

Payment of Rates

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



1. Payment at Council Chambers Longford

Simply present your account with your payment to the cashier at the Council Office at 13 Smith Street, Longford between 8.30am & 4.45pm (EFTPOS available)



2. Phone: Credit Card Call 1300 886 451 or Credit Card Call 1300 729 859

Please have your credit card ready.



3. Online Payment

www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au—Visit Council's website for secure credit card payments over the internet.



4. Payments at Service Tasmania Shop

Simply present your account with payment at Service Tasmania Shop, Town Hall, Campbell Town between 11.00am to 4.00pm.



5. Payment through Australia Post

Visit any Post Office. Credit card payments not accepted.



6. Bpay

Call your bank, credit union or building society to make this payment from your account. Please quote your biller code and customer reference.



7. Payment by 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. Payment by 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 from www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au

Pensioner Rate Remissions

Pensioners as at 1 July 2015 are entitled to a State Government rebate on Rates of 30 percent up to \$425, or a reduced maximum of \$288 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 require new pensioners, pensioners who have recently relocated to our municipal area, or any pensioner who believes he/she 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 2015. A discount of 1% (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 2015;
- ◆ 30 November 2015 &
- ◆ 29 February 2016

Discount Interest & Penalty

Ratepayers are encouraged to take advantage of a 1% discount which is allowed on rates and charges paid in full within thirty (30) days of issue (until 31 August 2015).

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 0.0205% (7.5% per annum)
- ◆ A 5% penalty on the total outstanding as at 1 April 2016.

Dog Registrations

All dogs over **six** months of age must be registered before 31 August 2015, a late payment fee applies for registrations paid after this date.

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

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

Councillors

Mayor David Downie	Tel: 6391 5588
Deputy Mayor Richard Goss	Tel: 0427 514 804
Cr Janet Lambert	Tel: 6398 1797
Cr Andrew Calvert	Tel: 6391 3100
Cr Ian Goninon	Tel: 6332 2500
Cr Mary Knowles	Tel: 6385 2002
Cr Leisa Gordon	Tel: 0459 638 117
Cr Dick Adams	Tel: 0418 132 828
Cr Michael Polley AM	Tel: 6391 2244

Municipal Office

13 Smith Street, P O Box 156
Longford TAS 7301
Tel: 6397 7303 Fax: 6397 7331
Tel: (South—local call) 6391 5566

Works Depot (North)

13 Goderich Street, Longford
Tel: 6397 7303 Fax: 6397 7332

After Hours Emergency Number

Animal Control: 0419 358 395
Other: 0418 573 389

Rates & Charges Guide 2015 - 2016



General Rate increase of 2.48%

Northern Midlands Council has managed to set a balanced underlying budget which includes a general rate rise of 2.48% for 2015/16.

Council will collect only 2.48% additional rate revenue under the same process of using differential rating for different land use categories, but this year valuation adjustments issued by the Valuer General will mean that rate bills could increase up to 10% in some locations across the municipal area.

A rate bill for an average home in Cressy, Evandale, Perth, and Ross can expect an increase of only 1%, in Avoca, Conara and Epping an increase of \$14, in Longford of \$50, and in Campbell Town of \$60.

Northern Midlands Council adopted its \$19.3 million operating budget for 2015/16, with a proactive \$11 million capital works program.

This year Council has built into its operating budget:

- strategic planning consultancy
- economic and tourism consultancy
- Workplace Health & Safety initiatives including employee alcohol and other drug sampling program
- building and systems continuous improvements.

The Capital Works infrastructure program includes a:

- Road Program of \$3.2m - including reconstruction of sections of: Wilmores Lane at Longford (\$642,000), Delmont Road at Cressy (\$390,000), Macquarie Road near Campbell Town (\$275,000), Glenelg & Bond Streets at Campbell Town (\$465,000), and Gatenby & Macquarie Streets in Cressy (\$80,000).
- Bridge Replacement of 5 timber structures with concrete \$3.5m
- Footpath Program \$581,500.
- Stormwater Program of \$410,000
- Community Building Improvements of \$1.2m
- Recreation Improvements \$330,000
- Fleet Replacement Program (net cost) of \$1.2m
- Plant & Equipment of \$413,000.

Also included are community payments to ;

- Management Committees \$56,254,
- Special Community Grants \$49,157,
- Special Event Grants \$43,000, and
- other community groups/organisations donations of \$43,700.

Individual projects funded in the Budget are listed in Council's Annual Plan or on the website @ www.northernmidlands.fas.gov.au

Rates & Charges 2015/2016

The following Rates & Charges apply in accordance with Council resolution dated 22nd June 2015. 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 2013 and this year bi-annual Adjustment Factors have been applied increasing some property values up to 10 percent.

General Rates	Cents in \$AAV	Charge/ Minimum
Industrial	9.50	\$432
Public Purpose	8.13	\$211
Commercial	7.37	\$432
Quarries or mining	7.37	\$211
Residential	6.89	\$432
Residential Rural	6.54	\$432
Residential low density	6.54	\$432
Sport & Recreation	6.20	\$211
Vacant land	4.68	\$211
Primary Production	4.37	\$211
Fire Levy		
Volunteer Rate	0.355	\$38
General Rate	0.34	\$38
Waste Management		
140 litre mobile garbage bin		\$105
240 litre mobile garbage bin		\$153
Additional recycle service		\$77
Rossarden/Storys Creek, Kalangadoo & Lake Leake areas		\$49
On-site Disposal		
On-site disposal system		\$612
Riverworks		
Lake River		Nil

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 all land rateable under legislation.

Fire Levy

The Fire Levy collected on behalf of the State Government in 2015/16 amounts to \$486,760. 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 \$38 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

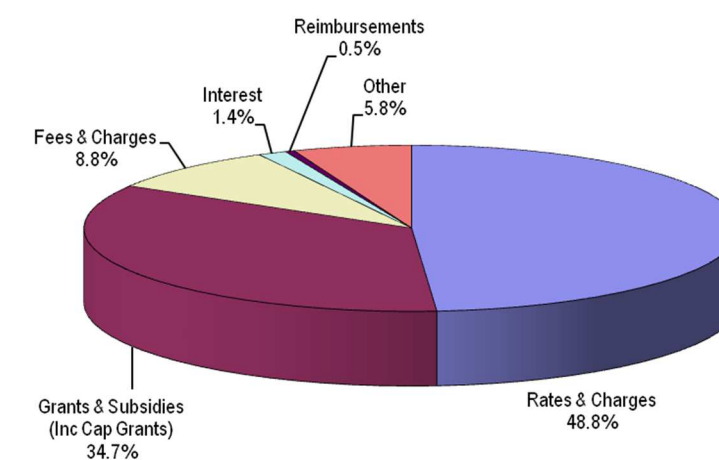
An onsite disposal charge of \$612 applies where Council provides management of on-site wastewater management systems installed on private properties.

Lake River Riverworks

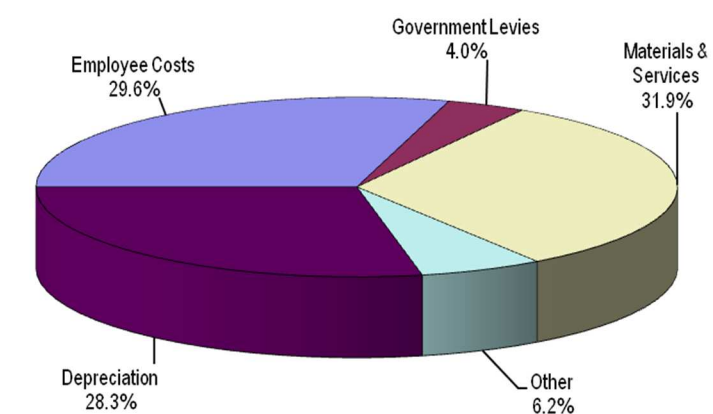
There will be no rate equivalent levied per kilometer of river frontage for all properties adjacent to the Lake River during 2015/16.

All Local Government rates are GST exempt.

Budget Revenue 2015/2016



Budgeted Operating Expenditure



Please Note:

Forms for Pensioner Applications, Dog Registrations and special payment arrangements will only be accepted at the

- ◆ Municipal Offices—Longford &
- ◆ Service Tasmania Shop—Town Hall, Campbell Town

Rates Enquiries

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