

# Rural Street Numbers

**The purpose of this fact sheet is to inform and assist owners of Rural and Special Rural properties with the allocation of a new or change to an existing Rural Property Address Number (RPAN) also known as a Rural Street Number**

## An Improved Addressing System

RPANs have been implemented within the Shire of Murray in accordance with a National model and in partnership with Landgate, Emergency Services, utility providers, the Electoral Commission and Australia Post. The allocated number becomes the property's street address/house number whilst the property's lot number is retained. Where there is a separate entrance to a secondary dwelling on a property, each entrance requires a unique RPAN.

The objective is to provide a RPAN to every Rural and Special Rural property to ensure all partners including the Shire are able to locate a property quickly and easily, particularly in the event of an emergency. RPANs are based on the distance of a property's entrance from the start of a road with odd numbers on the left and even numbers on the right. For example, the number 1902 refers to a property on the right hand side of a road 19.02 km from the road's beginning, number 325 refers to a property on the left hand side of a road 3.25 km from the road's beginning.

## Why are RPANs Required?

The Rural Property Addressing System's uniform address plates, ensures every Rural and Special Rural property is easy to find, particularly important in an emergency.

Emergency Services, Police and other first responder services will only recognise the Shire supplied address plate as an official street address - lot numbers, or mailbox numbers are not recognised.

## When and How to Apply for a RPAN

Complete an application form and return to the Shire via:

**Email**  
mailbag@murray.wa.gov.au

**Post**  
PO Box 21  
Pinjarra WA 6208

**In Person**  
Shire of Murray  
Administration Office  
1915 Pinjarra Road  
Pinjarra WA 6208

Applicants are encouraged to complete and lodge their RPAN form together with any building applications in order to avoid delays with the provision of services from Western Power and Telstra and to ensure properties are easy to locate for tradesmen.

## What About Privacy?

RPANs are only a number and as such will not compromise privacy, instead there will no longer be a need for names on gate posts. Landgate advises relevant authorities of new RPANs.

## What Does it Cost?

A fee of \$45.00 is applicable for supply and installation of the address plate.

## When Will the RPAN be Registered?

Applicants are advised not to use the address until the Shire has installed the address plate at the property.

Owners are then responsible for advising all other relevant parties of their new address (i.e. insurance, personal).

## How Long Will it Take?

Allow up to four weeks from the initial payment or request until installation of the address plate.

For further information visit [murray.wa.gov.au](http://murray.wa.gov.au)



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