

Grimshaw Ward Page

The new Council Budget is very good for our local area.

Rates cut in real terms!

With average rates increasing at less than the rate of inflation in Grimshaw Ward, this is a welcome relief for families already feeling the financial pressure of rising interest rates, grocery prices and fuel bills.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

There are quite a number of new projects for our local area in the next financial year including:

- Watsonia Shopping Centre – the next stage of the Streetscape Masterplan will now begin with improvements between Morwell Avenue and Tennyson Street (over \$400,000)



- Cnr Milton Parade & Chaucer Crescent, Bundoora – a new roundabout (\$60,000)
- Binnak Drive, Watsonia North – extension of the footpath on the park side of the road (\$25,000)
- Resurfacing of the following roads:
 - Hakea St Watsonia, Macorna St to Michelle Av
 - Moreton Cr Bundoora, off Greenwood Dr
 - Murragon Av Bundoora, Wallara Cr to Noorong Av
 - The Rameo, Bundoora Karu Ct to David Cr
 - Flannery Av, Bundoora Edro Ct to Havelock Av

- NJ Telfer Reserve oval, Bundoora – additional funding for playing lights (\$60,000)
- Busst Drive, Watsonia North – splitter island at eastern end (\$7,000)

- Bundoora Tennis Club – upgrade to playing surface (\$60,000)

- AK Lines Reserve, Watsonia – upgrade and extension of pavilion (\$375,000)
- Bundoora Preschool – Master renovation (\$35,000)



WARD FUND HIGHLIGHTS

In June there were two new allocations from the Grimshaw Ward Discretionary Fund, namely:

- Diamond Valley Foodshare – contribution towards the purchase of items for food parcels for delivery to local families in need (\$1,500)
- Watsonia Preschool – upgrade to the kitchen (\$16,000)

During the past few months I have been focusing on issues surrounding Preschools (Kindergartens), childcare, school crossing safety.

My fellow Councillors voted me into the newly created position of Chairperson of the Early Years Advisory Committee which is overseeing the development of strategies in these and other areas of Council's activities and responsibilities.

Cr Dean Sherriff – "Working for the North"

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