# Your rates at work 2021/22



# Shire President's message

I am pleased to present the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale's 2021/22 Budget, which represents a balance of continuing to deliver important programs, projects and services for our growing community, while recognising the financial pressures experienced by households and businesses as we continue our recovery from COVID-19.

The Council has worked hard to identify savings and efficiencies across the organisation, while ensuring we remain responsive to community needs and priorities.

We know that one of your key priorities is improving the safety and standard of our local road network. To help address this priority, the Budget includes \$3.65 million for the following 9 road upgrades:

- •\$997,000 Nettleton Road upgrades
- \$496,000 Rowley Road rehabilitation
- •\$480,000 Keirnan Street upgrades
- \$445,000 Anketell Road upgrades
- \$422,000 Hopkinson Road rehabilitation
- •\$330,000 Mundijong Road upgrades
- \$204,000 Karnup Rd & Yangedi Rd intersection upgrade
- \$180,000 Thomas Rd & Anketell Rd intersection upgrade
- \$145,000 Kingsbury Drive rehabilitation

We are also focusing on a record investment in our Road Reseal Program, with \$1.05 million to reseal 24 roads throughout the Shire.

This year we are also undertaking planning and design works for \$18 million in upgrades for Kargotich, Orton and Soldiers roads, with construction scheduled for 2022/23.

The delivery of the projects, programs and services in the 2021/22 Budget will allow us to continue to grow a

stronger and connected community, together and help deliver against our strategic vision of "City living offering a rural lifestyle with abundant opportunities for a diverse community".

Cr Michelle Rich Shire President

# **Budget snapshot**

The Shire's 2021/22 total Operating Expenditure Budget is \$32.32m\*. The list below outlines the budget allocated for each service and program area.

	Buildings and community facilities	\$0.90m
	Communications and community engagement	\$0.56m
	Community development	\$2.76m
	Community events	\$0.14m
	Community grants	\$0.30m
*	Emergency Services	\$1.83m
587	Governance, strategy and accountability	\$7.51m
2222	Members of Council	\$0.55m
₽	Parks and Gardens	\$4.02m
	Planning Subdivision and building	\$4.32m
~	Protection of the environment	\$0.38m
*	Public Health	\$0.64m
	Public Library	\$0.80m
	Rangers and community safety	\$0.61m
	Roads, footpaths, drainage	\$1.98m
	Street Lighting	\$0.76m
	Waste and recycling services	\$4.26m
	Total	\$32.32m

<sup>\*</sup>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 AMOUNT and can be found in the 2021/22 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 against our Strategic Community Plan**

Below is a snapshot of some of the projects and initiatives we're delivering to achieve the outcomes identified within our Strategic Community Plan.



### **People**

- ✓ Undertake Detail Design for Stage 1(a) of Keirnan Park Recreation and Sporting Precinct
- ✓ Upgrade Byford Hall to accommodate the Shire's Library Service
- ✓ Investment to maintain and upgrade community and sporting facilities
- ✓ Improvements to drainage at Briggs Park upper oval



### **Place**

- ✓ Establishment of a Tip Shop
- √ \$4 million to maintain our local parks, ovals and gardens
- ✓ \$1.8 million for emergency services and fire prevention
- ✓ Feasibility Plan for Multipurpose Equine Facility



### **Prosperity**

- ✓ \$3.65 million to upgrade 9 roads
- ✓ \$1.05 million for reseals to 24 roads
- ✓ Undertake planning and design works for \$18 million in upgrades for Kargotich, Orton and Soldiers roads
- ✓ Delivery of trail upgrades to Marcora Trail, Kitty's Gorge and Whitby Falls



### **Progressive**

- ✓ Master Planning for the Byford Town Centre community site
- ✓ Strategic Community Plan major review
- ✓ Purchase of new site at West Mundijong for new Depot and Pound Facility
- ✓ Commence planning for upgrades to Council Chambers & Administration Building

### **Your rates**

The Shire's 2021/22 Budget has been prepared with a 1.69% rate increase. The Budget has been developed recognising the ongoing challenges with the COVID-19 pandemic, while ensuring we continue to deliver 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 seven 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 (0.103321) = rate amount (\$1808.12)

Rate amount (\$1808.12) + Waste Service Charge (\$324 for 1 x 240L waste bin + \$161.50 for 1 x 240L recycling bin) = Total rates notice (\$2293.62)\*

\*Emergency Services Levy not included in sum

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

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

# Payment Arrangements – Formal Direct Debit

You can make a formal payment to have automatic deductions by direct debit on a Friday from your bank account. Go to www.sjshire.wa.gov.au/other-payments-arrangements

### **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.

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