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Message from the Shire President

2023/2024 Budget

Council adopted the Shire's 2023/24 budget at our Council Meeting on 27th June 2023. Despite continuing inflationary pressures, I am pleased to advise that Council has been able to keep this year's rate increase to 2.9%. Total projected revenue for 2023/24 is \$5.6 million of which rates make up \$3.7 million. Contributions from the Towns of Cottesloe and Mosman Park for the library and community centre operations amount to \$1,234,787 with fees and charges adding a further \$342k. Operating expenditure will be \$5.1 million, the majority of this expenditure relates to employee's costs, materials and contractors, insurance, and utility charges.

Gross Rental Revaluation year

The 2023/24 financial year is a property revaluation year. The Shire has received new Gross Rental Values (GRV) from the Valuer General's Office. Each property in the Shire has a GRV, which represents an estimated annual rental income that the property should achieve. These amounts are then aggregated and used to determine the total GRV value for the Shire as the basis for determining the rates to be raised. The revaluation of GRVs is undertaken every 3 years.

For 2023/24, the GRV across the Shire for residential properties has increased by around 17% since the last revaluation three years ago. For the Shire to achieve a 2.9% increase in rate revenue from last year, the rate in the dollar applied to each property's GRV will be reduced to \$0.07555. The minimum rate will be \$1,494. Although the Shire will raise only an additional 2.9% in rates, there will be fluctuations rates assessments as each property's GRV may have moved more or less than the average of 17% across the Shire.

Waste changes

The Shire does not charge a separate fee for the collection of general waste bins, green waste or recycling as these costs are included in the rate charge. Verge valet collections are also included in the rate charge.

Additional bin charges have been increased to reflect the increase in contractor charges. The Schedule of Fees and Charges shows the following fees for additional bins

- General waste bin (red lid) \$310
- Recycling bin (yellow lid) \$267
- Green organics (green lid) \$188

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Major capital works

The budget provides for around \$2,856,200 in capital works.

Other capital projects include:

- Keane's Point Playground Replacement \$350,000
- Parking / Drainage - Manners Hill Park and Bay View Terrace \$300,000
- Memorial Wall \$80,000
- Foreshore improvements \$100,000
- Variable Message Board - parking Information at the Grove \$60,000

The budget also makes provision for a significant special project. The Shire owns a freehold lot in Johnston Street (opposite Cottesloe Primary School). The lot is currently used as a drainage sump for stormwater. Investigations are underway to relocate the stormwater sump to enable this lot to be prepared for sale. This project will be subject to a formal business case being presented to Council and advertised for public comment. Indicative costs for the project are around \$1.5 million with a sale price more than \$2 million. Proceeds from the sale would be transferred to the Shire's Investment Reserve.

Library Contributions

The net operating cost of running the Grove Library, Community Centre, and the Community History Unit is met by the three member councils of the Towns of Mosman Park and Cottesloe and the Shire.

The percentage contribution for each council, which is based on population in the three council areas, has been reviewed to be consistent with the population statistics recorded in the 2021 census.

The net operating shortfall for 2023/24 for the Grove Library, History Unit and Community Centre, excluding capital expenditure is \$1,360,048 with the Town of Mosman Park contributing \$670,231, Cottesloe \$564,556 and the Shire \$125,261.

Loans

The Shire currently has only one loan, which is for the Grove Library, Community Centre and council administration building. The budget provides for the capital repayments on this loan of \$38,885, leaving a principal balance as at 30 June 2024 of \$618,357. Repayments during the year total \$64,202.

Council will consider raising a new loan for the Johnston Street drainage of \$1.5 million which would be fully funded by the sale of the lot. A self-supporting loan totalling \$200,000 may also be raised for the Peppermint Grove Tennis Club – the club would meet all the repayment costs. This loan would be for upgrades to the club courts, should the club decide to continue with this project.

Reserve funds

The balance of the reserve funds as at 30 June 2024 is projected to be \$1,983,000.

Transfers into the reserves during the 2023/24 year will be \$631,000, which includes interest earnings for the individual reserves, and the following transfers;

- \$20,000 to the Arts & Culture Reserve
- \$30,000 to the Staff Leave Reserve
- \$37,700 to the Road Reserve
- \$83,362 to the Infrastructure/Building Reserve
- \$460,000 to the Investment Reserve

Transfers from reserves to fund capital expenditure is \$748,248 and consists of the following;

- \$250,000 from Road & Drainage Reserve
- \$43,284 from Library Reserve
- \$420,000 from Infrastructure/Building Reserve
- \$35,000 from Arts & Culture Reserve

The full budget is available on the Shire's website at www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au

Best wishes,
Cr Rachel Thomas
Shire President

October Council Elections

On Saturday 21st October local governments throughout the State will be having their elections.

If you are interested in running as a candidate for the Shire Elections, a Candidate Information session will be held Thursday 17th August 2023, 6pm-8pm in the Banksia Room at Mt Claremont Community Centre, 105 Montgomery Avenue, Mt Claremont.

To be eligible to vote at elections you must be on the electoral roll. The last date for enrolments with the WA Electoral Commission is Friday 25th August 2023.

Tip Passes (2 bulk & 2 Green)

Your tip passes are located at the bottom of your first rates notice for 2023-2024.

Please do not throw them away, keep them in a handy location ready to use at the Recycling Centre at the corner of Brockway Road and Lemnos Street, Shenton Park. There are a number of free drop-off items such as; Aerosol cans, batteries, bicycles, chemical-household, cooking oil, CFL globes and tubes, E-waste, fire extinguishers, flares, gas cylinders, motor oil, paint, pesticides, polystyrene, scrap metal, smoke detectors, x-rays and much more. Check your Waste Sorting Guide (delivered with this edition of PepTalk) for everything waste related.

New Food Safety Standard

3.2.2A – Food Safety Management Tools have been introduced across Australia to reduce the rate of foodborne illnesses linked to poor handling of food in certain food service, retail and catering food businesses.

The standard introduces three food safety management tools for businesses that handle unpackaged, potentially hazardous, ready-to-eat foods.

In response to the new standard that will come into force on 8th December 2023, the Shire will be sending out a factsheet and infographic with a link to the WA Guide for food businesses and Department of Health website to assist all local food businesses to implement the standard.

The Town of Cottesloe provides contracted environmental health services to the Shire and can be contacted on 9285 5000 for further information.

2024 Peppermint Grove Citizen of the Year Awards

It is time for residents to start thinking about nominating a person or group in the community who have made an outstanding voluntary contribution during 2023 or who have contributed to the local community over a long period.

These individuals or local organizations can be acknowledged and rewarded at the Combined Councils' Community Awards and Citizenship Celebrations. There are four Award Categories:

- Community Citizen of the Year
- Youth Community Citizen of the Year (16-30 years of age)
- Senior Community Citizen of the Year (over 65 years of age)
- Active Citizenship (Group or Event)

The recipients will have been judged to have met a number of criteria including significant contribution to building harmony and inclusion with the local community, leadership on a community issue resulting in the enhancement of community life, a significant initiative which has brought about positive change and added value to community life and inspiring qualities as a role model for the community.

Visit the official Citizen of the Year website: www.citizenshipawards.com.au for more information and to nominate. Nominations are open all year round with a dedicated campaign in September – October each year.

The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 (ACHA)

Where there may be an impact to Aboriginal cultural heritage, approval may be required.

A tiered system is in place to help identify what you need to do and what type of approval may be required. Due diligence assessments must be undertaken if the activity is not exempted, and all reasonable steps must be taken to avoid or minimise the risk of harm to Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Adherence with the ACHA, Guidelines and Management Code is the responsibility of the proponent undertaking an activity. Local government is not responsible for the administration or enforcement of the ACH, this is the responsibility of the Department of Planning Land and Heritage (DPLH).

Further information can be found on the DPLH's website <https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departments-of-planning-lands-and-heritage/aboriginal-cultural-heritage-act-2021>

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The information provided within PepTalk is also available on the Shire's website at

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Peppermint Grove Tennis Club

Exciting news from Peppermint Grove Tennis Club (PGTC), with the club's two top women's teams winning both the Tennis West State League title and the Division One shield at the tennis grand finals played March 18.

Led by captain Caitlin Hindmarsh, the Peppermint Grove State League team won its first ever title by defeating ladder leaders Alexander Park four rubbers to two in a top quality afternoon of tennis at Alexander Park. The team also comprised of number one player Jessie Culley, Tara Aleksic and former New Zealand Federation Cup representative Shona Lee – all of whom have played nationally.

Meanwhile, the Division 1 PGTC women's team, led by Nisha Whittome, defeated Royal Kings Park, four rubbers to one.

The Club is thriving and has experienced a very busy and successful summer pennant season, with the club fielding 17 women pennant teams, 5 men's, 2 mixed and 12 junior teams. Grand final pennant shields had also been won by PGTC's Div. 2 Mixed, Div. 5 Men Wednesday and Div. 4 Women Thursday teams.



PGTC State League Winning Team



PGTC Division 1 Winning Team

Escalation of illegal parking incidents at Cottesloe Primary

In recent months there's been an escalation in the number of illegal parking incidents occurring at Cottesloe Primary School at 3pm, this has resulted in Rangers being asked to step up patrols in the area.

Rangers will be enforcing parking regulations and seek your cooperation in parking, attending pickups and drop offs in an orderly manner.

Kids' Wardrobe Refresh

Western Metropolitan Regional Council (WMRC) and volunteers will combine once again with the Shire to hold another Kids' Wardrobe Refresh Sat 9th Sept 10-12 in the Grove Community room.

In as little as 15 minutes, you could have a whole 'new' free wardrobe for your little one! Bring quality kids clothes on hangers, shoes, and accessories your kids don't wear anymore and exchange them for items they will. Bring whatever you have and take what you like. Ensure you check the digital board in the foyer and posters nearer the time for details.

Manners Hill Park Mural is commencing

The mural is being installed on the eastern wall of Manners Hill Park Depot /public toilets.

Shire President Rachel Thomas said; "Many congratulations to Haylee Fieldes (Fieldey) on her selected design. It was a difficult decision for Councillors, as all the concepts submitted for consideration by the artists were of a very high standard. We are looking forward to the completion of Haylee's mural in the coming months."

Fieldey is a well-known muralist and artist who specialises in large scale murals painted with acrylic house paint. Her murals are bright, colourful and emphasise storytelling. She combines elements of realism as well as geometric and stylised shapes often including native plants and animals to create vibrant, life-filled murals that tell the story of a community or location.



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(adjacent to the Council Office)
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www.thegrovelibrary.net

The Grove Library Hours
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Friday 9am – 5pm
Saturday 10am – 4pm
Sunday 12noon – 4pm

Join Our Email List
Get advance notice of new books and upcoming events for adults by sending a request to:
library@thegrovelibrary.com



'Have a Go with Peppermint Grove' at The Grove Library

The April school holidays were bursting with activity at the library.

Sponsored by the Shire of Peppermint Grove, award-winning author-illustrator, Sean E Avery, ran a comic-making workshop leading the kids through the process of creating their very own mini-comic. Over 24 kids attended and they loved it, it was an highly inspirational session.



Story time at the River

With chocolate hunting eggs supplied by the Peppermint Grove council, story time at the river was the biggest ever.

50 kids joined in the story time and easter egg hunt at the Manners Hill Park Pavilion. Songs, stories, sun and chocolate, it was the perfect morning.

Join us for an evening with Raewyn Caisley and Gabriel Evans

Raewyn is the author of books for younger readers that include bestselling Aussie Bites and Nibbles titles, and the picture books 'Hello From Nowhere' and 'Something Wonderful'. Gabriel is an internationally selling children's book author and illustrator from Western Australia.

When: Monday 21st August
Time: 6.30 pm
Location: The Grove Library

They will be launching their new picture book – 'Count the Stars'. Celebrating the love of learning, the magic of mathematics and the joy of finding a kindred spirit.

The best Manga is at The Grove!



Teens can now discover some of the greatest Manga series ever published.

From 'Attack on Titan', 'Bleach', 'One-Punch Man', and the classic 'Akira'. Located in their own area in the Young Adult section. Over the next year even more fantastic series will be added to this collection. So stay tuned.

For further information please contact Stewart on sfarley@thegrovelibrary.com

Kids' Creative Writing Competition 2023

Love to write? Launching in late July; kids can enter the Grove Library Creative Writing Competition.

The competition will be open to all young writers in Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove and Mosman Park, and students at local schools. Entry forms will be available in the library or can be downloaded from the Grove Library website.

It is free to enter, and the deadline is Sunday 12th November 2023.

Childrens' Book Week (CBW) 2023

The library will be celebrating CBW with a wealth of authors and illustrators.

From Raewyn Caisley to Briony Stewart and Shane McCarthy, local schools will be invited to attend sessions throughout the week.

To finish Book Week, we have the one and only Glenn Swift, the best storyteller in Australia.

Cottesloe Picture Theatre

Lewis Hatfield (1886-1951) was a teacher at Waroona Primary School in south west WA when he became disillusioned with teaching and decided to return to Perth and launch himself into the entertainment industry.

This decision was a good one, as Lewis would eventually start three popular picture theatres in Peppermint Grove, Cottesloe and Mosman Park.

Lewis bought the Lido property at 2 Forrest Street, Cottesloe in the 1920's first, then the property on the corner of Stirling Highway and Leake Street, Peppermint Grove in 1924. This building, known as The Well's Hall became the Cottesloe Picture Theatre. Lewis later leased the Memorial Hall in Mosman Park in 1937 to run Buckland Hill Picture Gardens (Camelot today).

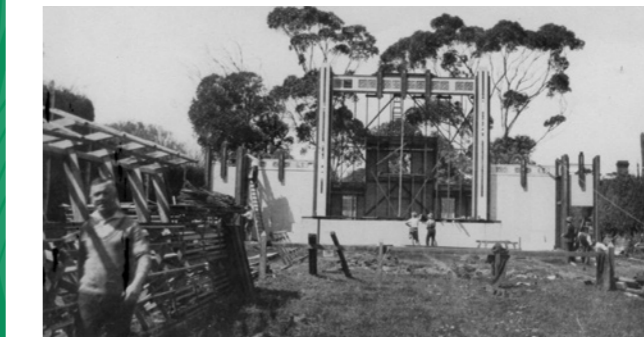
During the 1920s the outdoor picture gardens were developed on land behind The Wells Hall and the facility became known as the Cottesloe Picture and Summer Gardens. Due to its success in 1937 the building was revamped, and a new indoor theatre seating 1150 was designed in an 'Art Deco style' by Howard Bonner.

The outdoor theatre included a large grass area in front of the screen with deck chairs, and the movie of the week screened either inside or outside depending on the weather. The garden theatre had a wonderful wall of bougainvillea, which was not only a thing of beauty but prevented unpaid guests from sneaking in!

Lewis's family all worked in the business, his son Arthur was the projectionist at Cottesloe who would "race" the reels for the feature film between the Cottesloe and Buckland Hill theatres during the interval. His sister Norma Simonds ran the "Milk Bar" on the corner of the building.

The beginning of TV in 1958 resulted in an end to the crowds coming out at night and the theatres started to struggle. In 1964 the building was demolished to make way for the Grove Shopping Centre with Boans being a major drawcard.

Please email Sally Purser in Community History at history@thegrovelibrary.com if you have any photos to share or pop in and see her at the Grove Library.



Lewis Hatfield (bottom left of photo) in his 50s overseeing the construction of the Cottesloe Picture Summer Gardens Outdoor theatre, 1920s. Image donated to the Grove Library by the Hatfield family.



Intersection of Leake Street and Stirling Highway, looking south. Cottesloe Picture Theatre on the corner. Image donated to the Grove library by David Birkbeck, 1960s.

Did you know...

Seniors' Morning Tea will be held Monday 13th November at Mosman Park Bowling Club

FREE Hearing Tests will be held in the Flax Room Wednesday 15th & Friday 17th November, look out for details closer to the time (for both of the above) of how to reserve a place for each

For all your recycling queries, call the WMRC Recycling hotline **9384 6711**

Verge Valet allows residents to choose the date their bulk waste and green waste gets collected. Book your collection yourself online at www.vergevalet.com.au

The first Tuesday of every month the **street sweeper** comes around the Shire