

SHIRE BULLETIN



SHIRE OF
MANJIMUP



Manjimup



Northcliffe



Pemberton



Walpole

15 August 2018

A message from our Shire President Cr Paul Omodei

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 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.

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 7028km², 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



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Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Manjimup Shire Council will be held in the Council Chambers, Cnr Rose and Brockman Streets, Manjimup. The meeting commences at 5.30pm on Thursday, 16 August 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.



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Manjimup Town Centre Revitalisation

New Townsite Entry Roundabout

Roundabout construction works are complete with some cleanup and minor works to be carried out in drier weather. Contractors are now working to install permanent lighting prior to the roundabout being fully opened to all traffic.

Southern Entry Statement

New backing signage and solar lighting has been installed.

Allambie Park

The comment period for the concept design for Allambie Park has closed and submissions are being reviewed.

Manjin/Linear Park

Preparation works are underway on the construction of a new asphalt dual use path along the railway corridor between Ipsen and Ralston Streets.

Manjin Rec Plaza

Construction of a new 3 on 3 basketball court has commenced abutting the northern end of the skate park. The multi-coloured concrete is complete and back post installed, fencing will be installed soon.

Brockman Street

Design works on drainage infrastructure (this being the first phase of the works) is occurring. Preparing to go to tender for roof structure.

Manjimup Heritage Park

South West Energy Experience

Currently calling for tenders for construction phase. Tenders Close on 29 August 2018.

State Timber Museum

Official opening was held on 9 August 2018.

Blacksmith Shed & Ag Shed

Documentation being prepared to contract exhibition fit out.

Rail and Relics

Masterplan underway incorporating new rail displays, paths and drainage.

Department of Parks and Wildlife donating time and materials to deliver "log landing".



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 Story Energy Experience building (SWEE).

Our thanks go to Suzanne Hunt Architect, interpretation

designers Creative Spaces, Bernice Holbrook, Clinton Long

2017. Project Management, Ian Wilson

(curator), Jack Bradshaw (content provider), and the Timber Museum Refurbishment Reference Group and those interviewed for the "Peoples

The building was originally constructed in 1977, the refurbishment contract was

awarded in July 2017 with works commencing onsite in October

2017.

North Ward Election

For those eligible to vote in the North Ward, an extraordinary election being is being held on Friday 17 August 2018 to fill a vacancy on Council.

The following nominations have been received:

• Mary Nixon	• Sam Karamfiles	• Carla Logan
• Vicki Eatts	• Kim Skoss	

The profiles of all candidates are available to view in the front window of the Manjimup Town Hall foyer.

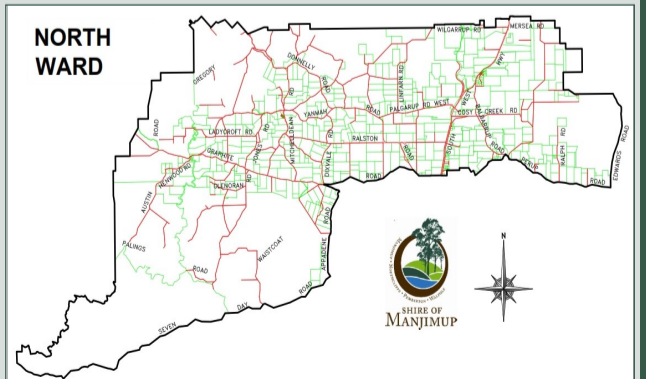
The Returning Officer must receive your voting package before 6pm on Friday 17 August 2018.

If you are unable to post your ballot in time you can hand deliver it to the polling place at the Manjimup Town Hall on Friday 17 August 2018.

All eligible voters would have received a postal voting package, if you have not done so please contact the Shire on 9771 7777.

The pack will include:

• list of candidates	• voting instructions
• ballot paper	• declaration



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