



BUDGET & RATES INFORMATION

2026 – 2027

CHITTERING AT A GLANCE 2026/27

A snapshot of our growing community.



7,039

RESIDENTS
Estimated Resident
Population (2025)



12.2%

**POPULATION
GROWTH**
Forecast by 2036



2,413

DWELLINGS



712

**LOCAL
BUSINESSES**
ABS 2025



2,033

LOCAL JOBS
NIEIR 2025



44

**MEDIAN
AGE**



35%

**COUPLES
WITH
CHILDREN**



66%

**OF WORKERS
ARE LOCAL
RESIDENTS**



2.8

**PEOPLE PER
HOUSEHOLD**



\$2,044

**MEDIAN
HOUSEHOLD
INCOME PER WEEK**



21%

**OF EMPLOYED
RESIDENTS WORK IN
TRADES OCCUPATIONS**



65

**COMMUNITY
GROUPS**



1,221

**SQUARE
KILOMETRES
LAND AREA**



5.77

**PERSONS PER
SQUARE KILOMETRE**
Population Density



3,626

**EMPLOYED
RESIDENTS**
NIEIR 2025

Your Vision For Chittering's Future

In 2025/26, hundreds of community members helped shape the **Council Plan 2026–2036**. This plan sets the long-term vision for Chittering and guides Council's decisions, services and investment over the next decade.



**SURVEY
RESPONDENTS**



**COMMUNITY
WORKSHOP
PARTICIPANTS**



**BUSINESS
WORKSHOP
PARTICIPANTS**



**POP-UP EVENT
PARTICIPANTS**



OUR VISION

A community that values its people, supports local growth and protects our rural character.



OUR MISSION

To plan, lead and deliver services and infrastructure that support liveability, resilience and opportunity for the Chittering community.



COMMUNITIES CONNECTED

An enriched community life that reflects the diverse identities of the different areas that make up the Shire.



OUR OBJECTIVES

- Work with the community on matters that are important to them.
- Support strong local clubs, groups and recreational opportunities for participation.
- Advocate for and support communities to prepare for emergencies and local risks.
- Engage, educate and collaborate with the community to support celebration, events and shared experiences.

OUR SERVICES

- Recreation Facilities & Active Open Spaces
- Community Development & Events
- Library Services
- Residential Property Management
- Ranger & Community Safety
- Emergency Services & Recovery



RURAL WAY OF LIFE

A safe and well-cared-for rural environment that values its natural and built character and provides access to essential services and facilities.



OUR OBJECTIVES

- Advocate for improved investment and maintenance in roads and paths.
- Preserve and celebrate our natural places, trails, reserves and rural history.
- Preserve the rural lifestyle by ensuring infrastructure meets current and future community needs.
- Advocate for subdivision and infill development that respects and retains the Shire's rural character.
- Advocate for improved connectivity within the Shire, including public and community transport options.

OUR SERVICES

- Bushfire Mitigation Services
- Environment & Public Health
- Bushland & Passive Open Spaces
- Landfill & Waste Collection



THRIVING

A thoughtfully planned Shire where our community is supported to grow and thrive through future-ready development that respects rural character.



OUR OBJECTIVES

- Plan for future-ready growth that reflects the unique character of Chittering's communities.
- Advocate for, retain and attract local business and employment opportunities suited to a rural Shire.
- Grow local tourism in a way that builds on Chittering's natural, cultural and community strengths.
- Ensure responsible stewardship of Shire resources and long-term financial sustainability.

OUR SERVICES

- Transport
- Planning and Compliance
- Building and Compliance
- Economic Development, Tourism & Marketing

YOUR RATES ARE INVESTING IN CHITTERING'S FUTURE

Your rates help deliver everyday services, meet legislative obligations and invest in the future of our community.



EVERYDAY SERVICES

- Roads, parks and reserves maintenance
- Waste collection and waste facilities
- Libraries and community facilities
- Rangers and community safety
- Community grants, events and programs
- Bushfire mitigation and emergency management
- Planning, building and environmental health
- Customer service and governance



COMPLIANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT

- Waste facility licence compliance
- Local Planning Scheme Review (statutory)
- Local Planning Strategy Review
- Building, planning and public health compliance
- Bushfire mitigation and emergency management
- Local Laws - Extractive Industries and Bushfire Brigades
- Swimming Pool Compliance Coverage and Inspection Program
- Asset management and legislative reporting



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

- Bindoon Town & Tourism Precinct
- Locality-based planning
- Cemetery planning
- Administration Building planning
- Lower Chittering Hall investigations
- Brockman Centre Precinct
- Remote campground planning
- Public Open Space Audit & Strategy
- Roads Asset Condition Assessment
- Multi-purpose Housing Development Planning
- Advocate for the Bindoon Bypass



NEW PROJECTS & IMPROVEMENTS

- North, Chittering and Julimar Road upgrades
- Lower Chittering Youth & Community Hub
- Bindoon Mountain Bike Park Stage 2
- Viewing platform at Bindoon Mountain Bike Park
- Clune Park maintenance works
- Sussex Bend shade sail replacement
- Wannamal Hall accessibility upgrades
- Muchea Waste Facility rehabilitation
- Bore and tank upgrades
- Water tanks at Wandena Road and Sandown Park
- Maintenance works at Chinkabee Complex
- Community building improvements

HOW YOUR RATES ARE USED



DELIVERING EVERY DAY

Daily services and community programs that support a safe, connected and thriving Shire.



MEETING OUR OBLIGATIONS

We meet our legal responsibilities, licence requirements and regulatory obligations.



PLANNING AHEAD

Investing in strategies, investigations and plans to guide smart growth and future decisions.



BUILDING OUR FUTURE

Delivering projects and upgrades that improve infrastructure, facilities and places for our community.



Together, we're building a vibrant, connected and thriving Chittering – today and for generations to come.

2026-27 Rates

Rate Category	2025-2026	2026-2027
Unimproved Value (UV)	0.5069	0.5106
Gross Rental Value (GRV)	8.4231	9.0904

Pensioner and Senior Concessions

State Government Rebates on Council rates and charges are available to eligible pensioners and seniors. Information on registering as a pensioner or senior is located on the back of your rates notice. Please contact the Shire's Administration for information on how to apply for any rebates that may apply to your rates assessment. Rebates to pensioners and seniors under the Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferments) Act 1992 are funded by the Government of Western Australia.

Emergency Services Levy (ESL)

You will notice on your rates a charge called "ESL". This is the State Government imposed Emergency Services Levy. The Shire acts as a collection point for this charge, which is added to your council rates. For more information about the charge please visit the Department of Fire and Emergency Services website: www.dfes.wa.gov.au

Payment of Rates

Your rates are due and payable by 17 September 2026. All property owners are jointly and severally liable for overdue rates. These rates will be subject to accrual of penalty interest and legal recovery action when overdue. Any costs associated with such action is the responsibility of the property owners and will be added to the rates assessment accordingly.

Instalment Options

An instalment option for the payment of rates is provided to all ratepayers. This allows for the payment of rates and charges by four separate amounts. The first instalment of the exact amount is required to be made by the due date of 17 September 2026. Failure to comply with this will result in the instalment option being withdrawn. Instalment payments include an administration fee of \$30, and an interest charge of 5.5% per annum.

Instalment	Due Date
First Instalment	Thursday 17 September 2026
Second Instalment	Friday 20 November 2026
Third Instalment	Wednesday 20 January 2027
FINAL Instalment	Tuesday 23 March 2027



Pay your rates in full by Thursday 17 September 2026 FOR YOUR CHANCE TO **WIN!**



Select ONE Service From Five Options:
Downlights/Hydroclean/General Air-Con Service/
Smoke Detector Replacement/Safety Check



1 x Farmstay 1 night for 2 Adults and 1.5hr
Highland Experience Tour
Value \$360



48-215 First Australian Holden 14-carat Gold
Commemorative Coin Limited edition + 1-year
Bindoon Museum Membership for 2
Value \$340



1 x Residential Air-Con Service
or Discount on Installation
Value \$150



2 x Bottles of Wine
(Chardonnay-Verdelho & Blush Rose)
Value \$40



Speckle Park Cattle Stud
& Vineyards
A 3-Pack of Wine
Value \$75



S-tech 402 Solar Motion Flood Light
Value \$280



The Taylors Kitchen Voucher
Value \$50



Meat Pack
Value \$200



Pre-Paid Visa Card
Value \$100



Mini Group Pass



Studio Portrait Including Petite Collection
Value \$100



Tickets to Perth Zoo (2 x Family Passes)



Tax Return for Individual or Couple
Value \$440



1 X Davey Totalflow Tj50j Pressure Pump
Plus Optional Onsite Consultation
Value \$508



1 x General Pest Treatment
Value \$250



Voucher for JB Hi-Fi
Value \$250

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