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# 2019/2020 Budget Adopted

The Shire of Esperance 2019/2020 Annual Budget was adopted at a Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday 30 July.

A balanced cash budget was presented to Council representing \$74m cash expenditure (made up of \$34m operating and \$40m in capital). This is being funded from \$21m in rates, \$20m in other operating revenue, \$13m in Capital Grants, \$16m from Net Reserve Transfers and \$4m carried forward from previous year projects.

Key capital expenditure items that are to be implemented in this year's Annual Budget are:

- \$7.5m for Jetty Replacement project (deconstruction and construction)
- \$7.1m new Indoor Sports Stadium
- \$1m Scaddan Country Club Upgrades
- \$600k Organics Waste Management – provision for investigation and implementation
- \$438k Adventureland Park Playground Upgrades
- \$240k Community Grants Program – includes an increase in Arts funding and \$50k to a film being filmed in Esperance
- \$135k Esperance Velodrome Upgrade
- \$250k Apron extension at the Esperance Airport
- \$105k Cannery Sewer Upgrade, this will provide improved service options for the Cannery
- \$1.2m Upgrade to the Eastern Subs main line (water supply for sporting grounds and reserves)
- \$1.2m State Barrier Fence (Dog Fence)
- \$250k New Dog Pound at Brazier Street Depot
- \$994k Three Fire sheds - Quarry Road, Coomalbidgup and Mt Howick
- \$860k Flinders Subdivision Stage 4
- \$20m Road Capital and Maintenance (\$650k increase on last year)

Comments attributed to Shire President, Cr Victoria Brown

“Council and Shire staff have been diligent in developing a balanced and financially responsible budget that ensures we continue to maintain the service levels expected whilst completing some major capital projects.”

“When the new Waste Contractor was appointed Council committed to passing on these savings to the ratepayer, we have kept this commitment with a \$15 reduction on Annual Domestic Waste Collection Charges.”

“Council continue to find ways to support community groups through the Community Grants Program or supporting applications through alternative funding sources. This year's budget

has a number of fantastic community projects that Council are very excited to be involved in. I would like to highlight the additional funding to both of our Arts groups. The work being achieved by these groups provides a tangible benefit to our community.”

“Our community has shown a passion for caring for our natural environment, the research and implementation of an organics program is a positive way we can all work towards reducing our waste to landfill.”

Comments attributed to Chief Executive Officer, Matthew Scott

“The budget includes some significant projects this year that the community have patiently waited for.”

“While the sewer works at the Cannery may not be a pretty job, it is a job that needs to be done. The will allow the Cannery to begin implementing their growth plans as it allows for development that could not be previously.”

“Increases in employee costs in this year’s budget can be attributed to the increased staff requirements at Home Care, these costs are covered through a parallel increase in the grant funding. The number of care packages offered through Home Care have seen a significant increase through changing community needs.”

“This year’s budget review identified efficiencies in our road maintenance, a new team of three will be equipped with a grader, roller and loader and will be involved in rural road upgrades.”

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