

Shire of EAST
Pilbara
AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST SHIRE

Rates Information
2017/2018

The Shire of East Pilbara
is not just about resources -
it's also about resourcefulness

RATES

Why do I pay rates?

Council rates help cover the cost of providing facilities and services in the local community. Rates are used to build and maintain the Shire's roads, parks, gardens, sporting facilities, animal control, bush fire control, libraries, mosquito control and a multitude of community services.

How are rates calculated?

Rates are calculated using your property's valuation multiplied by the annual rate in the dollar imposed by Council, subject to a minimum payment which is set by the Shire Council.

The Valuer General (part of Landgate) sets your property's valuation for rating and taxing purposes. Within the Shire, there are two types of valuations: Gross Rental Values (GRV) for town sites and Unimproved Values for rural areas. GRVs within the Shire are assessed at the same time every three years to determine the fair rental value for each property.

This is an estimate of how much you could expect to receive if you were to rent your property. UV revaluations are carried out annually.

Example of how your rates are calculated.

Property GRV: \$31,000

Rate in the dollar: 4.4963 cents

$\$31,000 \times 0.044963 \text{ cents} =$

**\$1,393.85 in rates plus other
levies and charges**



Can I appeal my property's valuation?

If you feel the valuation applied to your property is too high (not the rate in the dollar), you can discuss the valuation with a Landgate Valuer on (08) 9273 7373 before lodging a formal objection.

The formal objection forms and further information are available at www.landgate.wa.gov.au. An objection to valuation **must be submitted within 60 days of the rates notice being issued**. The Local Government Act 1995 provides that rates must be paid as assessed irrespective of an objection being lodged. Any reduction in rates resulting from a successful objection will be refunded.

Late payment penalty interest

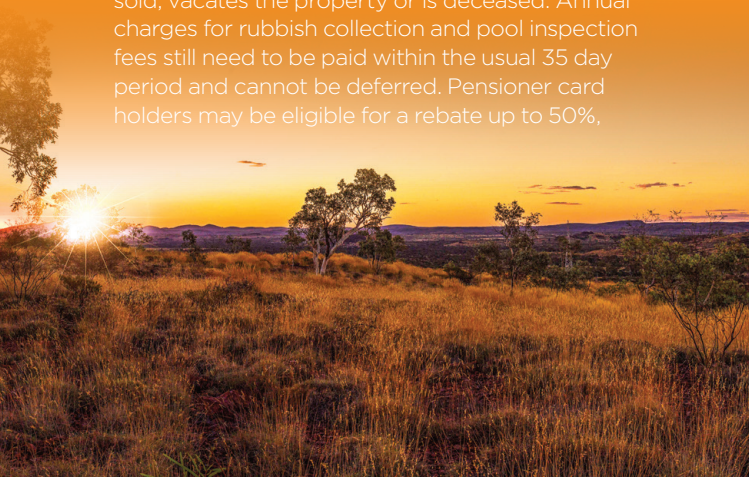
As per the Local Government Act 1995 the Council is permitted to charge penalty interest on late payments. The Shire charges 8% on outstanding rates and applicable charges.

What should I do if I change my address?

If you have changed ownership of a property or moved house, please contact the Council within 21 days as there is an obligation for property owners to ensure the Shire has the correct address for service of notices.

Pensioners and Seniors

Pensioners and Seniors who register with the Shire of East Pilbara are entitled to a rebate on Council rates and the Emergency Services Levy (ESL), or in some circumstances may defer payment of the rates and ESL until such time as the property is sold, vacates the property or is deceased. Annual charges for rubbish collection and pool inspection fees still need to be paid within the usual 35 day period and cannot be deferred. Pensioner card holders may be eligible for a rebate up to 50%,



up to a capped amount of \$750.00. Senior card holders may be eligible to claim a rebate up to 25% off the current years rates, capped at the amount of \$100.00.

To register your entitlement for a rebate, you may apply over the phone by contacting the Water Corp on 1300 659 951 or lodge an online application via www.watercorporation.com.au.

Rates and minimum charges

The Shire of East Pilbara advises that in accordance with section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995 has applied differential rates in the 2017/2018 financial year as per the below table:

	Rate in \$ Cents	Minimum charge
Gross Rental Value:		
Industrial	1.5901	\$663
Town Centre	4.4963	\$663
Nullagine Town site	4.4805	\$265
Transient Workforce	4.4963	\$663
Other	3.1645	\$663
Unimproved Value:		
Pastoral/Special Leases	5.9121	\$230
AML Leases	17.7505	\$230
Mining Leases	17.7505	\$230
General Leases	17.7505	\$230
Petroleum Leases	17.7505	\$230
Exploration Leases	17.7505	\$230
Prospecting Leases	7.7505	\$230

Want to receive your rates notice by email?

Ratepayers can now register to receive their rate notices via email. Simply contact the Shire of East Pilbara on (08) 9175 8000 or email rates@eastpilbara.wa.gov.au



Differential Rates

The objective of Council's rates is to collect revenue on an equitable basis in order that services to ratepayers can be provided throughout the Shire. The rates are raised to achieve a balanced budget.

The basis for calculation of rates is the Gross Rental Values (GRV) and Unimproved Values (UV) provided for each individual property in the Shire by the Valuer General's Office. UV's for rural properties are provided every year and GRV's for residential, commercial and industrial properties are generally provided every three years.

Council has considered the Key Values contained within the Rating Policy Differential Rates (s.6.33) March 2016 released by the Department of Local Government and Communities, being:

- Objectivity;
- Fairness and Equity;
- Consistency; and
- Transparency and administrative efficiency.

Council has reviewed its expenditure and considered efficiency measures as part of its budget deliberations. In particular, to improve efficiency and reduce expenditure Council has:

- Reviewed the need for and remuneration of each position as vacancies arise;
- Deferred capital expenditure on plant;
- Installed energy efficient fixtures and equipment;
- Disposed of under-utilised light fleet and plant;
- Commenced review of insurance renewals; and
- Implemented replacement/upgrade of effluent reuse system.

Council has determined its required rates yield after reviewing all revenue sources, expenditure and efficiency measures as part of its budget deliberations. Based on last year's rates Council has increased all categories by an average of 3%.

Zoning and land use codes are stipulated by the Shire's Town Planning Scheme No 4 (TPS4) which was adopted in December 2005. In TPS4 all land outside of town sites is zoned rural (hence have UV valuations) and the land uses are mining, pastoral and special leases. The exception to this is the recent gazetting of accommodation units on some mine sites by the Department of Local Government, to allow for GRV valuations. Within the town sites the zonings include residential, industrial, town centres in Newman and Marble Bar and the transient workforce accommodation. Nullagine Town site is classed as one zone only, allowing mixed use. Town sites have GRV valuations.

How to pay your rates

There are so many convenient ways to pay your annual rates and the options are as follows:

BPOINT: Simply phone 1300 276 468.

Have the number at the bottom of your rates notice handy and follow the prompts. This service is different to Bpay and accepts credit card only.

IN PERSON: We have Visa, MasterCard and EFTPOS facilities available at our office in Newman.

ONLINE: Go to our website

www.eastpilbara.wa.gov.au click on "Pay Your Rates" and follow the online prompts. Visa or MasterCard only accepted.

BPAY: Simply log on to your internet banking.

Have the number at the bottom of your rates notice handy and follow the prompts.



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Get in Early for your chance to win!

Pay your rates before or on the due date and you will go in the draw to win one of these fantastic prizes. Full terms and conditions are available at www.eastpilbara.wa.gov.au

1st Shire of East Pilbara
refund of rates up to **\$1,000**

2nd Shire of East Pilbara
refund of rates up to **\$500**

3rd AHG Service Centre Newman Voucher
\$500

4th AHG Service Centre Newman Voucher
\$500

5th AHG Service Centre Newman Voucher
\$500

6th The Esplanade Hotel Port Hedland
voucher **\$150**



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Phone: **1800 639 626**

Website: **www.ahgservicenewman.com.au**

Lot 10 & 17 Great Northern Highway

(Adjacent Capricorn Roadhouse)

PO Box 498, Newman, WA, 6753

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Phone: **08 9173 9700**

Website: **www.theesplanadeporthedland.com.au**

2-4 Anderson Street, Port Hedland, WA 6721

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Shire Rangers are responsible for the administration of many Acts and Local Laws. These include the following:

Dog and Cat Act

Dogs and cats are not to wander unattended, dogs must be held by lead when in public. All dogs and cats are required to be registered by 12 weeks of age, and display these registration tags at all times.

Dog exercise areas include off lead areas such as Boomerang reserve and parts of Capricorn reserves when there are no sporting activities taking place. All dog attacks should be reported to the Shire of East Pilbara 9175 8000, regardless of whether injury is caused.

Off Road Vehicles

If you are the owner of one of these vehicles (cars or motor bikes), they must be registered and their use is governed by the Control of Vehicles (off road areas) Act. Contact the Shire of East Pilbara for more information.

Parking

Local and State parking and traffic laws apply in the Shire of East Pilbara, check the signs and be considerate of other road users and pedestrians. Parking on footpaths is an offence, as is parking on the wrong side of the road and outside of marked bays which will result in penalty infringements being issued. When driving around schools be aware of children and only park in the provided spaces and adhere to the pickup and drop off signs at the front of Schools, these areas are signed and Rangers will be targeting those motorists who do not abide by these signs. Penalties will apply.

In an effort in keeping our Community safe, the Shire urges all road users to follow the road rules and drive safe through our Shire.

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Shire of East Pilbara 2017/2018 Firebreak Notice Bush Fires Act 1954

In pursuance of the powers conferred under Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954, notice is hereby given to all owners and/or occupiers of land within the Shire of East Pilbara, that land owners and/or occupiers are required to carry out fire prevention work in accordance with this notice on land which they own, occupy or manage. All work required by this Notice shall be maintained all year round. The previous Fire Breaks Local Law is now repealed.

Restricted Burning Period

Applies from the 1st January to 31st December each year (Permanent Restricted Period).

**PERMITS TO BURN ARE
REQUIRED ALL YEAR ROUND.**

Burning of Refuse, Rubbish or Garden waste is prohibited within all towns.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Domestic Rubbish

Household rubbish is collected twice a week in the warmer months October to April and once a week during the cooler months May to September. Newman recycling is collected every second Wednesday.

If a rubbish bin needs repairs, or you are missing a bin, please call the office on 08 9175 8000.

Landfills

Newman Landfill is manned and opening hours are Monday to Friday 6:30am – 4:30pm, and Sundays 9am-12pm. The tip will be closed on Christmas day, New Year's Day and Good Friday. All other public holidays the tip is open from 9:00am - 12:00pm. Contact Newman Office on 08 9175 8000 for more information.

Marble Bar and Nullagine landfills are unmanned and only receive domestic waste. Contact the Marble Bar administration office on 08 9176 1008 for more information.

Home Based Business

Before commencing to operate a business from home, Council approval is required. For more information please contact the administration office on 08 9175 8000 or visit the Shire's website www.eastpilbara.wa.gov.au/Shire-Services/Town-planning-services/Running-a-Business-from-Home.



Community Wellbeing

The Community Wellbeing section provides a wide range of services, programs and facilities within the Shire of East Pilbara, including:

- Libraries located in Newman, Nullagine and Marble Bar.
- The Newman Youth Centre which is open most afternoons after school and during school holidays running a variety of programs and workshops for young people between 10 and 18 years old.
- Community development and recreation programs in Marble Bar and Nullagine.
- An arts & cultural development program which facilitates a number of activities such as book clubs, the annual artist in residence program, Art at the Heart and the Banners in the Terrace competition.
- Community Assistance Grants programs providing community groups with the opportunity to seek funding for their activities.
- A vast array of community focused inclusive programs and events for residents of the Shire of East Pilbara to engage and participate in.



EVENTS CALENDAR

EVENT

Fortescue Festival 2017

Council Meeting in Newman

Outback Fusion Festival 2017

Bark in the Park

Council Meeting in Marble Bar

Bloody Slow Cup 2017 - Golf, Netball, Cricket

Bloody Slow Cup 2017 - Rugby

Local Government Election Day

Council Meeting in Newman

Thank a Volunteer Awards

Christmas Pool Party Free Event

Australia Day 2018

Virtual Rottnest Channel Swim

Marble Bar Community Rotto Swim



DATE

Sunday, 20 August 2017

Friday, 25 August 2017

Friday 8th to Sunday 10th, September 2017

Sunday, 17 September 2017

Friday, 22 September 2017

Friday, 20 October 2017

Saturday, 21 October 2017

Saturday, 21 October 2017

Friday, 27 October 2017

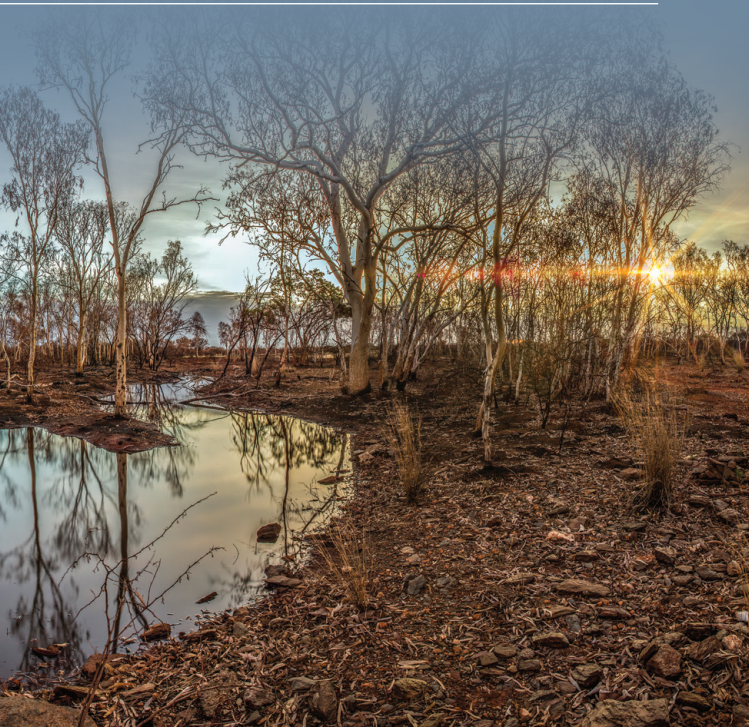
Tuesday, 5 December 2017

Sunday, 17 December 2017

Friday, 26 January 2018

Sunday, 25 February 2018

Sunday, 25 February 2018



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