



2022-2023 Rates Information

Council rates are a contribution each property owner makes towards the cost of providing facilities and services in the Shire of Irwin.

Gross Rental Value (GRV)

The rates are levied based on the values of the rateable properties as provided by Landgate. Gross Rental Values (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 2019.

Unimproved Value (UV)

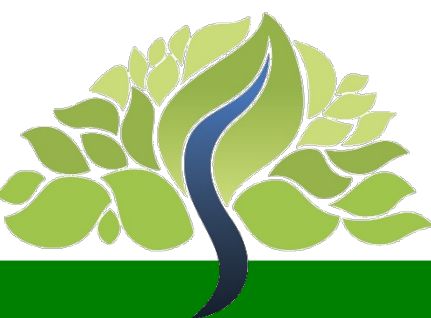
Unimproved Values (UVs) of properties, provided by Landgate, are used as the basis for the levying of rates for rural properties. Annual revaluations apply for all rural land within the Shire.

Mining UV

All land for which a mining tenement has been issued by the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety and valued as such by Landgate. Land used for mining is rated higher than the UV rural rate to ensure fairness and equity due to the different valuation method and relatively lower valuation. Also, to recognise the often-short-term nature of mining projects in the region.

Minimum Rates

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 \$1,050 applies for 2022/2023.



Rate Charges

Rates in the dollar for the 2022/2023 financial year for each rating category are shown below:

Rate Category (GRV)	
General Rates	11.6140
Rate Category (UV)	
Rural General Rate	1.4743
Mining Differential Rate	19.7240

Objections to Valuations

Property valuations are set by Landgate and are used to determine the rates payable on each property. A revaluation of properties in the UV area is undertaken annually, and once every 4-5 years in the GRV area. As such, a change in your property valuation may have an impact on your annual rates.

If you have a query with your property value, or wish to lodge an objection, 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 pending the outcome of the objection. A refund will be issued if the objection is upheld.

Pensioner and Senior Discounts

If you are a Pensioner or Senior, you may be able to apply for a rebate for your Council Rates, Emergency Services Levy and annual Water Corporation Rates. Please note that rubbish and pool fees are not subject to a concession.

To be eligible for a concession, an applicant must be:

- the owner and reside at the property on 1 July of the rating year; and

- in receipt of a pension or hold a Pensioner Concession Card or State Concession Card; or
- in receipt of a Senior's Card or Commonwealth Seniors Health Card

Eligible pensioners are entitled to claim a rebate of 50% of the current year's rates, up to a maximum of \$750 or may apply to defer those rates. Seniors who meet the eligibility criteria are entitled to claim a rebate of 25% of the current year's rates, up to a maximum of \$100.

Concessions apply after eligible ratepayers have registered their entitlement with the Water Corporation.

Pro-rata rebates may be offered. You must notify the Water Corporation if you change your circumstances in relation to your pension, ownership of the property or whether you continue to occupy the property.

Emergency Services Levy

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

Rate Payment Options

Your rate notice is enclosed with this leaflet. If you believe any of the details are incorrect, please let us know.

You have a choice about how and when you pay your rates, as follows:

Option 1

One lump sum payment due on Monday 3 October 2022.



Option Two

Pay over two instalments due on Monday 3 October 2022 and Monday 5 December 2022.

Option Three

Pay over four instalments due on Monday 3 October 2022, Monday 5 December 2022, Monday 6 February 2023 and Monday 10 April 2023.

How to Pay Your Rates

Your rates can be paid:

- In person at the Shire of Irwin
- Over the phone
- By Mail
- Online with BPAY
- Online with Mastercard or Visa - www.irwin.wa.gov.au

If you think you may have 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.

COVID-19

For those suffering genuine hardship due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, please ask about our financial hardship policy.

Instalments

All arrears and interest still outstanding on your account need to be paid in full along with the first instalment for 2022/23 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 a daily interest charge. Interest will be applied to instalments outstanding past the due date, or where the instalment option is not in place 35 days after the date the rate notice

was issued. The interest rate is 7% per annum, calculated daily.

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Shire President's Message to the Community

It was an exciting 2021/2022 for the Shire of Irwin with major projects such as the Morton Terrace Revitalisation Project and Stage 2 of Two Henry Road being completed thanks to the hard work of Councillors and Shire staff.

Each financial year – as our Shire grows – a new budget is prepared to support the needs of the entire community. While Council and Shire staff work hard to leverage as much revenue from other sources as possible, including fees and charges, capital grants and contributions, around 50% of the total Shire budget is dependent on rates revenue.

Your rates contribution goes towards the cost of providing quality facilities, community buildings, recreational areas and efficient administrative services to our entire community and its many visitors.

Our 2022/2023 Annual Budget has been prepared, with much consideration to ensure the continued delivery of services while allowing for the implementation of infrastructure projects.

This year Council resolved a 4.5% increase for the 2022/2023 Budget to allow Council to sustain current and future outcomes that enhance our community's development.

On behalf of the Council and Staff I would like to thank our ratepayers for their continued support of our Shire.

Yours Sincerely

Mike Smith
Shire President