



## Shire President's Message



### 2019/2020 Financial Budget

At the meeting on 25 July 2019, Council adopted the 2019/2020 financial budget and approved a 3.38% rate rise. I assure ratepayers that any decision to increase rates is considered very carefully and is by no means a decision made just "on the night".

The budgeting process commences in March, when department managers are requested to pull together capital items for request and to project operating expenses for the next financial year. This is scrutinised by the Coordinator of Finance, Director of Business and Senior Management Team before the first draft and estimate is produced. The first draft usually results in a totally unacceptable rise in rates if it was to go ahead. Then begins the process of cutting items off the capital list and looking at ways to reduce operating expenses. We also factor in other sources of income, this year rates income makes up only 27% of the Shire's revenue, with grants making up 29%, previous years surplus 21%, reserves 5% and the balance from fees and charges.

There is a fine line between funding a

budget that will deliver the necessary capital and operating costs that meets community expectations and maintaining a minimal rate rise. We are committed to the best use of ratepayers money and it is important to realise that grant money is specific to certain projects and not available for general operations.

The rate payer expectations and Shire responsibilities are immense and often misunderstood, the population of the Shire is both diverse and dispersed. The Shire itself measures 7028km<sup>2</sup>, of which approximately 83% is unrateable. Most WA local government authorities have their population predominantly based in one or two main town sites; however, the Shire of Manjimup has four main population centres, and seven other populated settlements, and encompasses a sealed road network of 512 kilometres and unsealed road network in excess of 800 kilometres. A significant amount to maintain, with a very limited income resource.

Finally, all processes are and must be transparent, and I encourage you to take some time to understand the process and reasoning of decisions made by your Council. The public is welcome to attend all Council meetings and agenda's and minutes are available online.

*Until next time...Paul*

## Coastal Ward Councillor

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## Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Manjimup Shire Council will be held in the Northcliffe Town Hall, Zamia Street Northcliffe, commencing at 5:30pm **Thursday, 12 September 2019**. Copies of the agenda are available the Monday prior to the meeting, at any library within the Shire of Manjimup, the Administration Office or the Shire of Manjimup website. Any person wishing to address or ask a question of the Council is welcome to do so at the start of the meeting. The public are also welcome to attend the briefing which is held in the afternoon, prior to the Council meeting. If there are confidential items to be discussed, the public may be asked to leave the room for a period of time.

## RUBBISH? - No way!

It might look like rubbish, but it's not.

A recent peak into one of the bulk commingled recycling drop-off skips at the Manjimup Recycling and Refuse Centre revealed an excellent level of purity. This suggests that Shire residents who use the facility are being diligent in properly separating out their household recyclable containers, paper and cardboard from all other waste materials.

There was almost no 'contamination' visible: no sign of plastic bags, food waste, or nappies - and, best of all, no bagged recyclables. The skip was full of loose recyclable items, meaning less useful material going into landfill and less extraction of raw natural resources.

Cleanaway have reported previously that our Shire recycles with greater purity than is generally achieved in the metropolitan area. This snapshot seems to suggest we are getting even better.

Take a bow, Shire householders; you deserve congratulations!



## Rates Information

Rates are payable in full by 14 September 2019 or by installments due on the following dates:

- 1st installment - 5 September 2019
- 2nd installment - 16 November 2019
- 3rd installment - 18 January 2020
- 4th installment - 22 March 2020

Payments can be made online, via BPay, Post BillPay, mail or in person at the Shire Administration Centre or any Post Office.

If you are experiencing difficulty paying your rates please contact the Rates Officer to discuss your options.

Shire Bulletins can be viewed on the Shire website: [www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/shirebulletin](http://www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/shirebulletin)

### Northcliffe Library

Muirillup Road  
Telephone: 9776 7203  
Monday - Sunday  
9.00am - 4.00pm

### Northcliffe Waste Transfer Station

Tue: 12.00pm - 5.00pm  
Sat: 9.00am - 4.00pm

### 2019 Ordinary Council Meetings

Meetings are held in the Council Chamber, off Brockman Street, Manjimup (unless otherwise denoted)

12 September (Northcliffe)	3 October 24 October	14 November 5 December
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### Shire President - Paul Omodei

#### Administration Centre

8.15am-4.30pm Monday-Friday  
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