

Bridgetown Leisure Centre

Shire of
Bridgetown-Greenbushes



The BLC is currently seeking expressions of interest for Indoor sports participants.

If you would like to be involved in indoor soccer, hockey, volleyball, badminton or another indoor sport, please drop into the Centre to add your name to the list or speak to the BLC staff.

Expression of Interest – Swimming Lessons

The Bridgetown Leisure Centre is seeking expressions of interest from families who would like to enrol their children into the following Learn to Swim Programs, Lil Fishes, Staged Swimming Lessons or Private 1-on-1 Lessons. The proposed swimming lessons will run for 6 weeks from the 5th November – 15th December 2018.

Learning to swim is a vital life skill that all Western Australian children need to safely participate on, in and around water.

The Lil Fishes program for children from 6 months to 4 years old is designed to develop water awareness and confidence for both the child and the parent through a variety of fun interactive games, songs and activities. We do this by providing a positive and encouraging environment where the parent and child can strengthen their bond even further. Parent participation is required.

The Learn to Swim program for school aged children (5 years +) offers lessons for stages 1-15 that are skill focused, outcome based and promote water safety and enjoyment. Children will be able to progress through the stages with the guidance and encouragement from our experienced and qualified instructors.

Private lessons are tailored for people of all ages and abilities and are conducted on a 1-on-1 (or 2-on-1) basis to suit individual needs. Private lessons will be subject to instructor time and availability.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please complete our online survey to assist us with scheduling these programs www.surveymonkey.com/r/KH7KGY5.

To learn more about the Learn to Swim Programs contact the BLC on 9761 2966 or email recreation@bridgetown.wa.gov.au.



INSIGHT

Bridgetown-Greenbushes Shire Newsletter

August/September 2018

Council adopts budget for 2018/19

On 30 August 2018 Council adopted its 2018/19 budget.

Rates for 2018/19 are budgeted to be \$4,539,351 which is 46.7% of the Shire's operating income of \$9,736,940.

Set out below is a summary of funding for some of the key features of the budget and other related subjects.

1. Community Grants and Service Agreements

\$155,951 has been allocated for community donations including \$75,343 for the continuation of existing service agreements or new service agreements for a number of community group initiatives, \$28,291 for new community grants and \$41,822 for continued funding of the Bridgetown-Greenbushes Community Landcare Officer.

2. Road Works

The budget provides for construction works on the following roads:

- Winneup Road (progressive reconstruction - value \$213,000)
- Glentulloch Road (reconstruct 1.22km section – value \$130,772)
- Tweed Road (reconstruct 1.61km section – value \$61,054)

- Blackwood Park Road (upgrade drainage and gravel resheet – value \$60,843)
- Nelson Street (asphalt overlay – value \$35,000)
- Brockman Highway (reconstruct 3 curves – value \$200,808)
- Mockerdillup Road (survey and design – value \$9,000)

An amount of \$1,035,000 is included for the reconstruction and widening of Maranup Ford Road from the mine entrance to the Greenbushes town boundary. \$150,000 of this amount is Shire funds, \$250,000 State Government Commodities Route Funding and \$635,000 contribution from Talison Lithium Pty Ltd.

Also bridge works to the value of \$450,561 will occur on two bridges located on Blackbutt Road, one on Fletchers Road, one on Maranup Ford Road, one on Catterick Road and one on Hester Cascades Road.

A significant roadside vegetation management program (value \$80,735) is also planned.

3. Footpaths

No new footpath projects are scheduled for 2018/19 other than a \$5,000 allocation for disability

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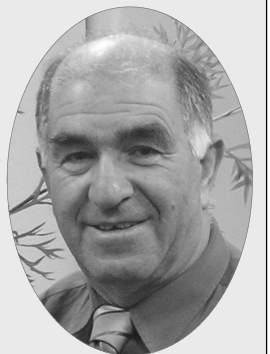
President's Word

We continue to celebrate Bridgetowns' 150 year Anniversary with the next event on October 6 - *Cavalcade of Transport*; from horse and cart to modern day trucks and cars. The Cavalcade will start at the River Park and end at the Show Grounds. Residents are encouraged to line the streets to watch and follow the convoy to the Show Grounds to view the vehicles on display.

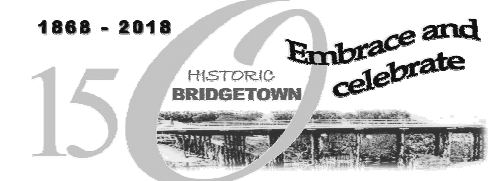
Council recently endorsed some exciting concept plans for the redevelopment of the Blackwood River Foreshore for community consultation. This area will be from the Boardwalk to the end of the Old Rectory Walk Trail near the railway crossing on Brockman Highway.

The plans show proposals for public art, a canoe ramp, improved access to the river, more seating and shelter, upgrade of the Old Rectory Walk Trail and reconstruction of the Boardwalk. The concept plans are on display at the customer service area and the Bridgetown CRC. Public submissions are welcomed by the closing date of Friday 5 October.

Tony Pratico,
Shire President



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Bridgetown's People & Places

People's Choice Award winners

Bridgetown's People & Places Exhibition has finished for 2018. Thank you to all the artists and visitors who made the exhibition an outstanding success. Almost 1000 votes were cast in the People's Choice vote. The count has been finalized and congratulations are extended to each of the following winners who received \$250:

Portrait: Kirsty Finn - Thommo

Landscape: Nic Fabiszak – Hampton Street - 150 Years On

Sculpture: Kim Perrier - Remnants 2018

Photography: Victoria Baker - Alec

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Community Bus available for hire

The Shire's Community Bus 'Miss Rosie' is available for hire by community groups, businesses and individuals for journeys around the south-west and beyond. The bus seats 20 including the driver.

The driver must hold a minimum current LR driver's licence – however an F-endorsed licence is required if the driver is transporting school children or receiving a reward for driving.

Bus hire fees:

- Booking fee (Includes administration and cleaning) \$50
- Hire fees (per km driven)
- Community groups \$1.30/km
- Private Groups/Individuals/Businesses \$1.70/km
- A \$300 bond applies to all hires.

To book 'Miss Rosie' or find out more, call 9761 0800



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How Prepared is Your Property for the BUSHFIRE SEASON

To assist residents prepare their property against bushfire, DFES has provided these simple steps:

Through Winter

- Prune trees to remove lower branches
- Clear long grass, rake leaves and twigs and prune flammable shrubs
- Spray grass and weeds with herbicide
- Ensure petrol and other flammable materials are stored away from your home
- Make sure your personal and home protection equipment is in good working order
- Overhaul your emergency pump or generator (if you have one)
- Develop or review your bushfire survival plan and ensure everyone in the family knows what to do in a fire
- Move woodpiles and stacked timber away from the house
- Keep the grass short and on farms, keep grazing levels high.

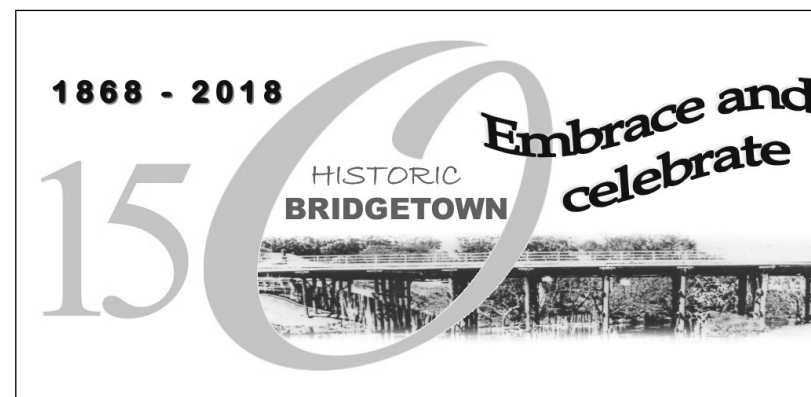
During Spring

- Clean out gutters and remove debris from your roof
- Prepare your emergency kit if you hadn't already prepared one for the storm season

Early Summer

- Water lawns, trees and shrubs near buildings to keep them green
- Recheck personal and home protection gear, screens, water supplies and gutters.

For more information on bushfire preparedness, visit the DFES Website - <http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/safetyinformation/fire/bushfire/Pages/default.aspx>

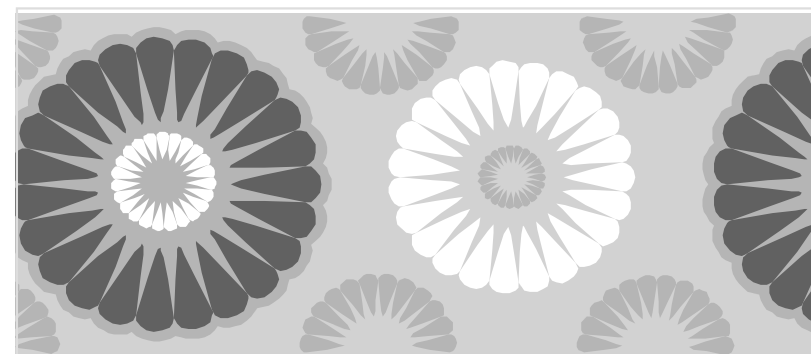


Primary celebration events include:

- 6 October 2018, Free Event - Cavalcade of Transport - a parade of all modes of transport that has traversed through Bridgetown over 150 years will pass through the town, arriving at the Showgrounds for an exhibition display and fete
- 31 December 2018, Free Event - Community Film Night (Australiana Theme) with live music to conclude the year of celebrations

Additional community led activities will be added to the calendar of events.
The calendar of events can be viewed at www.bridgetown.com.au

For more information, please contact the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes on Telephone: 9761 0800 or Email: btshire@bridgetown.wa.gov.au



Council to trial Condom Machines in Library toilets

Council has agreed to support a proposal by Blackwood Youth Action to install condom dispensing machines in the male and female toilets at the Bridgetown Regional Library. The machines would dispense free of charge single condoms in a foil pack.

Blackwood Youth Action has identified the difficulties that youth have in purchasing condoms as a significant risk and cause of sexually transmitted diseases to local youth. In addition to the cost of condoms the other barrier is the embarrassment that youth have in purchasing these products from retail outlets, in particular when friends or family are workers in those retail outlets.

Blackwood Youth Action was initially proposing the installation of the machines in the Hampton Street toilets however due to the proximity of retail outlets that sell the same product this location was discouraged. In considering alternative sites the library was identified by Blackwood Youth Action as it is a facility that has significant usage by local youth but is also adjacent to the skate park. Unlike the skate park toilet the library is a managed facility therefore the use of the dispensing machines would be less likely to be abused.

Council acknowledges that the installation of the proposed dispensing machines may offend some users of the library however the consequences (i.e. unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections) of unsafe sexual behaviour, by youth in particular, can be significant and disruptive. This initiative is not about the promotion of teenage sex; it is being proposed for the purpose of giving everyone accessible protection from pregnancy and disease. Suitable posters explaining the initiative would be displayed in each toilet.

A 6 month trial is to be held after which Council will determine whether the machines can be installed permanently. This will also allow Blackwood Youth Action to conduct its own review.

Between the Lines *at your library*

Inter Library Loan Services Changes

From 1 September 2018 changes will be made to the inter library loan service due to the State Government reviewing the cost of providing this service. The changes include specific items that will no longer be available for inter library lending, including:

- All items that have been in the library for 12 months (or less)
- Junior items
- Young adult items
- DVD and audio
- Multiple copies for book clubs

Exceptions will be made for library members with special needs, including people with disabilities (who require particular formats), access to material in languages other than English for members from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and for members of libraries in non-metropolitan areas serving a community of less than 1,000 people.

The changes to this service does not mean that you cannot obtain the materials, it does mean how they are provided might be a little bit different. Your library membership provides access to a great range of online resources including e-books and e-audiobooks which is another way of accessing items. We can consider purchasing specific items for the Bridgetown collection if the item is going to be of interest to other library users.

These changes have been made in order to provide a more sustainable service to the WA community and to ensure that materials in public libraries are available for loan by members of the local community, rather than being transported around the State. The cost of providing the service was estimated to be \$72 per item which is not an affordable way to provide access to materials.

You can find out more about these changes by visiting the State Library website: www.slwa.wa.gov.au/our-services/loans/inter-library-loans.

Please share your thoughts, views and experiences arising from this change with the library staff who will have opportunity to advice the State Library WA of patron's views on the changes over the next 12 months.

Studiosity

Free Online Tutor Support for Library Members

Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Library members have free access to Studiosity which provides online, after-hours, one-to-one help with homework and study questions.

Studiosity has two services to help students:

- **Writing Feedback** - Students can upload any writing draft and receive feedback that helps them think about and improve their own work.
- **Connect Live** - Students can ask a question or draw a diagram and get immediate help via live chat with a qualified subject specialist, across all core subjects.

Studiosity is a service that can help you with questions after school, on weekends and during holidays. Their friendly, qualified subject specialists are perfect for when you need that extra support.

Accessing Studiosity is easy – just log in at www.studiosity.com/access - all you need is your Library member number. If you are not a Library member you can easily join by visiting the Bridgetown Library.

You can also download the Studiosity mobile app, available in the App Store and Google Play Store, and link it to your account for extra features like saving a question for later, snapping a quick photo of a problem or using voice-to-text technology.

Happy Studying!

ANNUAL COUNCIL MORNING TEA

On Wednesday 22 August community members aged 60 years and over from across the Shire joined Councillors and Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee members for the Seniors Morning Tea. This year it was held at the Bridgetown Pottery Restaurant. The annual event is an opportunity for seniors to meet with Council and Advisory Committee members, raise issues of importance and discuss what is going on in our community.

More than 60 people attended the event from across the Shire. The community bus service was offered and brought community members from Greenbushes and Bridgetown to the morning tea.

Julie Cooper from Community Home Care spoke about the current services available for community members including transport support and Meals on Wheels and the services that will be offered in the near future for those needing assistance at home including gardening, respite and cleaning – services are tailored to suit each individual's needs. For more information on Community Home Care, contact Amanda on 0488 026 299.

Next year's Seniors Morning Tea will be held in Greenbushes.



L-R - Claire Quinn, Kathy Matthews, Peg Campbell



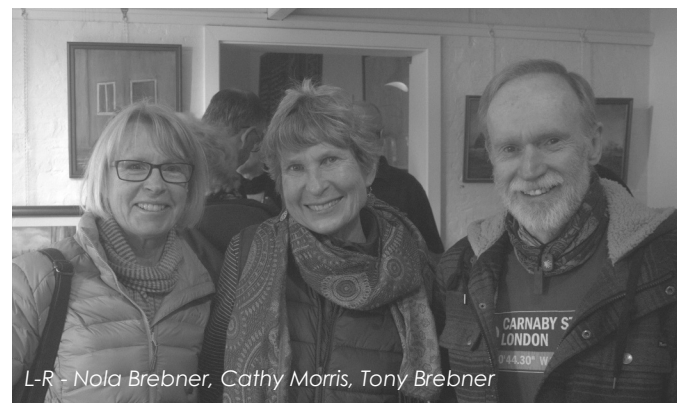
L-R - Cr Alan Wilson, Cr Jo Moore, Brian Moore, CEO Tim Clynh



L-R - Pamela Christford-Smith, Tina Ling



L-R - Jean Barrett, Margaret Power, Sue Davis



L-R - Nola Brebner, Cathy Morris, Tony Brebner



L-R - Russell Porter, Trevor Davis, David Barrett

SHIRE OF BRIDGETOWN-GREENBUSHES

YOUTH AWARDS

*Council's Youth Leadership Team
is excited to announce the inaugural
Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Youth Awards*

Approximately 580 young people aged 12-19 call the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes home. The Youth Awards have been developed to provide the community with an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the Shire's young people who enhance and positively contribute to our community.

Nominations are now open in five categories:

- Challenge and Change Award
- Leadership in Arts Award
- Leadership in Sport Award
- Leadership in Technology
- Leadership in the Community

All young people nominated will be recognised for their achievements and or contribution to the local community. The individual award winners will receive an award and a certificate from the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes.

The 2018 Youth Awards nomination form, including nomination and judging criteria, is available from the Shire Offices, Library and Leisure Centre. Anyone can nominate a young person so please pass this information on to members of your sporting and community groups to ensure that the exceptional young people in our community are recognised and celebrated.

Nominations close on Friday 28 September at 3pm sharp

For any queries contact Megan Richards on 9761 0800 or
mrichards@bridgetown.wa.gov.au.



Road Safety Message from the Roadwise Advisory Committee

Driving in Foggy and/or Wet Weather Conditions

Although spring is just around the corner, Roadwise Committee members urge drivers to slow down and turn their headlights on when driving in foggy or wet weather conditions. Turning headlights on will help other drivers see your vehicle more easily especially around dawn and dusk.

Used Car Safety Ratings (UCSR)

If you're buying a used car, be sure to check out its 'Used Car Safety Rating'. The current set of used car safety ratings utilise the records of over 7.5 million vehicles in police-reported road crashes in Australia and New Zealand between 1987 and 2014. The records were analysed and ratings calculated using an internationally reviewed method which takes into account the vehicle's mass, the structural design of the body, and the safety features fitted to the vehicle such as airbags and types of seat belts.

Key areas of vehicle safety explored by the UCSRs include assessment of vehicle safety technologies, modelling and projection of vehicle fleet composition and its effects on safety, estimating crash risk, and consideration of the safety implications of vehicle choice on high risk road user groups.

The RAC has a list of popular used cars together with their safety rating. To access this document visit the RAC website: <https://rac.com.au/car-motoring/info/road-safety/how-safe-is-your-car> and click on the pdf document titled "Popular Used Car Safety Ratings".

Has your vehicle been recalled due to a Faulty Airbag?

Not sure if your car has one of the many Takata faulty airbags? Then a quick way to find out is by taking a few minutes and visiting the following site: <https://www.consumerreports.org/car-recalls-defects/takata-airbag-recall-everything-you-need-to-know/>

The Committee also receives support from Roadwise South West and Main Roads WA.

Roadwise – caring for the safety of our community

Greenbushes to Bridgetown Shopping Bus Run



The Community Bus "Miss Rosie" shopping run service continues to operate on alternative Tuesdays from Greenbushes to Bridgetown and return. This service is available at a cost of \$8 to anyone living in Greenbushes who would like to come to Bridgetown for the morning – shopping, medical appointments, whatever you need!

The bus run operates every second Tuesday departing Greenbushes Roadhouse at 9.00am and departs Bridgetown for her return journey from outside Blackwood Butchers at 11.30am. Parcels may be deposited in the bus anytime between arrival and departure, so heavy shopping does not have to be carried.

Scheduled Dates: 11 and 25 September, 9 and 23 October, 6 and 20 November

For more information please contact Rebecca Redman at the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Community Services Department on 9761 0800.

SHIRE BYTES

Want to know about upcoming Shire events, special meetings, fire and weather alerts and more?
Email your details to Tania Lockley at tlockley@bridgetown.wa.gov.au

Australia Day Awards Nominations Open 1 September

Do you know of a person who has made a significant contribution to our community or demonstrated leadership resulting in the enhancement of our community life? Perhaps you know of a community group or a specific event that has added value to our local community? If so, why not nominate them for the Community Citizenship Awards which will be presented during the traditional Aussie Breakfast in Bridgetown on Australia Day 2019.

These Awards are a way of recognising individuals and groups whose hard work providing dedicated service and inspiring actions benefits the Bridgetown-Greenbushes community. There are four (4) Award categories, these being:

- Citizen of the Year for a person 25 years of age or older
- Senior Citizen of the Year for a person over the age of 65
- Youth Citizen of the Year for a person over 16 but under the age of 25
- Active Citizenship Award for a community group or event

Eligibility Criteria

- Nominees should reside or work principally within the local government authority area.
- Awards may be granted posthumously in recognition of recent achievements.
- Groups of people or couples will not normally be eligible except when meeting the criteria for a community group.
- A person may receive an Award on more than one occasion in recognition of their particularly outstanding community contribution or involvement in an alternative initiative.
- Unsuccessful nominees may be nominated in future years.
- Nominations must be apolitical in their nature and should not in any way bring the Awards program or local government area into disrepute.
- Sitting members of State, Federal and Local Government are not eligible.

Nominations must be completed on-line with the Australia Day Council of WA at: <https://www.citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate/>

It is important that nominations include as much detail as possible to assist the Council in making its decision on the winners in each category. To assist this process, the on-line application does include an area where nominators are able to attach photos, word documents or pdf files.

Nominations will open on Saturday, 1 September and close on Wednesday, 31 October 2018.



Our 2017 winners with Hon. Terry Redman, MLA (left) and Shire President, Tony Pratico (right)

Where has the time gone?

Have you noticed the Shire clock is missing?

After many stormy days and nights, the clock that proudly sits upon the Shire's administration building façade patiently watching over Steere Street, has taken on too much water, rusting away some of its old faithful time keeping mechanisms within.

But do not worry, as in time all shall be well. A skilled clocksmith is currently restoring the old beauty, and pending fair weather, works to repair the cracks in the wall shall commence and in good time our faithful clock will be reinstalled to once again watch over us all.

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access improvements.

4. Drainage

A drainage construction program valued at \$128,022 provides for drainage projects on the following roads:

- Palmers Road
- Four Seasons Estate
- Barlee Street laneway
- Dusting Drive
- Forrest Street
- Claret Ash Rise
- Moulton Street
- Cleanout and repairs to Geegelup Brook behind shops

5. Recreation

- Staged replacement of exercise equipment in Somme Creek Parklands.
- Commencement of construction of the proposed regional bridle trail. Note the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes is project managing this project on behalf of the Warren Blackwood Alliance of Councils hence all income (grants) and expenditure for the project is shown in the Shire's budget.
- Reconstruction of the boardwalk below the caravan park.
- A parkland improvement strategy is to be prepared and this will guide future development and expenditures for parkland.
- Funding for completion of investigations into the suitability and capacity of a new water source for the Bridgetown Sportsground.
- Approval has been obtained from the Public Transport Authority to allow landscaping of the area between the railway line and the railway car park and subject to final approval of the selected species this landscaping is scheduled to occur.

6. Fire Prevention/Emergency Management

- Emergency Services Levy (ESL) operating grant for bush fire brigades increased from 2017/18 by 4.4% to \$164,699.

- ESL operating grant for the Bridgetown SES Brigade of \$16,070.
- A new heavy tanker (valued at \$350,000) is scheduled for delivery in 2018/19.
- Replacement of one of the Shire owned bush fire support vehicles (non-ESL funded).
- 2018/19 is the 2nd year of funding under the State Government's Mitigation Activity Fund with funding of \$129,220 to be received for mitigation activities on Shire controlled land.

7. Community Services

- Funding for implementation of the Age Friendly Community Plan, Youth Friendly Community Plan and Access and Inclusion Plan via various programs, events and initiatives.
- Funding for the continuation of the summer evening outdoor film festival.
- Develop new ACROD parking bays in CBD to replace existing on-street infirm parking bays.
- Delivery of the Bridgetown Art Trail.

8. Governance and Administration

- Councillor allowances have been frozen for the fourth consecutive year as determined by Council at its May 2018 meeting.
- A new archive storage facility is to be constructed at the Shire Depot to ensure the Shire meets its legislative record keeping responsibilities.

9. Major Building Improvements

Significant works include:

- Shire Administration Centre – Commencement of progressive program to repair and renovate external walls of the building, repairs to lead light glass, roof repairs, sub-soil drainage works, installation of LED lights in toilets
- Greenbushes Hall – sub-floor and floor repairs, roof repairs, electrical repairs, complete kitchen reconfiguration
- Greenbushes Office – electrical repairs

- Greenbushes Pool – replace solar lights, treat deck woodwork, replace toilet cisterns and paint floors
- Greenbushes Golf Club – electrical repairs, repairs to floors in club rooms, roof repairs, replace double doors
- Shire Depot – electrical and roof repairs
- Library – treat exterior timbers, repair roof leaks, repairs to deck and removal of the green roof vegetation
- 144 and 146 Hampton Street - ex Police Quarters – staged repairs including roof repairs
- Hampton Street ablution block – improve ventilation and general repairs
- Bridgetown Leisure Centre (Recreation Centre) – replace all court lighting, annual reseal of courts, replace exit lights, replace external and mezzanine lighting, repair and remount scoreboards, paint gym and repair cracked panels, replace cisterns, hot water units and heat pump, repair shade sail poles
- Bridgetown Leisure Centre (Swimming Pool) – oil timber shelters and fence, improve ventilation in plant room
- Greenbushes Cricket Pavilion – electrical repairs and minor toilet upgrade
- Greenbushes Sportsground Kiosk – replace server doors
- Yornup School (office of Bridgetown Historical Society) – roof and window repairs
- Catterick Hall – replace water tank lid
- Bridgetown Civic Centre – internal painting, floor repairs, door repairs and various renewal works
- Sunnyside Shelter – general repairs
- Settlers Rest – remove drinking fountain and upgrade of slab seating
- Bridgetown Sportsground Ablutions – roof repairs
- Bridgetown Sportsground trot buildings – reconstruct stables, electrical repairs
- Thomson Park Ablutions – replace damaged sheeting

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- River Park Ablutions – electrical repairs, paint doors and external timbers
- Public Ablution Blocks – schedule a chemical treatment for drains and commercial floor clean twice per annum
- General allocation for asbestos treatment and removal for Shire buildings
- General allocation for termite prevention/management for Shire buildings
- General allocation for integrated height safety assessment for applicable Shire buildings
- General allocation for septic tank pump outs
- Bridgetown Cemetery – construct toilet facility

10. Waste Management

For many years Council has adopted the principle that waste management should be funded on a cost recovery basis. This means that all the expenses associated with waste management are funded by the kerbside rubbish collection charge, kerbside recycling collection charge, the Landfill Site Maintenance Charge plus other waste income such as recycling subsidies and tipping fees.

Council charges on all rateable properties a landfill rate under Section 66 of the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007. This section of the Act allows a local government to impose on rateable land within its district, and cause to be collected, an annual rate for the purpose of providing for the proper performance of all or any of the waste services it provides. All rateable properties will be charged a minimum rate of \$193.00 with concessions for multiple properties applicable as per previous years. This minimum rate is an increase of \$20 from 2017/18.

New capital works in waste management funded in the 2018/19 budget are development of an extension to the existing

waste cell (budgeted cost \$100,000 + \$30,000 for emergency pumping system) and construction of a new liquid waste disposal facility (budgeted cost \$225,750). As well, completion of the new inert waste area adjacent to the existing waste site will occur, utilising funds carried forward from 2017/18.

Rehabilitation of the former Greenbushes liquid waste facility is to occur in 2018/19.

The Kerbside rubbish and recycling collection service areas remain unchanged and the relevant charges for households receiving these services are:

- ♦ Rubbish Collection Charge - \$79.00 (decrease of \$3 from 2017/18)
- ♦ Recycling Collection Charge - \$71.00 (increase of \$5 from 2017/18)

Additional revenue is budgeted with the introduction of fees for disposal of inert waste at the new inert waste area. To contribute towards the significant costs of constructing a new liquid waste facility at the Bridgetown waste site a substantial increase in liquid waste disposal charges has been approved and reflects an increased revenue stream in 2018/19.

The Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes is continuing to partner with the other 11 local governments of the south-west region in investigating potential regional waste initiatives. Contributions are being made by each local government based on a ratio linked to rates revenue and this contribution has been provided in the budget.

11. Other

- Funds of \$15,000 (including \$11,500 carried forward from 2017/18) have been set aside for surveying of the proposed realignment of the Nelson Street/ Hampton Street intersection and partial closure of Hester Street adjacent to the Repertory Theatre.

- Continuation as a member of the Warren Blackwood Alliance of Councils and funding of regional trails website and events website.
- Funding of \$30,800 for the establishment of a Local Tourism Organisation.
- To complete the new Local Planning Strategy funding has been allocated for appointment of a consultant to assist the Manager Planning complete this project in 2018/19.
- Funding for progressive acquisition of land adjacent to Geegelup Brook.
- Funding has been allocated to progress the design and land acquisition for car parking proposals in the Bridgetown and Greenbushes town centres.
- Review directional signage to car parking.
- Upgrade of the northern information bay in Bridgetown.
- An electrical capacity assessment of the Bridgetown Sportsground Precinct (encompassing sportsground buildings & infrastructure, Shire Depot and Incident Control Centre) is to be carried out in 2018/19 in order to determine capacity for additional electrical connections and/or development within the Precinct.
- Funding has been set aside for the celebrations to continue the commemoration of the 150 year anniversary of Bridgetown up to the end of December 2018.

12. Loans

Two new loans are proposed in the budget for 2018/19, being a loan of \$100,000 to fund the construction of a new liquid waste facility (second loan taken out for this project as cost of the project is greater than originally estimated) and a loan of \$100,000 for construction of an extension to the current waste cell at the Bridgetown Waste Disposal Site.

As at 1 July 2018 the Shire's loan liability was \$2,131,615 and under the 2018/19 budget this liability will decrease to \$2,063,581 at 30 June 2019.

Two loans taken out in 2017/18 were unspent, being \$17,800 for the development of the inert waste facility and \$65,750 for the construction of a new liquid waste pit. This expenditure has been carried forward into the 2018/19 budget together with the funds from the loans.

How much will my rates go up?

The budget provides for an overall rate increase of 3.5%. However this does not mean that all properties will have a rate increase of that amount. The amount of rates attributed to a property is dependent upon the valuation of the property, as determined by the Valuer-General and the rate in the dollar.

Within the Shire land is rated as either Unimproved Value (UV) or Gross Rental Value (GRV). The rating principles of the Local Government Act require rural land to be rated on its Unimproved Value (UV) and non-rural land is rated on its Gross Rental Value (GRV).

Note if property owners are of the view that the valuation attributed to their property is incorrect they can seek a review by the Valuer-General. Further information on this process can be obtained from Stephen Roberts or Darren Wilson at the Shire Office.

Emergency Services Levy (ESL) Increase

The Emergency Services Levy (ESL) appearing on your rates notice is an important contribution to assist our fire fighters both in an employed and volunteer capacity, for our Fire and Emergency Services, Bush Fire Brigade and the State Emergency Service. This is not a Council charge, but is collected by local governments on behalf of the State Government.

This year's ESL will increase by approximately 10%, predominantly to fund the new Rural Fire Service established under the Department of Fire & Emergency Services.

Early Payment of Rates Incentive Prizes

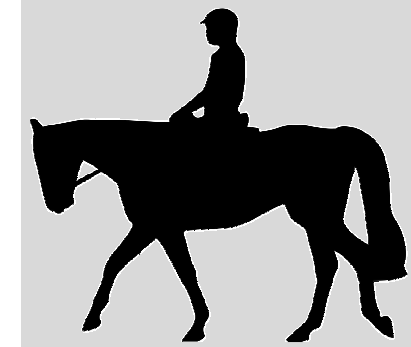
Once again it is proposed to offer incentives for the early payment of rates. Property owners that pay their rates in full by 12 October 2018 are able to lodge an entry into a draw. The draw will be conducted by the Shire President after the closing date for early payment.

Prizes to be offered this year are:

- 1st Prize: \$600 Community Cash Vouchers
- 2nd Prize: Weekend accommodation package at Quality Hotel Ambassador Perth (valued at \$560)
- 3rd Prize 1 Double pass to Asher Fisch Conducts Strauss & Bruckner Concert (double pass valued at \$182)
- 4th Prize 1 Double pass to Asher Fisch Conducts Strauss & Bruckner Concert (double pass valued at \$182)

Note the 2nd prize has been kindly donated by the Quality Hotel Ambassador Perth and the 3rd & 4th prizes donated by the Western Australian Symphony Orchestra.

Horses, motorists and Australian Road Rules



vehicles and riders are subject to the same laws as other motorists.

As you may know, Bridgetown and Greenbushes are home to many a horse lover, however, what may be a little less known is that under Australian Road Rules, horses are regarded as

For riders:

- Riding horses on roads and roadsides, including paths and nature strips is permitted, unless a sign is displayed stating it is prohibited.
- Horses can be ridden on the shoulder of a road, or to the left of any continuous edgeline, in the same direction of traffic.
- Riders on or crossing nature strips and paths must give way to pedestrians.
- Horses can be ridden across roads but must give way to all traffic on the road.
- Horses must not be ridden across a road on a 'pedestrian crossing' or 'children's crossing' - the rider must dismount and walk the horse across.
- Horses must not be ridden alongside more than one other horse on a marked road (or shoulder), and must not be more than 1.5m apart.
- Riders must ride single file on dirt or asphalt roads with no marked lanes
- Riders must give hand signals when changing direction.
- Reflective vests should be worn at night, with reflective leg bandages on the horse.

For motorists:

- While riders of horses are required to obey the same traffic laws that apply to drivers of motor vehicles, horses can be unpredictable.
- They are permitted to ride on road, shoulders of road, paths and nature strips.
- If you know horses are likely to be in the area, or you see horses, **reduce speed and give them a wide berth.** Expect the unexpected.
- Do not sound your horn when you are close to horses as it may startle them and cause them to move erratically.
- If a rider signals for you to stop, you must obey until the horse settles or you can be subject to a fine.