



2019 - 2020

# YOUR RATES EXPLAINED

**Shire of Derby /  
West Kimberley**

## Message from the Shire President

Rates provide much needed revenue to manage the services and facilities which help make Derby and Fitzroy Crossing an attractive and vibrant place to live, work and play. The backbone of a strong community is a strong economy and I am committed to working hard to secure this outcome for our community.



Council is actively aware that it is extremely important to keep rate increases to a minimum and has not taken the 6% rate increase this financial year lightly. Being a rate payer myself, it was a tough decision to make.

The Shire of Derby/West Kimberley faces many challenges and experiences many complexities in the delivery of services, maintenance of asset and pressures to deliver sustainable services. We will continue to lobby State and Federal Government to seek their support and assistance in an effort to help ease pressure on our families, business and community members.

We are committed to maintaining our parks, gardens, community facility infrastructure and enhancing activities in the community space. The budget continues to support Youth Services and Community well being.

Our community will benefit in a number of ways across this financial year, as we focus on improving our services, maintenance and asset renewal levels. We will also be working hard on reviewing our Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan in conjunction with the Community in order to ensure we have a clear road map for the future.

**Shire President, Geoff Haerewa**

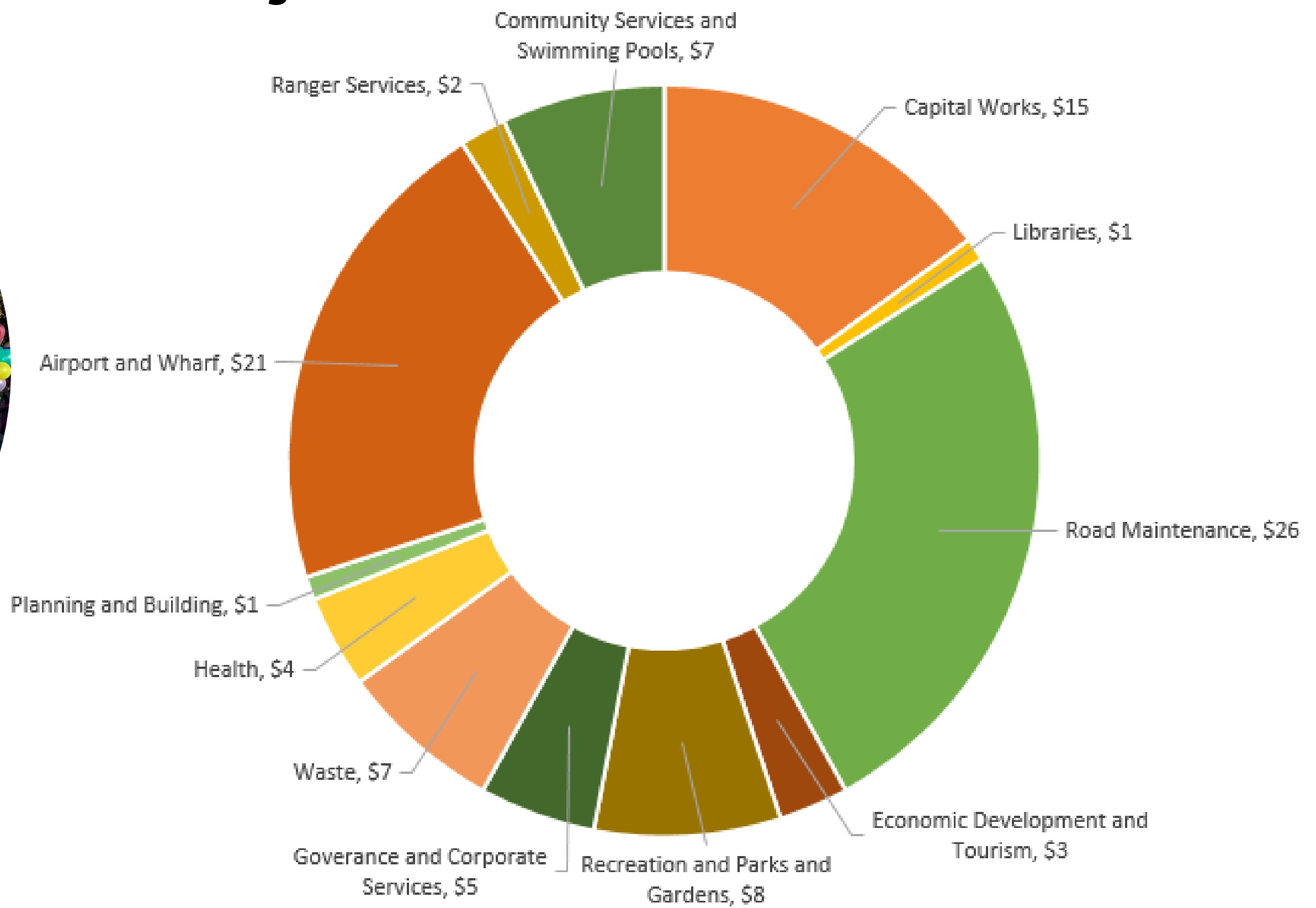
## 2019-2020 Budget Highlights

- ★ Finalise Derby Wharf safety with the installation of a boundary fence at the shed end of the wharf to keep visitors safe
- ★ Fitzroy Crossing Airport Fencing installation (co funded by State and Federal Funding)
- ★ Finalising the CCTV Project
- ★ Fitzroy Crossing Visitors Centre Carpark Redesign Plan
- ★ Silver Sponsorship of the Kimberley Economic Forum
- ★ Road Projects
- ★ Continue to support Community Events and Grants
- ★ Continue to pursue direct flights for the West Kimberley Community
- ★ Fire Prevention Measures



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**For every \$100 of rates spent, this is where it goes...**



**The revenues that make up this year's \$29.6 million budget are listed below.**

