WALPOLE WEEKLY



Shire President's Message



Adopted Budget

The 2020-2021 Financial Budget was adopted at the Council meeting on 13 August 2020. This year's budget saw a 0% rate rise and a freeze on fees and charges in an effort to ease the burden on the community due to the impacts of Coronavirus. Council also voted to obtain three loans to be used for the Pemberton colocation project and a two stage upgrade of recreation and community facilities. The budget is available to view at the Shire Administration Office, public libraries and on the Shire website, you are encouraged to make yourself familiar with it. **COVID Relief Fund**

There are still funds available in the COVID Relief Fund, if you or a friend need a helping hand or you are putting off paying bills or

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worried about the next one get in touch with one of the many community representatives to discuss your options. A full list of representatives is available on the Shire's COVID information webpage.

The relief fund has been made possible through the generous support of Lotterywest and the hard work of the Shire's COVID Recovery Team, the Shire of Manjimup has attained \$428,364 to assist people living in the Shire (both permanent and itinerant) to alleviate any hardship that is being felt due to COVID-19. Approximately \$60,000 has already been utilised to help residents with basic necessities like firewood, gas and food.

Rates

Following the adoption of the budget comes the onset of rates. This year's rates reflect 22% of the Shire's income. The WA Local Government Association has produced some very informative videos and brochures explaining how your rates are calculated, you can find links to them on the Shire website.

BEN Signs

The Beach Emergency Numbers signs program is a coding system created with a unique prefix and has been integrated into CAD systems used by emergency services. These signs provide specific location information which is vital when emergency services are deployed. In the event of an emergency, dial 000 and quote the unique code and location information.

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West Australian Photographic Federation Convention

The annual West Australian Photographic Federation's convention, PhotoWest, is this year being hosted by the Southern Forests Photography Club in Pemberton. The event sold out in 48 hours and will see photographers from throughout the state enjoying workshops, guest speakers and fellowship while exploring the Southern Forests region over the weekend 16-18 *October 2020.*

Until next time stay well and safe Paul

