



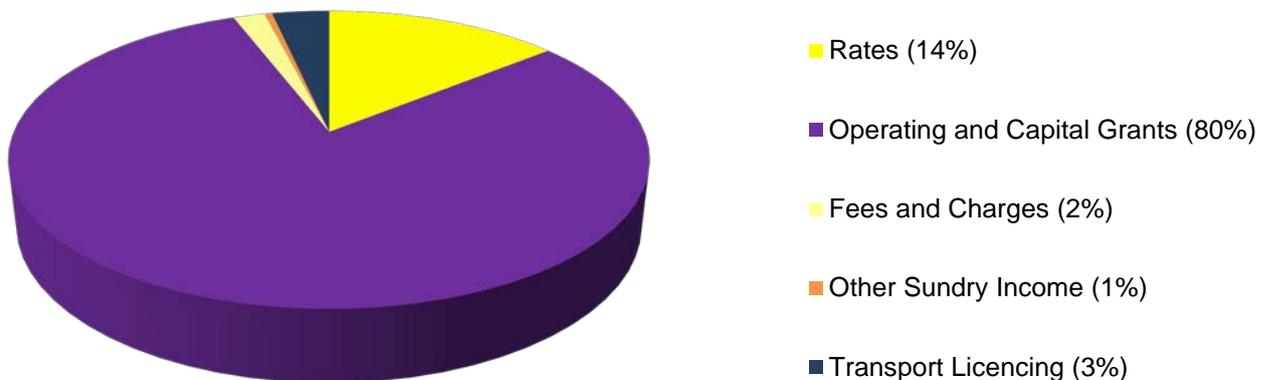
Shire of Mingenew Budget Summary and Rates Information – 2021/22

The Shire of Mingenew is a key provider of local services and is dedicated to providing and updating facilities, programs and support programs to cater for its current needs and future growth. While the Shire's population remains relatively stable, infrastructure and services continually need to be maintained, improved and renewed over a period of time.

The continued support from both Federal and State governments is important to our growth and accounts for almost 80% of the Shire's revenue and much of the infrastructure project funding for 2021/22. For the 2021/22 financial year the Shire will receive funding from the following State and Federal Agencies: Main Roads Western Australia, Roads to Recovery, Drought Communities Program, Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, Building Better Regions Fund, Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements WA and the Regional Road Safety Package. The funding for 2021/22 is a lot higher than in previous years due to: required repair to cyclone damaged infrastructure, shoulder widening along Mingenew Mullewa Road, the realignment of the intersection at Mingenew Morawa Road and Yandanooka North East Road and the replacement of the Coalseam Road bridge. The Shire of Mingenew must ensure that the provision of services takes place in an appropriate and sustainable manner and the Shire is continuing to work hard to ensure the needs of the physical and social environment are met.

Where does the money come from?

For the 2021/22 Financial Year the Shire of Mingenew has budgeted for a Total Comprehensive Income of \$14.57m, comprising operating and capital grants (80%), Rates (14%), Transport Licencing (3% - offset by Transport Licencing Expenditure), Fees and Charges (2%) and Other Sundry Income (1%). Depending on the level of grant funding for any particular year, these percentages may vary significantly.



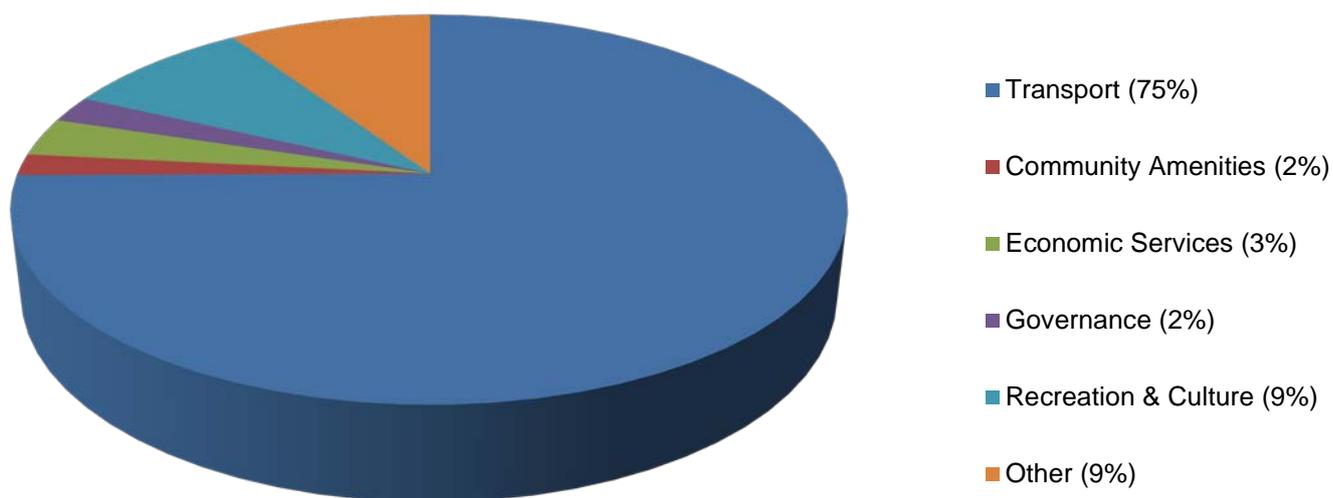
Where is the money spent?

All of the Shire's revenue is spent providing infrastructure and services to enhance the everyday lives for ratepayers and visitors. The Shire builds roads, maintains roads, manages waste, maintains parks and gardens, provides leisure services, and community development projects. The Shire dedicates all of its resources into areas that aim to improve the quality of life for its residents and visitors.

As a local government we also have significant compliance and governance responsibilities that we must carry out. This includes the development of various strategic and operational plans, providing reports and information to the State Government and other external agencies, and ensuring we have systems and processes in place for the sound management of public resources.

Some of these areas include;

- **Transport** - \$12.21m is budgeted for the maintenance, renewal and upgrade of roads, bridges, culverts, pavements and footpaths
- **Recreation & Culture** - \$1.41m is budgeted for the provision and maintenance of recreational infrastructure
- **Economic Services** - \$520,000 is budgeted for the provision of services to the community and for tourism and area promotion
- **Community Amenities** - \$290,000 is budgeted for community infrastructure, waste and other services
- **Governance** - \$360,000 is budgeted to meet Shire's regulatory and compliance requirements
- **Other** - \$1.52m is budgeted for bush fire management & animal control, health, education & welfare, housing and other property and services



Capital Works and Improvements

The Shire of Mingenew will budget to spend \$11.64m on capital works in 2021/22. Please see below for some highlighted projects:

Transport	
Essential Public Asset Reconstruction works due to damage from Cyclone Seroja – 95% funded	\$3,600,000
Mingenew Mullewa Road – shoulder widening and sealing – fully funded	\$2,700,000
Yandanooka NE Road/Mingenew Morawa Road – intersection reconfiguration – 80% funded	\$934,000
Mingenew Mullewa Road – 2.5km's of reconstruction and widening – fully funded	\$450,000
Coalseam Road bridge construction – Completion of Part 1 and Part 2 – fully funded	\$1,941,000
Resealing and parking upgrades on Phillip Street	\$80,000
Plant replacement – partly funded by DFES	\$414,000
Various town street sealing - partly funded	\$148,000
Various rural road sealing – Shire funded	\$326,000
Community Amenities	
Waste Transfer Station monitoring bores– fully funded	\$10,000
Recreation & Culture	
Railway Station Refurbishment – partly funded, extra funding being sought	\$200,000
Completion of Youth precinct improvements (including skatepark, playground and pump track) – fully funded	\$39,000
Capital contribution towards Tennis Clubroom replacement; external funding sought	\$50,000
Education & Welfare	
Childcare Centre upgrade – fully funded	\$120,000

Rates Unravelled

If you have always wondered how exactly rates work, here is a quick snapshot of the terms, definitions and calculations that make up your rates.

Your rates are calculated based on one of two values: the Gross Rental Value (GRV) for residential, commercial, industrial and other developed properties, or the Unimproved Value (UV) for rural and undeveloped properties.

GRV is the estimated annual rental value of your property. The value for vacant residential land is calculated at 3% of the determined resale value, and for commercial or industrial land it is calculated at 5% of the determined resale value.

UV is the site value of an unimproved property.

These values are provided to the Shire of Mingenew by the Valuer General. The Shire Council then sets a "rate in the dollar" for different rating categories (such as residential, industrial and commercial), which means that your rates are calculated as a small percentage of the assessed value of your property. This year, the rate in the dollar set for GRV properties is 15.3878 cents (2020/21 15.0276 cents), which equates to an increase of 2.4%. The rate in the dollar for UV properties is 1.2290 cents (2020/21 1.2915), which equates to a decrease of 4.84%.

For example, for a property with a GRV of \$10,400, rates would be calculated by multiplying the GRV (\$10,400) by the rate in the dollar (15.3878 c), which equals to \$1,600. Property

owners do have the right to appeal their assessed property value with the Valuer General's office within 60 days of the issue of the rates notice.

The total Rates Revenue budgeted for the 2021/22 financial year is \$1,996,890 (excluding concessions, back rates, interim rates and ex-gratia payments) and represents an increase of 3.13% over the actual rates raised in 2020/21 (2020/21 increase was 4.91%).

The values of GRV properties have not been changed for the 2020/21 financial year. The values of UV properties have increased by 7%, as provided by the Valuer General, taking into account the current market conditions.

The minimum rates for GRV properties have increased by 3% to \$728 (2020/21: \$707). The minimum rates for UV properties have increased by 3% to \$1,093 (2020/21: \$1,060.50).

Waste Management

The Shire of Mingenew's annual sanitation charge for town site waste management has increased by 2.6% to \$390 (2020/21: \$380). The waste charge pays for your refuse bin collection each week and includes the disposal of non-recycled waste from all these collections and maintenance of the Mingenew Transfer Station. There is currently no charge to Shire of Mingenew residents for use of the Transfer Station.

DFES Levy

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) Levy listed on your rates notice does not go to the Shire of Mingenew. Instead, the money goes to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) which is distributed to Emergency Services throughout the State and to Local Fire Services. Any questions about this levy can be found on the DFES website: www.dfes.wa.gov.au/esl. For 2021/22 the annual fee is legislated at \$88 per property for ESL Category 5 (applicable to the Shire of Mingenew).

Payment of Rates

Payment in Full

Rates can be paid in full by making payment by 4pm on **Friday 3 September 2021**.

Instalment Plan

If you wish to pay your rates by instalment you must pay your first instalment by Friday 3 September 2021.

If the first instalment is not paid by the due date, then you will not be eligible to participate in the instalment program.

You can pay your rates notice in four instalments. The instalment due dates for this option are as follows:

Instalment 1: **Due 3 September 2021**

Instalment 2: Due 5 November 2021

Instalment 3: Due 14 January 2022

Instalment 4: Due 18 March 2022.

Administration Fee

An Administration Fee of \$45 (\$15 per instalment with the first instalment being free) is charged to cover the cost of administering the instalment program (2020/21 \$45).

Penalty Interest

All rate notices that are not paid in full or do not participate in the instalment plan by 3 September 2021 will be charged interest on a daily basis at the rate of 5.5% per annum (2020/21 5.5%).

Payment Options

There are a variety of payment options available to pay your rates and these include;

BPAY

BPAY is a fast, secure and trusted method of payment. Simply use the BPAY biller code and customer reference number (shown on your rates notice) to pay.

In Person

Payment can be made in person at the Shire Office at 21 Victoria Street by using EFTPOS facilities, cash or cheque.

By Mail

Payment can be made by posting a cheque or money order to PO Box 120, MINGENEW WA 6522. If payment is posted, please allow sufficient time for it to reach the Shire Office by the due date.

Telephone

Payment can be made by calling the Shire Office on (08) 9928 1102 and quoting your credit card details for our staff to process your payment.

Difficulty in paying your Rates

The Shire has a Financial Hardship Policy if you have difficulty paying your rates. It can be accessed via the website (<https://mingenew.wa.gov.au/shire-rates/>) or by contacting our office.

Pensioner and Senior Concessions

If you have a valid concession card you could qualify for a rebate or a deferment on paying a portion of your rates. Please contact the Rates Officer at the Shire Office for more information.

The Future

As from the 2022/23 Financial Year, Rates Notices will be emailed to Ratepayers rather than sent by mail. The Rates Officer will be contacting all Ratepayers during this financial year in order to update contact details and obtain email addresses. If you do not have an email address you will still receive your Rates Notice via the mail.

The Shire is always looking at ways to make the process easier for Ratepayers. If you have any suggestions, concerns or comments, please contact the Rates Officer at the Shire Office.

For more information on Rates or the 2021/22 Budget please contact the Shire of Mingenew on 9928 1102 or visit our website at www.mingenew.wa.gov.au.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINARY ELECTIONS 2021

Ordinary Election

For the upcoming 2021 Local Government Ordinary Election there are three vacancies, with the following Councillors' terms expiring:

Cr Helen Newton

Cr Robert Newton

Cr Anthony Smyth

Should more nominations be received than the available positions, the Shire will be holding an in-person election on Saturday, 16 October 2021. Although considered an in-person election, voters may place an early vote or apply for a postal vote (more information to follow in the lead up to the election once nominations have been received).

Ward System

Previously the Shire has been governed under a Ward system (with a Town Ward and Rural Ward). However, following a review of the Shire's Ward system in 2020, Council made a decision to abolish the ward system, and this was granted by the Minister in December 2020. Therefore, this year's election is conducted as a full District.

Enrolments

You may be eligible to be enrolled to vote in the local government ordinary election on Saturday 16 October 2021 if you are an owner and/or occupier of rateable property in the Shire of Mingenew.

Residents

You are automatically enrolled to vote if you are on the State Electoral Roll as at 5.00 pm on Friday, 27 August 2021 (close of enrolments). If you are not already on the State Electoral Roll and meet the eligibility criteria, or if you have changed address recently, you must complete an enrolment form.

Non-Resident Owners and Occupiers

All residents in a local government district who are enrolled on the State Electoral Roll are automatically enrolled on the corresponding local government roll. People who reside outside of the Shire but own property in the Shire or occupy property within the local government but are not enrolled for that property on the State Electoral Roll can apply to their local government to be included on the roll as an owner/occupier, as long as they are eligible electors. A body corporate may apply to have up to two eligible nominees to be included on the owner/occupier roll.

To check your enrolment status please visit www.elections.wa.gov.au/onlineEnrolmentSystem

To enrol to vote www.elections.wa.gov.au/enrol/enrol-vote

Nominations

Any person who is an Australian Citizen over the age of 18 years who is an elector of the district and is not disqualified under the *Local Government Act 1995* may nominate for Council. *Nominations for all vacancies open on Thursday 2 September 2021 and must be lodged by 4.00pm Thursday 9 September 2021.*

If you are interested in nominating for Council, the Shire is looking to host an Information Session on Wednesday, 18 August 2021, from 5pm in the Council Chambers. You are encouraged to visit our website and check our Facebook page for further information.

Please visit the Shire's website page for information at mingenew.wa.gov.au/elections/ contact the Shire office on (08) 99281102 or email erin.greaves@mingenew.wa.gov.au with Election enquiries.