

Shire President’s Message to the Community

The Shire of Irwin has adopted its 2025/26 Budget, focused on delivering long-awaited capital works and addressing key community priorities such as rural and town road maintenance, footpaths, general building upkeep, and community-enhancing facilities.

To fund these initiatives, the Shire has applied an overall 5% increase to the 2024/25 actual billed rates. This aligns with the Shire’s Long Term Financial Plan and supports a sustainable financial structure. Additionally, a new GRV Transient Workforce Accommodation rating category has been introduced, contributing approximately \$386,000 to the total rates revenue.

The budget includes:

- \$7.6 million in total rates revenue
- \$9.9 million in capital grant funding
- \$1.9 million in borrowings
- \$4.6 million in operating income (excluding rates)
- \$9.8 million in operating expenses (excluding depreciation)
- \$12.4 million capital works program
- Resulting in a \$159,000 surplus

Key projects include upgraded skate park facilities, replacement of the boat ramp finger jetty, and removal of the closed recreation jetty—all aimed at enhancing community and visitor experiences.

With Local Government sustainability being a continued focus, a strong rate revenue base will enhance Council’s ability to continue providing quality services to the Shire of Irwin community now and into the future. We are grateful for community support in continuing to make the Irwin Shire a safe, friendly and enjoyable community in which to live and to visit.

Yours Sincerely
Mark Leonard, Shire President

Current Elected Members

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Pension Concession & State Government Rebate

Do you hold one of the following concession cards?

- Pension and a current Pensioner Concession Card; or
- State Seniors Card and a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card; or
- State Seniors Card only

You may be eligible to receive a concession on your rates between 25-50%, capped at \$750 as a pensioner, OR 25%, capped at \$100 as a Seniors Card Holder.

Please contact the Shire of Irwin on 9927 0000 to discuss eligibility or register your pension online with Water Corporation.

Objections to Valuations

Property Valuations are set by Landgate and are used to determine the rates payable on each property. If you have a query with your property value, or wish to lodge an objection, you can contact Landgate on (08) 9273 7373. More information can be found on their website. www.landgate.wa.gov.au/valuations

Objections must be lodged within 60 days after the issue of the rates notice. Rates must still be paid in full by the due date pending the outcome of the objection. A refund will be issued if the objection is upheld.

Shire of Irwin
Rating Information 2025 -2026

How are rates calculated?

Council rates are a contribution each property owner makes toward the cost of providing facilities and services in the Shire of Irwin. They are calculated as follows:

Property Valuation:

Each property is valued by Landgate's Valuer General.
Non-rural properties: Valued based on Gross Rental Value (GRV).
Rural properties: Valued based on land value alone (Unimproved Value or UV).

Rate Calculation:

The council sets a rate in the dollar for each rate category. Your property’s valuation is multiplied by this rate in the dollar to determine your rates.



Gross Rental Value (GRV)
Landgate calculates the Gross Rental Values (GRVs) on how much rent you could earn each year if your property was rented out. GRVs are used for urban properties, and these are re-assessed once every four to five years. The current values are based on the revaluation effective 1 July 2024.

Unimproved Values (UV)
Unimproved Values (UVs) are calculated by Landgate based on what your land is expected to sell for in its current condition. UVs are used as the basis for the levying of rates for rural properties. Annual revaluations apply for all rural land within the Shire.

Mining UV
Land in which a mining tenement has been issued by the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety is rated higher than the UV rural rate to ensure fairness and equity due to the relatively lower valuation determined by Landgate. Also, to recognize the often-short-term nature of mining projects in the region.

Transient Workforce Accommodation / Other (GRV)
Land where transient workforce accommodation facilities are located; and/or land approved and predominantly used for providing small to large-scale transient accommodation. Also included in this category are other mining related infrastructure and/or leases

Emergency Services Levy (ESL)
All local governments are required to collect the ESL on behalf of the Department of Fire & Emergency Services (DFES). For further information visit www.dfes.wa.gov.au.

Minimum Payments
Council believes that in view of the level of service and facilities available to all ratepayers, the minimum rate is representative of the minimum contribution that should be made by owners of all rateable land regardless of the value of the property. A minimum rate of \$1,100 applies for all rating categories in 2025-2026.

Rate Categories
Rates in the dollar for the 2025-2026 financial year for each rating category are shown below:

Rating Categories 2025/26	Rate in the Dollar (Cents)	Minimum Payment
GRV General	10.2520	\$ 1,100.00
GRV TWA / Other	22.3841	\$ 1,100.00
UV Rural	0.9713	\$ 1,100.00
UV Mining	22.3841	\$ 1,100.00

- How to pay your Rates**
- In person at the Shire of Irwin Office
 - Over the phone
 - By mail
 - Online with BPAY
 - Online with Mastercard or visa www.irwin.wa.gov.au

If you are having trouble paying your rates by the due date, please contact the Shire of Irwin’s Rates Officer to discuss alternative payment arrangements. We can help you establish a weekly, fortnightly or monthly payment plan. Note that rates must be paid within the financial year and interest will be charged on overdue amounts.

Instalments
All arrears and interest still outstanding on your account needs to be paid in full along with the first instalment for 2025-26 for you to be eligible to enter into the instalment options. The cost of the instalment plans will comprise of 5.5% interest per annum, calculated from the date the first instalment is due, together with an administration fee of \$5 for each instalment notice. Please note these charges are only incurred after the first instalment.

Overdue Rates

Don't be late! Rates that are not paid by the due date will incur the following interest charges, calculated daily:

General rates: 7% per annum

ESL: 11% per annum

Rates Payment Options
The Shire provides three options for payment of your rates:

OPTION 1 – Pay in Full (By 6 October 2025)
OPTION 2 – Pay in Two Instalments
OPTION 3 – Pay in four Instalments

1st Instalment Due 6 October 2025	2nd Instalment Due 8 December 2025
3rd Instalment Due 9 February 2026	4th Instalment Due 13 April 2026

Rubbish Collection Fee
This fee is applicable to all developed properties situated along the serviceable route managed by the Shire’s contractor, Avon Waste.

For more information on rubbish collection dates and times for your area, please refer to the Shire of Irwin website.

If you have any questions or issues with your collection services, or for bin repairs or replacements please contact Avon Waste direct on (08) 9641 1318.

Swimming Pools and Safety Barriers
The Shire is bound by its legislative requirements to conduct periodic inspections of pool and spa barriers. The fee charged on an annual rate notice is the estimated cost to the Shire of carrying out inspections on pools and spas in the financial year. This includes the cost of reinspecting of non-compliant barriers until deemed compliant.