



New Residents Pack



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SHIRE OF WANDERING

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President's Welcome

Welcome to Wandering. We are pleased you have chosen our beautiful Community to settle in.

Wandering is primarily an agricultural region, which produces hay, cereal crops, pulse crops (such as lupins), oil seed (canola), wool, lamb and beef. Viticulture is also practised in Wandering.

Wandering has a Mediterranean climate with hot dry summers and cool, damp winters. In winter, it is one of the coldest towns in Western Australia.

Wandering is steeped in some fascinating history, and a few books have been written on Wandering's history, such as "The Horses Came First" (available for sale at the Shire Office and Community Resource Centre for \$11), "Wandering Girl"; "The Outcome is Unknown" and "Old Schools of Wandering District". Be sure to stop in at our local Community Resource Centre (CRC) to find these books and other fantastic resources.

In our "Welcome to Wandering Information Pack" you will find basic information about the Shire. We have put this together to assist you with familiarising yourself with our beautiful Town and Community. More detailed information and other helpful resources can be found on the Shire website www.wandering.wa.gov.au. Also the Shire and CRC are on Facebook:

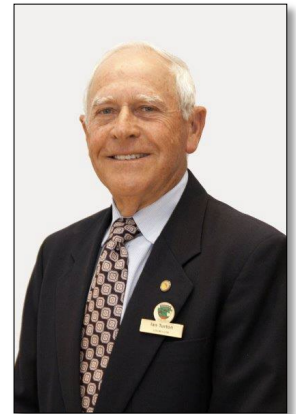
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We hope you enjoy your move to Wandering and we look forward to seeing you around.

Cr Ian Turton

Shire President



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Welcome!

New to Wandering? Here's some helpful information you may need:

- [Rates information](#)

Rate Notices are usually sent in July / August each year

- [Register your pet](#)

Dog and Cat registrations are required to be transferred if you move to a new Local government area. Registrations periods run from 1 November to 31 October. You can find the registration forms and fees and charges on our website.

- [Information on your waste service schedule and requirements](#)

Collected weekly on Tuesdays for the Wandering Townsite and Wandering Downs. Recycling is collected every second Tuesday.

Should you have any queries in relation to rubbish collection please contact the Shire Office or visit Avon Waste Solutions website www.avonwaste.com.au/shires/wandering

- [Register on the electoral roll](#)

If you have moved house or changed your name, you will need to update your enrolment. This will make sure that you are correctly enrolled for Commonwealth, State and Local Government elections.

You can use the check your enrolment tool to confirm your details on the WA Electoral Commission website www.elections.wa.gov.au/enrol/update-your-enrolment

- [Sign up for local SMS services](#)

We highly recommend that you sign up to our Shire Bushfire Brigade SMS to be advised of any fire bans by filling in your details on the website <https://www.wandering.wa.gov.au/forms/sms-updates/12> or phone the office on (08) 6828 1800.

The Shire also sends out messages to advise of roadworks, fuel station issues etc.

- [Wandering Transfer Station \("the tip"\)](#)

If you wish to use the tip, you can purchase tip passes at the Shire Office. The passes come in either 26 or 52 and do not have an expiry date. The Transfer Station is open on Sundays and Mondays.

- [Standpipe](#)

Water can be purchased from the Shire standpipe, located in Sewell Street. Please come into the Shire office to fill in an application form and you will be given a standpipe card, fee payable.

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Services in the Shire of Wandering

Wandering Community Resource Centre

Our CRC provides the following services, Café, Library, Toy library, Transport Licensing, Visitor information, computer and internet access, Government services access point, book exchange as well as Workshops and Events. See the enclosed leaflet for more information, follow us on Facebook or drop in for a chat and a coffee.



Wandering Primary School

Wandering school has a small number of children which ensures that each student is given a great deal of professional attention and care. The school is multi-aged in all classrooms. This means rather than one class per year group, children are advantaged by having multiple year levels in each group. Once children graduate year six they typically move on to Boddington District High School or Narrogin Senior High School. Students can apply for the bus services that operates to both of these towns.

For more information visit the Wandering Primary School www.wanderingps.wa.edu.au or phone 9884 1014.

Playgroup

Wandering Playgroup meets every Tuesday 9:00am at the CWA Rooms. (No Playgroup sessions are held during school holidays) find contact details on the Shire website <https://www.wandering.wa.gov.au/my-community/community-services/community-groups.aspx> or contact the CRC or Shire Office.

Postal Service, Parcel Deliveries & Banking

Both Star Track and an Australia Post Agency are located at the Shire Office at 22 Watts Street. Hours 9.00am – 4.30pm Monday – Friday (excluding Public Holidays) daily, packages and mail can be collected from the Shire Office between these hours. PO Boxes are accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Customers can purchase both domestic and international stamps, prepaid envelopes, tough bags etc. You can also pay any bills that show Australia Post “PostBillpay” details.

You can also withdraw and depositing cash and cheques into most banks. See us for more information.

Fuel

24 Hour Wandering Fuel Facility (Self-Service) is conveniently located in the main street. Take advantage of this extremely competitively priced fuel 24 hours a day. The facility requires you to enter a credit/debit card pin when making purchases. Sorry no cash purchases.



Places to Dine

Tanglefoot Winery, Café and Cellar. While the café is currently closed, Tanglefoot still do wine tastings, wine sales and private functions by appointment only. Visit [facebook.com/TangleFootWine](https://www.facebook.com/TangleFootWine) or contact Darralyn on 0427 988 415 or Reuben on 0427 190 002.

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Wandering Tavern – A family owned business with a great atmosphere, amazing food and ice cold beverages – visit facebook.com/wanderingtavern for open times. Phone 9884 1097.

Local Paper

The Community Resource Centre (CRC) publish a monthly paper called “The Wandering Echo” these are free to pick up from the Shire Office or CRC or you can have one emailed to you by contacting the CRC on crc@wandering.wa.gov.au or 6828 1820. This is a great way to keep up to date with everything happening in Wandering.

Local Events

Wandering holds many events throughout the year.

To keep up to date on upcoming events please check the website www.wandering.wa.gov.au or subscribe to the free monthly email of the Wandering Echo by contacting the Community Resource Centre on 6828 1820 or email crc@wandering.wa.gov.au.

Local Groups

There are numerous groups in Wandering which are a great way to meet new people.

- Wandering Playgroup
- Wandering CWA
- Pumphrey’s Bridge CWA
- Lions Club of Wandering
- Wandering Primary School P & C
- Wandering Fair Committee
- Wandering Bush Fire Brigade
- Wandering Camp Out Committee
- Wandering Crafters
- The Virtual Village



Church

The picturesque St Martins Church holds Anglican services on the fourth Sunday of the month at 2pm. For further information please contact Clive Linder on 9884 1535.



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Local Sporting Clubs

Wandering also has a number of sporting clubs:

- Tennis Club
- Cricket Club
- Golf Club
- Social Bowls
- Clay Target Shooting Club

Local Businesses

You can find a list of local businesses on the Shire website:

<https://www.wandering.wa.gov.au/my-community/local-business-operators.aspx>

To add your business, or update your listing please contact the Shire office on 6828 1800 or email reception@wandering.wa.gov.au.

Please check with the Wandering Community Resource Centre and / or Shire Office to get contact details for the various groups and clubs and also local volunteer opportunities.

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Your Council

Local Government Councillors are elected by people who live and do business in the local Council area and / or own property within the local government and have registered to vote. Councillors play an important community leadership role and create policies and resolve decisions about what happens locally.

<p>Shire President Cr Ian Turton (Term expires 2025) Ph: 0428 876 033 E: naibilli@activ8.net.au</p>		<p>Deputy President Cr Sheryl Little (Term Expires 2027) Ph: 0414 586 893 E: sglitt7@mail.com</p>	
<p>Cr Lou Cowan (Term expires 2027) Ph: 0490 808 044 Email: lou.nawoc@gmail.com</p>		<p>Cr Gillian Hansen (Term Expires 2025) Ph: 0488 911 902 E: gillian.hansen@wandering.wa.gov.au</p>	
<p>Cr Dennis Jennings (Term Expires 2027) ph:0403 126 763 E: dennisbrttjennings@gmail.com</p>		<p>Cr Alan Price (Term expires 2027) Ph: 0428 996 457 E: alan.price@wandering.wa.gov.au</p>	
<p>Cr Max Watts (Term Expires 2025) Ph: 0428 841 069 E: maxwatts@skymesh.com.au</p>			

Council Elections

In Western Australia, Local Government Councillors are elected for terms of four years. Elections are held every two years on the third Saturday in October for half of the Council, and candidates are elected using the proportional representation counting system. Extraordinary elections are held if a vacancy occurs within a term.

If you would like information on becoming a Councillor please refer to the WA Electoral Commission website www.waec.wa.gov.au or visit our website www.wandering.wa.gov.au

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Shire Services

Building and Planning

If you propose to erect, make any additions to, or demolish any building or outbuilding, construct a swimming pool or erect a patio, shed, pergola or the like then you are required to apply for town planning development and building approval. There is a wealth of information on the Shire website at www.wandering.wa.gov.au and you are always welcome to make an appointment with a member of staff to go through any queries you may have.

Firebreaks

Firebreaks must be completed by 31 October each year. Bush fire notices are posted out with rates each year and contain instructions on how to keep your property bush fire safe.

Works Requests

Works Requests can be lodged via the Shire Website, email or by calling the office to give a detailed description of what works you require to be completed.

Food Premises / Food Stalls

All food businesses, other than an exempted food business must be approved and registered by the Shire prior to operating as a food business. Inspections of food premises are undertaken regularly within the Shire. All premises are expected to be maintained in accordance with the *Food Act 2008*. Temporary food stalls are expected to operate under guidelines that ensure only activities that reflect the level of hygiene control are carried out.





Pensioners and Seniors Concessions Scheme

Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferments) Act 1992

As at 9 January 2024

This scheme provides pensioners and seniors with a rebate or deferment of their local government rates charges, water service charges, emergency services levy and underground electricity charges.

Eligibility for the concession

To receive a concession on local government rates, an applicant must own and occupy the property as their ordinary place of residence on 1 July of the current financial year and hold a valid concession card.

To receive a concession on water service charges, an applicant must own and occupy the property as their ordinary place of residence at the date of application and hold a valid concession card.

To *own* means an applicant must:

- be the registered owner or co-owner of the property on the Certificate of Title (Note: where the property is co-owned a partial concession may apply) or
- have a right to reside or life tenancy at the property under the terms of a Will (probated) and be responsible for the payment of rates and charges raised against the property or
- hold a long-term lease (greater than 5 years) in a retirement village, park home, lifestyle village or caravan park.

Valid concession cards

- Pensioner Concession Card or
- State Concession Card or
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card **together with** a WA Seniors Card or
- WA Seniors Card.

Change in circumstances

Applicants must immediately advise the Water Corporation if they:

- are issued with a new card or their card is cancelled/expired
- have changed any of their details that were provided on the original registration
- sell or transfer an interest in all, or part, of the property or move to another address
- have a spouse who ceases occupation of the property or
- as a WA Seniors Card holder, become an eligible pensioner or the holder of a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card.

The Water Corporation will notify the relevant local government of changes.

Entitlement to the concession

Eligible pensioners and seniors can receive a rebate on, or defer, their local government rates charges, water service charges, emergency services levy and underground electricity charges.

The concession available for a rating year depends on the type of concession card an applicant holds.

Pensioner Concession Card or State Concession Card

	Rebate amount
Local government rates	Up to 50%, limited (capped) to a maximum of \$750
Emergency services levy	Up to 50%
Underground electricity connection charges	Up to 50% on charges raised by the Local Government Authority
Water service charges	Up to 50%, limited (capped) to a maximum of \$600
Option to defer local government rates, emergency services levy, underground electricity connection or water service charges if the criteria are met.	

WA Seniors Card and Commonwealth Seniors Health Card (both cards must be held)

	Rebate amount
Local government rates	Up to 50%, limited (capped) to a maximum of \$750
Emergency services levy	Up to 50%
Underground electricity connection charges	Up to 50% on charges raised by the Local Government Authority
Water service charges	Up to 50%, limited (capped) to a maximum of \$600
Option to defer local government rates, emergency services levy, underground electricity connection or water service charges if the criteria are met.	

WA Seniors Card

	Rebate amount
Local government rates	Up to 25%, limited (capped) to a maximum of \$100
Emergency services levy	Up to 25%, limited (capped) to a maximum of \$100
Underground electricity connection charges	Up to 25% on charges raised by the Local Government Authority for the first year or part thereof that the charge is or was to be made
Water service charges	Up to 25%, limited (capped) to a maximum of \$100
No option to defer local government rates, emergency services levy, underground electricity connection or water service charges	

Partial concessions may be available to pensioners and seniors who own and occupy their property on 1 July and become eligible during that rating year.

The applicant should discuss their entitlement with their local government authority.

How to apply

An applicant should register their entitlement as soon as they receive their concession card. Registration will take effect from the date that it is received by the Water Corporation.

Apply by following the link to 'Concession Applications' at www.watercorporation.com.au or contacting the Water Corporation on 1300 659 951. The Water Corporation will notify the relevant local government authority.

- An applicant can only claim a concession on their local government rates charges, emergency services levy and underground electricity charges on one property in any one financial year. This must be the property owned and occupied on 1 July.
- An applicant can claim a concession on their water service charges on the property they own and occupy at the date of application.

See the pro-rata provisions below if the applicant has become an eligible pensioner or senior during a financial year.

If your rates or charges are in arrears, you may still be able to obtain a rebate or deferment if you enter into a satisfactory arrangement to pay the arrears.

Rebate or deferment option

Rebate	<p>Pay the required amount on the notice by 30 June of the current financial year, or the due date on the water service charges bill. Rates for any year must be paid by 30 June of that financial year.</p> <p>Leaseholders in Retirement Villages, Park Homes, Lifestyle Villages or Caravan Parks must pay in accordance with the terms of their lease.</p> <p><i>Note: If payments are received after the due date, you may lose the rebate for that financial year and must pay the full amount.</i></p>
Deferment	<p>Rates and charges will be automatically deferred if the amount required to be paid on the rates and/or water service notice is not paid by 30 June of the current financial year, or the due date on the water service charges bill.</p> <p>Rates and charges will not be deferred if the property is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ occupied under a right to reside or life tenancy under the terms of a Will of a deceased estate▪ subject to co-ownership, other than spouse/de facto, where not all owners are eligible pensioners▪ subject to a long-term lease in a retirement village, park home, lifestyle village or caravan park or▪ occupied by eligible applicants that hold a WA Seniors Card only. <p>Note: Deferred rates and charges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ remain as a debt on the property until paid▪ are not required to be paid until the entitlement to defer ceases (i.e. applicant moves out, sells the property, dies and leaves no surviving spouse/de facto)▪ may be paid at any time, but a rebate cannot be claimed when they are paid and▪ do not incur interest charges.

Pro-rata provisions

For water service charges, applicants who become eligible pensioners or seniors during a financial year must register with the Water Corporation as soon as possible. The rebate will be calculated on how many days of that year an applicant was registered.

For local government rates, applicants who become eligible pensioners or seniors during a financial year will qualify for a pro-rata rebate if they owned and lived in the property on 1 July of that year.

Examples

Mary becomes a pensioner on 30 October 2019 and receives her pensioner concession card. She registers with the Water Corporation on 1 November and confirms that she was living at the same address on 1 July of that year.

Mary is eligible to receive the rebate for her water service charges from 1 November and local government rates for the period 1 November 2019 to 30 June 2020.

Joe becomes a pensioner on 12 December 2019 and receives his pensioner concession card. He purchases a home and moves from rented accommodation into his new house in January 2020. Joe registers with the Water Corporation on 2 February 2020.

Joe is eligible to receive a rebate on his water service charges from 2 February 2020 because he was living in the property at the date of his application.

He is not eligible for a rebate on his local government rates as he did not own and live in the property on 1 July 2019. He will be eligible for the rates rebate for the 2020-21 year if he is still living in the property on 1 July 2020.

Multi-residential properties not strata titled

If an applicant has land with multiple homes which have not been strata-titled (e.g. duplex properties, group housing complexes), rebates may be apportioned according to the ownership interests and the extent the owner uses the property for residential purposes (i.e. what part of the land is occupied by the pensioner and/or senior for their use).

Commercial and farming properties occupied by pensioners and seniors

The concessional arrangements are targeted at residential property owned and occupied by pensioners and seniors. If the property is owner-occupied by the applicant and is also partly used for commercial purposes, the rebate may be apportioned according to the ownership interests and the extent that the property is used as a residence.

In such cases, the Water Corporation and/or the relevant local government authority will make a determination on the extent of the entitlement to a rebate.

Further Information

For further information regarding the Pensioners and Seniors Concessions Scheme, see WA.gov.au or phone the Water Corporation on 1300 659 951, RevenueWA on (08) 9262 1373 or your local government authority.

Contact RevenueWA			
Enquiry	www.osr.wa.gov.au/PensionerConcessions	Website	WA.gov.au
Office	200 St Georges Terrace Perth WA 6000	Phone	(08) 9262 1373 1300 368 364 (WA country landline callers)
Postal	GPO Box T1600 Perth WA 6845		

Note: The information contained in this fact sheet is issued for guidance purposes only. It is not an exhaustive explanation of the scheme. Obtain further information by contacting the Water Corporation, your local government authority or RevenueWA.

AVON Shire of Wandering WASTE Recycling Calendar 2023/2024

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Rubbish Only
 Rubbish & Recycling

 Christmas Day



WHAT CAN GO INTO YOUR RECYCLE BIN

- Glass - All glass and ceramics, whole and broken
- Plastic - All plastic containers and plastic wraps (empty with lids off)
- Paper - All paper, junk mail and glossy magazines
- Cardboard - All cardboard products
- Aluminium & Steel - All metals, steel & aluminium excluding aerosol cans
- Liquid Paperboard - Milk, juice and laundry detergent cartons.

There will be no changes to the service over the Christmas Period.

WHAT CAN GO INTO MY RECYCLE BIN?



Including all marked numbers
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What NOT to put in your Recycle Bin



Green waste
(Belongs in the waste bin)



Nappies
(Belong in the waste bin)



Polystyrene
(Belongs in the waste bin)



Food scraps
(Belong in the waste bin)



Soft (scrunchable) Plastics
(Belong in the waste bin)