

2019-20 BUDGET OVERVIEW

Dear Ratepayer

It is with pleasure that we present the Shire of Bruce Rock Annual Budget for the year ending 30th June 2020, a budget that will continue to deliver excellent services and resources to the local Bruce Rock community.

Council has built this budget in consultation with the current Strategic Community Plan, structuring the budget with a strong focus on Infrastructure, Economy, Community and Governance priority areas for our community and Shire. This budget aims to further enhance the Bruce Rock Lifestyle, maintain & improve current facilities and increase opportunities for the growth of the Shire.

Key highlights include:

- Finish construction of second executive style residence in the new Residential Subdivision
- Funding allocation for Council subsidy for connection to the new STED Scheme
- Implementation works on the revitalisation of the CBD
- Upgrade the power to the Bruce Rock Recreation Centre and install lighting at the Hockey turf

The safety and efficiency of our transport network throughout the Shire remains a priority and includes:

- Bruce Rock Naremben Road - reconstruction
- Black Spot Project on Lawrie Road and Cumminin Road Intersection
- Roads to Recovery funded projects; Bees Road (resheet), Kwolyin South Road (resheet), Yerrapin Boundary Road (resheet), Lawrie Road (resheet), Carger Road (resheet), Belka East Road (reseal), Cumminin Road (reseal), Erikin South Road (reseal), Bruce Rock East Road (reseal) & McGellin Road (resheet)
- Replace bridges with culverts on Cole Road, Belka West Road and Old Beverley Road

Local government is continuing to face many external factors affecting funding and service delivery however, the Bruce Rock Shire Council is positioning itself to ensure its services and facilities are well maintained. In light of these factors, Council has increased fees and charges by 2%, rates on average increasing 4.5% (includes CPI of 2%) and minimum rates up to \$469. This has been modelled on the recently adopted Strategic Resources Plan which oversees the financial direction of the Shire for the next 15 years to ensure equitable service delivery and cost efficiencies.

Council is continuing to the rebrand with street signs and tourism signage a main priority this year along with a strong social media presence. This new branding will continue to better position the Shire in promoting Bruce Rock and the community.

Councillors and staff look forward to another successful year ahead delivering services and infrastructure to the community of Bruce Rock.

Cr Stephen Strange
Shire President

Mr Darren Mollenoyux
Chief Executive Officer