



## Message from the CEO

Council has adopted the 2026/27 Budget to ensure we can continue delivering the essential services, facilities and infrastructure our community relies on every day. From maintaining local roads, parks, waste services and community facilities to investing in major infrastructure projects, every rates dollar contributes to building a stronger, more connected and sustainable East Kimberley.

Over the past financial year, the Shire has continued to deliver one of the largest infrastructure upgrades. Significant progress has been made on the East Kimberley Regional Airport runway extension, the Kununurra Leisure Centre Aquatic Redevelopment, Water Lily Place Housing Development, the Wyndham Community Boat Launching Facility and the Kununurra Reimagined project. We have also continued investing in road improvements, sporting facilities, public open spaces and community assets across the Shire. These projects are improving liveability, supporting local jobs, attracting investment and ensuring our communities are well positioned for future growth.

This year, Council approved an average rate increase of 4.5% to help meet increasing construction, operational and service delivery costs while maintaining the level of service our community expects. Like households and businesses, local governments continue to face rising costs, and this increase will

ensure we can continue maintaining existing infrastructure while investing in new facilities and services that benefit our region.

The 2026/27 Budget also continues Council's commitment to strengthening our communities through investment in recreation, transport infrastructure, affordable housing initiatives and long-term planning. Alongside these major projects, the Budget provides for the day-to-day services that residents rely on, including parks and gardens, libraries, recreation facilities, environmental health, waste management, community safety and road maintenance.

Council will once again be offering a Rates Incentive Prize. The prize details will be announced later this month, so keep an eye on the Shire's website and social media channels for further information.

On behalf of Council, I would like to thank our residents, businesses and ratepayers for your continued support. Your contribution enables us to deliver the services and infrastructure that strengthen our communities today while investing in the opportunities of tomorrow. Together, we are continuing to build a vibrant, resilient and prosperous future for the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley.

Warm regards,  
Vernon Lawrence  
**Chief Executive Officer**

# Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley Rates 2026/27



## Project Overview - Progress Status

### Kununurra Leisure Centre (KLC) Aquatic Redevelopment Stage 1

Funding Obtained	Tender Awarded	Design	Mobilising / Constructions	Project Complete
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Expected to be open to the public early August 2026

### EKRA Runway Extension and Associated Infrastructure Upgrades Stage 2

Funding Obtained	Tender Awarded	Design	Mobilising / Constructions	Project Complete
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Construction complete. Full runway expected to be operational early August 2026

### Celebrity Tree Park All Abilities Playground

Funding Obtained	Tender Awarded	Design	Mobilising / Constructions	Project Complete
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Project is complete and opened to the public on 6 November 2025

### Wyndham Community Boat Launching Facility

Funding Obtained	Tender Awarded	Design	Mobilising / Constructions	Project Complete
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Currently under construction and expected to be complete by November 2026

### Water Lily Place Housing Development

Funding Obtained	Tender Awarded	Design	Mobilising / Constructions	Project Complete
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Project continues with 14 units to be installed. Project to be complete by November 2026

### Kununurra Foreshore Development & Kununurra Town Centre Revitalisation

Funding Obtained	Tender Awarded	Community Engagement	Both design Complete
██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████

Town Centre Masterplan complete and endorsed by Council in June OCM. Foreshore Plan currently in final community engagement phase



### Pensioner/Seniors

Eligible Pensioner and Seniors may claim a rebate on the property they own and occupy. Applications can be made by phoning the Water Corporation on 13 13 85. Eligible individuals who received the rebate last year do not need to reapply; the rebate amount will be indicated on the Rates Notice.



### Change of Postal Address or Property Ownership

It is the legal responsibility of property owners to inform the Shire about address changes, name changes, and if they wish to nominate an agent or tenant as the ratepayer. A Change of Name & Address form can be obtained from the Shire’s website. Delays in mail or payments due to incorrect addresses are not accepted as excuses for late rate payments.



### Landfills

The Kununurra and Wyndham Landfill sites accept domestic waste for free, which includes items suitable for kerbside bins. The Shire also offers free waste weekends in March and November for larger domestic items. Contact the Shire or visit our website [www.swek.wa.gov.au](http://www.swek.wa.gov.au) for more details.



### Emergency Services Levy (ESL)

The Emergency Services Levy (ESL) is a charge imposed by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and collected by Local Governments in Western Australia. The minimum ESL charge for 2026/27 is \$113. Interest on overdue ESL is charged at 11% per annum calculated daily. For more information, visit the DFES website at [www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au)



### Waste Charges

The Waste Management charge is a “general rate and minimum payment” set by the Council during the Budget Adoption process. It amounts to \$225 annually for all properties. Additionally, there is a Waste Collection Service charge of \$450 per year for weekly collection or \$655 for exempt/non-rateable properties. Extra waste collection services cost \$637.50 per receptacle per year, inclusive of both the waste management and waste collection charges.

## Differential & Minimum Rating

Please refer to Shire Policy CP/FIN-3200 ‘Strategic Rating Policy’ for further information regarding the Shire’s rating principles and methodology.

Rating Categories	Advertised		Adopted	
	Rate in the Dollar	Minimum	Rate in the Dollar	Minimum
GRV	0.136185	2,100	0.135537	2,100
UV-Rural	0.012075	2,100	0.010375	2,100
UV-Pastoral	0.104265	2,100	0.103769	2,100
UV-Mining & Exploration	0.288855	2,000	0.287480	2,000

## Payment Due Dates

Full Payment	Two Instalments	Four Instalments	Due Date
Single Payment	1st Instalment	1st Instalment	31 Aug 2026
		2nd Instalment	30 Oct 2026
	2nd Instalment	3rd Instalment	8 Jan 2027
		4th Instalment	12 Mar 2027

Ratepayers can choose any offered instalment option by paying the first instalment amount on or before the due date (31 August 2026). A fee of \$15 will be implemented per instalment payment as well as an instalment charge of 5.5%. **If these options aren’t suitable, you can request weekly, fortnightly, or monthly payment plans. Please contact the Rates Officer for details.**

Interest of 11% per annum applies to overdue balances (except for eligible pensioners and seniors) and is calculated daily. Ratepayers who qualify under Council Policy POL-2018 Financial Hardship - Rates and Sundry Debtors - Eligible pensioners/seniors are exempt from penalty interest charges. **To receive your Rates notice via email, visit our website for Terms and Conditions and consent form.**

## How can I pay my Rates?

Please consider the likely processing time when selecting a method of payment as Rate payments MUST be received by the Shire by the due date



In-person at the Kununurra or Wyndham Administration Offices



Contact your financial institution to make payment from your account, quoting Biller Code 102376 and the reference number on your rates notice



Pay using your credit card via our website ([www.swek.wa.gov.au](http://www.swek.wa.gov.au))



Detach the lower portion of your rates notice and make your cheque payable the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley