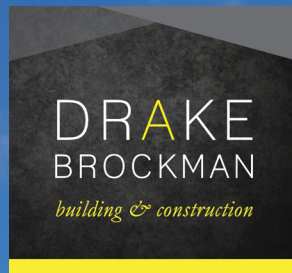


EARLY BIRD RATES DRAW PLATINUM SPONSOR:



Rates Information Booklet 2025-2026

Head over to the Shire of Esperance Facebook page to catch all the excitement and see who wins our Early Bird Rates prize draws!

Every Friday in September, all ratepayers are invited to the Shire Admin Foyer to be part of the live draw. Can't make it in person? No worries — watch the draw on Facebook: facebook.com/ShireofEsperance



Thanks to the support of local businesses, the prize pool is bigger and better than ever — with weekly cash prizes of up to \$1,500 for Early Bird Rates payers!

YOUR PAYMENT OPTIONS



Option 1 - One Payment

Pay in one payment by 24 September 2025



Option 2 - Four Instalments

Pay over four instalments, due on the:

24 September 2025

19 November 2025

14 January 2026

11 March 2026

Please note this option will no longer be available if payment is received after the 24 September 2025.

PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

We understand that people may experience financial hardship which makes it difficult to meet all of their financial commitments when they are due.

If you are having difficulty paying your rates, please contact our Rates Department on 9071 0668.

We are happy to discuss suitable payment arrangements to settle your rates debt by the due dates set by Council.

TAKE THE PRESSURE OFF WITH DIRECT DEBIT

Paying by Direct Debit lets you spread your rates into smaller, manageable payments, based on what you can afford. It can help you stay on top of your rates and avoid the stress of large lump sums.

"This year when I get my rates notice, I'll have a credit!" Start paying off next year's rates now and enjoy peace of mind all year round.

HOW TO PAY YOUR RATES



Phone

Have your rate notice and credit card nearby and call 1300 276 468



Mail / Cheque

Please include the payment slip at the bottom of your rates form



BPAY

Please refer to the details under Payment Methods on your rate notice

Biller Code: 12161

Reference: Your Assessment number



In person

Bring your rate notice to the Shire Administration office during business hours



Online

Visit esperance.wa.gov.au/rates



Direct Debit- Get ahead

Payments can be made weekly, fortnightly, monthly, in full or instalments. This is an easy and convenient option to pay your rates!



Here to Help

Our team are happy to assist with calculating the best options for you, provided your payments cover the dates set by Council.



Contact us

(08) 9071 0668 or **(08) 9071 0653**
rates@esperance.wa.gov.au

EARLY BIRD RATES DRAW
GOLD SPONSORS:



Acting Shire President, Cr Jennifer Obourne

"Councillors have worked hard to deliver a Budget that reflects community priorities while keeping costs down. We've looked at practical ways to save costs and kept the rate increase to 4.5% for both Gross Rental Value (GRV) and Unimproved Value (UV) - this is lower than last year. As locals, we understand the financial pressures and are committed to planning responsibly for the future. I also encourage ratepayers to get ahead of next year's rates and consider setting up direct debit rate payments - it's quick, easy, and helped me avoid "big bill" shock by spreading the cost across the year."



Shire CEO, Shane Burge

"This Budget was built from the ground up, with every program and service carefully reviewed to ensure it delivers genuine value. Our financial decisions are guided by the Council Plan and Long-Term Financial Plan, reflecting the priorities of our community. The Shire provides a broad range of essential services—from business development and leasing, to early childhood programs, literacy, fitness, and waste management. These services support everyday life in Esperance, and we're committed to maintaining them. This Budget represents a balanced approach—investing in what matters today, while laying the groundwork for a strong and sustainable future."



BUDGET

BUDGET SUMMARY 2025-2026

The FY2025/26 Budget includes the commencement of significant Building projects, including the Myrup Transfer Station; The James Street Collocated Cultural Hub, and Airport Runway upgrade. Council have supported a strategy to minimise the impact of this on Rates. Over the next four years, the current Municipal contribution to Road Upgrade Projects of \$2.5M per annum, will be diverted to support the completion of these projects. Be reassured, the recurrent maintenance of our Rural and town roads network will continue as normal.

With the onset of large capital projects, the Budget is relying on \$48m in Grant Revenue along with \$28m Rate income, \$12.5m in Fees & Charges and \$4m from other sources. This year the increase in the total Rate yield is 4.5%. This aligns with the

Long-Term Financial Plan that was adopted by Council in April 2025. This factors in the continued impact of cost increases over the past three years. In particular, the escalation of contract costs in our region; and the rising cost of living which has put pressure on the Rates levied.

For the first time since the provisioning for the waste site relocation which commenced 12 years ago, the Waste Rate will increase to \$115 per rateable assessment. This will provide the funds to service a loan required for the new Myrup transfer station, which spreads the cost intergenerationally. Current funds accumulated will be used for the landfill capping and rehabilitation work which will be required soon at the existing Wylie Bay site.

MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS



\$5.7m

Graham Mackenzie Stadium replacement



\$3.5m

Land & Accommodation Development



\$9.5m

Waste Management & Transfer Station



\$15.9m

James St Precinct Stage 1A



\$16.2m

Road Program



\$350k

Airport Upgrades

WHAT WE INVEST IN

Your rates enable the Shire to continue existing services, ensure ongoing maintenance of facilities and infrastructure, manage growth, and encourage economic development across new and existing areas.

When setting the Budget, Council considers the competing demands for services and facilities across the short and long term. The below provides a breakdown of the expenses over the next year.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT



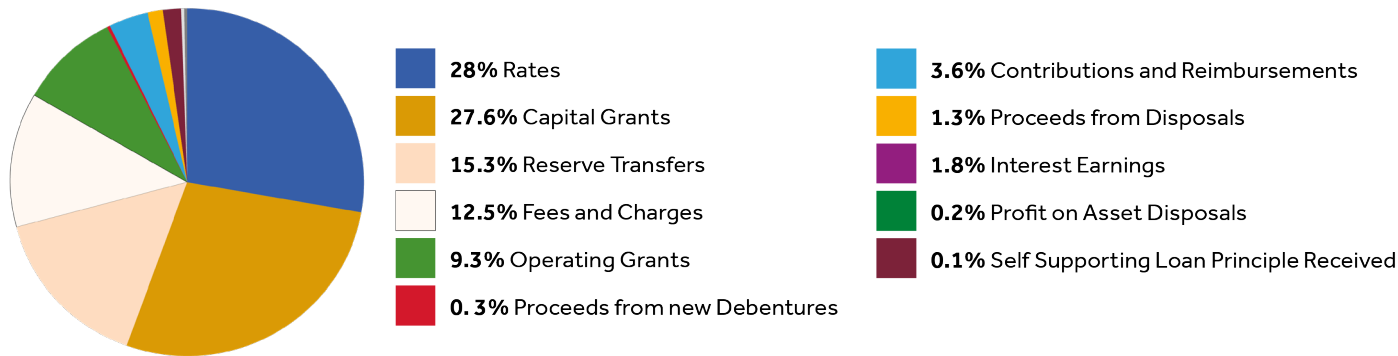
More details available in the Shire's 2025/26 Annual Budget, on our website.

HOW OUR REVENUE IS GENERATED

Rates contribute the most to our income, making up 28% of the Annual Budget, but they're only one source of funding. Each year the Shire receives numerous grants, uses funds from

reserves and earns revenue through fees and charges. These are a few of the ingredients used to fuel the services we provide the community.

REVENUE RESOURCES



EARLY BIRD RATES DRAW SILVER SPONSORS:



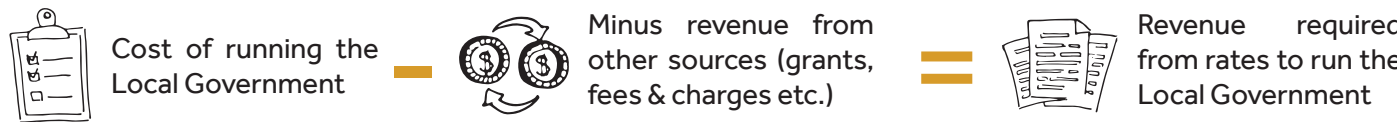
RATES EXPLAINED

Your rates contribution helps the Shire deliver essential services to you. The Shire invests this revenue in our community with renewed and new infrastructure and facilities, as well as upgrades and improvements to existing infrastructure such as parks, roads, paths, drainage and coastal infrastructure. These funds also go toward providing a range of local services for our community including libraries; weekly waste and fortnightly recycling services; verge side waste collections; free community events such as Winter Wonderland and Edge of the Bay; parks, playgrounds and sporting

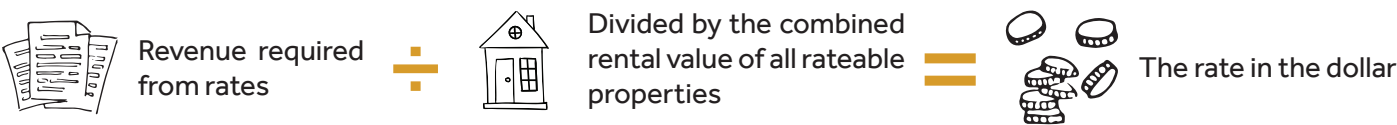
facilities; community facilities; Bay of Isles Leisure Centre; and community safety initiatives.

Each year we develop a budget to measure the cost of services and projects to be delivered in the year less other sources of funding, like grants and contributions, fees and charges. The remaining amount of money required is then divided over the total value of all rateable properties in the area. This is called "the rate in dollar". We then calculate each property value by the rate in the dollar– subject to an annual minimum rate – set by Council each year.

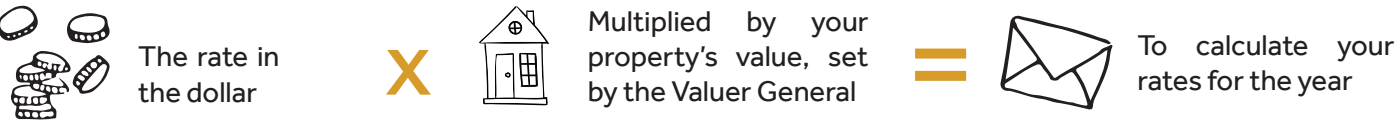
Step 1 Total rates required to run the Local Government



Step 2 How the rate in the dollar is calculated



Step 3 What rates you pay



INTERIM RATE NOTICES

Interim Rate Notices can be issued throughout the year if the Valuer General's Office considers that the Gross Rental Value (GRV) of a ratepayers' property has changed.

Any alteration to the property could cause the GRV of your property to be re-assessed by the Valuer General's Office. Typical events which could trigger a revaluation and the need to issue an Interim Rates Notice include:

Creation of a new property eg. if a lot is created from a subdivision, amalgamation or strata title, new house on vacant land.

Demolition of a property. This is usually the first step in the redevelopment of a site and only the first in a series of interim rate adjustments.

Removal of a swimming pool

Improvements or additions to the property eg. Installation of a swimming pool, construction of a garage or carport or the addition of a bedroom.

Any changes to bin configurations will also result in an Interim Rate Notice being issued.



DO YOU OWN A LOCAL BUSINESS?

Get in touch with our Rates Team to register your interest to be part of the Early Bird Rates Draw 2026/27, rates@esperance.wa.gov.au

FIND OUT MORE

esperance.wa.gov.au/early-bird-rates-draw

EARLY BIRD RATES DRAW

Thanks to the generous contributions of local businesses, the Early Bird Rates Draw 2025/26 has over \$23,000 in prizes to be won!

Over 4 weeks, prizes consist of:

- vouchers sponsored by local businesses and
- three cash prizes totalling \$3,125 per week

Bonus Draw

- 2 x \$2,500 cash prizes sponsored by **Drake Brockman Building**
- 2x return flights to Perth sponsored by **Rex Airlines**
- Full Gym Membership sponsored by **Bay of Isles Leisure Centre**
- \$800 **RAC Holiday Parks** Voucher

How to enter

To be eligible to enter, Shire of Esperance ratepayers, must pay their current year's rates in full by the close of business listed below. The earlier you pay, the more chances you have to win! Ratepayers who choose to prepay by direct debit are automatically included.

Due dates for 2025 payments each week are:

Pay by Wednesday	Draw Date Friday
3 September	5 September
10 September	12 September
17 September	19 September
24 September	26 September

For full Terms and Conditions visit our website esperance.wa.gov.au/early-bird-rates-draw

FAQ'S

How are rates calculated?

Council rates are determined by the revenue required to provide essential community and infrastructure services. Each ratepayer contributes a proportionate share of the costs based on their properties Gross Rental Value (GRV) or Unimproved Value (UV).

What is GRV and UV?

GRV (Gross Rental Value) is a valuation of your property, determined by the Valuer General, as an estimate of the rental income you would receive if the property was rented for one year.

UV (Unimproved Value) is also determined by the Valuer General and is based on the value of undeveloped land.

Can I object to my property valuation?

Yes. If you believe the valuation of your property is incorrect, you can lodge an objection with the Western Australian Valuer General's Office within 60 days of the issue date of your rate notice. Please refer to the reverse side of your rate notice for contact details. *Please note: If lodging an objection,*

rates are still required to be paid by the due date and any difference will be credited to your account.

How do I change my postal address?

You can update your postal address in 3 ways:

Online: Fill out the Change of Address Form at esperance.wa.gov.au/rates

Email: Send your new details to the rates team at rates@esperance.wa.gov.au

In Person: Visit the Shire Administration Building at 77 Windich Street, Esperance.

Please note: Only the registered property owner can request an address change.

Can I get a pensioner or senior rebate?

Pensioners and Seniors may be eligible for a rates rebate. To receive a rebate, a person must hold one or more of the appropriate Pensioner or Seniors cards, and on July 1 of the financial year, own and occupy the residential property as their principal place of residence. Please call the Water Corporation on 1300 659 951 with your concession card details and Water Corporation account number to update your details.

PENSIONERS



Pensioner Concession Card OR State Concession Card- Receive up to 50% rebate limited to a maximum (capped) amount of \$750.



Commonwealth Seniors Health Card together with a WA Seniors Card- Receive up to 50% rebate limited to a maximum (capped) amount of \$750.



WA Seniors Card- Receive up to 25% rebate limited to a maximum (capped) amount of \$100.

Council also accepts Centrepay from 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.

Go Paperless with eRates

Tired of lost mail and paper clutter? eRates sends your rates straight to your inbox — fast, secure, and easy to access wherever you are.

- ✕ No waiting
- ✕ No waste
- ✕ No \$15 fee for lost notices

It only takes a minute to switch — and you're set for next year.



Sign up now by scanning the QR code or visit the Shire website at esperance.wa.gov.au/erates



FREE 7 DAY TOKEN

HEALTHY ACTIVE LIFESTYLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU

Present this token at reception for free access to the gym, pool, fitness classes, and spa/sauna. The trial lasts seven consecutive days, with one admission per day.

Expiry 31/12/2025 - Not redeemable for cash or services.

Offer excludes creche and swimming lessons. Normal BOILC terms & conditions apply.

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Did you know... the Leisure Centre is one of 12 facilities in town run by the Shire of Esperance?

The Leisure Centre is here for the use of our community, and we love seeing community members making the most of the facilities.

The Leisure Centre is an inclusive centre for all ages and abilities, offering a well-equipped gym, variety of group fitness classes, creche, swimming lessons, sauna and heated pools, including hydrotherapy and spa.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS - OCTOBER 2025

Becoming a Councillor is a powerful way to make a difference. Councillors are everyday people, elected by locals, who help shape the future of the Shire of Esperance.

As a Councillor, you'll:

- Listen to the community and share their views with Council
- Help make important decisions and set local policies
- Guide the direction of the Shire and plan for its future

You'll also help develop the Council Plan — setting long-term goals for the Shire, looking after roads, parks and buildings, managing budgets, and supporting the people who deliver services across our region.

Now's your chance to step up, speak up, and shape Esperance for the better.



Local Government Elections are held every two years, in October. Councillors serve four-year terms, with half the positions up for election each time. The Shire President is also directly elected every four years.

Voting is easy – you'll receive your ballot in the mail around September. Simply number the candidates in your preferred order (1 for your top choice).

Anyone can run for Council - no special qualifications needed. We welcome nominations from all backgrounds, because a stronger, more inclusive Council reflects a stronger community.

Whether you want to vote or run, this is your opportunity to be heard and be part of something bigger.

Questions? Call us on (08) 9071 0603 or email corporatesupport@esperance.wa.gov.au

FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION

provides details of the legal requirements for each property owner within the Shire & highlights information to reduce hazards on your property as well as information on being bushfire ready.

NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS OF LAND WITHIN THE SHIRE OF ESPERANCE

Pursuant to Section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, the Notice sets out the actions that you must take to prepare your property for the fire season. As a measure for preventing the spread or extension of a bush fire which may occur, all owners and occupiers of land within the Shire boundaries are required to clear firebreaks or to take measures in accordance with this Notice before **9 October 2025**. Maintenance of firebreaks and measures in accordance with this Notice must be kept up to and including the **31 March 2026**.

DEFINITIONS & GUIDANCE NOTE

For definitions and practical guidance on the requirements of the Fire Hazard Reduction Notice, please refer to Firebreak Information on the Shire's website.

Find the **full Fire Hazard Reduction Notice**, by scanning the QR code or visit our website, esperance.wa.gov.au/bushfire-information



Important Dates to Remember

ZONE	RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD	PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD	RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD
RURAL	18 Sept - 12 Nov 2025	13 Nov - 31 Jan 2026	1 Feb - 31 Mar 2026
URBAN - RURAL	18 Sept - 12 Nov 2025	13 Nov - 9 Mar 2026	10 Mar - 30 Apr 2026

! These dates are subject to change depending on seasonal weather conditions. Updates will be posted on the Shire of Esperance Facebook & Instagram accounts, as well as the website.

EARLY BIRD RATES DRAW BRONZE SPONSORS:

Pagoda
Resort & Spa

ESPERANCE CHAMBER
of Commerce & Industry
BUSINESS LEADERSHIP

Esperance Museum

Our People
Our Places
Our History

MUSEUM ENTRY VOUCHER

Your free pass to our local history

Valid for up to 2 Adults & 2 Children

Expiry Date June 30, 2026



Scan the QR Code for the latest updates and opening times. For any questions, please reach out to the Esperance Museum.

(08) 9083 1580 | museum@esperance.wa.gov.au

DRY SEASON INFORMATION

Our region is facing lower rainfall and longer dry seasons, especially from April to October. It's essential for property owners and land caretakers to effectively control the build-up of fuel loads on their properties.

TOTAL FIRE BAN

A Total Fire Ban (TFBs) is declared by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) on a days of extreme weather where a fire is most likely to spread rapidly or if there are already widespread fires and fire fighting resources are too stretched. Occasionally TFBs may be declared outside of a fire season (such as in May or June) due to other factors such as higher temperatures and expected strong winds preceding a storm front.

On a Total Fire Ban day, it is illegal to light an open-air fire or conduct any activity that could start a fire. Ignoring conditions of a Total Fire Ban can incur a

\$1,000 infringement. Upon conviction, you could receive a fine of \$25,000 and/or be jailed for 12 months.

When a Total Fire Ban is in place, it's important to be aware of what you can & can't do. For more information visit dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/bushfire/total-fire-ban.

REQUEST FOR A VARIATION

Landowners/Occupiers can apply to the Shire for permission to provide firebreaks in alternative locations or to take alternative measures to prevent the outbreak or spread of a bushfire, if any of the listed requirements of the Notice are impractical.

After consultation, the Shire may approve a variation for either a 1 year or a 3 year period. Applications for a Variation to a Firebreak must be received in writing by 24 September 2025. Fees apply.

Forms available on the Shire website: esperance.wa.gov.au/bushfire-information

BIN COLLECTION CALENDAR 2025/26

Your recycling bin is collected every fortnight, on the same day as your general waste bin, which is collected each week.



Your bin day:

West Beach and Esperance CBD

Castletown A (EAST OF EASTON ROAD)

Gibson, Monjingup, and Shark Lake

Nulsen / Sinclair

Lake Warden and Pink Lake

Castletown B (NORTH OF FISHERIES ROAD)

Esperance Town

Chadwick and Castletown South (WEST OF EASTON RD / SOUTH OF FISHERIES RD)

Your recycling bin days:

July 2025						
	M	T	W	T	F	
		1	2	3	4	
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	14	15	16	17	18	
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November 2025						
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	10	11	12	13	14	
	17	18	19	20	21	
	24	25	26	27	28	

December 2025						
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January 2026						
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February 2026						
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March 2026						
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April 2026						
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May 2026						
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June 2026						
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Christmas 2025 Bin Collection Update- If your bin day is Thursday, it will be collected on Boxing Day (Friday, 26 December) instead. All other collections remain unchanged over the holiday period.

Waste Vouchers- Keep these in a safe place! Domestic Waste Vouchers are issued annually, free of charge, with the rate notice. Replacement Waste Vouchers incur a replacement fee of \$15.

TOP 5 BIN TIPS

- Keep Recycling clean and loose- Do not bag items
- Place bins out by 5am on collection day, or the night before
- Do not overload - ensure the lid can close
- Clean your bins regularly
- Freeze seafood and odorous waste and place in the bin the night before collection

RECYCLING

& WASTE

Space your bins out correctly

0.5 m apart

Within 1 metre of the road

70kg maximum weight

RECYCLING	NOT ACCEPTED	WASTE
<div><div> Clothing</div><div> Food or Liquids</div><div> Bagged Recycling</div><div> Coffee Cups</div><div> Soft Plastics</div><div> Tetra Paks (Long-Life Cartons)</div></div> <div><div> Paint</div><div> Aerosols</div><div> Hazardous Waste</div><div> Construction Waste (cement, bricks, rubble, sand)</div><div> Batteries</div></div>		

Recycle Right
Helping WA recycle, reduce waste, & live sustainably. For more information on what goes in your recycling bin, visit [RecycleRight.wa.gov.au/find-my-nearest](https://www.recycleRight.wa.gov.au/find-my-nearest)

Drop off locations
There are several places to drop off your household batteries, including convenient locations at our local Woolworths and Bunnings.

Esperance's Waste Revolution

Need help with your bins—whether it's replacements, repairs, collection schedules, or resizing? Visit our website [esperance.wa.gov.au/waste-and-recycling](https://www.esperance.wa.gov.au/waste-and-recycling) for all the details or call the team on 9071 0676.

Stay connected with Esperance's Waste Revolution on Facebook! Get the latest updates on waste initiatives in the Shire of Esperance, discover educational resources, and take action in reducing waste in our community.

CONTACT US

Administration	9071 0666
Bay of Isles Leisure Centre	9083 1700
Bin Changes	9071 0682
Civic Centre	9083 1566
Depot	9083 1522
Home Care	9083 1800
Library	9083 1500
Museum	9083 1580
Ranger Services	9083 1533
Rates	9071 0668
Visitor Centre	9083 1555
Volunteer Support Services	9083 1540
Wylie Bay Waste Facility	9071 7594

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Councillors are elected by you, the local ratepayers and residents, every two years and serve four-year terms. Find their contact details here esperance.wa.gov.au/elected-members

