

# Shire Shorts

## 2014/15 Budget

The 2014/15 Budget was adopted at the July Council Meeting. Some of the key projects for the year include;

### Transport

Completion of the widening of the Crossman Dwarda Rd, extensive works on the York Williams Rd, Various Bridge Repairs and general road maintenance.

### Community Amenities

Implementation of a Waste Transfer Station and refurbishment of the Caravan Park ablutions.

### Recreation

Completion of the Bowling Green, Tennis Courts and Skate Park.

### Housing

Completion of the new residences at Humes Way and Dunmall Drive.

Copies of the 2014/15 Budget can be viewed at the Shire Office or by visiting the website at [www.wandering.wa.gov.au](http://www.wandering.wa.gov.au)

## 2014/15 Rates

The total budgeted Rates Revenue for the 2014/15 year is \$704,648 (2013: \$629,150) and represents an increase on average of 12%. Rates for the 2014/15 year have increased significantly in comparison to previous years primarily as the result of capped and/or reduced State and Federal funding and the significant increase in the cost of utilities in the last few years. Taking into account the rate increase for the 2014/15 year, the average rate increase for the past 5 year period still remains at the relatively low rate of 5.2% for this period.

## Payment of Rates

### Payment in Full

The Shire of Wandering offers a 10% discount payment to all ratepayers that pay their rates by the due date. **To be eligible for the 10% discount your Rates Notice must be paid in full by 4pm on Friday 22 August 2014.**

### Instalment Plan

**If you wish to pay your rates by instalment you must also pay your first instalment by Friday 22 August 2014.** If the first instalment is not paid by the due date then you will not be eligible to participate in the instalment program. You can pay your rates notice in four instalments and the instalment due dates for this option are as follows:

#### Instalment 1:

**Due 22 August 2014**

Instalment 2:

Due 24 October 2014

Instalment 3:

Due 23 December 2014

Instalment 4:

Due 27 February 2015

Rates can be paid in person, mail, telephone, EFTPOS or internet. Please contact the Shire for further information.

## Chiropractor

The visiting Chiropractor has now been in operation for the past month and has been well received by the community. Interested persons can contact Dr Candice Haynes directly on 6396 5000 for further enquiries.

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## Next Council Meeting

Wednesday  
20th August  
at 1.30 pm



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### Bowling Green / Tennis Court Refurbishment

The construction of the Bowling Green is nearing completion will only the lighting and shade structures to be completed. The refurbishment of the tennis courts has been delayed due to the inclement and weather permitting the Tennis Courts will be resurfaced in the very near future.

Once again a very big thank you to everyone who has used the Community Centre in the past months for your patience during the construction of the above projects.

### Recreation Park

Site works for the recreation park will be finalised after the winter grading program has been completed and the wet weather subsides. Once the site works are finished the concrete pad will be laid and ready for the skate equipment to be installed in September.

### Cat & Dog Registrations

Do you have a cat or dog? Did you know that it is now a requirement to have all cats and dogs over the age of 3 months registered? The registration period runs from 1 November to 31 October each year and for more information please contact the Shire Office.

### Staff

I would like to welcome two new staff in the Shire Offices. Kathrine Prowse has returned to the Shire after previously completing a traineeship with the CRC while Durga Ojha joins us from the Shire of Exmouth as the new Manager Administration and Finance.

### Waste Transfer Facility

Site works for the waste transfer facility at the existing Wandering refuse are being completed with construction of the loading bay to commence imminently.

Once complete, non-recyclable waste will be stored and transported to alternate sites and the existing tip will be rehabilitated.

The project is 100% funded by the State Government's Country Local Government Fund.

Further information on the operational side of the transfer station will be distributed to all residents in the coming month.

### Next Council Meeting

Please note that the next Council Meeting will be held at 1.30pm on Wednesday 20th August 2014 in the Shire of Wandering Council Chambers.

### Shire Distribution List

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