

Your Rates Pack

2022/
2023

A message from your Shire President

Prudent financial management was at the heart of Council's focus for the Shire of Mundaring's 2022/2023 budget while considering community requests for increased services and infrastructure.

Council has been thorough and diligent in its planning to ensure value for money is obtained for residents while still achieving expected outcomes for the community.

The overall operating budget of the Shire is \$56.9 million for 2022/2023. This is made up of rates income, government funding and fees and charges. You can see a snapshot of how some of these funds will be allocated to support our community this financial year on pages two and three.

Notably, a \$10.7M Capital Works Program for 2022/23 will deliver key projects such as:

- Conversion of street lighting to LED lights (\$2.9M) which over the life of the project will realise financial savings and environmental benefits
- Upgrades to the Bilgoman Aquatic Centre change rooms (\$275,000)
- Upgrades to Mt Helena Oval change rooms (\$75,000)
- Upgrades to Scott Street bridge (\$2.8M)
- A cycle path from Chidlow townsite to Lake Leschenaultia (\$1.085M)
- Upgrades to Norris Park, with bbq and new play equipment (\$80,000)
- Development of a masterplan for Brown Park (\$30,000)
- Sawyers Valley Oval surface drainage improvement (\$100,000)
- Upgrades to the Keane Street and McVicar Road roundabout (\$105,000)
- Additional lighting at Glen Forrest Tennis Court and conversion to LED lighting (\$50,000)
- Works to achieve Disability Access Program (\$260,000); and
- Upgrades to Brown Park Community Centre (\$272,000).

A further \$4.3M will see a number of local roads upgraded, with \$275,000 allocated to build new footpaths and \$444,000 for improvements to our ovals, parks and reserves.

Current global and domestic economic inflation will affect the Shire's ability to maintain delivery of its services at previous costs and this has played a large part in this year's budget incorporating a rate increase of 3.5 per cent.

Although this increase is significantly less than current inflation, the Shire is able to weather the economic volatility due to prudent financial management of building cash reserves and fixing interest rates on borrowings.

I believe this year's budget is balanced and responsible and delivers on expected outcomes and new projects for the community.

Cr James Martin
Shire President



Included in this pack

What your rates deliver
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Signing up is easy.

WHAT YOUR RATES DELIVER

Family and Children's Services \$5.27m

Delivery of early childhood and parenting services, funded by government grants and fees.

Libraries \$1.84m

The Shire runs two public libraries in Mundaring and Boya.

Community Engagement \$638k

Delivering a community grants program, cultural and artistic events, and skills-based workshops creates a vibrant, connected community.

Making it happen \$4.98m

Corporate services such as customer service, record keeping and finance. Includes civic/administration building costs, loan interest repayments and depreciation.

Youth Services \$138k

Giving young people a say through The Youth Crew and enabling community groups to provide initiatives through the Youth Engagement Partnership Fund.

Tourism \$218k

Our Visitor Centre promotes Mundaring and surrounds as an attractive tourist destination in the Perth Hills.

Elected Members and Council Meetings \$567k

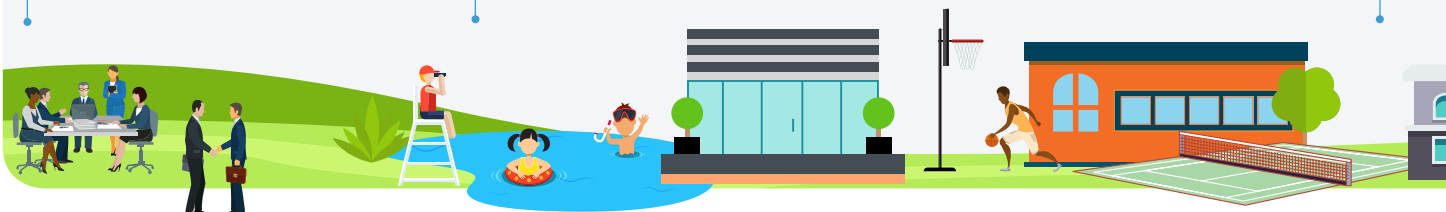
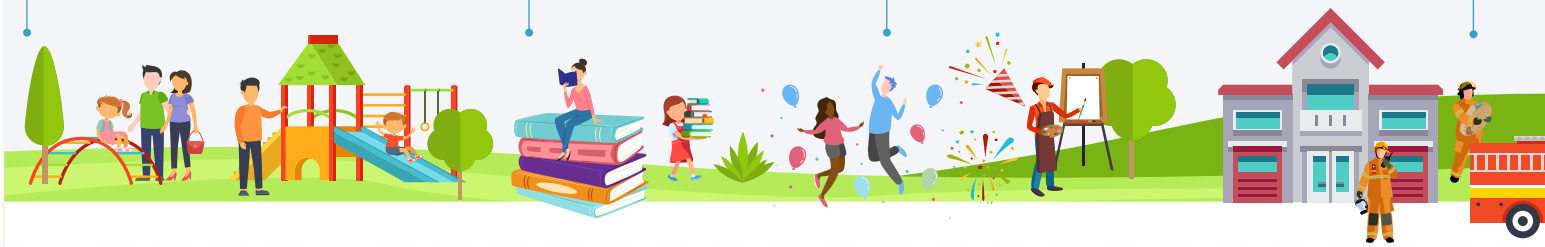
Twelve democratically elected councillors to represent community interests.

Aquatic Facilities \$1.05m

Two public pools, Bilgoman and Mount Helena Aquatic Centres, plus financial support for Wooroloo pool.

Recreation Centres \$1.01m

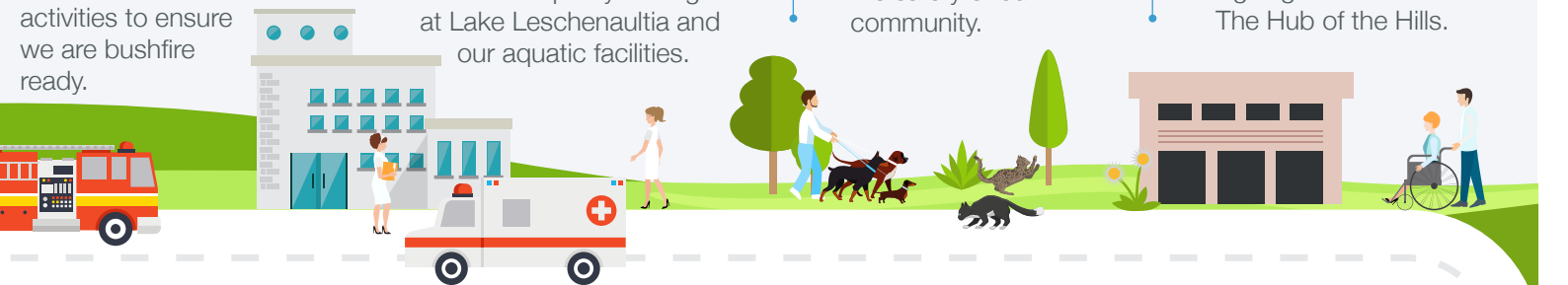
Including the state-of-the-art Mundaring Arena, Brown Park and Elsie Austin Pavilion.



Shire of Mundaring is committed to making our community a vibrant place to live and work and an exciting destination to visit. Each year we deliver important facilities and services to our community. Our operating budget for 2022/23 is \$56.9 million. This is made up of rates income, government funding, and fees and charges. Below is a snapshot of how some of these funds will be allocated to support our community this financial year.

Bushfire Brigades and Fire Prevention \$1.59m

Supporting nine volunteer bushfire brigades; mitigation and education activities to ensure we are bushfire ready.



Health Admin/Inspections \$675k

Conducting health inspections, managing pests, noise complaints and water quality testing at Lake Leschenaultia and our aquatic facilities.

Animal Control \$820k

Promoting responsible pet ownership and working to ensure the safety of our community.

Access for All \$147k

The Shire facilitates an Inclusion and Disability Access Advisory Group, Active Ageing Network and The Hub of the Hills.

Environmental Management \$817k

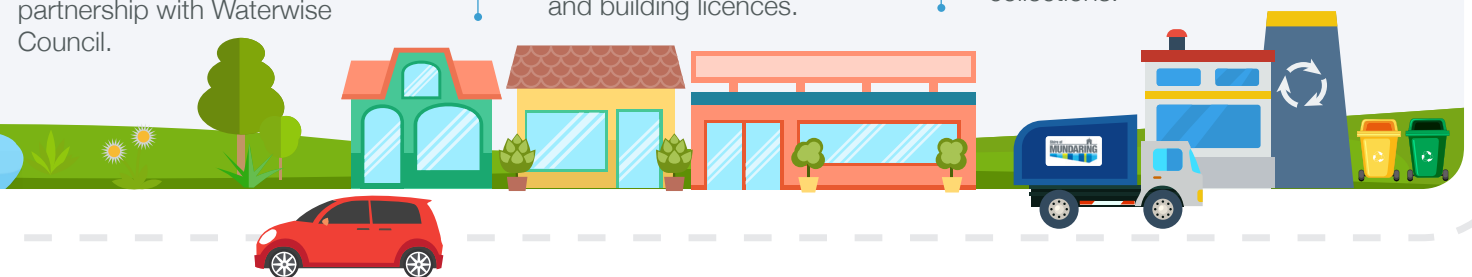
Protecting bushland and watercourses through programs such as Seedlings for Landcare, Mundaring Environmental Art Project, workshops and partnership with Waterwise Council.

Town Planning and Statutory Building Services \$2.09m

Developing our strategic planning framework to balance growth while protecting the area's distinct sense of place. Assessing planning, subdivision and building licences.

Waste Management \$7.4m

Operating two Community Recycling Centres in Chidlow and Mundaring; domestic waste and recycling collections and annual bulk and green waste verge collections.



Halls \$940k

The Shire manages and maintains 18 halls which are available for community hire.

Recreation Grounds \$3.9m

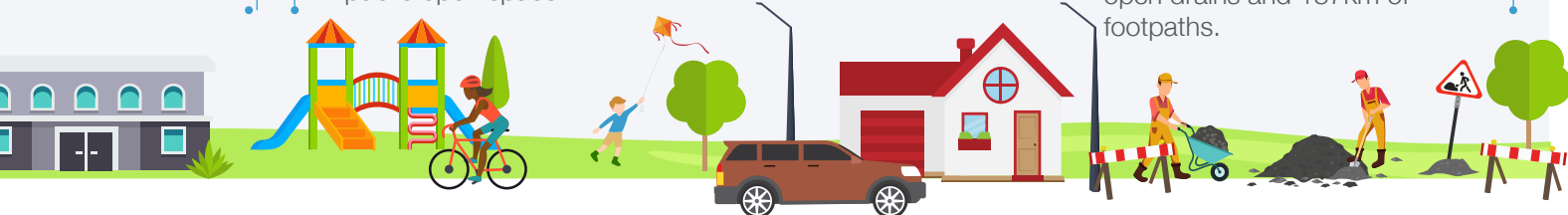
Including 37 playgrounds, 34 tennis courts, nine BMX jump and skate parks, 11 ovals, 70km Railway Reserves Heritage Trail and 413 hectares public open space.

Street Lighting \$700k

The Shire pays Western Power to run and maintain street lighting.

Roads, Footpaths, Drainage and Public Works \$6.5m

Maintaining 681km of roads, 448km of kerbs, 17 bridges, 115 bus shelters, 183km of drainage pipes, 37km of open drains and 137km of footpaths.



How can I pay my rates?



For your convenience, there are three options to choose from when it comes to paying your rates:

Option 1 – Payment IN FULL by 3 October 2022

Option 2 – Payment via four equal INSTALMENTS

To qualify for instalments, the exact amount shown at Option 2 on your Rates Notice must be received in one whole payment by 3 October 2022.

- First instalment due 3 October 2022
- Second instalment due 12 December 2022
- Third instalment due 17 February 2023
- Fourth instalment due 28 April 2023

Option 3 - Alternative payment arrangements/ direct debit

Requests for payment arrangements and/or direct debits must be notified to the Shire Rates Office (9290 6617) prior to the due date specified on your Rates Notice.

Please be aware that the following conditions apply:

- Interest charged at the rate of 7% per annum on the rates and charges outstanding after the due date for payment and will continue to accrue daily until settled in full.
- The Shire will confirm in writing the receipt of the payment plan.



Connect to popular Shire services with My Mundaring Online:

- Find your bin days/Bulk Waste Collection date
- Register your cat(s) and dog(s)
- Manage your CRC entries/access your electronic pass
- Request a Permit to Burn
- Review/pay your rates balance
- Log a request for assistance.

Visit the Shire's website or scan the QR code to sign-up today.

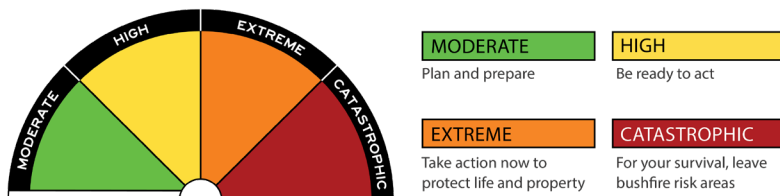


New Fire Danger Rating System

The Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) Program will implement a new Fire Danger Ratings system across Australia on 1 September.

The AFDRS will have four levels with action-orientated messages to encourage people to take action.

The ratings and high-level messages are:



Under the new system, Total Fire Bans will be issued without the need for any formal declaration when the rating is extreme and above.

The issuing of Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans will remain the same until changes to the legislation and a new grassland model and Fire Behaviour Index and Fire Danger Rating is determined.

Fire Weather District

Along with the change, a new fire weather district will be introduced. The Shire of Mundaring currently resides within the weather district of Lower West Inland.

From 1 September, the shire will now be known as Swan Inland North.

The new weather district starts from the Kalamunda/Mundaring border and extends north finishing between Regans Ford and Red Gully.

The new ratings will also change how Fire Danger Ratings are referenced within the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, *Bush Fires Regulations 1954* and *Bush Fires (Infringements) Regulations 1978*.

Fire Break Notices

Due to the changes there will be a delay in the release of the 2022 Fire Break Notice. Once finalised, the notice will be posted to residents.

For more information visit www.afac.com.au/initiative/afdrs

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