

2025–2026 Information for Ratepayers

message from the shire president



Dear Ashburton Community,

I am pleased to present the Shire of Ashburton's Annual Budget for 2025–2026.

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.

Our Shire's sustained development is boosting our ability to deliver capital projects that enhance the liveability and sustainability of our towns. Recognising the pressures of rising living costs, Council has been able to keep residential rates and waste collection charge increases below Customer Price Index (CPI).

For the year 2025–2026, we are launching an ambitious capital works program worth over \$100 million. This includes \$46 million in new funding and \$56 million for projects that were funded and commenced in 2024–2025. This program will continue our intergenerational renewal and upgrade of community infrastructure, while generating alternative income streams for the Shire to enhance long-term financial sustainability.

These projects reflect our dedication to making Ashburton a region where communities thrive – from upgraded parks and sporting precincts to critical housing and tourism infrastructure.

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
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:

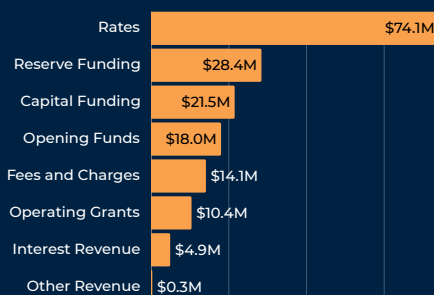
<https://www.ashburton.wa.gov.au/council/rates.aspx>

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 2025/2026 financial year.



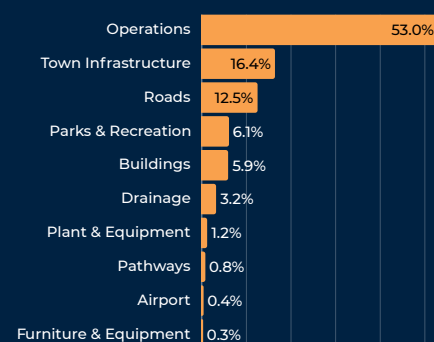
Where does the money come from?



Where does the money go?

Major Projects

Onslow Streetscape Project	\$16.1M
Ocean View Caravan Park Stage 3	\$10.2M
Minna Oval Amenities and Facilities	\$4.5M
Roebourne-Wittenoom Road – Resheet & Grade	\$4.3M
Lighting – Thalanyji, Clem Thompson and Peter Sutherland Ovals	\$4.0M
Road Renewals	\$3.9M
First Street, Onslow – Drainage	\$3.4M
Onslow Staff Housing	\$3.3M
Pannawonica Bike Park	\$3.2M
Towera Lyndon Road – Resheet & Grade	\$3.2M
Plant Replacement Program	\$2.2M
Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Project	\$2.0M



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 to make the relevant changes.

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	\$ 1,390.00
GRV Commercial or Industrial	0.08661	\$ 1,390.00
GRV Transient Workforce Accommodation	0.19365	\$ 1,390.00
UV Pastoral	0.19250	\$ 1,390.00
UV Non-Pastoral	0.37950	\$ 1,390.00

How do I pay my rates?

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

☎ By phoning (08) 9188 4444

👤 In person at a Shire Administration Office

You can choose several options to pay.

Installment Option	Due Date
Option 1	
Single full payment	10 October 2025
Option 2	
First instalment	10 October 2025
Second instalment	9 February 2026
Option 3 (Installments due on initial due date OR two months after the due date of the previous instalment – whichever is later)	
First instalment	10 October 2025
Second instalment	9 December 2025
Third instalment	9 February 2026
Fourth instalment	10 April 2026

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