



Shire of  
Serpentine  
Jarrahdale

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# Information for New Residents



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## A message from Shire President Rob Coales

On behalf of myself and Council, welcome to the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale.

You are now part of a community of more than 37,000 people lucky enough to call this beautiful place home.

It's an exciting time to be a part of SJ. We are one of the fastest growing local governments in Australia and the population is forecast to grow to more than 65,000 by 2036.

Despite our rapid growth we remain close-knit, with a Shire that genuinely cares about its residents.

There is so much on offer at the Shire. From the trails and forests of historic Jarrahdale to the bustling SJ Farmers Market in Mundijong; and all in close proximity to the Perth CBD.

With a series of major events in 2024, there are numerous ways to get out and about and explore your new home.



I hope that you find this Information for New Residents useful. Please remember, it's a guide only, and full information is on the Shire's website.

For real time news, make sure you follow the Shire on social media and sign up for our weekly e-newsletter.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us at our Administration Centre.

Once again, welcome to the Shire.

**Rob Coales**  
**Shire President**

## Waste

The Shire has introduced short-term waste management measures for 2024–2025 due to the unexpected indefinite closure of the Shire's Waste Transfer Station.

These include:

- 2 x Shire-wide green waste collections
- A pre-booked bulk waste collection service.

These short-term measures should be in place for residents by April 2024. Council will decide the long-term future of the Waste Transfer Station and waste mitigation options in 2024.

The Shire also provides an on-demand waste collection service to landowners, ratepayers or tenants for:

- mattresses
- white goods
- lounge suites
- green waste.

This service incurs a fee, unless you are eligible for the free on demand waste collection service. Full details are on our [website](#).

### Know your bin day

Need to know when to wheel your bins to the curb? You can find your bin day by using the Bin Day search function on the Shire's website.

Simply head to the '[Bins and Collection Dates](#)' page and search for your address to find out key information on both your general waste and recycling collection days.



**Don't waste time!**  
**Head to the Shire's website for more information on the Shire's services.**

## Dogs and Cats

**If you're new to the Shire, you may have brought your furry friend with you.**

The most important thing is that the Shire is no different to any other local government when it comes to responsible pet ownership.

Here are a few things to remember now you've made the move to SJ. Remember, this information is not intended to be comprehensive. Find all the details on our [website](#).

- You'll need to transfer your pet's registration from your old local government.
- Ensure your pet is microchipped. Without a microchip your dog is at risk if it strays and is hurt or sick.
- You can only keep two dogs and/or three cats on your residence. You will need to make a written application to Council with a non-refundable fee of \$90 to keep more dogs or cats.

## Rates

**All property owners need to pay rates to their council.**

Rates are due around August each year. They can be paid in full, in two or four instalments, or by alternative arrangements.

Registering for eRates means that you can cut down on paper waste and keep your bill in your inbox instead.

You can fill out a change of address form and register for eRates on our [website](#).

**Have a question about rates? Our website has the answer!**



## Out and About in SJ

**Getting out and about in SJ is a great way to explore your new community, and support local business at the same time!**

**The SJ Farmers' Market** is on Saturdays 8am to 12 noon, 2 Paterson Street, Mundijong for all your fresh food needs – plus coffee and sweet treats!

**The Shire's Major Events Program** is packed full of exciting initiatives and activities, including community BBQs, which are a great way to meet others in the area.

**Check out the SJ library** located at 858 South Western Highway, Byford, if you want to make new connections with likeminded people. It operates craft afternoons, Mahjong sessions and young writers' evenings to name just a few activities.

The Shire also operates a mobile library service. Details are on our website.

**Fun activities for children and families** in SJ include the popular Play in the Park at Percy's Park in Byford. The Shire also runs courses and groups for parents of babies and toddlers.

**As a new resident, you now have local access to an abundance of parks and reserves**, so get out and about and connect with nature!

The Shire also has five skate parks, three tennis courts and a golf course, which may be used by the public, as well as facilities for hire.

**If you have a family with children, you may be looking for a new school.**

You can browse a list of schools on our website, by checking Shire's online Community Directory.



**Find out what the Shire has on offer and how you can get involved – head to the comprehensive events calendar on our website.**

# Your Property

**Taking care of your property, including the verge, plays an important role in enhancing the livability and amenity of our suburbs.**

The Shire encourages all property owners, managers, or residents to maintain the verge, including mowing, mulching, pruning and weeding.

Trees are an important natural asset that provide many environmental, economic and social benefits.

It is important that we maintain SJ's tree canopy with healthy street trees for a variety of reasons. More trees mean lesser energy demands as they create naturally cooler areas. They also create wind breaks.

We encourage you to find out about the SJ Street Tree Program, by heading to our website.

## Community Safety

Going on holiday? You can register your property for the Shire's free [Holiday Watch Patrol Service](#) and Shire rangers will drive by your property to make sure all is ok. To register, and for full details of the service, head to our website.

## Stay Fire Safe!

About 97 per cent of our Shire has been declared bushfire prone. That means it's vital you make sure your property is as fire safe as possible.

Ensure firebreaks are prepared, make sure buildings are safe, and consider installing external building sprinkler systems and backup power for emergencies. [Discover more on our website.](#)

**It's important to plan ahead for emergency situations – it could save you and your family's life.**

**The EmergencyWA website is your go-to for bush fire warnings and advice. In a life-threatening emergency, always call 000**



## Keep Up to Date in SJ

Our website is your source of further information about all the topics in this welcome pack, essential contact details and lots lots more!

Find us at: [www.sjshire.wa.gov.au](http://www.sjshire.wa.gov.au)



### SJ on socials

Keep up to date with real-time updates from the Shire by following us on socials. The latest career opportunities are posted to LinkedIn.



[facebook.com/ShireofSJ](https://facebook.com/ShireofSJ)



[instagram.com/shireofsj/](https://instagram.com/shireofsj/)



[linkedin.com/company/shireofsj](https://linkedin.com/company/shireofsj)

### Sign up for eNews

SJ Matters is our weekly round-up of what's happening in the Shire.

Subscribe here: [www.sjshire.wa.gov.au/subscribe](http://www.sjshire.wa.gov.au/subscribe)

### Join the Conversation

Your Say SJ is the Shire's online engagement hub, where you can have your say on planning applications, development approvals and community initiatives. Head to [www.yoursaysj.sjshire.wa.gov.au](http://www.yoursaysj.sjshire.wa.gov.au) to get involved in what happens in your new community!

**Live in a rural property? Sign up for our SJ SMS Alert Service and stay up to date with Total Fire Bans.**

**Head to the Fire Danger Ratings, Alerts and Warnings page on our website to find out more.**

# Useful Contacts

## Have something to tell us?

If there is something in the community that you would like us to address, head to the Request and Report page on our website and you'll be able to lodge your concerns using an online form.

Go to [www.sjshire.wa.gov.au/our-shire/report-it/report-an-issue](http://www.sjshire.wa.gov.au/our-shire/report-it/report-an-issue)

## Police

In an emergency always call 000. For non-urgent matters contact:

### Mundijong Police Station

1445 Mundijong Road, Mundijong WA 6123

For police assistance call: **131 444**

If you are hearing or speech impaired, call **TTY 106**



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