

WS 1 – Accessing Water from Standpipes

1 Policy

The Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes currently has five water standpipes located within the Shire for firefighting use and one commercial water standpipe in Rose Street, Bridgetown for commercial use by businesses and members of the public.

The five firefighting standpipes are restricted in use for firefighting purposes only with bush fire brigades provided with a coded key to unlock the standpipes.

The Rose Street standpipe is classified as a commercial standpipe with water able to be purchased by members of the public via purchase of a swipe card to unlock the electronic standpipe management system. Swipe cards are available for purchase at the Shire’s administration office. These swipe cards can be credited by attending the Shire’s administration building in person or by phoning the Shire and requesting staff to credit your swipe card (credit card details will need to be given over the phone).

All water taken from the commercial standpipe by members of the public is to be paid for at the rates stipulated in Council’s annual schedule of fees and charges. All water must be paid for on a “per kilolitre” basis.

Under Council’s “Property Local Law” standpipes are classified as “local government property”. Failure to pay upfront for the taking of water will represent a breach of Clause 4.6 of the Property Local Law.

2 Applicable Legislation and Documents

Act	s.2.7(2)(b) <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> – The council is to determine the local government’s policies <i>Water Services Act 2012</i>
Regulation	N/A
Local Law	Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Local Government Property Local Law
Shire Policies	N/A
Related Documents	N/A
Related Procedure	N/A

3 Administration

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