



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Budget deliberations have been a major consideration of Council since March with Councillors and senior staff working together with the objective to find the best possible outcome for ratepayers whilst maintaining essential services and providing and improving infrastructure throughout the Shire. We are resigned to the fact that there will never be enough funds available to carry out everything desirable however we use all the guile, experience and judgement from years of local knowledge to arrive at what we consider to be a balanced approach to priorities set given available resources. The Shire, like everyone in the community are experiencing unprecedented cost escalations, all Shire services have been impacted by these increases. As always the budget has been produced with careful consideration of the Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031 and the Corporate Business Plan 2023-2027.

Whilst the CPI for March 2022 to March 2023 is 5.8% for WA the 2023/24 budget proposes a rate rise of 6.9%, this has not been an easy decision as many in the community are experiencing financial stress. This budget continues to be focused on addressing maintenance of core infrastructure, but also carrying on work to the Shire's aging assets including recreation infrastructure.

This year's total capital budget sits at \$18,743,407 including carry forwards, with \$6.3m on roads \$2.3m on land and buildings, \$8.2m on infrastructure and \$1.8 on plant and equipment.

Regards Paul

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Budget Adoption

At the meeting held on 27 July Council adopted the 2023/2024 Financial Budget incorporating a rate increase of 6.9%.

Local Emergency Management Animal Welfare Plan

Council recently endorsed the Local Emergency Management Arrangements - Local Animal Welfare Plan 2023-2028.

Extension of Lease History House

Council has authorised the Chief Executive Officer to continue the lease of a portion of the History House building in the Heritage Park to the Manjimup Historical Society Incorporated for a term of five years, with an option of a further term of five years.

Rea Park and Collier Street Redevelopment Stage 2 Funding Opportunity

Council have supported an expression of interest and subsequent application for Round 1 of the Australian Government's Growing Regions Program grant funding to implement stage 2 of the Rea Park and Collier Street Redevelopment.

Policy Reviews

Council recently revised the following policies.

- Policy 1.1.1 Council Meeting System
- Policy 2.3.5 Purchasing

SHIRE NOTICES

Employment Opportunities

- Maintenance and Construction Worker - Bridges. Closes 9 August 2023.

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021

On the 1 July 2023 the new *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021* came into effect. The new Act replaces the outdated *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*.

What has not changed with the new Act is the need to seek approval for activities that may harm Aboriginal cultural heritage. The Department of Planning Lands and Heritage (DPLH) have developed guidelines to implement the Act which are designed to guide proponents in navigating the new framework. Fact sheets, guidelines and educational videos can be found on the DPLH website.

The Shire is not able to provide comprehensive advice on this new legislation, as we are not the agency tasked with enforcement or implementation.

For more advice and information contact DPLH on 08 6551 8002, or info@dplh.wa.gov.au

SHIRE NEWS

CEO Recruitment

The recruitment process for a new CEO is progressing with recruitment company Lester Blades along with the CEO Recruitment Panel now shortlisting applicants.

Road Construction Works

Road construction and sealing works have now ceased for the season, this includes the Walpole Jetty Carpark and Pioneer Park Carpark, which will now be scheduled for next season.

Libraries

Have you heard the Hoopla? Hoopla is the latest edition to our Library eResource family. Borrow and enjoy audiobooks, eBooks, comics, movies, TV shows, magazines, or music everywhere you have a screen - your computer, your phone, your car, even your TV! <https://www.hoopladigital.com.au/>

Art Gallery

Fantastic Fungi Photography Exhibition

5 August - 8 September 2023
The 2023 Fantastic Fungi exhibition features finalists in the Open, High School and Primary School classes of the Manjimup Photo Club's Fungi Competition. The exhibition includes many types of fungi found locally and in Australia more widely and all distinguished by their unique and unusual structural and physiological features.

It showcases images captured by gifted amateurs of an extensive variety of these extraordinary organisms.

AquaCentre

Term 3 - New Classes

New classes have been added to the term 3 swimming lesson program.

- Dolphin - 11am Monday
- Dolphin - 11am Friday
- Stage 3 - 11am Saturday

Brockman Street Lights

In August we will be lighting up for the following occasions:

- 8 August - National Eosinophilic Week



Coastal Ward Councillor

Cr Wendy Eiby
Ph: 0434 811 474

Northcliffe Waste Transfer Station

Lot 150 Pemberton Northcliffe Road
Tuesday: 12 pm - 5 pm
Saturday: 9 am - 4 pm

Northcliffe Library

2621 Muirillup Road - 9776 7203
Monday - Sunday: 9 am - 4 pm
Holidays: 9 am - 4 pm

SHIRE CALENDAR

Library Storytime

Manjimup - Friday 10.30 am
Northcliffe - Monday 10.00 am
Pemberton - Wednesday 10.30 am
Walpole - Alternate Fridays 10.00 am

MHCC Activities

Boronia Club - 10 am to 2 pm Monday & Friday
Over 50 Exercise Group - 9 am to 10 am Tuesday & Thursday
Tai Chi 10.30 am to 11.30 am Wednesday
Bingo - 1 pm to 3pm Thursday

Council Meetings

The August Council meeting will commence at 5.30 pm in the Council Chambers on 17 August 2023.

AquaCentre

Check out the extensive group fitness program on the website.

