

# 2024-25 Information for ratepayers



## Message from the *Shire President*

I am pleased to present the Shire of Ashburton's Annual Budget for 2024-2025.

This budget has been carefully designed to align with our Strategic Community Plan 2022-2032, which envisions Ashburton as a welcoming, sustainable, and socially active district with a wide range of opportunities for everyone. For the year 2024-2025, we are embarking on an ambitious capital works program worth \$57 million. This will continue our intergenerational renewal and upgrade of community infrastructure.

We are dedicating over \$10 million to housing and accommodation projects, crucial for attracting and retaining staff. Recognising the importance of our road network for economic success, we have allocated additional annual funding to progressively resurface and upgrade roads throughout the Shire, with an expenditure of over \$5 million this year. Planning is well underway for the new

Onslow Town Jetty,

Onslow Airport runway upgrades, the Onslow Streetscape development and Pannawonica Bike Park. This is an

exciting time for Ashburton, with a variety of community programs and events planned, such as the Passion of the Pilbara, the Onslow 100 Year Celebration, and the return of the Jundunmunnah Festival.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of our Elected Members and staff, who tirelessly strive to deliver the best outcomes for our community.

**Audra Smith**

Shire President



# Frequently Asked Questions

## Q: Why do I pay rates?

A: Council rates are supplemented by Government grants and fees revenue to cover the cost of supporting the community at a local level. If you have attended a picnic in the park, attended a local event, borrowed a book from the library, jogged around a sports ground or enjoyed a coffee in the mall, then you've benefited from Council services.

## Q: How are my rates calculated?

A: The Shire applies a rate in the dollar that is multiplied by the valuation to obtain the rate amount for each property. A Gross Rental Valuation (GRV) is applied generally in town sites and suburbs and an Unimproved Valuation (UV) is applied in rural areas.

GRV represents the gross annual rental that a property might reasonably expect to earn annually if it were rented. This amount is determined by Landgate or the Valuer General and is generally revalued every three years.

## Q: How do I pay my rates?



Online via [ashburton.govt.nz/council/your-council/rates/care-your-rates](http://ashburton.govt.nz/council/your-council/rates/care-your-rates)



By phoning (08) 9188 4444



In person at a Shire Administration Office

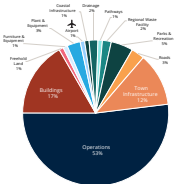
You can choose several options to pay.

INSTALMENT OPTION	DUE DATE
<b>Option One</b>	
Single full payment	26 September 2024
<b>Option Two</b>	
First instalment	26 September 2024
Second instalment	24 January 2025
<b>Option Three</b> (instalments due on initial due date, or 2 months after the due date of previous instalment - whichever is later)	
First instalment	26 September 2024
Second instalment	24 November 2024
Third instalment	24 January 2025
Fourth instalment	26 March 2025

## Alternative payment arrangements

We understand that financial hardships can make it challenging to meet all your commitments on time. If you're experiencing difficulties, please reach out to the Shire's Rates Officer to arrange a suitable payment plan to settle your rates debt by the end of the 2024/2025 financial year.

# Where does the money go?



Major Capital Projects	\$M
Ocean View Caravan Park	\$14.2M
Onslow Staff Housing	\$6.0M
Contractor Accommodation - Tom Price	\$3M
Minna Oval Amenities and Facilities	\$10M
Onslow Mens Shed Construction	\$2.4M
ANZAC Park / Foreshore development	\$2.0M
Onslow Bike Park	\$3M
Paraburdoo Bike/Pump Track	\$2.0M
Onslow Streetscape	\$1.3M
Onslow Drainage	\$2.8M
Swimming Pool Heating	\$1M
Road Renewals	\$3.9M

# Where does the Shire's money come from?

	<b>Rates</b>	\$68.3M
	<b>Reserve Funding</b>	\$32.1M
	<b>Capital Funding</b>	\$19.9M
	<b>Fees and Charges</b>	\$13.7M
	<b>Operating Grants</b>	\$5.9M
	<b>Opening Funds</b>	\$8.7M
	<b>Other Revenue</b>	\$0.1M
	<b>Interest Revenue</b>	\$4.9M



## Updating your details

It is essential to notify the Shire of your change of address or change of ownership in writing via email or mail whenever a change of details occurs. Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 when a person (whether as principal or agent) sells or disposes of land, the owner/agent must advise the Shire in writing within 21 days of the change in ownership, giving full details of the purchaser.

If you prefer to receive all future rate notices via email please email [rates@ashburton.wa.gov.au](mailto:rates@ashburton.wa.gov.au) to make the relevant changes.

# Differential Rates

Rate Code Description	Rate in the \$	Minimum Payment
Gross Rental Value Residential, Commercial or Industrial	\$0.09830	\$1,350
Gross Rental Value Transient Worker Accommodation	\$0.19500	\$1,350
UV Pastoral	\$0.19290	\$1,350
UV Non-Pastoral	\$0.38568	\$1,350

The Shire of Ashburton Council adopted the differential rates as shown above to collect rate revenue on an equitable basis for all rateable properties.

This ensures that every property contributes a realistic level towards the works, services and facilities provided by the Shire.



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