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THRIVE BUDGET
ISSUE 2021/2022



Welcome to our budget edition. This is designed to share with you Council funded priorities for the year ahead in order to progress the vision set out in our Strategic Community Plan 2020-2030.

Over the next 10 years, our Town and community will be:

- A welcoming and inclusive community whose members know and support each other
- A community and local government that take environmentally sustainable actions for our Town, State, country and planet.
- An accessible place with a rich natural environment, thriving town centre and precincts, and connection to history
- Supported by a proactive local government that makes brave decisions and enables positive change
- Resilient, adaptable to change and moving towards self-sufficiency

RATES

Council has limited the rate in the dollar increase to just 1.4%. Council also introduced a higher differential rate for undeveloped properties in our Town to encourage development of vacant land.

Council continues to keep rate increases to a minimum, although a small rate increase is necessary this year due to rising costs.

PENSIONER CONCESSION

Pensioners/seniors may be eligible for a concession on Council rates. If you have a Pensioner Concession Card, Commonwealth Seniors Health Card or a State Seniors Card, please contact our Rates Department on 9377 8000.



Mayor's Message

Mayor Cr. Renée McLennan



Dear Bassendean Community Member, Last year, Council honoured its commitment to freeze rates in light of the COVID-19 crisis and its impact on our rate-payers. To assist with the recovery efforts and ensure our community thrives and strengthens into the future, Council endorsed a new 10-year Strategic Community Plan.

As we continue to rebound from the impacts of COVID-19, the budget for 2021/22 aims to be financially responsible and balance the current and future needs of our community. We have funded priority projects identified in our Strategic Community Plan to be delivered this financial year, while also investing in asset management, strengthening reserves and allocating funds for future priority projects. We will also continue to provide the quality services, programs and facilities that we know our community values.

We have a strong focus on progressing our updated local planning framework. This is crucial to attract investment and promote development in our Town that is in alignment with our community's vision. The new (draft) local Planning Strategy and Scheme are currently under assessment by the Western Australian Planning Commission and planning for the future of our Town

Centre is continuing with the final stage of broad community consultation underway throughout the month of August. We encourage everyone with a connection to our Town Centre to engage in this process to ensure we hear from all the voices in our community and develop a plan that is truly inclusive and community-led.

At the Town of Bassendean we believe that local communities in partnership with local government can achieve great things. Our budget also allocates funds to initiatives that strengthen and connect our community and that build partnerships, capacity and a sense of belonging.

We have also reflected the value that our community places on our natural environment with funds allocated to convert our first Water Corporation drain into public open space and a living stream, developing a plan for the enhancement of Point Reserve and setting aside funds to make this a future reality as well as ongoing investment in restoring the Bindaring Wetlands. For the third year in a row we have committed to planting an additional 1,000 trees next winter to continue to increase our tree canopy, cool our suburbs and provide important habitat for our wildlife.

In alignment with our commitment to One Planet Living principles, this year we have transitioned to powering the Town from 100% renewable energy and will achieve carbon neutrality.

The installation of underground power will be commencing in parts of Eden Hill and Bassendean during August 2021. The service charge for those property owners in the project area will be collected over three years commencing in 2022/23 and levied as part of the future annual rating process.

We are confident this budget builds upon the foundations that have been created over recent years to strengthen our financial sustainability whilst providing the services and priorities most valued by our community. We recognise that everyone works hard to earn the money that the Town collects in rates and appreciate your contributions that allow us to deliver the projects and services that our community values and that make our Town an even better place to live and work. As we roll out our budget initiatives we hope you will see the difference your contributions make to our community.

Renée McLennan
Mayor

Priorities for 2021/22

Strategic Priorities	Key Initiatives
1. Strengthening and Connecting Community	<p>We will complete the Sandy Beach Playground and ablutions to create a new riverpark for families to recreate and enjoy our natural environment.</p> <p>We will complete stage 2 of the Palmerston Reserve upgrade, supplementing the new nature-based playground with pathways and further plantings.</p> <p>We will build community capacity through the provision of community insurance for eligible groups, enhance access to community funding and provide capacity building initiatives.</p>
2. Leading Environmental Sustainability	<p>We will power our Town with 100% renewable energy and will be carbon neutral through high quality Australian carbon offsets for those emissions that cannot yet be eliminated.</p> <p>Working in partnership with Western Power, we will facilitate the undergrounding of power with new LED lighting in parts of Eden Hill and Bassendean, leading to less outages and paving the way for emerging technologies and improved tree canopy and streetscapes.</p> <p>We will continue our extensive tree planting program for the third consecutive year, planting 1000 trees to improve canopy cover, keep our streets and natural areas cooler and provide vital habitat.</p> <p>We will repurpose the open drain between Second Avenue and Fourth Avenue to create a living stream and new public open space.</p>
3. Creating a Vibrant Town and Precincts	<p>We will complete a Town Centre Masterplan to drive future investment and development in order to create a vibrant town centre in line with community aspirations.</p> <p>We will engage with our community to plan for the future of Point Reserve Riverpark.</p>
4. Driving Financial Sustainability	<p>We will invest in our assets such as a new drainage solution and jetty for Success Hill and build our reserves for future projects such as the restoration of Bindaring Park and Point Reserve Riverpark.</p>
5. Facilitating People-Centred Services	<p>We will continue to support those who may have difficulty with their rates payments due to financial challenges through a supportive hardship policy working with any ratepayers who are struggling to determine the best means possible of helping them to meet their financial obligations.</p> <p>We will improve our Information and Communications Technology to enhance service delivery.</p>
6. Providing Visionary Leadership and Making Great Decisions	<p>We will continue to progress our Local Planning Framework to accommodate the future growth of our District in a way that reflects the aspirations of our community.</p> <p>We will facilitate a plan for the co-location of the Town's administration to reduce our footprint, running costs and improve communication.</p> <p>We will advocate for future investment and development in the town centre and for key projects.</p>
7. Building Community Identity by Celebrating Culture and Heritage	<p>We will review the Town's Local Heritage Survey and create a Local Planning Policy to recognise and protect our local heritage and character.</p> <p>We will deliver digital artworks along the new Green Trail (between First and Third Avenue along the railway line).</p> <p>We will create a plan for the development of public artwork within the Town.</p>

Improving safety & reducing landfill

Pool/Spa Safety Inspections

Following a recent review, the Town has resolved that these inspections will occur once every two years as opposed to the four yearly cycle previously applied.

Properties south of Guildford Road will be inspected in the first year while properties north will be inspected in the following year.

Furthermore, the levy applied by the Town to facilitate these inspections will now be charged annually, with 50% of the fee charged each year.

Landfill Diversion and Waste Charges

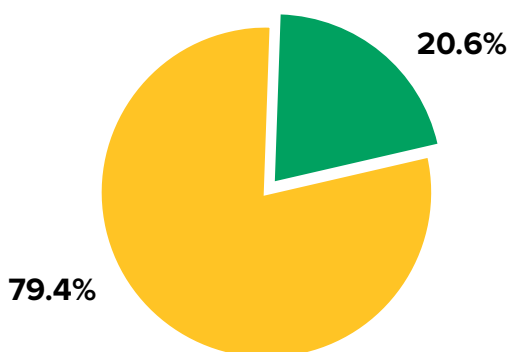
The Town successfully transitioned to FOGO (Food Organics and Garden Organics) last year, increasing diversion of waste from landfill significantly. Last year, our community diverted 62.6% of the waste from kerbside bins away from landfill, meaning we are on track to meeting our goal of 70% diversion by 2030.

Prior to the introduction of FOGO, our community was only diverting 20.6% of waste from kerbside bins from landfill.

The increase in diversion has saved our community from 2,300 tonnes of CO2 emissions per annum. This is equivalent to taking 500 cars off the road or planting 38,000 seedlings.

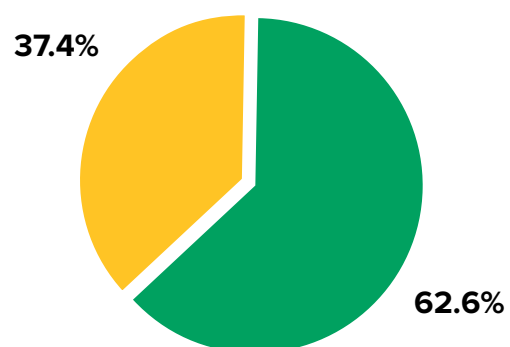
This year the charge for the collection, processing and disposal of waste is set to increase by \$15 for the standard service, including two verge collections and four tip passes. Whilst a small increase in costs is necessary, continued reduction in contamination levels will help contain costs in future years. If you would like to discuss your waste requirements or the option of changing your current bin configuration, please contact our friendly Waste team on 9377 8095.

2019/20 Landfill Diversion



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