

Annual Rate Information 2021/2022

Message from Shire President, Geoff Haerewa



The Shire's 2021/22 annual budget provides a foundation for improved service delivery and reasonable levels of capital refurbishments to occur.

This year's rates have been calculated to better support the cost of providing essential services such as waste management, climate change initiatives and improved road infrastructure.

The Shire understands that rate payers have been under financial pressure these last few challenging years and we are

working to strike a balance that provides for the delivery of essential services and projects that will sustain our communities for many years to come.

Council has delivered a robust and responsible budget that reflects an ongoing commitment to investment into infrastructure, asset management and projects that are important to our communities.

The Shire continues to lobby and advocate in the area of economic development and we have maintained a commitment to the Derby Port and the Curtin Airport, in an effort to drive economic development within the Shire.

We have grown our service delivery in the areas of Youth Services with Fitzroy Crossing coming online; the Aboriginal Health Program growing to include Mowanjumi; increased Community Development Engagement; and expanded Administration to improve our Customer experience in Fitzroy Crossing and Derby.

We have focused on improving our services and are continuing to provide a wide range of services to empower and inspire our communities such as;

- Libraries with digital capability in both Derby and Fitzroy Crossing;
- Expanded Youth Services and School Holiday Programs;
- Health and Fitness Programs; and
- Art and Cultural initiatives.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Community for their support of the Shire during these challenging times. We have all worked hard together to be safe and strong.

Thank you also to our Shire Councillors. All the very best to retiring Councillors Steve Ross and Chris Kloss. Cr Kloss has provided many years of service and we wish he and his wife Jenny all the very best in their future endeavours.




Development of the Strategic Community Plan



Youth Services expanded to cater for all ages and full weekend coverage



Derby Expo – record numbers and engagement



Recreation Services continue to grow!



KEY PROJECTS

\$ (approx.)



New shade shelters at both the Derby and the Fitzroy Crossing cemeteries

\$360,000



Resealing and reconstruction of Clarendon Street

\$480,000



Resealing and reconstruction of Fitzroy Street, including the intersection of Russ Street

\$390,000



Kerbing and footpath repairs and construction across Derby and Fitzroy Crossing

\$200,000



Miscellaneous Resealing Projects

\$292,000



Re-sheeting and reconstruction works on the Calwynyardah-Noonkanbah, Camballin, Noonkanbah-Millijidee, GNH-Gee Gully, Cherrabun, Silent Grove, Bell Gorge and Lennard Gorge Roads

\$1,572,000



Recreational vehicle dump points at Fitzroy Crossing and Derby

\$35,000



New access ramp at Wharfinger House

\$170,000

Understanding Your Rates

Rates are calculated for each property by multiplying its Gross Rental Value (GRV) or Unimproved Value (UV) which are provided by the Valuer General by the rate in the dollar. Each year Council adopts a rate in the dollar (RID) as a part of budget considerations. The Council applies differential rating on the various rating categories to ensure an equitable rating level for all rate payers. In 2021/2022 Council resolved to adopt the below rates in the dollar which have remained the same as advertised:

Description	RID (Expressed)	Min Payment
GRV General	\$0.129135	\$1,320
UV General	\$0.072801	\$610

Waste Management

Waste collection fees have been increased this financial year in order to more closely match the full costs of waste management which includes the kerbside collection (once weekly during dry season and twice weekly during wet season) and cyclone season verge collections. Refer to the Shire's website for collection days and waste management site fees and charges: www.sdwk.wa.gov.au.

Emergency Services Levy (ESL):

ESL is a levy imposed by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and collected on its behalf by local governments in WA.

Pensioner/Senior Rebate:

For an application to register for a rates concession, eligible ratepayers should contact the Water Corporation on 1300 659 951 or go to www.watercorporation.com.au. Please refer to the notes on the reverse of your annual rate notice for more details.

Register for e-Rates:

You can now receive your rate notices via email. To register for this service please email rates@sdwk.wa.gov.au – quoting your assessment number and email address.

Early Rates Incentive

Council offers a discount of 1.5% on general rates if all rates (including rubbish rates and ESL Levy) are paid in full on or before 21 days from date of issue.

