Shire of Chittering

Budget & Rates Information

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The first major development has been approved for the Muchea Industrial Park marking the beginning of an exciting period of growth around the Muchea and Lower Chittering areas. Add to this the expected completion of the Tonkin Highway/Northlink WA Project and Chittering is set for some great opportunities.

To manage this growth and community expectations, a number of feasibility studies will be conducted this year with the major one being the Sport and Recreation Masterplan. The Masterplan will examine all the current facilities and their aspirations as well as look at the district as a whole and our neighbours, ensuring we are best positioned to provide for our community well into the future.

For the first time in over 20 years, a new community facility will be built. The construction of the Sports and Recreation Facility in Lower Chittering will commence in the second half of this financial year and is expected to be completed in 2020-21. The Facility is designed to provide the local community and the Immaculate Heart College with joint use sporting and recreation infrastructure. Stage 1 incorporates 2,784m2 of space and will cost an estimated $9.71m.

The Shire has received a Building Better Regions Fund Grant of $4.71m towards Stage 1 of the Facility and will commit $3m towards the construction. The Shire intends to fund its contribution by way of a loan through WA Treasury and will also raise a Self-Supporting Loan for the contribution required by Immaculate Heart College. Ongoing operational costs will be shared between the Shire and Immaculate Heart College using a cost sharing formula.

Funding has been allocated for the design stage of the Muchea Hall Upgrade along with some temporary change room facilities to take pressure off the existing facilities in the interim.

A number of projects enhancing our streetscape, landscaping, walk trails and other amenities will help make Chittering a place of choice to live and visit, activate our community and make our public areas more accessible. We have introduced a themed approach to landscaping in some of these areas, incorporating as many native, waterwise and drought resistant plants as possible.

Some of these projects are:

- **Brockman Centre** - access ramp and pathways
- **Chittering Cemetery Upgrade** - Stage 1 Custom Shelter
- **Aquilla Reserve and Clune Park** - Shade shelters
- **Wannamal Heritage Trail** - Pedestrian Bridge
- **Blackboy Ridge Trail** - lookout trail enhancements
- **Walk Trail continuation** - Carty to Clune (along Spice Road)
- **Footpath continuation** - Archibald Street

Entry to the Landfill sites will be offered free to all residents and ratepayers this year, eliminating the need to produce a tip pass or cash. Instead ratepayers will be asked to show their driver's licence (or other form of ID with a Chittering address) and they will be admitted. Temporary passes are available from the Shire Administration Office if required.

A Taste of Chittering and Wear Ya Wellies events are a big drawcard to our Shire and support for these and other community events will continue along with sponsorship for local community groups through the Community Assistance Grants and various education and community scholarships.

Council is very appreciative of the work conducted by the Chittering Landcare Group and will continue to provide financial assistance to ensure we protect our environment for future generations. We will also employ a full time Fire Mitigation Officer as part of our commitment to a safer community.

There are many services provided to the community throughout the year such as regulatory and community services including road maintenance, waste removal, recreation facilities, playgrounds, library, community and economic development and medical services and we will continue to consult with and provide these services into the future. Road and building works and plant replacement will continue in accordance with the 10 Year Program.

2019-20 Rates

The Shire has adopted a 3% rate increase which is in line with its Long Term Financial Plan. After applying this percentage, the following general rate will apply:

Rate Category	Rate in the $	Minimum Rate
Gross Rental Value (GRV)	0.103682	$1,050
Unimproved Value (UV)	0.006453	$1,000

It is important to note that this is a Revaluation Year for GRV rated properties. This means, if the value of your property has gone up, your rate increase may be higher than 3%, equally if the value has gone down, you may have lower Rates than last year.

Payment of Rates – Important Dates

Instalment	Due Date
Option 1 Full Payment	**12 September 2019**
First instalment	**12 September 2019**
Second instalment	14 November 2019
Third instalment	16 January 2020
Fourth instalment	19 March 2020

Pay your rates

in full by Thursday 12 September 2019 for your chance to WIN

$1,000 Cash Prize

Provided by the Shire of Chittering.

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Overnight Stay for Two People

Overnight stay for two people including a cooked breakfast provided by Enderslie House Bed and Breakfast.

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Double Passes to Discovery Concert: The Art of Orchestration

Double passes for two lucky winners provided by West Australian Symphony Orchestra (WASO).

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$250 Pest Treatment Voucher

$250 voucher for a General Pest Treatment on your residential dwelling provided by Chittering Pest & Weed.

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Provided by Animal Rescue Farm.

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$100 Cash Prize

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