

BUDGET 2026/27

AT A GLANCE



SHIRE PRESIDENT MESSAGE

This year's budget reflects the Shire of Exmouth's ongoing commitment to delivering essential services and maintaining infrastructure, while planning responsibly for Exmouth's future.

The Shire has worked hard alongside Council to deliver a balanced budget that responds to community expectations, supports the services our town relies on, and maintains a strong alignment with our Strategic Community Plan 2023-2033.

Rising costs and the impact of Tropical Cyclone Narelle have been taken into consideration, with the pressure from inflation on households and businesses also in mind. Council carefully considered community feedback received during the advertised rates consultation period. As a result, the adopted Residential Rate in the Dollar reflects a lower increase than advertised of 3.75%.

This outcome demonstrates Council's commitment to listening to the community while ensuring the organisation can continue to meet its service delivery, infrastructure responsibilities and create a place residents are proud to live in.

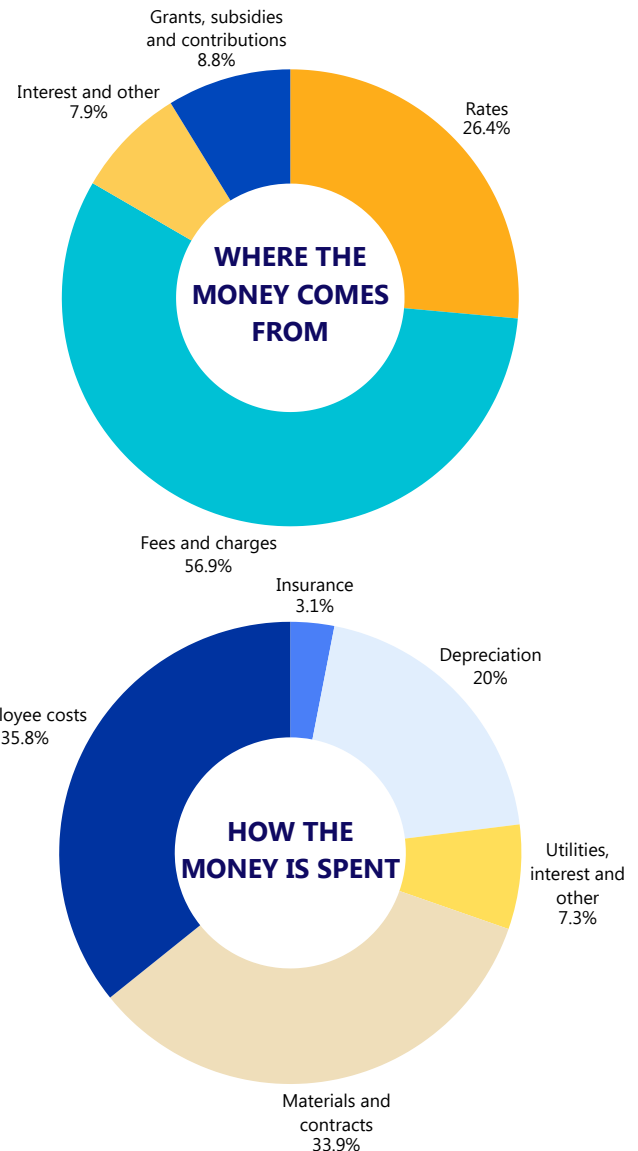
The 2026/27 Annual Budget includes total revenue of \$24 million, with \$2.1 million sourced from grants, subsidies and contributions, and \$13.9 million from fees and charges.

Rate revenue makes up less than 30% of the Shire's total revenue, with these funds helping to deliver key services, infrastructure and facilities across Exmouth. Rate revenue represents a meaningful contribution from property owners, which Council carefully considers as part of each budget process. Where possible, grant funding, fees and charges, and other revenue sources are allocated first to reduce reliance on rates.

The Shire continues to work diligently to retain a stable workforce and deliver on projects, services and community expectations. Employee costs account for 35% of the budget, while materials and contracts account for 34%, reflecting the high cost of delivering services and maintaining assets in our regional location.

We remain committed to a transparent approach to financial planning. Council appreciates the continued support, feedback and contribution of the Exmouth community, residents and ratepayers, who remain a key part of this ongoing journey.

Shire President
Matt Niikkula



\$6M CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM



AVIATION

\$715,000



INFRASTRUCTURE

\$3,128,133



EQUIPMENT

\$1,479,274



COMMUNITY

\$552,000



Explore the details

For the full budget report, project details and supporting documents, visit the Annual Budget page on the Shire of Exmouth website.

As part of the budget process, the proposed differential rates and minimum payments were publicly advertised. Electors and ratepayers were invited to make submissions over a period of 21 days between 11 June 2026 and 3 July 2026. At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 23 July 2026, Council resolved to alter the advertised rate in the dollar in response to rising costs, effects of Tropical Cyclone Narelle, and in consideration of submissions made. The final adopted rate in the dollar and minimum payments are detailed below.

Rates are calculated based on each property's valuation and rating category. Properties are categorised in accordance with the Shire's Statement of Rating Objects and Reasons 2026/27 Financial Year. The Shire's differential rating categories help ensure different property types contribute in a way that reflects their use and impact on local services and infrastructure.

Council acknowledges the financial pressures currently being experienced by many households and businesses. In response, Council has again agreed to waive the administration charge and instalment interest charge for ratepayers who choose to pay their rates through one of the available instalment options.

This means ratepayers can choose to pay their rates across the provided instalment dates throughout the year without being charged additional instalment administration or instalment interest fees, helping to provide greater flexibility and support for household and business budgeting.

To learn more about the Rates in the Shire of Exmouth, visit www.exmouth.wa.gov.au/council/publications/rates

Rate Category	Rate in the \$	Minimum Payment \$
GRV Residential	0.0763	1500
GRV Business/Other	0.0916	1500
GRV Accommodation General	0.1100	1500
GRV Holiday Homes /Accommodation Marina	0.1145	1500
GRV Vacant Land	0.1526	1500
UV Rural	0.1111	1500
UV Mining/Aquaculture	0.2222	490
Specified Area Rates		
GRV Specified Area Rate	0.0170	N/A

PLANNING TODAY, SHAPING TOMORROW

The Shire of Exmouth is preparing a new Local Planning Strategy and Local Planning Scheme.

These two documents provide the basis for all future land use planning and development in the Shire and are relevant to all ratepayers; the documents create the blueprint for all your individual property aspirations and for the management of the environmental areas, commercial activity and community infrastructure amongst other things.

We encourage you to get involved in the consultation when it commences in September 2026.

To make sure you hear directly from us when it commences, register your details by visiting www.exmouth.wa.gov.au or scan the QR Code:

