

SHIRE OF EAST PILBARA

# Budget Bulletin 2018/2019





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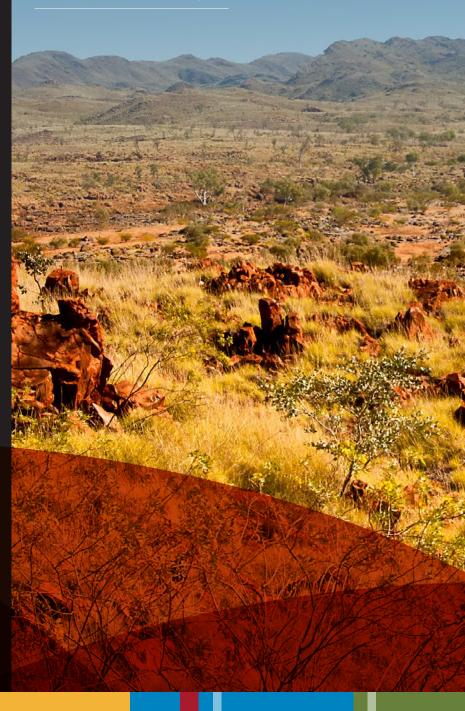
The Shire of East Pilbara is not just about resources - it's also about resourcefulness.

From our Indigenous people to early pastoralists and miners, and through to the present day, people have shown their capacity to not only survive but thrive in the heart of the Pilbara.

Estimated resident population

11.018

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics as at 24 April 2018





### **Lynne Craigie**Shire President

### **From the President**

Thank you for taking the time to read the Shire of East Pilbara's first Budget Bulletin.

We have produced this document to provide helpful information about the Shire's budget, our income and how we will spend the money received from you as rate-payers for the benefit of all living and visiting in the Shire of East Pilbara. It also provides a snapshot of the areas of priority for Council and how we will deliver what we have promised.

We have plenty of good news to share about our budget for this next financial year, especially in the areas of recreation and road safety.

Exciting to us is the allocation of \$600,000 for an extensive lighting upgrade at Capricorn Sporting Oval. This will make a big difference to our sporting activities in the summer months as improved lighting will ensure that training and matches can progress through the evenings in cooler temperatures. Another \$200,000 has been allocated to the Newman Recreation Centre to upgrade the air conditioner- another essential item during the summer time which I am sure will be deeply appreciated by members and visitors to the Centre.

Road safety is also a clear priority for Council and we have allocated almost \$5.3 million to upgrades and improvements to roads across the Shire.

This year's budget also proposes a 3% increase on last year's rate yield. The Shire has worked hard to keep our rates low and it is important to note that our rates for the 2018/2019 period are one of the lowest in the Pilbara.

If you would like to have a greater understanding of rates and how they are calculated, we have provided a FAQ page in the document, located on page 10.

The Shire of East Pilbara has seen many changes over the past decade and it is expected that we will continue to do so, as this is the very nature of life in the Pilbara. In Newman, we are now enjoying the benefits of a modern and revitalised town and the future looks bright. Our smaller towns, Marble Bar and Nullagine will continue to receive their portion as the prosperity from the Shire is shared across the whole region. We are also the major employer in both Marble Bar and Nullagine and thus a vital component to daily life in these two beautiful towns.

Our towns have survived fluctuations of fortune for more than a century. Resourcefulness and resilience, along with planning, will continue to guide us as we move forward into the next era. Most importantly, we offer our sincere thanks to our residents, who are the beating heart of our community and the key to our future.

**Lynne Craigie**Shire President

Shire of EAST Pilbara

AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST SHIRE

### Putting into perspective



The Shire of East Pilbara is the **largest Shire in the southern hemisphere**. The Shire of East Pilbara is larger than the state of Victoria and roughly the same size as Japan.



At the northern most point of the Shire is the **4,800 hectare** pristine coastal area of **Cape Keraudren**. A full time ranger is employed by the Shire to oversee and maintain this area.



The Marble Bar Road is predominantly gravelled for the **303 kilometres** between Marble Bar and Newman. Marble Bar has the reputation of being Australia's hottest town.



At the center of the Shire is Karlamilyi National Park and at **1,283,706 hectares** is the largest national park in Western Australia and **one of the largest in the world**.



Employment within the Shire is focussed on the **mining sector** which contributes **75% of employment**, followed by the construction sector's jobs (5%), and the administrative and support services sector's jobs (4%).



### Pay your rates and WIN!

Get in early for your chance to win! Pay 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** 

- Shire of East Pilbara\$1,000 refund of rates
- Shire of East Pilbara\$500 refund of rates
- Newman Hotel\$100 voucher for bistro and garden bar
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#### \* Conditions of the Rates Incentive Prize Policy are as follows:

- 1. To be eligible for the draw all outstanding amounts on the rates notice must be received on or before close of business on the due date for the single-payment option.
- 2. All ratepayers shall be eligible for prizes.
- 3. No ratepayer shall be eligible for more than one prize.
- 4. The Council consider at budget time a cash incentive.
- 5. The prize is drawn by an independent person who has no connections to the Shire of East Pilbara.
- 6. Sponsorship is sourced and prizes detailed to Council at budget setting time.

### Budget report

### Where does the Shire's money come from?

OPE	RATING REVENUE	\$
	Rates	12,068,600.00
	Grants and subsidies	8,111,600.00
	Contributions, reimbursements and donations	1,668,200.00
	Gain on asset disposals	112,000.00
	Fees and charges	17,362,100.00
	Interest	994,500.00
	Other revenue / income	865,100.00
Tota	al operating revenue	41,182,100.00





### Budget breakdown

### Where is the money spent?



### **Governance**

Expenditure associated with Shire Governance and elected members.



### Health

To provide an operational framework for environmental and community health. This includes maintenance of infant health clinics, health inspection services, food and water quality control, immunisation and health education.



### Community Amenities

To provide services required by the community including rubbish collection services, maintenance of storm water drainage, maintenance of cemeteries, maintenance of the Newman Sewerage Farm and administration of the town planning scheme.



### Housing

Maintenance of Shire housing.



### Law, Order and Public Safety

To provide services to help ensure a safer and environmentally conscious community. This includes the supervision of local laws, fire preventions, emergency services and animal control.



### Recreation and Culture

Maintenance of community halls, recreation centres, and reserves; operation of public libraries.



### **General Purpose Funding**

Administration, debt recovery, valuation expenses, and bank charges.



### **Transport**

Maintenance of roads, drainage works, footpaths, parking facilities and traffic signs.



### **Education and Welfare**

Care of the aged, disabled, families, and children.



### **Economic Services**

To help promote the Shire and its economic wellbeing. This includes tourism support, building services and controls, caravan parks and bus services.



### Other Properties and Services

Private works, administration costs, public works overheads, plant operation costs, and other unclassified works and services.

### DID YOU KNOW

The mining sector dominates the Shire of East Pilbara economic landscape. Mining is estimated to contribute \$15.174 billion (90%) of total output generated within the Shire, followed by construction - \$432 million (2%) and manufacturing - \$192 million (1%). Employment within the shire is focussed on the mining sector which contributes 11,516 jobs (75% of employment), followed by the construction sector's 707 jobs (5%) and the administrative and support services sector's 585 jobs (4%).

For more facts go to www.eastpilbara.wa.gov.au

### **⊘** A major employer

The Shire of East Pilbara is a major employer in both Marble Bar and Nullagine.



### Operating expenditure

### **Operating Expenditure** (excluding borrowing costs expenses)

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OPE	ERATING EXPENDITURE	\$
	General purpose funding	524,400.00
	Governance	1,948,000.00
	Law, order & public safety	1,179,800.00
	Health	699,000.00
	Education & welfare	1,864,500.00
	Housing	816,000.00
	Community amenities	4,974,000.00
	Recreation & culture	11,054,700.00
	Transport	22,190,200.00
	Economic services	1,700,700.00
	Other property & services	276,900.00
ota	al operating expenditure	47,228,200.00



### Almost \$5.3 million

allocated to upgrades and improvements to roads across the Shire.

**\$45,000** 

for community grants.

### **\$600,000** ■

for an extensive lighting upgrade at Capricorn Sporting Oval.

**\$1,000,000** 

for sewerage plant improvements.

### **\$200,000**

allocated to the Newman Recreation Centre to upgrade the air conditioner.

### Capital works

Land & Buildings 2,604,900.00 1,950,500.00 Plant & Equipment Furniture & Equipment 185,000.00 Infrastructure 8,009,200.00 Airport - Land & Buildings 350,000.00 Airport - Plant & Equipment 195,000.00 20,800.00 Airport - Furniture & Equipment 2,803,800.00 Airport - Infrastructure **Total assets** 16,119,200.00

Capital Works \$16,119,200



### Major projects

### Below are some major projects for 2018-2019



### **Recreation Centre**

Air Conditioner Gym II	\$200,000.00
Playground Equipment	\$140,000.00
Capricorn Oval Light Upgrade	\$600,000.00



### **Community Services Public Buildings**

Newman Youth Centre	\$65,000.00
Marble Bar Youth Centre	\$20,000.00



### **Tourism**

Nullagine Caravan Park Upgrade	\$150,000.00
Desert Discovery Drive Tourist Structures	\$200,000.00



### **Other Construction**

Newman Town Streets - Reseals	\$566,200.00
Kerbing Program - Newman	\$25,000.00
Footpath Program	\$50,000.00
Drainage Improvements	\$160,000.00
Depot Redevelopment	\$150,000.00
Nullagine Entry Statements	\$5,000.00
Ovals Reticulation Automation	\$50,000.00
Pavement Failure and Drainage Works- Various	\$918,000.00
Streetscape Projects / Landscaping - Various Locations	\$20,000.00

### Your rates

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

#### Why do I pay rates?

Your rates help The Shire of East Pilbara to provide services, construction and maintenance in the local community, such as, roads, parks, gardens, sporting facilities, animal control, bush fire control, library services, aquatic centre and much more.

#### How are rates calculated?

Every three to five years, properties in the Shire of East Pilbara are subject to a revaluation set by Landgate for rating and tax purposes. Rates are calculated using your property's valuation multiplied by the annual rate in the dollar imposed by Council.

Within the Shire, there are two types of valuations: Gross Rental Values (GRV) for town sites and Unimproved Values for rural areas.

#### Can I appeal my property's valuation?

Yes, you can appeal your property's valuation (not the rate in the dollar as imposed by Council). You can discuss your valuation with a Landgate Valuer on (08) 9273 7373. Further information is available at www.landgate.wa.gov.au. An appeal must be submitted within 60 days of the rates notice being issued.

The Local Government Act 1995 states that rates must be paid as assessed irrespective of an objection being lodged. Any reduction in rates resulting from a successful appeal will be refunded.

#### Can I receive my rates notice via email?

Ratepayers can register to receive their rate notices via email, simply send your request via email to rates@eastpilbara.wa.gov.au, visit us at the Shire of East Pilbara or contact us on (08) 9175 8000.

### If valuations have gone down, why are my rates not cheaper?

Even though valuations have gone down, the Shire of East Pilbara still need to maintain the same level and quality of services in the local community.

#### What are the other charges included with the rates?

Other charges on your rates notice include, rubbish collection, sewerage and the Emergency Services Levy (ESL).

#### 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 correct address for service of notices. You can fill in the change of address on the reverse side of your rates notice and return to the Shire office.

#### **Example of how your rates are calculated**

Property GRV: \$31,000

Rate in the dollar: 4.4963 cents

\$31,000 x 4.4963 cents = \$1,393.85 in rates plus other

Council levies and charges



### Events and holidays in the Shire of East Pilbara 2018-19

#### 2018

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NATSI Children's Day	Friday 3
Bark in the Park	Saturday 12
Twilight Movie Series	Friday 17
Newman Family Fun Run	Saturday 18
Fortescue Festival Speedway	Saturday 18
Fortescue Festival	Sunday 19
Fortescue Festival Holiday	Monday 20
Newman Races	Saturday 25

#### **AUGUST - SEPTEMBER**

Outback Fusion Festival Friday 31 – Sunday 2

#### OCTOBER

World Mental Health Day	Wednesday 10
Welcome to Newman	Saturday 13
Bloody Slow Cup	Friday 19 - Sunday 21

#### **NOVEMBER**

Twilight Movie Series Friday 9

#### **DECEMBER**

Lighting of the Christmas Tree & Carols By Candle Light	Sunday 2
Thank a Volunteer Day	Wednesday 5
Twilight Movie Series	Saturday 8
Christmas Pool Party (Newman)	Friday 14

#### 2019

### JANUARY

Twilight Movie Series: Australia Day	Friday 25
Australia Day Ceremony & Pool Party	Saturday 26

FEBRUARY Caturday 27 Twilight Movie Series Saturday 23

#### **MARCH**

Twilight Movie Series	Friday 8
Bike Week Event	Sunday 10
Long Table of Harmony Dinner	Saturday 16

#### **APRIL**

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Welcome to Newman	Saturday 6
ANZAC Day	Thursday 25

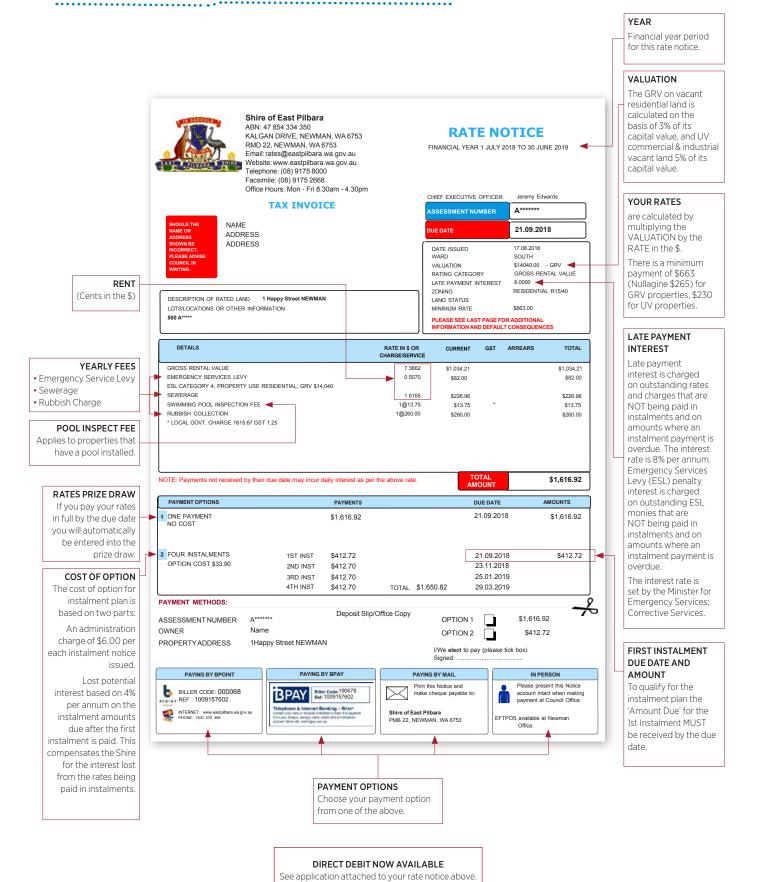
Mother's Day Classic Sunday 12

#### **JUNE**

WA Day Festival	Monday 3	•
Jump First, Ask Later	Friday 21	



# Your rate notice under the microscope



### Your East Pilbara Shire Councillors

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