

Shire President's Message to the Community

As the 2025/26 financial year draws to a close, I would like to take a moment to thank my fellow Councillors, our Chief Executive Officer and the dedicated Shire staff for their hard work, professionalism, and commitment to our community over the past year.

Each year, Council carefully prepares a budget that balances the needs of our growing community with the responsibility of managing public funds wisely. While we continue to secure funding through grants, fees, charges and other revenue sources wherever possible, rates remain the Shire's primary source of income, accounting for around two-thirds of our operating revenue.

These rates enable us to deliver the services and infrastructure our community relies on every day. Looking ahead, Council is taking a proactive approach to the Shire's long-term financial sustainability, focusing on maintaining the assets and services our community already relies on and careful consideration of future commitments, ensuring projects are planned and affordable over their full life.

Our Strategic Community Plan review will help us assess which assets and services matter most to our community guiding our priorities for the future. Council will also continue to advocate for a fairer share of Federal Financial Assistance Grants, taking pressure off ratepayers.

Like many households and businesses, local government continues to face rising costs due to inflation. Council understands the financial pressures many residents are experiencing and has carefully considered the impact when preparing this year's budget. As a result, Council adopted a 5% rate increase for 2026/27, balancing affordability with our ability to continue delivering essential services and infrastructure.

Please remember if you are having difficulty paying your rates, the Shire has payment arrangements available and encourages you to contact us to discuss the options.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together towards a strong, sustainable and vibrant future for the Shire of Irwin.

Isabelle Scott
Shire President

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Pension Concession & State Government Rebate

Do you hold one of the following concession cards?

- Pensioner or State Concession Card or,
- WA Seniors Card and a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card or
- WA 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 watercorporation.com.au/bill-and-account/apply-for-a-concession.

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 about 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. 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 2026 -2027

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:

Landgate's Valuer General values each property. 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.



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Gross Rental Value (GRV)

Landgate calculates the Gross Rental Values (GRVs) on how much rent you could earn each year if your property were 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 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 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 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 2026-2027.

Rate Categories

Rates in the dollar for the 2026-2027 financial year for each rating category are shown below:

Rating Categories 2026/27	Rate in the Dollar (Cents)	Minimum Payment
GRV General	10.847	\$1,100
GRV TWA/Other	23.552	\$1,100
UV Rural	0.8796	\$1,100
UV Mining	23.552	\$1,100

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 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. Please 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 need to be paid in full along with the first instalment for 2026-27 for you to be eligible for 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:

OPTION1 - Pay in Full (By 12 October 26)

OPTION 2 - Pay in Two Instalments

OPTION 3 - Pay in Four Instalments

1st Instalment Due
12 October 2026

2nd Instalment Due
14 December 2026

3rd Instalment Due
15 February 2027

4th Instalment Due
19 April 2027

Rubbish Collection Fee

This fee is applicable to all developed properties situated along the serviceable route managed by 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 conducting inspections on pools and spas in the budget year. This includes the cost of reinspecting non-compliant barriers until deemed compliant.

