

2026/2027

Information for Ratepayers



message from the
shire president

Dear Ashburton Community,

I am pleased to present the Shire of Ashburton's 2026/2027 Budget. Developed through careful planning and Council workshops, this budget reflects our commitment to responsible financial management, maintaining essential services, and investing in infrastructure that supports our communities now and into the future.

Despite ongoing economic challenges, including rising costs and workforce pressures, the Shire remains in a strong financial position. This year's budget delivers approximately \$113 million in operating revenue and a \$72 million capital works program, while maintaining the residential rate in the dollar at the same level as last year in recognition of cost-of-living pressures.

Key investments include roads and drainage, staff housing, Stage 2 of the Onslow Streetscape Project, and other community infrastructure initiatives that will enhance liveability, support growth and strengthen Ashburton's future. On behalf of Council, I thank our residents, businesses, community groups and staff for their ongoing support as we continue to build a strong and resilient Ashburton.

Audra Smith
President, Shire of Ashburton

Why do I pay rates?

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 local event, borrowed a book from the library or jogged around a sports ground then you've benefited from Council services.

The purpose of levying rates is to meet the Council's budget requirements each financial year to deliver services, community infrastructure and to enhance liveability within the Shire of Ashburton.

The Shire of Ashburton Elected Members 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 towards the works, services and facilities provided by the Shire.

For the full Statement of Objects and Reasons please follow the link below:

<https://www.ashburton.wa.gov.au/rates>

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 contact the Shire's Rates Officer to discuss a suitable payment arrangement by emailing rates@ashburton.wa.gov.au

Where does the money come from?

Rates	\$77.2M
Reserve Funding	\$32.7M
Fees and Charges	\$19.9M
Opening Funds	\$18.0M
Operating Grants	\$6.8M
Interest Revenue	\$4.9M
Capital Funding	\$3.1M
Other Revenue	\$0.9M

Where does the money go?

2026/2027 Major Projects

Onslow Streetscape Project Stage 2	\$12.8M
Roads and Floodways Program	\$34.6M
Staff Housing and Workforce Accommodation	\$7.9M
Community Infrastructure – Parks & Recreation	\$9.2M

2026/2027 Capital Works

Total Capital Works Budget \$72M

Roads & Drainage	\$34.6M
Town Infrastructure	\$14.2M
Housing	\$7.9M
Parks & Recreation	\$7.6M
Plant & Equipment	\$5.3M



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, providing full details of the purchaser.



If you prefer to receive all future rate notices via email please email rates@ashburton.wa.gov.au to make the relevant changes.

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How are my rates calculated?

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 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.

Rate Code	Rate in the \$	Minimum Payment
GRV Residential	0.06771	\$ 1,390
GRV Commercial or Industrial	0.08921	\$ 1,390
GRV Transient Workforce Accommodation	0.19946	\$ 1,390
UV Pastoral	0.19250	\$ 1,390
UV Non-Pastoral	0.37725	\$ 1,390

How do I pay my rates?

Online via [ashburton.wa.gov.au/rates](https://www.ashburton.wa.gov.au/rates)

By phone (08) 9188 4444

In person at a Shire Administration Office

There are several options to make your payment.

Instalment Option	Due Date
Option 1	
Single full payment	11 September 2026
Option 2	
First instalment	11 September 2026
Second instalment	11 January 2027
Option 3	
(Instalments due on initial due date OR two months after the due date of the previous instalment – whichever is later).	
First instalment	11 September 2026
Second instalment	10 November 2026
Third instalment	11 January 2027
Fourth instalment	12 March 2027

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