

2025 / 2026 Rates Guide

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BURNING PERIOD

OPEN PERIOD
1 APR – 30 SEPT

BURN WITH CARE
SUBJECT TO WEATHER
CONDITIONS

RESTRICTED PERIOD
1 OCT – 31 OCT

PERMITS REQUIRED

PROHIBITED PERIOD
1 NOV – 29 FEB

NO BURNING

RESTRICTED PERIOD
1 MARCH – 31 MARCH

PERMITS REQUIRED

SHIRE CONTACTS & OPERATING HOURS

Administration Office

28 Cavell street
Calingiri WA 6569

PO Box 21
Calingiri WA 6569

08 9628 7004

reception@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au

Works Depot

10 Edmonds street
Calingiri WA 6569

PO Box 21
Calingiri WA 6569

08 9628 7232

reception@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au

TRADING HOURS

Administration

Enquiries & Payments
9:00am – 4:00pm

Department of Transport

9:00am – 3:00pm
(every alternate Wednesday)
10:00am – 3:00pm

From the CEO...

The budget for the 2025/26 financial year was adopted by Council at the Ordinary Council meeting held 30 July 2025.

2024/25 further consolidated a number of legacy projects and for the first time in many years, the shire has caught up with the Road Construction Program, some of the backlog dating back to 2018.

Highlights of achievements from the Strategic Community Plan includes:

- Community – Local Heritage Survey, Sport and Recreation quick wins, reinvigoration of the Local Emergency Management Committee.
- Economy - budgeted road construction completion of the Mogumber-Yarrawindah Rd, Calingiri – New Norcia Intersection and Toodyay - Bindi Bindi Rd, Water Projects and successful Housing Support Program funding.
- Environment – Progress on Waste Transfer Stations, Corella Management.
- Civic – Computer system improvements, Compliance improvements, strategic planning reviews.

For the longer term, there has been significant progress and advocacy in energy transition with wind farms, Caravel Mining and the European Space Agency (ESA), all major projects that will have a once in a generation impact on the shire.

Given the scale of upcoming major projects, the next five years will be financially challenging for the Shire, with economic benefits likely to follow only after these projects are established through the multiplier effect on the local economy.

For 2025/26 council was advised that the Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) a measure of inflationary costs to local governments and calculated independently, forecast a 3.3% increase. In order to continue momentum, deliver strategic outcomes and position the shire, it was necessary to increase rates by 7% for the 2025/26 financial year.

Accordingly, my focus will be in four key areas:

- Housing
- Renewables
- European Space Agency - Tourism
- Mining

Which in time and success, will see a very different Shire of Victoria Plains in both landscape, employment and industry development.

 Bolgart  Calingiri  Gillingarra  Mogumber
 New Norcia  Piawaning  Yerecoin



Shire's Direction



Apart from the above, the Shire will be undertaking 36 strategic actions regarding Community, Economy, Environment and Civic Governance.

2026 Budget at a Glance

Operating Summary

Continued investment in maintaining Shire Assets (road maintenance, parks and gardens, housing and community facilities)

- \$288,566 Loan Repayments.
- \$25,000 Sports Pavilion Upgrade Concept Plan Designs.
- \$25,000 Walk Trails - Concept Plan.
- \$40,000 Community Grant Fund.
- \$94,230 Fire Mitigation Funding (Grant funded).
- Continued investment in Information Technology including cyber security and Ai.

Community

- Continued support and hosting Senior Events, Community Events, Australia Day and Sporting Clubs.
- over \$20,000 to reinvigorate the Shires Library Services and aesthetics which is long overdue.
- Increased presence in Disaster management including evacuation centres, recovery plans and exercises.
- Continued support to the Yerecoin 100 years celebration.

Capital Summary

A capital works program totalling \$12,936,294 for investment in infrastructure, land and buildings, plant and equipment and furniture and equipment (92% grant funded) is planned as follows:

- \$6,688,212 Land and Buildings
- \$749,560 Plant and Equipment
- \$95,000 Furniture and Equipment
- \$4,190,343 Road Construction
- \$1,213,179 Other Infrastructure

Highlighted By:

- \$4,594,000 on the Housing Support Program (Edmond St Calingiri Redevelopment).
- \$1,890,000 Victoria Plains Precinct Planning.
- \$749,560 Plant Replacement Program.
- \$2,428,855 Toodyay - Bindi Bindi Road.
- \$823,540 Wongan Hills – Waddington Road.
- \$700,000 Yerecoin South Road.
- \$106,621 on Recreational Development Projects.
- \$180,000 Disaster Ready Projects
- \$308,833 Water Strategy Projects
- \$689,485 ESA Tourism Development (subject to grant funding)



Shire Services...

Regulatory Services (Health, Food premises, Septic Tanks, Building and Planning)

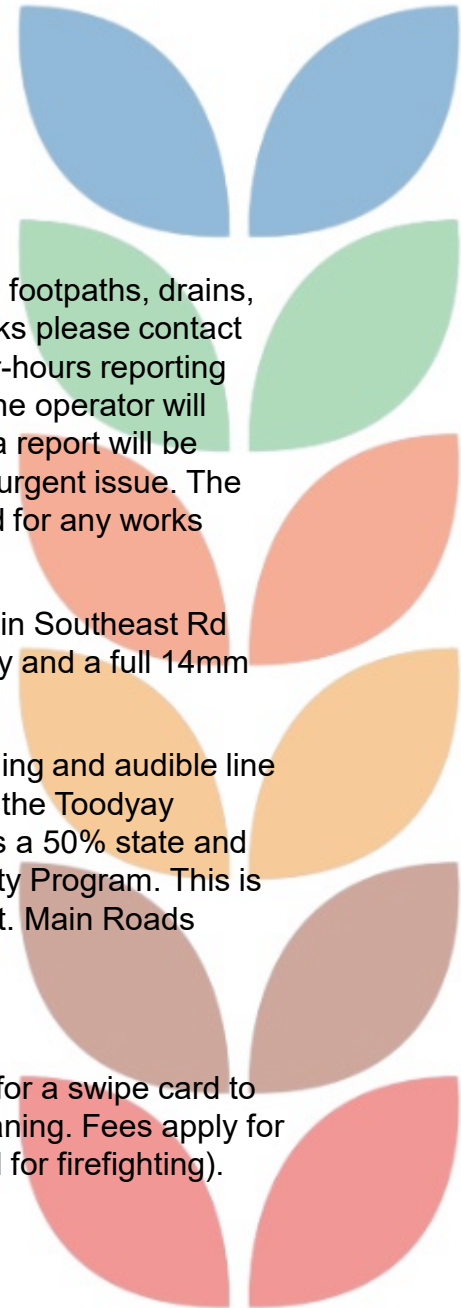
- The Shire's Environmental Health Officer, Gordon Houston, has many years' experience in local government and continues to assist residents and businesses with environmental approvals and public health issues including applications for food businesses and events, installation of septic's, pollution issues and general environmental health support and education.
- Gordon also acts as a conduit for all Building and Planning enquiries as well as Shire property management issues within the Shire of Victoria Plains. Generally, Gordon attends the Calingiri offices each Tuesday but can be contacted anytime by ringing the Shire on (08) 9628 7004 or via email at ehobs@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au. If it is an urgent matter, Gordon can also be contacted on his mobile at 0427 137 503.
- The Shire also engages the expert services of a consultant town planner, Joe Douglas, who is based in Perth and is available to help with any planning or development enquiries. You are encouraged to contact Joe in the early stages of your proposal to ensure you are aware of the Shire's requirements when planning your new development. Joe can be contacted by emailing reception@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au or by phoning (08) 9628 7004. He is also available on 0429 303 100 for matters of an urgent nature.

Infrastructure Services - Works Department

- For enquiries relating to the maintenance of roads, footpaths, drains, culverts, parks and gardens and other outside works please contact the reception team on (08) 9628 7004. For all after-hours reporting please phone the shire office on (08) 9628 7004, the operator will direct your enquiry to the staff member on call, or a report will be lodged to the shire reception if it is deemed a non-urgent issue. The Works Manager mobile will no longer be monitored for any works requests.
- Roads to Recovery (R2R) program will see Yerecoin Southeast Rd widened 1.75 meters each side the to the boundary and a full 14mm re-seal the following year.
- A new funding stream will include road edge widening and audible line marking treatment to Toodyay-Bindi-Bindi Rd from the Toodyay boundary to the Goomalling Rd "T" junction. This is a 50% state and 50% federally funded project- Regional Road Safety Program. This is a phased project of 5 years, with this being the first. Main Roads identify and nominate the roads to be done.

Standpipes—Water Supply

- Please contact the shire depot on (08) 9628 7232 for a swipe card to access the standpipes at Goudge Road and Piawaning. Fees apply for water use at these locations (excluding water used for firefighting).





Changes to our Waste Stream

Over the next few months, each tip site will start to look different as we move to Transfer Station Operations. This will not affect what you bring to the tip or the opening hours. It will, however, require users to be more selective in what is deposited so that waste streams can be sorted effectively. This will mean users will need to separate their waste material into waste types. All putrescible waste will go into large bins in the concrete bunkers for removal to another site.

Tip Passes

Tip passes are issued as a way to support responsible waste disposal by providing residents with controlled, subsidized access to waste facilities. These passes allow individuals to dispose of certain types and volumes of waste—often bulky or excess household items—at designated sites without incurring standard tipping fees.

- Each property assessment will be issued with one tip pass annually.
- If you require more than one tip pass for your property, please contact Shire administration to seek requirements on how to obtain extra passes.

Lost/Replace

- Ratepayer to attend Administration Office
- Advise of your Property Assessment Number
- Tip passes can only be arranged/collected by the property owner. NO exemptions for tenants.
- The lost tip pass will now be cancelled/no longer useable.



Entry Pass
Expires August
2026

Opening Hours

Calingiri
Wednesday 9:00am - 1:00pm
Saturday 12:00pm - 3:30pm
Sunday 9:00am - 1:00pm

Bolgart
Wednesday 1:30pm - 3:30pm
Saturday 9:00am - 11:30am
Sunday 1:30pm - 3:30pm

CALINGIRI & BOLGART WASTE FACILITIES

Libraries

Bolgart - Bolgart Hall

George St, Bolgart WA 6568

Monday & Wednesday 10:00am - 12:00pm
Friday 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Calingiri - Administration Office

28 Cavell St, Calingiri WA 6569

Monday-Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm

Mogumber - Old School Building

Mogumber -Yarawindah Rd, Mogumber WA 6506

Monday 8:30am - 10:30am
Friday 9:00am - 11:00am
(Rhyme Time)

All the libraries have their catalogues on
“*LibraryThing*” portal for you to browse through.

If you have any personal requests, please contact
our Calingiri Librarian who can source books from
other locations.



LibraryThing

<https://www.librarything.com>

Department of Transport

The Shire of Victoria Plains is an agent for the Department of Transport. This service is well utilised by the community. We now have 5 staff members who have all completed their training and we are glad we can continue to provide a local and convenient service.

All licensing transactions must be processed in person by the authorised Shire personnel within the Shire Administration Office. We are unable to process payments and requests via email or phone.

Monday - Friday 9am - 3pm

Wednesdays 10am - 3pm



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Transport**

Newsletters

The Shire of Victoria Plains releases a local newsletter monthly. The newsletter is uploaded to Facebook, the Shire website and National Library. We email a digital copy to those on the register and deliver hard copies to our local post offices.

All newsletter submissions are due in by the last Friday of each month.

Current advertising prices are as follows:

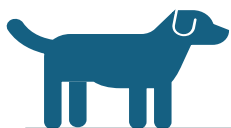
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Full Page	\$98.00
Half Page	\$52.00
1/4 Page	\$26.00

Black and White

Full Page	\$52.00
Half Page	\$26.00
1/4 Page	\$15.00

Please contact the Shire Administration Office for more information on (08) 9628 7004 or email reception@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au



Animal Legislation and Fees



DOGS

- Dog and cat owners are required **by law** to register their animals. Owners have the option of registering their animals for a period of One Year, Three Years or Lifetime.
- To assist our dog and cat control measures, please ensure your animal is microchipped and registered which will assist the shire to identify the owner enabling us to return the animal as soon as possible.
- Animals up to 12 weeks of age are entitled to the discount of 50% if they are first time registrations that takes effect after 31 May and before 1 November in the year of the first registration. To obtain Sterilised concessions, owners must produce a Registered Veterinary Sterilisation Certificate. Amendments to the Dog Act requirements, from 1 November 2015 all dogs must be microchipped.
- Dogs over the age of three months, and cats over the age of six months must be registered and microchipped. Registrations expire on the 31st of October and can be renewed for 1 or 3 years from that point onward.

Registration	1 Year	3 Years	Lifetime
Unsterilised	\$50.00	\$120.00	\$250.00
Sterilised	\$20.00	\$42.50	\$100.00
Unsterilised (Pensioner)	\$25.00	\$60.00	\$125.00
Sterilised (Pensioner)	\$10.00	\$21.25	\$50.00

CATS

The Cat Act 2011 was introduced by the State Government with the aim of encouraging responsible pet ownership and reducing the number of unwanted cats across Western Australia.

From 1 November 2013, under the Cat Act, owners of cats (over the age of 6 months) must ensure they have their feline pets:

1. Microchipped, wearing a collar and registration tags (for identification purposes if the animal becomes lost or injured)
2. Sterilised – unless being used for breeding purposes with the approval of the Shire of Victoria Plains
3. Registered Local Government officers are authorised and may enforce this legislation, and fines will apply to owners who do not comply

Registration	1 Year	3 Years	Lifetime
Sterilised	\$20.00	\$42.50	\$100.00
Pensioner Sterilised	\$10.00	\$21.25	\$50.00

Rates Notice Additional Information

Interest on Overdue Rates and Charges

An interest charge of 7% per annum will be applied to all overdue rates. Interest will be charged on rates remaining unpaid thirty-five (35) days after date of issue of the rates notice.

Instalment Options and Due Dates

The following options are available to all ratepayers:

1. Full payment by due date (35 days after the date of issue of the Rates Notice)
2. Payment by four instalments incurring an administration fee of \$10.00 per instalment notice. Interest charged at 5.5% per annum will apply

Alternative Arrangements

Ratepayers experiencing financial difficulty should contact the Rates Officer in writing as soon as they receive their rates notice to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

Pensioner and Senior Card Holders Concession

Holders of a Pension Concession Card, Seniors Card or Commonwealth Health Care Card are eligible for a rebate on current shire, ESL and sewerage rates (subject to certain conditions). Property owners should contact the Water Corporation on 1300 659 951 (8am - 5pm weekdays). The Water Corporation will advise the shire, and the concession rebate will be applied to your rates. If the customer has received a concession rebate on their rates and do not pay by the end of the financial year, **NO** rebate will be accepted and payment in full will be required.

For further information contact our Rates Officer at rates@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au

Emergency Services Levy

A levy is included on all rates assessments. Money is collected on behalf of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services. The levy goes toward the upgrading of firefighting facilities and equipment within the shire. The minimum ESL charge for 2025/2026 is \$108.00.

Changes of Ownership / Change of Details

Council must be notified of all changes of ownership and changes of contact details in writing to rates@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au

Financial Hardship Policy

The Shire of Victoria Plains, Financial Hardship Policy which outlines how the Shire of Victoria Plains can assist a residential customer who has difficulty paying charges because of financial hardship.

We are committed to working with you to find an appropriate payment solution that works for both you and us. We understand that it can be difficult to ask for support and will treat you sensitively and respectfully. You can view a full copy of the policy on the Shire of Victoria Plains website www.victoriaplains.wa.gov.au/news and copies are available for viewing at the Shire Administration Office.



Elected Members

President Cr Pauline Bantock

0416 131 837 - Retires October 2027

Deputy President Cr Suzanne Woods

0438 287 191 - Retires October 2025

Cr Rebecca Johnson

0459 593 988 - Retires October 2027

Cr Stephanie Penn

0447 160 470 - Retires October 2025

Cr David Lovelock

0427 548 026 - Retires October 2025



COUNCIL MEETINGS

Ordinary Council Meetings

Unless otherwise advertised, Ordinary Council Meetings are held at 2:00 pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month, excluding January when no meeting is scheduled. Please note that the December meeting takes place on the second Wednesday of the month. All meetings are held in the Council Chambers at the Shire Administration Office, 28 Cavell Street, Calingiri.

Each year, the CEO sets the meeting dates for the following year. Details of scheduled meetings and any changes are published on the Shire's website.

Agenda's

Persons and Organisations wishing to have proposals or correspondence considered by Council are requested to have the material to the Shire Office 10 working days prior to the meeting date, so consideration may be given by the CEO as to whether the material will be included in the agenda. Copies of the minutes are available from the Shire Website or available for purchase from the Shire Administration Office.

Public Attendance to Meetings

Members of the Public are most welcome to attend meetings of Council, and the Audit and Risk Committee.

Question Time

In accordance with the *Section 5.24 of the Local Government Act 1995*, the Council Meeting Agenda will include Public Question Time, and this will be held shortly after commencement of the meeting. The minimum time for this section within the Meeting is 15 minutes (in total, not per person)– assuming there are sufficient questions to fill that period. A 'Public Question Time Form' is available on the website and Members of the Public are encouraged to use and submit that form by 12 noon the day before the meeting, so that staff can research the question prior to the meeting in order to provide an accurate response. The Presiding Member has the discretion to nominate a maximum of 2 questions per person as deemed necessary to facilitate the effective running of the Meeting.

Council Finances

All business relating to Council Finances must be addressed to the Deputy CEO Mr. Colin Ashe at colin.ashe@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au

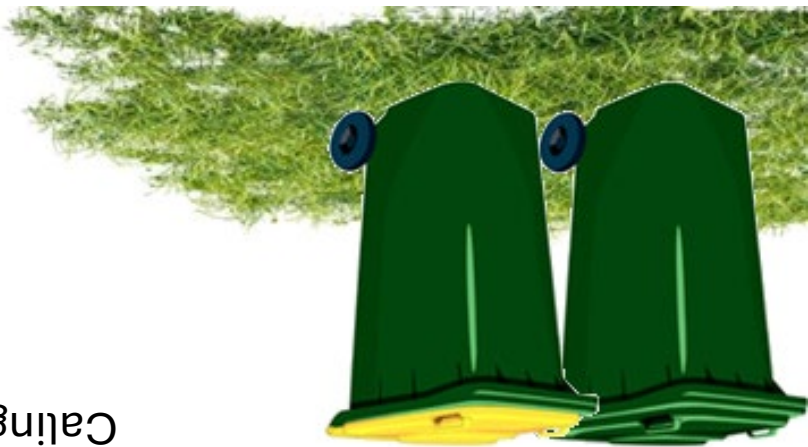
Waste

Collection

Household Waste

Bolgart
Calingiri
Piawanning
Yerecoin

Recycling
Calingiri



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