and will be taking her across to Jurien Bay. She's loved receiving magnets from all the places Owen gets to visit with his new job.

Lesley's closing remarks were to "keep busy, or you'll die." She believes you should try to keep active as long as possible, and if you're into handicrafts, keep at it so arthritis doesn't set in.





## BUDDY MEETS LEONIE BEATON



Although the bowling ladies didn't come away with a win this week, Buddy considered himself a winner after he got to know Leonie (nee Mighall) a little more.

The Mighall family made their way out to Koorda in 1911, when Leonie's grandfather Reuben (Dick) Mighall, leased a farm. Leonie remembers the story of how he made it out here. He got a train to Dowerin, got off there and made his way on foot, next to a horse a cart to Koorda along with "all the bloody flies."

Leonie is another born and bred local, coming to Koorda in 1947 as a tiny baby. Her Dad (Doug) came to Koorda to help out her Grandfather for 1 crop only, and ended up staying. He then leased Sunnyside farm (behind Koorda Short Term Stay) and this was where Leonie grew up.

She remembers Friday night in Koorda being a big thing. If you didn't get in early enough, you wouldn't get a parking spot out the front of the pub, and would have to go and park over near the railway station and walk across. As a kid, her parents use to come to the hotel on Friday nights too, she recalls getting a schilling to spend for the night, and this got them a piece of polony, an ice cream and a cool drink which would keep them busy until their parents had finished for the night.

Frank came to Koorda in 1939 when he was four years old. His Dad was a minor in Kalgoorlie and made the tree change to Koorda to start a share farm, and then continued on to buy the "Beaton Farm" Leonie resides in now.

There was a Cabaret almost every weekend. They were held all over the place; Mollerin, Wyalkatchem, Bencubbin, Cadoux and even Welbungin. The dress code was formal, with the ladies wearing ball gowns, and there was a period where the ladies wore  $\frac{3}{4}$  length cocktail dresses. A new dress was required for each occasion, and fortunately Leonie's Mum was a dress maker, so would make dresses for Leonie and some other ladies around the town.

Leonie met Frank at one of the famous Koorda Cabarets, he was 12 years older than her, and at the end of one of the Cabarets, Frank was a gentleman and offered to take Leonie home, and she says the rest is history. Leonie admits she wasn't much of a drinker, and one cabaret she enjoyed a Gin Squash or two. Frank thought she had reached her limit, so he took her out to the car for a sleep, however before Frank made it back inside, Leonie had beat him back in and was having a dance on the dance floor.



## BUDDY MEETS LEONIE BEATON CONT..

Frank and Leonie had 3 children, Robbie, Daneille and Donna and have 11 grand children, and Leonie is most excited to spend Christmas with them all this year, and made special mention that Brady is making his way from Yamba, which is a town 1.5 hours south of Byron Bay. She visited Brady in Yamba about 18 months ago with Daneille and said it was a lovely place.

Leonie and Frank did plenty of travel abroad, they visited the UK, Europe, New Zealand, American and Canada. Leonie loved the UK, specifically London, she loved the history, the people and the old buildings, however her recommendation for a must see/do experience is in fact the Gibb River Road in Western Australia.

Her parting words of wisdom was to just enjoy life and don't worry too much, as things eventually work out. She believes if you get the opportunity to travel, you should and to never say no to anyone if they ask you to do something or go somewhere, otherwise life can be pretty lonely.

## 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, 19 December 2022 at 6.00pm to consider the 2021/2022 Audit Report.

A Meeting of the Shire of Koorda Audit Committee will be held in the Council Chambers preceding the Special Meeting of Council, commencing at 5.00pm.

**Darren Simmons**  
Chief Executive Officer

## CWA ROOF RESTORATION

John has been working hard on upgrades to the CWA Building including the roof restorations (photos below).



Before



After



# AVON WASTE COLLECTION CALENDAR

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			

December 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

January 2023						
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				



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**  
(Belong in the waste bin)



**Polystyrene**  
(Belongs in the waste bin)



**Food scraps**  
(Belong in the waste bin)



**Soft (scrunchable) Plastics**  
(Belong 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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