



SHIRE OF MUKINBUDIN

2024/2025 Rates Information

Welcome to the 2024/2025 rates information summary

Gross Rental Value (GRV)

Residential rates are levied based on the Gross Rental Values (GRVs) of the rateable properties as provided by the Valuer General. These are re-assessed once every 4-5 years and were last assessed 1 August 2023. This year, due to an increase in valuations, the GRV rate in the dollar was decreased to 16.2197 cents in the dollar, to allow for an overall increase to GRV income of 3.6%.

Unimproved Value (UV)

Unimproved Values (UVs), provided by the Valuer General, are used as the basis for the rates levied on rural properties. Annual revaluations apply for all rural land within the Shire. This year, due to an increase in valuations, the UV rate in the dollar was decreased to 1.8218 cents in the dollar, to allow for an overall increase to UV income of 3.6%.

Minimum Rates

Council believes, that in view of the level of service and facilities available to all ratepayers, the minimum amount of rates should reflect the minimum contribution made by owners of all rateable land, regardless of the value of the property. A minimum rate of \$472 and \$658 will apply for GRV and UV, respectively.

Rates in the Dollar

Rates in the dollar for the 2024 - 2025 financial year for each rating category are shown below:

Rate Category (GRV)

Residential and Vacant 16.2197 cents in the \$

Rate Category (UV)

Rural / Mining 1.8218 cents in the \$

Rate Instalments

Arrears and interest which are still outstanding on your account need to be paid in full, along with the first instalment for 2024/2025, to be eligible to enter the instalment option. Instalment plans incur interest of 5.5% pa calculated from the first instalment's due date and an administration fee of \$25 for each instalment notice, will also be applicable. These charges are only incurred after the first instalment.

Rates Payment Options

Your rates notice is enclosed. If any details are incorrect, please let us know. You have a choice of how to pay your rates, as outlined below:

Option One - Pay in Full

- Pay in full by **4.00pm Monday, 30 September 2024.**

This will qualify you to automatically be entered into the incentive prize draw which will take place soon after 30th September.

Option Two - Instalments

Pay over four instalments due by **4.00pm** on:

- Monday, 30 September 2024
- Monday, 2 December 2024
- Monday, 3 February 2025
- Monday, 3 April 2025

Other

If you are experiencing financial difficulty paying your rates by the due date, please contact the Shire to discuss the option of a payment arrangement in accordance with Council's Hardship Policy.

The Shire of Mukinbudin adopted a Hardship Policy in August 2020, which provides for compassionate consideration of individuals and businesses experiencing financial hardship.





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Emergency Services Levy

For details on the Emergency Services Levy and what it can do for you, please see the attached flyer "For a Safer State" produced by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services. For more information visit: www.dfes.wa.gov.au

Rubbish Collection and Recycling Fees

Townsite rubbish collection fees will be \$225 per rubbish bin and \$195 per recycling bin.

For information on collection days visit:

www.avonwaste.com.au/shires/mukinbudin.aspx

Pensioner and Senior Discounts

Pensioner & senior concessions and rebates are available for Council Rates, ESL and Water Corporation Rates. There are no concessions on Rubbish and Recycling charges. To be eligible for a concession you **must be the owner, and reside at the property on 1 July of the rates year.** Concessions may be applied for at the Water Corporation who will advise the Shire of the concession / rebate, once approved:

<https://www.watercorporation.com.au/my-account/i-want-to/apply-for-a-concession>



2024/2025 ANNUAL BUDGET INFORMATION

Fees and Charges

Council reviewed the fees and charges, resulting in various changes, which encompassed adjustments to waste disposal fees, cemetery costs, annual recreation fees and fees for private works.

Amount Outstanding on Loans as at 30 June 2024

The total loan liability at 30 June 2024 was \$1,111,508. This figure is calculated on all loans raised for the funding of capital asset projects. The majority of these loans were used to fund the building of three 4x2 residences, which are leased to Government Regional Officers' Housing (GROH), each property is on a 10 year lease with GROH which services the respective loan repayments. A new loan was raised in 2023/24 to fund the new Caravan Park Villa, known as Karloning Villa.

Reserve Balances as at 30 June 2024

Council has worked hard during recent years to increase reserve balances to reduce the need to borrow funds in the future. At 30 June 2024 the total Reserve Balance was \$1,439,907.

The 2024/25 budget includes transferring a further \$488,050 to Reserve Funds to increase the existing Plant and Community Hub Reserves.

Community Support - Community Chest

The Council is dedicated to fostering and supporting the local community through a variety of initiatives. The Community Chest Program offers local groups and clubs the opportunity to apply for financial assistance to support their projects and activities, with the goal of providing services that benefit the community.

Applications for the 2024/2025 year will open on 26 August 2024, allowing groups ample time to prepare and submit their proposals.

Each group or club is eligible for funding of up to \$1,500. We encourage all community groups and clubs to apply, as these events and organisations play a vital role in promoting a strong sense of unity and collaboration within the Shire.



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Capital Projects

- Improvements and modernisation of the Ablution Amenities and Sunshine Room at the Memorial Hall.
- Landscaping at the three Caravan Park Villas (Wattoning, Beringbooding & Karloning).
- Lions Park barbeque area upgrades, including new seating and shade shelter and perimeter fencing.
- Aquatic Centre upgrades including a new form of chlorination system and changeroom improvements.
- Heavy Vehicle Rest Area (pending funding approval).
- Council is continuing to pursue funding opportunities for the proposed Community Hub and valuable feedback was obtained from the community strategic planning workshops which will be considered in the revised submission.

Roads Program:

The proposed program for 2024/2025 aims to deliver an extensive program throughout the Shire, considering the Council's road hierarchy, road usage patterns, school bus routes, and other relevant factors. \$4,316,885 is budgeted for various Capital and Maintenance Works.

Gravel Sheeting

- Bonnie Rock-Lake Brown Road
- Moondon Road
- Quanta Cutting North Road
- Popes Hill South Road
- Cookinbin Road
- Davis Road
- Sprigg Road
- Morrison Road
- Sheardown Road
- Wymond Road
- Motts Alley
- Mukinbudin North-East Road

Road Reconstruction:

- Koorda-Bullfinch Road
- Nungarin North Road

Burning Period for 2024-25 Bush Fire Season

Restricted and Prohibited Burning Periods may be extended at the discretion of the Council, and/or Chief Bush Fire Control Officer. Please check whether a Fire Permit is required prior to burning.

Restricted Burning Periods

(Burning Permit Required)

19 September to 31 October

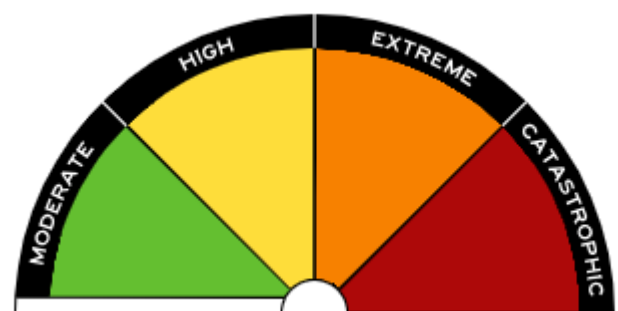
21 February to 31 March

Prohibited Burning Periods

(No Burning Permitted)

1 November to 20 February

The Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) levels are:



MODERATE

Plan and prepare

HIGH

Be ready to act

EXTREME

Take action now to protect life and property

CATASTROPHIC

For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas



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The Council

The Council convenes on the third Tuesday of every month, excluding January, to deliberate on local and regional issues which are important to the community. The Council consists of seven Councillors who represent the District.

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