2019/2020 RATES **INFORMATION**



This year Council have been able to maintain a modest 2% rate increase in an environment which sees the costs of electricity, water and other overheads increasing by a greater percentage.

Highlights of the budget include:

- Renewal of Strategic Community Plan and Long Term Financial Plans in line with the Integrated Planning Framework
- Funding for Youth Activities/ **Community Events**
- Provision of School bus subsidy
- Provision of scholarships
- Provision of a Chaplaincy subsidy
- Construction of **Employee** Housing (subject to the sale of a Shire property)
- Construction of Low Income Housing (James Street)
- Development of subdivision in **Bell Street**
- Purchase of 8 Myers Street for future aged accommodation
- Drawdown of a loan to fund the Bell Street subdivision
- Transfer from Joint Venture

Reserve to fund the low income housing project

- Transfer to Waste Management Reserve for future works required at the refuse site
- Sewerage ponds upgrade; Stage 2 of the Sewer Upgrades as per the Sewer Master Plan; Transfer from the Sewerage Reserve to fund the ponds upgrade and Stage 2 of the upgrades
- Townscape projects (murals, Shire boundary signage, Xmas lighting and banners for main street, and carried forward projects from 18-19)
- New Pool surrounds and guttering for the Aquatic Centre
- Transfer to Recreation Reserve for future projects
- Completion of the Dalwallinu Recreation Centre Upgrade and Precinct (partially funded LotteryWest)
- Repairs to Kalannie Sports Club & Surrounds (funded by Insurance)
- Installation of a gravel car park at the Recreation Centre
- Allocation to fund the Kalannie Bowling Green upgrade

- Purchase of Lot 572 Sawyer Ave
- Upgrade of lighting in Recreation Area
- Repairs to lighting towers at Kalannie Sports Club
- Transfer from Recreation Reserve to part fund the Kalannie Bowling Green Upgrade
- One-off donation to sponsor the Dalwallinu Agricultural Show 100 yrs
- Roadworks Dalwallinu on Kalannie Rd (partially funded by Regional Road Group)
- Roadworks on various roads (funded by Roads to Recovery)
- Widen seal of Buntine Marchagee Road (funded by Council)
- Purchase of Plant & Equipment as per 10 year Replacement Programme
- Provision of a contribution to Liebe Group
- Contribution to the Goodlands Community for the Phone Tower; Transfer from Telecommunications Reserve to fund the contribution for the phone tower.



Sewerage Pond & Scheme Upgrade Estimated cost \$650,000



2 x New Employee Houses Estimated cost \$550,000



Bell Street Subdivision Estimated cost \$1,100,000



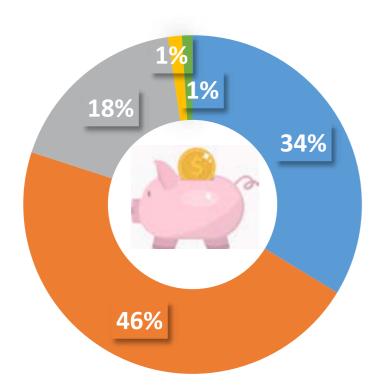
Rec Centre Precinct & Car Park Estimated cost \$429,000







Where does the money come from? \$7.06m



Revenue

Government Grants, Subsidies all rateab calculation on an estimate from the pro-

Fees and Charges \$1.25m

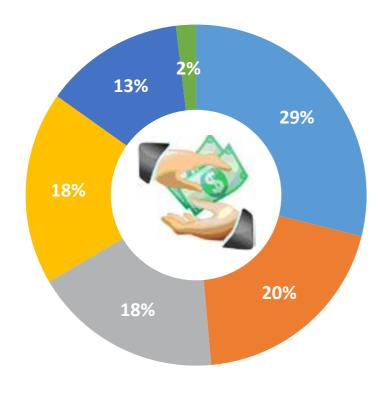
Interest Earnings \$0.09m

Profit on Sale of Assets \$0.07m

Where is the money spent? \$6.86m

Capital





Rates Explained

Rates levied on ratable properties contribute to delivering community services including but not limited to maintaining and improving facilities including our road network, sport and recreation facilities, waste services and many more services.

Rates are determined in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

How are Rates Calculated?

The Valuer General's Office provides valuations on all rateable properties. These valuations are used in the calculation of your rates. Gross Rental Value (GRV) is based on an estimate of the rental income you would receive if the property was rented for a year and applied to non rural properties. Uminproved Value (UV) is based on the value on undeveloped land and applied to properties used for rural purposes.

UV properties are revalued yearly and GRV are done every five years with the last revaluation 2018/2019 year.

The formula for calculation of your general rate, excluding any area or service charges (emergency services levy, sewerage and waste charges) after a minimum rate is imposed:

Valuation x Rate in Dollar GRV example \$5,692 x \$0.089751 = \$510.86 UV example \$374,000 x \$0.019289 = \$7,214.09

A minimum rate is imposed for:

GRV \$600.00 UV \$700.00



Waste Charges

Service	Charge
Rubbish - Weekly	\$213.00
Rubbish - Twice Weekly	\$415.00
Recycling - 240L	\$132.00
Recycling - Commerical 3m3	\$2,352.00

Bins are the responsibility of the ratepayer and there may be charges for damaged or stolen bins. If your bin is stolen or damaged please contact the Shire regarding repair or replacement.



Sewerage fees apply to those properties within gazetted boundaries in the Dalwallinu townsite.

8.0975 cents in \$ based on the GRV Minimums

•	Commercial	\$1,021.18
•	Residential	\$439.10
•	Vacant	\$288.94

Non residential properties major fixture charge

•	First	\$1,021.18
•	Second	\$437.12
•	Third	\$583.77
•	4 or more	\$634.81

Non-ratable properties connected to sewerage

•	First fixture	\$274.36
•	Additional	\$120.71

Paying Your Rates

Details on how to pay your rates are outlined on the front of your rates notice. Payment options include Bpay, Electronic Funds Transfer, Mail, In Person or By Phone. It is the ratepayer's responsibility to ensure all payments are received at the Shire by the due date to receive the discount.

Two payment options are offered

- Payment in full by the due date will receive a 5% discount on the rates portion of your notice
- Four instalment payment option (incur administration fee & interest). A reminder notice will be sent out 35 days before the due date.

Instalment	Due Date
1st Instalment	6 September 2019
2nd Instalment	8 November 2019
3rd Instalment	10 January 2020
4th Instalment	13 March 2020

Penalty Interest

Interest on overdue rates is calculated daily at a rate of 11% per annum.







Consequences of Default in Payment of Rates and Charges

Where no election has been made to enter into the Instalment option or alternative arrangements made, and where Rates and Service Charges remain outstanding 35 days after the date of issue, Legal Action may be undertaken for their recovery. All costs associated with the Legal Action are recoverable from the Ratepayer and will be added to the account.

Experiencing Financial Difficulty?

Please contact the Finance Officer to discuss alternative payment options.

Property not in the Correct Name?

If the ratepayer/s shown on the rates notice are not correct please contact the Finance Officer to rectify this. A copy of your title will be required.

Mailing Address not Correct?

Please advise Council in writing of and changes of address. Incorrect addresses may cause unnecessary delays in the delivery of your rates notice.

A Change of Personal Details form is available to download on the Shire's website or by contacting our Customer Services team.

Pensioner/Senior Rebate

If you are an eligible* pensioner or senior card holder who does not currently claim the rebate, you can apply through the Water Corporation, even if you are not a Water Corporation customer.

To apply go online to www.watercorporation.com. au/my-account/i-want-to/concessions/apply-for-aconcession. This is effective for both Local Government and Water rates. If you do not have access to the internet please bring your concession card to the Shire Office and we will help you apply for the concession.

Unsure if you already claim the concession on your property within the Shire of Dalwallinu? If you are already claiming the concession you will have the line "State Government Rebate Allowed" on your rates notice.

Your rates MUST be paid in full prior to 30 June to receive the rebate.

* To be eligible you must own and reside in the residential property for which you are claiming the rebate and hold the relevant concession cards.



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