

Shire President's Message

I am pleased to present the Shire of Denmark's **2022/2023 Annual Budget**.

Just like all Western Australian businesses and households, we expect to face continually testing economic conditions in the year ahead. Despite this, as we look forward, our focus on service delivery for our community remains steadfast.

Our key focus areas in 22/23 will be roads and waste. The **Capital Works Program** will see our team progress a suite of upgrades to our road, bridge and footpath networks. Just like our roads, our waste service delivery is a key component of our day-to-day work at the Shire so we are committed to continue working hard to deliver a **sustainable waste management** service for the benefit of our entire community.

In addition to delivering on our roads and waste commitments, Council is pleased to be **working towards objectives set out in our Sustainability Strategy and Action Plan**, adopted in 2021. By endorsing our Sustainability Strategy, we committed to be 'a leader and role model within the community in sustainable practices and carbon reduction initiatives; and will act as a facilitator for the community to transition to more sustainable outcomes'. With the creation of our Sustainable Projects committee and team, Council is on track to deliver a range of exciting projects aimed at achieving these outcomes for the benefit of our community and the environment.

Sustainable projects on our radar include **water reuse** for irrigation and **renewable energy infrastructure**, as well as continuing our work in **environmental education, environmental health monitoring and reporting**. We will continue to partner and work closely with external organisations, community groups and volunteers as we work collectively, as a community, towards a more sustainable future for Denmark.

We are pleased to once again be able to offer support to our community in this year's budget with **funding allocated to support local community groups and events** within through our Community Grants Program. By setting aside this funding support, Council acknowledges the vital role that community organisations play in enhancing the vibrancy and life of our Shire.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the hard work of staff and Councillors who have collaborated over many months to deliver this year's budget with measured consideration in very difficult circumstances.

Cr Ceinwen Gearon
Denmark Shire President

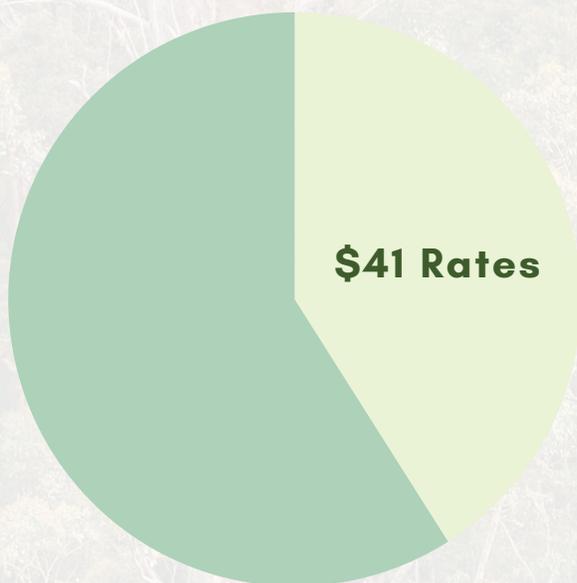


Every dollar counts.

Funds for the Shire of Denmark's annual operating budget are raised from a range of sources each year.

Ratepayers fund a portion of the Shire's budget to allow for investment in infrastructure and service delivery for the benefit of our community.

For every \$100 spent by the Shire of Denmark, just \$41 comes from ratepayers.



The remainder is made up by grants and contributions, fees and charges and other revenue.

Your rates revenue contributes to our work in five key areas on your behalf. These are **building and maintaining infrastructure**, protecting our **natural environment**, investing into **community life** and activities, **investing in the future** of our community and **Council activities**.

This includes our Capital and Public Works programs, Community Services initiatives including Library, Recreation, Community Development and Ranger services, sustainable development, fire prevention and much more.

Did you know?

Your rates go towards to of a lot more than you might think...

On average, we pick up **489 bins** every week in summer and **374 bins** every week in winter.



We also look after **136 public rubbish bins**, **two waste transfer facilities** and the **Container Deposit Scheme**.

We have **219km of sealed roads** and **435km unsealed roads** to grade and maintain.

That's on top of looking after **76km of walking trails** and **100km of paths**.



We maintain **114 buildings**, plus **19 public toilets**, **15 fire sheds**, **11 playgrounds** and **121 reserves**.



All of this and much more is delivered and maintained with your rates each year.