

Where is the money spent?

In 2015/2016, the Shire is investing a total of \$63.9M into the Broome community. The Shire continues to create and maintain roads, parks and gardens, leisure services, sanitation services, urban planning and community development projects. Some key community needs to be met by the Shire this year includes:

Recreation & Culture - \$15.6M is budgeted for the Shire's community facilities, public library, swimming areas and beaches, cultural events, Civic Centre and the BRAC.

Community Amenities - \$15.4M is budgeted for rubbish and recycling collection, pre-cyclone clean up, waste management, storm water drainage, town planning, environmental protection and litter control.

Economic Services - \$13.8M is budgeted for economic initiatives, Chinatown revitalisation, provision of tourism and visitor services, building control and swimming pool inspections and caravan parks facilities.

Transport - \$12.8M is budgeted for maintenance of roads, kerbing, footpaths, car parks, verges, parking control, street lighting, bus shelters and facilities and flood damage.

Other Properties & Services - \$8.6M is budgeted for the KRO redevelopment, community facilities, cafe/restaurants, Records and ICT management, corporate services, private works and other infrastructure operations.

Governance - \$3.8M is budgeted for civic and citizenship activities, community sponsorship programs, promotion and engagement, Sister City relations, youth development and \$593K of Kimberley Regional Collaborative Zone grant funded initiatives.

Housing - \$1.4M is budgeted for construction of housing for staff attraction and retention funded from grants and leasing recovered in full from staff contributions.

Law, Order & Public Safety - \$1.2M is budgeted for legislative compliance and local laws enforcement, ranger operations, fire prevention, emergency planning and services and animal control.

Education & Welfare - \$783K is budgeted for community development programs, community safety, crime prevention, not for profit organisation support and community engagement and events.

Health - \$780K is budgeted for public health regulation and inspections, food premise licensing, mosquito and pest control and commercial pool inspections.

General Purpose Funding - \$246K is budgeted for management of the Shire's grants, rates review initiatives and debt/revenue management and control.

Have you changed address?

If you have recently changed your postal or email address, or other contact details, please contact the Shire of Broome Administration Office on 9191 3456 to update your contact details, or download the Change of Address form on our website – on the Homepage click on the RATEPAYERS tab. Please notify your change of address even if you have a postal redirection order in place, as the Shire receives no advice of this from Australia Post.

2015 General Revaluation

The rates for 2015/16 are based on new valuations provided to the Shire by Landgate. The Valuer General re-values all properties in WA on a periodic basis – rural properties have their UV reassessed annually. Properties within the townsite are revalued every 3 years. The latest general revaluation of the town was undertaken in 2015 with the new GRVs being used to calculate your 2015/16 rates. Analysing the changes in the 2015 Revaluation compared to the 2012 revaluation show the following movement in valuations:

- 86.5% of properties have decreased in valuation
- 6.2% of properties have increased in valuation
- 7.3% of properties have had no change to the valuation

Waste Charges

This includes the weekly kerbside rubbish collection, fortnightly recycling collection and the annual general junk (pre-cyclone season) collection..

Waste /recycling service - 2 bins	\$445.00
Additional 240L waste services - weekly	\$275.00
Additional 240L recycling services - fortnightly	\$171.00
Additional 360L recycling services - fortnightly	\$230.00



2015 / 2016
RATE INFORMATION

Members of Council

Cr G Campbell
Shire President

Cr H Tracey
Deputy Shire President

Councillors	Phone	Term Expires
Cr Graeme Campbell	0407 477 544	17 October 2015
Cr Philomena Lewis	0418 201 831	17 October 2015
Cr Anne Poelina	0408 922 155	17 October 2015
Cr Chris Mitchell	0407 773 258	17 October 2015
Cr Desiree Male	0417 982 334	21 October 2017
Cr Harold Tracey	0409 900 668	21 October 2017
Cr Mark Manado	0428 355 985	17 October 2015
Cr Philip Matsumoto	0428 036 334	21 October 2017

Shire Administration Office Details

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Budget Overview

Each year Local Governments in WA determine their operating and capital budgets, and the amount of these that can be funded from grants, fees and charges. The balance of funding required is raised by levying rates on all property owners within the shire.

The Shire works hard to leverage as much income as possible from sources other than rates. These include from State & Federal governments (through grants), interest on investments, and the sale of assets. Alternative funding reduces the amount required to be levied from rates and ensures the best value for money for ratepayers.

In 2015/16 approximately 55.6% of the total operating revenue comes from rates.

In preparing its Annual Budget, the Shire considers the competing demands for works, services and facilities in the coming financial year as well as into future years. A large portion of the Budget is spent on regular maintenance of facilities and assets and daily / regular services to the community. The Shire does strive to prepare for future pressures and ensures we are ready to face the costs of development and ongoing upgrades to facilities as they arise.

Key Projects for 2015/16

New submissions and projects of interest include:

- Second stage of the Buckley's Road Landfill Closure/ Rehabilitation
- Chinatown Revitalisation Project
- Broome Aquatic and Recreation Centre Renewal
- Kimberley Regional Office Building Construction
- Weighbridge at Buckleys Road Waste Facility
- Cemetery upgrade - public toilet facility
- Archer Street & McDaniel Street Intersection Upgrade
- New roundabout - intersection of Cable Beach East Rd/Reid Rd/TAFE
- New roundabout - intersection of Hamersley & Hass Streets
- Coastal Vulnerability Study stage 2
- Plant & Machinery Replacement - (Key items include replacement of a Road Sweeper, Loader and Tipper Truck)



Rating Objectives and Reasons

The Shire of Broome applies differential rating to ensure rate revenue collected will enable the Shire to provide for quality facilities, community buildings, recreational areas and efficient administrative services to our entire community and its many visitors. To determine the 2015-16 differential rates and minimum payments, the Shire's Long Term Financial Plan and the operating and capital expenditure needs of the Annual Budget were considered. The Plan assumes an annual increase in rates of 5.5% over and above a 1.8% growth in properties. Consistent with this assumption, rates in the dollar and minimum payments have generally been increased by 3.97%. The main exceptions are the properties with the lowest valuations (some vacant lots and smaller residential units) which pay only the Minimum Payment – these have increased by only 2%.

General Purpose Funding

Below are the rates in the dollar imposed by Council for Gross Rental Value (GRV) Properties & Unimproved Value (UV) Properties. Rates in the dollar remain the same as advertised for public comment.

Differential Rate Categories

Category	Rate in the dollar (in cents)	Minimum payment
GRV - Residential	9.399	\$1,224
GRV - Residential Vacant	15.22	\$1,224
GRV - Commercial	10.38	\$1,224
GRV - Tourism	14.715	\$1,224
UV - Mining	12.225	\$1,224
UV - Rural	0.5836	\$1,224
UV - Commercial Rural	2.9656	\$1,224

Concessions

Concession Category	Concession in %
UV rated properties in the locality of Coconut Well	48%
UV rated properties in the locality of Twelve Mile	27%
UV rated properties with a Horticulture recorded land use under Section 6.33 (1)(b) of the Local Governments Act 1995	11%
These concessions do not apply on minimum rates.	

The full Objectives and Reasons for the differential rates and minimum payments for the year ending 30 June 2016 are available on our website www.broome.wa.gov.au or at the Shire of Broome Administration Office.

How are my rates calculated?

The differential rating category of each property is detailed on the annual rate notice. The Shire receives property valuations from Landgate. Properties assessed using a Gross Rental Valuation (GRV) are re-valued every 3 years, whilst properties on an Unimproved Valuation (UV) are revalued annually. The amount of property rates levied is calculated using the valuation (GRV or UV) provided by Landgate, which is multiplied by the rate in the dollar determined annually by Council. The Council also sets a minimum payment. When the calculation provides a result less than this minimum payment, then the minimum payment applies.

For more information on how the valuation is determined by Landgate, please visit Landgate's website www.landgate.wa.gov.au or telephone 1300 556 224.

Rates Review

Differential Rating Categories have been reviewed to ensure compliance with legislation and as per advice of the Department of Local Government and Communities. Council is committed to undertaking a full Rates Review prior to consideration of the 2016/17 Annual Budget. Community consultation will form part of this process.

Swimming Pool Inspection Fee

Legislation requires Council to inspect the safety barriers of all private swimming pools and spas within the townsite so that a period of not more than four years elapses between inspections. The fee charged to property owners who have a pool and/or spa is to cover this requirement. An annual fee of \$57.45 applies to properties which have a swimming pool and/or spa.

Emergency Services Levy

This is a levy imposed by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and collected on its behalf by Local Governments in WA. The ESL provides funding required for career and volunteer Fire & Emergency Service brigades, and State Emergency service units. Please visit DFES website www.dfes.wa.gov.au and click on the link to Emergency Services Levy. Enquires to freecall 1300 136 099.

Rate Concessions - Pensioners or Seniors

Please refer to the notes on the reverse of your annual rate notice. For an application to register for a rates concession, eligible ratepayers should contact the Water Corporation on 1300 659 951 or go to www.watercorporation.com.au

