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Council's responsible new budget

A new Multipurpose Arts and Community Venue, a significant public event to commemorate the 70th Anniversary commemoration of the strafing of Broome, and tourism heritage trail signage are just some of the projects given the green light at last night's the Special Council Meeting to endorse the 2011/2012 budget.

The Shire requires approximately \$14,891million yield from rates to balance the budget and support its services for the 2011/2012 year.

The general rate increase on last year has been set at 4.95%, and for vacant land 2.5%. This percentage is less than last year's general rate increase of 6.95%, and 5.95% in 2009/10.

Broome Shire President Graeme Campbell said the Shire has delivered a responsible budget for the 2011/2012 year.

"The nation is continuing to tighten its belt and we are no exception," he said.

"The Shire, like members of the community, is being repeatedly hit with rising costs such as State Government electricity and water charges. "

Further projects endorsed through the budget process include a cricket pitch and practice nets at Nipper Roe Oval, practice nets at Haynes Oval, upgrades to the swimming pool amenities at BRAC, a new mister for mosquito control and planning for the Cable Beach Development Plan, the Chinatown Development Strategy and the Local Town Planning Scheme No.5.

The Kiosk at Haynes Oval will also be finalised and feasibility studies will be done for the new Regional Resource Recovery Park.

A new Sound Level Metre for Noise Control will be purchased to better detect excessive noise and ensure compliance levels are met.

Solar panels will be installed once the new Multipurpose Arts and Community Venue is constructed and fencing will be installed for quarantine/medical waste area at the waste management facility.

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