



# Annual Rate Information 2022/2023

#### Message from Shire President, Geoff Haerewa



The 2022/23 budget will continue the momentum of the past year. Our focus is on maintaining our assets by ensuring our much-loved places and spaces can be enjoyed for years to come.

We are preparing for and investing in our future by delivering and supporting projects, events, programs and initiatives that diversify our economy, connect our community, protect our environment and support a healthy-active Shire.

With a reworked capital works program, prioritising the most important and impactful projects, and a Budget that supports resilient and sustainable operations. It gives me pleasure to present the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley Budget for the 2022-2023 financial year.

As a Council we remain committed to supporting residents and ratepayers through our commitment to careful planning for the future. The Budget has been prepared in a financially responsible way that delivers services to the community and reflects that most activity will return to normal after COVID-19 interruptions over the past two years.

Accordingly, Council has committed to a 3.8% rate increase in GRV and 9.2% in UV rates. The Council also continues to be one of the only councils in WA to offer a discount (1.5%) for ratepayers who pay in full by the due date.

As in previous years, the 2022–2023 Budget includes funding for local Youth and Crime Prevention and support programs with over \$1M committed across Derby and Fitzroy Crossing.

We continue to commit extensive resources lobbying on behalf of the communities in the areas of Juvenile Justice, safe spaces for young people, alternative education opportunities and job pathways. These are areas that our community tell us are important to them and have been identified as priorities.

Approximately \$10.5M has been budgeted for the infrastructure capital works program for community facilities, parks, environment, streetscapes, roads, footpaths and drainage. The Budget ensures we continue our activities in community and economic development, as well as the creative arts and place making activities.

As your Council, we are focused on communicating well, and delivering excellence in our services to the community. With the support of our residents and businesses, the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley continues to be "a place where people want to live, invest, visit and return to"!



# 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 2022/2023 Council resolved to adopt the below rates in the dollar which have remained the same as advertised:

Description	RID (Expressed)	Min Payment
GRV General	\$0.134042	\$1,520.00
UV General	\$0.079498	\$590.00

#### **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.

