

Shire President's Message



Your rates 2021/22

This year, the Shire of Ashburton is continuing to invest in our towns, demonstrating our commitment to our communities through striving to deliver on our vision, to embrace our unique Pilbara environment through the development of active communities that have access to quality services, exceptions amenities and economic vitality.

As part of our 2021/22 budget, Council has committed to the largest budget ever undertaken by the Shire, necessary to deliver projects that are of significant community and economic importance, and that will provide opportunities to the community for decades to come. I am proud to present the Shire of Ashburton's 2021/22 Annual Budget.

For 2021-2022 we are committing \$73.2m to achieve a program of 138 capital works projects to ensure physical infrastructure is in place to enable and facilitate economic growth and attract and retain vibrant and active communities across our towns of Tom Price, Onslow, Paraburdoo and Pannawonica

Council has adopted a zero increase in the differential rate categories, apart from the Pastoral – UV category, which reflects an approximate 1.5% increase, and is due to decreased assessment valuations and legislative parameters.

However, those in the UV – Pastoral rating category will receive a 30% concession to help alleviate the financial impact caused by drought conditions and the impact of COVID-19.

In a year that has again been defined by COVID-19, we have been fortunate to be able to continue with key projects and Council's long-term strategy for the Shire of Ashburton.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their support and dedication to the Shire of Ashburton. It continues to be my privilege to lead as Shire President also acknowledge the great work of staff and the executive team, for their constant efforts to deliver results for our community.

Cr Kerry White - Shire President

Differential Rates



Rate Code Description	Rate in the \$	General Minimum Payment \$
GRV Residential and Community	0.10236	1010.00
GRV Commercial and Industrial	0.06593	1263.00
GRV Transient Worker Accommodation	0.13185	1263.00
UV Pastoral	0.18500	1263.00
UV Non-Pastoral	0.36957	1263.00

The Shire of Ashburton Council adopted the differential rates as shown to collect rate revenue on an equitable basis for all rateable properties.

This ensures that every property contributes a realistic level towards the works, services and facilities provided by the Shire.



2021/22

Information for ratepayers



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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



Q: Why do I pay rates?

A: Council rates are supplemented by Government grants and fees revenue to cover the cost of supporting the community at a local level. If you have attended a picnic in the park, attended a local event, borrowed a book from the library, jogged around a sports ground or enjoyed a coffee in the mall, then you've benefited from Council services.

Q: How are my rates calculated?

A: The Shire applies a rate in the dollar that is multiplied by the valuation to obtain the rate amount for each property. A Gross Rental Valuation (GRV) is applied generally in town sites and suburbs and an Unimproved Valuation (UV) is applied in rural areas.

GRV represents the gross annual rental that a property might reasonably expect to earn annually if it were rented. This amount is determined by Landgate or the Valuer General and is generally revalued every three years.

Q: How do I pay my rates?

We can provide a variety of ways to pay your rates.

- A:**
- Online via the Shire of Ashburton website
 - In person at our Shire Administration Centres
 - By phone on 08 9188 4444

This year you can choose several options to pay.

- A:**
- Payment in full by a single instalment due 7 October 2021
 - Pay in two instalments
 - Full payment and 1st instalment due date of 7 October 2021, and
 - 2nd instalment due date of 4 February 2022.
 - Pay in four instalments
 - Full payment and 1st instalment due date of 7 October 2021,
 - 2nd instalment due date of 6 December 2021,
 - 3rd instalment due date of 4 February 2022, and
 - 4th instalment due date of 7 April 2022.

Alternative payment arrangements

We understand that sometimes people experience financial hardship which makes it difficult to meet all of their financial commitments when they are due. Please contact the Shire of Ashburton's Rates Officer to arrange a suitable payment arrangement to settle your rates debt by the end of the 21/22 financial year.

Updating my details

It is essential to notify the Shire of your change of address or change of ownership in writing via email or mail whenever a change of details occurs. Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 when a person (whether as principal or agent) sells or disposes of land, the owner/agent must advise the Shire in writing within 21 days of the change in ownership, giving full details of the purchaser.

If you would like to receive all future rate notices via email instead of by post please email rates@ashburton.wa.gov.au to make the relevant changes.

Need more information?

- Website www.ashburton.wa.gov.au/council/rates.aspx
- E-mail rates@ashburton.wa.gov.au
- Phone our team on 08 9188 4444

Where does the Shire's money come from?

Rate revenue represents nearly 40% of total revenue (\$48.5 million) for this budget, as illustrated below.

	Rates	\$48.5m
	Reserve Funding	\$36.2m
	Capital Funding	\$19.5m
	Fees and Charges	\$8.9m
	Operating Grants	\$7.7m
	Borrowings	\$5.0m
	Opening Funds	\$-2.2m
	Other Revenue	\$0.7m
	Interest Revenue	\$0.5m

In a conscious decision to increase local infrastructure, Council will draw upon Reserve Funding of \$36.2 million to help fund significant projects.

Council is also fortunate to enjoy the support of State Government and resource sector partners (such as Chevron, BHP and Rio Tinto Iron Ore) with Capital Funding, from these and other sources, of \$19.5 million being used to provide significant community infrastructure.

Council will also take advantage of very low interest rates by drawing a loan to help fund the Onslow Airport Sub-division. At an initial estimate of \$5.0 million, this sub-division will earn additional revenue for Council into the future.

Where does the Shire's money go?

Council's capital works program, at approximately \$73.2 million, is comprehensive and believed to be the largest undertaken in the history of the Shire.

Infrastructure capital works expense in the budget include:

	Operations	\$50.3m
	Infrastructure	\$51.6m
	Parks and Recreation Projects	\$18.7m
	District and Townsite Road Works	\$13.1m
	Airport Upgrades and Expansion	\$10.0m
	Townsite Initiatives	\$5.7m
	Drainage Works	\$2.5m
	Property, Plant and Equipment	\$21.6m
	New, Upgraded and Renewed Buildings	\$19.7m
	Plant and Machinery	\$1.5m
	Furniture and Equipment	\$0.6m
	Reserve Funds	\$1.1m
	Loan Repayments	\$0.5m

Major Capital Projects 2021/22	\$m
District and Townsite Road Works	\$13.1m
Onslow Community Boating Precinct	\$7.5m
Reconstruction of District Roads	\$6.4m
Onslow Airport Upgrades	\$5.0m
Onslow Airport Subdivision	\$5.0m
Tom Price Undercover Courts	\$4.5m
Staff Housing	\$3.0m
Onslow Seawall Extension	\$3.0m
Tom Price Pump Track	\$1.6m