

**2022/2023
SHIRE OF
NORTHAMPTON**



**RESIDENTS'
INFORMATION BROCHURE**

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COUNCILLORS

NORTHAMPTON WARD

Cr EE (Liz) Sudlow
President
0427 362 025

2019

2023

Cr R (Rob) Horstman
Vice President
0428 509 047

2021

2025

Cr R (Roslyn) Suckling
0429 200 143

2015

2023

Cr T (Tim) Hay
(08) 9935 1052

2017

2025

KALBARRI WARD

CCr Trevor Gibb
0417 920 125

2021

2025

Cr D (Des) Pike
0417 919 814

2013

2023

Cr P (Peter) Stewart
0407 371 430

2017

2025

Cr R Burges
0417 912 901

2021

2025

SHIRE OFFICE HOURS

NORTHAMPTON Phone: (08) 9934 1202

Monday to Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm

KALBARRI Phone (08) 9937 1097

Monday to Friday

8:30am to 12:30pm **Lunch** 1:00pm to 4:30pm

CLOSED SATURDAY, SUNDAY
& PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

STAFF

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Garry L Keefe (AH) 0427 341 202

DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Grant Middleton (AH) 0427 341 203

MANAGER OF WORKS & TECHNICAL SERVICES

Neil Broadhurst (AH) 0428 341 202

BUILDING SURVEYOR

Trevor Brandy (AH) 0429 341 201

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER

Wendy Dallywater (08) 9934 1202

PLANNING OFFICER

Michelle Allen (08) 9934 1202

FINANCE OFFICER

Leanne Rowe

RATES OFFICER

Sharon Blight

EXECUTIVE SUPPORT OFFICER

Sonya Hasleby

ADMIN OFFICER/ LIBRARIAN

Elana Trow-Kennedy

KALBARRI ADMIN OFFICER / LIBRARIAN

Karene Sedwick & Sarah Flannery

NORTHAMPTON RANGER

Rob McKenzie 0458 341 200

KALBARRI RANGER

Ric Davey 0429 341 203

COMMITTEES

All of the following Committee's of Council hold open Meetings and the Public is encouraged to attend:

DISABILITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Cr R Suckling

Cr P Stewart

Principal Environmental Health Officer /
Building Surveyor

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Cr E Sudlow

Cr T Hay

Cr R Suckling

Cr P Stewart

SENIOR STAFF EMPLOYMENT PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Cr E Sudlow

Cr R Horstman

Cr P Stewart

Cr R Suckling

Mr Garry Keeffe – Chief Executive Officer

COUNCIL DELEGATES TO COMMITTEE'S

Northampton Visitors Centre

Cr R Suckling

Kalbarri Visitors Centre

Cr P Stewart

Kalbarri Development Association

- includes Kalbarri Foreshore Re-development

Cr D Pike

Kalbarri Sport & Recreation Club

Cr D Pike

Kalbarri Roadwise Committee

Cr D Pike

Coastal Sub Group of the Regional Road Group

Cr E Sudlow, Cr R Horstman &
Mr Garry Keeffe (Chief Executive Officer)

Local Emergency Management Committee

Cr P Stewart & Grant Middleton (Deputy Chief
Executive Officer)

Northampton Community Centre

Cr R Horstman

Horrocks Community Centre

Cr R Horstman

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

It is important that landowners are aware that they are not automatically enrolled for every property they own in different wards, unless they have registered separately with the Council for the property in each ward. So if you are on the State Residents Roll for your usual residence and own property in another ward, and wish to ensure you can cast a vote in each ward where you own property, you need to lodge an enrolment application to the Council for the properties in the other wards.

2022/2023 BUDGET INFORMATION

The preparation of the 2022/2023 budget is based on Council's direction for the financial year. This direction incorporates the focus of maintaining existing services and facilities at levels customers expect. In addition to this, the budget also reflects strategies and projects contained in the Corporate Business Plan 2021-2024.

Councillors are continually assessing the role of local government in the community and are always seeking the views and opinions of residents and ratepayers on major capital works to be undertaken. It is then Council's decision to refine and adopt a budget, while trying to accommodate all reasonable requests within appropriate funding limits and rate increases.

Following lengthy deliberations, Council has balanced the 2022/2023 budget. Due to funding constraints an amount of requests were not included in this year's budget.

Major items in this year's budget that fall into the category of expansion include:

OFFICE, DEPOTS, OTHER

- **Port Gregory**
 - Water supply
 - new tank on pipeline (supply).
 - replace fire hydrants.

OVALS, PARKS, GARDENS, FORESHORE & RECREATION:

- **Northampton**
 - Oval – reticulation water purification & filter centre.
 - Community Centre
 - disabled ramp on the south end.
 - brick pave area south of commentator's box.
 - works for rising damp to stadium wall & reinstate paving / road south end.
- **Port Gregory**
 - New storage shed.
 - Foreshore – redevelop foreshore / carpark area.

- **Kalbarri**
 - Repairs to recreation jetty.
- **Horrocks**
 - New stairs south of the jetty.
 - New tank for reticulation water.

MAJOR & SPECIFIC MAINTENANCE ROADWORKS:

- **Northampton**
 - Gwalla Street – install drainage upgrade.
 - Essex Street – reseal.
 - Mary Street
 - install bollards west of the highway.
 - surface correction works.
 - Robinson Street – surface correction works.
- **Kalbarri**
 - Karina Mews – reseal & replace kerbing.
 - Smith Street – asphalt seal and replace kerbing.
 - Grey Street – asphalt resurfacing.
- **Horrocks**
 - Glance Street – reseal.
 - Construct road to Little Bay.
- **Binnu**
 - East Road – reconstruct 1km section .

REGIONAL ROAD GROUP PROJECTS:

- Kalbarri Road – reseal SLK42 to SLK48*.

ROADS TO RECOVERY:

- Kalbarri – Grey Street – asphalt resurfacing*.
- Parker – Wundi Road – construct and seal 2.3km*.

* *Designates multiple funding sources*

FOOTPATH PROJECTS:

- **Northampton**
 - Stephen Street
 - replace DUP from NWCH to West Street.
- **Kalbarri**
 - Grey Street – replace section at Allen Centre.
 - Red Bluff Road
 - install new DUP from Red Bluff to Eco Flora.

PLANT PURCHASES:

- Replace 1 grader – Northampton (changeover)
- Replace 2 x utilities.
- Additional backhoe to plant fleet.

KALBARRI AIRPORT

- Re-seal runway and apron.

***All refuse removal charges** are listed below and are relative to the cost of compliance in maintaining refuse sites within the Shire.*

RESIDENTIAL/CARAVAN PARK'S

Horrocks	\$400 per annum per service/bin
Kalbarri	\$400 per annum per service/bin
Northampton	\$400 per annum per service/bin
Port Gregory	\$400 per annum per service/bin

BUSINESS REFUSE

Business - Kalbarri	\$800 per annum per service
Business - Other	\$800 per annum per service

SHIRE TIP HOURS

NORTHAMPTON TIP

Mon	Closed
Tue	Closed
Wed	1:00pm - 5:00pm
Thu	Closed
Fri	Closed
Sat	8:00am - 5:00pm
Sun	8:00am - 5:00pm

(Closed Public Holidays)

KALBARRI TIP

Mon	10:00am - 2:00pm
Tue	Closed
Wed	10:00am - 2:00pm
Thu	Closed
Fri	10:00am - 2:00pm
Sat	10:00am - 2:00pm
Sun	10:00am - 2:00pm

(Closed Public Holidays)

Within the 2022/2023 budget Council proposes to continue further works on its refuse sites within the Shire to ensure compliance with the licence requirements issued by the Department of Environment.

Council's loan liability as at the 30th June 2022 is \$1,382,383.

Residents wishing to inspect the 2022/2023 Budget in greater detail can do so by obtaining a copy from Council offices in Kalbarri or Northampton.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

All inquiries relating to general administration and financial matters should be directed to the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Garry Keeffe. Matters requiring Council consideration are to be submitted in written form.

WORKS & TECHNICAL SERVICES

All works relating to roads, drainage etc, should initially be directed to the Manager of Works and Technical Services Mr Neil Broadhurst or, in his absence, the CEO or Deputy CEO. All formal complaints or requests that require Council consideration need to be submitted in writing. More detailed information on the Road Works Programme for 2022/2023 can be found in this year's budget. Copies of the budget are readily available from Council offices and libraries.

BUILDING SERVICES

Most building activity within the Shire can only be undertaken with the prior approval of the Council. Plan and application forms are available from Council Offices upon request or online on the Shire website. Assistance with any building related matter can be readily obtained by contacting the Building Surveyor, Mr Trevor Brandy (Mobile 0429 341 201).

HEALTH SERVICES

The Principal Environmental Health Officer, Wendy Dallywater, is responsible for the implementation of the Health Act and other related Acts, in particular food handling and control regulations applicable to shops and eating-places. The Principal Environmental Health Officer also controls other general health matters associated with home building.

Septic systems cannot be installed anywhere within the Shire, without the prior approval of the Principal Environmental Health Officer, upon inspection of the plans. Forms and applications are available from the Council Offices upon request and online on the Shire website.

PLANNING SERVICES

Gazetted Town Planning Schemes apply to the towns of Horrocks, Kalbarri, Northampton, Port Gregory, and the localities of Ajana, Binnu, Isseka and all rural areas. Any new development must be carried out in accordance with the Scheme applicable to the area where the development is situated. Prior to any development commencing, a detailed plan and application must be submitted to Council for consideration. If the development is approved the Planning Officer will provide the applicant with a "Form of Planning Consent" to commence the development.

Any interested person can view the Town Planning Scheme maps and texts applicable to any area within the Shire at the Council Office upon request or online on the Shire website .Assistance with any Planning related matter can be obtained readily by contacting the Planning Officer, at the Council Office.

DOG CONTROL INFORMATION

All dogs over three (3) months old are required by State legislation to be registered and as from 1st October 2015 micro-chipped. Applications to licence dogs can be obtained from Council Offices. The following fees for a dog licence are applicable:

<u>Description</u>	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>3 Years</u>	<u>Life</u>
Unsterilised Dog	\$50.00	\$120.00	\$250.00
Sterilised Dog	\$20.00	\$ 42.50	\$100.00
Working Dog	25% of Registration Fee		
Pensioners	50% of Registration Fee		

A subsidy scheme in relation to the sterilisation of dogs. Under the scheme the owner of a dog (the dog must be registered) is eligible for a concession of \$20 off the cost of sterilisation of the animal. The concession will be payable direct to the vet performing the procedure. For further information please contact the office prior to visiting the vet.

CAT CONTROL INFORMATION

As of 1st November 2013 all cats over six (6) months old are required by State legislation to be registered, sterilised and micro-chipped. Applications to licence cats can be obtained from Council Offices. The following fees for a cat licence are applicable:

<u>Description</u>	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>3 Years</u>	<u>Life</u>
Life of Cat:			\$100.00
Sterilised Cat :	\$20.00	\$42.50	
Breeder Certificate Fee:		\$100.00 per cat/per year	
(male or female) – each cat must also be registered as per above fees.			
Pensioners 50% of Registration Fee (<i>This does not include Breeders Certificate Fees</i>).			

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RATING INFORMATION

Council has increased rate charges by 3% for Gross Rental Valued (GRV) properties (Town Sites) and Unimproved Valued (UV) properties (Rural) for 2022/2023.

The date of issue for 2022/2023 Rates Account is the 19th August 2022.







Rates will become due and payable 35 days from the date of issue being 7th October 2022. Rates outstanding after this date will incur a daily penalty percentage rate based on an annual rate of 7%.

Council also offers ratepayers the option to pay their rates account by either two or four instalments. To take advantage of the instalment option, a small interest and administration charge is made on each instalment payment. The instalment interest rate for 2022/2023 adopted by Council is 5%, with an administration fee of \$5 per instalment. The due dates for the instalment options will be as follows:

1st Instalment	7 October 2022
2nd Instalment	9 December 2022
3rd Instalment	10 February 2023
4th Instalment	15 April 2023

The above dates are applicable to either the two-instalment option or the four-instalment option. So if you choose the two-instalment payment option, your payments will be made on the 7th October 2022 and the 9th December 2022.

Should a ratepayer not meet one of the instalment payments, penalty interest will immediately start to accrue, at the above daily rate, from the date after the instalment due date until the instalment payment is made. Council offers the below payment facility.

METHODS OF PAYMENT					
 <p>OTHER OPTIONS To arrange alternative payment options Telephone Shire of Northampton on (08) 9934 1202 for an application form.</p>	 <p>PAY ANYTIME Telephone 1300 276 468 Or visit northampton.wa.gov.au</p>	 <p>TELEPHONE PAYMENTS To pay by credit card (Mastercard & Visa) telephone 1300 276 468 Please have your credit card details ready.</p>	 <p>INTERNET Using Councils secure Online Payments options, click the "Payments" button on Councils web site northampton.wa.gov.au</p>	 <p>BY MAIL Detach payment slip and mail with cheque to: Shire of Northampton PO Box 61 Northampton WA 6535</p>	 <p>IN PERSON You may pay by EFTPOS, cash, Money Order, Credit Card or Cheque crossed "Not Negotiable". Payments are accepted at: Northampton Office Hampton Road Northampton WA 6535 or Kalbarri Office Grey Street Kalbarri WA 6536</p>

In line with normal business practice, a receipt will not be issued for payments made through the mail. Keep the top portion for your record of payment.

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP DETAILS

**** Please ensure Council is notified of any change of postal address or ownership details in writing and if other information on the rate notice is incorrect, please contact Council immediately. All correspondence should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer and quote your rates assessment number. ****

PROPERTY VALUATIONS

The Valuer General's office provides Council with property values upon which Council rates are based. Each year Unimproved Values (UV's) are revalued with Gross Rental Values (GRV's) revalued every four years.

In 2022/2023 the UV properties were re-valued with adjustments made according to market demand.

Should you wish to object to the valuation of your property, objections must be lodged with the Valuer General, PO Box 2222 Midland 5936 or vs@landgate.wa.gov.au or Phone: 9273 7373 within 60 days of the issue of the Notice of

Valuation and Rates. It is important to note that Section 6.81 of the Local Government Act 1995 provides that rates must be paid, but are subject to adjustment if your objection is successful.

RATE PAYMENTS & RECOVERY

Payment in full, or an amount equivalent to the first instalment as shown on the rate notice must be received by the due date, being 35 days from the date of issue unless alternative arrangements have been agreed upon.

Where no election has been made to enter into an Instalment Option or alternative arrangements made, and where Rates and Charges remain outstanding after 35 days after the date of issue, legal action may be taken for their recovery.

All costs associated with legal action are recoverable from the Ratepayer and will be added to the account.

ARREARS

Rates and services are payable within 35 days of the date of issue of the original rate notice (refer to the due date on the rate notice).

Any rates outstanding after this date may be recovered by Legal Action. COSTS OF LEGAL ACTION WILL BE ADDED TO YOUR ACCOUNT.

Should there be any reason why payment cannot be made in full please contact Council's Rate Officer immediately.

If payment is allowed to fall into arrears for a period of three years or more the Council may;

1. Take the land and let it on lease.
2. Sell the land.
3. Have the land vested in the Local Government.
4. Have the land re-vested in the Crown.

RATING INFORMATION - PENSIONERS

Pensioners, who are entitled to receive a rebate on their rates account, need to make application with the Shire, and should reconfirm their details with the Rates Officer at the commencement of each financial year.

Refuse and services charges are not given pensioner rate concessions.

Subject to certain conditions, you may qualify for a rates concession, if you:

- have a right to occupy or reside at the property under the terms of a will even though you may not be the owner of the property;
- have previously lost your entitlement to the rates concession or had your entitlement reduced because you have ceased to reside in your property because of ill health, frailty or other causes not within your control; or
- receive a partners allowance, parenting allowance, (or parenting payment partnered), or widow allowance and hold a **Pensioner Concession Card** or **State Concession Card**; or
- hold both a **Seniors Card** issued by the Office of Seniors Interests and a **Commonwealth Seniors Health Card**, if only a Seniors card is held a lesser rebate may be available.

Council is now offering Centrepay to eligible pensioners. Centrepay is a free direct bill-paying service offered to customers receiving payments from Centrelink. Through Centrepay you can choose to pay bills by having a regular amount deducted from your Centrelink payment making bills more manageable. Centrepay is voluntary.

If any of these situations relate to you, please contact the Council office to clarify your entitlement.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSIONER RATES CONCESSION FOR 2022-2023

There is up to 50% concession allowed to eligible pensioners on Local Government rates which is restricted to a capped amount. The Pensioner rates capped amounts

will be set each year and is \$750 for the 2022/2023 year. The Senior's rates caps for 2022/2023 year is \$100.

The Council does not administer the laws in regards to Pensioner concessions. If you wish to lodge a complaint regarding the capping of the Pensioner rebate you will need to contact your local Member of Parliament.

SPECIFIED AREA RATES

KALBARRI TOURISM SPECIFIED AREA RATE

Council over previous years and again in 2022/2023 has raised a specified area rate over all rateable Kalbarri Gross Rental Value properties zoned Residential, Residential Development, Places of Public Assembly, Special Site, Special Rural, Commercial, Tourist Accommodation, Service Industry, Light Industry, Composite Light Industry, within the Kalbarri Town Planning Scheme No. 9 being for Tourism Infrastructure related projects and Tourism Promotional Advertising within the Kalbarri Ward.

This year request that Council consider an allocation of \$30,000 from the 2022/2023. Kalbarri Tourism Specified Area Rate to:-

Continue marketing the Tourism Promotional Advertising.

PORT GREGORY SPECIFIED AREA RATE – WATER SUPPLY

Council over previous years and again in 2022/2023 has raised a specified area rate over all rateable Port Gregory Gross Rental Value properties to contribute to the cost of operating and maintaining the non potable water supply to the Townsite. Council will be raising \$23,000 from this rate during 2022/2023.

Further information on the above Specified Area Rates can be obtained by contacting the Administration Office in Northampton.



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