



PepTalk

August 2021 Newsletter

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Message from the Shire President

2021/2022 Budget

Council adopted the Shire's 2021/22 budget at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 June 2021. Total projected revenue for 2021/22 is \$4.9 million of which rates income contributes \$3.345 million.

Strategic Community Plan

Council has just completed a review of our Strategic Community Plan (SCP). The Plan covers a ten-year period to 2031. The Plan is a legislated strategic requirement for all local governments in WA. It has been developed with input from residents and sets the community's goals and aspirations which will guide Council's strategic direction. Major findings from the plan were community commitment to the preservation of heritage, maintaining and improving the Shire's urban tree canopy and enhancing the Peppermint Grove/Cottesloe Village precinct, this will be done in partnership with the Town of Cottesloe.

SCP shapes the Shire's budget to achieve these outcomes by allocating funds for a heritage grants program; the development of an urban tree canopy strategy; review of the Shire's Local Planning Strategy and for the Peppermint Grove/Cottesloe Village project. A copy of the plan is available at the library, administration office and the Shire's website www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au

Rates

Council is mindful of the financial pressures some ratepayers are currently facing and has endeavoured to keep the rate increase to a minimum, with this in mind rates will be \$3.345 million, based on a 1.7% rate increase - a 1% increase in rates revenue equates to \$33,000. The minimum rate will also increase by 1.7% to \$1,424.

During 2019/20 Council adopted a COVID-19 hardship policy. We understand that COVID-19 impacts continue for many of us and ratepayers are encouraged to contact the Shire if they are experiencing hardship due to COVID-19.

Waste Charges

The Shire's rate charge includes waste collection services for general waste, recycling and green organic waste. Your annual rates charge include the verge valet bulk waste collection service. It provides for three general waste and three green waste collections during the year. Residents who require additional services can organise this on a fee basis.

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The Grove Library and Community Centre Contributions

The net operating cost of running the Grove Library and Community Centre is met by the three member councils - the Towns of Mosman Park and Cottesloe and the Shire. The level of contribution is based on census population data for each Council. The net operating cost for 2021/22 for the library, history unit and community centre is \$1,161,645.

Economic Stimulus Grants

The Federal Government has provided local governments with Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCI) grants. The grants are to stimulate local economies and reduce the economic impact of COVID-19.

The Shire's Phase 1 grant of \$49,642 was used to offset costs for the Stirling Highway footpath upgrade between Cottesloe Central and Irvine Street. The 2021/22 budget includes Phase 2 (\$78,350) and Phase 3 (\$99,284) grants.

The Phase 2 grant and part of Phase 3 have been allocated in the CAPEX program towards the cost of improving parking around Manners Hill Park. This will be subject to community consultation before the project proceeds. The balance of the Phase 3 grant of \$62,380 will continue the upgrade of the footpath along Stirling Highway south of Irvine Street.

Asset Management Plan and Capital Works Program

As part of our commitment to careful financial management the Council has adopted a comprehensive Asset Management Plan (AMP). The AMP identifies the funds required by the Shire on an annual basis, projected for 10 years, this ensures that the Shire's assets are maintained to a high standard. The Capital Works program in the 2021/22 budget reflects the funds required to be allocated to meet the AMP requirements.

Asset renewal or upgrade projects total \$477,400 of which \$47,182 is met by the Towns of Cottesloe and Mosman Park as contributions towards library capital expenditure; \$50,000 will come from fleet trade-in values; \$135,000 is transferred from reserves and the balance of \$245,218 will be met from the Shire's municipal fund.

New capital works total \$413,350 with grant funding of \$177,634 from the Federal Government's LCRI Phase 2 and 3 Grants.

Best wishes,
Cr Rachel Thomas
Shire President

Manners Hill Park Pavilion paving

The brick paving in Manners Hill Park Pavilion was renewed. The old brown bricks were in poor condition and were looking quite dated.

Advice was sought from a heritage architect regarding the paver selection and the new surface really smartens the area up for all users.



New flagpoles

Three new flagpoles were erected at the front of the Shire's Administration building as well as directional LED flood lighting.

In addition to the Australian National flag, we can now fly the Aboriginal flag and Shire Pennant flag.

Building and Planning

The Shire is joined by Michael Stucco as our new Planning Officer. In April Joshua Dallimore left the Shire to pursue a promotion. Michael is picking up Joshua's good work. Michael previously worked at the City of Vincent and is keen to assist the Shire in its Planning, Building and related compliance activities.

St John First Aid FREE Workshops for Seniors

In partnership with the Towns of Cottesloe and Mosman Park we organised two days in May of First Aid training courses for Seniors which were well attended.

Participants learnt about basic first aid and principles including common injuries and illnesses that occur in everyday life. St John covered both theory and practical demonstrations including CPR, the recovery position and how to use a defibrillator.



Edith Cowan Exhibition Following in her footsteps



In commemoration of 100 years since Edith Cowan's maiden speech in Parliament, the Grove Library hosted an exhibition in July recounting the life of this inspiring woman.

She pioneered social causes and was instrumental in the establishment of the National Council for Women, The Children's Protection Society, Women's Service Guild, The WA Nurses Association and the RSPCA-WA (to name but a few).

The exhibition guided us through Edith's hardships, joys and achievements. Her mother died during childbirth in 1868 when Edith was only seven, and her father was convicted of murder after he shot his new wife. Edith then not only had a mother who died when she

was seven, but a father who was hung when she was 15. Although Edith suffered a traumatic childhood, she learnt to overcome adversity from a young age and grew to become one of the most influential women in WA history.

The exhibition was curated by the Founder of the Edith Dircksey Cowan Commemoration and Hilary Silbert in collaboration with The Community History Library.

Reticulation Renewal Project



As part of the Shire of Peppermint Grove's FY20/21 Capital Works Program, all the underground reticulation infrastructure at Manners Hill Park, Keanes Point Reserve and the Foreshore have been renewed.

This massive project involved replacement of all old pipework, wiring, valves and sprinklers as well as installation of an inline fertiliser application system. Our new system should significantly improve the efficiency of the reticulation network, provide far better irrigation coverage throughout the parks and reduce over watering and ongoing maintenance for Shire staff.

Johnston St and Venn St road re-sealing project

The Water Corporation completed their pipe replacement program, and the Shire of Peppermint Grove was able to carry out road upgrades on Johnston St and Venn St, plus the Shire controlled sections of Harvey St, Solomon St, Palmerston St and Bay View Terrace.

Works included installation of new drainage pits, footpath repairs, kerbing replacement, profiling (grinding off the old pavement), road resurfacing with new asphalt and line marking the new road. Additionally, the concrete median island at Cottesloe Primary School was removed and replaced by a guard-controlled pedestrian crossing, in order to improve student road safety.



The Grove Library

1 Leake Street
(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



Kid's Inaugural Digital Photography Competition 2021

This Spring we are really excited to be launching The Grove Library's Digital Photography Competition for kids.

Spring is a time of awakening and renewal - nature starts afresh. Join us for our very first photographic competition for kids. Seeing the photos they take will be like viewing nature in a completely different way.

Digital photographs can be colour or black and white and be of any aspect of the natural environment, from beaches, rivers, parks, animals, trees, insects, whatever sparks their interest.

Entrants must be Western Suburbs Library members and aged between 6 and 14 years. Entries close 4pm Sunday 31st October 2021. More information is available from the library's website www.thegrovelibrary.net

Take the challenge! A great opportunity for all budding young writers



Be creative
Be wild!

Young Writers Creative Writing Competition 2021

We have a great opportunity for all budding young writers from Year 1 through to Year 7.

Kids, put pen to paper and let your imagination run wild, nothing is too ordinary or astonishing, your story can be about anything you want with a limit of 400 words or less.

The competition is free to enter, one entry per student and is open to all young writers in Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove and Mosman Park.

Opens Monday 5th July and closes 4pm 31st October 2021.



History surges ahead at the Grove

Last year at the Grove Library we launched a new pilot program called Turning Points in History for tweens (aged between 9 – 12 years), designed to get kids excited about ancient history and cultures.

Stewart delivers presentations on topics not covered by the school curriculum, from Julius Caesar, Ramses II, to The Battle of Thermopylae.

The program runs every 6 weeks and the presentations are swiftly booked out.

To find out more information on the sessions please email Stewart sfarley@thegrovelibrary.com

Children's Programs



Baby Rhyme Time (babies and toddlers 0-2 years) and Story Time have always been very popular at The Grove. However, over the last year attendance has surged; with that in mind the library introduced more session times to cope with this ever increasing demand.

Baby Rhyme Time now has 4 sessions per week which run through the school holidays. The 25 minute sessions are on Monday's and Thursday's 9.30am and 10.30am. No bookings are necessary just drop in. Story Time (2-4 years) has 2 sessions running each week on Tuesday's and Friday's at 10.30am. More information is available from the library's website www.thegrovelibrary.net



2021-22 Waste Guide

The Shire's Waste Guide has been delivered to your letterbox.

This is important information about bin collections, what can go into the different bins, verge valet collection system, use of the West Metro Recycling Centre (WMRC) and recycling information. This information is also listed on the Shire's website.

Please note on the cover of the guide are 4 perforated waste passes, 2 bulk and 2 green waste passes to the WMRC, please **do not throw these away**.

WASTE SORTING GUIDE Keep me on your fridge!

CALENDAR: JULY 2021, AUGUST 2021, SEPTEMBER 2021, OCTOBER 2021, NOVEMBER 2021, DECEMBER 2021, JANUARY 2022, FEBRUARY 2022, MARCH 2022, APRIL 2022, MAY 2022, JUNE 2022

Recycling & General Waste – take both bins out.
Garden Organics & General Waste – take both bins out.
Your red top general waste bin is collected weekly.

For bin collection queries, bin repairs or service changes contact the Shire of Peppermint Grove on 9388 8600
For Verge Valet and recycling enquiries contact the WMRC Recycling Hotline 9384 6711

BULK WASTE PASS BULK WASTE PASS GREEN WASTE PASS GREEN WASTE PASS

Valid to 31 July 2022 Valid to 31 July 2022 Valid to 31 July 2022 Valid to 31 July 2022

BIN COLLECTION INFORMATION

WHICH BIN DO I PUT IT IN?
VERGE VALET COLLECTIONS
WEST METRO RECYCLING CENTRE
RECYCLING & DISPOSAL GUIDE: A-Z

BULK WASTE PASS West Metro Recycling Centre Valid to 31 July 2022 Further information overleaf

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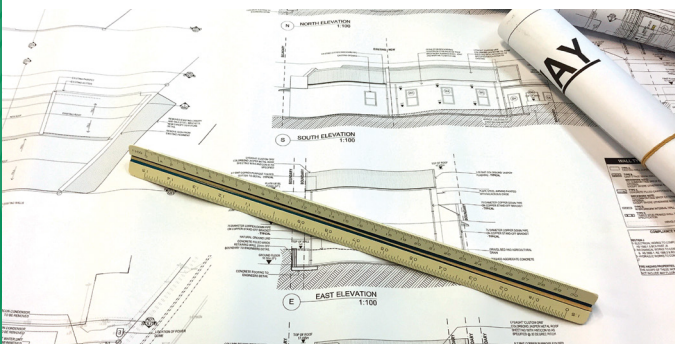
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Approvals Plans Compliance

The Planning Approval is issued to the set of plans lodged for assessment by the Shire.

Planning Approvals are required because they are the necessary legal documents (in many cases) which provide the authority for a building permit application to be lodged and a permit issued.

Any changes to the design must be formally assessed before approval, as the 'new' Approved Plans. Ross or Michael Stocco at the Shire can assist you with any further questions related to this matter.



October Council Elections

On Saturday 16th 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 candidates briefing session will be held on Tuesday 17th August, starting at 7.00pm, at the Shire administration building. Please register your interest by email to: mhairi.warne@peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au

To be eligible to vote at the elections you must be on the electoral roll. The last date for enrolments with the WA Electoral Commission is 27th August, 2021.

Join us in our quest to manage waste better

For those of you who wish to clearly identify what goes into each bin the Shire has organised a set of 3 stickers, 1 for each bin.

These stickers ensure the correct decision is made with regard to placing items in the appropriate bin. Each household may collect 1 set of bin stickers from the Shire's reception.

GENERAL WASTE

Damaged items (clothing and ceramic), Soft plastics and polystyrene (chip and packet), Nappies and hygiene products, Food scraps

Take hazardous or electronic waste to The West Metro Recycling Centre. (Corner Brockway Road and Lemnos Street, Shenton Park)

For more information call us on 9384 6711

GARDEN ORGANICS

Lawn clippings and garden vegetation

No cardboard, food or bagged waste.

For more information call us on 9384 6711 or visit wmrc.wa.gov.au

RECYCLABLES

Glass bottles and jars (all removed), Paper and cardboard (all removed), Cans, Juice, Plastic bottles and containers (all removed)

Items must be rinsed, empty and loose in the bin.

For more information call us on 9384 6711 or visit wmrc.wa.gov.au

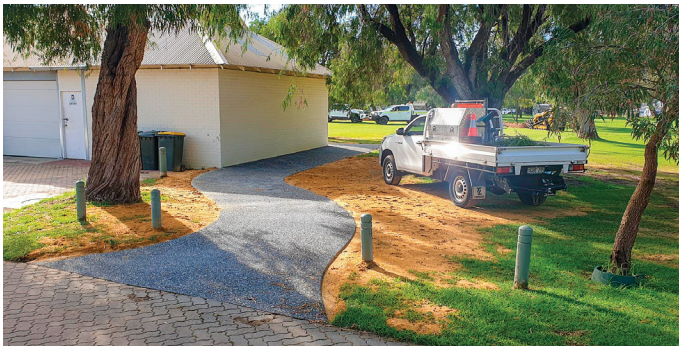


Did you know...

- **The City of Nedlands** undertake the Shire's pool inspections to ensure pool safety standards are maintained. If you have any queries with regard to the follow up of your pool inspection please call 9273 3500 and ask for Mary.
- **Contamination in the green organic waste bins** can cause issues with the mulching of the green waste. Please ensure you only put green waste into these bins and pass the message onto your gardener if you have one.
- We have received very positive feedback with 83% in favour of the **new Verge Valet Collection System** which was recently introduced to the Shire.
- **You can change, cancel, or postpone your verge valet booking** up to one business day before your collection date. Click the CHANGE A BOOKING tab on www.vergevalet.com.au or phone the Verge Valet Collection Team on 6336 7223. Please ensure you give at least one business day as notice or you will lose your collection allocation.
- If you have **excess green waste** to get rid of you can use your bulk waste passes as green waste passes (but not the other way around).
- In the **Grove Foyer** we have a small recycling station where you can drop off your household batteries, light globes, Fluro tubes and printer cartridges.



- You can **dispose of a multitude of household hazardous waste FREE at West Metropolitan Recycling Centre (WMRC)** such as: cooking oil, motor oil, plastic plant pots, X-rays, aerosols and spray cans, smoke detectors, bulk polystyrene, paint, fire extinguishers (red only). Proof of residence is required.
- There's also paid services to **drop off** construction & demolition waste, mattresses, tyres, refrigerated appliances and asbestos.
- WMRC offers **free mulch** to Peppermint Grove residents, however proof of residence is required.



Keanes Point and Manners Hill accessible paths

New paths were constructed at Manners Hill Park and Keanes Point linking the public toilets and other infrastructure to existing footpaths, parking and recreational areas. These paths provide convenient access for all.

Stirling Highway footpath upgrade

The old red brick footpath on Stirling Hwy between Irvine St and Cottesloe Central Shopping Centre was replaced with new exposed aggregate pavers.

This project was co-funded via the Federal Government's LCRI grant scheme and has lifted the amenity of the area for pedestrians and shoppers.



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