

Shire of Wandering

September 2013

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COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Council elections are coming around again this year and will be held on 19 October 2013. There are four positions on Council up for re-election and the nomination period is open for 8 days, opening on Thursday 5 September and **closing on Thursday 12 September at 4.00pm**. Further details relating the election process will continue to be published. Refer to the Echo Page for further details.

2013/14 BUDGET

The final budget has been adopted at the August 2013 Council meeting, copies can be obtained from the Shire Office.

RATES 2013/2014

These values are provided to the Shire of Wandering by the Valuer General. The Shire Council then sets a "rate in the dollar" for different rating categories (such as residential, industrial and commercial), which means that your rates are calculated as a small percentage of the assessed value of your property. This year, the rate in the dollar set for residential properties is 5.9388 cents. For a property with a GRV of \$13,000 rates would be calculated by multiplying the GRV (\$13,000) by the rate in the dollar (0.059388), which equals \$772.04. Property owners do have the right to appeal their assessed property value with the Valuer General's office within 60 days of the issue of the rates notice.

The total budgeted Rates Revenue for the 2013/14 year is \$634,385 (2012: \$613,294) and represents an increase on average of 3% (2012: 3%). For GRV valuations the rate in the dollar is 5.9388 cents (2012: 5.6640) and the minimum rate value is \$539 (2012: \$523). For UV valuations the rate in the dollar is 0.4708 cents (2012: 0.4484) and the minimum rate value is \$734 (2012: \$713).

To receive a 10% discount pay your rates by:

Instalment 1: Due 27 September 2013

Instalment 2: Due 29 November 2013

Instalment 3: Due 31 January 2014

Instalment 4: Due 28 March 2014

CATS

The Shire of Wandering has received some Grant funding to assist owners with the new requirements.

STAFF

I would like to welcome Paul Rawlings, Manager of Administration and Finance to the Shire of Wandering. Paul comes to the shire with a wealth of Local Government knowledge.

ROADWORKS

Gravel sheeting reinstatement works have almost been completed on the York Williams Road and Codjatotine Hastings Road. All road projects are being progressed by external contractors funded under the Western Australian Natural Disaster Relief Arrangements (WANDDRA). Due to the timing of the works and the likelihood of inclement weather in the next month please take due when accessing these roads.

A new page from our Works Supervisor has been prepared and can be found in the Echo.

FUEL FACILITY

Is now up and running well with the new overhead shelter completed. Fuel prices are competitive ULP \$1.549 and Diesel \$1.549. The facility is being well patronised with sales increasing monthly.

SMS

A reminder should you wish to be included in the Shire of Wandering's SMS register please contact the office . This service is a great way of staying abreast of the up and coming fire season requirements.

Burning Periods

Restricted 1 October – 31 October

Prohibited 1 November – 21 February

Restricted 22 February – 19 April

SHIRE DISTRIBUTION LIST

If anyone would like a copy of the Shire notes emailed to them, please notify reception on either 9884 1056 or email reception@wandering.wa.gov.au to have your details added to our distribution list. The Shire notes are also available on the website at www.wandering.wa.gov.au

Martin Whitely

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2013 at 1.30pm

Your Councillors

Cr Chad Ferguson

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Cr Bruce Dowsett

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Cr Graeme Kerr

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Cr Ken Barge

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