

## Splash of Colour – Art through collaboration



The artist Fiona standing next to one of her creations.



Through the Water Corporation ‘Splash of Colour’ is a public art program that celebrates our community’s connection to water, highlighting Western Australia’s water cycle and the important role water conservation plays in the future of WA.

The program was established in 2017 and spans all corners of our state as far north as Broome and as far south as Albany.

To help us appreciate how important assets are such as electrical pump stations, brick wastewater pump stations and other small water structures they have been brought to life and turned into works of art by talented local artists through vibrant paintings depicting local community, native environment and the importance of water. You will find a Splash of Colour and inspiration wherever you go. Over 75 assets have been painted to date, reflecting our unique water story throughout Western Australia.

Our local artists collaborate with schools and community groups who contribute to the creative direction, ensuring a local perspective is incorporated in the design. Students have the opportunity to express their ideas about water and the environment, what it means to them and the importance of water conservation.

## Keanes Point Playground Now Open

The new playground is “open for business”. Some minor works are still to be completed including the installation of 2 new picnic tables, drinking fountains and shade sails.



## Urban Tree Canopy Dashboard

**The State Government has released an Urban Tree Canopy Dashboard that is publicly accessible through the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage.**

The Dashboard shows urban forest mapping by suburb/ local authority. The data for the comparison purposes of the Shire will be metropolitan local governments (25) excluding peri urban/hills local governments, such as Kalamunda, Mundaring and Serpentine Jarrahdale.

The data covers 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020 and 2024, is broken into 4 areas for reporting, being roads/verges, street blocks (accumulation of privately owned lots), parks and other. It also has canopy cover by height/ownership and canopy cover by LPS zoning/ownership.

For the Shire, the data shows the following, based on 2024 data;

- Aggregate cover for all four categories for the Shire is 22%. The City Subiaco has the highest coverage at 23%. The lowest aggregate cover is the City of Wanneroo at 8%.
- Street Blocks canopy cover for the Shire is 23%. This is the highest of the 25 Local Governments. The next

best at 20% is the City of Nedlands and the Town of Claremont at 18%. The lowest canopy cover is the City of Wanneroo at 7%. This is an important number as this reflects the canopy cover on lots privately owned, which for the Shire is mainly single residential lots with some commercial. The average across all 25 local governments is 9%.

- Roads, which for verge trees for the Shire is 24% canopy cover. The City of Subiaco has cover of 32% and the Town of Claremont 28%. The lowest road verge cover is the City of Wanneroo at 5%. In the last 3 years the Shire has and planted 230 trees which equates to a 15% increase in our street trees since 2022, and as the new trees grow, the canopy cover will increase. This number should at least improve over time.

The Shire can lay claim to having the best urban tree canopy cover in the metropolitan area for Street Blocks, being the canopy on privately owned land.

## Nominations for Citizen of the Year Awards 2025

**In the week commencing 22nd June you would have received a Nomination form for Peppermint Grove’s Citizen of the Year Awards 2025 delivered to your letter box.**

One side of the form explains the three Award categories of which you can nominate an individual or a group and it clearly stipulates the selection and eligibility criteria, the other side is the nomination form.

The Shire is encouraging residents to acknowledge and reward an outstanding individual or group they feel is worthy by nominating them for the Peppermint Grove Citizen of the Year Awards. The closing date for nominations is Friday 29th August.

You can also download a nomination form from our website [www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au](http://www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au)

The winners will be announced and presented with a framed certificate and gift at the Peppermint Grove Community Day Breakfast Sunday 26th October at FWBYC.

## UPDATE: Cottesloe Village Precinct Structure Plan (CVPSP)

In December 2024, the Shire and the Town of Cottesloe both resolved to initiate amendments to their respective local planning scheme to give effect to the Draft CVPSP.

The aim of the resolution is to seek the consent of the State Government to concurrently advertise the CVPSP and scheme amendment together through extensive consultations with Shire residents.

Both draft documents are currently being assessed by the Department of Planning Lands and Heritage for recommendation to the Western Australian Planning Commission. Further updates will be provided.

### Shire of Peppermint Grove

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This publication and all other Shire publications are available in alternative formats on request.

The information provided within PepTalk is also available on the Shire’s website at [www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au](http://www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au)

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## Peppermint Grove Vehicle Registration Plates



Look out for a flyer in your letterbox early August with details of how to bid for Peppermint Grove number plates.

## 2025-2026 Bulk Waste & Green Waste passes

Your 2 Bulk & 2 Green waste passes for the West Metro Recycling Centre corner of Brockway & Lemnos Streets Shenton Park are located in a perforated strip along the bottom of your Waste & Recycling Guide 2025-2026. The Waste Guide holds a wealth of information and was delivered to your letterbox the week commencing 22nd June. Please keep the passes in a safe place for when you need them, do not throw the Guide away as it has all the information you need to reference recycling weeks and much, much more.



## Message from the Shire President 2025/2026 Budget

Council adopted the Shire's 2025/26 budget at its Council Meeting held on 30th June 2025 and I am pleased to advise that Council has been able to keep the rate increase to 2.0%.

Total projected revenue for 2025/26 is \$6.75m, of which rates make up \$3.86m, contributions from the Towns of Cottesloe and Mosman Park of \$1.36m towards the library operations, and fees and charges of \$381,000. Operating expenditure will be \$6.14m, with the majority of expenses relating to employee costs, materials and contractors, insurance and utility charges.

### Waste charges

Included in your residential rate is the provision of the weekly collection of your FOGO bin (green lid) and the general waste bin (red lid), along with your fortnightly recycling bin (yellow lid). Peppermint Grove is the only local government in the metropolitan area retaining a weekly 240 litre bin collection service when FOGO was introduced. Other Councils have gone to fortnightly 120 litre bin collection for general waste collection.

The cost of collection, disposal and bin returns are all included in your annual rates for 1 bin service for each of the three bins, however a number of properties have additional bins, and the charges have been adjusted to reflect the FOGO change.

The Schedule of Fees and Charges shows the following fees:

- An additional general waste bin (red lid) \$286, reduced from \$325.50 last year.
- An additional recycling bin (yellow lid) is \$254, reduced from \$280 last year.
- An additional FOGO (green lid) \$209, increased from \$197 last year.

### Major capital works

The budget provides for around \$2.95m in capital works. The major projects include:

- \$1.6m Johnston Street Sump Drainage
- \$50,000 Keanes Point Playground Replacement to finish this project
- \$330,000 Parking - Keane Street/ Bay View Terrace
- \$100,000 Foreshore/cliffs management
- \$472,000 The Esplanade and Leake Street reseals
- \$40,000 Shire entry statements

The capital works projects are funded by grants and contributions of \$414,000, vehicle trade-ins of \$76,000, loan funds of \$1.5m Reserve Funds transfers of \$485,000 and municipal funds of \$450,000.

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Best Wishes  
**Cr Karen Farley SC**  
**Shire President**



# PepTalk

August 2025 Newsletter  
[www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au](http://www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au)

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## Message from the Shire President (Cont.)

### 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, Cottesloe and the Shire.

The percentage contribution has been reviewed and is consistent with the 2021 Census population figures. The net operating shortfall for 2025/26 for the library, history unit and community centre, excluding capital, is \$1,478m with the Town of Mosman Park contributing \$724,000, Town of Cottesloe \$629,000 and the Shire \$125,000.

### Loans

Council may be raising a new Loan for the Johnston Street Drainage of \$1.5m and will be fully funded by the sale of the Johnston Street Property.

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

### Reserve funds

The balance of the reserve funds as at 30 June 2025 is \$2.15m. Transfers into the reserves during 2025/26 will be \$789,000, which includes:

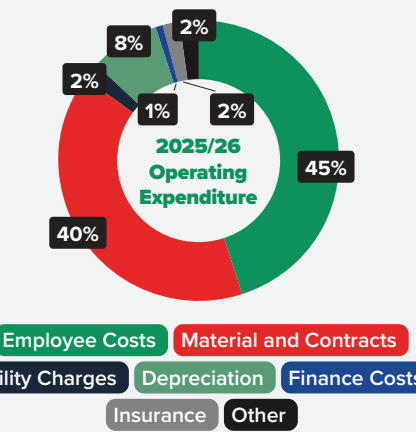
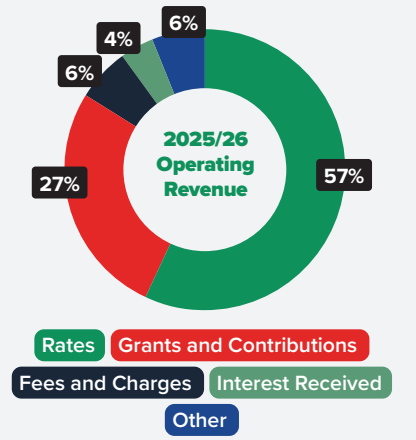
- \$106,000 Interest earning
- \$113,000 To the Road Reserve.
- \$70,000 To the Infrastructure/ Building Reserve
- \$500,000 To the Investment Reserve, includes \$400,000 from the sale of lot 24 Johnston Street.

Transfers from Reserve to fund capital works is \$485,000 and consists of the following:

- \$250,000 Road & Drainage Reserve Parking Keane/Bay View
- \$50,000 Infrastructure Reserve – completion of the playground
- \$185,000 for The Esplanade and Leake Street reseals

The full budget is available on Shire's website at [www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au](http://www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au)

The Pie charts below show revenue sources for the Shire as well as where we spend our money.



## Save the Date Sunday 26th October

The planning is underway for the Shire's inaugural biennial "Peppermint Grove Community Day Breakfast" Sunday 26th October at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club.

In September you will receive an invitation in your mailbox, the breakfast is open to all Shire residents, please note RSVPs close Thursday 9th October so be sure to have responded by this date to guarantee your seat.

The morning will focus entirely on Peppermint Grove including a presentation on the Shire's Local Planning Scheme update, which includes how the State Governments infill requirements may impact the Shire, a meet and greet of the Shire Councillors and executive staff. We will also be presenting the Citizen and Community Group/Event of the Year Awards to those worthy individuals you have nominated. Closer to the time more information will be available on the Shire website and FB page about this free Community Day Breakfast.

## Have you registered your furry friend?

All dogs and all cats whether they live permanently indoors or not must be registered with your local council. Registrations run from Nov 1st to 31st Oct, you can register for 1 year, 3 years or a Lifetime. As well as it being a legal requirement, having your animal registered with the Shire means we can use the information provided by you to return your best friend home if the need arises.



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### The Grove Library

1 Leake Street  
(adjacent to the Council Office)  
9286 8686

[www.thegrovelibrary.net](http://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](mailto:library@thegrovelibrary.com)



### Parents and Carers Join Us for Rhyme Time at the Grove.

Rhyme Time is a fun, early literacy programme especially developed for children from birth to 2 years of age.

There's always lots of singing, rhymes and reading.

Stay afterwards and enjoy a coffee and chat with other grown-ups, with toys for the babies. This is a drop-in event...No bookings required.

### Baby Rhyme Time & Story Time details as follows:

**Where:** The Grove Library

**11 months of the year:** February through to December

**When:** Monday and Thursday

**Time:** 9:30am and 10:30am

**Running time:** 25 minutes

### School Holidays @ The Grove

The Grove library is already working on its October school holiday program. 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](mailto:sfarley@thegrovelibrary.com).

All events require bookings, so when you get your email, please be quick to book a spot to avoid disappointment. Emails are sent out 2 weeks before the school holidays.

### Children's Book Week 2025

The library will be celebrating CBW with one of its biggest events ever in August 2025.

A special crew of authors and illustrators includes James Foley, Wendy Binks, Kathryn Lefroy and Tracey Dembo. The Grand Finale on Friday 22nd will be the one and only Aska.

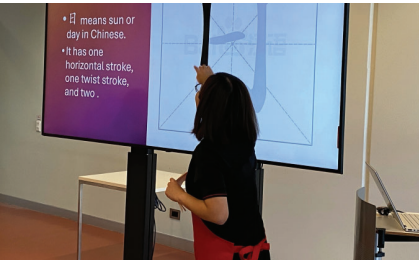
Nearly 100 students will be involved in Children's Book Week this year.

### 'Have a Go with Peppermint Grove'

Over the last financial year, the Shire of Peppermint Grove has run a series of unique events over the school holidays for local kids in the library.

The Chung Wah Association ran an extraordinary Chinese calligraphy workshop. The kids were so good at exploring the beauty of expression through this art, gaining an appreciation for the artistic heritage of China.

Aska (a graphic novelist), ran an action action-packed workshop. While Gabriel Evans returned for another of his wonderful drawing workshops. There was a range of fun illustration activities, which concentrated on creating a picture book character and story.



## Connect With Us!

The Shire has Facebook and Instagram, so you can now follow us for regular updates.

### Facebook

[/shireofpeppermintgrove](https://www.facebook.com/shireofpeppermintgrove)

### Instagram

[/shireofpeppermintgrove](https://www.instagram.com/shireofpeppermintgrove)

## Peppermint Grove residents support Good Sammy

The Shire of Peppermint Grove will once again participate in the Yellow Bag Collection by iconic WA disability employment and training provider Good Sammy.

Flyers and yellow bags will be distributed to residents in the first week of September with the collection of the donation bags on Monday 15th September.

The donations will be taken to Good Sammy's recycling facility for sorting, to identify items that could be sold in their numerous Op Shops and Online Store to help raise funds to support Western Australians with disability.

Good Sammy extends its thanks once again to the Shire households who will participate and to those who have generously contributed over the last two years to the donation drive.

Reusing products is the single best thing you can do to make our society more sustainable.



### Upcoming yellow bag collection for Good Sammy

Look out for the yellow bag coming to your letterbox to help you donate quality pre-loved goods from home.



'The Cliffe' residence.

## The History of McNeil Street

Neil McNeil was one of the first five landowners in the Peppermint Grove area. His name was given to today's McNeil Street which ran along the southern border of his property between the Swan River to what is now Stirling Highway.

McNeil was an engineer who came to WA in 1882. He eventually owned many properties and was a savvy mining speculator who saw the enormous potential in WA's largely untapped timber industry. With his brother Andrew, Neil formed the Neil McNeil Company Jarrahdale Timber Station in 1889.

In 1892 McNeil bought a 10-acre parcel of land in Peppermint Grove from the Forrest, Leake, Crossland syndicate. It was bounded by three roads - The Esplanade, McNeil Street, and the Perth-Fremantle Road (now Stirling Highway).

McNeil had a firm belief that timber construction would soon overtake that of brick and tile, and in 1894 he built his own home completely of Jarrah which he named 'The Cliffe' at the end of McNeil Street looking out over the Swan River. Neil McNeil lived at the Cliffe, in his 15 room home until his death in 1927.

Though childless, McNeil played a pivotal role in the establishment of PLC in North Perth in 1915. McNeil was one of five elders of Perth's St Andrews' Church to take out a debenture of £1000 (around \$126,000 Australian dollars today) for the purpose of establishing the school.

Eventually McNeil divided his land into paddocks on which he regularly encouraged the Scouts to camp, and for children to pass through on their way to and from Presbyterian Ladies' College (PLC). On the lower paddocks he kept three Jersey milking cows and five horses.

It was 1917 when PLC opened a second campus in Peppermint Grove and today the school takes up more than 48,000sqm. PLC on McNeil Street first inhabited William Lefroy's home Mileura House (now known as Scorgie House). This sits on the corner of View and McNeil Streets. Later in 1918 the school acquired the playing fields along McNeil Street from John Forrest. In 1943 the McNeil House (faction) was established, to celebrate the vision of a pioneer of Peppermint Grove, its colour, gold.