



### Shire President's Message



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.

### 2018/2019 Financial Budget

At the meeting on 26 July 2018, Council adopted the 2018/2019 financial budget and approved a 3.45% 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 put together capital items for request and a projection of 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 21% of the Shire's revenue, with grants making up 24%, previous years surplus 24%, reserves 16% and the balance

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 of 800 kilometres. A significant amount 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*

### West Ward Councillors



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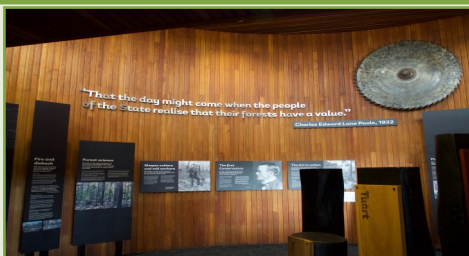
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### Council Meeting

The next Meeting of the Manjimup Shire Council will be held in the Town Hall, Zamia Street, Northcliffe. The meeting commences at 5.30pm on Thursday, 6 September 2018. Copies of the agenda are available via the Shire website, at any library within the Shire of Manjimup or the Administration Office. Any person wishing to address or ask a question of the Council is welcome to do so at the start of the meeting. Please note that if there are confidential items to be discussed, members of the public may be asked to leave the room for a period of time.

**It's story TIME**  
Don't forget it's story and rhyme time at the Pemberton Library every Wednesday at 10am.

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### State Timber Museum

On 9 August a grand opening was held for the newly refurbished State Timber Museum in the Manjimup Heritage Park. Shire President Hon. Paul Omodei cut the ribbon at the official opening to re-open the museum after several years of being closed to the public.

The State Timber Museum

refurbishment has been a part of the Town Centre Revitalisation Project, funded by Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (Royalties for Regions) and will complement the soon to be built South West Energy Experience building (SWEE).

Our thanks go to Suzanne Hunt Architect, interpretation designers Creative Spaces, Bernice Holbrook,

Clinton Long Project Management, Ian Wilson (curator), Jack Bradshaw (content provider), and the Timber Museum Refurbishment Reference Group and those interviewed for the "Peoples Story" display.

The building was originally constructed in 1977, the refurbishment contract was awarded in July 2017 with works commencing onsite in October 2017.

**Pemberton Library**  
Brockman St Tel: 9776 1311  
Wed: 9am - 1.30pm  
Thurs: 9am—1:30pm  
Fri: 10am-12.30pm & 1pm-5pm  
Sat: 9am-12noon

**Pemberton Waste Transfer Station**  
Wed: 11am-5pm  
Sat/Sun: 12noon-5pm

**2018 Ordinary Council Meetings**

Meetings are held in the Council Chamber, off Brockman St, Manjimup (unless otherwise denoted) commencing at 5:30pm.

6 September (Northcliffe)	27 September	8 November
	18 October	6 December

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