

BUDGET 2019/20 - SNAPSHOT

The Town of East Fremantle supports a range of services and initiatives to promote an inclusive and connected community. Some of these are:

- ▶ Community Assistance Grants Program – providing opportunities for community and sporting groups to access small grants.
- ▶ Glyde In – ongoing financial support for the operation of this valuable Community Learning Centre
- ▶ Events – key events such as East Fremantle's George Street Festival, extending the Town's Heritage Trail,
- ▶ Economic Development – ongoing collaboration with local businesses to promote 'Look Local' initiatives
- ▶ Community Home Support Program – transitioning our Home and Community Care (HACC) services for older people aged 65 years and over to the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP). The CHSP is an entry level aged care program, designed to provide small amounts of single service to a large number of frail aged.

Planning, Building & Health Services

The Town of East Fremantle deals with all matters relating to urban planning, including land-use, structure planning, rezoning/subdivision of land, environmental considerations, built form and urban design within the Town. Key projects include the finalisation of the Integrated Traffic Management and Movement Strategies; adoption of the Urban Streetscape and Public Realm Style Guide; Review of the Local Planning Strategy; Commercial Centres Study, ongoing Environment Health Services and a review of existing Town Planning Policies.

Ranger Services

The Town of East Fremantle Ranger services deal with a range of community safety and compliance challenges on a daily basis, mostly to do with dog control, security, vandalism and parking. Where possible, our Rangers aim to resolve problems via discussion, negotiation and public education. Our Rangers also actively monitor the illegal dumping of rubbish in the Town; conduct regular patrols of both Richmond Primary School and East Fremantle Primary School to ensure parking and traffic safety; and during the summer months focus on bush fire compliance in key areas in the Town.

BULK VERGE COLLECTION DATES

Did you know customer service requests can be lodged on-line via the Town's website at www.eastfremantle.wa.gov.au to report any faults and concerns or to just find out more about the Town's services or programed works.

Green Waste Verge Collection	Bulk & Whitegoods/Metals Verge Collection
Green waste 1 – 2 September 2019	4 November 2019
Green waste 2 – 16 March 2020	

Please remember: Do not put material on the verge until seven (7) days before the collection date. Reminders will be advertised on the Town's website www.eastfremantle.wa.gov.au

WASTE DISPOSAL UPDATE

Food Organics, Garden Organics (FOGO) 3 bin System

The new FOGO 3 bin system rolled out on 1 July 2019. Information about this new system has been circulated with the new bins to all eligible residents. For more on FOGO go to www.eastfremantle.wa.gov.au/services/recycling-waste/lets-go-fogo.aspx - contact the Town of East Fremantle on (08) 9339 9339 or email admin@eastfremantle.wa.gov.au

Tip Pass and Waste Disposal Update

As well as the collection of kerbside bins, Council continues to provide options for waste disposal for residents.

- ▶ One (1) tip pass for the year is attached to your rates notice, which expires on 31 August 2020. Residents may use the pass to access the green waste process facility at the RRRC in Canning for the disposal of clean green waste. Note – free Tip Passes will not be issued, please keep your Tip Pass in a safe place.

Fremantle Recycling Centre (FRC) – in collaboration with the City of Fremantle, Town of East Fremantle residents are permitted to utilise the Fremantle Recycling Centre. The facility is only open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, further information about the FRC can be found at www.fremantle.wa.gov.au/residents/waste-and-recycling/fremantle-recycling-centre or by calling 1300 693 736. Passes will be circulated to all residents by mail in August 2019.

Emergency Services Levy

The Emergency Services Levy (ESL) is a State Government charge applicable to all properties in WA, which is invoiced and collected by local governments on behalf of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES). The ESL provides funding for CFRS and VFRS brigades, VFES units, the VMRS, and local government BFBs and SES units. The amount of ESL to be collected, and the applicable rates and charging parameters, are declared annually by the Minister for Emergency Services.

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Office Opening Hours

Monday to Friday
8.30am to 4.30pm.

Register for E-rates - www.eastfremantle.wa.gov.au

Change of Postal Address

All notifications must be in writing, via post, or email to admin@eastfremantle.wa.gov.au



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2019/2020 RATES & BUDGET INFORMATION



Elected members and staff have worked very hard to continue to improve the provision of community infrastructure as well as our service levels to our residents. Ensuring the Town continues to improve our parks and reserves and footpaths remains one of the key priorities for the Town. The revitalisation of the East Fremantle Oval precinct, Preston Point precinct and other community infrastructure remains a high priority due to the social, community and economic benefit these assets provide. Funding the renewal of these assets is likely to be a significant financial challenge for the Town, and remains highly dependent on the receipt of external grants and contributions.

Notwithstanding the future requirement to fund approximately \$45m in programmed capital works over a 15 year period, Council is cognisant of the current economic climate and the rate burden on our residents. Elected members had a difficult decision to try and maintain our commitment to continue to fund capital projects and also try and limit the rate increase. Council has resolved to impose a 2.4% increase in rates for the 2019/20 financial year.

The 2019/20 Annual Budget seeks to continue to improve service levels whilst ensuring a healthy financial position. Rates fund 75% of total expenditure, and the adjacent graph indicates how \$100 of rates is applied to the Town's service areas.

The 2019/20 Budget includes a \$3.8m capital works program, with flagship projects including:

- ▶ Realignment and resurfacing of Riverside Road \$1.23m
- ▶ New carparks and associated infrastructure \$494k
- ▶ Levelling and resurfacing Chapman Reserve/ Henry Jeffery Oval \$160k
- ▶ Renewal of footpaths \$247k
- ▶ Community building up grades \$477k
- ▶ Foreshore management initiatives \$238k

In the last few months Council has adopted a new Corporate Business Plan and 15-year Strategic Resource Plan. These documents, combined with the Town's Strategic Community Plan 2017-2027, effectively form the Town's 'Plan for the Future'. These documents are available on the Town's website and I encourage you to read these documents as it outlines our vision for the community and how public resources will be allocated to achieve this vision. Any feedback and advice you provide will be very welcome.

On behalf of Council, I am very happy to commend the 2019/20 Annual Budget to our community, as it is a financially responsible budget that activates the Strategic Community Plan, and lays the foundation for Council's Plan for the Future.



\$1.70 Environmental Health Services	\$0.56 Planning, subdivisions and building services
\$9.35 Education and Welfare – Including Commonwealth Housing Support Program	\$17.00 Roads, footpaths and drainage
\$0.91 Economic Services	\$17.00 Recreation and Culture
\$13.95 Waste Services	\$1.52 Law, order and public safety
\$6.13 Plant and Equipment	\$1.65 Housing and Other Property and Services
\$10.69 Governance and Council	\$0.85 Rates and Valuation Expenses
\$14.33 Infrastructure and Capital expenditure	\$3.91 Other

Want to know more about rates? See our rating information on our website www.eastfremantle.wa.gov.au

Rate Payment Options

- 1** Option 1 Pay in full by the due date
6 September 2019
- 2** Option 2 Pay by two instalments
 - ▶ 1st payment due 6 September 2019
 - ▶ 2nd payment due 10 January 2020
 The cost for this option includes an administration fee of \$16.50 and an interest charge calculated at 5.5% per annum.
- 3** Option 3 Pay by four instalments
 - ▶ 1st payment due 6 September 2019
 - ▶ 2nd payment due 8 November 2019
 - ▶ 3rd payment due 10 January 2020
 - ▶ 4th payment due 11 March 2020
 The cost for this option includes an administration fee of \$49.50 and an interest charge calculated at 5.5% per annum.

Note for both instalment options:

The first instalment must include all arrears of rates and charges otherwise payment by instalment is not available. Payments that are not made by the due date will also attract a late payment charge of 11% per annum.

- 4** Choose your payment option
For your convenience: You can now pay your rates in the following ways.

See your Rates Notice for payment methods and full payment options.

Online	BPay	AusPost	Mail	In person
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E-Rates

You can now receive your rates notices via email instead of in the post. Make the switch by visiting www.eastfremantle.wa.gov.au and register for e-Rates.

Rebates and Deferments

If you owned and occupied your house as at 1 July 2019 and currently hold either a Pensioner Concession Card or Seniors Card you may be entitled to claim a rebate and/or a deferment on your current rates and Emergency Services Levy (ESL). The rebate and deferment is applicable to Rates and Emergency Service Levy (ESL) only, all other charges are to be paid in full. Details of eligibility criteria for Pensioner and Senior Rebates and Deferments are included on the reverse side of the 2019/20 rates notice.

If you are having difficulty paying your rates, please advise the Town by calling the Rates Department on 9339 9312 or in writing by emailing admin@eastfremantle.wa.gov.au before the due date to discuss an alternative payment option.