

## Key Projects



Town Beach Redevelopment



Short Street Drainage



Broome Cemetery Revitalisation



Water Park Redevelopment

## Waste Charges

Waste Charges	Price 20/21
Waste/Recycling Service - 2 bins	\$457.00
Additional 240L waste service - weekly	\$250.00
Additional 240L recycling service - fortnightly	\$165.00
Additional 360L recycling service - fortnightly	\$180.00

**Swimming Pool Inspection Fee** - The annual fee of \$58.45 charged to property owners who have a pool and/or spa is to cover the cost of the inspection program. Please refer to the notes on the reverse of your annual rate notice for more details.

**Emergency Services Levy (ESL)** - This is a levy imposed by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and collected on its behalf by Local Governments in WA. Please visit DFES website [www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au) and click on the link to Emergency Services Levy. Enquiries free call 1300 136 099. Please refer to the notes on the reverse of your annual rate notice for more details.

**Rate Concessions - Pensioners and Seniors** - For an application to register for a rates concession, eligible ratepayers should contact the Water Corporation on 1300 659 951 or go to [www.watercorporation.com.au](http://www.watercorporation.com.au). Please refer to the notes on the reverse of your annual rate notice for more details.



## Important dates

Rates are expected to be issued on 16/07/2020. Due dates are:

Payment in Full	4 Instalments	2 Instalments	Dates
Single Instalment	1st Instalment	1st Instalment	16/07/2020
	2nd Instalment		20/08/2020
	3rd Instalment	2nd Instalment	07/01/2021
	4th Instalment		18/03/2021

Ratepayers can elect any instalment option offered above by paying the applicable **first instalment** amount as per the rates notice **ON OR BEFORE** the first due date. If the instalment options shown above are not suitable, ratepayers may request a weekly, fortnightly or monthly Payment Arrangement via the Shire's website or by emailing [rates@broome.wa.gov.au](mailto:rates@broome.wa.gov.au).



## Change of Postal Address or Property Ownership

Ratepayers are legally required to advise the Shire of any changes in ownership and mailing addresses.

You must notify the Shire in writing if you:

- Have changed your mailing address and/or residential address.
- Have changed your name (copy of driver's license or relevant certificate required).
- Wish to nominate an agent to receive your rates notice.
- Wish to nominate your tenant as the ratepayer (ie. as the recipient of the rates notice).

Located on the Shires website is a Change My Address link where you can update your contact details. You will require your Assessment Number to complete this on-line form and this is located in the right hand corner of your rates notice.

Ratepayers also have the option of receiving annual rates notices via email. To take up this option or for any other query, simply send a request to [shire@broome.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@broome.wa.gov.au).



## 2020/21 Budget and Rates Information Understanding your Shire of Broome Rates



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Broome WA 6725 Australia

**Business Hours:**  
8am - 4pm,  
Monday - Friday  
**Emergency:**  
000 - Police, Fire,  
Ambulance  
132 500 - SES (flood, storm)



## Message from the Shire President



The backdrop to this message must be the ongoing financial hardship many residents and businesses are experiencing due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has dominated all of our lives for a large part of 2020.

Moving towards the 2020-21 financial year, it was crucial that the Shire of Broome administration and Council worked together to endorse carefully considered austerity measures that avoided further

financial strain to homeowners, businesses and residents.

As such, the Shire of Broome has frozen rates and fees and charges for 2020-21 as part of the COVID-19 Community Support Package. We've also removed interest and fees associated with rates instalments and payment arrangements.

The Shire has looked to provide effective financial management and cost-cutting measures to ensure we can continue to provide infrastructure and services to a high standard.

Despite ongoing uncertainty over COVID-19, there are real causes for optimism when looking to the future and assessing our performance over the last 12 months.

Looking back over 2019-20, a number of significant projects reached conclusion. This included Stage One of the Chinatown Revitalisation Project and the redevelopment of Town Beach, including the construction of a new seawall, coastal footpath and groyne, establishment of Green Space and facilities such as the playground, basketball court and boat trailer parking.

Other achievements include the Short Street Drainage Upgrade, BRAC Pump Track, Town Beach Water Park, BRAC's undercover courts and significant road upgrades at Gus Winckel Drive and the intersection of Herbert and Saville Streets. Our dedicated team have also been hard at work to facilitate improvements at Broome Cemetery, Dakas Street Park and Demco Park.

Please rest assured that your 2020-21 rates will be utilised for projects that will make a meaningful difference and play a part in Broome's continued positive evolution and economic recovery.

Despite an anticipated smaller Budget this year, responsible planning and securing external funding has allowed the Shire to commit to some exciting projects.

These include Stage Two of the Chinatown Revitalisation Project, the Town Beach Jetty, BRAC Youth Precinct, the Broome Golf Club upgrade and the reconstruction of McDaniel Road.

The Shire has a vision for Broome to be a thriving and friendly community; one that embraces our history, diverse culture and natural assets.

Our 2020-21 Budget builds on this and I'm convinced that the projects to be funded will help Broome become an even better place to live, work and visit.

I'd like to say thank you to the Shire staff and my fellow Councillors for their hard work over the last 12 months and efforts in preparing our financial plan for 2020-21.

Finally, I hope this brochure will detail how you, as a Broome ratepayer, will directly contribute to our ever-improving town.

Harold Tracey,  
Broome Shire President.

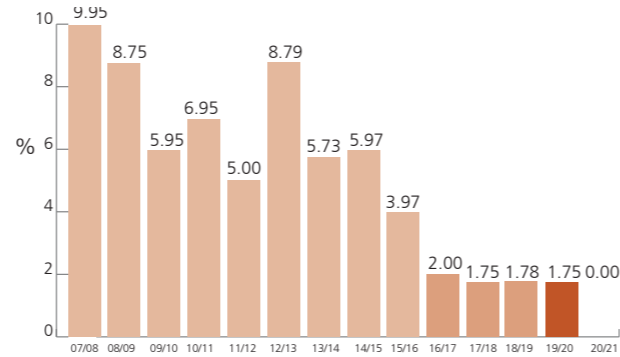
## Budget and Rates Overview

In determining the annual operating and capital expenditure requirement, the Shire of Broome ensures that services, events and infrastructure are delivered in the most efficient and cost-effective manner. The Shire of Broome endeavours to derive as much income from sources other than rates such as State and Federal grants, interest on investments, fees and charges, contributions from private parties and sale of assets. 2020/21 Rates of \$23.61 million will account for 58% (2019/20 - 57%) of operating revenue.

### How did the Shire minimise rates increases?

As part of the 2020/21 budget preparations, the Shire has continued to ensure that its budget is as lean as possible despite the escalation of recurring costs such as staffing, utilities, fuel and insurance. The Shire also grapples with an ever-increasing demand for services from the community, which results in escalating costs of existing service delivery with limited alternative income sources available to offset these additional costs. Despite an anticipated smaller Budget this year, Council has carefully planned its priorities and looked at its cash reserves. Council has also worked harder to partner with various stakeholders and funding bodies to bring forward various transformative projects to stimulate the local economy, tourism and ensure that Broome remains a safe and pleasant place to live and work while ensuring Broome is well placed to take advantage of opportunities when the pandemic is over.

### Increases in Rates 2008/09 - 2020/21

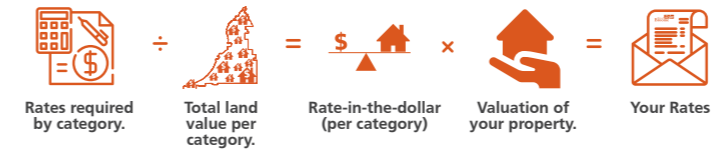


## How are my rates calculated?

The rates you pay are a proportionate share of the total rates budgeted by Council to provide local services and facilities. That is, if your property has greater potential rental return than your neighbour's, you will pay a higher share of the total rates budgeted by Council.

Property valuations are provided by the Valuer General (Landgate) based either on Gross Rental Valuation (GRV) or Unimproved Valuation (UV).

For more information on how the valuation is determined, please visit Landgate's website [www.landgate.wa.gov.au](http://www.landgate.wa.gov.au) or telephone 1300 556 224.



## Differential Rate Categories

Differential rating recognises that properties in Broome have different uses and demand for Shire resources. Differential rates are used to achieve greater equity and efficiency. Minimum rates are levied where calculated rates are less than the minimum.

CATEGORY	RATE IN THE DOLLAR (in cents)	MINIMUM PAYMENT
GRV - Residential	10.8224	\$1,220
GRV - Vacant	19.8104	\$1,220
GRV - Commercial	11.2119	\$1,220
GRV - Tourism	14.6665	\$1,220
UV - Mining	11.7729	\$500
UV - Rural	0.07623	\$1,220
UV - Commercial Rural	3.1875	\$1,220

The Objectives and Reasons for the year ending 30 June 2021 are available on our website [www.broome.wa.gov.au](http://www.broome.wa.gov.au) or at the Shire of Broome Administration Office.

## Highlights 2019/20



China Town Award for Planning Excellence



Town Beach Playground



Great Northern Clean Up



Broome Library Lovers

## Where is the money to be spent in 2020/21?

 <b>Recreation &amp; Culture</b> <b>\$12.8M</b>	 <b>Community Amenities</b> <b>\$10.2M</b>	 <b>Transport</b> <b>\$8M</b>	 <b>Economic Services</b> <b>\$17M</b>	 <b>Governance</b> <b>\$2.1M</b>
 <b>Law, Order &amp; Public Safety</b> <b>\$4.4M</b>	 <b>Health</b> <b>\$616K</b>	 <b>Other Properties &amp; Services</b> <b>\$3.1M</b>	 <b>Education &amp; Welfare</b> <b>\$533K</b>	 <b>General Purpose Funding</b> <b>\$393K</b>