

Shire of Narembreen

BUDGET

SNAPSHOT

Rate Increase

After much deliberation Council has endorsed a 5% rate rise on all assessments to cover rising costs projected throughout Council's operations.

Your individual rates may vary by from last year due to valuation changes on your property. If you have any questions about how your individual rates are calculated please contact the Shire administration office.

Income

Council projects total revenues of \$7,415,572 for the year ended 30 June 2025 to fund operations and capital expenditure. This is a 5.7% increase over the 2024 financial year, which is largely due to increased revenues to fund capital projects, such as emergency infrastructure and sport and recreation lighting upgrades.

Future Projects

In anticipation and preparation for extensive future projects to revitalise and improve the Narembreen townsite and our sporting infrastructure, Council has budgeted \$355,000 for planning, designs and specifications. Further budget allocations have been made for studies and initiatives to encourage housing and economic development in the Wheatbelt region in conjunction with other Local Governments.

Emergency Preparedness

To increase our local emergency preparedness, Council has budgeted over \$150,000 for the installation of generators at the recreation centre, Narembreen business precinct and the Shire administration office. This will ensure that vital community services are functional in the event of a prolonged blackout.

CAPITAL EXPENSES



Housing Construction & Development
\$1,260,000



Plant & Equipment
\$827,540



Road & Associated Infrastructure
\$3,439,897



Community Infrastructure
\$1,249,000



Plans for the Future
\$355,000

Instalments & Overdue Assesments

Assessments on complying instalment plans will be charged interest at 5.5%, in addition to a \$10 administration fee per quarterly notice sent. Please note the instalment due dates on your assessment and ensure that you make each payment on or before each due date.

Overdue assessments that are not on a compliant instalment plan will be charged interest at a rate of 8%. If you are experiencing financial hardship that is preventing you from paying your rates, please contact the Shire administration office to discuss your options with staff.



Free Swimming Pool Entry

To encourage the use and increase accessibility of the Narembreen pool Council has decided to waive all entry or membership fees for the pool for families and individuals.



Sport Lighting Upgrades

In collaboration with local sporting groups and with the hope of successful grant funding applications, Council has committed \$530,000 in total to the installation of new lighting poles with modern LED lights for Narembreen and Mount Walker tennis courts and the Narembreen hockey field.

Shire Centenary

Saturday, 14 September 2024, allocation for \$30,000 for celebration, Lottery West funding \$11,060 received. More information is available via the Shire of Narembreen Website.

<https://www.narembreen.wa.gov.au/events/shire-of-narembreen-centenary/342>

Swimming Pool Heating

\$100,000 has been allocated for a heating pump at the Narembreen swimming pool. Whilst there is no decision yet regarding extending the pool season once the heating system is installed, it is anticipated that this will make the pool more accessible at the start and end of the season.

Townsite Improvements

Council will continue to utilise Federal Government funding to improve the Narembreen townsite. In total, \$472,272 has been budgeted for further works to the main street amenity, in addition to engineering works to improve drainage infrastructure.



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