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INSIGHT

Bridgetown-Greenbushes Shire Newsletter

August/September 2019

Council adopts its 2019/20 Budget

On 15 August 2019 Council adopted its 2019/20 budget.

Rates for 2019/20 are budgeted to be \$4,667,928 which represents 30.3% of budgeted revenue with operating grants (10.5%), capital grants (21.0%), transfers from reserve accounts (9.5%) and revenue from fees and charges (10.8%) also being significant funding sources.

Set out below is a summary of funding for some of the key features of the budget.

1. Community Grants and Service Agreements

\$160,000 is allocated for community donations, including:

- Blackwood Country Gardens - Country Garden Festival - \$5,000
- Blackwood Poetry Prize Group - Event Assistance - \$1,000
- Bridgetown Croquet Club - Purchase of equipment - \$1,000
- BGBTA - Winter Festival Opening - \$5,000
- Bridgetown Historical Society - Interpretive Project - \$1,500
- Bridgetown Repertory Club Inc. - Equipment upgrade - \$4,000

- Grow Greenbushes - Sunup Banquet Event - \$3,000
- Grow Greenbushes - Greenbushes' Australia Day Breakfast Event \$1,000
- Blackwood Valley Wine Industry Association - Venue Hire - \$851
- Bridgetown Agricultural Society - Entertainment at Show - \$5,000
- Bridgetown Child Health Inc. - Rent Contribution - \$3,000
- Jubilee Singers of Bridgetown - Blackwood Rhapsody - \$2,000
- Blackwood Youth Action Group - Rubbish collection, internet and promotion costs - \$1,651
- Grow Greenbushes Inc. - Marquee hire for Greenbushes Fun Run event - \$2,745
- WA Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades Historical Group - Contribution to rental costs - \$1,500
- Bridgetown Equine - Traffic management plan for event - \$3,850
- Bridgetown Historical Society - Administration costs - \$2,735
- Bridgetown Scouts - Building operations - \$1,580
- Geegeelup Village Inc. -

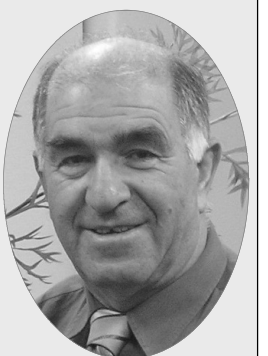
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President's Word

It is with great regret that we receive the resignation of Cr Pat Scallan from Council, effective 19 October 2019. Cr Scallan is the longest sitting current Councillor, having first been elected to Council in 2001. Cr Scallan's dedication and depth of knowledge will be missed, along with his enthusiasm and drive when it comes to local projects and boosting both the visibility and long term viability of the Bridgetown-Greenbushes community. We wish Pat all the best.

Local Government Elections are fast approaching, due to be held on Saturday 19 October. Nominations open on Thursday 5 September, for more information about nominating see page 4 of this edition of Insight and 'Candidate Information' on the WA Electoral Commission website—<https://www.elections.wa.gov.au/candidates-and-parties/local-government-candidates>.

Crs Wilson and Bookless, along with myself and the CEO, attended WALGA's Local Government Convention earlier in August. There were some fantastic speakers and a great deal of networking with Councillors from other Shires, opening avenues to discuss issues that are relevant to regional areas.



Cr Tony Pratico,
Shire President



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Community Groups Stay in the Loop

The Shire's Community Services Administration Officer keeps a list of community group and club contacts. The Shire distributes information on grant funding and other opportunities that may benefit your group. Club committee members and contact details change from time to time.

To ensure you don't miss out on vital information from the Shire, please update your club's contact details with us. Send an email to rredman@bridgetown.wa.gov.au with the name of your committee and the one or two best contacts, including their name, role/title and email address. A postal address and phone number are also useful.

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)

- Stakeholder Groups \$0.90/km
- 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



New disabled parking bay

A new ACROD disabled parking bay now exists in the space next to the solicitor's office on Hampton Street – alongside the entry ramp into the car park behind IGA.

Works will be completed shortly on another ACROD disabled parking bay on the lower level of the Civic Centre car park – close to the side/rear door of the civic centre.

Two existing ACROD parking bays are located in the railway car park with access to the car park from Spencer Street.

ACROD parking bays provide the required space to allow people with a disability to easily alight and board a vehicle.

To legally park in an ACROD bay a person must display an ACROD Parking Permit. The application form for a permit can be downloaded at www.acrod.org.au

To be eligible for an ACROD Parking Permit you must meet one of the following criteria:

- You are unable to walk and always require the use of a wheelchair; or
- Your ability to walk is severely restricted by a permanent medical condition or disability; or
- Your ability to walk is severely restricted by a temporary medical condition or disability (a minimum of six months).

Please note the Shire's infirm parking permits are not a permit for ACROD parking bays. Once the civic centre ACROD parking bay is completed the Shire's infirm parking bays will be phased out due to safety and risk concerns associated with passing traffic on Hampton Street. The current infirm parking bays are to be reclassified as general parking bays with a 20 minute time limit and at the same time the 6 parking bays on Hampton Street in front of IGA will be reduced from a 2 hour parking limit to a one hour parking limit.

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Bridgetown Shows Their Faces for People & Places Opening

A large and dynamic crowd descended on Bridgetown Pottery and The Rabbit Hole to celebrate the opening night of Bridgetown's favourite annual art exhibition and competition. The joyful crowd took in portraits and landscapes at Bridgetown Pottery, before meandering to The Rabbit Hole for the sculptures, photographs and awards.

A total of 96 exhibits completed the show in portrait, landscape, sculpture and photography categories. Artists from Bridgetown and beyond had spent months working on their works of art – and it showed. The standard of entries was high, making the judges' task of selecting a winner a difficult one.

Judges Caro Lunel (Bunbury Regional Art Gallery), Anna Czerkasow (Pemberton Arts Group) and Mark Grey-Smith (a sculptor with over 45 years experience) judged each category. Winners of the Best in Show prize each received \$1,000 and winners of the Youth Award each received \$200.

Many thanks go to the judges for providing their valuable time and professional insights in selecting the winners.

Now in the second year of the People & Places format, the exhibition welcomed some new sponsors. The generous financial support of the sponsors meant an increased artist prize pool was on offer, with Best in Show winners receiving \$1,000 each. People's Choice prize winners took home \$250 and each youth award winner received \$200. Many thanks go to each of the sponsors for backing Bridgetown's artistic community and our budding young artists.

Unfortunately, due to a low number of youth entries in the Portrait and Landscape categories, youth winners were not

selected. However the sponsors of these categories have decided to use these prize funds to motivate and encourage more young artists to put themselves and their artwork "out there" and enter the exhibition next year. Stay tuned for an update in an upcoming edition of Insight.

People & Places is on show until 31 August 2019 at Bridgetown Pottery Restaurant and The Rabbit Hole. Make sure to get along and place your People's Choice vote. Many of the exhibits are for sale. Planning is already underway for next year's exhibition.

People & Places sponsors 2019

Rotary Club of Bridgetown: Portrait category \$1,450

Talison Lithium: Landscape category \$1,450

Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes: Photography & Sculpture Best in Show \$2,000

Blackwood Creatives Inc: Youth prizes totalling \$600

Noel Holdsworth: Photography People's Choice \$250

Clovers Store: Sculpture People's Choice \$250

Judge-selected winners:

Best in Show (photos—right top to bottom)

Portrait: Cassi-Jo Davis, Darkest Night
Landscape: Barbara Maumill, Palgarup Dawn

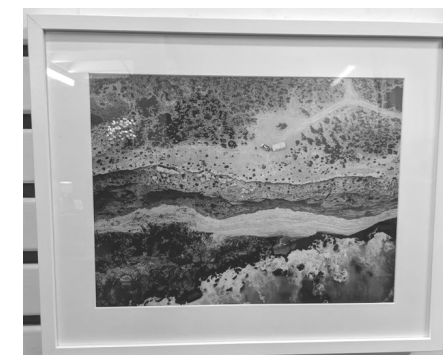
Sculpture: Emily K Smith, Life After Decay

Photography: Victoria Baker, Pat & John

Youth awards (photos below l to r)

Sculpture: Lola Seppiyo, Infinite Imagination

Photography: Koby Gough, Cliffhanger



Write On, Bridgetown

Bridgetown's 9th annual Words in the Valley Readers and Writers Festival concluded on Saturday 3 August. Events throughout the week attracted readers and writers from around the region for a range of activities to get their niggling questions answered and creative juices flowing.

Events were run by local and visiting literary professionals including David Whish-Wilson and Deb Fitzpatrick from Perth, Bridgetown writers Steve Heron, Sarah Evans and Elizabeth Denniss and publisher/illustrator Leanne White.



Events included:

- Scott Whitaker launching his book, *Railway Hotels of WA* (which features a whole chapter on Bridgetown's Terminus Building)
- Pen & Publish Writer's group meet & greet with writing activities
- A range of workshops on writing and publishing, plus author publisher pitches
- Literary Lunch at Bridgetown Pottery Restaurant

The Tales of Travel storytelling evening closed the festival on Saturday 3 August. Hosted by Jon Doust, a number of visiting writers and plucky community members got up to tell stories about travel adventures. Topics included going through customs in Iran, ceiling scorpions in South America, an emergency room visit on the El Camino and an alliterated sketch on familiar facets of travel, featuring a particularly entertaining riff on long drop toilets.

Words in the Valley was supported by Writing WA with funding provided by the State Government through the Departments of Primary Industries and Regional Development, and Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

Sustainable Community

From the Shire's Sustainability Advisory Committee

In this age of Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter more people are finding themselves isolated from face to face social contact. In this age of advertising and faceless shopping there is less community interaction. This isolation and the personal health problems that this brings has produced the "Act, Belong, Commit" movement where **p r o m o t e s** being. This feeds fabric of the **e n a b l i n g** more sustainable.



A sustainable occurs without fabric binding the together. This fabric could be described as the collective spirituality of the community. This spirituality gives the community a cohesive edge where the strong look out for those that are struggling and assist them as they can. This makes the community more resilient and caring so that not only is the community strong but the community's environs are protected and maintained to better our living habitat.

This social fabric is far more evident in the country where the community relies upon volunteers to provide necessary services, like the "ambo" family or the fire-fighter family. Without these "families" of volunteers the social fabric is weaker and the community lacking/poorer.

And the point is, try not to be isolated by modern living. Get out and talk to people. Assist others where and how you can and make the community a more vibrant place to be, a more resilient/sustainable community.

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 Citizen of the Year Awards** which will be presented during the traditional Aussie Breakfast in Bridgetown on Australia Day 2020.



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:

- Community Citizen of the Year
- Senior Community Citizen of the Year (65 years or over)
- Young Community Citizen of the Year (under 25 years)
- Active Citizenship Award (community group or event)

Eligibility Criteria

- A person must first be nominated to be considered for the Awards
- Nominees should reside or work principally within the local authority making the award
- Awards may be granted posthumously in recognition of recent achievements
- Groups of people will not normally be eligible except when meeting the criteria for a community group
- A couple may be recognized in an individual category
- 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
- Self-nominations are not accepted
- Individuals must be at least 16 years of age on 26 January, though younger nominees may be considered for exceptional contribution
- Unsuccessful nominees may be nominated in future years
- Sitting members of State, Federal and Local Government are not eligible
- Nominations must be apolitical in their nature
- Nominees should not in any way bring the awards program or local government area into disrepute.

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 Sunday, 1 September and close on Thursday, 31 October 2019.

... PLANNING DEPARTMENT NEWS ...

Municipal Heritage Inventory Update

Council at the Ordinary Meeting held on 25 July 2019 resolved to adopt 28 new draft place records for potential inclusion and updating of the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Municipal Heritage Inventory (MHI).

The MHI Update will be advertised for public comment including direct consultation with landowners of recognised places. Copies of the draft place records are available from the Shire's Administration Office at 1 Steere Street, Bridgetown, via the Shire's website www.bridgetown.wa.gov.au or by email to btnshire@bridgetown.wa.gov.au.

Written submissions are invited by 3 October, 2019 and addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes, PO Box 271 Bridgetown WA 6255 or via btnshire@bridgetown.wa.gov.au. Any queries should be directed to Scott Donaldson, Manager Planning on 9761 0800 or via email sdonaldson@bridgetown.wa.gov.au.

BRIDGETOWN GREENBUSHES YOUTH AWARDS 2019

Nominations now open

The awards recognise outstanding young people for their positive contributions to our community.

Pick up a nomination pack from the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes front counter, Bridgetown Newsagency, Greenbushes CRC or email rredman@bridgetown.wa.gov.au

Nominations close 4pm Wednesday 25 September 2019

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 19 October 2019

Vacancies on Council

This year there will be six (6) vacancies on Council, these being:

- **North Ward** – 1 vacancy for a 4 year term & 1 vacancy for a 2 year term
- **South Ward** – 3 vacancies for a 4 year term and 1 vacancy for a 2 year term

Nominations will open on Thursday, 5 September and close at 4.00pm on Thursday, 12 September. The elections will be conducted as "postal elections" and the Western Australian Electoral Commissioner has appointed Elizabeth Doust as the Returning Officer for the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes.

Being a Councillor (or Elected Member) can be a rewarding experience so if you are thinking of standing for Council at the 2019 elections and would like further information on the role of a Councillor, please contact the CEO, Mr Tim Clynch on 9761 0800.



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.

Early Payment of Rates Incentive Prizes

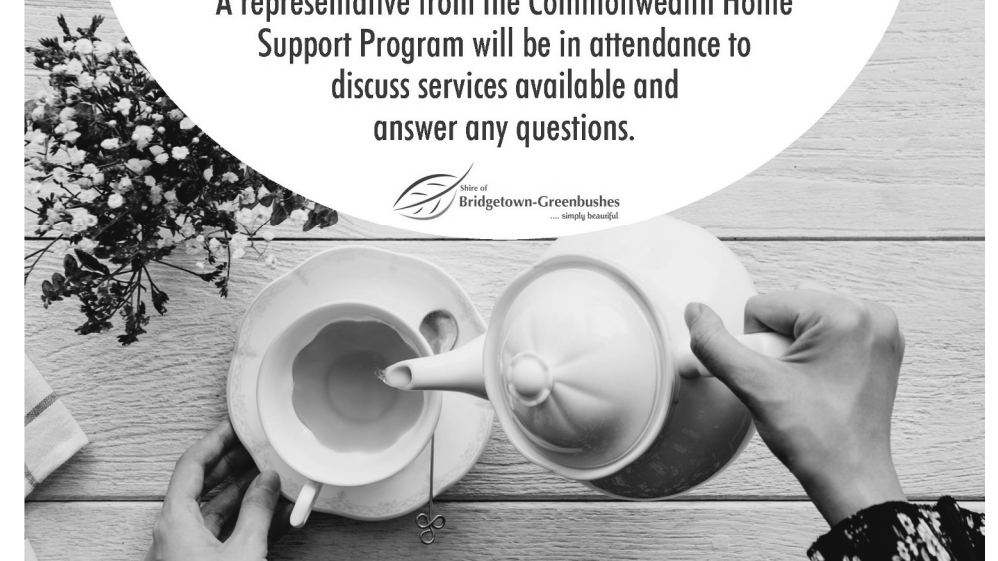
Once again it is proposed to offer incentives for the early payment of rates. Property owners who pay their rates in full by 27 September 2019 are able to lodge an entry into a draw. The draw will be conducted by the Shire President after the closing date for early payment. The prize to be offered this year is \$600 in Community Cash Vouchers.

SENIORS MORNING TEA

**Wednesday
4 September 10-11.30am**
Free morning tea for Seniors
at Tasty Edibles in Greenbushes

A bus from Bridgetown and return is available.
To RSVP for the morning tea or book a seat on the bus
contact Rebecca Redman on 9761 0800

A representative from the Commonwealth Home
Support Program will be in attendance to
discuss services available and
answer any questions.



VISITOR CENTRE - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Are you passionate about Bridgetown, Greenbushes and the amazing things we are able to offer visitors (and locals!) If yes, you might like to explore the opportunity of volunteering at the Visitor Centre.

We are looking for friendly, outgoing, enthusiastic people who enjoy interacting with others and providing high quality customer service in supporting our Visitor Centre staff.

Competency with computers is definitely needed when volunteering at the Visitor Centre, along with local knowledge. Volunteer induction and training is of course provided. To learn more about the operations of the Visitor Centre please call Elizabeth Denniss (Executive Manager Community Services on 9761 0800) or to obtain the information package for volunteering with the Shire please drop in to the Visitor Centre.



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: **3 September, 17 September, 1 October, 15 October, 29 October, 12 November, 26 November**

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

Do you know a young sporting champion?

The Local Sporting Champions program provides financial assistance for coaches, officials and competitors aged 12-18 participating in state, national or international championships. Successful applicants will receive \$500-\$750 towards the cost of attending their championships.

- **Base Grant: \$500**
- **Applicants travelling 800>1999km to championships: + \$100**
- **Applicants travelling internationally or >2000km: + \$200**
- **Applicants residing in a rural electorate: + \$50**

Applications close 11:59pm (AEST) on 30 September 2019

https://www.sportaus.gov.au/grants_and_funding/local_sporting_champions





- Electrical repairs at River Park toilets;
- Major service required for lift in administration office;
- Improvements to ventilation and general upgrade of Hampton Street toilets;
- Replace gutters on tote building at Bridgetown Sportsground;
- Replace solar lighting at Somme Park;
- Install LED lights and fans in admin office kitchen and toilets;
- Replace in-ground lighting near library;
- Staged renovation works at 146 Hampton Street (Shire House);
- Replace BBQ at Greenbushes Pool; and
- Replace BBQ at Greenbushes Heritage Park.

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 \$195.00 with concessions for multiple properties applicable as per previous years. This minimum rate is an increase of

\$2 from 2018/19.

New capital works in waste management are installation of an emergency pumping system) and crushing of the inert waste stockpile at the waste site. A development plan is also to be prepared setting out the future development of the waste site.

Rehabilitation of the former Greenbushes liquid waste facility is to occur in 2019/20.

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 (remains the same as 2018/19)
- Recycling Collection Charge - \$69.00 (decrease of \$2 from 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 for in the budget.

11. Other

- Funds of \$15,915 (including \$15,000 carried forward from 2018/19) 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 \$45,320 towards the 2nd year operations of the Southern Forest Blackwood Valley Tourism Association.

- A wastewater dump point is being constructed in the railway carpark in Bridgetown at an estimated cost of \$56,000.
- Funding of \$5,000 to assist with preparation of a Local Health Plan.
- Funding, the majority of which is a carry forward from 2018/19 is provided for completion of the new Local Planning Strategy including a review of bush fire planning policy.
- 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.
- Funding has been carried forward from 2018/19 for the 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 2019/20 in order to determine capacity for additional electrical connections and/or development within the Precinct.

12. Loans

No new loans are proposed in the budget for 2019/20.

As at 1 July 2019 the Shire's loan liability was \$2,063,582 and under the 2019/20 budget this liability will decrease to \$1,810,366 at 30 June 2020.

How much will my rates go up?

The budget provides for an overall rate increase of 2.5%. 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



...RANGERS...

Walking the Dog

Dog exercise areas exist in designated zones. Please note that the Bridgetown Sports Ground and school ovals are not designated dog exercise areas. Regardless of where you are, your dog must be under your control at all times. Please remember to be responsible and pick up after your pooch so that public areas are kept clean and usable for the whole community. Maps showing dog exercise areas are available from Shire administration.

The Bridgetown Agricultural Show Grounds and the Bridgetown High School oval are not Shire-designated dog exercise areas, however the property managers allow community members to exercise dogs on their land. They do ask for dog owners to be respectful and use the waste bags provided to remove their dog's droppings and put them in the bin. These spaces are used for community events and for children to play in. Please use the space responsibly and clean up after your pet to ensure these spaces can remain available for all to use.

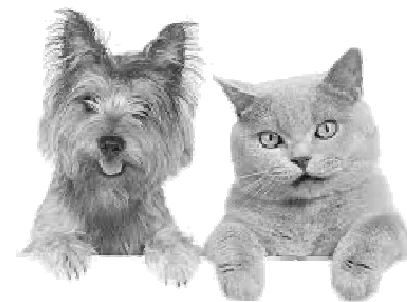
The Shire is considering a review of dog exercise areas. We would welcome your feedback in writing to btshire@bridgetown.wa.gov.au or PO Box 271, Bridgetown 6255.



Dog attacks on livestock have been an ongoing issue in our community. Five separate incidents were reported to Rangers in July. Livestock attacks cause emotional distress and financial loss for stock owners. Dog owners are obligated to keep their animals safely confined to their property. Infringements and fencing orders may be imposed on owners whose dogs wander at large.

Other issues on the Rangers' radar include:

- **Abandoned vehicles** are unsightly and cause environmental hazards. Vehicles that are left in a public place in excess of 24 hours, or abandoned vehicles that are wrecks, may be impounded by Rangers. Impound fees apply and littering infringements may apply. Three abandoned vehicles were dealt with by Rangers in June/July
- **Dumped animal carcasses** should be responsibly disposed of to prevent the spread of disease and biosecurity hazards. Dumping carcasses in public places is against the law and can encourage predatory vermin into the area. Carcasses should be appropriately buried or incinerated.



Is Your Dog or Cat Registered?

Residents are reminded that dog and cat registrations are due annually on 1 November. There are 3 payment categories – "1 Year"; "3 Years" or "Lifetime" with concessions being available for eligible Pensioners.

It would be appreciated if pet owners could advise the Shire office if their registered dog or cat is deceased to enable the Shire's records to be updated.

For further information on registering your dog or cat please speak to one of our helpful Customer Services Officers on 9761 0800.

- Contribution towards rates - \$25,000
- Bridgetown Family & Community Centre - Rates & Insurance - \$8,000
- Greenbushes Playgroup - Rent Assistance - \$450
- Henri Nouwen House - Contribution towards Administration & Wages - \$10,000
- Bridgetown Lawn Tennis Club - Easter Tournament - \$2,000
- Rotary Club of Bridgetown Inc. - Blackwood Marathon - \$5,000
- Bridgetown Greenbushes Community Landcare - \$42,366
- Blues at Bridgetown – Event Support - \$11,892
- Shire of Manjimup – Airfield Maintenance Contribution - \$1,000

2. Road Works

The budget provides for construction works on the following roads:

- Winneup Road (progressive reconstruction)
- Glentulloch Road (continuation of reconstruction commenced last year)
- Mockerdillup Road (drainage and vegetation clearing)
- Dalmore Road (gravel resheeting)
- Huitson Road (gravel resheeting)
- Eastcott Road (gravel resheeting)
- Campbells Road (gravel resheeting)
- Blackwood Park Road (gravel resheeting)
- Blackwood West Terrace (Minor widening and drainage works)
- Seaton Ross Road (minor shoulder widening)
- Kangaroo Gully Road (widening at intersection of Claret Ash Drive)
- Chevis Court (asphalt overlay intersection with Turner Road)
- Ethel Street (asphalt overlay between Spencer Street and Roe Street)
- Brockman Street (asphalt overlay)

- Doust Street (asphalt overlay between Mattamattup Street and Ford Road)
- Kandalee Road (gravel sheeting and drainage works)
- Taylors Road (widening and gravel sheeting)
- Farrell Street (gravel sheet selected locations)
- Nelson Street (asphalt overlay intersection with Thornbill Road)

Following on from reconstruction works completed last year second coat bitumen seals will be laid on Brockman Highway, Winneup Road, Tweed Road and Glentulloch Road.

Also bridge works to the value of \$1,017,000 (fully externally funded) will occur on two bridges - one located on Donnelly Mill Road and the other on Winneup Road.

3. Footpaths

Only a small footpath program is proposed in 2019/20. Steps are to be constructed at the western end of Campbell Street to provide a safe pedestrian connection with Allnutt Street and \$5,000 is allocated for disability access improvements.

4. Drainage

A drainage construction program valued at \$91,101 provides for drainage projects on the following roads:

- Huggett Place
- Lakeview Crescent
- Whittells Road
- Eedle Terrace
- Dean Street & Apex Grove near intersection with Roe Street
- Claret Ash Drive
- Four Seasons Estate

5. Recreation

- Construction of the gym extension at the Bridgetown Leisure Centre.
- Installation of a chlorine auto shut down system at the aquatic centre.
- Construction of a stage in Memorial Park. The estimated

cost in the budget is \$150,000 with \$100,000 to be externally sourced.

- Staged replacement of exercise equipment in Somme Creek Parklands.
- Completion of the Warren Blackwood Stock Route, a regional bridle trail commencing in Bridgetown with two spur trails to Shannon and the Scott Coastal Plain south of Nannup. 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.
- Replacement of the travelling irrigator sprinkler used at the Bridgetown Sportsground.
- Improvements to drainage in Memorial Park.

6. Fire Prevention/Emergency Management

- ESL operating grant (DFES) for bush fire brigades increased from 2018/19 by 9.3% to \$180,000. A further \$11,336 has been received for additional bush fire insurance costs.
- ESL operating grant (DFES) for the Bridgetown SES Brigade of \$21,570.
- Changeover of the general rescue vehicle for the Bridgetown SES Brigade (ESL funded).
- Four new light tankers for changeover of the existing appliance at the Hester Brook, Sunnyside, Wandillup and Winneup Bush Fire Brigades (ESL funded).
- Replacement of the Shire owned bush fire support vehicle (Shire funded).
- ESL funding of \$242,600 for

construction of a new fire station for the Greenbushes Bush Fire Brigade with Shire funding of \$10,000 for earthworks.

- ESL funding of \$271,100 for construction of a new fire station for the Wandillup Bush Fire Brigade with Shire funding of \$10,000 for earthworks and \$5,000 for survey costs to create a new reserve for siting of the fire station.
- 2019/20 is the 3rd year of funding under the State Government's Mitigation Activity Fund. The funds are to be received for mitigation activities on Shire controlled land. The actual amount of funding to be received is yet to be confirmed so a default sum of \$100,000 has been allowed for in the 2019/20 budget.

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.
- Continuation of the Bridgetown Art Trail.

8. Governance and Administration

- The 2019/20 Financial Assistance Grants (Commonwealth Government) has been budgeted to be marginally higher (0.12% increase to \$1,204,716) than received in 2018/19. The Commonwealth Government did provide an advance payment of 50% therefore the budget only shows income for the remaining 50% over 4 quarterly payments. The 50% payment received towards the end of 2018/19 is contained in the

carry-forward surplus from 2018/19 to 2019/20.

- 2019/20 Local Road funding by the Commonwealth Grants Commission has been estimated to be \$677,877 with a 50% payment received towards the end of 2018/19 contained in the carry-forward surplus from 2018/19 to 2019/20.
- Commonwealth Government Roads to Recovery funding of \$423,704.
- After being frozen for 4 successive years Councillor Allowances have been increased by 1.3%.
- Council has appointed the Western Australian Electoral Commission to conduct the 2019 Local Government elections at an estimated cost of \$23,000.
- Council will be engaging professional assistance for the purpose of lobbying State and Commonwealth governments to fund infrastructure considered necessary to accommodate the population growth associated with the Talison Lithium Expansion Project.
- The total budgeted wages for 2019/20 is \$4,231,893 which is 2.14% greater than that allocated in the 2018/19 budget. This increase includes allocations for implementation of the new Workforce Plan. The \$4,231,893 of budgeted wages in 2019/20 equates to 90.66% of the total to be raised by rates in 2019/20, well within the target of 100% set by Council's current Workforce Plan.

9. Major Building Improvements

The total expenditure proposed for building maintenance and capital improvements to buildings in 2019/20 is \$710,593 noting that this includes carry-forward expenditure from 2018/19 of \$135,547 and an external contribution of \$60,000 to proposed works at the Greenbushes Golf Club.

In its budget deliberations Council decided it wished to focus the 2019/20 building maintenance and capital budget on 3 separate sites rather than trying to spread the budget evenly over the entire building inventory.

The 3 buildings selected for significant works (and funding) in 2019/20 are the Greenbushes Golf Club, Greenbushes Hall and Bridgetown Civic Centre. A summary of the works proposed for these 3 buildings are:

Greenbushes Golf Club

- Redevelopment – demolish existing change rooms and install new transportable change rooms, repair roof beam, reclad western side of building (note the estimated cost of these works is \$120,000 and Talison Lithium has offered to fund 50% (\$60,000).
- Electrical repairs.

Greenbushes Hall

- Floor repairs – replace stumps and level floor
- Window repairs
- New septic system and leach drains
- Replace roof screws

Bridgetown Civic Centre

- Sand & oil town hall floor (follows floor repair work recently completed)
- Internal Painting
- Replace lighting and fans in town hall
- Replace blinds in Lesser Hall
- Replace roof screws

Significant works proposed in 2019/20 for other Shire buildings includes:

- Replace septic tanks and leach drains at Greenbushes Sportsground (camp area);
- Replace solar lights at Greenbushes Pool;
- Replace automatic doors at Bridgetown Leisure Centre;
- Electrical repairs at Greenbushes Roads Board office;