

INTEREST ON OVERDUE RATES AND CHARGES

An annual interest rate of 11%, calculated on a daily basis will apply to all overdue rates. If no election has been made to pay by instalment, interest on unpaid rates will accrue after 35 days from issue of rates notice. Penalty interest of 5.5% is also charged for late payments on instalments.

ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

Ratepayers experiencing difficulty in paying rates and charges are asked to contact Council's Admin/Customer Service Officer as soon as possible before the due date to discuss alternative arrangements (e.g. Centrelink deductions). Special payment plans may be able to be arranged to suit your situation.

OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS

Appeals can be lodged against the accuracy of Council's rating details or the rating valuations used in assessing rates. The appeal procedures vary but do not negate the normal responsibility to meet payment within the prescribed time limits. The Valuation of Land Act sets out the manner in which objections may be instituted as regards valuations. Objections must be lodged with the Valuer General's Office within 60 days of the issue of a Notice of Valuation and Rate. Regardless, rates must be paid, but are subject to adjustment if an objection is successful. Further information regarding rate valuations and lodging an objection can be found on the Rates link on the Shire website www.threesprings.wa.gov.au

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR OWNERSHIP

It is a responsibility of the owner to ensure that the Shire is notified in writing within 22 days of the sale/disposal of property. Advice as to changes of address are necessary to ensure correct service of rates notices.

RATE NOTICE QUERIES AND PENSIONER ELIGIBILITY

If you have any queries relating to your rate notice or would like to know more about pensioner eligibility please contact us.

EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY

The Emergency Services Levy (ESL) is a State Government charge applicable to all properties in WA, which is invoiced and collected by local governments on behalf of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES). The ESL provides the majority of funding required for career and volunteer Fire & Emergency Service brigades, DFES multi-function brigades/units, Bush Fire brigades and State Emergency Service units.

The amount of ESL to be collected, and the applicable rates and charging parameters, are declared annually by the Minister for Emergency Services.

For more information please refer to the ESL section of the DFES website www.dfes.wa.gov.au or call 1300 136 099.

KEY PEOPLE

Shire President

Cr Chris Lane current term ends 2025

Deputy Shire President

Cr Nadine Eva current term ends 2027

Shire Councillors

Cr Jenny Mutter current term ends 2025

Cr Jim Heal current term ends 2025

Cr Julia Ennor current term ends 2027

Cr Chris Connaughton current term ends 2027

Cr Zac Mills current term ends 2027

Senior Staff

Krys East Temporary Chief Executive Officer

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SHIRE OF THREE SPRINGS

2025/2026 BUDGET

- Rating information
- Where your rates go
- Budget highlights and capital works expenditure



RATING INFORMATION

Council has resolved not to increase the rate in the dollar for the 2025/26 financial year across all categories. However, due to a 22.12% increase in property values for Rural and Arrino Town, the rate in the dollar for this category has been reduced to lessen the impact on affected ratepayers. Minimum rates have been increased across all categories to ensure that every ratepayer contributes fairly towards the cost of providing Shire services.



REFUSE COLLECTION CHARGES

The rubbish removal charges has been set at \$375.71 per 240 litre bin. Commercial bin charges have also increased to \$1579.35 for a 1,500 litre bin and \$2,762.13 for a 3,000 litre bin.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Option 1: Payment in full by a single instalment
Due date is 8 October 2025

Option 2: Payment by four equal instalments (plus interest and administration charge of \$45)

- 1.Instalment Due Date: 8 October 2025
- 2.Instalment Due Date: 15 December 2025
- 3.Instalment Due Date: 19 February 2026
- 4.Instalment Due Date: 27 April 2026

Option 2 is only available if previous rates have been paid in full. Rubbish charges are spread over all instalments.

Note: if first payment is not received within 35 days of issue date, the instalment option cannot be utilised. Administration charges do not apply to pension card holders.

Payment can be made via bank transfer, EFTPOS, Cheque or Cash. Please refer to the rate notice for details.

OBJECT OF RATES

The Shire of Three Springs works to keep our community running smoothly by providing and maintaining services such as roads, recreation, community facilities, town planning, public health, environmental protection, and waste collection. The rates you pay help fund these essential services.

KEY BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- \$7.1M for capital road works – mainly grant-funded (\$6.5M), including Arrino West Road, Perenjori–Three Springs Road, Dudawa Road and Three Springs–Eneabba Road. A further \$870k is allocated for maintenance on both gravel and sealed roads as well as drainage.
- \$2.5M for building capital works – including \$1M for the Duffy Store restoration (subject to \$900k grant funding), Pavilion changeroom renovations with electrical upgrade, and \$600k for new housing funded from Shire reserves.
- \$41k for a new footpath between the medical centre and hospital as well as maintenance on existing footpaths.
- \$150k for events to support community wellbeing, cultural development, and regional promotion.
- \$100k for replacing the Pavilion playground (includes fencing and shade).
- \$125k for improving parks and gardens. Includes solar lighting at Dominican Park, landscaping various areas on Railway Street, installation of drinking fountains, and the creation of a dog safe off-leash area.
- \$18k for pest control – including a mosquito fogger, potential pigeon sterilisation program, and continued Corella management.
- \$40k for solar installation at the Three Springs Aquatic Centre.
- \$50k for website update and rebranding, to improve communication between the Shire and community and promote Three Springs.
- Last year, the Incident Control Centre build and associated fitout with facilities for community meetings, training and conferences was commenced. This year will see this project completed. This is grant funded.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM AND HOW IS IT SPENT?

