

## Future Key Projects



Town Beach Master Plan



Hunter Street Stage 2



BRAC1 Youth Bike Precinct



Town Infrastructure

## Waste Charges

Waste/recycling service – 2 bins	\$469.20
Additional 240L waste service – weekly	\$290.40
Additional 240L recycling service - fortnightly	\$178.80
Additional 360L recycling service - fortnightly	\$242.80

**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 19 July 2018. Due dates are:

Payment in Full	4 Instalments	2 Instalments	Dates
Single Instalment	1st Instalment	1st Instalment	23/08/2018
	2nd Instalment		25/10/2018
	3rd Instalment	2nd Instalment	10/01/2019
	4th Instalment		14/03/2019

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 by emailing [rates@broome.wa.gov.au](mailto:rates@broome.wa.gov.au). A \$50 charge will apply, and interest will continue to accrue until outstanding rates are fully paid.

## Have you changed address?

Please complete the Change of Address form on our website. Please update other contact details like mobile number and email addresses as well. We are updating our database so that we can contact ratepayers with alternate means. Please notify your change of address even if you have a postal redirection order in place, as the Shire receives no advice of this from Australia Post.

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).



# 2018/19 Budget and Rates Information

Understanding your Shire of Broome Rates



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

## Message from the Shire President



Cr Harold Tracey

In 2018/19 we're continuing to implement Council's vision for Broome to be a thriving and friendly community that recognises our history and embraces cultural diversity and economic opportunity, while nurturing our unique natural and built environment. An important part of this is providing effective and responsible financial management, and as a Council we're very aware of the cost pressures on our community and have sought to keep any increase in rates to a minimum while still being proactive in stimulating our local economy and providing infrastructure and services of a high standard.

With a general rate increase of 1.78%, Council has achieved a balanced budget without any cuts to the services provided to ratepayers, and while there will be incremental increases to some fees and charges these are all in line with or less than CPI.

This continues a commitment from our current Council to keep increases in rates and other costs to our community to a minimum.

A push to keep improving efficiency at the Shire means we've been able to make operational savings over the previous year, and an emphasis on securing grant funding from external sources for major projects means we're able to reduce the financial impact on our community.

In the coming year Council will undertake projects including the new BRAC 1 Youth Bike Precinct; Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre upgrades to pool shade, skate park shade, field lighting, stadium fencing and stadium seating; Stage 2 of the Hunter St Reconstruction; new boat trailer parking and ablution blocks at Catalinas as part of the Town Beach Project; renewing a variety of parks, public open spaces, roads, carparks and footpaths; and fostering events, economic development and our tourism industry through grants and sponsorship.

This comes on the back of a 2017/18 year that posed some significant challenges for the Shire and our community with the recovery and restoration work that followed the extreme weather of Cyclones Hilda, Joyce and Kelvin and tropical lows.

Other significant achievements in the past year included projects such as the Hunter St Reconstruction Stage 1, Hamersley St - Napier Tce Upgrade, Cable Beach Master Plan, Crab Creek Rd upgrades and the inaugural Broome Reconciliation Festival.

As Shire President I'd like to express my thanks to the community for their support, and to my fellow Councillors and staff at the Shire of Broome for their work in the past year and in preparing the budget for 2018/19.

As a ratepayer, please take the time to read this brochure to understand how and where your rates will be used and how they will contribute to making Broome a better place for all of us.

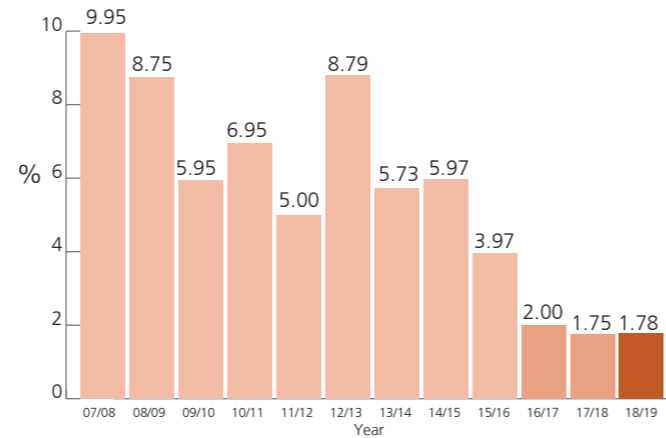
## Budget and Rates Overview

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. For 2018/19, the shortfall in funding of \$22 million will be raised through rates and will account for 57% of the total operating income of the Shire of Broome (2017/18 - 58%).

### How did the Shire minimise rates increases?

Continuous improvement in operating efficiencies and a focus on raising funds through other sources of income has contributed to achieving a modest increase without adversely impacting the delivery of Shire services.

### Increases in Rates 2007/08 – 2018/19

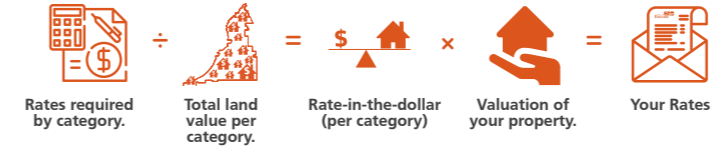


## How are my rates calculated?

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.



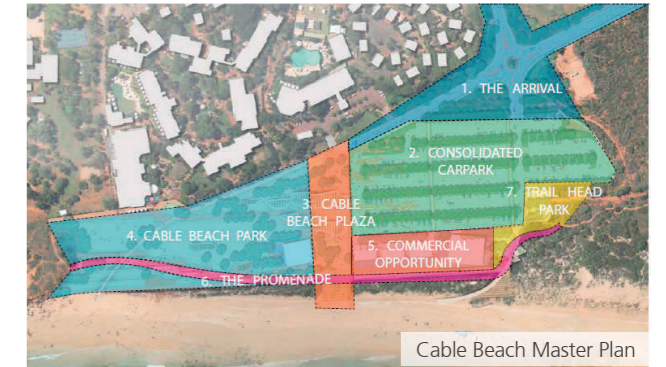
## Differential Rate Categories

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	9.9283	\$1,220
GRV - Residential - Vacant	16.0727	\$1,220
GRV - Commercial	10.9568	\$1,220
GRV - Tourism	15.2390	\$1,220
UV - Mining	12.5464	\$500
UV - Rural	0.6687	\$1,220
UV - Commercial Rural	3.1327	\$1,220

The Objectives and Reasons for the year ending 30 June 2019 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 2017/18



Cable Beach Master Plan



Hamersley St and Napier Tce Intersection



Reconciliation Festival 2018



Tropical Cyclone Restoration

## Where is the money to be spent in 2018/19?

 <b>Recreation &amp; Culture</b> <b>\$9.6M</b>	 <b>Community Amenities</b> <b>\$8.2M</b>	 <b>Transport</b> <b>\$6.4M</b>	 <b>Economic Services</b> <b>\$4.1M</b>	 <b>Governance</b> <b>\$2.7M</b>
 <b>Law, Order &amp; Public Safety</b> <b>\$962K</b>	 <b>Health</b> <b>\$787K</b>	 <b>Other Properties &amp; Services</b> <b>\$759K</b>	 <b>Education &amp; Welfare</b> <b>\$737K</b>	 <b>General Purpose Funding</b> <b>\$295K</b>