

YOUR BUDGET



2018/19 Summary

Every \$100 the Shire of Merredin spends is:

\$36.95	on Roads	\$9.47	on Community Amenities
\$6.11	on Law, Order & Public Safety	\$26.29	on Recreation & Culture
\$2.06	on Health	\$1.13	on Governance
\$1.19	on Education & Welfare	\$8.61	on Economic Services
\$2.30	on Housing	\$5.89	on Other Services

YOUR COUNCIL

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YOUR NEWS

Stay Informed



The Shire of Merredin produces a monthly newsletter which you can receive electronically or in the post. Call 9041 1611 or email media@merredin.wa.gov.au to subscribe.

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SHIRE INFORMATION

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

YOUR RATES

What You Pay

In 2018/19 Council resolved to adopt a rating system as follows>	Gross Rental Value (Town Site)	Minimum Rate	Rate in \$
	No differential rating	\$865	0.104754
	Unimproved Value (Rural)		
	UV1 - Rural	\$1,071	0.018700
	UV2 - Urban Rural	\$1,071	0.030179
	UV3 - Mining	\$200	0.035700
	UV4 - Power Generation	\$1,071	0.035700
	UV5 - Special Use Airstrip	\$1,071	0.035700

YOUR RATES

When to Pay

The 2018/19 rates are due by 31 August 2018 if paying in full. Alternatively, if you have arranged with us to pay in instalments, those due dates are as follows>	First Instalment	31 August 2018
	Second Instalment	2 November 2018
	Third Instalment	4 January 2019
	Fourth Instalment	8 March 2019

*Please contact the Shire to arrange instalments or if you are having difficulty making the payment dates. An interest rate of 11% will be imposed and legal action may be taken if your instalments are not paid by the due date.

YOUR RATES

How to Pay

You can pay your rates in person, over the phone, electronically with BPAY, by cheque or by making a direct transfer into our account.

Full details can be found on your rates notice.

*Eligible pensioners and seniors who wish to avail themselves of the Government's pensioner rate rebate scheme must apply to do so within 35 days from the issue of the rates notice and must pay the balance of the rates within the particular year the rates were levied.

YOUR FIRE CONTROL

Restricted & Prohibited Burning

There are important dates to remember regarding burning times. During the **Restricted Burning** period you may burn but only with a permit obtained from your local Fire Control Officer (FCO). During **Prohibited Burning**, you may not burn at all and in some cases, a Harvest & Vehicle Movement Ban (Shire) or a Total Fire Ban (DFES) may be imposed which will mean certain activities (such as harvesting) may not be undertaken.

For further information please see your 2018/19 Fire Regulations flyer enclosed with your Rates Notice.

Note - Burning period times may be changed should dry periods persist. Advertisement of the change of period dates will occur in the Phoenix, on the Shire website and on Shire social media.

Restricted Burning Periods

17 September 2018 - 31 October 2018
18 February 2019 - 16 March 2019

Prohibited Burning Period

1 November 2018 - 17 February 2019

YOUR FIRE CONTROL

Fire Break Order Duties

As per the *Bushfires Act 1954*, there are certain duties required by property owners to be undertaken every year in order to ensure that your property/s is not a significant fire hazard. Whether you live on the property or it is a vacant block or a rural property, these duties must be carried out by 1 November each year (or within 14 days of becoming the new owner/occupier) and maintained until 16 March the following year.

Failure to carry out your respective duties will result in the issuing of a notice by a relevant authorised officer and where the owner/occupier fails to carry out the tasks delegated in the notice in the nominated time period, the Shire may enter upon the land and carry out the requisitions of the notice which have not been complied with and pursuant to Section 33(5) of the *Bushfires Act 1954*, the amount of any costs and expenses incurred may be recovered from you as the owner/occupier of the land. Please ensure to have your relevant responsibilities attended to by 1 November 2018. It is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to ensure your property is not a significant fire hazard which would not only pose a risk to your neighbours but ultimately to yourself and your family in the event of a bushfire emergency.

A list of your responsibilities as a property owner can be found in your Fire Break Order which is enclosed with your 2018/19 Rates Notice.

YOUR ROADS

Reporting Issues

In 2018/19 the Shire will continue its planned roads and footpaths program. The specific roads and footpaths for upgrades will be listed in the August 2018 and February 2019 copies of the Shire newsletter.

Want to report an issue? The easiest way to do this is download the FREE **Snap, Send, Solve** app onto your phone. You can use Google Maps with this app to pinpoint where the issue is exactly, you can take a photo of it, add a description if you like and send it instantly. It makes it simple and easy for the Shire to then get onto resolving the issue.

Note - The Great Eastern Hwy, Bruce Rock-Merredin Rd and Merredin-Nungarin Rd are under the jurisdiction of Mainroads WA. Issues with these roads should be reported to them directly. Contact their Northam Office on 9622 4777

YOUR WASTE

Management

Weekly waste and fortnightly recycling collections are conducted throughout the town sites in the Shire.

Your 2018/19 recycling collection calendar has been included with this notice. Please note recycling is collected every second week. The map below will assist you to identify which week your collection is due.

Note - recyclables can be taken to the Merredin landfill site during open hours if a recycling service is not available to you, e.g.: those based on rural properties.



YOUR WASTE

Tip Open Hours

Monday - Friday | 8:00am - 4:00pm
Saturday - Sunday | 10:00am - 3:00pm

Your 2018/19 tip pass will be sent to you upon payment of 2018/19 rates. Fees will apply if your tip pass is not presented. Your 2017/18 tip pass will expire on 31 August 2018.

YOUR ANIMALS

Dog & Cat Registrations

All dogs over 3 months old and cats over 6 months within the Shire of Merredin must be registered, sterilised and microchipped. Registration fees (for sterilised dogs/cats) are:

1 year ▶ \$20

3 years ▶ \$42.50

Lifetime ▶ \$100