



## A message from the Shire President

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Major capital works – the budget provides for \$1m in capital works. The major projects include:

- Resealing Leake Street from The Grove to View Street roundabout.
- Resealing part of Johnston Street (precise area and timing to be scheduled in tandem with Watercorp pipe replacement project for the street to minimise disruption).
- Construction of the river wall headland at the bottom of Leake Street to prevent erosion. Scheduled for October/November.
- Upgrade of remote geothermal monitoring to The Grove.
- Widening of the footpath beside the library from Leake Street to Hurstford Close.

**Planning - Activity Centre** - The budget provides \$40,000 for the first phase of development planning for the Cottesloe Central site which was rezoned to an Activity Centre in the Local Planning Scheme introduced in 2017. This will be subject to a further report to Council. It is intended that the plan would be done in partnership with the Town of Cottesloe who are progressing strategic planning for their town centre area.

**Assistance for heritage-listed property owners** – The Council recognises that heritage properties make a significant contribution to the character, amenity and value of the Shire. We have budgeted to introduce a Heritage Support Scheme to assist the owners of heritage-listed properties through the provision of external heritage advice and modest matching grants. The key focus would be on the street amenity of the property and structural integrity. It is not intended that the support would be for internal works unless these are of a structural nature required to preserve the property. The Council is currently working through the details to draw up a policy which will

be advertised for community consultation and feedback.

**Manners Hill Pavilion Restoration** – Funds have been provided in the budget to repaint the pavilion in its original heritage colours and, subject to costs, to install feature lighting.

**Community** - An amount of \$5,000 has been set aside to commence a review of the Shire's Community Strategic Plan. The budget continues to provide funding for our major events of Halloween, Carols by Candlelight and Australia Day. The budget also provides \$20,000 for the replacement and enhancement of Christmas decorations in the Shire. Council continues to provide financial support to SHINE Community Services for the provision of services to older residents in the Shire.

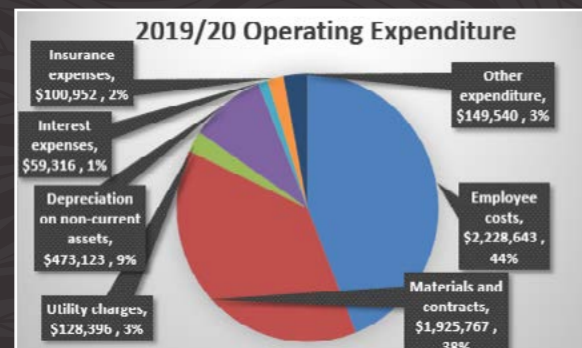
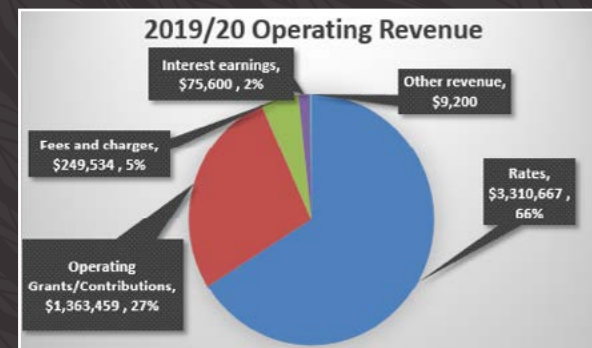
**Loans and reserve funds** - The Shire has not taken out any new loans and the reserve fund balances are projected to be \$118 million as at 30 June 2020. The largest reserve fund is the Building/Infrastructure reserve with a projected balance of \$645,000 at 30 June 2020.

**The full budget is available on the Shire's website at [www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au](http://www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au). If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Shire on 9286 8600.**

Best wishes,

**Cr Rachel Thomas | Shire President**

### Graphs comparing 2019/20 expected operating revenues and expenditures



## Shire Traffic Review

The Shire recently commissioned a review of the traffic flow on View, Leake and Johnston Streets, collecting data such as the number of vehicles, the speed they travel and the time of the day at set locations.

This information was compared against previous counts in Peppermint Grove and compared with statistics for the overall Perth metropolitan area.

**Some of the key findings from the 2019 traffic review were:**

- Overall the incidence and severity of recorded crashes is low, and the number of crashes per annum has decreased.
- Whilst the historic traffic speed data suggests that speed limits are typically gradually decreasing, the occasional maximum recorded speeds have typically increased. This opposing trend suggests the issue is behavioural with some drivers deliberately choosing to drive at high speed in contravention of WA speed and hoon behaviour laws and this issue should be best treated by law enforcement by the WA Police.
- The Shire has a mobile variable message speed display device that will be located periodically along View Street, between Irvine Street and Keane Street to alert drivers to their speed at times along the street. This will assist to highlight the need to reduce speeds along this road section to the local community.

## SNAP SEND SOLVE a handy app

For your convenience and prompt service, please download the handy app, Snap Send Solve and use this to report any issues to the Shire.

Please note that for issues such as a faulty street light, please report directly to Western Power on 138138 or report directly onto their website at [www.mywesterpower.com.au/streetlight-issues](http://www.mywesterpower.com.au/streetlight-issues)

## The Advocare Information Hub

A representative from Advocare will be located in the Flax Room at The Grove library every Thursday during August.

Residents wishing to obtain advice and have their questions answered the topics below are encouraged to make bookings for this service that will be available every Thursday morning during August between 9.30am-11.30am.

**To make a booking, please phone The Grove library on 9286 8686.**

### Shire of Peppermint Grove

Shire Office, 1 Leake Street, Peppermint Grove  
PO Box 221, Cottesloe WA 6911

**Office Hours:** 8.30am-5.00pm Monday to Friday

**Telephone:** 9286 8600

**Email:** [admin@peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au](mailto:admin@peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au)

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## Pooch Protocols #1



The Shire provides bio-degradable bags for responsible dog owners to collect and take their dog waste for disposal.

It is an offense to litter and offenders (the owner not the pooch) will be prosecuted for all breaches. We would probably all agree waste is not only unsightly and a risk

to clean shoes; it adds to those pollutants entering our drains and waterways.

Our riverside, streets and parks are kept to a high standard and so we need to all do our bit to keep up this standard of care and to show it through our civic behaviour.

## Event room for hire – the Grove Community Centre

The Grove Community Centre has some limited availability mainly on evenings and weekends. This space has fully integrated Audio Visual Systems with Tables and chairs provided. It includes a well-equipped kitchen, air-conditioning and accessible toilets. There is access to an outdoor courtyard with shade umbrellas.

The room can seat 80 people theatre style or set up with table and chair groupings for more intimate meetings and workshops.

Please note this venue is **not** available for hire for private events, parties or functions.

To check availability and book the room please contact the Facility & Program Co-ordinator at The Grove Library on 9286 8686 or email: [comcentre@thegrovelibrary.com](mailto:comcentre@thegrovelibrary.com)

Advocare can advise on:

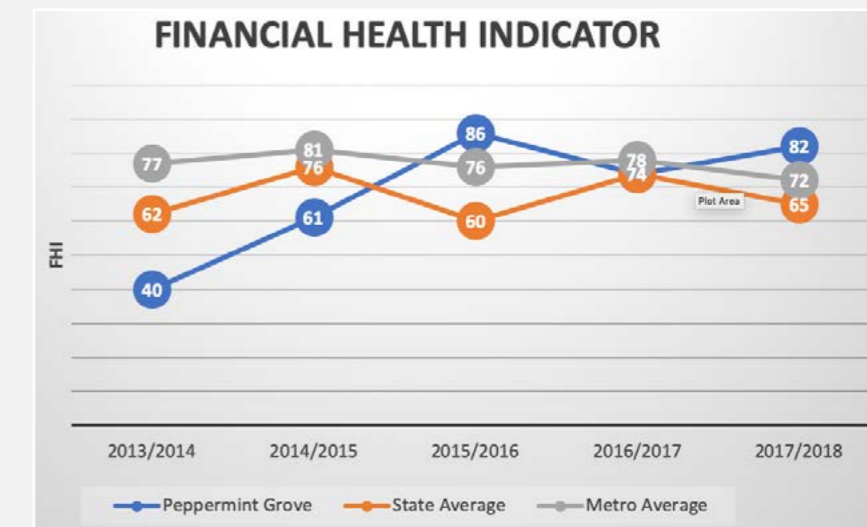
- Accessing home care and residential care services
- Protecting your rights and making a complaint
- How to recognise and respond to elder abuse
- What is Advocare and what do we do?
- Responding to questions about your care and the care of your loved ones.

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## A message from the Shire President

2019/2020 Budget



The Financial Health Indicator (FHI) is a measurement of a local government's overall financial health. An FHI result of 70+ indicates sound financial health. The maximum result achievable is 100.

Council adopted the Shire's 2019/2020 budget at a Special Council Meeting held on 2 July 2019. Total projected revenue for 2019/2020 is \$5.37 million of which rates make up \$3.31 million. Operating expenditure will be \$5.06 million.

The budget provides for a rate increase of one percent which the Council considers is in keeping with community expectations for the Shire to be prudent and restrained on rate increases whilst at the same time ensuring that services are maintained and, where possible, enhanced. Key outcomes from the budget for

2019/2020 include the following:

### Environmental Sustainability Improvements

**Solar** - the budget provides for the installation of a total of 100kw of solar panels to service the library and administration centre. These panels will replace the original 20kw installed when the building was built ten years ago. This will generate up to \$40,000 in electricity savings and reduce CO2 emissions by 100,000kg per annum.

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# Freshwater Bay Erosion Control Project

Freshwater Bay has long been a popular recreation area used by families, walkers, swimmers, dog owners, divers, stand-up paddle boarders, recreational boaters and people just wanting a pleasant shady place to sit or read a book.



NB: Drawing is an artist impression only and is not to scale.

In recent years a section of the Freshwater Bay foreshore near Leake Street has become badly eroded and remedial work is required to preserve the foreshore and minimise further damage.

The Shire is pleased to announce that after community consultation, it recently secured State Government funding through a Riverbank grant from Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions to undertake important works in this section of Freshwater Bay aimed at addressing erosion and other related issues. Construction is scheduled to start in spring in order to take advantage of the favourable weather and tidal conditions.

## Thank you very Mulch!

Want to see an example of closed-loop recycling in action? Look no further than the West Metro Recycling Centre, which now offers free mulch to its Member Council residents and local not-for-profit organisations!

The free mulch is a great example of closed-loop recycling where residents get rewarded for their recycling efforts. The mulch is processed from green waste delivered to the West Metro Recycling Centre and from WMRC's member councils, reducing water and fertiliser use and is available from the West Metro Recycling Centre 7 days a week.

This offer applies to residents in the Shire of Peppermint Grove, Town of Cottesloe, Town of Mosman Park, Town of Claremont and City of Subiaco. Visit the WMRC website at [www.wmrc.wa.gov.au/news/thank-you-very-mulch](http://www.wmrc.wa.gov.au/news/thank-you-very-mulch) or call or call them on 93844003 during office hours.

## Volunteers Wanted

The Carols by Candlelight committee is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to ensure that Carols by Candlelight can be enjoyed by everyone in 2019 and beyond. Do you have a few hours to spare in the months leading up to Christmas? If you can see yourself working with a friendly, like-minded group of people to organise this much appreciated and well-attended community event, please contact Vanessa O'Brien at [cdo@peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au) for more details.



Westcoast Community Centre (WCC) has been a hub of community learning and activity in the area for over 25 years.

Situated in The Grove Library Precinct, WCC is committed to provide an eclectic range of learning and social opportunities to the local community. Dedicated volunteers work behind the scenes to deliver an engaging programme each term including a range of arts and crafts, cooking demonstrations, opportunities for people to discover more about our beautiful city and its environs and a diverse range of high-profile speakers.

Special events in Term 3 include a "Getting to Know You" morning tea, a mini golf outing, an art studio visit and a visit to the WA Racing Museum among other interesting events.

For more information or to enrol for any of the activities, please visit [www.westcoastcommunity.com.au](http://www.westcoastcommunity.com.au)

## WMRC Recycle Hotline 9384 6711

Unsure of what you can recycle? Clarification on items accepted at the West Metro Recycling Centre and how to recycle items that do not go in the recycling bin are the most frequent questions, but perhaps you have some questions of your own?

**For all your recycling queries, call the WMRC Recycling Hotline on 9384 6711.**

## Your Shire Councillors

Please see below your Elected Members for the Shire of Peppermint Grove

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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 to Wednesday 9am - 6pm  
Thursday 9am - 8pm  
Friday 9am - 6pm  
Saturday 9am - 4pm  
Sunday 12noon - 4pm

**Chapter 1 café hours**  
Monday to Friday 7.30am-3pm

**Join Our Email List**  
Get advance notice of new books and upcoming events by sending a request to [library@thegrovelibrary.com](mailto:library@thegrovelibrary.com)

## Tech Help @ The Grove

**Friday mornings 10 - 12 noon**

For drop in help with devices, e-books, applications and more, The Grove Library can help with computer technology, from complete beginners to those struggling with a device or app. No bookings required.

**Wednesday mornings**

For a simple introduction to computers and the internet, beginners can sign up for workshops held on Wednesday mornings. Contact the library on 9286 8686 to check when the next course is starting.

**Tuesdays 4-5pm**

Where: Tech space in the library  
Starts: Third term  
No matter how BIG or SMALL your query is with smartphone-iPad-tablet-computer, the PLC girls look forward to supporting YOU



## Young Writers Creative Writing Competition 2019

'You're only limited by your imagination'.

No story is too ordinary or astonishing, just put pen to paper and let your imagination run wild.

Your story can be about anything, with a limit of 400 words or less and one entry per student. Opens 8th July 2019.

The competition is open to all young writers in Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove and Mosman Park, and students at local schools. It is free to enter, and the deadline is Sunday 12 October 2019.

## Library News - Winter

**The Great Winter Book Sale**

The Grove will be running its Great Winter Book Sale in August. This is the perfect opportunity to find some cheap reads including a great selection of non-fiction! When: Monday 26th August – Friday 6th September.

**Children's Book Week 2019**

Running from Monday 19 August to Friday 23 August 2019; the library has gathered together a super special group of authors and illustrators for local students to meet over the week.

Guests include:  
Glenn B Swift - storyteller.  
Sian Turner - author and presenter.  
Aska - book illustrator.  
Kylie Howarth - author and illustrator.

**Cottesloe Primary School - School Art Exhibition 2019**

To celebrate the excellent of art making and creativity, The Grove Library is delighted to exhibit art works from students from Cottesloe Primary School.

Personally put together by Cottesloe's art teacher, Louise Jones, the exhibition

reveals many influences that students have been introduced to throughout the year. The exhibition will be running throughout 19th-30th October in the library.

**October School Holidays**

Spring & Nature come together during the October school holidays for an environmental experience. Kids can join in our fun, holiday activities. The program will be available as the school holidays approach.

**The Grove Library Kids Website 2019**

Revamped for 2019, The Grove Library Kids, is a site for kids and their families to see a window into the wonderful selection of books available through The Grove Library.

**Halloween 2019**

On Thursday 31st October from 5pm onwards, dress up and join us for a fun, family BBQ at The Grove library with Spooky Disco, Photo booth, Spooky Maze, a Halloween costume competition, sausage sizzle and other fun guests from 5pm.



# — What's On in Peppermint Grove —

## Seniors' Week Morning Tea - 13 November

Seniors Week 2019 is a special time of celebration for Western Australian seniors. From Sunday 10 November to Sunday 17 November, events and activities are held across Western Australia to acknowledge seniors and show our appreciation for their valued contribution to society.



In honour of our Peppermint Grove seniors, there will be a morning tea at the Mosman Park Bowling Club which includes entertainment and a high-tea style morning tea for senior residents on Wednesday 13 November.

**For more information contact Vanessa O'Brien at the Shire of on 92868600 or email [cdo@peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au).**

## Citizen of the Year 2020

Each year on Australia Day, the Community Citizen of the Year Awards give local government around the state the opportunity to acknowledge the contribution and celebrate community engagement of people and groups within the community.

Please supply photo

Awards can be presented to people who live, work or volunteer in the Shire. If you wish to consider nominating someone in the Shire of Peppermint Grove for all the outstanding community work that they do, please visit [citizenshipawards.com.au](http://citizenshipawards.com.au) to nominate now for an award that will be presented on 26 January, 2020. Nominations will close at the end of October 2019.



## This Month at SHINE

**SHINE Community Services Flexible Respite Care**

Are you providing regular and ongoing care to a family member, friend or neighbour? If so, SHINE's flexible respite care can assist you with taking a break from your caring role. Respite care can be provided either in your home or taking your family member, friend or neighbour on a social outing with an experienced staff member. Prior approval, from My Aged Care 1800 200 422, is required to book SHINE's respite care services. To find out more, please chat with Sally on 9253 5555.

**FREE trial at SHINE's Social Club**

We welcome new members to try SHINE's Social Club, open Monday to Friday, 10.30 am to 2.30 pm daily, with hearty home cooked meals provided and transport available. SHINE is delighted to report that we have been working closely with Alzheimer's WA over the last six months to enhance the experience of people living with dementia who attend SHINE's Social Club. Attending SHINE's Social Club gives you a break and a safe place for your loved one to enjoy a day outing. To book your FREE trial day, please phone Jacqui or Jamie on 9253 5555.

## Dates for your diary

**Thursday 8, 15, 22 and 29 August**  
Advocate in the Flax Room at the library.

**Monday 26 August 2019**  
Bulk Waste/Green Waste Collection

**September/October 2019**  
Candidates information session – Local Government elections. [Date to be advised]

**Saturday 19 October 2019**  
Council elections

**Thursday 31 October 2019**  
Halloween at The Grove

**Wednesday 13 November 2019**  
Seniors Week Morning Tea

**Monday 9 December 2019**  
Bulk Waste/Green Waste Collection

**Sunday 15 December 2019**  
Carols by Candlelight