



## Message from the CEO

I am pleased to present the 2022/23 rates brochure and budget highlights to the community.

This year rates increased by 1.65% and minimum rates to \$1,400. The increase in the minimum rate is to encourage the development of housing on undeveloped blocks during this accommodation shortage crisis. We recognise that our Shire still has a relatively high rate and the challenges of being remote contribute to these unavoidable cost increases. Our goal is to ensure we maintain Shire Infrastructure and provide services whilst trying to keep rate increases to the minimum for our residents. Increases in the cost of services are critically analysed by our Officers and Councillors to ensure efficiency and value for money.

Recently, we announced the 2022/23 annual budget which funds our normal legislative obligations and the proposed capital works. The capital works program is an investment to renew and upgrade our community infrastructure, particularly in relation to the upgrade and expansion of the East Kimberley Regional Airport, upgrades to the town centre recreational facilities, increasing connectivity with a strong focus on footpaths and landscaping and improving emergency work with funding from the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement Western Australia (DRFWA). An update on some of these projects is provided in this brochure.

We will continue to target spending where it is needed most by investing in infrastructure that our town requires to develop, remain attractive and be liveable for our community.

I look forward to continuing to provide updates on these projects throughout this financial year.

Vernon Lawrence  
Chief Executive Officer



## 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.

### Rates Advertised & Adopted

	Rate in the Dollar	Minimum
<b>GRV Rating Categories</b>		
Residential	0.1487	\$1,400
Vacant	0.2306	\$1,400
Commerical	0.1467	\$1,400
Industrial	0.1426	\$1,400
Rural Residential	0.1487	\$1,400
<b>UV Rating Categories</b>		
Rural Residential	0.0134	\$1,400
Pastoral	0.057	\$1,400
Commerical/Industrial	0.0079	\$1,400
Agriculture	0.0119	\$1,400
Horticulture	0.0104	\$1,400
Mining	0.2813	\$1,400
Mining Exploration and Prospecting	0.1406	\$390
Others	0.0067	\$1,400

## HOW CAN I PAY MY RATES?



In-person at the Kununurra or Wyndham Administration Office



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



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



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

Rate payment **MUST** be recieved by the Shire by the due date. Please consider this when choosing your method of payment and the length of time for the payment to be recieved by the Shire.



# YOUR RATES 22/23

SHIRE OF WYNDHAM EAST KIMBERLEY



@ShireofWyndhamEastKimberley



## PENSIONER/SENIORS

If you hold a current Pension Concession Card (not a Health Care Card) or a Veteran Affairs Gold Card, which stipulates TPI or War Widow, you may be able to claim a rebate on your sole or principal place of residence. New applications can be made by phoning the Water Corporation on 1300 659 951. If you remain eligible and received the rebate last year you do not need to reapply, the rebate amount will be shown on your Rates Notice.

## WASTE CHARGES

Waste collection, disposal, and tip maintenance, including a contribution to waste management within the Shire, is funded by these charges:

- Waste Management Charge of \$200 per annum.
- Waste Receptacle Charge of \$346 per annum for a once weekly collection or \$546 per annum for exempt/non rateable properties.

Additional waste collections are charged at \$546 per receptacle per service per annum, which is inclusive of the waste management charge and waste receptacle charge.

## LANDFILLS

Kununurra and Wyndham Landfill sites accept free domestic waste. Domestic Waste is defined as anything that would go inside your curbside bin.

The Shire will continue to provide its two free waste weekends in March and November to allow for the disposal of any larger domestic items. For further information, please contact the Shire or visit our website [www.swek.wa.gov.au](http://www.swek.wa.gov.au)

## EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY (ESL)

This is a levy imposed by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and collected on its behalf by Local Government in Western Australia. The 2022/23 declared minimum ESL charge is \$93.00. For further information please visit the DFES website [www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au) and click on the link to Emergency Services Levy.

## CHANGE OF POSTAL ADDRESS OR PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

If you have changed your address or you are about to, please let us know as soon as possible. It is the legal responsibility of the property owner to advise the Shire, in writing, if you:

- Change your mailing address and/or residential address.
- Change your name (copy of driver's license or relevant certificate required).
- Wish to nominate an agent to receive your rates notice.
- Wish to nominate your tenant as the ratepayer (ie. as the recipient of the rates notice).

A change of Name & Address form is available from the Shire's website [www.swek.wa.gov.au/documents/86/change-of-address](http://www.swek.wa.gov.au/documents/86/change-of-address). This form must be completed and signed by the property owner/s.

**Delays in mail or payments due to an incorrect address are not considered an acceptable excuse for late payment of rates.**

## PROJECT UPDATES



### Kununurra Water Splash Park - \$3.2M

This long awaited project is in its final stages of completion. The project has been delayed due to COVID but is now expected to open in the next few months.



### Clarrie Cassidy Oval Infrastructure Upgrade - \$970k

The Wyndham Oval lights have been installed. The next stage is to seek funding to build new change rooms.



### Airport Taxiway & Apron upgrade - \$10.5M

The Federal Government provided funding under the Building Better Regional Fund (BBRF) to upgrade the Kununurra Airport taxiway and apron. Tender process is currently underway.



### Kununurra Leisure Centre Pool Upgrade - \$9M

Upgrades to the aquatics including a 50m pool procurement process is underway. The detailed design and tender process should be complete in time for a May 2023 construction start.

## PAYMENT DUE DATES

Full Payment	Two Instalments	Four Instalments	Due Date
Single Payment	1st Instalment	1st Instalment	02 Sep 2022
		2nd Instalment	04 Nov 2022
	2nd Instalment	3rd Instalment	10 Feb 2023
		4th Instalment	14 Apr 2023

Ratepayers can elect any instalment option offered above by paying the applicable first instalment amount as per the rates notice ON OR BEFORE the first due date.

**If the instalment options shown above are not suitable, ratepayers may request a weekly, fortnightly or monthly payment arrangement. Contact the Rates Officer for further information.**

Interest is charged at 7% per annum on all overdue balances (excluding eligible pensioners and seniors) and is calculated daily. Ratepayers who qualify under Council Policy CP/ FIN-3219 COVID-19 Financial Hardship – Rates and Sundry debt and Eligible Pensioners/Seniors are exempt from penalty interest charges.

Rates notices are either posted or emailed. Replacement copies are available at a cost of \$25.40 per notice. Please contact the Rates Officer at [rates@swek.wa.gov.au](mailto:rates@swek.wa.gov.au) to request a copy of your rates notice.

**If you would like your Annual Rates notice to be emailed rather than sent by post, please visit our website to see the Terms and Conditions and complete our consent form.**

## OWNER OCCUPIERS ROLL

The next local government ordinary elections will be held in October 2023. If you own a property in the Shire but do not live here or you operate a business in the Shire, you may be eligible for enrolling on the owner/occupier roll. For more information visit our website [www.swek.wa.gov.au/council/local-government-elections](http://www.swek.wa.gov.au/council/local-government-elections).