



# Information Guide 2023/2024

## Shire of Moora

**Your Comprehensive Guide to:**

- Paying Your Account
- Our Community and Services
- Cat and Dog Registration
- Fire Related Information
- Harvest Operations



# Easy Ways to Pay Your Account



## Shire In Person

Shire of Moora Administration Office, 34 Padbury Street, Moora  
between the hours of 8.00am - 4.00pm Monday to Friday

Cash, EFTPOS or cheques are accepted.

Cheques are to be made payable to: Shire of Moora



## By Mail

Detach slip at bottom of notice and make cheque payable to:

**Shire of Moora**

PO Box 211, MOORA WA 6510

Please allow adequate time for postage



## By Phone

Credit card payments are accepted by phoning (08) 9651 0000

**Please quote your Assessment Number/s as a reference.** The Assessment Number is located on the top right hand side of your rates notice and starts with an A.



## BPAY®

Contact your bank or financial institution to make payment from your cheque, savings, debit, credit card or transaction account.

**Please quote the biller code and customer reference number displayed on your rates notice.**

## Want to receive your Rates Notices via Email?

Enjoy the convenience of having your rates notice sent via email.

Register to receive your rates notice to your nominated email address by completing the online form at [www.moora.wa.gov.au/services/ratepayers-and-residents/rates-email-notice-registration.aspx](http://www.moora.wa.gov.au/services/ratepayers-and-residents/rates-email-notice-registration.aspx).

**It is the ratepayer's responsibility to ensure all payments are received at the Shire of Moora Administration office by the due date.**

Ratepayers having difficulty paying their rates in full or using instalments are able to make individual arrangements by contacting the Shire Office on 9651 0000.

# Shire of Moora Rates Information

## **Tip Pass (Residential Properties only)**

Tip passes can be collected from the Shire office. The pass entitles you to four free visits to the tip. Please produce the pass to receive free entry. Additional passes can be purchased from the Shire office or at the Moora Gull Service Station.

## **Sewerage & Waste management**

If you have a property in the Moora town site that is deep seweraged, your sewerage rates are included on your itemised rates notice. The Shire owns and operates the sewerage scheme, in many other locations around the state residential and commercial properties are charged their sewerage rates by Water Corporation on a separate notice, additional to their annual council rates.

The Shire of Moora maintains an emergency service for emergency events, such as an overflow from a sewer. **The fault reporting and emergency customer service telephone number is 0429 639 208.**

Note: Blockages and faults which occur inside the property line and before the connection point are the responsibility of the landowner/occupier of the property. Sewerage Connection and Septic Application forms are available on the Shire website. The Shire office can also be contacted to arrange septic and port-a-loo pump outs and clean outs and grease traps.

## **Emergency Services Levy**

The Emergency Services Levy is forwarded to the Department of Fire Emergency Services (DFES) to fund the Career Fire and Rescue Service, Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service, Bush Fire Brigades, SES Units and DFES Units throughout Western Australia.

## **Pensioner/Senior Rebate**

Eligible pensioner/concession holders can claim up to a maximum rebate of \$750.

For more information regarding the rebate please refer to the back of your rates notice.

## **Financial Hardship**

Please contact us if financial hardship prevents you from paying your rates by the due date shown, we will consider accepting alternative arrangements for payment.

## **Change of Details**

Please advise the Shire office in writing of any change of address and phone numbers to which notices are to be sent. The Assessment number should be quoted on all such correspondence.

## **Ranger**

The Shire of Moora offers a full time Ranger service. Services provided by the Ranger include Dog Control, Cat Control, Litter Control, Off Road Vehicles, Fire Break Inspections, Issuing of Fire Permits.

**The Ranger can be contacted on 0408 511 409.**



# Our Services

## Cemetery

The Shire of Moora is responsible for the administration of the Moora Cemetery. This includes Cemetery Records, Plot Reservations, and information on the placement of ashes and ordering of plaques for the Niche Wall or Rose Garden.

**Please contact the Shire office for more information.**

## Moora Lifestyle Village

The Moora Lifestyle Village is a 'tree change' for the over 50's seeking independent living in peaceful surrounds with all the services and facilities of a large town. The Moora Lifestyle Village has been designed with a real sense of community in mind and is the perfect place to relocate your park home to, or alternatively, build yourself a brand new one. The design of the Village ensures a friendly, neighbourly place where residents can live independently.

For those travellers out there looking for somewhere to rest in the 'off season' the village has secure RV parking and room for the boat so you can lock up and leave whenever the travel bug strikes. There's a community shed for pottering about and the village features a meeting room for activities and social gatherings and a BBQ and gazebo for wiling away those lazy summer days.

The Village has a few sites still available for lease. Lot sizes vary from 180sqm to 321.29sqm with weekly rents varying according to lot size. Weekly rental includes water usage and use of shared community facilities.

## Electronic Community Noticeboard

The Community Noticeboard provides an avenue for local not-for-profit groups and organisations to promote their community events and activities free of charge.

For further information and to submit your request go to [www.moora.wa.gov.au/council/noticeboard/electronic-community-noticeboard.aspx](http://www.moora.wa.gov.au/council/noticeboard/electronic-community-noticeboard.aspx)

## Moora Swim School

Moora Swim School is endorsed with Royal Life Saving WA. The swim school follows the Swim & Survive program. It is operated out of the Central Midlands Hydrotherapy Pool in collaboration with the Shire of Moora.

Visit [www.royallifesavingwa.com.au/training/moora-swim-school/c-25/c-357](http://www.royallifesavingwa.com.au/training/moora-swim-school/c-25/c-357) to find out more, or to enrol.

## Library



The public is invited to take advantage of this free service. Applications for membership can be obtained from the Shire office. An inter Library Loan Service is also available.

The library is located in the Shire Administration building at 34 Padbury Street, Moora and is open Monday to Friday from 8.00am to 4.00pm.

### **BorrowBox - your library in one app**

Shire of Moora library members can download and use BorrowBox FREE, and we're sure that everyone will find something they will enjoy!

The BorrowBox app allows you to listen to eAudiobooks and read eBooks 24/7 on your iPhone, iPad, Android or Android Tablet.

**If you need assistance please call the Shire Office on 9651 0000 or via**  
**<https://slwa.wa.gov.au/eresources/borrowbox>**

## Moora Performing Arts Centre



The Shire of Moora proudly operate the Moora Performing Arts Centre (MPAC) which is home to events throughout the year – see the Shire of Moora website or Facebook page for upcoming events and information.

### **Morning Melodies:**

We are excited to announce the return of Morning Melodies. Follow the Shire of Moora Facebook page for updates.

## Moora Swimming Pool

The Moora Swimming Pool is located on the corner of Roberts Street and Dandaragan Streets, and is open during the summer months. Season passes can be purchased from the Shire office.

### **Central Midlands Hydrotherapy Pool**

The Central Midlands Hydrotherapy Pool is an indoor heated pool available to the public. To make an enquiry, book an appointment, book into a session or change a booking, please contact the Hydrotherapy Pool Mobile on 0427 511 403 or email [hydro@moora.wa.gov.au](mailto:hydro@moora.wa.gov.au)



### **Moora Health and Fitness Centre**

Are you interested in joining the Moora Gym? Please contact the Shire Office on 9651 0000. Membership includes 24hr access to the Gym, Shire approved fitness classes, limited use of the Squash Courts and use of the Moora Swimming Pool for laps only. Approved fitness instructors or personal trainer use of facilities must be approved by the Shire CEO. For further information: [moora.wa.gov.au/community/sports-and-recreation/sport-rec-moora-health-and-fitness-facility.aspx](https://moora.wa.gov.au/community/sports-and-recreation/sport-rec-moora-health-and-fitness-facility.aspx).



# Cat and Dog Registration

## OWNING A CAT IN THE SHIRE OF MOORA

The State Government introduced cat legislation from the 1st November 2013. Cats over the age of 6 months must be registered to someone over the age of 18 and be **microchipped** and **sterilised**.

Cats must wear a **registration tag** when in a public place.

Registration of a cat can be for one year, three years or for the life of the cat. As with dog registrations, they run to 31st October, regardless of date of registration.

A person must not breed cats unless the person is an approved cat breeder. Registered cat breeders are exempt from the requirements to sterilise cats.

Registration forms are available at the Shire office.



### Registration Fee (Sterilised)

<b>Full Price</b>	1 Year	\$20.00
	3 Years	\$42.50
	Lifetime	\$100.00
<b>Pensioner</b>	1 Year	\$10.00
	3 Years	\$21.25
	Lifetime	\$50.00



# OWNING A DOG IN THE SHIRE OF MOORA

A dog owner is legally required to register their dog with the Shire of Moora if it is more than 3 months old. The registration period is from the 1st November to the 31st October the following year, however, dogs can be registered at any time throughout the year. All dogs over the age of 3 months must be **microchipped**.



## Registration Fee

	<b>Sterilised</b>	<b>Unsterilised</b>
Full Price 1 Year	\$20.00	\$50.00
Full Price 3 Years	\$42.50	\$120.00
Full Price Lifetime	\$100.00	\$250.00
*Working Dog 1 Year	\$5.00	\$12.50
*Working Dog 3 Years	\$10.65	\$30.00
*Working Dog Lifetime	\$25.00	\$62.50
Pensioners Dog 1 Year	\$10.00	\$25.00
Pensioners Dog 3 Years	\$21.25	\$60.00
Pensioners Dog Lifetime	\$50.00	\$125.00

\*Bona fide Working Dog. ie Droving Stock.

After 31st May half of the normal price is payable  
(1 year registration)

Pursuant to the Shire of Moora's local laws and in accordance with the Dog Act 1976 the following prescribed number of dogs can reside at any one place.

**Town sites:** 2 dogs over the age of 3 months and the young of those under that age.

**Outside town sites:** 4 dogs over the age of 3 months and the young of those under that age.

All dogs are required under the Dog Act 1976 to wear both the Shire of Moora registration tag and a tag displaying their name and their owners name and address. All dogs over 3 months of age must be **microchipped**.

It is the dog owner's legal obligation to ensure that the dog is kept under control at all times.

Dogs are to be secured at all times behind an adequate fence that will keep it within the boundary of your property. At any time when the dog is outside of the property boundary it is to be held on an approved lead in the control of a responsible adult.

An impound fee will be imposed for any dog caught by the Shire Ranger. A further per day sustenance fee is also payable. These fees along with registration of the dog/s are to be paid prior to the release of the dog/s from the pound.



# Your Legal Requirements

## Requirements of land 4000 sqm and under

### **SLASHING**

Dead flammable matter including dead grass, shrubs and plants shall be slashed, mowed or trimmed down by other means to a height no greater than 50mm across the entire property.

### **ASSET PROTECTION**

Maintain all dead flammable material below 2 tonnes per hectare across the entirety of the property (see definition for fuel load).

### **CLEAN GUTTERS**

Ensure roofs, gutters, walls of all buildings are free of flammable matter.

**Compliance inspection will be carried out by Fire Control Officers as of 1st November annually under the authority of the Bush Fire Act 1954.**

**For an in-depth guide on how to comply with the Fire Hazard Reduction Notice visit [moora.wa.gov.au](http://moora.wa.gov.au) and download the Fire Safety Booklet.**

## Requirements of land 4001 sqm and over

### **SLASHING**

Dead flammable matter including dead grass, shrubs and plants shall be slashed, mowed or trimmed down by other means to a height no greater than 50mm across the entire property – unless used for pasture or crop.

### **ASSET PROTECTION**

Maintain all dead flammable material below 2 tonnes per hectare extending 20 meters out from all building. (See definition for fuel load).

### **CLEAN GUTTERS**

Ensure roofs, gutters, walls of all buildings are free of flammable matter.

### **FIRE BREAKS**

Install a minimum 3-metre-wide cleared fire break no further than 3 metres away from;

- The entirety of the property boundary
- All buildings, sheds and fuel storage
- All stationery internal combustion engines
- All electric motors and pumps



## **Plantations (as of 1 January 2020)**

### **Plantations 3 hectares or less**

- require a 6 metre wide by 4 metre height clearance fire break around the entirety.

### **Plantations over 3 hectares**

- require a 15 metre wide by 4 metre height clearance fire break around the entirety.
- require a 6 metre wide by 4 metre height clearance internal fire breaks a minimum of every 30 hectares.
- Minimum of 25,000L water supply and hard stand for every 50 hectares no further than 20 minutes turnaround.

A Fire Control Officer may direct in writing other works to be carried out.

## **Bushfire Management Plans**

All properties that are subject to a Bushfire Management Plan as a result of a subdivision, development application or a Shire approved treatment plan must comply with the requirements of such plans in their entirety in addition to the requirements of this notice.

## **Variation Request**

The Shire of Moora understands that not all land owners/occupiers are able to complete the requirements set out by this notice. In these circumstances the owner/occupier must complete a Request for Variation form no later than the 1st October.

A Variation Request must be completed in whole for consideration by the Shire and may be rejected for any reason the Shire feels fit. NOTE: If the Variation request is not approved, the applicant must comply with all requirements of this notice prior to the 1st November.

## **Fire break**

- Trafficable clearing for heavy 4WD vehicles
- No less than 3m wide
- Must be constructed in a continuous form with no obstructions or dead ends
- Must not contain any flammable material
- Must not be further than 3 metres off the property boundaries

## **Fuel measurement – Asset Protection Zone**

Fuel load refers to dead, flammable materials such as leaf litter, dry grass, woods under 6mm in diameter. 2.7 tonnes per hectare as per the Shire of Moora Fuel Load Measuring Tool provided on the Shire website or upon request from the Shire Admin.

## **Plantation**

Any area of planted trees, other than a wind break, that exceeds 3 hectare in a gazetted townsite or elsewhere a stand of 10 hectares or larger, that has been established by sowing or planting native or exotic tree species selected and managed intensively for their commercial and environmental value. A Plantation includes roads, tracks, firebreaks and small areas of native vegetation.

# Fire Break and Fuel Reduction

## BURNING DATES

### DATES SUBJECT TO SEASONAL CONDITIONS

#### **Restricted Burning Period**

19th September to 31st October (inclusive)

Permit to burn is required for all burning during this period

#### **Prohibited Burning Period**

1st November to 1st March (Inclusive)

All burning is prohibited during this period

#### **Restricted Burning Period**

15th February to 30th April (Inclusive)

Permit to burn is required for all burning during this period

Dates may be varied due to climate or weather conditions.

Period variations will be advertised in the local paper,  
Shire website and Facebook page.

Permits to burn may ONLY be obtained from your local Fire  
Control Officer. Contact details are at the rear of this booklet.

ALL burning is prohibited during a Fire Behaviour Index of  
High or above, and if a Total Fire Ban or Harvest and Vehicle  
Movement Ban is declared.

## Bush Fires Act 1954 (as amended)

Notice is hereby given to all landowners/occupiers within the Shire of Moora that you are required on or before the 1st November annually to comply with the below directives to reduce the outbreak, spread and extension of bush fire and maintain it at that standard until 29th March annually under Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954.

**FIRST AND FINAL notice is hereby served to all residents and ratepayers.  
Failure to act in accordance with this notice may result in a \$5,000 fine and  
the required works carried out at the expense of the owner/occupied.**



This information guide will advise you what actions you must take to manage any fire hazards and risks associated with your property and the dates when these actions must be complete. Inflammable material is defined for the purpose, to include: bush, timber, boxes, paper, and like flammable materials, rubbish, and also any combustible matter but does not include living trees, shrubs, growing bushes and plants under cultivation. Burning of bushes, grass or garden refuse throughout the Shire of Moora is not permitted during Restricted and Prohibited Burning times unless a permit has been obtained from a Fire Control Officer.



# Harvesting Operations

1. No harvesting operations are permitted on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. A separate firefighting fire appliance is required to be present in any paddock being harvested, churning, raking stubble, straw baling and associated allied activities during restricted and prohibited periods. The firefighting unit must be in a state of readiness and have a minimum capacity of 400 litres of water, a powered pump and hose. The farm firefighting unit should be parked on bare ground in or near the harvesting or working area.
2. A Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban (except for the watering and movement of stock) will be imposed when the actual weather conditions reach a Fire Danger rating of forty two (42) on the maximum wind speed at the weather stations of two (2) bush fire brigades. All such bans are at the discretion of the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer or a duly appointed person.

## HARVEST BAN INFORMATION LINE 9487 5677

If a Harvesting and Vehicle Movement ban has been imposed, all persons registered for SMS will be sent a text message advising of details.

### ADVICE ON HOW TO BE ADDED TO SMS LISTING

To register for the harvest ban SMS sign up service go to:  
[www.moora.wa.gov.au/harvest-ban.aspx](http://www.moora.wa.gov.au/harvest-ban.aspx)

All bans will be broadcast on ABC 531 AM radio





**Fire or life threatening emergencies: 000**  
**Emergency Information: 13 33 37**  
**SES Emergency Assistance: 132 500**

Weather conditions can have an impact on how smoke from your burn will affect your neighbours. On days when the upper layer of the atmosphere is warmer than the air at ground level smoke, can be trapped under an inversion layer and can take a long time to disperse.

Always check with the Bureau of Meteorology to make sure they have not issued a haze alert at [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au) and check the weather conditions in your local area.

Smoke across roads is also your responsibility, please be aware of the weather conditions on the day. You could be liable and prosecuted if the smoke emitting from your fire is a contributing factor to a traffic accident.

Be a good neighbour; always give your neighbours plenty of notice of your intention to burn. This will give them time to get the washing off the line or make arrangements for any person with respiratory issues to be relocated from the area to ensure they are not badly affected by smoke.

[www.emergency.wa.gov.au](http://www.emergency.wa.gov.au)



#### **EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS**

**Moora Volunteer**

**Fire & Rescue** 000

**Moora Ambulance** 000

**Moora Hospital** 9651 0222

**Moora Police** 000



# Bans & Contacts

## TOTAL FIRE BANS



### Total Fire Bans

Total Fire Bans may be declared by the Department of Fire & Emergency Services (DFES) when severe weather conditions are forecast or widespread fires are stretching resources. When a Total Fire Ban is declared, it is illegal to do anything that may start a fire. Total Fire Bans will be featured on:

- DFES and Emergency WA websites;
- DFES Facebook and Twitter;
- Broadcast on ABC local radio 531 AM
- Via DFES Total Fire Ban Hotline 1800 709 355

Visit  
**DFES.WA.GOV.AU**  
for full info

**Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans must be imposed by a local government when the fire behaviour conditions reach a certain level.**

They are also imposed when the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer is of the opinion that the use of engines, vehicles, plant or machinery during the prohibited or restricted burning times or both is likely to cause a fire or contribute to the spread of a bushfire. If a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban is declared it is broadcast on ABC 531 AM and via SMS.

During a Total Fire Ban or Harvest & Vehicle Movement Ban you are not allowed to light, maintain or use a fire in the open air, or carry out any activity in the open air that causes, or is likely to cause a fire.

This includes a prohibition on the use of engines, vehicles, plant or machinery likely to cause or be conducive to the spread of a bush fire.

You could be fined up to \$25,000 and/or jailed for 12 months if you breach a ban.



## CONTACT DETAILS

### Chief Executive Officer

Gavin Robins 9651 0000

### Community Emergency Services Manager

Nicholas Parry 9628 7004

### Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Brendan Pratt 0427 541 086

### Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Jimmy McNamara 0427 541 083

### Chief Fire Weather Officer

Hugh Bryan 0427 542 007

This notice and information has effect from  
1 November 2023.

All previous Firebreak Notices are hereby cancelled.

By order of the Council

Gavin Robins - Chief Executive Officer

## FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

### Bindi Bindi (UHF 11)

Toby Ellis (Capt.) 0417 990 504

Stephen Turner 0427 545 073

### Coomberdale (UHF 11)

Brad Tonkin (Capt.) 0427 518 011

David McLean 0427 518 013

### Koojan (UHF 11)

Brendan Van Beek 0428 359 076

Glenn Vanzetti 0407 446 265

### Miling (UHF 11)

Gary Bailey 0429 648 948

Derek Stewart 0428 549 074

### Moora (UHF 11)

Ranger (Permits only) 0408 511 409

### Watheroo (UHF 11)

Brad Millstead (Capt.) 0429 008 750

Len Mitchell 0429 373 247

The names and contact details for the fire officers are subject  
to change. For up to date information, please visit  
[www.moora.wa.gov.au](http://www.moora.wa.gov.au)

Fire control officers are not obliged to issue permits.  
Should a fire control officer refuse to issue a permit; it is a  
breach of the bush fires act 1954 to request a permit from  
another fire control officer.





### **Shire of Moora**

34 Padbury Street, Moora WA 6510

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