



eRATES

To receive future rates notices via email, register at www.plantagenet.wa.gov.au. Electronic versions of the Annual Bushfire Mitigation Notice, Kerbside Recycling Collection Calendar and Emergency Services Levy brochure are available on our website.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

PROMPT PAYMENT

Ratepayers who pay their rates in full by the 24 September 2024 due date enter the rates incentive prize draw.

TWO INSTALMENTS

Ratepayers may elect to pay by two instalments. Instalments are due on 24 September 2024 and 28 January 2025.

A \$7.50 administration fee per instalment reminder notice is payable when electing to pay by instalments.

FOUR INSTALMENTS

Ratepayers may elect to pay by four instalments. Instalments are due on 24 September 2024, 25 November 2024, 28 January 2025, 28 March 2025.

A \$7.50 administration fee per instalment reminder notice is payable when electing to pay by instalments.

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

YOUR RATES AT WORK

Your rates are at work year-round, funding essential day-to-day services and infrastructure projects to benefit our community. Rates are a vital contribution to the Shire's capacity to meet the immediate and future needs of the Plantagenet 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 our facilities in Mount Barker, Kendenup, Kamballup, Rocky Gully and Porongurup.

A Domestic Rubbish Bin Collection charge applies to properties that are serviced by a weekly kerbside household rubbish bin collection and a fortnightly kerbside recycling bin collection. Residential rural properties that do not receive this service receive a 26 token tip pass to dispose of household waste at the tip. Additional tip pass tokens can be purchased from the Shire office. Green waste disposal is free for all ratepayers. It is accepted at the Mount Barker, Kendenup and Rocky Gully tip sites.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR RATES

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

Other income sources include grants from the State and Federal Governments, and fees and charges.

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

Rates are calculated annually from 1 July to 30 June.

HOW ARE RATES CALCULATED?

Rates are a charge on your property based on its Gross Rental Value (GRV) or Unimproved Value (UV). Rates are calculated by multiplying the rate in the dollar (set by the Council) by your property valuation.

The Council sets the rate in the dollar as part of each year's budget process. It is based on the Shire's expenditure requirements, offset by income streams.

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

Unimproved Value (UV) is based on the unimproved capital value of the land. 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 Valuer General's Office will base the valuation on five percent of the capital value.

The Council sets a minimum rate for all properties to ensure property owners make an equitable contribution to the essential services and infrastructure provided to the Plantagenet community.

Minimum rates for the 2024/2025 budget:

Rural Townsites (GRV) \$1,066

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Mount Barker Townsite (GRV) \$1,066

Strata Titles (GRV) \$1,066

Rural (UV) \$1,097

Mining (UV) \$1,097

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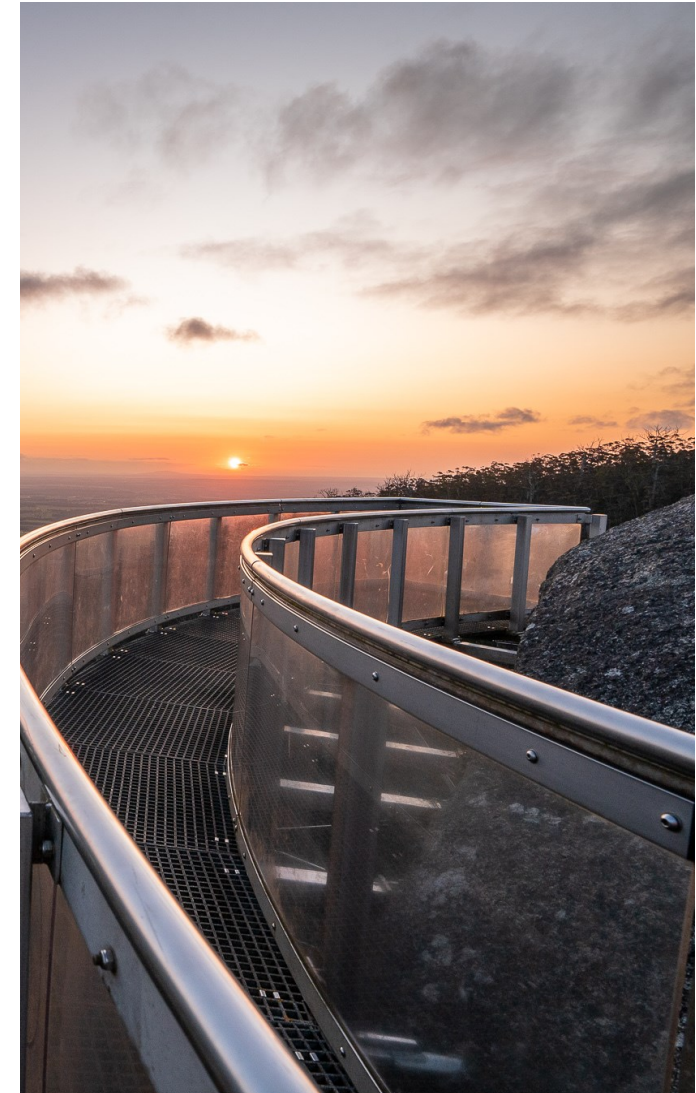
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2024/2025 BUDGET AND RATES INFORMATION



CONCESSIONS AND REBATES

PENSIONER 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.

SENIORS REBATES

Seniors Card holders may be entitled 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.

Eligible pensioners are exempt from being charged interest on deferred and current rates. 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 24 September 2024 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.



Prizes are awarded to the first three entries drawn at random. Instalment options are ineligible for the rates incentive prize draw.

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 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 from 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



2024-2025 BUDGET INITIATIVES

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

This year's budget has a substantial (\$12.7m) capital expenditure program, which includes the following major components:

- Stage 1b of the Mount Barker Swimming Pool redevelopment - \$3.75m (new learn to swim pools, new plant & filtration)
- Road Construction Program – \$3m
- Construction of two (2) new Fire Sheds and two (2) new fire units – \$2.35m
- Plant Replacement Program - \$1.17m

ROADWORKS PROGRAM

Road Construction Program \$2.95m (last year \$2.99m)

- Narpund Road - Upgrade drainage kerb and reseal - \$30,000
- Carbarup Rd - Upgrade - \$390,357
- Settlement Rd - Reseal & Various Rutting Stab. - \$314,763
- Yellanup Rd - Upgrade to Type 5 Standard Rd - \$364,871
- Woogenellup Rd North - Various Gravel Resheet - \$208,385
- Lake Matilda Rd – Pavement upgrade & asphalt - \$16,705
- Eulup-Manurup Rd Slk - Reseal - \$219,780
- Millinup Rd - Gravel Resheet - \$167,245
- Smutts Rd - Gravel Resheet - \$33,120
- Jellicoe Rd - Gravel Resheet - \$36,270
- Jutland Rd - Gravel Resheet - \$76,270
- Austin Street - Reseal - \$63,998
- Repair Woogenellup Road Failures - \$85,467
- Bunker Road - Gravel Road Construction - \$167,825
- Knights Road - Floodway Upgrade \$22,888
- Knights Road - Floodway Upgrade \$22,768
- Knights Road - Floodway Upgrade \$27,892
- Martin Street - Reseal - \$8,564
- Bunker Street - Reseal and New Kerbing \$8,560
- Marmion Street - Reseal - \$10,248
- Seventh Avenue - 2nd Coat Seal - \$7,564
- Memorial Road Carry-over - \$53,892