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Message from the Shire President

2024/2025 Budget

Council adopted the Shire's 2024/25 budget at its Council Meeting held on 25th June 2024 and I am pleased to advise that Council has been able to budget for a rate increase of 2.5%.

Total projected revenue for 2024/25 is \$5.863 million, of which rates make up \$3.754 million, contributions from the Towns of Cottesloe and Mosman Park of \$1.337 million towards the library operations, and fees and charges of \$309,000. Operating expenditure will be \$5.55 million, and the majority relates to employee costs, materials and contractors, insurance and utility charges.

Waste changes

We aim to reduce disposal of municipal waste going to landfill. Green waste previously going into red lid bins is now disposed of in the green lid bins. In 2025 Council will introduce the FOGO service. This will mean kitchen food scraps will now be disposed of in the GO (Garden Organics) green lid bins.

The diversion of kitchen scraps will further reduce the amount of waste going to landfill. The FOGO bins will continue to be sent to be processed as mulch / compost. Red lid bin disposal is managed by the Western Metropolitan Regional Council (WMRC).

The WMRC have entered into a contract to transport the contents of the red lid bins for incineration at a waste to energy facility instead of it going to landfill.

The cost of collection, disposal and bin returns for red, yellow and green lid bins are all included in your annual rates. A number of properties choose to have additional bins and the charges for these additional bins are indicated below.

- An additional general waste bin (red lid) is \$325.10
- An additional recycling bin (yellow lid) is \$280
- An additional GO green bin (green lid), (FOGO in 2025) is \$197

More information regarding the new FOGO initiative will be provided as we implement the changes.

Major capital works

The budget provides for around \$2.947 million in capital works. The major projects include:

- Plant Replacement program \$96,000
- Johnston Street Sump Drainage \$1,600,000
- Keanes Point Playground Replacement \$350,000

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Leake Street

Leake Street in Peppermint Grove is named after George Leake. George was the son of George Walpole and Rose Ellen Leake.

He attended school in Adelaide and was admitted to the Bar in 1880, becoming a partner in his father's legal firm.

In 1887 George Leake, along with Alexander Forrest and Charles Crossland formed part of the infamous syndicate of 3 entrepreneurial businessmen who purchased 250 acres of land on the Swan river for an absurdly low sum in the context of the times 3750 pounds. This acreage is today, what we now call the suburb of Peppermint Grove.

In 1881, George Leake (1856 – 1902) married Louisa Burt (1856- 1937). Louisa was the daughter of the WA Chief Justice Sir Archibald Burt. The Burt family was Perth's leading judicial family in the early 1900s.

Sir Archibald (1810-1879) migrated from the West Indies and was subsequently

installed as Western Australia's first Chief Justice in 1861. Sir Archibald and his wife Louisa Bryan married in 1836 and had 12 children.

Sir Archibald and Louisa's 11th child Louisa Emily Burt married George Leake in 1881. They had 5 sons and 1 daughter. George Leake was Premier of WA from May 1901 until his unexpected death in June 1902, aged 46 years.

The Burt Family Collection of photos 1880-1900 containing the Leake family (photocopies) are available for viewing in the Battye Library Reading Room in volume 106 of the State Library.

Further information regarding the Leake and Burt families can be found by contacting Sally Purser, Local History Librarian at the Grove Library.



George Leake

WMRC's Clothing Swap and Style Workshop with Ciara

In the community room and courtyard on Saturday 20th April, Peppermint Grove combined once again with the West Metropolitan Regional Council (WMRC) in a ticketed event and offered participants an informative session on styling.

It began at 10am with a 1-hour workshop delivered by Style Counsellor Ciara, who provided some very thought-provoking tips of how to make the most of your wardrobe from her extensive knowledge as a Stylist.

Creating the best outcome by utilising colours, fabrics as well as working with silhouettes for your individual size and shape and how to dress an outfit up or down by accessorising. Ciara was very engaging and audience participation was at an all-time high.

After the Style Workshop at 11am we held the clothes exchange outside in the sunny courtyard and people were busy selecting outfits from multiple clothing racks. We are happy to say 85% of the clothing from this event found new homes, it was another resounding success!!

Look out for WMRC's next set of Clothing Exchanges on their website; they generally hold them monthly at various council locations. Go to www.wmrc.wa.gov.au then click on tours and events.

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www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au

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Message from the Shire President (cont.)

- Parking - Keane Street / Bay View Terrace \$330,000

- Foreshore DBCA Works \$100,000
- Solar battery storage Grove library \$90,000

The Capital works projects are funded by Grants and contributions of \$171,000, vehicle trade-ins of \$78,000, loan funds of \$1,500,000, reserve funds of \$550,000 and municipal funds of \$704,000.

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 has been reviewed and is consistent with the 2021 Census population figures. The net contribution for 24/25 for the library, history unit and community centre, excluding capital is \$1,462,000, the Town of Mosman Park contributing \$716,000, Cottesloe \$622,000 and the Shire \$124,000.

Loans

Council currently has one loan, which was raised in 2010 for The Grove Library construction. The Budget provides for the capital repayment of \$38,885, leaving a principal balance as at 30 June 2024 of \$577,000. Interest repayments during the year total \$51,000.

Council may be raising a new loan for the Johnston Street drainage of \$1,500,000 and which will be fully funded by the sale of Johnston Street property.

This project is subject to consideration of business case by Council once some technical issues are further considered.

A self-supporting loan for \$200,000 may be raised for the Peppermint Grove Tennis Club should they wish to proceed with a redevelopment project.

Reserve funds

The balance of the reserve funds as at 30 June 2024 is projected to be \$1,947,000. Transfers into the reserves during the 24/25 year will be \$774,000, which includes interest earnings for the individual reserves:

- \$38,000 to the Staff Leave Reserve
- \$154,000 to the Road Reserve
- \$148,000 to the Infrastructure / Building Reserve
- \$423,000 to the Investment Reserve

Transfers from Reserve to fund Capital Expenditure is \$550,000 and consists of the following:

- Road & Drainage Reserve Parking Keane / Bayview \$250,000
- Building & Infrastructure Reserve - Playground \$300,000

Council is pleased to be able to keep rate rises to what we believe to be a manageable level for our ratepayers in increasingly challenging times.

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

Best wishes,
Karen Farley SC
Shire President

Rachel Thomas Freeman Award 2024

On the evening of Tuesday 7th May, friends, family (on a Zoom call from Onslow, Norway), councillors, Shire / Library staff and associated colleagues of Rachel's over the years attended a function in the Community room to congratulate and celebrate with Rachel, who was awarded the Freeman Award for years of dedicated service to the Shire.

Rachel served 2 years as a Councillor and 12 years as President of the Shire. The evening was enjoyed by all, and we would like to thank Rachel once again for her unwavering commitment to the Shire for 14 years.

Rachel's name now features twice on the Shire's honour board as President from 2011-2023 and as Freeman of the Shire 2024.



From left to right - Cr. Bond, Cr. Hohnen, Cr. Mahony, Rachel Thomas, Cr. Dawkins, President Karen Farley, CEO Don Burnett, Cr. Macintosh and Cr. Jackson

CEO Approval for Single House Development

The State Government as part of its ongoing planning reforms has introduced changes to the Planning and Development Act pertaining to CEO approval for single house development.

Unless the house is on the Shire's Heritage List development applications for single house development are no longer permitted to be determined by elected members and must be determined by the CEO.

To maintain transparency around decision-making Local Planning Policy 6 - Consultation for Development (LPP6) has been updated.

LPP6 now requires development applications including plans to be uploaded to the Shire's website, for signage to be erected on development sites and, in the case of proposals deemed to be community sensitive, a public notice to be published in a newspaper. Development applications determined by the CEO will continue to be listed in the monthly council meeting agenda.

Memorial Wall

Following a number of community requests for loved ones to remember their dearly departed, the Shire is establishing a memorial wall along the river walk near the Scotch boatshed.

The attached artists impression highlights the uniqueness of this memorial and the special location that also serves as a place of reflection and remembrance.

For more information on how you arrange for a plaque to be installed on the wall please go to the Shire website; www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au.



Cottesloe Village Precinct Structure Plan

The joint Project Steering Group (PSG) of elected members from both the Shire and the Town of Cottesloe have reconvened to recommence work on the Cottesloe Village Precinct Structure Plan (CVPSP).

Hames Sharley architects and planners have now been appointed to develop and present the draft structure plan to our community for its feedback by the end of this year.

The CVPSP seeks to reset and refocus a mix of land uses, built form heights and densities within the precinct based on detailed data analysis, testing and modelling having regard to contemporary urban design approaches. A strong focus will be to improve the public realm by maximising public open spaces and tree canopy within movement corridors of the precinct.

For more information, please contact the Shire's Development Services.

Spacings of street trees shall be the minimum required to maintain a near continuous tree canopy in the street. Street trees shall be located with due consideration to services, sightlines and alignment of existing vegetation.

Planting smaller trees is the fastest way to achieving new tree self-sufficiency and using smaller trees will attain faster/ taller growth over the long term. The new tree will be considered established or self-sufficient in 4-5 years, and attaining a maximum height should be achieved in 15-20 years.

The first few years of a tree's life are critical, and ratepayers can assist by watering street trees on hot days and keeping turf away from the base of the tree until it's fully established.

If you have any queries regarding this project, please contact the Shire of Peppermint Grove Administration on 9286 8600.

Street Tree Planting Notification

In accordance with the Shire's Public Tree Management Strategy 2022, the Shire of Peppermint Grove will be planting a new or replacement *Agonis flexuosa* (WA Weeping Peppermint) street tree/s on the verge in front of a number of residences within the next few weeks.

The Shire of Peppermint Grove considers street trees to be a highly valued community asset for environmental, aesthetic, and social reasons. Street trees provide shade, heat reduction, habitat for native fauna, and inviting green spaces for everyone to enjoy.

The Shire's Public Tree Management Strategy 2022 specifies planting a minimum of one (1) tree per verge adjacent to each residential property, and if there is sufficient space, multiple trees will be planted to increase the number of street trees.

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The Grove Library
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(adjacent to the Council Office)
9286 8686
www.thegrovelibrary.net

The Grove Library Hours
Monday – Thursday 9am – 6pm
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

Creative Writing Competition 2024

The Grove Library Creative Writing Competition opened Monday 22nd July 2024.

The only thing that will limit you is your imagination. No story is too ordinary or astonishing, just put pen to paper and let your creativity run wild. Your story can be about anything, with a limit of 400 words or less and one entry per student.

The competition is open to all young writers in Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove and Mosman Park, as well as students at local schools. It is free to enter, and the deadline is Sunday 27th October 2024.



Our Special Kids' series of programs continue throughout the school holidays

Recently Gabriel Evans one of Western Australia's most respected book author and illustrator ran a hands-on, creative session exploring Gabriel's process for creating picture books.

Kids participated in a range of fun illustration activities. This one-hour workshop concentrated on creating a picture book character and story. "Humorous", "Heartfelt" and a "Visual Delight". Gabriel's books have been published in 16 countries, shortlisted in the CBCA Picture Book of the Year and the WA Premier's Book of the Year, and have been read on the ABC's Play School.

School Holidays

The October school holidays are going to be heaps of fun including a drumming workshop, umbrellas craft, a Saxon shield craft, Chinese calligraphy workshop and more.

So, if you have a current Grove Library Card, you can join us for lots of fun and entertainment. Need more info? Email Stewart, our Youth Services Librarian and ask to be added to the email list or request further information; sfarley@thegrovelibrary.com. All events require bookings, emails are sent out 2 weeks before the school holidays so make sure you respond.



Connecting young people with local History



St Hildas, PLC, and Cottesloe Primary School students collaborated with the Grove's Community History Librarian to create artworks based on local Heritage homes.

The students learnt about early architectural styles in the late 1800s and early 1900s in Peppermint Grove and about the first residents of these beautiful homes. The art produced was outstanding, and students enjoyed seeing their work on display in the library during the Perth Heritage Festival. Due to its success, the exhibition is in the calendar for 2025 – becoming a fun way to connect young people with their local history.

Children's Book Week August 2024

The library will be celebrating CBW with one of its biggest events ever.

Over 900 students will be visiting the library to attend sessions through the week. A special collection of authors and illustrators includes Renee Trembl, Norman Jorgensen and Karen Blair. The grand finale on Friday will be the one and only Cristy Burne.



Peppermint Grove Community Day

Council has resolved to establish a new community event – Peppermint Grove Community Day.

This will be an event held every two years around the 4 October, which is the date that the Shire was inaugurated as the Peppermint Grove Roads Board in 1895. The first event will be on 4 October 2025, which will align with the Shire elections later in October. Arrangements are yet to be finalised, however the event could have naturalisation ceremonies for any residents gaining citizenship, awarding of Citizen / Group / Event of the Year awards, a thank you for outgoing Councillors, introduction of candidates for the upcoming Council election and possibly a session on the history of the Shire.

Council will no longer be participating on the joint Australia Day awards event with the Towns of Cottesloe and Mosman Park with the focus now on an event specifically targeted to Shire residents.



Dean Alston's Peppy Trove Exhibition printed in The West Australian 2002-2023

Monday 13th May we were delighted Dean Alston was able to attend the opening of his Peppy Trove exhibition which showcased a small collection of Alston's cartoons, all of which teased Peppermint Grove over a 21 year period.

Dean gave a talk and ran through his process of how he creates his legendary cartoons. He waits to be advised of the The West's headlines for the next print run and then he starts to link events, words, images and creates 2-3 rough concepts on paper in black & white which he then presents to the Editor for selection. Dean then scans the chosen creation and uses Photoshop to add colour to his masterpiece. Dean was able to skillfully sketch some rough ideas on the white board in front of us.

Advocare Aged Care Presentation

On Monday 27th May we held a workshop on Aged Care in The Community Room which was delivered by Amanda from Advocare.

Advocare is an independent, community based, not-for-profit organisation that supports and protects the rights of older people in WA. We had 28 people attend and the presentation covered Aged Care Rights, Capacity, Aged Care Quality Standards, Services from Entry Level Care through to Higher-Need Care, Home Support Programmes, Home Care Packages, Short Term Restorative Care, Residential Aged Care, Residential Respite Care, Aged Care Fees & Charges and the presentation finished with Elder Abuse which knows no socioeconomic boundaries.

We will be running another presentation on Navigating the Aged Care System from a different provider later in the year which will also emphasise the importance of planning ahead for Aged Care and not leaving it too late, so please keep a look out for the information in posters, fliers and on our electronic promotional boards in The Grove Library and the foyer.

Did you know...

For the third year running your tip passes (2 bulk & 2 green) will be located at the bottom of your first rates notice for 2024-2025.

Please do not throw them away as we cannot replace them, therefore keep them in a handy location ready to use.

