



SHIRE OF DALWALLINU

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TO THE ELECTOR

2015/16 Shire Budget

Council has continued to focus on supporting agriculture and the Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) road network, the Medical Centre, community infrastructure and sporting groups, while assisting the development of manufacturing and Great Northern Highway services to widen the community's economic base.

CAPITAL PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Plant Replacement Programme (plant, vehicles, equipment) \$ 989,090
- Upgrade/replacement of section of the Sewerage Scheme \$ 231,500
- Construction of factory units in Huggett Drive \$ 700,000
- Construction of four houses (3 Shire Project) \$1,332,000
 (Housing is being developed with Royalties for Regions funding)

The **Road Construction Programme** of \$5,568,703 focuses on asset preservation including the sealed network, some of which qualifies for State Government funding. The Council recognises and appreciates the funding received from Federally Assisted Grants (FAGS) and Roads to Recovery (R2R) this year totalling \$1,206,500 and \$1,053,808 respectively. \$3.2 million is funded by a grant received from the Federal government (WANDRRA) being for March 2015 flood damage.

Major jobs proposed include:

- Dalwallinu Kalannie Rd – final seal 3.78km \$ 139,076
- Goodlands Rd – final seal 2.94km \$ 83,860
- Dowerin-Kalannie Rd – final seal 2.4km \$ 72,200
- Goodlands Rd – shoulder reconstruction near CBH Kalannie 1.0km \$ 192,942
- Nugadong West Rd – verge clear, reform & compact shoulders 17km \$ 311,546
- Dalwallinu West Rd – extend pavement to 10m 2.50km \$ 184,785
- Kalannie Airstrip – resheeting \$ 66,028
- Footpath Construction – Dalwallinu, Wubin & Pithara \$ 120,899

The Shire has a large property portfolio and in addition to maintaining public buildings, provides staff housing, aged persons housing, caravan park accommodation and joint venture housing with Department of Housing. The budgeted cost to maintain and operate these including renewal costs is \$581,254.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND SUBSIDIES:

Support to Community Groups is extensive by way of financial assistance, administrative support and the community grant scheme (totalling \$102,852).

Many services provided are subsidised by the ratepayers. For example:

	Expenditure	Income	Subsidy
➤ Medical Centre	\$845,648	\$478,516	\$367,132
➤ Aquatic Centre	\$141,931	\$ 29,506	\$112,425
➤ Halls & Civic Centres	\$420,636	\$ 35,325	\$385,311
➤ Rec Centres, Ovals, Parks, Gardens	\$951,981	\$ 38,711	\$913,270

FUNDING FOR THE FUTURE

Reserves such as the **Plant, Land & Building** and **Sewerage Scheme Reserves** have been set up to help with future requirements.

Shire Revenue is derived from rates, government grants, and fees and charges. The Shire's **Financial Position** remains strong and this year *the Budget provides for a rate yield increase of 2.5% over last year*. This increase does not cover entirely the inflationary pressures faced by the Shire including, water, electricity, insurance and

fuel increases however Council has been mindful of the impact seasonal variability can have on farming businesses. Each year the Valuer Generals Office re-values the rural areas which have resulted this year in generally unchanged average valuations. Ratepayers will experience varying rate increases based on the rate in the dollar percentage applied.

The **Loan Liability** at 30 June 2015 was \$1,199,162 and is well within the Shire’s capacity to service. The budget this year does not include any new borrowings.

As the Shire receives a **commission** for processing vehicle and drivers licence renewals, you are encouraged to use the Shire service wherever possible.

FURTHER INFORMATION

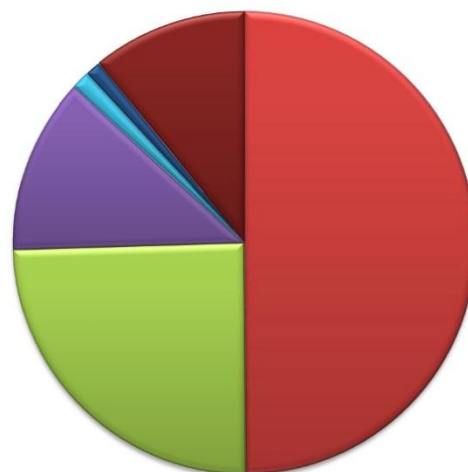
The adopted budget is available for inspection at the Shire Office. Councillors and Senior Administration staff would be pleased to discuss any aspect of the budget on request.

R.S. NIXON
PRESIDENT

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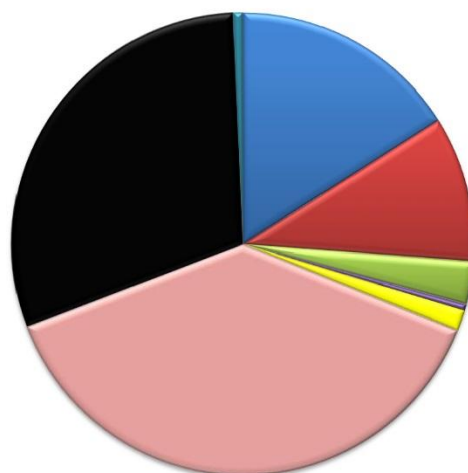
2015-16 Budget Funding

Government Grants & Subsidies	49.9%
Rates	24.6%
Fees and Charges	12.3%
Interest Earnings	1.2%
Other Revenue	0.0%
Profit on Asset Disposals	1.0%
Transfer from prepaid/unspent Grants/New Loans	10.9%



2015-16 Budget Expenditure

Employee Costs	16.0%
Materials and Contracts	10.2%
Utility Charges	3.0%
Interest Expenses	0.5%
Insurance & Other Expenses	1.5%
Capital Works	38.1%
Land, Buildings & other capital	30.1%
Repayment of Loans	0.7%



2015/2016 RATES & BUDGET INFORMATION

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1995, and the Waste Avoidance & Resources Recovery Act 2007, the Council of the Shire of Dalwallinu has resolved that for the 2015/16 financial year the following Rates, Rubbish, Sewerage Charges, Fees, Penalties and Discounts be imposed:

SCHEDULE OF RATES, CHARGES, FEES & DISCOUNTS

General Rate	- Gross Rental Valuation (GRV)	8.5439 cents in \$ of GRV
General Rate	- Unimproved Valuation (UV)	2.1750 cents in \$ of UV
Minimum Rate	- Dalwallinu Townsite	\$625.00
	- Other Townsites	\$485.00
	- Rural Properties & Mining Tenements	\$485.00
Instalment Fee	\$20.01 plus interest (5.5% per annum)	
Interest	11% per annum	
Sewerage Charges	6.73 cents in the \$ on the Gross Rental Value of residential and commercial properties within the gazetted boundaries in Dalwallinu	
	\$848.50 minimum, commercial land	
	\$364.84 minimum, residential land	
	\$240.08 minimum, vacant land	
	Non Residential Properties Major Fixture Charge	
	- First	\$848.50
	- Second	\$363.21
	- Third	\$485.05
	- Fourth	\$527.46
	Non-Rateable Properties Connected to Sewer	
	- First Fixture	\$227.97
	- Additional Fixture	\$100.30
Rubbish & Recycling Charges	Rubbish - weekly collection	\$199.00 per service
	Rubbish - twice weekly commercial collection	\$305.00 per service
	Recycling 240L collection	\$124.00 per service
	Recycling 3m ³ commercial collection	\$2,185.00 per service

RATES PAYMENT DATES

Original Notice issued:	
Early Payment Discount A 5% discount (on Rates Charges only) will be given if all Rates & Charges are paid in full by:	
Full payment and 1st Instalment payments	11 September 2015
Four Payments Instalment Option - No Discounts Applicable	
Instalment payments will incur Administration Fees + Interest	
1st Instalment Due	11 September 2015
2nd Instalment Due	11 November 2015
3rd Instalment Due	11 January 2016
4th Instalment due	11 March 2015

PENSIONER/SENIOR REBATE

If you are an eligible* pensioner or senior who currently does not 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/apply-for-a-concession or forms are available from the Shire office. This is effective for both Local Government and Water Rates.

For more information regarding the rebate please refer to the back of your rates notice.

* 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.

RATES PENALTY FOR LATE PAYMENT (SECTION 6.51 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995)

- NO INSTALMENT OPTION TAKEN - Interest shall begin to accrue on all Rates and Charges that remain unpaid 35 days after the date of issue. Eligible Pensioners are exempt.
- INSTALMENT OPTION TAKEN - Interest shall begin to accrue on any instalment payment that remains unpaid after the due date of the instalments, until such time as the instalment is paid. Eligible Pensioners are exempt.
- ACCOUNT IN ARREARS - Interest shall begin to accrue as of 1st July on all Rates and Charges, including previous interest charges that remain in arrears. Eligible Pensioners are exempt. NOTE: Interest shall accrue on a daily basis using simple interest at a rate set by the Council in the Budget for that Financial Year.

CONSEQUENCES OF DEFAULT IN PAYMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES

Where no election has been made to enter into an 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 taken for their recovery. All costs associated with the Legal Action are recoverable from the Ratepayer and will be added to the account.

ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

Should you be experiencing difficulties in making the payment options, please contact the Rates Officer as soon as possible to discuss alternative arrangements.

EASY WAYS TO PAY YOUR ACCOUNT

It is the ratepayer's responsibility to ensure all payments are received at the Shire by the due date to receive the discount

In Person

Shire of Dalwallinu Administration Office, 58 Johnston Street, Dalwallinu
Between the hours of 8.30am - 4.00pm Monday to Friday
Cash, EFTPOS or cheques are accepted. Cheques must be made out to the Shire of Dalwallinu

By Mail

Detach slip at bottom of notice and make cheque/money order payable to:

Shire of Dalwallinu
PO Box 141
DALWALLINU WA 6609

Please allow time for postage

By Phone

Credit card payments are accepted by phone
Phone: 08 9661 0500
Please quote your assessment number/s as a reference.

By Bpay

Contact your bank or financial institution to make this payment via you cheque, savings, debit, credit card or transaction account.

The Biller Code and Reference are written on your Rates Notice, **please note each assessment has a unique Reference and separate transactions are required for each assessment.**
Please allow 1 - 2 working days for your deposit to reach our account.

By Electronic Funds Transfer

Please ensure that you use your assessment number and surname as the reference.

eg. A12345 Surname
Bank Name: Bankwest
BSB: 306-008
Account: 536 591 4

Please allow 3 - 5 working days for your deposit to reach our account

2015/16 FIRE PREVENTION INFORMATION

BURNING PERMITS REQUIRED

1 October to 31 October
15 February to 15 March

FIREBREAKS REQUIRED

1 October to 1 April

PERMITS

HOW TO OBTAIN PERMITS

Burning permits can be obtained from a Fire Control Officer. When applying for a permit you will need to provide the Lot Number and Street Name of the property for which the permit is to apply.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO INFORM THE SHIRE PRIOR TO BURNING

WHEN TO OBTAIN PERMITS

Permits are required for burning bush and grass at any time between 1 - 31 October and 15 February - 15 March in all areas. No burning is allowed between 1 November - 14 February.

FIRE CONTROL/PERMIT ISSUING OFFICERS

Chief Fire Control Officer	Gary Butcher	08 9662 1092	0427 621 069
Deputy Fire Control Officer	Michael Dodd	08 9664 2078	0427 642 078
Deputy Fire Control Officer	Aaron Mills	08 9661 1343	0428 218 881
<u>DALWALLINU</u>		<u>BUNTINE</u>	
Aaron Mills	08 9661 1343	0428 218 881	Michael Dodd 08 9664 2078 0427 642 078
James Butcher	0429 621 092	Ross Fitzsimons	08 9664 2086 0427 642 086
<u>KALANNIE</u>		<u>WUBIN</u>	
Steve Wasmann	08 9666 2152	0427 662 152	Colin Cail 08 9664 3012 0428 643 012
Graeme Hathway	08 9666 2153	0429 662 153	Peter Reudavey 08 9664 3013 0409 643 013
Alan Dodd	08 9666 3045	0427 663 045	Don Nankivell 08 9668 1015 0428 681 016
Travis Stanley	08 9666 2023	0409 136 313	

EXAMPLE OF PENALTIES

Failure to maintain a firebreak as per firebreak order	\$250
Offence relating to lighting a fire in open air	\$250
Setting fire to bush during prohibited burning time	\$250
Failure of occupier to extinguish bush fire	\$250
Refusal to state name and abode or stating false name and abode	\$100
Failure to produce permit to burn	\$100
Burning garden refuse when fire danger is EXTREME or VERY HIGH	\$250
Applying to another Fire Control Officer when a permit has already been refused or granted subject to special conditions	\$250

Major offences result in Court action with fines from \$400 to \$2,000 or imprisonment for five years.

GARDEN REFUSE AND RUBBISH

RESTRICTED BURNING SEASON

Small heaps (up to one cubic metre) of garden refuse may be burnt on the ground between 6.00pm and 11.00pm BUT ONLY AFTER a 5 metre wide fire break has been cleared around the fire and at least one able bodied person is in attendance at all times. A permit is not required. BURNING IS PROHIBITED ON VERY HIGH OR EXTREME FIRE DANGER DAYS

PROHIBITED BURNING SEASON

No garden rubbish or refuse is permitted to be burnt in an open fire during the prohibited burning season. It may only be burnt in an approved incinerator.

APPROVED INCINERATOR

The incinerator is to be constructed of steel, brick or a combination of these materials. Every incinerator shall be constructed or covered to prevent the emission of sparks or burning material.

ADVICE IS AVAILABLE

Further advice on how to protect your home and when and how to burn off is available from the Shire Office or your local Bush Fire Control Officer. If you have any questions contact them. The safety of your whole community is at stake.

FIRE DANGER

No burning of any type is permitted, including incinerators, on days of VERY HIGH or EXTREME FIRE DANGER.

BUSH FIRES ACT (AS AMENDED) SHIRE OF DALWALLINU - FIREBREAK ORDER

FIREBREAKS

NOTICE TO ALL LAND OWNERS AND/OR OCCUPIERS OF LAND IN THE SHIRE OF DALWALLINU

Pursuant to the powers contained in Section 33 of the above Act, you are required on or before the first (1) day of October and thereafter up to and including the first (1) day of April the following year for ALL land within the Shire of Dalwallinu; or within 14 days of the date of your becoming an owner or occupier of land, to install a firebreak clear of all flammable material in accordance with the following:

1. Where the area of land is 0.2 hectares or less, all flammable material on the land shall be removed from the whole of the land or slashed to a height not exceeding 7.5 centimetres
2. If a property is greater than 0.2 hectares firebreaks are required within 20 meters inside and along the whole of the external boundaries of the said lands owned or occupied by you
3. Around and within 20 metres of the perimeter of each building and haystack on such lands so as to completely enclose thereof with such a firebreak
4. When any of such lands adjoin a road within such lands and along the common boundary of such lands and such roads

PLEASE NOTE: FIREBREAKS MUST NOT BE LESS THAN TWO POINT FOUR (2.4) METRES IN WIDTH

5. In addition to any firebreaks required in paragraphs (1), (2), (3) & (4) herein, you shall clear off all flammable material from the whole of the land occupied by drums used for the storage of flammable liquid, whether the drums contained flammable liquid or not, including any land on which ramps for holding the drums are constructed, and an area outside the land so occupied to a distance of not less than three (3) metres.

If it is considered impractical for any reason to clear or remove flammable material from the land in Rural areas as required by this Notice, you may apply to the Council or its Authorised Officer, no later than 15 September for permission to provide firebreaks in alternative positions or take alternative action to abate the fire hazards on the land. If permission is not granted by Council or it's duly Authorised Officer, you are to comply with the requirements of this Notice.

Flammable material is defined for the purposes of this Notice to include bush, dry grasses, timber, boxes, cartons, paper and similar flammable materials, rubbish and also any combustible matters, but does not include green standing trees or growing bushes and plants in gardens or lawns.

The penalty for failing to comply with this Notice is a fine not exceeding \$1,000 and a person in default is liable, whether prosecuted or not, to pay the cost of performing the work directed by this Notice if it is not carried out by the owner or occupier by the date required by this Notice. If the requirements of this Notice are carried out by burning, such burning must be in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Bush Fires Act.

URBAN/RURAL

Restricted - Permit Required	1 October	to	31 October
	15 February	to	15 March
Prohibited - No Burning	1 November	to	14 February
Firebreaks Required	1 October	to	1 April

1. If a property is 0.2 hectares or less, to be cleared of all flammable material or slashed to a height not exceeding 7.5cm
2. If a property is greater than 0.2 hectares, firebreaks required as per rural requirements
3. Firebreaks two point four (2.4) metres wide around block or property boundaries, all buildings and haystacks
4. All flammable material to be cleared:
 - For three (3) metres around fuel drum storage
 - From all property less than ½ acre (0.2ha)

FIREBREAKS MUST BE INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED CLEARED OF FLAMMABLE MATERIAL UP TO AND INCLUDING 1 APRIL.

IF A FIREBREAK IS IMPRACTICAL ALONG YOUR BOUNDARY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL OR OTHER REASON, NOTIFY THE SHIRE COUNCIL BY SEPTEMBER 15 TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FOR FIREBREAKS IN ALTERNATIVE POSITIONS OR OF A DIFFERENT NATURE

THE PURPOSE OF FIREBREAKS IS TO STOP FIRE SPREADING, TO ALLOW ENTRY FOR FIRE FIGHTING VEHICLES AND TO PROVIDE A BREAK FROM WHICH BACK BURNING CAN TAKE PLACE TO CONTROL A FIRE.

MOVEMENT OF MACHINERY/VEHICLE BAN (HARVEST BAN)

A Harvest/Movement of Machinery Ban may be set by the Shire or a Fire Control Officer when weather conditions including relative humidity, wind direction, wind strength, temperature and daily forecast meet a certain threshold.

A Harvest/Movement of Machinery Ban is the total movement of vehicles in paddocks with the exception of diesel powered vehicles for the purpose of watering stock only.

Radio Station	SMS	Phone	Web Page
Tune your radio to either ABC 531 AM Spirit 104.5 FM Red 106.1 FM For regular updates	This is a free service If you wish to register please email your name and mobile number to rates@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au or phone 08 9661 0500. If you have previously registered, a test message will be sent mid October.	Phone Number is 08 9661 0555 A designated, pre recorded message will advise if a harvest ban is active. 24 hours a day	www.dalwallinu.wa.gov.au Regular updates will be posted on our website and facebook page. Add us on FACEBOOK and get updates on your home page as and when we update.

TOTAL FIRE BANS

A Total Fire Ban is declared because of extreme weather conditions or when widespread fires are seriously stretching fire fighting resource. A Total Fire Ban is declared by DFES.

A Total Fire Ban prohibits:

- The lighting of any fires in open air, this includes all open air fires for the purpose of cooking or camping. It also includes activities using incinerators, welding equipment, grinders, soldering equipment and gas cutting.
- Any other activities in the open air that may start a fire

Undercover areas such as patios, pergolas and huts that are open or partially open to the weather are deemed to be in the open air.

You could be fined up to \$25,000 and/or jailed for 12 months for ignoring the ban.

For further information please contact DFES on the Total Fire Ban Information Line 1800 709 355 or online www.dfes.wa.gov.au/totalfirebans

RUBBISH AND RECYCLING SERVICES

Under the Local Government Act the bins are the property owner's responsibility, there may be a charge for damaged or stolen bins.

It is your responsibility to ensure your bins are contained within your property when not out for collection. Council recommends bins to be placed on the road verge prior to 6.00am on collection day and brought in on the evening on the same day.

DOG ACT 1976 AND CAT ACT 2011

Under The Dog Act 1976, any dog over the age of 3 months should be registered within the Shire. All dogs registered for the first time need to be microchipped, by 1 November 2015 all dogs must be microchipped.

Under The Cat Act 2011, any cat over the age of 6 months should be registered within the Shire. All cats must be sterilised and microchipped.

It is an offence to not register your dog or cat and you can be fined \$200 on the spot, the Act applies Statewide, not just within the townsite boundaries. Registration forms are available on the Shire website and Administration Office.

CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARTER SEWERAGE AND NON-POTABLE WATER SERVICES

Please note that the Shire of Dalwallinu Customer Service Charter for sewerage and non-potable water services is available for perusal at the Shire Offices or via the Shire of Dalwallinu website www.dalwallinu.wa.gov.au

The Charter sets out how the Shire deals with levels of service, service interruptions and complaint procedures.

Any questions relating to the operation of the Shire of Dalwallinu Sewerage Scheme or the Customer Service Charter should be directed to the Shire of Dalwallinu Manager Regulation and Development Services on 08 9661 0500.

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