

2021/22  
Information  
Guide



Shire of  
**Perenjori**  
Embrace Opportunity



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# Shire of Perenjori

## 2021/22 Budget Overview

Revenue - From ordinary activities	\$5,802,375
Non-operating grants, subsidies	\$1,242,607
Expenses - From ordinary activities	\$8,156,239

The Council has had considerable discussion on budget expenditures and projects and determined a rate increase of 2%. Rate income continues to be below the 10-year plan.

The total budgeted rate income for 2021/2022 is \$2,988,225, compared to the budgeted rate income of \$2,817,722 in 2020/21.

### Rates

The rate in the dollar has been set to reflect the valuation of UV & GRV properties as follows:

Rate in \$	2020/21	2021/22
UV Rural	1.9000	1.9380
UV Mining	34.2550	34.9401
GRV Townsite	8.2712	8.4366
GRV Mining	8.2712	8.4366
Exploration	25.5000	26.0100

### Minimum Rates

UV Rural	\$349.00	\$356.00
UV Mining	\$349.00	\$356.00
GRV Townsite	\$349.00	\$356.00
GRV Mining	\$349.00	\$356.00
Exploration	\$349.00	\$356.00

### Rubbish Charges

Eligible Pensioner	\$170.00	\$170.00
Domestic or Commercial Bin	\$340.00	\$340.00

## Summary of Income and Expenditure



	Governance .....	\$28,396
	General Purpose Funding .....	\$4,691,020
	Law, Order, Public Safety .....	\$153,756
	Health .....	\$2,500
	Education and Welfare .....	\$80,000
	Housing .....	\$140,000
	Community Amenities .....	\$36,000
	Recreation and Culture .....	\$5,050
	Transport .....	\$242,343
	Economic Services .....	\$282,000
	Other Property and Services .....	\$68,000



	Governance .....	\$309,856
	General Purpose Funding .....	\$199,827
	Law, Order, Public Safety .....	\$523,809
	Health.....	\$151,918
	Education and Welfare .....	\$552,703
	Housing .....	\$178,205
	Community Amenities.....	\$703,836
	Recreation and Culture .....	\$1,555,612
	Transport .....	\$2,899,917
	Economic Services .....	\$986,393
	Other Property and Services.....	\$37,061

## Significant Projects

### Perenjori Pavilion Upgrade

An upgrade to the Change Rooms at the Pavilion will be completed in the 2021/2022 financial year and be a significant improvement on current facilities. Also included in this Pavilion upgrade is purchase of a generator to allow for the venue to be used as a functional evacuation centre in the case of any future natural disasters.

### Tourist Shelters

Upgrades to tourist sites will be implemented with the installation of shelters over existing picnic tables and seating at tourist sites such as Camel Soak, Latham Recreation Centre and Maya, along with shaded seating alongside the Village Green.

### Shire Housing

Council is committed to maintaining quality housing stock and have made Budget allocation for the construction of a two-bedroom, two-bathroom dwelling within the Perenjori townsite.

### Caravan Park Accommodation

The growth in tourism and mining activity has significantly increased the demand for quality self-contained accommodation in Perenjori. A low-interest loan from the WA Treasury of \$500,000 will enable the construction of new Chalets at the Caravan Park to retain visitors in town which in turn benefits the local economy.

### Grocery Store

Capital expenditure of \$800,000 from the Mt Gibson Infrastructure Fund has been allocated in the Budget for development of a purpose-built grocery store.

### Road Program

Council reviews its road network each year by carrying out road inspections. The roads program for 2021-2022 has been developed at a total cost of \$3,373,357 and is funded by:

Direct Grant	\$233,843
Regional Road Group Funding	\$707,667
Roads to Recovery Funding	\$534,940
Council Own Source Funding	\$975,465
Grants Commission – Untied Road Grant	\$921,442



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## Reserve Funds

The estimated Reserve Funds balance as at 30th June 2022 is \$2,703,985. The decrease in reserve funds is due to funding required to secure a community shop, plant replacement and new computer hardware and software for administration.

## Borrowings

The 2021-2022 budget makes provision for a new loan to the value of \$500,000 with Council looking to acquire 2 x two-bedroom chalets to be situated at the Caravan Park. Council will also be contributing its own source funding for the purchase of these new chalets.

## Rates Charges and Instalments

A 2% rate increase across all the Shire rating categories has been included in the budget for this financial year. Any reduction and or increase in the annual charges (other than the 2% applied by Council) will be due to movement in your property valuation provided by the Valuer General's Office.

The 10% discount for rates paid by 11th October 2021 continues to apply. No further discounts apply. The discount does not apply to properties that are on minimum rates.

Overdue interest will accrue daily at 7% per annum from 11th October 2021 for current rates and charges. Overdue interest will accrue daily at 7% per annum from 1st July 2021 on arrears. Debt collection will occur on all outstanding and overdue rates and charges.

Ratepayers may also choose to pay their rates through four instalments. No discounts apply to rates paid by instalments.

1st Instalment	11th October 2021
2nd Instalment	13th December 2021
3rd Instalment	14th February 2022
4th Instalment	19th April 2022

**An administration fee is charged for assessments choosing to pay via instalments.**  
**If you are having difficulty paying your rates, please contact the Shire Rates Officer.**



# Elected Members

Following results of the Local Government Election held on 17 October 2020, seven newly Elected Members were sworn in at a Special Meeting of Council held on 20 October 2020, including election of the Shire President and Deputy Shire President.

Each Councillor will hold office until the following dates:

<b>Cr Chris King</b> (Shire President)	21 Oct 2023
<b>Cr Jude Sutherland</b> (Deputy Shire President)	21 Oct 2023
<b>Cr Brian Baxter</b>	21 Oct 2023
<b>Cr Daniel Bradford</b>	21 Oct 2023
<b>Cr Colin Bryant</b>	16 Oct 2021
<b>Cr Les Hepworth</b>	16 Oct 2021
<b>Cr Phil Logue</b>	16 Oct 2021

The WA Electoral Commission will conduct the 2021 Local Government postal vote election on 16 October 2021.

# Executive Management

<b>Mario Romeo</b>	Chief Executive Officer
<b>Nola Comerford-Smith</b>	Manager Corporate and Community Services
<b>Ken Markham</b>	Manager Infrastructure Services

# Pet Registrations

## Dog Registrations

Registration and micro-chipping costs are set by the State Government.

Dogs over 3 months of age must be registered. Dog registrations expire on the 31st October each year. Registration may be for a 1 or 3 year period or for life.

Registration	1 Yr	3 Yrs	Lifetime	After 31 May 1 Yr
Sterilised Dog	\$20	\$42.50	\$100	\$10
Unsterilised Dog	\$50	\$120	\$250	\$25
Working Dog	25% Discount			

## Cat Registrations

Registration and micro-chipping costs are set by the State Government. Cats over 6 months of age must be registered.

Registration	1 Yr	3 Yrs	Lifetime	After 31 May 1 Yr
Sterilised Cat	\$20	\$42.50	\$100	\$10
Breeding Cat	\$100		\$250	\$25

Applications for approval for a breeding cat must be sought from the Shire of Perenjori.

Eligible pensioners/seniors receive a 50% discount on dog and cat fees. If you are claiming dog or cat sterilisation fees, a sterilisation certificate must be presented upon registration.



# Fire Safety

## Prohibited Burning Period

1st November to 14th February

**STRICTLY NO BURNING**

## Restricted Burning Period

17th September to 31st October

15th February to 15th March

**PERMITS ARE REQUIRED**

Fire Control Officers are not obliged to issue permits. Permits cannot be issued over the phone and should a Fire Control Officer refuse to issue a permit, it is a breach of the Bush Fires Act 1954 to request a permit from another Fire Control.

## Fire Break Notice

### Section 33 B F A

First and final notice is hereby served to all residents and ratepayers. Failure to install and maintain firebreaks in accordance with this notice may result in a \$5,000 fine.



## Fire Break Guide

### Tree plantations of more than 3 hectares but less than 10 hectares

Construct a 10m wide mineral earth firebreak with a vertical clearance of 4m high; clear of all inflammable material immediately surrounding the plantation (adjacent areas of the same property subject to provisions as for rural land)

### Plantations larger than 10 hectares

Must comply with the Code of Practice for Timber Plantations in the Western Australia Guideline for Plantation Fire Protection. A copy is available from the Shire of Perenjori upon request.

## Penalties

Failure to maintain a firebreak per firebreak order	\$250
Offence relating to lighting a fire in the open air	\$250
Setting fire to bush during prohibited burning period	\$250
Failure of Occupier to extinguish a bushfire	\$250
Refusal to state name and abode or stating a false name and abode	\$100

## Bush Fires Act 1954 As Amended

Notice is hereby given to all landowners/occupiers within the Shire of Perenjori that fire-breaks must be installed on or by 1st October and flammable material maintained up to and including 15th March as per the requirements of Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954.

### **PROPERTIES WILL BE INSPECTED TO ENSURE THEY COMPLY WITH COUNCILS REQUIREMENTS.**

#### 1. Townsites

On or before 1st October all town lots within the town sites of Perenjori, Bowgada, Bunjil, Caron, Latham and Maya are required to be treated as follows. Where the area of land is less than 3,000m<sup>2</sup>, the property must be cleared, mowed, slashed to a MAXIMUM height of 4.5 cm of all flammable material.

Where the area of the land is 3,000m<sup>2</sup> or more, a firebreak must be provided not less than 3 metres in width inside and along the whole of the external boundaries of the properties owned or occupied and all flammable material must be cleared to a 3m distance from all buildings and/or haystacks situated on the land and maintained free of such material until the 15th March.

#### 2. Fuel Pumps (fuel storage sites)

On or before the 1st October all grass and similar material is to be cleared from such places where fuel is stored/ located and where drums, empty or full, are stored and such areas to be maintained cleared of grass and similar flammable material until 15th March.

#### 3. Farm Buildings and Unattended Electric Motors and Hay Stacks

Fire breaks to be at least 3 metres in width completely surrounding and not more than 20 metres from the perimeter of any building, group of buildings or haystacks,. All flammable material must be removed from an area 3



metres in width immediately surrounding the building. All flammable material must be removed from an area 3 metres in width immediately surrounding an unattended electric motor site.

#### 4. Unattended Fuel Operated Motors

All flammable material must be removed from an area 3 metres in width immediately surrounding an unattended fuel operated motor whether the motor is intended to be used or not.

#### 5. Rural Land

Firebreaks must be provided not less than 3 metres in width inside and along the whole of the external boundaries of the properties owned or occupied. Where this is not practicable the firebreaks must be provided as near as possible to, and within, such boundaries.

#### 6. Barbeques and Incinerators

Gas and electric barbeques are permitted any time. Solid fuel barbeques and incinerators are PROHIBITED on days of VERY HIGH FIRE DANGER or above.

#### 7. Penalty

The penalty for failing to comply with this notice is a fine of up to \$400 and a person in default is also liable, whether prosecuted or not, to pay the cost of performing the work in this notice, if it is not carried out by the owner or Occupier by the date required by this notice.



# Bush Fire Contacts

## Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Phil Page                      Tel: 9973 1137      Mob: 0458 731 111

## Perenjori Town (UHF 11)

Jason King                      Tel: 9973 1137      Mob: 0427 734 005

## Latham (UHF 11)

Brian Campbell      Tel: 9973 6073      Mob: 0428 736 008

## Harvesting Operations

1. Harvesting operations are not permitted on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day. A separate fire fighting fire appliance is required to be present anywhere that harvesting, chaining, raking stubble, straw baling and associated allied activities are undertaken during restricted and prohibited periods. The fire fighting unit must be in a state of readiness and have a minimum capacity of 400 litres of water, a powered pump and hose. The farm fire fighting unit should be parked on bare ground in or near the harvesting or working area.
2. A Harvesting and Movement and Use of Internal Combustion Engines ban (except for the watering and movement of stock) will be imposed when the actual weather conditions reach a Fire Danger Index rating of 35 or above for the weather stations of two Bush Fire Control Officers. All such bans are at the discretion of the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer or a Duly Appointed person.

## Harvest Ban Information Line 9478 5677

If a ban has been imposed, all persons registered will be sent a text message advising of details. Contact 9973 0100 to be added to this contact list. Bans may be broadcast on the following radio stations:

ABC State wide AM, WAFM 90.9, Radio West 864 AM





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