

YOUR RATES AT WORK

Your rates fund essential day-to-day services and infrastructure projects. Rates are a vital contribution to the Shire's capacity to meet the immediate and future needs of the community.

The Emergency Services Levy (ESL) is collected on behalf of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services. It funds responding to 000 calls, fire and emergency services vehicles and facilities, volunteer fire brigades, State Emergency Service units and the volunteer emergency services unit. Direct ESL enquiries to DFES Head Office on (08) 9395 9300.

A Waste Levy applies to all properties to fund waste management at facilities in Mount Barker, Kendenup, Kamballup, Rocky Gully and Porongurup.

A Domestic Rubbish Bin Collection Charge applies to properties serviced by a household rubbish and recycling collection. Green waste disposal is free for all ratepayers and is accepted at the Mount Barker, Kendenup and Rocky Gully tip sites.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

FULL PAYMENT

Ratepayers who pay their rates in full by the 22 September 2025 due date enter the rates incentive prize draw.

TWO INSTALMENTS

Ratepayers may elect to pay by two instalments. Instalments are due on 22 September 2025 and 27 January 2026.

FOUR INSTALMENTS

Ratepayers may elect to pay by four instalments. Instalments are due on 22 September 2025, 27 November 2025, 27 January 2026 and 30 March 2026.

If you are struggling to pay your rates, contact our Rates Officer as soon as possible on (08) 9892 1128 to discuss your options.

eRATES

If you would like to receive future rates notices via email, register at www.plantagenet.wa.gov.au/council/residents-ratepayers/rates-and-payments.

Digital versions of the Annual Bush Fire Mitigation Notice, Kerbside Recycling Collection Calendar and Emergency Services Levy brochure are available on this webpage.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR RATES

Rates are the contribution each property owner makes to essential services and infrastructure for the community.

The Shire collects rates to fund day-to-day services, including the operation and maintenance of facilities such as the Mount Barker Memorial Swimming Pool, Mount Barker Recreation Centre and Mount Barker Public Library; parks, gardens, Playgrounds; public open spaces and reserves; the construction and maintenance of roads, footpaths and trails; lighting; waste management; and emergency services.

HOW ARE RATES CALCULATED?

Rates are charged based on your property's Gross Rental Value or Unimproved Value. Rates are calculated by multiplying the rate in the dollar, set by the Council, by your property valuation. Rates are calculated annually from 1 July to 30 June.

The Council sets the rate in the dollar as part of the annual budget process. It is based on the Shire's expenditure requirements, offset by income streams. These include grants from State and Federal Governments, and fees and charges.

The valuation of your property is assessed by the Valuer General's Office using the following methods:

Unimproved Value (UV) is based on the land's unimproved capital value. It is used for farming and horticultural properties. **Gross Rental Value (GRV)** is used for all other properties. It is based on a theoretical annual rental value should the property be rented to a third party. If the land is vacant, the valuation is based on five percent of the capital value. For further information, visit Landgate's Valuation webpage: www.landgate.wa.gov.au/valuations/

The Council sets a minimum rate for all properties to ensure property owners make an equitable contribution to the services and infrastructure provided to the community. Minimum rates for the 2025/2026 Budget:

Rural Townsites (GRV)	\$1,117
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Mount Barker Townsite (GRV)	\$1,117
Strata Titles (GRV)	\$1,117
Rural (UV)	\$1,200
Mining (UV)	\$1,200.

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2025/2026 BUDGET & RATES INFORMATION



CONCESSIONS AND REBATES

Pensioner Concession Card holders may be eligible for a rebate of up to 50 percent of their rates to a maximum of \$750. Pensioners may also be eligible for a rebate of the current year's Emergency Services Levy and water service charges. Eligible pensioners are exempt from being charged interest on deferred and current rates.

Seniors Card holders may be eligible to a rebate of up to 25 percent of their rates to a maximum of \$100. Seniors may also be eligible for a rebate of the current year's Emergency Services Levy.

Partial concessions are available to pensioners and seniors who own and occupy their property at 1 July and become eligible during that financial year.

For further information regarding rates concessions, contact our Rates Officer on (08) 989 1128.

PAY ON TIME TO WIN

Ratepayers who pay their rates in full by the 22 September 2025 due date enter the rates incentive prize draw.

FIRST PRIZE: \$750 bank account with the Mount Barker Community Bank Branch Bendigo Bank.



SECOND PRIZE: A two night stay for two people in a premium deluxe room at the Quality Ambassador Hotel Perth with full buffet breakfast daily and complimentary parking.



THIRD PRIZE: Access to the Mount Barker Recreation Centre or Mount Barker Memorial Swimming Pool to the value of \$250.



HOW TO PAY YOUR RATES

MAIL: PO Box 48, Mount Barker, 6324.

TELEPHONE: Using Mastercard or Visa card by calling 1300 276 468. Quote Biller ID 000225 and use the reference number on the rear of your rates notice as the reference.

IN PERSON: at the Shire Administration Centre on Lowood Road in Mount Barker.

BPAY: Contact your financial institution to make payment using your debit card. Quote Biller Code 93211 and use the reference number on the rear of your rates notice as reference.

BPOINT INTERNET PAYMENT FACILITY: Using a Mastercard or Visa card. Visit www.bpoint.com.au/payments/plantagenet and use the reference number on the rear of your rates notice in the Customer Reference Number field.



2025-2026 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

This year's budget has a substantial capital expenditure program of \$20.9 million, which includes the following major components:

- Mount Barker Swimming Pool redevelopment \$8.4m
- Road Construction Program \$5.5m
- Wilson Park (Stage 1) construction \$1.6m
- Rocky Gully & Woogenellup Bush Fire Brigade sheds \$1.53m
- Plant Replacement Program \$1.2m
- Porongurup Hall Extension \$500,000
- SES Building \$286,350
- Narrikup Hall ablutions \$229,986.

ROADWORKS PROGRAM

Road Construction Program \$5.5m (last year \$2.95m):

- Eulup-Manurup Road drainage \$1.3m
- Takalarup Road floodway \$500,000
- Nornalup Road reseal \$452,691
- Carbarup Road widen and reseal \$308,038
- Mallawillup Road reseal \$319,500
- Yellanup Road upgrade \$364,000
- Woodlands Road reseal \$271,083
- Settlement Road reseal \$210,995
- Ormond Road traffic calming \$199,861
- Turpin Road resheet \$193,092
- Boyup Road resheet \$154,700
- Takalarup Road reseal \$140,799
- Carbarup Road upgrade \$112,812
- Lowood Road stabilisation \$112,500
- Woogenellup Road \$88,390
- Sanders Road drainage, construction and seal \$83,850
- Newman Road widen, sheet and construct \$68,131
- Beech Road reconstruct and widen \$76,482
- Thomas Street construct and seal \$74,444
- Osborne Street sub-surface drainage \$60,000
- Spencer Road drainage capital \$54,238
- Sixth Avenue construct and seal \$49,993
- Elliott Road gravel construction \$47,095
- O'Neill Road gravel resheet \$44,108
- Sanders Road drainage and culvert installation \$40,000
- Ross Road resheet \$37,540
- Jackson Street reseal \$37,423
- Seventh Avenue construct and seal \$29,520.