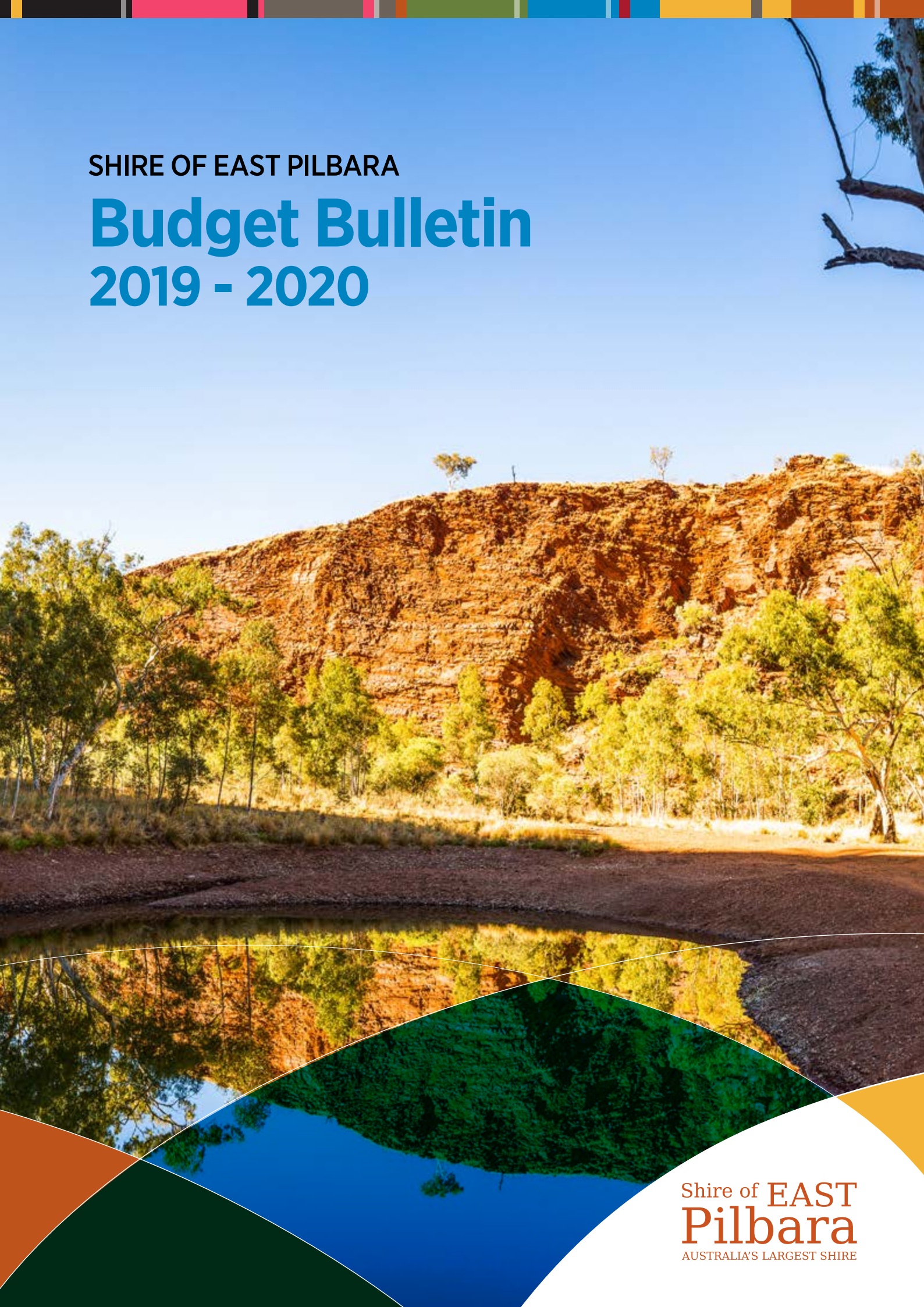


SHIRE OF EAST PILBARA

# Budget Bulletin

## 2019 - 2020

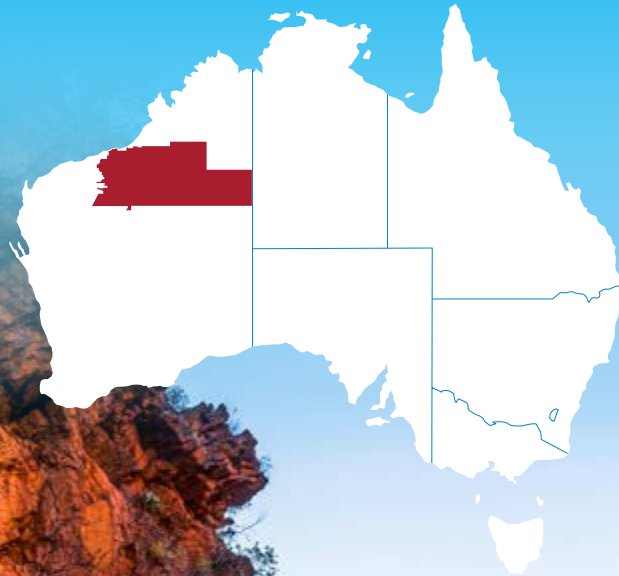


Shire of **EAST**  
**Pilbara**  
AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST SHIRE

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The Shire of East Pilbara is the largest Shire in Australia covering approximately 372,571 square kilometres; larger than the state of Victoria. Driving will take two days to cross from east to west and six hours from north to south.





**Lynne Craigie OAM**  
Shire President

## From the President

This Budget Bulletin has been sent to you to provide helpful information about the Shire's budget for the next financial year and how we spend the money we receive from your rates.

On behalf of my fellow Councillors, I am excited to share with you the highlights of our 2019-20 budget.

Recreation and leisure is one of our priorities this year with almost \$700,000 allocated for improvements across the region including new shade sails at Marble Bar Skate Park, new playground equipment in Newman, upgrades to Newman and Marble Bar Aquatic Centre, new gym equipment at Newman Recreation Centre and much more.

Road safety continues to be of great importance to Council which is why we have allocated almost \$5.4 million to continue to improve our road network for residents and visitors across the Shire.

We have also allocated almost \$6.3 million to our Wastewater Treatment Plant for upgrades to future proof our sustainable irrigation source to our ovals and green spaces in Newman. The project will result in a leading industry facility, with the upgrades increasing both the capacity and efficiency of the system.

Another change you may have noticed is that we have reduced the number of different rate categories from twelve to three. This will mean we are close to the fairest, most equitable and most efficient method of rate levying available. We are changing what we do to make the rate levying process fairer for everyone.

Whilst the majority of ratepayers won't see a significant difference in their annual rates, the changes will have an impact on some ratepayers.

Did you know that paying your rates on time goes a long way to helping us to deliver our projects sooner? Many people don't realise this. To encourage this, the Shire has provided Early Rates Incentives which you can see on page three.

The Shire of East Pilbara continues to strive to fulfil the goals we have publicly outlined in our Strategic Community Plan; that we are committed to diverse and sustainable economic growth balanced with the conservation and enhancement of our unique environmental assets, and rich history and heritage.

**Lynne Craigie OAM**



# Putting into perspective



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



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**.



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.



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



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.



It is estimated that **15,353 people** work in East Pilbara which represents **24%** of the 63,850 people working in the entire Pilbara Region.

# 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](http://www.eastpilbara.wa.gov.au)

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

**2** Shire of East Pilbara  
**\$500 refund of rates**



## Vote for your Councillors

The next local government ordinary elections will be held on 19 October 2019 and the Shire of East Pilbara is looking to fill five vacancies

If you live in or own rateable property in the Shire of East Pilbara and meet the relevant eligibility criteria, then you are entitled to vote at Council elections. However, in order to do so you must be enrolled either on the State Electoral Roll for an address within the Shire, or on the Shire's Owners and Occupiers Roll

If you are enrolled on the State electoral roll and you are listed as living at an address within the Shire of East Pilbara, then you will be automatically included on the local government electoral roll for this Shire. However, if you are an owner or occupier of property within the Shire of East Pilbara but are enrolled on the State roll at an address outside the Shire, or are not currently listed on any electoral roll, then you must apply for inclusion on the Shire's Owners and Occupiers Roll.

You can check your enrolment details by visiting the WA Electoral Commission's website.

Please contact the Shire's Rates Department on (08) 9175 8000 or by emailing [rates@eastpilbara.wa.gov.au](mailto:rates@eastpilbara.wa.gov.au) for further advice on applying for registration as an Owner or Occupier.

A close-up photograph of a wooden council chamber table. A yellow nameplate is attached to the table, with the text 'EAST PILBARA SHIRE CO' visible. The background is blurred, showing other parts of the chamber.

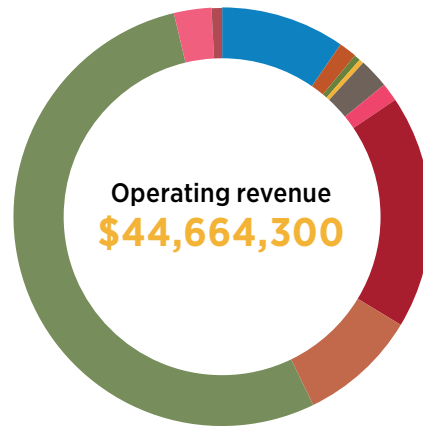
# Budget report

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

### Operating revenue

\$

General Purpose Funding	16,043,600
Governance	349,9000
Law, Order and Public Safety	621,2000
Health	125,000
Education and Welfare	601,8000
Housing	358,8000
Community Amenities	4,575,900
Recreation and Culture	2,316,100
Transport	18,614,000
Economic Services	852,000
Other Property and Services	205,000
<b>Total operating revenue</b>	<b>\$44,664,300</b>



# Budget breakdown

## Where is the money spent?



**\$5,636,000**

### Community Amenities

Operation and control of cemeteries, public conveniences, rubbish collection services, landfill sites, noise control, administration of Council's Local Planning Scheme, and associated policies and obligations.



**\$12,273,800**

### Recreation and Culture

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



**\$1,480,300**

### Law, Order and Public Safety

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



**\$694,900**

### Health

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



**\$22,320,700**

### Transport

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



**\$3,107,100**

### Education and Welfare

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



**\$486,500**

### General Purpose Funding

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



**\$277,900**

### Governance

Expenditure associated with Shire Governance and elected members.



**\$847,800**

### Housing

Maintenance of Shire housing.



**\$702,400**

### Other Properties and Services

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



**\$2,123,700**

### Economic Services

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

**\$49,951,100**

**TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES**

# Did you know

The mining sector dominates the Shire of East Pilbara's 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 focused on the mining sector which contributes 11,516 jobs (75% of employment), followed by construction sector 707 jobs (5%) and administrative and support services sector 585 jobs (4%).

It is estimated that 15,353 people work in East Pilbara representing 24.05% of the 63,850 people working in Pilbara Region, 1.32% of the 1,166,087 people working in Western Australia and 0.14% of the 10,683,322 people working in Australia.

✔ **Population**  
**10,970**  
people

✔ **Employment**  
**15,353**  
jobs

✔ **Output**  
**\$15.979**  
billion

✔ **Regional exports**  
**\$14.515**  
billion

✔ **Gross Regional Product**  
**\$10.498**  
billion

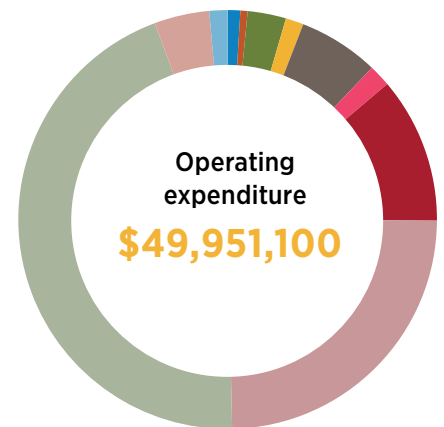
✔ **Tourism output**  
**\$57.053**  
million





# Operating expenditure

Operating expenditure	\$
General purpose funding	486,500
Governance	277,900
Law, order & public safety	1,480,300
Health	694,900
Education & welfare	3,107,100
Housing	847,800
Community amenities	5,636,000
Recreation & culture	12,273,800
Transport	22,320,700
Economic services	2,123,700
Other property & services	702,400
<b>Total operating expenditure</b>	<b>\$49,951,100</b>

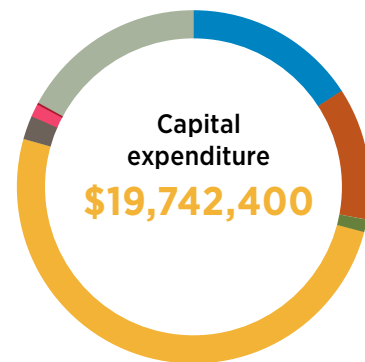


# Capital expenditure

## Capital expenditure

\$

Land & Buildings	2,286,300
Plant & Equipment	2,626,000
Furniture & Equipment	125,000
Infrastructure	12,927,400
Airport - Land & Buildings	505,000
Airport - Plant & Equipment	315,000
Airport - Furniture & Equipment	75,000
Airport - Infrastructure	882,700
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>19,742,400</b>



## Shire of East Pilbara- sewerage rates

Each year households in Newman receive two sewerage rates, one from Water Corporation and another from the Shire – why is this?

A number of public meetings were held in 1995 regarding the operation of the Newman Treatment Plant, which at the time was operated by the Water Corporation.

This was because the Water Corporation planned to discontinue the use of the treatment plant and replace it with 'facultative ponds'. The treated water using a pond system would have caused a rapid deterioration of grassed areas and street trees within the town due to the higher salt content of water using this method of water treatment.

Instead, based on community feedback, the Shire opted to take over the treatment plant, and charge sewerage rates to assist in the maintenance and operation of the plant. The treated water could then continue to be used to maintain green parks and public spaces around Newman.

Sewerage rates paid to the Council assist in the maintenance and operation of the treatment plant. This operation is funded from a combination of rates raised and a Water Corporation contribution of an annual fee (\$84,500 in 1996 and since indexed to CPI). Rates paid to the Water Corporation are for water supply.



# Major projects

Below are some major projects for 2019-2020

- ✓ **Over \$6 million**  
allocated to  
sewerage plant  
improvements.
- ✓ **\$5.39 million**  
for extensive Shire  
road works and  
construction.
- ✓ **\$698,000**  
allocated for recreation  
and cultural activities  
and events.
- ✓ **\$250,000**  
upgrade to Marble  
Bar Aquatic Centre.
- ✓ **\$200,000**  
allocated to  
Newman Youth  
Centre.
- ✓ **\$150,000**  
allocated to Marble  
Bar Skate Park shade.



## 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](http://www.watercorporation.com.au).

The rebate to pensioners and seniors under the Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferments) Act 1992 are funded by the Government of Western Australia.

# 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.

### Why have my rates risen this year?

To make the rate levying process fairer, we have reduced the number of different rate categories from twelve to three which means we are close to the fairest, most equitable and most efficient method of rate levying available.

Whilst the majority of ratepayers won't see a significant difference in their annual rates, the changes will have an impact on some ratepayers.

### 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 (UV) 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](http://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](mailto: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

$\$31,000 \times 4.4963 \text{ cents} = \$1,393.85$  in rates plus other Council levies and charges.



The Shire offers a Direct Debit payment option for a Fee of \$15.00.

# Events and holidays in the Shire of East Pilbara 2019-20

## 2019

### AUGUST

Fortescue Festival Ball	Friday 16
Newman Family Fun Run	Saturday 17
Fortescue Festival	Sunday 18
Newman Cup	Saturday 24

### AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

Outback Fusion Festival	Friday 30 - Sunday 1
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### SEPTEMBER

Twilight Movie Series Screening	Sunday 15
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### OCTOBER

Twilight Movie Series Screening	Saturday 19
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### NOVEMBER

Mental Health Week	Saturday 2
Twilight Movie Series Screening	Saturday 2
Sports Star Awards	Saturday 9

### DECEMBER

Lighting of the Christmas Tree & Carols By Candle Light	Sunday 1
Thank a Volunteer Day	Thursday 5
Twilight Movie Series Screening -The Grinch	Saturday 6
Christmas Light Bus Tour	Wednesday 11
Christmas Pool Party (Newman)	Sunday 15

## 2020

### JANUARY

Australia Day	Sunday 26
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### MARCH

Harmony Week	Saturday 14
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### APRIL

Welcome to Newman	Saturday 4
Easter Pool Party	Sunday 12
ANZAC Day	Saturday 25

### MAY

Newman Triathlon	Saturday 3
Mother's Day Classic	Saturday 10
Reconciliation Ball	Saturday 23


### JUNE

WA Day Festival	Monday 1
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# A closer look at your rate notice





**Shire of East Pilbara**  
 ABN: 47 854 334 350  
 KALGAN DRIVE, NEWMAN, WA 6753  
 RMD 22, NEWMAN, WA 6753  
 Email: rates@eastpilbara.wa.gov.au  
 Website: www.eastpilbara.wa.gov.au  
 Telephone: (08) 9175 8000  
 Facsimile: (08) 9175 2668  
 Office Hours: Mon - Fri 8.30am - 4.30pm

**RATE NOTICE**  
 FINANCIAL YEAR 1 JULY 2019 TO 30 JUNE 2020

**TAX INVOICE**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Jeremy Edwards

ASSESSMENT NUMBER	A*****
DUE DATE	21.09.2019

DATE ISSUED	17.08.2018
WARD	SOUTH
VALUATION	\$14040.00 - GRV
RATING CATEGORY	GROSS RENTAL VALUE
LATE PAYMENT INTEREST	8.0000
ZONING	RESIDENTIAL R15/40
LAND STATUS	
MINIMUM RATE	\$663.00

PLEASE SEE LAST PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND DEFAULT CONSEQUENCES

SHOULD THE NAME OR ADDRESS SHOWN BE INCORRECT, PLEASE ADVISE COUNCIL IN WRITING.

NAME ADDRESS ADDRESS

DESCRIPTION OF RATED LAND **1 Happy Street NEWMAN**  
 LOTS/LOCATIONS OR OTHER INFORMATION  
**500 A\*\*\*\***

DETAILS	RATE IN \$ OR CHARGE/SERVICE	CURRENT	GST	ARREARS	TOTAL
GROSS RENTAL VALUE	7.3662	\$1,034.21			\$1,034.21
EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY	0.5070	\$82.00			\$82.00
ESL CATEGORY 4, PROPERTY USE RESIDENTIAL, GRV \$14,040					
SEWERAGE	1.6165	\$226.96			\$226.96
SWIMMING POOL INSPECTION FEE	1@13.75	\$13.75			\$13.75
RUBBISH COLLECTION	1@260.00	\$260.00			\$260.00
* LOCAL GOVT. CHARGE 1615.67 GST 1.25					
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>					<b>\$1,616.92</b>

NOTE: Payments not received by their due date may incur daily interest as per the above rate.

PAYMENT OPTIONS	PAYMENTS	DUE DATE	AMOUNTS
1 ONE PAYMENT NO COST	\$1,616.92	21.09.2019	\$1,616.92
2 FOUR INSTALMENTS OPTION COST \$33.90	1ST INST		\$412.72
	2ND INST	21.09.2019	\$412.70
	3RD INST	23.11.2019	\$412.70
	4TH INST	25.01.2020	\$412.70
		TOTAL	\$1,650.82

**PAYMENT METHODS:**

ASSESSMENT NUMBER A\*\*\*\*\*      Deposit Slip/Office Copy      OPTION 1  \$1,616.92

OWNER Name      OPTION 2  \$412.72

PROPERTY ADDRESS 1Happy Street NEWMAN

I/We elect to pay (please tick box)  
 Signed: .....

**PAYING BY BPOINT**

BILLER CODE: 000068  
 REF: 1009157602

INTERNET: www.eastpilbara.wa.gov.au  
 PHONE: 1300 276 468

**PAYING BY BPAY**

Biller Code 190678  
 Ref: 1009157602

Telephone & Internet Banking - BPay

**PAYING BY MAIL**

Print this Notice and make cheque payable to:

Shire of East Pilbara  
 PMB 22, NEWMAN, WA 6753

**IN PERSON**

Please present this Notice account intact when making payment at Council Office.

EFTPOS available at Newman Office.

**RATE**  
(Cents in the \$)

- YEARLY FEES**
- Emergency Service Levy
  - Sewerage
  - Rubbish Charge

**POOL INSPECT FEE**  
Applies to properties that have a pool installed.

**RATES PRIZE DRAW**  
If you pay your rates in full by the due date you will automatically be entered into the prize draw.

**COST OF OPTION**  
The cost of option for instalment plan is based on two parts:  
An administration charge of \$6.00 per each instalment notice issued.  
Lost potential interest based on 4% per annum on the instalment amounts due after the first instalment is paid. This compensates the Shire for the interest lost from the rates being paid in instalments.

**PAYMENT OPTIONS**  
Choose your payment option from one of the above.

**DIRECT DEBIT NOW AVAILABLE**  
See application attached to your rate notice above.

**YEAR**  
Financial year period for this rate notice.

**VALUATION**  
The GRV on vacant residential land is calculated on the basis of 3% of its capital value, and UV commercial & industrial vacant land 5% of its capital value.


**YOUR RATES**  
are calculated by multiplying the VALUATION by the RATE in the \$.  
There is a minimum payment of \$663 (Nullagine \$265) for GRV properties, \$230 for UV properties.

**LATE PAYMENT INTEREST**  
Late payment interest is charged on outstanding rates and charges that are NOT being paid in instalments and on amounts where an instalment payment is overdue. The interest rate is 8% per annum. Emergency Services Levy (ESL) penalty interest is charged on outstanding ESL monies that are NOT being paid in instalments and on amounts where an instalment payment is overdue.  
The interest rate is set by the Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services.


**FIRST INSTALMENT DUE DATE AND AMOUNT**  
To qualify for the instalment plan the 'Amount Due' for the 1st Instalment MUST be received by the due date.

# Your East Pilbara Shire Councillors

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## LOWER CENTRAL WARD

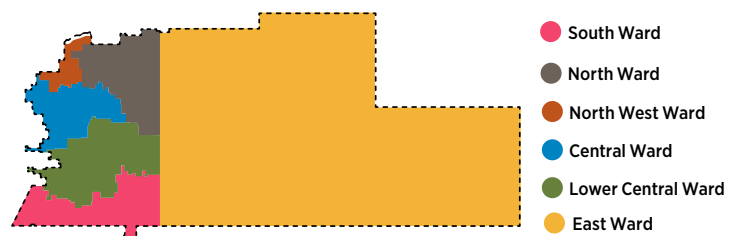
**Position Vacant**

## EAST WARD



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## Shire of East Pilbara Wards



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