

Your rates explained

The Shire's 2023/24 Budget has been prepared with a 6%* increase across all differential rating categories. The Budget has been developed to ensure we respond to community priorities as well as delivering the projects, programs and services required for our growing community.

How your rates are calculated

Our community contains a diverse range of property types, and to ensure the amount each ratepayer pays is fair and equitable, Council has adopted six rate categories (differential rates).

Your rates contribution is calculated by multiplying the rate in the dollar for your rate category, by your valuation that is set by the Valuer General.

Service charges like the Emergency Services Levy and the Waste Service Charge are then added resulting in your total contribution.

EXAMPLE: Property valuation (\$17,500) x rate in the dollar (0.107350) = rate amount (\$1,878.63)

Rate amount (\$1,878.63) + Waste Service Charge (\$349 for 1 x 240L waste bin + \$190.50 for 1 x 240L recycling bin) = Total rates notice (\$2,418.13)*

**Emergency Services Levy is not included in the above sum.*

Frequently Asked Questions

For information on rate categories, how rates are calculated, concessions, options of paying your rates and more visit www.sjshire.wa.gov.au/council/rates

Payment Arrangements – Formal Direct Debit

To make a formal Direct Debit payment plan visit www.sjshire.wa.gov.au/council/rates/paying-your-rates.aspx

Financial Hardship Policy

If you require assistance paying your rates, the Shire has a Financial Hardship Policy. For more information on this, please contact the Shire's Rates Team on 9526 1111.

*The rate increase is different from the advertised rate increase to create an annual legacy reserve investment to fund income producing or efficiency improving opportunities now and into the future.

Contact us

Shire Councillors

To find out who represents you on Council and how to contact them, please visit www.sjshire.wa.gov.au/council

Administration and Customer Service

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🖱 www.sjshire.wa.gov.au/requestandreport

SJ Library Services

858 South Western Highway, Byford WA 6123

📞 (08) 9526 1133

✉ library@sjshire.wa.gov.au

🖱 www.sjshire.wa.gov.au/library

Watkins Road Waste Transfer Station, Recycling Centre and SJ Reuse Shop

Lot 512, Watkins Road, Mundijong WA 6123
www.sjshire.wa.gov.au/services

Facilities and Sports Grounds for hire

✉ bookings@sjshire.wa.gov.au

🖱 www.sjshire.wa.gov.au/facilities

Building and Planning advice

🖱 www.sjshire.wa.gov.au/development-services

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Your rates at work

2023/24



Shire President's message

I am pleased to present the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale's 2023/24 Budget.

The Shire's 2023/24 Budget has a key focus on delivering positive outcomes for our community while recognising the cost of living pressure being experienced by all households.

Like our ratepayers, the Shire has faced increasing costs such as electricity, fuel, construction costs and building materials (among others) as we seek to provide the fundamental services and amenity our community expects from us every day.

This year's Budget also responds to the community priorities identified in our recent Community Perceptions Survey to ensure the services and projects we deliver are reflective of our community's aspirations, while minimising the financial impact to ratepayers.

To achieve this, we have identified savings and efficiencies across our organisation as well as securing external grant funding to fund local projects.

One of the key priorities for our community is building a safer and more accessible local roads network. To address this priority, \$8.24 million has been included in this year's Budget to upgrade local roads.

Emergency response is another key priority for our community with a further \$2.4 million also allocated to develop the future Oakford Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade Station.

Overall, the 2023/24 Budget provides for local services and facilities that supports a connected and thriving community.

Cr Michelle Rich
Shire President



Budget snapshot

The Shire's 2023/24 total Operating Expenditure Budget is \$38 million. The list below outlines the budget allocated for each service and program area.

	Buildings and community facilities	\$1.97m
	Communications and community engagement	\$1.18m
	Community development	\$2.44m
	Community events	\$0.19m
	Community grants	\$0.22m
	Emergency Services	\$1.9m
	Governance, strategy and accountability	\$4.76m
	Members of Council	\$0.55m
	Parks and Gardens	\$6.82m
	Planning, subdivision and building	\$4.14m
	Protection of the environment	\$0.98m
	Public Health	\$0.72m
	Public Library	\$0.91m
	Rangers and community safety	\$0.69m
	Roads, footpaths and drainage	\$4.23m
	Street Lighting	\$0.88m
	Waste and recycling services	\$5.79m
	Total	\$38.37m

*Figures have been rounded to the nearest \$10,000. For accounting reasons and for ease of understanding, depreciation and asset disposals (loss) have been removed from the figures listed above. The depreciation and asset disposal (loss) figures are \$11 million and can be found in the 2023/24 Statutory Budget.



To find out more on the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale's adopted budget you can go to www.sjshire.wa.gov.au/budgets

Delivering on our Strategic Community Plan



People

- ✓ \$2.4m for Oakford Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade Station
- ✓ \$194,000 for Youth Centre upgrades
- ✓ \$410,000 to deliver community events and grants programs
- ✓ Continued development of Keirnan Park Recreation and Sporting Precinct Stage 1A



Place

- ✓ \$6.82 million to maintain our local parks, ovals and gardens
- ✓ \$1.9 million for emergency services and fire prevention
- ✓ Develop Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan
- ✓ \$200,000 to renew and revitalise playgrounds
- ✓ Continued development of \$800,000 Byford Skate Park Stage 2 upgrades funded by the State Government



Prosperity

- ✓ \$8.24 million to upgrade and reseal local roads
- ✓ Continue to deliver construction for \$18 million upgrades to Kargotich, Orton and Soldiers Roads funded by the State Government
- ✓ Continue to partner with State Government to support delivery of Tonkin Highway Extension and Byford Metronet



Progressive

- ✓ \$850,000 to implement property and rating functionality for Shire's OneComm system
- ✓ Finalisation of new Council Plan and major review of Corporate Business Plan
- ✓ Implementation of 2025 Federal and State Election advocacy priorities
- ✓ Administration Building upgrades and future planning for relocation of Council Chambers to old Road Board Building