

Rates Information Guide

to the 2018–2019 Budget



Mayor's Message

Hello Bassendean Community,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you that I have not yet had the chance to meet. I absolutely love living in Bassendean and enjoying all that our local area has to offer. As the mum of two young children, I feel extremely fortunate to be able to raise my family in the unique community and environment that characterises our Town. It is a privilege to serve as your new Mayor and to be part of making our Town an even more fantastic place.

Over recent months your Councillors and the Town's staff have been developing a budget that has a focus on our community's vision for Bassendean, strengthens our community and helps build a vibrant and more sustainable future. We are very conscious that your rates money should deliver projects and services that make Bassendean the place you want it to be. We have therefore based our budget on the feedback that you gave us through last year's community strategic planning process.

When formulating the budget for this year we were aware that for many people in our community finances are particularly tight at present. We were therefore determined to deliver a budget that reflected the current economic climate and have adopted the lowest rate rise in over a decade of just 0.9%, in line with CPI for WA. At the same time we have managed to include significant new projects while not affecting the service levels we currently enjoy.

There has also been a focus on ensuring a more environmentally friendly budget. The Town is committed to showing leadership in this important area and has therefore allocated funds for the introduction of best practice kerbside waste management, almost tripling the number of street tree plantings, and providing an electric car charging station, as well as other sustainability initiatives.

Thanks to all of you for your contribution that allows us to deliver these projects and services over the next twelve months, and which will help make Bassendean an even better place.

Renée McLennan
Mayor

To find out more about the Town's new initiatives, read on...



What's in the 2018-2019 Budget?

There are a number of new projects and programs being introduced totalling \$5 million. The Town has managed to secure ~\$4 million in grant and reserve funding to deliver these projects and reduce the financial burden on our ratepayers. Some of the larger projects to be undertaken in the 2018-2019 financial year are:



Safe Active Programs

The Town has been very fortunate to be awarded a grant of \$1.3 million to undertake bicycle boulevards in both **Whitfield Street and Broadway**, providing access to the train station. The Town is very appreciative of this State Government initiative and hopes that the boulevards will encourage the use of active modes of transport and less reliance on motor vehicles.

\$1.4 million



Greening Bassendean

There will be a strong focus on greening Bassendean with Council almost tripling the number of street trees being planted on our verges, the employment of an Urban Forest officer and the purchase of a watering truck to help care for the trees.

\$828,000



New ablution facility at Sandy Beach

The new ablution facility will be a much-needed upgrade for visitors, both from our Town and beyond.

\$250,000

Spillway at Success Hill

River foreshore remediation at Success Hill Reserve with construction of a new spillway.

\$180,000



\$700,000

New Bin Program

As part of our commitment to reducing waste, the Town will be purchasing green waste bins and introducing the third bin in July 2019. We will also be employing a recycling and waste coordinator to help deliver our new waste and education strategy.



New Men's Shed

The Bassendean Men's Shed Association will have its own home in May Holman Drive thanks to a Lotterywest grant of \$200,000, and a contribution from the Town.

\$370,000

Mary Crescent Playground

This much-needed project has been in the planning stages for some time and will be of great benefit to the community when completed.

\$250,000

Stage 1 Redevelopment of 1 Surrey Street

Funds have been allocated to plan for the restoration of the existing facilities and to provide a new community space that can be used as an infant health facility.

\$150,000



Other highlights

- **Drainage works** totalling \$828,000.
- **Other capital works** including:

Town's first electric car charging station	\$6,000
CCTV and security lighting in Success Hill	\$30,000
Playground for Padbury Park	\$10,000
Development of Master Plan for the BIC	\$20,000
Development of Master Plan for Jubilee Reserve	\$20,000
Roadworks	\$380,000
Broadway Arboretum Stage 2	\$85,000
Building Upgrades	\$92,000
Plant & Equipment	\$131,000
Furniture & Fixtures	\$131,500
Parks Equipment and Playgrounds	\$97,000
Footpath Renewals	\$25,000
Other Minor Assets	\$100,000

Details of the actual works can be obtained from the Town's Asset Services business unit.

- **Community Events** include:

Fringe Festival: held in February in partnership with a local event management company.

WAMMI Festival: held in November in conjunction with the Western Australian music industry.

NAIDOC Day: an exceptional day for all Australians and the largest event of its kind in this region.

Australia Day: the event that brings all cultures together to celebrate.

Children's Week: our future is in their hands.

Visual Art Awards: an artistic look at the talent within the Town and the region.

Seniors' Week: acknowledging the contribution to our community by seniors.

Avon Descent: a race not for the faint-hearted!

Anzac Day and other memorial days: remembering those who have fought for our freedom.

Summer Outdoor Movies: bring the popcorn and view movies in the open.

State Government Charges: what are they and how do they affect your rates?

Emergency Services Levy

This levy was introduced in 2003 to ensure that property owners were contributing to the provision of fire and emergency services in WA. This charge appears separately on your rates notice. It is collected by the Town and sent to the State Government. The State Government has increased this levy by 10.6% this financial year.

Waste Management Levy

This is a per tonne levy that the Town pays to the State Government for the disposal of waste at the Red Hill landfill site. Over the years, this levy has increased considerably. It directly affects the cost of the Town's waste management and therefore the rubbish service fee on your rates notice.



Pay your Rates and Charges in full by 5.00 pm on 14 September 2018 and you will automatically be in the draw. No entry form is required.

All winners will be selected by computer.

Please note: With the exception of Pensioner Deferred Rates, all arrears must be paid.



2 prizes of one iPad mini 4 valued at \$500 each from the Town of Bassendean



Two double passes donated by the West Australian Symphony Orchestra to Asher Fisch Conducts Strauss & Bruckner
7.30pm Saturday 10 November 2018
Perth Concert Hall



3 x 1 month's unlimited training memberships from Step into Life Bassendean
A great motivating alternative to the gym and more than your regular boot camp—held at Ashfield Reserve.



5 complimentary vouchers for one term to one of the RElax programs from the Town of Bassendean.
Valid until April 2019.



A seafood voucher valued at \$50 for factory direct seafood at Catalano Seafoods
301 Collier Road, Bassendean
Open Mon–Fri from 9.00 am to 4.30 pm and Saturdays from 7.30 am to 1.00 pm



If you object to your property being included in the draw, even though you have paid your rates early, please advise the Rates Section at the Town of Bassendean.



For quick access scan this QR code

Use your smartphone to access the Town of Bassendean's website to pay your rates account and to obtain more information about your 2018/19 rate assessment.

Rates Information

Rates Concessions Pensioners/Seniors

The State Government has approved a \$750 cap for local government rates applying to pensioner households as of 1 July 2018. Local governments are required by legislation to implement this policy change on behalf of the Government when they issue rates notices to affected pensioners.

This means that your local government rates notice now includes a concession that is the lesser of \$750 or 50% of rates payable. This cap applies only to the rate component of your account.

Senior cardholders' concessions remain unchanged at 25% up to a capped amount for 2018/2019 of \$100.

If you are the holder of a Pension Concession Card, Commonwealth Senior Health Card or a State Senior Card, and own and occupy your property at the 1 July 2018 and are not receiving a rebate, please contact Council's Office on 9377 8000.

Rebates to pensioners and seniors under the *Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferments) Act 1992* are funded by the Government of Western Australia.

**To receive the rebate on your 2018/2019 rates
your account must be paid by 30 June 2019.**

**Pensioners may defer their rates and Emergency Services Levy,
but rubbish charges must be paid.**

Paying by instalments

Pay in by two instalments:

- 1st instalment due **14 September 2018**
- 2nd instalment due **18 January 2019**

Paying by four instalments:

- 1st instalment due **14 September 2018**
- 2nd instalment due **16 November 2018**
- 3rd instalment due **18 January 2019**
- 4th instalment due **22 March 2019**

**Ratepayers must
pay all outstanding
rates, charges and
accumulated interest by
14 September 2018 if
they wish to participate
in this scheme.**

Fire Season

During the months of November to March, all properties within the Town of Bassendean must comply with Fire Season requirements.

This means that owners must either slash or remove flammable materials to a height of no more than 100mm by 31 October and maintain this standard until 31 March 2019. Rangers will be inspecting the Town to ensure all properties comply.



For further information on Fire Season requirements or what constitutes a fire hazard, go to www.bassendean.wa.gov.au/fire-hazards.aspx

Tip Vouchers

Your 4 tip vouchers are included as part of your rates notice.

To be eligible to receive vouchers you must be paying the \$365 waste service charge. Owners of vacant land will not receive tip vouchers, however vouchers will be issued to owners of new residences on a pro rata basis when interim rates are levied.

**Please ensure you do not lose your tip vouchers
as replacements will not be issued.**

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