

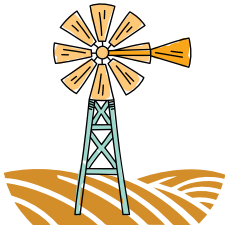
2025-2026 RATES

RESIDENTIAL RATES

- Residential rates will increase by 5% for 2025–26.
- For a standard house block using 700kL of water, this means:
 - Charleville: +\$149 per year (less than \$3 per week)
 - Augathella: +\$122 per year (\$2.35 per week)
 - Morven: +\$99 per year (\$1.90 per week)



RURAL PROPERTIES



- The Valuer-General's 2025 revaluation shows an average 239% increase in unimproved capital values (UCV) across the Shire.
- To reduce the impact on rural ratepayers, Council has adjusted the rate in the dollar, keeping the average rural rate increase to around 10%, with some exceptions where the UCV has increased significantly above the average.
- This increase will fund an additional 50% spending on rural roads maintenance, ensuring improved access, safety, and maintenance across the region.

RURAL <700 HECTARES

- Based on the UCV, properties <700 hectares have now been split into two categories.
- The <\$100,000 UCV is generally rural residential properties on the border of town boundaries.
- The >\$100,00 UCV is generally rural properties used for agriculture activities.



BUSINESS RATES

- Business owners will see a moderate rate increase above that of the residential sector, reflecting Council's continued support for local enterprise and services.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- Council continues to invest in the community, providing more than \$250,000 in time, in-kind, and financial support to local groups and organisations.
- Clubs (without poker machines) have been moved into a new Rates category with charges matched to the residential category rather than the commercial category.



NON PRINCIPAL PLACE OF RESIDENCE (NPPR)



- This new category is for land used for a residential purpose described in Council's planning scheme that is not the principal place of residence for its owner.
- Identified by difference in property address and postal address.
- The rates amount has been set part way between the residential rate and the commercial rate - this acknowledges the commercial nature of rental arrangements.

WATER, SEWER, CLEANSING & WASTE LEVY

- Charges increasing by 5%.
- Water per kL charge increasing by 5c per kL (this will equate to an additional \$35 per year for 700kL average usage).

