

Payment of Rates

You may choose one of the following methods for payment of rates:

1. In person

Simply present your account with payment to the cashier at Council's Office, 13 Smith Street, Longford between 9.00 am & 4.30 pm (EFTPOS available)

2. Phone

You can pay via credit card over the phone by calling BPoint Bill Payment Service on 1300 886 451, or Service Tas on 1300 729 859. Please have your credit card ready.

3. Online

Visit www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au for secure online credit card payments.

4. Service Tasmania

Simply present your account with payment at any Service Tasmania Shop during opening hours.

5. Australia Post

Visit any Post Office. Credit card payments not accepted.

6. BPAY

Contact your financial institution to make payment from your account. Please quote your biller code and customer reference number.

7. Credit Card

Complete the authority on the reverse side of the rate notice and return it to the Northern Midlands Council, P O Box 156, Longford 7301.

8. Mail

If you wish to pay by mail, simply forward your cheque marked "not negotiable", or money order, to Northern Midlands Council, P O Box 156, Longford 7301.

9. Direct Debit

Direct debit facilities are available for payment of rates. Please call 03 6397 7303 for details. The application form is also available online.



Pensioner Rate Remissions

As at 1 July 2021, pensioners are entitled to a State Government rebate of 30 percent on Council Rates, up to \$479, or up to a maximum of \$326 if you are also a TasWater customer. This applies only to pensioner's principal place of residence, provided they satisfy the requirements of the State Government.

A remission is available to a person holding a:

- Pensioner Concession Card (PCC);
- Veterans Affairs Gold Card (TPP); or
- Health Care Card (HCC) (but excludes Senior Health Card).

Council deducts previously eligible Pensioner Remissions from rates prior to issuing notices, but requires new pensioners, pensioners who have recently relocated to our municipal area, or any pensioner who believes they should have been eligible for a Rate Remission, to complete an application form.

Payment Arrangements

1. Lump Sum

Payment may be made in one sum of the total Rates & Charges by 31 August 2021. A discount of 0.5% (on current rates & charges) will be given to ratepayers paying by the one sum payment method.

2. Instalments

Rates may be paid in three (3) equal instalments by:

- 31 August 2021;
- 30 November 2021, and
- 28 February 2022.

Discount Interest & Penalty

Ratepayers are encouraged to take advantage of a 0.5% discount which is allowed on rates and charges paid in full within thirty (30) days of issue (until 31 August 2021).

Should any instalment not be paid by the due date, Council may require payment of the full amount due.

Rates & Charges not paid before the due date will attract:

- A daily interest charge of 0.0178% (6.5% per annum) after 30 September 2021
- A 5% penalty on the total outstanding as at 1 April 2022.

Dog Registrations

All dogs over six months of age must be registered before 31 August 2021. A late payment fee applies for registrations paid after this date.

Under the provisions of the Dog Control Act 2000, a person who keeps more than two dogs on any premises (in the case of working dogs, four dogs) is required to apply for a Licence. Details are available from Customer Service Staff.

New Dog Registration or Renewal Forms detailing fees applicable are included with the Rates Notice, and additional copies are available at the Council Office.

Councillors

- Mayor Mary Knowles OAM - 0408 766 625
- Deputy Mayor Richard Goss - 0427 514 804
- Cr Janet Lambert - 0418 555 643
- Cr Andrew Calvert - 0418 130 155
- Cr Ian Goninon - 0409 700 099
- Cr Jan Davis - 0409 004 228
- Cr Matthew Brooks - 0407 911 826
- Cr Dick Adams OAM - 0418 132 828
- Cr Michael Polley AM - 0418 125 234

Northern Midlands Council

13 Smith Street, P O Box 156
Longford TAS 7301
Tel: 6397 7303
Tel: (South—local call) 6391 5566

Works Depot

13 Goderich Street, Longford
Tel: 6397 7303

After Hours Emergency Number

Animal Control: 0419 358 395
Other: 0418 573 389

Non urgent Customer Requests accepted via Council's website or call our Customer Service Team.

www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au



Rates & Charges Guide 2021/2022



Budget & Rates

Northern Midlands Council presented its 2021/2022 Municipal Budget to the community at its meeting on 28th June 2021 which was framed to commence recovery from the social and financial shock caused by the COVID19 pandemic affecting the community at large.

This year Council will deliver a very small operating surplus with a 3.3% increase in the General Rate, and a 10% increase in Waste Management charges.

The adopted operating budget for 2021/2022 has total revenue of \$31.1 million including capital grant funding of \$10.1 million to put towards an economy stimulating Capital Works Program totalling \$20.4 million.

Only a small amount of new initiatives were added this year, including a Climate Change Emergency strategy/ action plan, support for some Northern Midlands Business Association project initiatives, town promotion videos and banners, and additional staff resources including trainees in engineering, construction, administration and development.

Council's emphasis in 2021/2022 is to continue to deliver major capital works items, including:

- Commence construction of the new Perth Childcare Centre \$2.6m;
- Commence construction of Longford Memorial Hall improvements \$1.8m;
- Continuation of the Cressy Recreation Ground amenities upgrade \$0.9m;
- Continuation of the Cressy Pool Complex improvements \$0.8m;
- Reconstruct sections of Barton Road, and Glen Esk Road \$0.9m;
- Design and commencement of the Main Street Streetscape improvements at Campbell Town, Longford and Perth \$2.5m;
- Continuation of the urban street footpath program \$0.76m;
- Construction of a footbridge to extend the Perth Riverbank Reserve \$0.27m;
- Construction of a stormwater detention basin at Translink \$0.25m;
- Completion of the Longford Sports Centre lift and level 1 fitout \$0.21m;
- Provision of irrigation for the Campbell Town Recreation Ground \$0.16m;
- Completion of the Ross Village Green \$0.16m; and
- Perth Train Park playground upgrade \$0.15m.

Council has allocated \$60,000 of community funding for the Special Community Infrastructure Grants Program and \$75,000 for the Special Event Grants Program.

Rates & Charges 2021/2022

The following Rates & Charges apply in accordance with Council resolution dated 28 June 2021. Rates are calculated on each property's Assessed Annual Value (AAV) which is the rental value determined by the Valuer General. The municipal area was revalued in 2019, with only supplementary maintenance adjustments during 2020 & 2021.

General Rates	Cents in \$AAV	Minimum
Industrial	9.37	\$329
Public Purpose	8.65	\$329
Quarries or mining	8.44	\$329
Commercial	7.21	\$515
Residential	7.21	\$515
Sport & Recreation	6.99	\$329
Residential Rural	6.49	\$515
Residential low density	6.49	\$515
Vacant land	5.05	\$329
Primary Production	4.15	\$329
Fire Levy		
Volunteer Rate	0.372	\$42
General Rate	0.375	\$42
Waste Management		Charge
140 litre mobile garbage bin		\$126
240 litre mobile garbage bin		\$189
Additional recycle service		\$90
On-site Disposal		
On-site disposal system		\$659

Emailing of Rate Notices

The most efficient way to receive rate notices is by email. Please download a registration form by visiting Council's website or contact Customer Service on 6397 7303.

All Local Government rates are GST exempt.

General Rate

Council varies the General Rate pursuant to Section 107 of the Local Government Act 1993, by reason of use or zone of the land. The General Rate applies to each parcel of land separately valued under the Valuation of Land Act 2001, except for those exempt by statute.

Fire Levy

The Fire Levy collected on behalf of the State Government in 2021/2022 amounts to \$644,912. The basis on which the fire service is varied, is the location of the land within the volunteer brigade district comprising of Cressy, Campbell Town, Longford, Perth & Evandale urban areas, and the general district, comprising of all other land. There is a minimum charge of \$42 per property.

Waste Management

A fortnightly waste and recycling collection service is provided for residential and some rural properties. An additional waste collection will be provided during the Christmas/New Year period, which will result in collections for 3 consecutive weeks during this period. A collection calendar is available for your convenience. Property owners may request an additional service or change the size of a bin by completing a form available from the Customer Service Staff on 63977303.

On-site Waste Disposal

An onsite disposal charge of \$659 applies where Council provides management of on-site wastewater management systems installed on private properties.

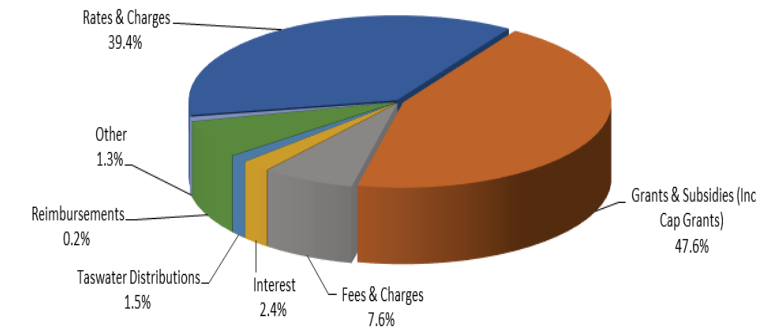
Please Note

Forms for Pensioner Applications, Dog Registrations and special payment arrangements will only be accepted at Council's office in Longford or at Service Tasmania.

Rates Enquiries

If you have any queries regarding your Rate Notice or calculation of rates, please do not hesitate to contact Customer Service on 6397 7303.

Budgeted Income Breakdown 2021/2022



Budgeted Expenditure Breakdown 2021/2022

