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Chittering - A connected, thriving Community

July 2021

Shire of Chittering

Council 2021/2022 Financial Year Budget Adoption

Council adopted the ***2021-22 Budget,*** and ***2021-2031 Corporate Business Plan*** and ***Long Term Financial Plan***, at a Special Council Meeting held on 23rd June 2021.

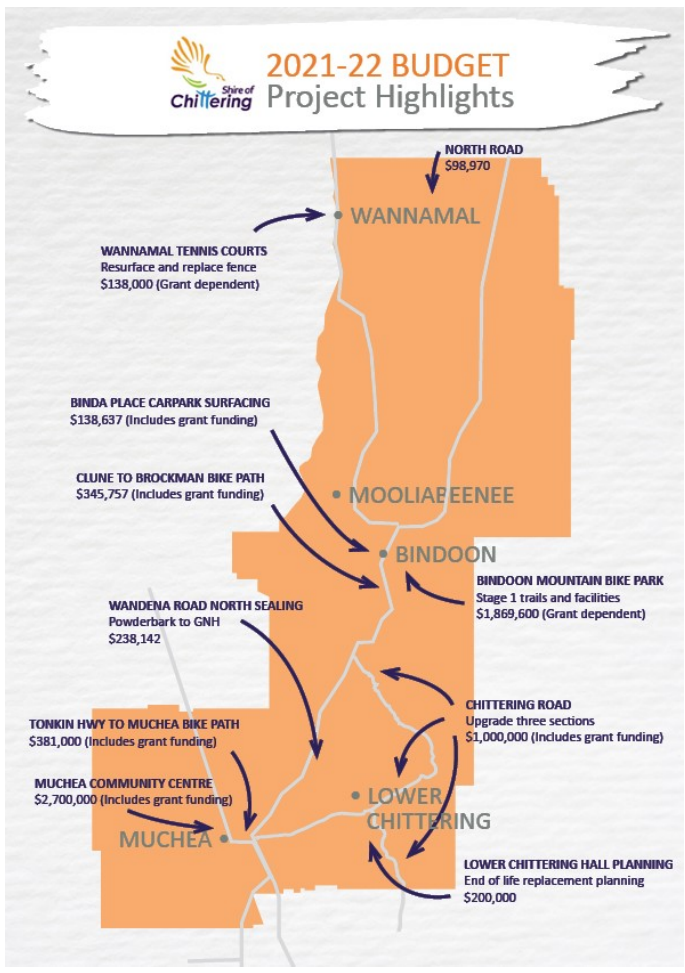
In preparing this budget, Council wanted to ensure that the long term sustainability of the shire was kept at the forefront of the budget discussion, which is why the long term plans were developed alongside the shorter-term annual budget.

The Long Term Financial Plan has been based on the principle of Council looking toward the future, ensuring the sustainability of the shire, having an equitable distribution across generations and preparing for future problems now. The plan for the next ten years is to ensure that infrastructure, plant, and equipment are replaced as required, the needs of a growing shire are being met, and saving for future requirements is considered, all while limiting rate rises.

Highlights:

- ***Muchea Recreation Centre*** - Construction is expected to commence in the 2021-2022 financial year.
- ***Bindoon Mountain Bike Park -*** Grant dependent.
- ***Bike Paths*** will also be created thanks to 50% funding from the Department of Transport.
- ***Community Centre in Lower Chittering (design)*** to replace Lower Chittering Hall.
- ***Road program*** will continue with highlights being:
  - ⇒ Three sections of ***Chittering Rd*** being upgraded.
  - ⇒ A section of ***Wandena Rd,*** from Powderbark Rd to Great Northern Hwy will be sealed.
  - ⇒ Some improvements will be made to ***North Rd*** to cater for the increased amount of truck traffic on the road.
  - ⇒ The gravel section of the ***Binda Place carpark***.
- Funding for a range of ***events*** will continue:
  - ⇒ A Taste of Chittering
  - ⇒ Wear Ya' Wellies
  - ⇒ Australia Day to be held at Lower Chittering
- A new rubbish and recycling bin pickup contract will lead to savings in the cost of rubbish and recycling bin pickup. Savings will be applied this year to the replacement of ageing equipment at the waste site and in future years it will be used to save for the rehabilitation costs of the waste sites.

More detail will be provided at an information session being held at 6pm in the Council Chambers, Bindoon on Wednesday 28th July.



Major Projects Updates

Keep yourself up to date on progress via the Shire Projects Page here: ***www.chittering.wa.gov.au/shireprojects.aspx***

MUCHEA RECREATION CENTRE:

- The Architectural Tender has been advertised, assessed and the preferred contractor selected.
- A reference Group has been formed. The objectives of the reference group are to contribute to the task of overseeing the Muchea Recreation Centre project and to where required, make recommendations to the project manager.
- The first meeting between the Architect, Reference Group and Project Manager is expected towards the end of July.

LOWER CHITTERING HALL REPLACEMENT:

- Funding has been allocated to the project through the 2021/22 Council Budget
- The Shire of Chittering will soon be inviting community members to form part of the Lower Chittering Hall Replacement Project Reference Group. The Group will provide input and recommendations for the Shire's consideration, to facilitate the development of a plan for the replacement of the ageing Lower Chittering Hall. Three positions will be available.

BINDOON MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK:

- Shire Officers are holding workshops with the Mountain Bike and Adventure Park Steering Group to look at the attractions beyond the trails that are to be installed at Stage 1.

BUDGET INFO SESSION

Find out more!

When: Wednesday 28th July
Where: Council Chambers, Bindoon
Time: 6pm

Library Land

July is **Safer Communities Month** at the Bindoon Library.

Join us on Saturday, 17 July at 9am, for:

Disasters For Dummies

- meet local volunteers from the Chittering Bush Fire Brigades and SES
- learn what your emergency services do, plus get tips on how to mitigate risk on your property.
- Fun for the whole family.

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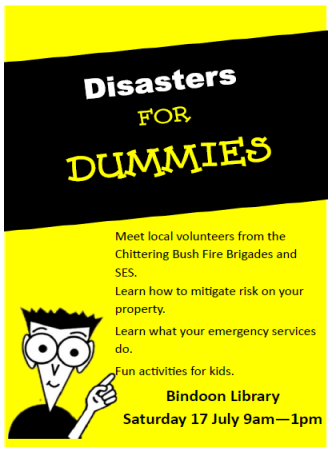

Fire Safety Information

Time to Plan for Successful Burns

A Shire permit to burn on your property is not required during this time (1 June- 30 Sept). Residents have 3 months of unrestricted burning time remaining plus another 2 months of burning under a Shire Permit to burn (potentially). For the protection of the community, please take care when carrying out any burning activity.

- Please minimise smoke nuisance to neighbours by not burning green or wet vegetation. General rubbish and waste must not be burnt at any time.
- Ensure the wind direction does not cause smoke to drift over roads causing a dangerous hazard to passing traffic. It is an offence to cause a smoke nuisance to persons and to cause pollution with excessive smoke.
- Please ensure that you inform all neighbours and register your burn with the Department of Fire & Emergency Services on 9395 9209.

Please make use of DFES BURN SMART educational information which is available at:

www.dfes.wa.gov.au/plannedburning/

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Rhyme Time** @ Bindoon Library - 10.30am Wednesday.
- **Bindoon Retirees** @ Chinkabee - 1.30pm Monday's
- **Tai Chi @ Bindoon Hall** - Tuesdays 7pm, and Saturdays 2pm.
- **'Scone Time'** @ Bindoon Mens Shed - first Friday of every month, 10am - 11.30am
- **Disasters for Dummies** @ Bindoon Library - Saturday 17th , 9am.
- **Bindoon Farmers Market** @ Clune Park - Sunday 25th , 8.30am to 12.30pm
- **July School Holiday Activities**
  - Pop Magic 8th July @Bindoon Hall
  - BMX Workshop 14th July @ Sussex Bend Park

SAVE THE DATE

- **Council Community Forums**
  - **Wannamal Community Centre -** 9th August
  - **Bindoon -** 23rd August
  - **Muchea -** 1st September
  - **Lower Chittering -** 29th September
- **Red Cross Rediplan Session** @ TBA - Wednesday 22nd September.

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