

INVESTING IN THE HEART OF OUR TOWNS AND COUNTRY ROADS

Roads, Streetscapes and Services Set to Grow in 2025-26 Budget

NORTHERN MIDLANDS 2025–2026 BUDGET

Focus on infrastructure and community investment

Northern Midlands Council has adopted a \$35.6 million Budget for the 2025–2026 financial year, with a continued commitment to delivering vital infrastructure and strengthening local communities.

The approved Budget includes a modest 5.5% general rates increase, alongside a 10% rise in kerbside waste collection charges. For the average residential property, this equates to an average increase of around \$110 per year, or just over \$2 per week.

The Budget balances essential services delivery with a strategic approach to long-term sustainability. It allows Council to continue upgrading infrastructure, meet growing demands on services, and maintain our commitment to community wellbeing. The Budget also addresses rising costs in materials, services, labour growth and asset depreciation.

Council will deliver an operating Budget with an underlying deficit of \$1.16 million, which it considers manageable and aims to reduce in coming years.

KEY BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Capital works

- Roads - \$14.35 million
- Footpaths - \$1.3
- Bridge replacement \$3.53
- Stormwater projects - \$1.22 million
- Community building improvements - \$1.76 million
- Recreation facilities improvements - \$1.71 million
- Vehicle fleet replacement - \$1.07 million
- New plant & equipment - \$295,000
- New information technology & other equipment \$301,500

Major projects

- Campbell Town and Perth Urban Main Street Improvement projects
- Bridge/culvert upgrades over Sheepwash Creek at Perth
- Longford and Breadalbane pathway projects
- Reconstruction of sections of Ashby Road
- Detention Basin extensions at Translink Industrial Estate
- Development of Napoleon Street Playground

FIRE LEVY AND PENSIONER DISCOUNTS

The State Government's Fire Protection Levy will also increase this year. Northern Midlands Council will collect \$798,430 on behalf of the State Fire Commission – a 6% increase from last year. The minimum fire levy charge is \$50.

Eligible pensioners may continue to access State Government rate discounts of up to 30%, capped at:

- \$566 for non-TasWater customers
- \$385 for TasWater customers

The concession applies to the principal place of residence as of 1 July 2025, and eligibility includes holders of a Pension Concession Card (PCC), Veterans Affairs Gold Card (TPP), or Health Care Card (HCC). Senior Card holders are not eligible.

Those who received a concession last year and remain eligible will see the rebate applied automatically. New applicants can apply online via www.nmc.tas.gov.au or by visiting the Council office.

Council is mindful of cost-of-living challenges and have worked to keep increases as modest as possible while still funding essential services and maintaining our assets for the future.

Ratepayers wishing to make special arrangements to pay their rates should contact the office prior to the 1st due date, however the making of arrangements does not preclude the charging of interest and penalty.

Northern Midlands Council resolved on Monday 7 July 2025 to make Rates and Charges for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 under the Local Government Act (LGA) 1993.

The complete rates resolution is available at www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au or by contacting our Customer Service Staff on **6397 7303**.

Pursuant to section 118(a) of the LGA the following is a summary of Rates and Charges made:

GENERAL RATES

Land use category	Cents in \$AAV	Minimum
Industrial	9.354	\$410
Public Purpose	8.580	\$410
Quarries or mining	8.239	\$410
Commercial	7.589	\$625
Sport & Recreation	7.000	\$410
Residential	6.195	\$625
Residential Rural	5.582	\$625
Residential low density	5.582	\$625
Vacant land	2.695	\$410
Primary Production	2.224	\$410

FIRE LEVY

Volunteer Rate	0.32	\$50
General Rate	0.24	\$50

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Service	Charge
140 litre mobile garbage bin	\$231
240 litre mobile garbage bin	\$330
Additional recycle service	\$158

PAYMENT

- 0.5% discount for early payment (in full by 31 August 2025)
- 5% penalty on unpaid rates or instalments (as at 1 April 2026)
- 6.5% p.a. interest due on unpaid rates (daily interest charge of \$0.0178)

INSTALMENT DATES

31 August 2025 | 30 November 2025 | 28 February 2026



EVANDALE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Northern Midlands Council has received an application to amend the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Northern Midlands* (Local Provisions Schedule) to rezone agricultural land on the fringe of Evandale and expand the Evandale Specific Area Plan.

The amendment documents can be viewed on the Northern Midlands Council webpage by scanning the QR code below.

Feedback on this proposed amendment can be submitted via email to planning@nmc.tas.gov.au from **Saturday, 12 July 2025** until **Monday, 4 August 2025**.

Community information (drop-in) session

A community information (drop-in) session about this proposed amendment will be held on:

 **Tuesday, 22 July 2025**

 **11:00 am until 7:00 pm**

 **Evandale War Memorial Hall, 8 High Street, Evandale**

Interested community members can drop into this session at any time to ask questions and find out more information.

For more information, please call Sarah on **0418 828 896** or email planning@nmc.tas.gov.au.

We can disagree without disrespect.



Visit www.lgat.tas.gov.au/lift-the-tone to find out more and sign the pledge.

This community information (drop-in) session will be conducted in line with the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) *Lift the Tone* campaign, which aims to reduce abuse and intimidation directed at elected representatives, council staff and officers. Aggressive, abusive, or disruptive behaviour will not be tolerated, and individuals displaying such behaviour will be asked to leave the event.



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OPENING HOURS

Monday - Friday

8:45am - 4:30pm

