

My SJ

Your Community
Connection 2026 – 2027



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Acknowledgment of Country

We acknowledge the Noongar people as the Traditional Custodians of the land (boodja) we live and work on. We recognise their deep and ongoing connection to Country, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.



A message from the Shire President Rob Coales

Our Shire continues to grow at a remarkable pace, with more than 40,000 people now calling Serpentine Jarrahdale home. While this growth brings opportunity, it also places greater demand on the roads we drive, the services we rely on, and the facilities our community uses every day.

This year's budget is about keeping up with that growth while recognising the cost-of-living pressures many households are facing. That's why we have delivered one of the lowest rates increases in Western Australia at 3.9%.

In 2026/27, we're investing more than \$86.5 million into capital works across the Shire. A major focus is our road network, with a combined \$40.1 million funding package supporting upgrades and renewals on key routes including Kargotich, Hopeland and Jarrahdale Roads. This includes \$1.43 million directly from rates through our Road Reserve, alongside significant State and Federal funding, so we can deliver safer and more reliable roads for our community.

We're also continuing to deliver the facilities and services that support daily life in SJ. Work is progressing on the Keirnan Park Recreation Precinct which is set to open early next year. We are also upgrading our local shared spaces like Bill Hicks Reserve, as well as continuing construction on essential services like the new Oakford Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade Station.

At the same time, we are looking ahead, with work progressing on much-needed future community facilities and continued advocacy for projects like a Byford TAFE.

The Watkins Road Waste Transfer Station is on track to reopen by the end of this year, and we have set aside funds for ongoing verge collections, and planning for a modern long-term facility in West Mundijong.

The numbers are important but ultimately, a budget is about people. If you need support to pay your rates, we're here to help with flexible options.

Thank you for being part of SJ and for trusting us to deliver what matters most, now and into the future.

Your council



Shire President
Rob Coales



Scan the QR code to find out more about your local Council.
www.sjshire.wa.gov.au/council

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How to pay your rates

Pay Your Rates Online with



My SJ is the Shire's new online customer payment portal, making it easier to pay your rates and access a range of Shire services in one convenient place.

With a secure My SJ account, you can pay your rates, view and manage your details, lodge requests, submit applications and track their progress online. You'll also have easy access to your records whenever you need them.

Whether you're paying your rates, reporting an issue, applying for a permit or checking the status of an application, My SJ provides a simple and convenient way to connect with the Shire, anytime and anywhere. It's part of our commitment to modernising our services, reducing paper and making it easier for our community to access what they need online.



Scan the QR code or visit www.sjshire.wa.gov.au/mysj to learn more.



Go paperless with eRates

By default, your rates notice is delivered by post, but you can also choose to get your rates notice emailed to you. Register to receive your future rates notices by email at erateswa.com/sjshire



Need support?

If you're experiencing financial hardship, please get in touch as soon as you can. That way we can assist you with an alternative payment arrangement, like a payment plan that suits your needs.



Rates rebates and concessions

Seniors or pensioners with a concession card may be eligible for a rebate on their rates. Contact us to find out if you're eligible.



Additional ways to pay your rates

Rates can be paid online through My SJ above, by direct debit, BPAY, or in person at the Shire's Administration Centres located at Mundijong and Byford

Please note, our Byford Administration Centre is cashless.



Where to find us



Mundijong Administration Centre

6 Paterson Street, Mundijong
Western Australia 6123



Byford Administration Centre

Shop 1, 20 Abernethy Road, Byford
Western Australia 6122

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What we delivered in 2025-2026



Major community infrastructure

- Started construction on Keirnan Park Recreation Precinct, a new space for local sport and community life.
- Began building the Oakford Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade Station.
- Contributed funding to key community projects, including \$150,000 towards upgrades at Serpentine Golf Club.



Better roads and footpaths

- Delivered a \$10.6 million Road Renewal Program across the Shire.
- Upgraded local roads and intersections to improve safety and reliability.
- Continued working with State and Federal Governments to deliver road improvements.



Supporting young people and families

- Launched the Youth Plan 2025-2028, shaped by local young people.
- Delivered Youth Fest and a full program of school holiday activities.
- Commenced Junior Council for local Year 6 students.

Connecting our community

- Delivered a full calendar of events, workshops and cultural programs.
- Celebrated local stories through the Community History Awards.
- Continued library services, programs and community spaces.



Community safety and essential services

- Strengthened support for emergency services and volunteers.
- Friendly Neighbourhood grants for CCTV systems.
- Delivered the "Pass Wide and Slow" equine road safety campaign, improving awareness for all road users.



Looking after our environment

- Planted 100+ native trees along Abernethy Road.
- Partnered to deliver new Jarrahdale trail experiences and guided hikes.
- Progressed rehabilitation works at key sites, including Watkins Road

Your rates at work 2026-2027

Roads, footpaths and drainage \$47.28M

Keeping SJ moving safely remains a top priority as our community grows. This year, we're continuing our investment of \$41.3 million into roads, including upgrades and renewal works across key routes such as Hopeland Road, Jarrahdale Road, Beenyup Road, Karnup Road and Paterson Street. Major intersection upgrades include works along Kargotich and Abernethy Roads, as well as improvements to Kingsbury Drive.

Parks and playgrounds \$32.13M

We're investing in the spaces locals love most, including the new Keirnan Park Recreation Precinct, which is set to deliver state-of-the-art facilities for sport lovers in SJ by 2027. Other priorities include completing the new Byford Pump Track, installing lighting at Kalimna Oval, replacement of new playgrounds and tree plantings in verges and parks throughout the Shire.

Community facilities \$12.5M

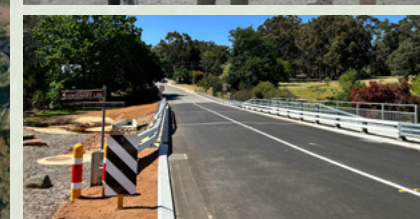
We're continuing to invest in local facilities that bring people together. This includes funding toward upgrades at Serpentine Golf Club, as well as delivering improvements across existing facilities such as pavilions, lighting, air conditioning and amenities. At the same time, planning and feasibility work is underway for future projects like the Glades District Community Facility and advocacy for a Byford TAFE, ensuring we are ready for the next stage of growth in SJ.

Waste services \$8.09M

We're improving waste services for today while planning for the future. Funding has been allocated to upgrade the Watkins Road Waste Transfer Station, which is on track to reopen in December 2026, restoring local access for green waste, bulk waste and scrap metal disposal. Verge collections will continue, giving residents flexible and convenient options. At the same time, we're progressing plans for a modern long-term waste facility in West Mundijong, designed to support our growing community well into the future.

Horse and trail infrastructure \$326,800

Supporting SJ's unique outdoor lifestyle and horse community remains an important focus. Funding includes \$300,000 toward the new Jarrahdale Trails Centre, along with investment in horse trail signage and improvements at the Darling Downs Equestrian Park. These projects help make it safer and easier for riders, walkers and cyclists to share our growing trail network.



More ways to manage waste



Waste Transfer Station Reopening

The Shire's Waste Transfer Station is planned to reopen in **December 2026**, providing residents with access to green waste, household bulky waste and metal disposal services.

Your Waste Services

All residents receive:

- Weekly general waste collection
- Fortnightly recycling collection
- Two green waste verge collections each year
- Two bookable hard waste verge collections each year



Bookable Hard Waste Collections



The bookable hard waste service provides a convenient way to dispose of bulky household items throughout the year, including furniture, mattresses and whitegoods.



Batteries and E-Waste

Batteries and electronic items should never be placed in household bins. These items can be safely recycled through dedicated drop-off locations available across the region.

For collection dates, bookings and more information, visit



www.sjshire.wa.gov.au./waste

Fire and emergency management

Get bushfire ready

Living amongst the beautiful bushland of SJ comes with shared responsibility. Preparing properties, reducing fuel loads and staying bushfire aware are some of the most important ways we can help safeguard our families, neighbours and community.

When can I burn?

Burning periods tell us when it's safe to burn and when it's not. Periods can vary depending on the weather and fire danger rating.



For current burning periods, permit requirements, restrictions and further fire safety advice, visit the Shire's website:

www.sjshire.wa.gov.au/burning

Make an Emergency Plan

DFES has introduced a new multi-hazard emergency planning tool on the Emergency WA app and website, making it easier for residents to prepare for bushfires, floods, storms and cyclones with a single emergency plan. Replacing the former My Bushfire Plan app, the tool can be linked to a Watch Zone so Emergency WA can send alerts when an emergency impacts your area, helping you activate your plan quickly, reduce confusion and make faster decisions during emergencies.



mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au

Sign up for the SJ SMS Alert Service

Get the latest on fire bans and other important intel

This is not a fire warning emergency service.

www.sjshire.wa.gov.au/sjalerts



Volunteer with our emergency services

Volunteers play an integral role in delivering emergency services across our Shire. If you would like to develop new skills, support your community, and make a difference, scan the QR code for more information.

www.sjshire.wa.gov.au/community/fire-and-emergency-management/emergency-services-volunteering



Good times in SJ

Life in SJ is about more than where we live, it's about the moments we share.

Throughout the year, our community comes together to enjoy the outdoors, connect with neighbours and create lasting memories through a vibrant calendar of low-cost events and workshops.



Scan the QR code to see what's on in SJ!

www.sjshire.wa.gov.au/our-shire/events



Looking out for each other

Your rates also support initiatives that help keep our community connected and safe, including:

Friendly Neighbourhood Grants

Up to \$250 to help residents and community groups host local activities and bring neighbours together

Neighbourhood Watch

Regular meetings with local Police, volunteers and the Shire's Community Safety team



See something. Say something.

Emergency 000

Police Assistance 131 444

Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000



Community Grants

Through a range of grants and funding opportunities, the Shire supports local initiatives, events, programs and projects that enhance community wellbeing, participation and connection. Whether you're developing future leaders, supporting your neighbourhood or representing the community through sport, we're here to help turn great ideas into positive outcomes for Serpentine Jarrahdale.



Youth Leadership and Training Grant



Sporting Travel Grant



Major Event Grant



General Grants



Friendly Neighbourhoods Grant



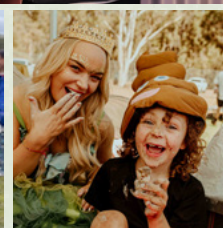
External Funding Opportunities



Bring your ideas to life

Scan the QR code to explore available grants and funding opportunities.

www.sjshire.wa.gov.au/grants





Stay in touch!

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www.sjshire.wa.gov.au/subscribe

LOVE YOUR Library



Discover what's on at the library

Free membership. Local services. Programs for all ages.

SJ Library Services in Byford is so much more than books. Join for free and discover a welcoming community space where you can read, learn, connect, create and access practical services close to home. There's something for everyone!

What you can access

- Free library membership, including eResources
- Books, audiobooks, eBooks, eMagazines, movies and TV series
- Printing, free scanning, laminating and 3D printing
- Public PCs and online resources
- Board games, puzzles and a free-to-play Nintendo Switch
- Bookable spaces for work, meetings, workshops and creative sessions
- Mobile Library and Books on Wheels services

Programs and activities

- Storytime and Rhymetime for young children
- Monthly sew-in sessions
- LEGO Club and Book Bounty for young readers
- Mahjong Mondays, Random Reads Book Club and craft sessions
- Bunting Library and Monthly Seed Swap
- Local history, family history and online research resources
- School holiday programs and special events throughout the year

SJ Library Services is located at 858 South Western Highway.
We are open late on Tuesdays until 7pm and open Saturdays from 9am to 3pm.



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Library Services**