

Shire committed to sustainable recycling program for Exmouth

The Shire of Exmouth recognises the value of recycling services and will continue to engage with key stakeholders and the community on the development of a sustainable recycling model for the town.

Chief Executive Officer Cameron Woods said it was clear the community was disappointed the Shire had withdrawn from its previous recycling proposal. However he believed the delay would ultimately deliver better environmental, social and economic outcomes for the community in the long term.

Mr Woods said that with the Strategic Community Planning process due to kick off soon, the Shire and community also had the opportunity to look at local waste management more broadly.

“Not only is there a community desire for recycling in Exmouth, there is also a very real need to consider our long term waste management strategies including planning for a new waste disposal site, priority waste streams and diversion from landfill,” he said.

“We need to consider a strategic plan that will deliver better waste management outcomes across the board in the context of the resources that are available to us.

“Recycling is clearly a key part of that, but our responsibilities for dealing with waste reach much further.”

Mr Woods said he welcomed the opportunity to work with key stakeholders including Cape Conservation Group to address waste management needs.

“This is a process that we believe will take another 12 months to resolve,” he said.

“Our aim as a community must be to deliver a recycling program that is socially, economically and environmentally responsible and is integrated into our ongoing waste management practices.”

More information on the Shire of Exmouth’s recycling commitment is available by contacting Executive



WASTE STREAMS: Cardboard is one of the priority waste streams that could be processed for recycling.

Manager Engineering Services Keith Woodward on 9949 3000.

Commissioner’s term to be extended

Local Government Minister David Templeman has asked the Governor of Western Australia to extend Shire of Exmouth Commissioner Ian Fletcher’s tenure at the Shire of Exmouth following the resignation of suspended Councillors last month.

Under the Minister’s proposal, the Commissioner will remain at the Shire until Council elections are held in October.

Elections are scheduled to be held on October 21, 2017 with all six Council positions to be filled at the election.

Newsletter delivery information

This newsletter is distributed to all PO Boxes in Exmouth, and is available for pick-up at the shire offices and the Public Library. This newsletter can also be emailed electronically. Send an email to communications@exmouth.wa.gov.au to register your interest .

Council considers rating strategy for 2017-18

The Shire of Exmouth has endorsed a resolution that will see no increase in differential rating values for the 2017/18 financial year.

The endorsement, made at June's Ordinary Council Meeting, follows a commitment from Commissioner Ian Fletcher that the Shire would not increase rating values for Exmouth residents in the coming financial year.

The proposal will now be advertised for public comment with submissions to be considered by Council before the proposed rate and minimum payment is imposed.

Mr Fletcher said the rating decision underlined the importance of prudent financial management at the Shire going forward.

"We are a small community with a limited rate base," he said.

"It is imperative that this Council consider the ongoing financial implications of the decisions it makes on behalf of Exmouth residents and how they will affect the long term financial sustainability of the Shire and the services it delivers going forward.

"Every \$30,000 we spend represents about 1 per cent of rates and we must be aware of that when we are looking at ongoing project costs."

Commissioner Fletcher said Council would soon undertake a review of its Strategic Community Plan which would form the basis of the Shire's long term financial planning.


As part of this process the community will be asked to outline what it wants the Shire's strategic priorities to be for the next 10 years.

October Council elections

Local residents are being urged to take an active role in local government elections being held on October 21, 2017. Whether you plan to participate by voting or standing as a candidate, following are some important dates to mark in your calendar:

September 1, 2017—Close of rolls. Make sure you are enrolled to vote before this date.

September 7, 2017—Nominations open. This is the first day



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO LEVY DIFFERENTIAL RATES

Pursuant to Section 6.36 of the Local Government Act, notice is hereby given of the intention of the Shire of Exmouth to levy differential rates for each rating category and minimum payments for the 2017/18 financial year.

RATE CATEGORY	RATE IN THE DOLLAR \$	MINIMUM PAYMENTS \$
GRV General	0.0715	900.00
GRV Marina Developed	0.0983	900.00
GRV Holiday Homes	0.1011	900.00
GRV Vacant Land	0.1205	900.00
UV Mining	0.1552	284.00
UV Rural	0.0776	900.00
GRV Specified Area Rate	0.0130	66.00

Concessions for Properties levied Differential General Rate
In 2016/17, Council combined 11 differential rate codes into 6 codes. To minimise any significant increases to those properties, it is proposed to continue to provide a concession to those affected rating zones and categories as follows:

Rate Type	Zoning	Concession Amount	Proposed Rate in \$ after deducting concession
GRV General	For properties zoned Residential and are predominantly used for residential purposes	\$0.0016	\$0.0699
	For properties zoned Special Rural and are developed	\$0.0147	\$0.0568
	For properties zoned Residential Development and used for residential purposes	\$0.0101	\$0.0614
GRV Vacant Land	For properties zoned the following and are vacant land: Industrial, Light Industrial, Mixed Use, Strategic Industrial, Tourist, Town Centre and Composite Development	\$0.0096	\$0.1109
	For properties zoned Special Rural and are vacant land	\$0.0490	\$0.0715
	For properties zoned Residential and are vacant land	\$0.0472	\$0.0733
	For properties zoned Marina and are vacant land	\$0.0015	\$0.1190
GRV Holiday Homes	For properties zoned Residential that have received Development Approval to operate as short term holiday accommodation	\$0.0312	\$0.0699
	For properties zoned Marina that have received Development Approval to operate as short term holiday accommodation	\$0.0009	\$0.1002

Concessions for Properties levied Minimum Payment

\$ Concession	Rating Category	Reason
\$470	GRV Vacant Land for properties zoned Residential Development and are vacant land	Properties are subject to flooding and can only be used for recreational purposes

If you require additional information regarding the proposed differential rates, please contact the Shire office between the hours of 8:00am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday.
Electors or ratepayers are invited to make public submissions regarding the above, which must be made in writing to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Exmouth, PO Box 21, Exmouth WA 6707 and received at the Shire Offices no later than 4pm on 6 July 2017.

Cameron Woods
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

for candidates to lodge completed nomination papers to the returning officer. Nominations close on September 13.

October 17, 2017—Last day for absentee votes and close of postal vote applications for voting in person elections.

October 20, 2017— Close of early voting for in-person elections.

October 21, 2017—Election Day.

Anyone seeking more information on running as a candidate can contact the Shire on 9949 3000.