



# Shire of Three Springs

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BUDGET 2023-2024





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If you have specific questions or suggestions for your councillors, please feel free to contact them directly using the contact details provided.

## SHIRE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Welcome to the Shire of Three Springs Annual Budget Brochure for 2023-24.*

Three Springs 2023-24 Annual Budget is a balanced budget with spending on roads, both town & rural, community infrastructure and tourism.

This year will see rate revenue increase from \$2.317M to \$2.703M due primarily to an increase in the UV Rural revaluations undertaken by the State Valuer General.

Rates are calculated by multiplying the rate in the dollar (set by the Shire) by your property valuation (set by the Valuer-General). If your home's potential rental return increases faster than your neighbours, you will pay a higher rate. This changes yearly, which is why your rates may go up or down or stay the same.

This financial year differential rating has been imposed. The rate in the dollar for UV Rural & Arrino Town, will be reduced from 1.2917 to 1.1500. The reduction is due to a 30% increase in the UV Rural valuation as supplied by the Valuer General. UV Mining will increase to 6.0800. Ministerial approval was sought and received to impose these rates.

The Rate in the dollar for GRV TS Town will remain at 12.7549. GRV Mining will increase to 23.9212, which is the same rate that was imposed in 2018/19.

The minimum remains at \$500 on each categories.

The Shire's Annual Budget will be set at nearly \$14 million, and will include a Capital Works Program of over \$9.6 million.

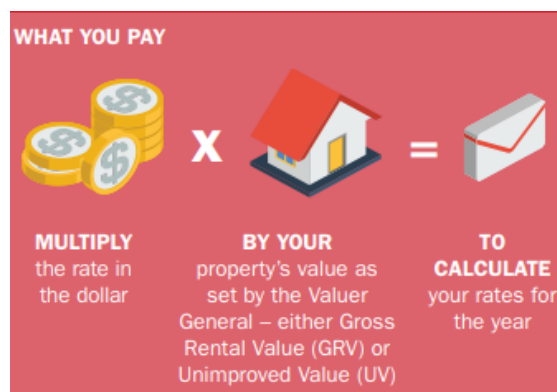
I would like to thank the Shire staff and Councillors for their dedication and hard work in preparing the Annual Budget for 2023/24.

The 2023/24 Budget is aligned to the directives of the Community Strategic Plan and the

Corporate Business Plan. This includes typical maintenance associated with roads, buildings, cemeteries, parks & gardens, and an extensive capital works program.

The capital work program focuses on:

- road works \$2.4M (\$550k carried over from 2022/23)
- installation of drinking fountains at the Dominican Park and Jack Thorpe Garden
- renovation of cemetery assets
- Duffy Store Project (subject to grant approval)
- Completion of the renovations at the Three Springs community hall (funded by a LRCIP grant). Further funding will be used to ensure the hall can be utilised as an Emergency Evacuation Centre by providing independent water, power and communication equipment at this facility in the event of a disaster as experienced recently with Cyclone Seroja.
- Netball court resurfacing and lighting upgrade (funded by a LRCIP grant)
- \$10k for new gym equipment
- continued development of Lovelocks Soak

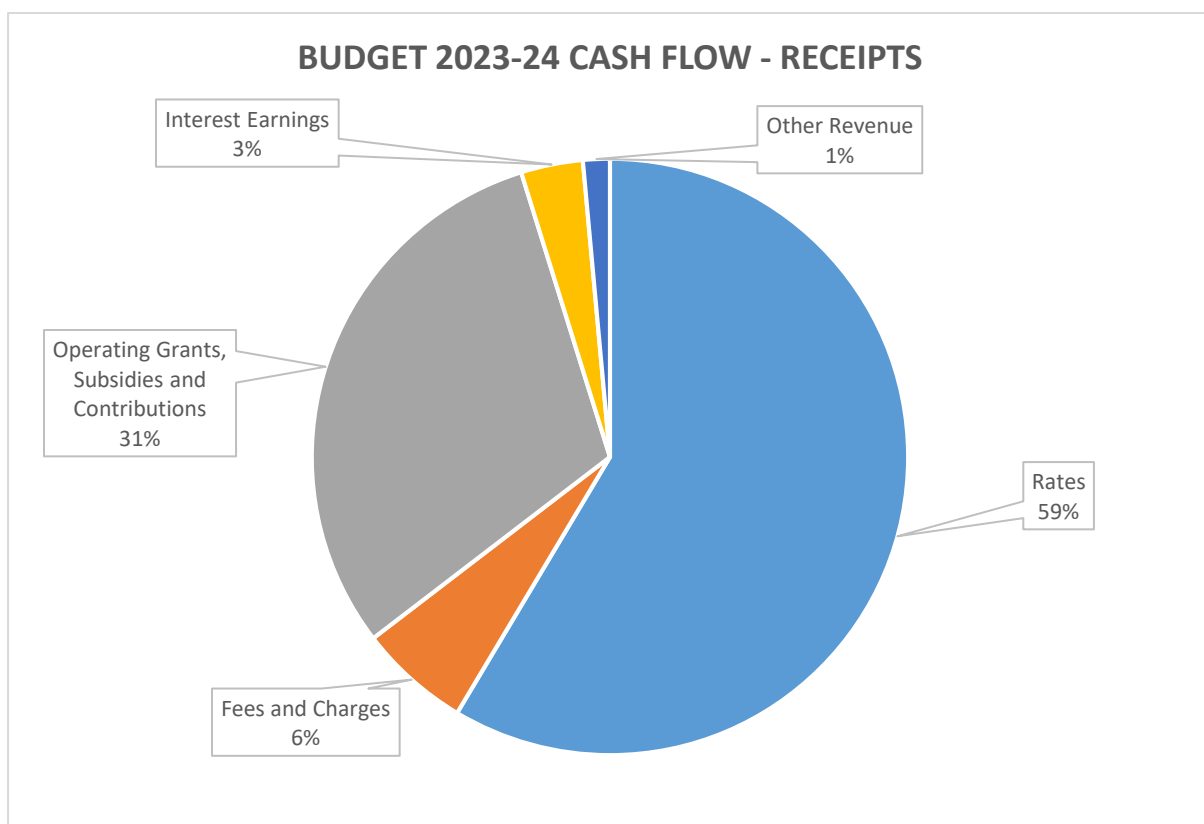


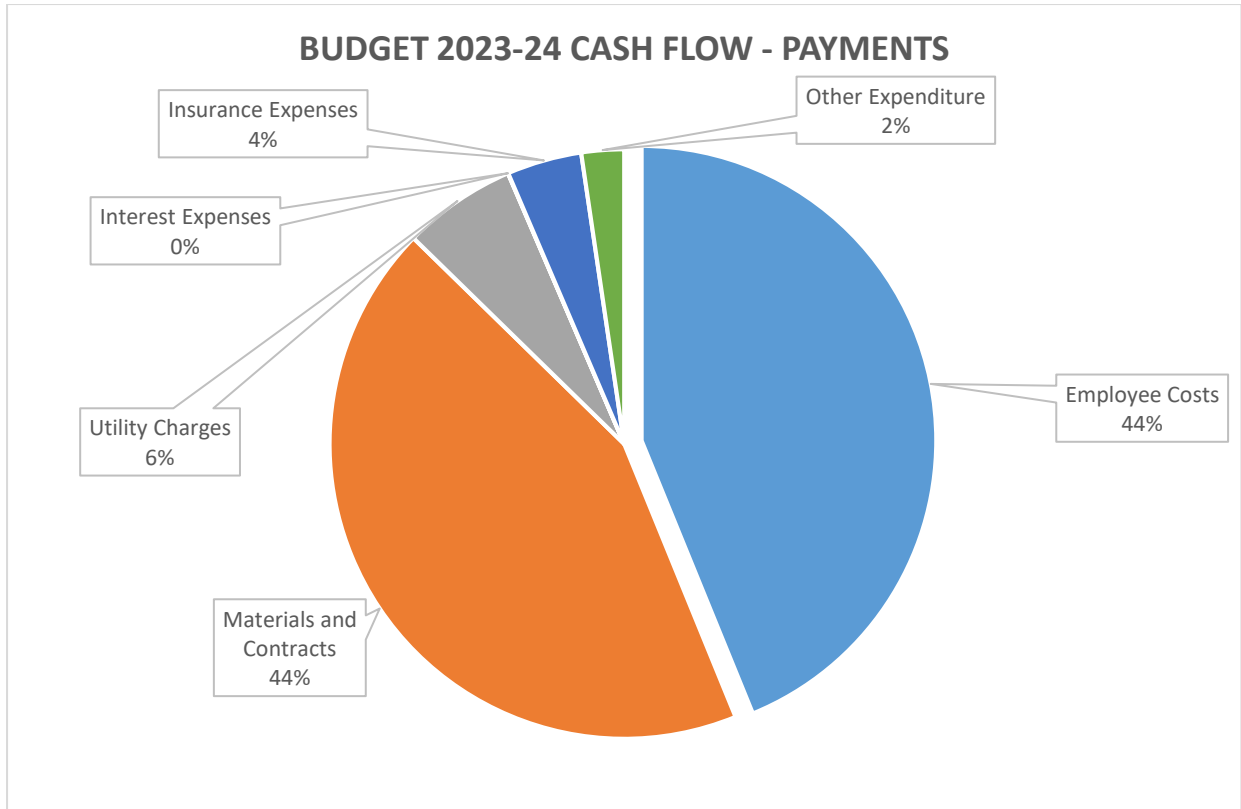
- Almost \$600k to upgrade/renew staff housing.

- Improved CCTV coverage at various locations
- Swimming Pool upgrades include renewal of the pool basin, improved access to toddler pool and solar panel installation to reduce operating costs.
- depot plant and equipment (including replacing of the existing grader and roller)

Lastly, I would like to extend my gratitude to the wider community for your encouragement and support over the past 12 months and into the next. We are in this together, and together we will forge ahead.

*Cr Chris Lane*  
*Shire President*





## Rates

Different rate levels are charged for residential and rural properties. Rates are calculated to provide the income needed to fund the 2023/24 Budget, after considering all other revenue sources for the Council.



### **What do the different rate levels mean to you?**

**If you own property in town** – The rate level for Three Springs Town remains the same as in 2022/23.

**As an owner of rural land or Arrino Townsite** – There are properties in the Council that fall into a Unimproved Value Rural and Arrino Town category. The rate level for this category has been reduced to offset an overall increase of 30% of land value as determined by the General Valuer Office.

**As an owner of Mining Operations/Lease** Mining falls into two categories, UV Mining and GRV Mining. The only property that is classified within the Shire as GRV Mining is the Talc Mine located 15 kms from town.

All other Mining operations, regardless of whether granted as a Mining, Prospecting or



Exploration Lease are rated as UV Mining and are charged at the same rate in the dollar. The associated rates differ due to the application of the value supplied by the Valuer Generals Office.

**Minimum payment** – Minimum payments are set in recognition that every property receives some minimum level of benefit from works, services and facilities provided by the Council. The minimum payment for 2023/24 is \$500.00.



## Yearly Fees

Yearly fees are clearly outlined on your Rate Notice and may include:

**Refuse Charge** – To cover the collection of bins (household) and bulk waste. For further information regarding Waste Management contact the Council on 9954 1001.

**Emergency Services Levy (ESL)** – This levy is charged to all property owners in Western Australia to fund fire and emergency services in the region.

The Council is required to collect this levy on behalf of the State Government Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) in order to fund Western Australia's (WA) fire and emergency services.

Further information about this charge can be found on the DFES website at [dfes.wa.gov.au](https://dfes.wa.gov.au)



## Payment Options

You have two different options for paying your rates:

1. In full within 35 days
2. By instalment

### 1) Paying in full within 35 days

You can opt to pay your rates within 35 days of issue of your Rate Notice. The due date is listed on your Rate Notice.

### 2) Instalment options

Paying by instalment enables you to break your rates up into two or four smaller payments over a longer period of time. Please note that fees apply for paying your rates by instalment.

The instalment options and conditions are on your Rate Notice.

If an instalment amount is overpaid or accidentally paid more than once, the overpaid amount can simply be credited towards your next instalment. If you wish the amount to be refunded to you, please contact the Shire Administration office.

Please note: If any two consecutive instalments remain unpaid, the Council may request payment of the balance in full and take steps to recover the outstanding balance via legal action if necessary.

## Experiencing financial difficulty?

The Council has an established process to assist ratepayers in financial difficulty, as outlined in the Rates Hardship Policy. For

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further information call Rating Services on 9954 1001.

For more information on rates visit the Shire of Three Springs website:

<https://www.threesprings.wa.gov.au/index.php/services/rates>



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