

NEW EMERGENCY SERVICES DELIVERY IN THE SHIRE OF CAPEL AND CHANGES TO THE EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY (ESL)



In February 2017, a new state-of-the-art replacement fire station was opened which now provides enhanced emergency service support to Dalyellup and surrounding areas.

Staffed around the clock by full-time firefighters, the new fire station offers an increased level of protection for people, property and the environment in the developing Capel region.

The new fire station is strategically located at 262 Bussell Highway in South Bunbury with easy access to major roads, enabling a rapid response to emergencies at residential, commercial and industrial properties within the region.

In addition, Bunbury, Capel and neighbouring areas will also continue to be assisted by the Volunteer Fire & Rescue Service (VFRS) and the State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers based in Bunbury.

The Bunbury Fire District has been expanded

Properties within the Bunbury Fire District are protected by career and volunteer firefighters who are trained and equipped to rapidly respond to all fire emergencies, road crash rescues and hazardous material incidents.

When required SES Volunteers also perform searches and rescues, and provide assistance when severe weather hits. As a result of the recent changes to service delivery arrangements, the Bunbury Fire District has been expanded to include Dalyellup in the Shire of Capel. The grey shaded area on the map shows the expanded Bunbury Fire District. The expansion will mean increased safety for you and your family, with more vehicles servicing your area and career firefighters based locally who better understand your needs and work in collaboration with the local volunteer services.

Changes to the ESL

All properties in Western Australia are issued an annual ESL assessment based on the emergency service protection available. The ESL is a State Government charge which is itemised on Council Rates Notices.

As Dalyellup residents are now protected by the new 24hr fire station, the ESL category classification of your property will also change. Dalyellup will now be classified as ESL category 2 from 1 July 2017. This means that the ESL charge on your next rates notice will increase. The ESL charge will be calculated at a rate of \$0.009944 multiplied by your property's Gross Rental Value (GRV), with minimum and maximum charge thresholds applying depending on the use of the property.

For example, the ESL charge for a house in Dalyellup with a GRV of \$18,980 will be \$188.74 in 2017/18.

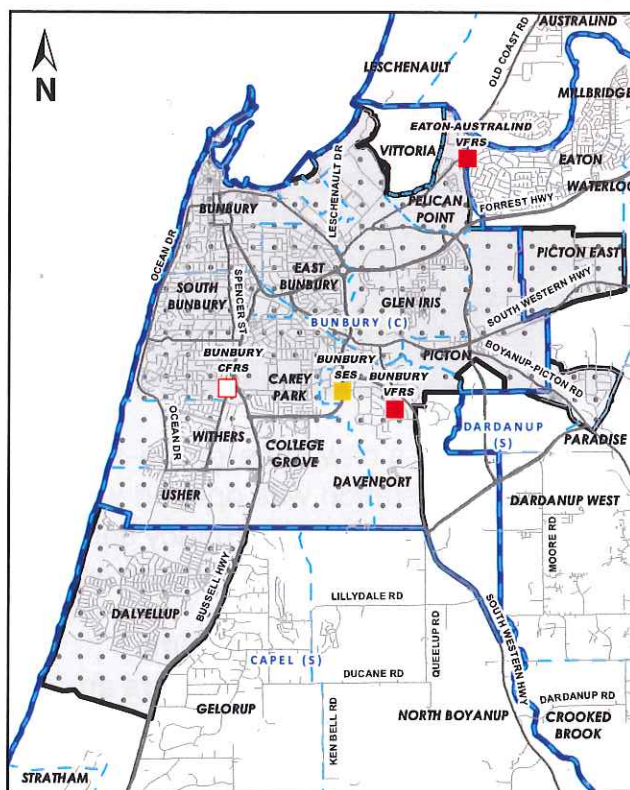
You can calculate your 2017/18 charge using the online ESL calculator located under the "Emergency Services Levy" drop down, "Charges and Payments" section on the DFES website at www.dfes.wa.gov.au.

WHAT IS GROSS RENTAL VALUE?

Gross Rental Value (GRV) is the annual rental income a property could expect to generate if leased to a tenant. For more information on GRV visit the Landgate website at www.landgate.wa.gov.au

How is the ESL money used?

All of the ESL money collected by the Shire is sent to the DFES to fund the delivery of fire and emergency services. The ESL makes a real difference to the level of emergency services provided by career and volunteer fire fighters, SES and marine service volunteers throughout the State. We thank you for your continued support.



ESL Category 2 / Bunbury Fire District Boundary (from 1 July 2017)

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