

Growing Our Urban Canopy: 2025–26 Tree Planting Program Complete

The Shire of Peppermint Grove has successfully completed its 2025–26 tree planting program, with more than 140 new trees planted across our streets, reserves and foreshore.



This annual program forms an important part of the Shire's long-term commitment to protecting and enhancing our urban forest. Tree planting will continue during the 2027 and 2028 planting seasons, with plans to establish a further 300 trees over the two-year period.

As some of our mature street trees reach the end of their natural lifespan, these new plantings will help maintain a healthy and resilient tree canopy for future generations. Expanding our urban forest also delivers significant environmental benefits, including cooler streets, improved air quality, increased biodiversity and valuable habitat for native wildlife.

The Western Australian Government encourages local governments to work towards a long-term target of 30% urban canopy cover. The Shire of Peppermint Grove is proud to have one of the highest levels of canopy cover in the State. Through strategic planning, proactive tree management and ongoing planting programs, the Shire is well placed to maintain and strengthen this achievement for the benefit of our community.

We thank residents for their continued support of the Shire's tree planting initiatives. Together, we are creating a greener, cooler and more sustainable Peppermint Grove for current and future generations.

Westcoast Community

Westcoast Community offers many types of activities for seniors and retirees

The Term 3 Programme Newsletter is now available online under the Programme tab of their website: <https://westcoastcommunity.com.au/programme>

From this page you will find the direct link to the Newsletter https://westcoastcommunity.com.au/images/downloads/2026-T3_Newsletter_email.pdf

and the Enrolment form https://westcoastcommunity.com.au/images/downloads/2026-T3_Eform.pdf

Building Compliance

The Shire of Peppermint Grove is committed to mitigating the impact of building activity on neighbours and local streets. This includes ensuring verges are kept free of building materials and local roads and footpaths remain open to traffic. Local planning policy 8 – construction environmental management plans (CEMPs) guide the management of construction for activities not otherwise deemed low risk (such as a patio or outbuilding). The local planning policy requires builders to address traffic management, neighbour consultation, the control of dust and sediment, noise and waste, as well as protecting significant trees and Shire assets. It is expected that your builder complies with all development approval conditions and has a complaints resolution process.

Whilst enforcement is a last resort, a \$500 penalty infringement notice may be issued for non-compliance with a CEMP or a condition of development approval. Multiple infringements can also be issued for ongoing non-compliance.

Peppermint Grove residents support Good Sammy Yellow Bag Collection

The Shire of Peppermint Grove recently partnered once again with iconic Western Australian disability employment and training provider, Good Sammy, for its annual community donation drive.

The participation rate for 2026 was **12%**, with residents donating more than **589 kg** of pre-loved, resalable goods. This resulted in an increase in the average donation weight per participating household, the quality of donated items remained of good quality. Thanks to these generous contributions, it is estimated that extending the life of these usable items has the potential to avoid approximately **9.5 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions**, reducing waste and supporting positive environmental outcomes.

Good Sammy extends its sincere thanks to the residents of the Shire of Peppermint Grove for their ongoing generosity and support.

Every item donated makes a difference. By choosing to reuse and give pre-loved goods a second life, our community is helping reduce waste, lower emissions and create positive social impact—proving that small actions can make a meaningful contribution to a more sustainable future.

History of View Street

Named for the clear views that could once be enjoyed over and across Freshwater Bay, View Street runs along the natural high line of the land and follows part of the original colonial path from Perth to Fremantle.

The first permanent residence built in Peppermint Grove was Bleak House (also referred to as Sayer's Folly), built in 1892 from locally quarried stone at what is today 48 View Street.

The home was built for William Sayer who had arrived from London to work as a legal advisor to the Midland Railway Company. Sayer rose to become the Commissioner of Titles, Attorney General and was Crown Solicitor of WA from 1905-1930.

Sayer acquired five acres of land straddling Keane and View Streets running to Johnston Street on one side, plus land on the eastern side of View Street.

After Sayer's marriage to Florence Dungey in 1908, Bleak House was occupied by his sister Ada and during the 1920s her daughter Ella Lesley lived there with her second husband Mervyn Davies. Sayer himself lived in Cottesloe and later Mundaring until his death in 1943.



Bleak House also known as Sayer's Folly

Local Government Alert

Local governments and the community can now access the 2023-24 Local Government Financial Indicator (LGFI), as well as other financial and demographic data at: mycouncil.wa.gov.au

The MyCouncil website provides a snapshot of geographic, demographic and financial information for local governments in Western Australia.

It supports greater transparency and accountability in

local government by allowing comparisons of data over time and between councils.

The cooperation of local governments in validating data for the LGFI is appreciated.

The Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety is targeting the publication of 2024-25 data later in 2026.

For more information contact LGHotline@lgirs.wa.gov.au

Did you know...

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

Facebook
www.facebook.com/shireofpeppermintgrove

Instagram
www.instagram.com/shireofpeppermintgrove

2026-27 Waste & Recycling Guides were delivered to all letterboxes 01/07/2026

Please call the Veolia Helpline **1300 028 544** for bin related issues, only contact the Shire relating to additional bins.

Memorial Wall plaques at the foreshore \$400 +gst each, contact Penny for an application form.

Dinghy bays available at the foreshore \$250 per annum, for details please email admin@peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au

Shire of Peppermint Grove

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The information provided within PepTalk is also available on the Shire's website at www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au

This publication is printed on paper that contains recycled content.



Message from the Shire President

Council adopted the Shire's 2026/27 Budget at its Council meeting held on 23 June 2026.

2026/27 is a rates revaluation year, with the average Gross Rental Values (GRV) increasing by 25%. When there is an increase in the GRV as a consequence the Shire will reduce the rate in the dollar down to achieve a balanced budget. Council has set an average rate increase of 3.8% for all properties, however due to the different increases in GRV's across different property types in the Shire, some properties will see increases greater than 3.8% and others increases less than 3.8% or even a rate reduction from last year.

The GRV's are set by the Valuer Generals Office, as part of the State Government Landgate Department. The Shire does not set GRV's. A GRV is an estimate of the annual rental a property should receive. If a weekly rental is estimated to be \$1000, the GRV for that property is \$52,000. Please contact the office if you have a concern over your GRV.

Rate increases in recent years have been very minimal, 18/19 1.55%, 19/20 1.0%, 20/21 0.0%, 21/22 1.7%, 22/23 2.0%, 23/24 2.9%, 24/25 2.5% and 25/26 2.0%. With a 3.8% increase in 26/27, the average increase over this period would be of 1.94%.

Waste charges

The Shire is one of the few local governments to include general waste, FOGO and recycling bin charges in the general rates. Most other local governments charge these services as an additional cost over and above the rates.

If you have second bins, the charges

for additional bins have been re-costed to reflect the current trends and actual collection and disposal costs.

Reserve funds

The balance of the reserve funds as of 30 June 2026 is \$2,128,000. Transfers into the reserves during the 2026/27 year will be \$1,220,000, which is made up of the following,

- \$187,000 Interest on Reserve fund investments
- \$113,000 to the Road Reserve in accordance with the AMP
- \$70,000 to the Infrastructure/ Building Reserve in accordance with the AMP
- \$900,000 to the Investment Reserve being net proceeds pending the sale of the Johnston Street lot
- \$50,000 transfer to the Investment Reserve

Transfers out of reserve accounts total \$350,000.

- \$90,000 for Keane Street wombat crosswalk
- \$90,000 jetty repairs
- \$70,000 for DBCA matching grant funds for foreshore bushland project
- \$100,000 from Investment reserve for sump relocation

The total projected reserve fund balance as of 30 June 2027 is nearly \$3,000,000.

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Capital Works program (CAPEX)

The CAPEX program is now linked to the asset renewal requirements as identified in the Asset Management Plan (AMP). The CAPEX schedule is broken to asset classes of Property, Plant & Equipment, Transport and Recreation.

The total CAPEX program for 2026/27 is \$2,715,000 with the most significant projects being.

Annual AMP allocations	\$157,000 (Municipal)
Parking Bay View Terrace trial	\$30,000 (Municipal)
Depot – laydown area	\$30,000 (Municipal)
Jetty repairs	\$90,000 (Reserve)
Wombat crosswalk Keane Street	\$90,000 (Reserve)
Johnston Street sump conversion	\$2,100,000
(Loan/overdraft \$2m, \$100,000 Reserve)	

The Johnston Street sump project is the relocation of the current stormwater sump opposite Cottesloe Primary School. This would free up this lot, which is owned by the Shire and zoned residential, to be sold. Net proceeds would be transferred to the Investment Reserve account.

The AMP also has a schedule showing amounts that should be transferred on an annual basis that will be required to meet future renewal costs. The reserve fund transfer is to ensure the Shire has the funds to meet the costs when these larger renewal costs are due. The total scheduled to be transferred to reserve funds is \$183,000. The 2026/27 budget makes provision for a comprehensive review of the Shire's AMP, particularly for infrastructure assets of roads, drainage, footpaths and reticulation. Updated asset values are required to populate the Shire's 10 Year financial plan and to ensure asset renewal costs can be met by the Shire.

Other Major Projects

One project which is not capital but significant, is the foreshore bushland revegetation project. This will be subject to a report to Council and adoption of the management plan. The budget makes provision of \$250,000, with a possible grant of \$98,000, \$70,000 from Reserves and \$82,000 from the Municipal account. This project will see revegetation and other improvements to the foreshore cliffs bushland.

The Shire has received a grant to develop a PSHB management plan, particularly to support residents in managing the impact from the borer.

The pie graphs on the right show the revenue sources for the Shire as well as where we spend our money.

State Government Planning changes

In recent months, the Minister for Planning, John Carey, has made a number of announcements that have the potential to significantly impact the amenity of the Shire.

The first announcement is the Cottesloe and Mosman Park Train Station Precinct plans, that foreshadow infill to 60% of residential properties in the Shire, based on

a radius of 800m from the train stations. Council is very concerned about the impact this could have on our "Garden Shire" status, as lots are subdivided and the tree canopy significantly reduced.

The other more recent announcement is that any lots 700m² or more can be subdivided to a minimum size of 350m². This will also have a significant impact on property in the Shire as all lots in the Shire coded R15 or lower are at least 700m².

Clarification is being sought on this latest announcement and how it will impact property in the Shire. Both of these changes are being promoted by the Minister as needed to address state government infill and density requirements.

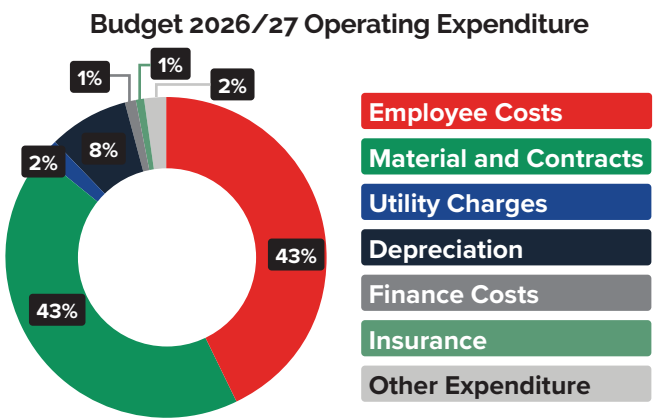
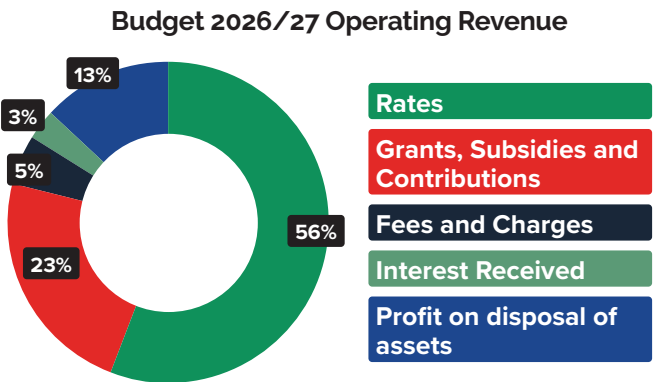
Council is working through these changes with the WA Planning Commission, with Council having alternative solutions to taking a broad-brush approach to infill that would change the Shire forever, with our alternative solution to provide medium density primarily along Stirling Highway while still achieving density targets.

Best Wishes

Cr Karen Farley SC

Shire President.

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

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The Grove Library

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(adjacent to the Council Office)
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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

Get ready for an epic spring break!



October School Holidays at Your Local Library

Looking for fun during the October school holidays? Your local library is the place to be for creativity, discovery, and hands-on adventures!

Join us as we celebrate the **Mid-Autumn Festival** with the Chung Wah Association and create colourful crafts inspired by **Deepavali**, the Festival of Lights. With a fantastic range of activities on offer, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Have A Go with Peppermint Grove Holiday Series.

Unforgettable Holiday Fun Awaits! Get ready for non-stop excitement, creativity, and discovery at your local library this school holiday.



Exams around the corner? We've got you covered!

Need some extra time to focus before the library gets busy? We're opening early to give students a quiet, dedicated space to study.

Exclusive Early-Bird Study Sessions

Early access is available exclusively for:

- Year 11 students
- Year 12 students
- University students

Lock In These Study Session Dates:

- Sunday 11th Oct: 9am – 12noon
- Sunday 18th Oct: 9am – 12noon
- Sunday 25th Oct: 9am – 12noon
- Sunday 1st Nov: 9am – 12noon
- Sunday 8th Nov: 9am – 12noon

Please note: The library will open to the general public at **12noon**, as usual. Bring your textbooks, laptop, notes—and your favourite coffee—and make the most of a quiet, distraction-free study environment. We look forward to helping you prepare for exam success. Good luck!



Deep Blue Discoveries

Dive beneath the waves and uncover the amazing world of some of the ocean's

most unusual creatures. Through fun, interactive activities, children will discover the unique features, habitats, and behaviours of fascinating marine animals, including:

- Leafy Sea Dragons
- Gentle Dugongs
- Majestic Narwhals
- Vibrant Nudibranchs

Full details for this program will be released closer to the date.

Words Unleashed: The Mosman Park Student Exhibition

This November, Mosman Park Primary School and The Grove Library are celebrating the creative writing talents of local students with an exhibition.

The free exhibition will showcase the imaginative work of Mosman Park Primary School students, highlighting their growth and achievements as young authors. Families and community members are warmly invited to visit and support these talented young writers.

For exhibition dates and opening hours, visit The Grove Library website closer to November.

Save our Owls



Poppy Mahon's proactive advocacy and determination to protect owls by raising awareness of the harmful impacts of SGARs has started to make a real difference, with significant changes now underway.

In March 2026, a 12-month suspension period commenced, providing the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry with time to consider and act on the Australian Pesticides and

Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) declaration to classify second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARs) as restricted chemical products (RCPs). This would ban SGAR sales for domestic use and place responsibility on State and Territory authorities to implement restrictions and training requirements for commercial use.

During the suspension period, existing SGAR stock may still be sold, accompanied by updated instructions that override current label directions. Encouragingly, growing community concern has already prompted many major retailers to take early action.

Coles has removed all SGAR products from its shelves, while Bunnings, IGA and Mitre 10 followed suit on 30 June.

In recognition of Poppy's outstanding contribution to the community and environmental advocacy, she was awarded the 2025 Peppermint Grove Young Citizen of the Year Award.

Responsible cat ownership and the impact on wildlife

Australia has one of the highest rates of wildlife loss from cats globally, so **urban cat management plays a critical role in conservation.**

1. Mandatory legal duties

- Microchipping (by 6 months of age)
- Sterilisation prevents unwanted litters and reduces the number of **feral or free-roaming cats**, which can have major impacts on bird populations

- Register cats with your local council

- Ensure your cat wears a **registration tag at all times**, this helps to ensure cats are reunited with owners quickly, reducing time spent roaming and hunting

- Keep your registration and owner details up to date

These laws aim to reduce stray populations and improve control over roaming cats.

2. Keep microchip details updated

A microchip only works if your contact information is current. If you move house or change phone numbers, update the database immediately. Lost cats are far more likely to be reunited when records are accurate.

3. Keep cats safely confined

- Keep your cat indoors, or
- Provide a secure outdoor enclosure (catio) or cat-proof fencing
- Outdoor time on harness/leash supervision

This:

- Protects native birds and wildlife
- Prevents road accidents, poisoning, fights, and theft
- Reduces neighbour complaints and nuisance behaviour

While not yet universal law, containment is the direction Perth councils are moving toward.

4. Be responsible at night and reduce the hunting impact

- Keep cats indoors at night to prevent roaming
- Use bright, high visibility collars with bells (extra warning for birds)

5. Meet hunting needs indoors

- Provide daily interactive play to satisfy hunting instincts
- Use **puzzle feeders and enrichment toys** to keep cats mentally stimulated and less motivated to hunt.

