

The Shire continues to provide vital community services to the Shire of Merredin’s residents. These services span across the areas of infrastructure, corporate and community, and include maintenance of parks, gardens, cemeteries, roads and footpaths, waste collection, provision of sporting facilities, tourism, entertainment and library services, and provision of planning, environmental health and building services.

Every \$100 spent by the Shire this year includes:

 Transport	\$29.65	Law, Order, & Public Safety	\$4.82
 Recreation and Culture	\$33.06	 Housing	\$2.54
 Community Amenities	\$11.24	 Other Funding	\$2.04
 Economic Services	\$5.99	 Health	\$1.32
 Governance	\$5.46	 Education & Welfare	\$3.84

In addition, the Shire will also be completing a number of major projects this financial year including:



\$250k King Street Bridge Repair



\$1.5m Burracoppin South Road Improvements



\$40k CCTV Project



\$155k Cummins Theatre Capital Works



\$280k Footpath Upgrades



\$40k Newfields Carpark Repairs



\$642k Plant & Fleet Renewals



\$26k upgrades to Senior Citizens Centre and 25k upgrades to Burracoppin Sports Pavillion



\$5.2m total Road Network Upgrades



\$600k MRCLC Capital Projects



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An extraordinary local government election to fill one (1) councillor vacancy will take place on Thursday 24 September 2026. For more information, please visit -> bit.ly/merredinelections



RATES INFORMATION

2026/27

YOUR RATES

In 2026/27, Council resolved to adopt a rating system as follows



What You Pay

Gross Rental Value (Town Site)	Minimum Rate	Rate in the \$
GRV	\$960	0.123853
Unimproved Value (Rural)		
UV1—Rural	\$1,190	0.010194
UV2—Urban Rural	\$1,190	0.020300
UV3—Mining	\$200	0.020000
UV4—Special Use Power Generation	\$1,190	0.020388
UV5—Special Use Airstrip	\$1,190	0.018491

The Shire applies a differential rating system based on the zoning and land use of a property in accordance with State Planning Legislation and the Local Planning Scheme. The Rate in the Dollar for each category is applied in order to levy a rate aligned with the impact on the Shire of servicing these properties. The minimum rate recognises that all ratepayers have an equal opportunity to enjoy the facilities and services provided by the Shire, regardless of the value of their property.

YOUR RATES

Due Dates

The 2026/27 rates are due by 11 September 2026 if paying in full. Alternatively, if you have elected to pay in instalments, an interest rate of 5.5% will be imposed with the due dates provided in the table to the right.

Please contact the Shire if you are having difficulty making the payment dates. If you do not, an interest rate of 8% will be imposed and legal action may be taken if payments are not paid on time.

First Instalment:	11 September 2026
Second Instalment:	13 November 2026
Third Instalment:	15 January 2027
Fourth Instalment:	19 March 2027

YOUR RATES

How to Pay

Rates may be paid in any of the following ways;

- In person at the Shire Administration Building
- By cheque in the Mail to PO Box 42, Merredin
- Online via BPay

Please refer to your rates notice for full details about how to pay your rates.

Eligible pensioners and seniors who wish to avail themselves of the Government’s pensioner rate rebate scheme must apply to do so within 35 days from the issue of the rates notice and must pay the balance of the rates within the particular year the rates were levied.

Sign up to receive your rates notice electronically via email from 2026/27 onwards by completing the form located on the Rates & Financial page on the Shire of Merredin website. By submitting this form, you acknowledge that all future rate notices for your property will be received electronically by email ONLY.



YOUR RATES

Capital Projects

ROADS: In partnership with the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program, the Shire is finalising the reconstruction of Crooks Road to improve movement in and around the Cooperative Bulk Handling Grain Facility. The budget for improvements to this road in the 2026/27 is \$1.02m, which has been carried forward from the previous financial year. It is expected the project will be completed by 31 August 2026.

Burracoppin South Road will also receive works to make the road safer for heavy vehicles and community members alike. It is anticipated that these works will cost around \$1.5 million dollars.

The bridge on King Street will be replaced due to issues identified with its foundations. These works are likely to be in excess of \$250k.

Throssell Road, Kitchener Road and Woolgar Avenue will receive sealing works to improve their surfaces.
Please Note - The Great Eastern Hwy, Bruce Rock-Merredin Rd and Merredin-Nungarin Rd are under the jurisdiction of Main Roads WA. Issues with these roads should be reported to them directly. Contact their Northam Office on 9622 4777.

FOOTPATHS: The Shire will be completing footpath works on Mitchell and Cummings Streets, and has allocated an additional \$200k for other footpath repairs and/or replacements throughout the year.

Want to report an issue with a road or footpath? The easiest way to do this is to report through our website by visiting bit.ly/reportanissuetoshire

To read more about capital projects scheduled for 2026/27, please see the back page of this newsletter.

YOUR WASTE

Merredin Landfill Site

- TIP PASSES:** Changes made to the tip pass procedure last financial year remain effective this financial year.
- ▶ **Pass Validity:** Your blue tip pass continues to roll over into the new financial year, provided the first instalment of your rates notice is paid by the due date. The allows for the disposal of up to 1 cubic metre of waste.
 - ▶ **Payment Delay:** If your initial rate payment is not made by 11 September 2026, your tip pass will be invalidated. Once payment is received, your tip pass validity will be reinstated. Please allow approximately 48 hours for online payments to be processed and updated in our system.
 - ▶ **Replacement Passes:** Each financial year, you are entitled to one free replacement tip pass. Subsequent replacements will incur a fee of \$12.30. ***To request a replacement tip pass, please visit the Shire Administration Building, or email admin@merredin.wa.gov.au with your name, postal address and assessment number.***
 - ▶ **Limited Use:** Your tip pass will only allow **12 free visits** to the tip in each financial year for the disposal of residential waste (other than items listed separately as incurring charges in the Shire of Merredin Fees and Charges). This decision has been made to due to the misuse of tip passes of the previous financial years and to ensure that sustainability and efficiency of the landfill facility. After the 12th use, charges will apply.
 - ▶ **Uncontaminated Green Watse:** In 2026/27 all **UNCONTAMINATED** green waste taken to the tip will be free of charge and will NOT use one of the 12 available tip entries for ratepayers and residents. For a complete list of items you can dispose of for free, please visit bit.ly/merredinwastemanagement.
 - ▶ **Exception for Rural/Farm properties:** Rural/Farm properties with a residence located on them that are not serviced by the weekly Avon Waste bin service may apply for an increase to 52 visits for the disposal of residential general waste and CONTAMINATED green waste. To apply please complete the form on the Shire’s website.

TIP OPENING HOURS: **Monday - Friday | 8:00am - 12:00pm and 12:30pm - 3:00pm**
Saturday - Sunday & Public Holidays | 10:00am - 3:00pm

TIP SHOP: For individuals interested in contributing items to the Tip Shop, please seek approval from the gatehouse operator. Upon approval, you will be directed to the designated unloading area. For more information about the Merredin Tip Shop, please visit bit.ly/merredinwastemanagement.

YOUR WASTE

Bin Collections

Weekly waste and fortnightly recycling collections are conducted throughout the town sites in the Shire of Merredin. Your 2026/27 recycling collection calendar has been included with this notice. Please note: recycling is collected every second week. The map below will assist you to identify which week your collection is due.

Note - recyclables including cardboard and scrap metal can be taken to the Merredin landfill site during open hours if a recycling service is not available to you, e.g. those based on rural properties.



YOUR PROPERTY

Burning Information

During the **Restricted Burning** period you may burn, but only with a permit obtained from a local Fire Control Officer. During **Prohibited Burning**, you may not burn at all and in some cases, a Harvest & Vehicle Movement Ban (Shire) or a Total Fire Ban (DFES) may be imposed which will mean certain activities, such as harvesting, may not be undertaken. ***For further information, please see the 2026/27 Firebreak and Burning Notice enclosed with your Rates. Please note, the dates printed in the 2026/27 Firebreak Notice have been updated. The new dates are as below.***

Note - Burning period times may be changed should dry periods persist. Advertisement of the change of period dates will occur in the Phoenix, on the Shire website and on Shire social media.

RESTRICTED BURNING PERIODS	PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD
16 September 2026 - 31 October 2026 17 February 2027 - 16 March 2027	1 November 2026 - 16 February 2027

YOUR ANIMALS

Registration Fees

All dogs over the age of 3 months old, and cats over 6 months within the Shire of Merredin must be registered, sterilised and microchipped. See registration prices below.

Sterilised	1 year ▶ \$20	3 years ▶ \$42.50	Lifetime ▶ \$100
Not sterilised	1 year ▶ \$50	3 years ▶ \$120	Lifetime ▶ \$250