

WASTE VOUCHERS

Included with your rate notice are 2016/2017 Central Goldfields Shire Transfer Station Waste Vouchers. These are valid for use until 30th September 2017 at any of the four Transfer Stations in the Shire, or for Hard Rubbish Collection.

For further information, refer to the contact numbers on the back of the voucher sheet.

STATE GOVERNMENT FIRE SERVICES PROPERTY LEVY

The Victorian State Government requires Local Government to bill, receipt and collect a Fire Services Property Levy (FSPL) on rateable and non-rateable properties. The Levy collected by Council funds the Country Fire Authority.

These funds do not go to Council. They are passed on in full to the Victorian State Government.

For further information, please refer to the FSPL website at www.firelevy.vic.gov.au or call 13 21 61

PENSION REBATE

If you hold a current Pensioner Concession Card or Veterans' Affairs Gold Card, you may be able to claim a rebate on your Council rates.

Requirements to be eligible:

- The property must be your sole or principal place of residence
- The property address the concession relates to must be the same as the address stated on your pension card
- You must be the person liable for payment of the rates and charges
- Your property must be used exclusively for residential purposes
- You must not have claimed a rebate on any other property in the same financial year

Note: Holders of Health Care Cards are not eligible for a rebate.

Central Goldfields Shire Council

22 Nolan Street, Maryborough VIC 3465
PO Box 194, Maryborough VIC 3465

Shire Office Phone: 03 5461 0610

Fax: 03 5461 0666

Email: mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au

Rate Enquiries: 03 5461 0681 or 03 5461 0682

Garbage Enquiries: 03 5461 0610

Office Hours: Monday to Friday

8.30am to 5.00pm - Reception

8:45am to 4:00pm - Cashier

Other Council Numbers

Maryborough Library 03 5461 1950

Weekdays: 10am – 5pm

Saturday: 9:30am – 12pm

Goldfields Children's Centre

03 5461 5047

Open 6:45am – 6pm

VicRoads 13 11 71

8:30am – 11:45am and 12:30pm – 4:30pm

Central Goldfields Visitor Information Centre

03 5460 4511

Open 7 days: 9am – 5pm

Central Goldfields Art Gallery

03 5460 4588 Open Thurs – Sun: 10am – 4pm

Maternal & Child Health

03 5461 1154

Maryborough Sports & Leisure Centre

03 5461 4300



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YOUR RATES, YOUR SHIRE 2016-2017

What you need to know about Rates in your Shire

A Message from the Mayor

Central Goldfields Shire not only offers an ideal place to live and work, it provides a community of choice with plans for future economic sustainability and growth.

Dedicated to efficiency and transparency, Council strive to balance the current community needs along with potential opportunities for new services and projects to benefit everyone.

Your rates go towards providing more than 120 important services to the community, including waste and recycling collection, road maintenance, maternal and child health centres, sporting facilities upkeep, library services and a broad range of cultural and community events.

This brochure is to help explain how rates and valuations are calculated, and how your rate funding is then delivered back into the community.

Cr Geoff Lovett, Mayor

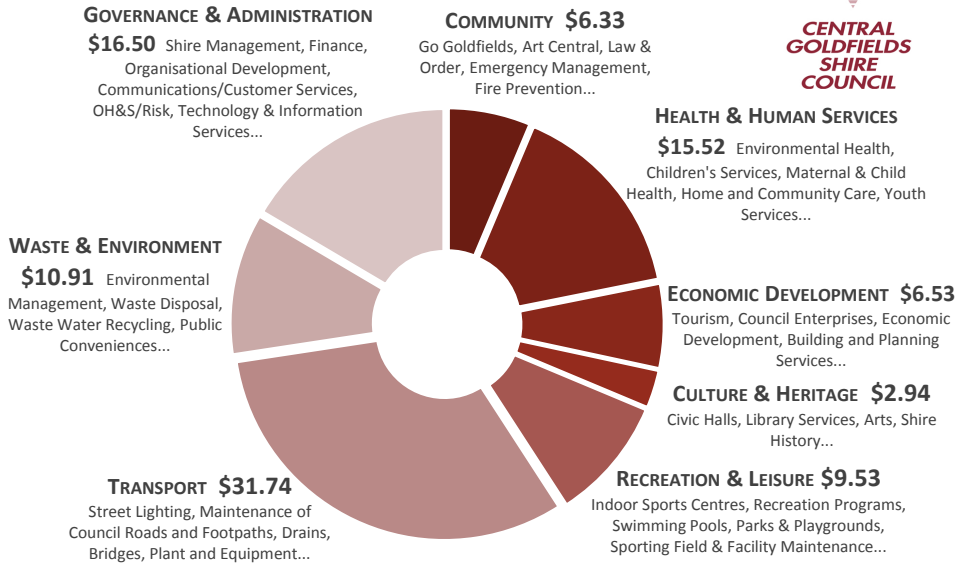
**For more information on your rates, waste and the
2016/2017 Budget, visit www.centralgoldfields.com.au**

HOW YOUR RATES ARE PUT TO WORK

For every \$100, Council Expenditure Allocations are:



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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Local Government Act 1989 requires property owners and ratepayers to advise of any changes in ownership and mailing address. Council does not accept liability for incorrect addresses when notification has not been received in writing. Advice of your correct address ensures that Council can provide you with vital information in a timely manner. This is particularly important for non-residential owners.

You can download an online form at www.centralgoldfields.com.au or collect a form from the Council Office. Delays in mail or payments due to an incorrect address are not considered to be an acceptable excuse for late payment of rates.

WASTE MANAGEMENT & GARBAGE COLLECTION FEES

The Waste Management Fee offsets the cost of waste management services, including rehabilitation of landfill sites.

The Garbage/Recycling Collection Fee covers the cost of collection, removal and disposal of recycling and rubbish.

For more information on your rates, waste and the 2016/2017 Budget, visit www.centralgoldfields.com.au

VALUATION OF YOUR PROPERTY

Your property was last valued by Council's qualified Valuers on 1 January 2016.

A revaluation does not increase or decrease revenue for Council. It establishes the value of property relative to all other properties with the municipality, which is used to distribute the rate revenue in a fair manner.

The Capital Improved Value (CIV) is shown on your Rate Notice and is the valuation that Council uses to calculate the amount of rates you will pay.

Site Value: *the valuation of your land only*

Capital Improve Value: *the valuation of the property, inclusive of land, buildings and other improvements*

Net Annual Value: *the annual rental valuation of your property, excluding any outgoing costs*

You have the right to object to the valuation of your property. We suggest to discuss and try to resolve your valuation questions before seeking an objection form. For more information, contact the Council Office on 5461 0610.

HOW YOUR RATES ARE CALCULATED

All properties in the Shire are valued. Council then determines how much we need to collect in rates and charges to deliver adequate services to the community for the year ahead. We then divide that amount by the total Capital Improved Value (CIV) of all properties in the Shire to establish the general rate in the dollar, which is verified by the Valuer General.

Rates are calculated by multiplying a property's valuation by the rate in the dollar declared by Council. Specific details of your valuation and calculations are on your rate notice.

An *example* of the general rates calculation for a residential property in Maryborough worth \$200,000 would be:

Capital Improved Value \$200,000
Rate in the dollar 0.005340
 \$200,000 x .005340 = \$1,068.00

MUNICIPAL CHARGE

Council levies a set amount on each property to recover part of the fixed costs of Council's operations. This charge of \$251.85 for 2016-2017, applied equally to all properties, reduces the difference in rates based on valuation and recognises that some benefits apply to all ratepayers, regardless of property value.

LAND TAX INFORMATION

The State Revenue Office uses the Site Value to assess land tax under the Land Tax Act 2005. Objections to the site value must be made to Council within the time limits detailed under the Act. Further information can be found on the State Revenue Office website www.sro.vic.gov.au

Your rates go towards the operation & maintenance of:

- ✓ 507km of sealed roads
- ✓ 793km of unsealed roads
- ✓ 101 bridges
- ✓ 145 major culverts
- ✓ Various community halls and buildings
- ✓ Sporting fields and pavilions
- ✓ 4 swimming pools
- ✓ Public toilets
- ✓ Playgrounds
- ✓ Library services
- ✓ Children's services

HOW TO PAY YOUR RATE NOTICE

Details on how to pay your rates are outlined on your notice.

You can pay in full (by 15 February 2017) or by four instalments:

1 st Instalment – by 30 September 2016
2 nd Instalment – by 30 November 2016
3 rd Instalment – by 28 February 2017
4 th Instalment – by 31 May 2017

If you do not pay your rates by the due date, and do not contact us to make an arrangement, Council may take action to recover any overdue amounts without further notice. Costs of recovery, including legal action, may result in additional charges to ratepayers.