

Message from the Shire President



On behalf of the Council and staff of the Shire of Dardanup, I am pleased to present the 2024/25 Budget to our community.

The Shire of Dardanup has continued to respond to the needs of our community by producing a responsible and sustainable budget, which is reflected in the overall 5.5% rate revenue increase.

The impact of this rate increase will be softened for many residents through a reduction in the average Eaton Landscaping Specified Area Rate which will be phased out entirely over the next 4 years.

Each year Council is required to raise sufficient rates to meet its total expenditure. Factors such as the growth of the Shire, need for additional facilities and services, and the rising cost of labour, utilities and materials are some of the factors taken into account when considering the total rate revenue increase.

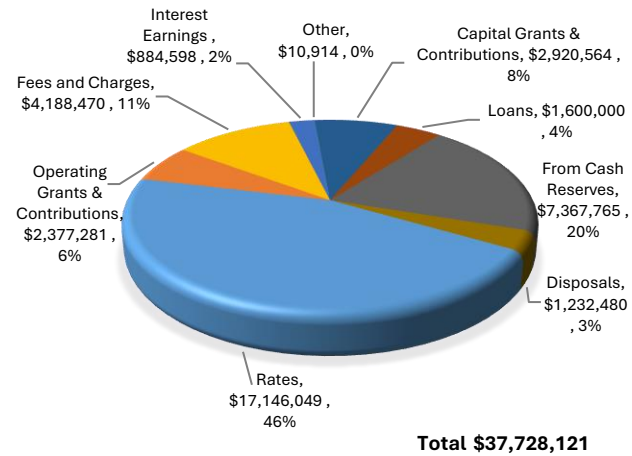
Council has been conscious of inflationary pressures and has only increased its fees and charges by CPI where required, or where cost increases or statutory changes have been clearly identified.

Council has continued to provide support to the community in the form of annual donations for various events and activities, festivals, seniors' activities and youth programs. This is combined with ongoing capital works required to maintain and upgrade buildings, roads, footpaths and other community facilities.

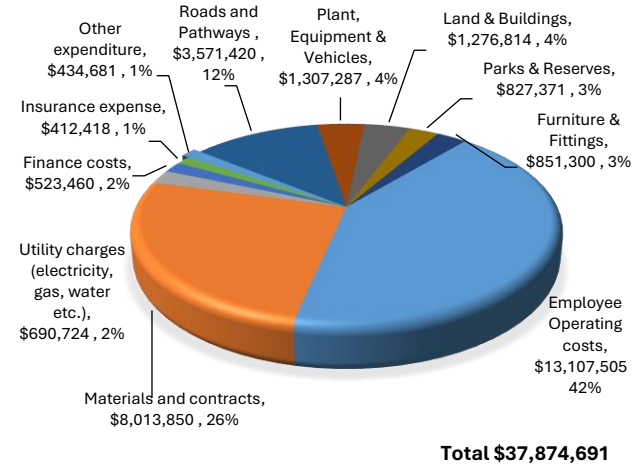
While the areas of major capital and operating income and expenditure are summarised in this brochure, I would encourage you to view the 2024/25 Annual Budget via Council's website at www.dardanup.wa.gov.au

Shire President
Cr Tyrrell Gardiner

Council's Funding Sources



Where Council Allocates Funding



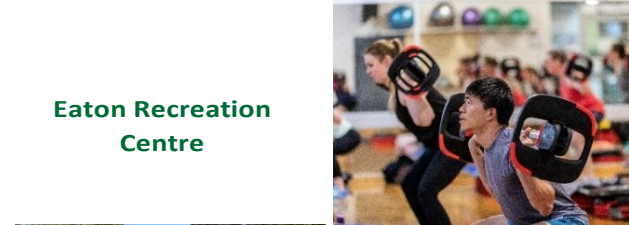
Rates

Council has budgeted for a 5.5% General Rate revenue increase in 2024/25 (excluding interim rate income) and Differential Rating has been introduced across six (6) Differential Rating Categories.

Key Projects



Buildings – Dardanup Hall



Eaton Recreation Centre



Parks, reserves and playground upgrades and expansion.



Roads, bridges, pathways and drainage upgrades and renewals.



Other Budget Highlights

- \$3.57 million for the upgrade and renewal of roads, pathways and drainage.
- \$1.28 million for capital building construction projects. \$827,371 parks and reserves upgrades.
- \$461,559 community grants, donations and events.

How Rates are Calculated

Each property is issued either a Gross Rental Value (GRV) or Unimproved Value (UV) based on the location and zoning of the property.

The valuation is provided to the Shire by Landgate Valuation Service, in accordance with the *Valuation of Land Act 1978*. The calculation of rates uses the valuation provided from Landgate (GRV or UV) multiplied by the rate in the dollar set by Council.

Gross Rental Valuation (GRV) are Residential, Rural Residential, Commercial and Industrial Properties with a revaluation provided by Landgate every 3-5 years.

Unimproved Valuation (UV) are Rural, Farming and Mining properties with a revaluation provided by Landgate annually.

Example:

GRV \$18,200 x Rate in Dollar \$0.115710 = \$2,105.92 (different Rate in Dollars are set for Residential, Rural Residential, Commercial, Industrial and Accommodation).

UV \$850,000 x Rate in Dollar \$0.005633 = \$4,788.05 (includes Rural, UV1, UV2, UV3 and Mining).

Each year the Shire imposes a minimum rate. If the calculation of the GRV or UV by the rate in the dollar results in an amount less than the minimum rate, then the minimum rate charge will be applied.

Receive your rates notice via email

eRATES@

Register via our eRates portal:
erateswa.com/dardanup/

You'll need your Assessment Number (from your Rates Notice)

Differential Rates and Minimum Charges

The Shire of Dardanup will apply differential rates and minimum payments for the 2024/25 financial year as summarised in the following table:

Rate category	Rate in the \$	Minimum payment
Residential and Residential Vacant	0.115710	\$1,625.00
Rural Residential and Rural Residential Vacant	0.115270	\$1,722.00
Commercial and Commercial Vacant	0.113990	\$1,722.00
Industrial and Industrial Vacant	0.114260	\$1,722.00
Accommodation	0.115890	\$1,722.00
UV Properties (Rural, UV1, UV2, UV3 and Mining)	0.005633	\$1,722.00

Objects and Reasons

We use differential rating to spread the rate burden equitably and maintain rates based on land zoning and land use. The Council has adopted the following rate categories.

Residential/Residential Vacant: Properties that have a residential land use located primarily in the townships of Eaton, Millbridge, Dardanup and Burekup.

Rural Residential/Rural Residential Vacant: Properties that have a residential rural land use located outside of township boundaries.

Commercial and Commercial Vacant: Properties that have a commercial land use generally within the town centres' business districts including cafés, restaurants, food and clothing shops, showrooms.

Industrial/Industrial Vacant: Properties that have an industrial and composite industrial land use may include light industry, fuel depots, motor vehicle repairs, showroom, storage facilities, warehouses, workshops, waste processing or landfill facilities.

Accommodation: Properties that have an accommodation land use generally include camping grounds, caravan parks, chalets, motels and holiday units.

UV Properties: Properties that have an exclusive rural land use located outside of township boundaries and applies generally to agricultural areas.

Specified Area Rates

Bulk Waste Collection Levy: levied on all developed residential properties within (and adjoining to) the townships of Eaton, Dardanup and Burekup that are serviced with Council's bulk and green waste kerbside pick-up.

This is to meet the cost of the service and to contribute to the refuse site cost. Rate in the \$ (cents) 0.001735.

Eaton Landscaping – levied on all properties within the Eaton township for the purposes of maintaining and upgrading parks and reserves in the localities of Eaton and Millbridge. Rate in the \$ (cents) 0.002006.

Payment options

Pay your rates in full by 11 September 2024 and you will go into our Early Bird Payment draw to win \$1,500. Direct Debit options are also available.

Pay in one instalment	Total payment	Due 11 September 2024
Pay in four instalments	1 st instalment	11 September 2024
	2 nd instalment	13 November 2024
	3 rd instalment	15 January 2025
	4 th instalment	19 March 2025

Direct Debits

Ratepayers experiencing difficulties in paying an instalment can apply, in writing, for a direct debit payment arrangement, before the due date of that instalment.

An application form is available online at www.dardanup.wa.gov.au

Any amount falling overdue, during a direct debit payment arrangement, may be subject to penalty interest. Other payment arrangements may be considered. All arrangements are subject to an administration fee.

Senior/Pensioner Concession

Senior Card Holders may be entitled to claim a rebate of up to 25% of the current year's rates and Emergency Services levy (ESL). The maximum rebate for rates is \$100.

Pensioners are entitled to a rebate up to 50% of the current year's rates and ESL. The maximum rebate for rates is \$750. Contact Water Corporation on 1300 659 951 to complete an application.

Financial Hardship Policy

Council has established a Financial Hardship Policy for Rates and Sundry Debtors.

The policy is designed to assist residential ratepayers and sundry debtors experiencing financial hardship by offering some measures of relief around the payment of rates and debtor accounts.

Please contact the Shire of Dardanup Rates Team on (08) 9724 0371 or rates@dardanup.wa.gov.au for further assistance.



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Find out how your rates are spent.

Council's Vision

"The Shire of Dardanup is a healthy, self-sufficient and sustainable community, that is connected and inclusive, and where our culture and innovation are celebrated."