



Rates Information

2026/27



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Shire President's Message

A critical role for Local Government is establishing a budget that will deliver the services and expectations of the community with the available funding. Priorities for expenditure that are expected to take precedent, such as waste management, road maintenance and recreation and public asset preservation.

The collection of property rates is a fundamental function of council and the subsequent distribution of expenditure across the shire is an arduous task. Rates are not the only source of income for local government but are certainly one of the most scrutinised as it impacts all our landowners. From that perspective, it is critical that the balance of any increase must be measured and justified.

With that noted, council has budgeted on a slight increase this year that will be below 4% and below the accepted consumer price index which is the measure of broad cost increases. This is a result of sound financial management and an established ethos of delivering well planned services to our community.

This budget cycle will be a conciliatory one as council completes a series of projects. The focus on maintaining assets and ongoing improvements to drainage and access across the shire will form part of the objective this year. Ongoing critical services will also be delivered as expected and a continual examination in improvement where possible remains councils' intent. Our council is also undertaking an income generating project that will be linked to housing and land development on freehold land owned by council in an effort to drive other avenues of revenue and sustainability.

Paying property rates is your contribution to our community for the council to manage and deliver services that add to our quality of life. This is carried out in a diligent and pragmatic approach and is delivered in the context of a council of this size and capacity. You can be confident that this is a high functioning council that has very capable staff and the best interests of the community at its base. It continues to serve our residents and ratepayers in a professional manner and will continue to do so with the valuable support of the connected people who choose to call this place home.

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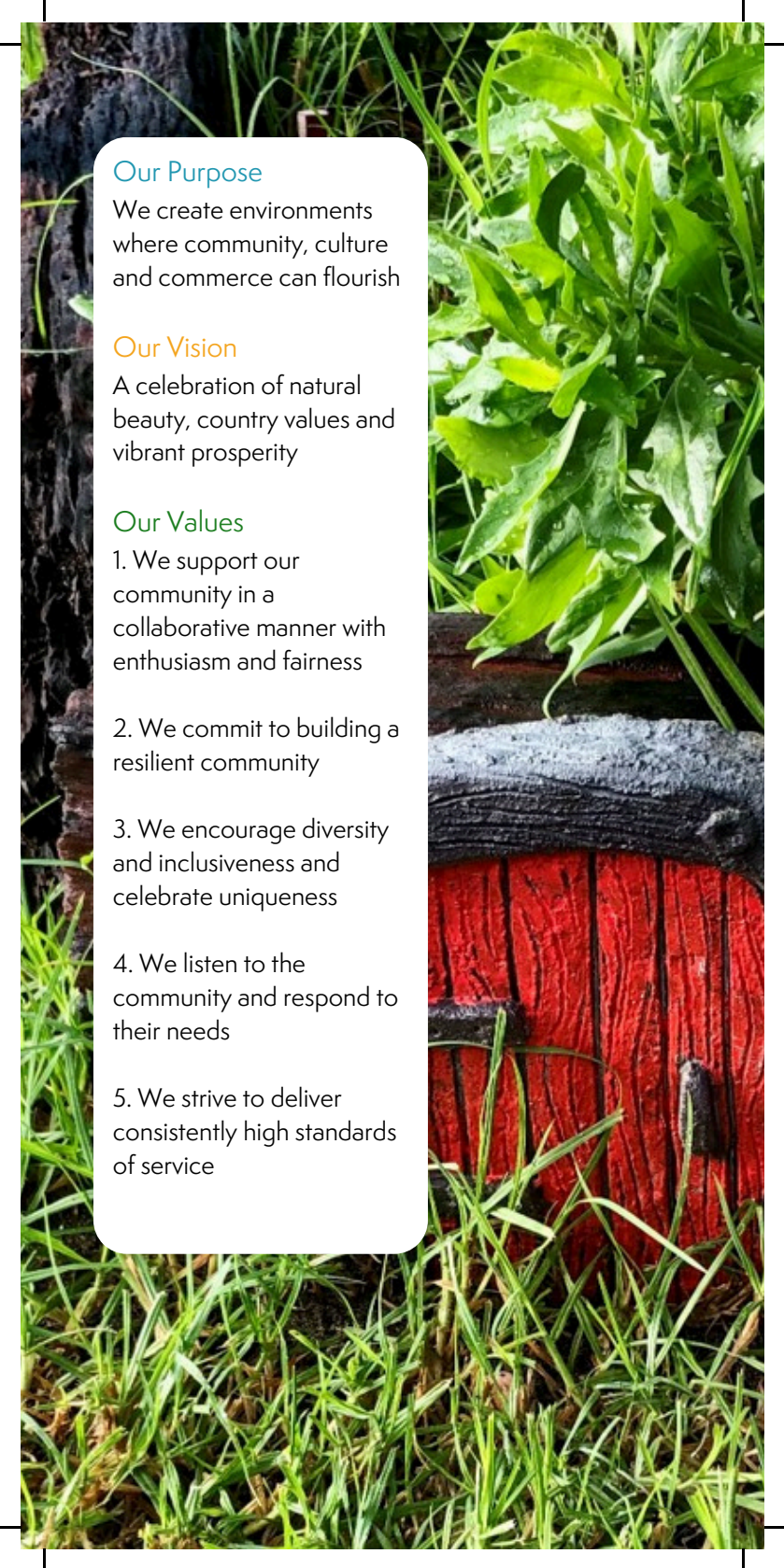
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Our Purpose

We create environments where community, culture and commerce can flourish

Our Vision

A celebration of natural beauty, country values and vibrant prosperity

Our Values

1. We support our community in a collaborative manner with enthusiasm and fairness
2. We commit to building a resilient community
3. We encourage diversity and inclusiveness and celebrate uniqueness
4. We listen to the community and respond to their needs
5. We strive to deliver consistently high standards of service

Rates & Charges 2026/27

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 and the Waste Avoidance & Resource Recovery Act 2007, the Council of the Shire of Waroona determines rates and rubbish charges that will be imposed for 2026/27.

This is carried out by calculating a rate in the dollar for both GRV (Gross Rental Value) properties and UV (Unimproved Value) properties.

In addition, the Council imposes a minimum rate on all land, in both town sites and rural areas. These minimum rates are imposed to ensure a fair and equitable amount of rates is payable by all ratepayers.

For details of the above rates, please refer to your rate notice and the following information.

How are my rates calculated



Cents in
the dollar



Property value as
set by
Valuer General



Applicable
service charges
Eg bin, ESL

Rates are calculated by multiplying the rate in the dollar by the valuation and adding the applicable annual fees such as bin services and Emergency Services Levy.

Penalty Interest

This interest is charged 11% annually, calculated and applied monthly. Interest will be charged on overdue rates and instalments when the instalment payment becomes overdue.

Pensioner & Senior Concession

Pensioners and/or Seniors may be eligible to claim rebates up to a maximum of 50% for pensioners (capped at \$750.00) and 25% for seniors (capped at \$100.00) of their current year rates and Emergency Services Levy charges.

The Council does not administer the laws regarding pensioner concessions. If you wish to lodge a complaint regarding the capping of the pensioner rebate you will need to contact your local Member of Parliament.

To qualify for a rebate, applicants must:

- a) Own and occupy the property as their ordinary place of residence as of 1 July, and hold a current Pensioner Concession Card, or
- b) Hold a current Seniors Card, or
- c) Hold a current Seniors & Commonwealth Seniors Health Card, or
- d) Hold a State Concession Card.

To have a rebate granted, pensioners/seniors must be registered with the Council within 35 days of the issue of their rate notice i.e., Friday 25 September 2026 Eligible pensioners are exempt from all interest and administrative charges within the current rating year. To receive a rebate pensioners/seniors must have their rates paid by 30 June 2027 Failing to pay by this date will result in the loss of the rebate and penalty interest being applied.



Objects & Reason for Rates

Council resources are limited. It receives funding from State and Federal Government sources and from direct payment for services such as halls and recreation centres, but these are not sufficient to meet the expenditure required to fulfil Council's objectives and responsibilities in terms of services delivered to ratepayers.

The difference between total revenue required and income is the amount which must be raised through rates.

Emergency Services Levy

Property owners pay a levy rate that is proportional to the level of emergency services available to them. This is achieved by the classification of different areas of Western Australia into five categories, each with their own ESL rate.

ESL Service Category	Rate per \$GRV	Minimum ESL Charges	Maximum ESL Charges		
			Single-unit Residential, Vacant Land and Non-Commercial Farming	Multi-unit Residential (e.g. units/flats/apartments on a single assessment)	Commercial, Industrial and Miscellaneous
Category 1	0.011033	\$113	\$560	\$560 x relevant no. of units	\$320,000
Category 2	0.008275	\$113	\$420	\$420 x relevant no. of units	\$240,000
Category 3	0.005516	\$113	\$280	\$280 x relevant no. of units	\$161,000
Category 4	0.003862	\$113	\$196	\$196 x relevant no. of units	\$112,000
Category 5	Fixed Charge \$113				
Mining Tenements	Fixed Charge \$113				



Payment Options for Rates

Option 1 - Full Payment

Payment in full, no later than Friday 25 September 2026 at 4pm - eligible for electronic prize incentive draw.

Please Note: Payments must be receipted at the Shire Office by 4pm Friday 25 September 2026 to be eligible for the rates incentive prize draw. Please allow time for mail delivery, processing times etc.

Option 2 - Payment by two instalments

First instalment due - Friday 25 September 2026

Second instalment due - Friday 27 November 2026

Cost of this option - \$10.00 plus interest at the rate of 5.5% on the second instalment

Option 3 - Payment by Four Equal Instalments

First Instalment due - Friday 25 September 2026

Second Instalment due - Friday 27 November 2026

Third Instalment due - Friday 29 January 2027

Fourth Instalment due Friday 26 March 2027

Cost of this option - \$30.00 plus interest at the rate of 5.5% on the second, third and fourth instalment

Note: Payment of a rate or rubbish charge may not be made by instalments if at the date for payment of the first instalment any part of a rate or charge from a previous financial year remains unpaid. All arrears must therefore be paid by the due date of the first instalment Friday 25 September 2026 at 4pm.



The Shire are urging all ratepayers to check their rates information is up to date. Have you got married recently and need to update your details to your married name? Have you changed your postal address? Please note changes of address through other departments do not necessarily correspond through to our rates database. As per Council policy all changes of address and name must be received in writing. Changes to name should be accompanied by a copy of your marriage certificate.

Have you updated your details?



How to Pay your Rates



By mail to:

Shire of Waroona
PO Box 20, Waroona WA 6215



In person at:

Shire of Waroona Administration Office
52 Hesse Street, Waroona WA 6215
9am to 4pm Monday to Friday



BPAY:

Contact your bank or financial institution to make this payment from your cheque, savings, debit, credit card or transaction account. BPAY is available through telephone or internet banking with most banks and financial institutions. The Shire of Waroona BPAY Biller Code is 259 341. Your unique reference number is located at the bottom of your rates notice.



Centrepay:

Centrepay is a free direct bill-paying service offered to customers receiving payments from Services Australia. Through Centrepay you can choose to pay rates by having a regular amount deducted from your Centrelink payment. To pay your rates through Centrepay deductions contact Services Australia via www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/centrepay



Credit Card:

Pay over the phone by credit card by calling one of our friendly customer service staff on 9733 7800 or pay by credit card using the BPAY facility as detailed above.

Consequences of Default in Payment of Rates and Charges

If any rates and service charges remain unpaid after Friday 25 September 2026 and are not subject to one of the instalment payment options offered, the amount owing is due and payable in full and may be recovered, together with the cost of proceedings, in a court of competent jurisdiction.

Alternative Arrangements

In special circumstances ratepayers experiencing financial difficulty in paying rates and charges should contact the Rates Officer on 9733 7800 as soon as possible to discuss alternative arrangements.



Sign up for eRates

Rubbish & Recycling

All residents with a rubbish service charge will receive a tip pass at the bottom of their rates notice with twelve (12) entry permits if you have a street collection service. These passes must be presented at the tip gate. Each pass permits the disposal of a 1m³ domestic waste (or equivalent). This must be presented at the tip gate for access. Residents outside the refuse collection area are entitled to a rural tip pass with twenty-four (24) entry permits which must be presented at the tip gate. Each pass permits the disposal of a 1m³ domestic waste (or equivalent). In accordance with Western Australia's Waste Avoidance Regulations, all properties within the Shire of Waroona are charged a separate waste levy for the provision of waste service facilities. Residents with a street collection service are also charged a fee for that service.

Please also note the following:

- Please do not lose this pass. Lost, missing, or used up passes will not be replaced.
- Tipping fees can be paid at the gate (by either Eftpos, cash or cheque).
- One cubic metre of rubbish is permitted to be disposed of per ticket.
- Proof of identity as a resident or ratepayer of the shire is required prior to the disposal of rubbish at the refuse site.
- Tipping Fees will apply unless a valid tip pass is presented at the gate – this includes fees for green waste.

Rates Charges & Fees Due and Payable

The Rates and Rubbish charge is due and payable by Friday 25 September 2026 at 4pm. This includes the first payment by instalments should this option be selected.

RECYCLING CALENDAR 2026/27

1 JULY 2026 – 30 JUNE 2027

JULY 2026							AUGUST 2026							SEPTEMBER 2026						
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APRIL 2027							MAY 2027							JUNE 2027						
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Recycle Weeks

Rates Incentive

Pay your rates in full by Friday 25 September 2026 and go in the electronic draw to win one of eight prizes.



1st Prize - SHIRE OF WAROONA - \$1,000 CASH

The Council welcomes your enquiries through its Administration Centre, which is located at 52 Hesse Street Waroona. Council staff looks forward to being of assistance to you between the hours of 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday.



2nd Prize - DRAKESBROOK HOTEL - \$200 VOUCHERS

The Drakesbrook Hotel has donated a \$100 voucher to use in the restaurant, bar or bottle shop and 4x 25 vouchers to use at the restaurant when they stay at the Motel. The Drakesbrook Hotel offers great food with a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere and enjoy the comfort of the motel for a relaxed getaway or work trip.



3rd Prize - IAN DIFFEN CITY DISCOUNT TYRES - Wheel Alignment, Rotation, Balance & Full Brake & Suspension Check - Value \$185

City Discount Tyres Waroona is your trusted destination for expert care in the heart of Waroona. Located at 62/64 South Western Highway, Waroona, our friendly and skilled team is committed to delivering exceptional customer service and high-quality workmanship.



4th Prize - WAROONA ELECTRICAL SERVICES - \$100 VOUCHER

Rob and the team at WES have donated a voucher worth \$100.00. Waroona Electrical Services - providing electrical, solar and air conditioning services in Waroona & Surrounds. WES can be contacted on mobile 0427 664 519 or email admin@waroonaelectrical.com.au



5th Prize - WAROONA RURAL SERVICES - \$100 VOUCHER

Waroona Rural Services have kindly donated a \$100.00 voucher to spend in store. They offer a wide range of products from work clothing and boots to animal products and all your rural needs. Phone 9733 1454.



6th Prize - WEST AUSTRALIAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA - GIFT VOUCHER

WASO are pleased to offer 2x tickets to The Art of Baroque at His Majesty's Theatre on Friday 30 October 2026. For further information please visit www.waso.com.au

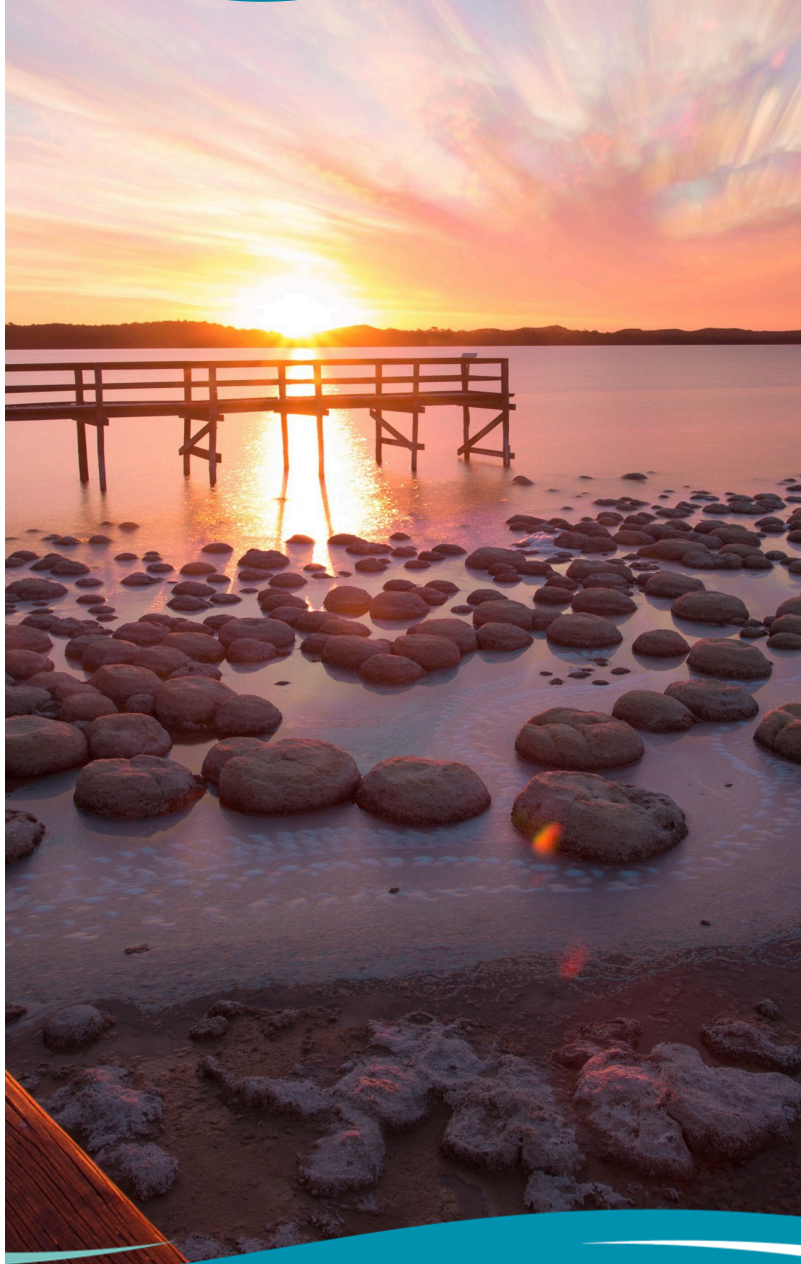


7th & 8th Prize - WAROONA AGRICULTURE SOCIETY

The Waroona Agriculture Society will be donating 2x Family Passes, worth \$60.00 each, to the annual Waroona Show. The Waroona Show is one of the biggest and best one-day country shows in WA. Held each year in Waroona, it's a fun-filled day with rides, animals, food, entertainment, and something for everyone. It's a great way to experience the community spirit and enjoy a day out with family and friends.



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