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Message from the Shire President

Council adopted the Shire's 2022/2023 budget at our Council Meeting held on 28th June 2022. Despite a sharp rise in inflation, we have been able to keep this year's rate increase to 2 percent. Total projected revenue for 2022/2023 is \$5,200,000. This includes \$3,500,000 from rates, \$1,180,000 from the Towns of Cottesloe and Mosman Park towards the library and community centre operations. The Shire also receives income from fees and charges adding a further \$374,000. The majority of the Shire's expenditure relates to employee costs; materials and contractors; insurance and utility charges.

Waste charges

The three-bin service introduced in 2020 has reduced the quantity and cost of municipal waste going to landfill as green waste is now placed in the GO (green lid) bins. However, under our waste collection contracts there will be an increase in transport and processing fees as a result of higher staff, fuel and other costs in these service areas. The waste fees for additional bins have had to

be increased to cover these higher charges.

The Schedule of Fees and Charges includes the following fees:

- Second general waste bin (red top) is \$282.
- Additional recycling bin (yellow top) is \$243.
- Additional GO bin (green top) is \$171.

Major capital works

The budget provides for around \$600,000 in capital works. Major projects include:

- Plant replacement program: \$118,000
- Leake Street median island: \$30,000
- Stirling Highway/Johnston Street disability access: \$35,000
- Minor road, drains and path renewal works: \$40,000
- Drainage works Bayview Terrace/Keane Street: \$100,000
- Renewal of street furniture: \$64,000
- The Grove building & depot renewal program: \$115,000

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Did you know...



For 2022-23 your tip passes are attached at the base of your rates notice which you will have already received through the mail mid July. Each household has an allocation of 4 perforated passes (2 bulk waste and 2 green waste) West Metropolitan Recycling Centre (WMRC) is located on the corner of Brockway and Lemnos Streets in Shenton Park. **Please do not throw them away as we cannot replace them.**



You would have also received your Peppermint Grove Waste Calendar Guide for 2022-23 delivered to your mailbox in June to place on your fridge. This guide is a wealth of information and offers pointers of how to reduce landfill waste and live a low-waste life.



We would like to welcome the **Shire's new Manager of Development Services Mr Joel Gajic** who has replaced Ross Montgomery, Ross was with the Shire for 4 years and has now moved on to new adventures, we wish him well.



The Kuljac Book Club are looking for new members, they meet in the Flax room of the Grove Library on the first Saturday of each month. If you are interested in joining please contact Judy Fetherston 0435 886 943 or jfethers@optusnet.com.au



All Dogs and Cats residing in Peppermint Grove must be registered with the Shire. Pets can be registered for 1 year, 3 years or a lifetime. All owners must keep their contact details up to date – if your personal information has changed please contact the Shire with details by emailing: admin@peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au. If you have taken up the option to register your pet for 3 years please check if registration is due to be renewed in 2022.



Serious problems can occur if cats are allowed to roam outdoors, particularly at night (it's estimated around 80% of accidents involving cats happen at night). Roaming cats can get hit by cars, injured in fights, catch fatal diseases (e.g. feline AIDS) or become lost. Roaming cats can also kill native wildlife – even well-fed cats will hunt. Roaming cats can annoy neighbours too, by spraying, fighting, yowling and digging in gardens. The Shire requests you manage your cats to reduce the impacts, and be a responsible cat owner by keeping your cats inside from dusk and only let them back outside in the morning.



Please note that expired residential parking permits can no longer be used within the Shire of Peppermint Grove and you risk being infringed if they are used. To apply for a residential parking permit you must be a local resident and present valid ID showing your name and address, provide the vehicle registration number and sign. Residential parking permits can only be used for a nominated vehicle, the license plate number will feature on the parking permit.



Walking for an average of 30 minutes or more a day can lower the risk of heart disease, stroke by 35% and Type 2 diabetes by 40%. It's not just your heart and muscles that benefit from walking, with regular physical activity you can help to reduce your risk of heart disease and stroke, manage weight, blood pressure and blood cholesterol. Exercise can help to prevent and control diabetes, reduce your risk of developing some cancers, maintain your bone density therefore reducing your risk of osteoporosis and fractures. It improves balance and coordination, decreasing your risk of falls and other injuries, it also improves our daily mood which cumulatively leads to better mental health. If you send an email to admin@peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au we are happy to email you the Heart Foundations stretches and strength exercise posters to support you walking.

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

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Message from the Shire President (cont.)

- Renewal of bollard lighting – The Grove: \$10,000
- Furniture and IT replacement: \$26,000

The capital works projects are funded by contributions of \$108,000 from the Towns of Mosman Park and Cottesloe towards library projects; vehicle trade-ins of \$105,000, and operational funds of \$385,000. There are no planned transfers from the Shire's reserve funds in this budget.

Community Events

The budget includes the following activities and events:

- \$15,000: Carols by Candlelight
- \$20,000: Christmas decorations
- \$9,000: Australia Day
- \$2,500: Seniors' Morning Tea
- \$6,500: Other minor events

Library Contributions

The net operating cost of running The Grove Library, Community Centre, and Community History Unit, is jointly funded by the councils of the Towns of Mosman Park and Cottesloe and the Shire. The net operating cost for 22/23, excluding capital expenditure, is \$1,300,000 with the Town of Mosman Park contributing \$633,000, Cottesloe \$549,000 and the Shire \$118,000. The contributions are allocated according to population census figures. Contribution costs have increased by 3.1 percent in this year's budget.

Loans

The Shire has one loan that was taken out in 2009 to part fund the Shire's contribution to the library, community centre and office building. The budget provides for capital repayment of \$36,000,

leaving a principal balance as at 30 June 2023 of \$655,000. Interest repayments during the year total \$53,000.

Council is not proposing any new loans for its own works, but is in discussion with the Peppermint Grove Tennis Club on a loan to assist with the upgrade of courts. The loan would be self-supporting with costs fully funded by the club.

Reserve funds

The balance of the reserve funds as at 30 June 2022 is projected to be \$1,550,000. Transfers into the reserves during the 22/23 year will be \$310,000 which includes interest earnings for the individual reserves.

- \$20,000 to the Arts & Culture Reserve
- \$20,000 to the Staff Leave Reserve
- \$33,000 to the Road Reserve
- \$93,000 to the Infrastructure/ Building Reserve
- \$20,000 to the Library Infrastructure Reserve
- \$20,000 to the Plant Reserve
- \$100,000 to the Investment Reserve (newly created reserve)

Investment Strategy

During the next financial year, Council will be considering the adoption of a long-term Investment Strategy to diversify our income sources and reduce our reliance on rate-payer charges.

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

Best wishes,
Cr Rachel Thomas
Shire President



There is Australia wide concern about this as evidenced by the article in the December 2021 edition of "Australian Birdlife" published by Birdlife Australia.

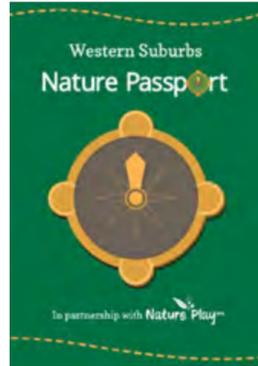
The problem is serious because products containing SGARs are freely available in local hardware stores. According to Birdlife Australia the most common SGARs are Brodifacoum, Bromadiolone, Difenacoum, Difethialone and Flocoumafen but there are others.

Save our Owls – Rodent Poison Products

The Shire of Peppermint Grove has sought support through the WA Local Government Association to undertake a campaign with the State Government to take urgent action to legislate to restrict the sale of Second Generation Anti-coagulant Rodenticides (SGARs).

SGARs are having a devastating effect on owls, other raptors, reptiles, and other animals including pets because of secondary poisoning. SGARs are slow to breakdown. As a result, if a mouse or rat eats the poison and is then consumed, for example by an owl, the owl is consuming a lethal snack and it will die from SGAR poisoning.

Get Exploring with Nature Passport



The Shire of Peppermint Grove in partnership with other Western Suburb Councils has created a Nature Passport of the Whadjuk Walking Trails.

Research shows that spending time outdoors is an essential part of a healthy, well-balanced childhood. Nature Passport is designed to guide families through outdoor play, learning, and exploration together – creating fun memories while inspiring lifelong stewardship behaviours.

Nature Passport encourages and motivates children to have fun engaging with their environment wherever that may be - from backyards and city parks, to beaches and other wild places. With activities designed by experts in outdoor play and experiential education, the app is a robust tool for both families and classrooms.

Access the Nature Passport Web App on your phone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer through your web browser.

Start exploring Nature Passport today! Log on to naturepassport.org

Visit: whadjukwalkingtrails.org.au for more information.

Rates Notice Payment Options

Instalment Options	Date Due	Instalment Plan Admin Charge
Option one		
Single full payment	23/08/2022	\$0
Option two		
First Instalment	23/08/2022	
Second Instalment	25/10/2022	\$15
Option three		
First instalment	23/08/2022	
Second instalment	25/10/2022	\$15
Third instalment	3/01/2023	\$15
Fourth instalment	7/03/2023	\$15

Peppermint Grove Public Tree Management Strategy 2022

The strategy has been developed to ensure Peppermint Grove retains its treasured leafy ambience through sound management of trees that are managed by the Shire. It also provides guidance for the care, protection and preservation of Shire trees, as well as defining the circumstances in relation to tree removal and development applications.

Please download a copy from the shire's website www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au

Local Heritage Conservation Grants Scheme

On behalf of the local community the Shire continues to find ways of supporting the protection of our local heritage.

A conservation grant is now available from the Shire to support applicants to undertake repairs and maintenance work which will conserve the heritage value of their heritage listed properties. Applicants will need to demonstrate their projects will preserve the heritage fabric of the building and contribute to the streetscape of the Shire to be eligible for the grants scheme. Eligible properties must be privately owned and on the Local Planning Scheme 4 heritage list.

This scheme is to encourage and support owners in their quest to conserve and repair their heritage property.

Find out more at www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au

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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

Children's Book Week 2022

August will be bursting with students as the library comes alive for Children's Book Week 2022. During this time schools and The Grove Library spend one glorious week celebrating books and Australian children's authors and illustrators.

This year we are delighted to host; Michael Speechley, Kylie Howarth, Aska-Visual Storyteller, Gavin Aung Than and Gabriel Evans.



PLC Tech help time



Your problems are solved.

No matter how LARGE or SMALL your query is, with a smart phone, iPad, tablet, laptop, computer; the PLC students look forward to supporting you.

Where: The Grove Library

When: Every Tuesday

Dates: 3rd Semester – 2nd August to 20th September

4th Semester – 18th October to 6th December

Time: 4.00pm - 5.00pm

No appointments necessary.

Extended hours to Study at the Library!



Need more study time? We have you covered.

Where: The Grove Library

When: Every Sunday

Dates: 16th October to 6th November

Time: 9.00am - 12.00 noon

Strictly for: Years 11, 12 & University ONLY

Young Writers Creative Writing Competition 2022



Take the challenge! Be creative! Be wild!

A great opportunity for all budding young writers. 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 at local schools in Peppermint Grove, Cottesloe and Mosman Park.

Competition opens: Mon 11th July 2022

Competition closes: Sun 30th October 2022

Strictly for: Year 1 to Year 7.

FREE TO ENTER

School holiday activities



The Grove Library runs events for kids every school holiday. These sessions are fun and interactive. Events are suitable for children aged 5 to 11 years.

Bookings are essential and open 2 weeks before the start of the holidays, please contact the library to book.

To keep up to date with school holiday activities and other library events subscribe to the Grove Library Kids email list, you can do this by emailing library@thegrovelibrary.com or ask when next in the library.



Ukraine Crisis Appeal

The Ukrainian people have shown extraordinary bravery and resilience defending their right to exist, their right to choose their own government and their right to live peacefully in their own cities, towns and villages.

The world is witnessing a humanitarian crisis caused by the unprovoked invasion of a sovereign country. Anyone who believes in democracy, the rule of law and human rights cannot fail to have been horrified both by the invasion itself and by the indiscriminate aggression and cruelty shown by the Russian forces. We look to the international community to ensure that those responsible for crimes against humanity are brought to justice.

In support of the people of Ukraine, Council has made a donation of \$2000 for humanitarian assistance to the Red Cross Ukraine Appeal.

Whipper Snippers, Leaf Blowers and Grass Cuttings

Occasionally Shire staff have observed lawn mowing contractors taking the option of blowing lawn clippings and leaves onto the road rather than cleaning them up for disposal.

Not only does this leave a mess behind, eventually the debris finds its way into the drainage system increasing pit cleaning costs.

To avoid these issues, please ensure your mowing contractor or gardener cleans up properly and uses the GO green bin provided for disposal of greenwaste.

There is also the issue of 'over enthusiastic' gardeners aggressively whipper snipping around the base of street trees and damaging the bark. This practice can be detrimental to the health of the trees and in extreme cases may result in ringbarking.

This damage can be easily avoided by the machine operator simply taking a little extra care when working near street trees.

Leake Street of Yesteryear

It's difficult to imagine how Leake Street looked at the turn of the twentieth century. But let's try! For a start it was unmade, dry and exceedingly dusty.

It was also smelly and you had to watch where you put your feet! In fact, it was one of the worst streets in the district - known for its stench and for the rubbish lying around.

In 1901 only 56 of a total of 151 homes in Peppermint Grove were using a licensed sanitary service to take away their sewerage.

It was left up to the individual: They could pay for a service or dispose of their human and domestic waste on their own property.

Essentially they could do with it what they wanted!



Some buried their sewage; others did nothing. In September of 1902 cases of typhoid were common. How far we have come since then and what a contrast to the stunning streetscape of today with the beautiful shade of the Peppermint Trees.