# 2025/2026 Rate Notice Additional Information



# YOUR RATES EXPLAINED

Rates are calculated based on the value of rateable properties within the Shire and are independently valued by Landgate using two methods: **Unimproved Valuation (UV)** and **Gross Rental Value (GRV)**.

The Gross Rental Value **(GRV)** is the total annual rent a property might reasonably be expected to earn each year if it was let on a tenancy. This includes associated rates, taxes, charges, insurances, and other outgoings.

Unimproved Value **(UV)** is applied to land used predominantly for rural purposes, whose main source of income is derived from the land, with activities such as farming and horticulture. This valuation is based on the unimproved capital value of the land.







Multiplyed by your property's value as set by the State Valuer General (Either GRV or UV)



Equals the year's rates on your property

### **VALUATIONS**

Gross Rental Valuations (GRV) are carried out once every five years in country areas in WA and Unimproved Valuations (UV) are carried out every year. During 2024/25 only UV valuations were conducted within the Shire of Dandaragan, all of which will have a valuation date of 1 July 2025. Should you have any queries regarding your valuation, please contact Landgate directly on 08 9273 7373. Rates must be paid as assessed irrespective of whether an enquiry has been lodged.

# Council has resolved to impose the below rates for the 2025/26 financial year.

Rate Category	Cents in the Dollar	Minimum Rates Charges	
GRV	7.9151	General Minimum (GRV)	\$1,200.00
UV	0.3732	UV Minimum	\$540.00

# **PAYMENT DUE DATES**

Council has resolved to offer ratepayers the opportunity to pay by one of the following methods:

Option 1	Payment in full due by 4.00pm, 15	Instalment Due Dates	
	September 2025.	1st Instalment	Monday, 15 September 2025
•	Payment by 4 instalments with any arrears included in the first instalment.	2nd Instalment	Monday, 17 November 2025
		3rd Instalment	Thursday, 15 January 2026
		4th Instalment	Monday, 16 March 2026

### **PAYMENT OPTIONS**

Ratepayers must choose to utilise the payment options shown on the front of the rate notice or make alternative arrangements.

Payment of the first instalment shall include all arrears outstanding from previous years. Instalment options will not be available if arrears and any interest accrued to the date of issue of the notice are not included with the first instalment.

Payment may not be made by instalments where the total amount of rates (excluding arrears) is less than \$200.00. Where failure to make the second or subsequent instalment payment occurs Council may elect to remove the right of a ratepayer to continue to pay their rates by instalments.

Should none of the payment options be suitable, ratepayers are welcome to approach the Shire with an alternative payment plan by contacting the Rates Department on (08) 9652 0800 or <a href="mailto:rates@dandaragan.wa.gov.au">rates@dandaragan.wa.gov.au</a>. This plan must be agreed upon by the Shire.

### **eRATES**

To receive your annual rate notices and instalment reminders by email, you must register online through our website. Please ensure you have your reference number handy. This can be found on the top right of your rate notice and starts with a 9. Once you register, a verification email will be sent as a part of the registration process. It is essential that you activate your registration. If you own more than one property, you will need to register separately for each property. Please note that interim rate notices, final notices and other correspondence will be issued by post. The registration process will automatically close fourteen (14) days prior to the issue date of any rate notice. For more information or to register, go to dandaragan.wa.gov.au.

### PENSIONERS AND SENIORS

Pensioners and Seniors who meet certain criteria are entitled to claim a concession funded by the Government of Western Australia to a capped maximum amount off the current rates or a deferment of Council rates. Only pensioners who are entitled to receive a full 50% rebate are entitled to defer their rates.

To be eligible for a rebate, applicants must, as at 1st July of the current year, be the owner and reside at that property, and be in receipt of one (1) or more of the cards listed below.



Register online at watercorporation.com.au or by phoning 1300 659 951.

# INTEREST ON OVERDUE RATES AND PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Council will charge instalment interest of 5% per annum, added to all rates levied on ratepayer's participating in the formal rate instalment program.

On all overdue rates instalments and on rates outstanding, whether subject to either a formal or informal instalment program or not, Council will charge penalty interest of 10% per annum.

Eligible Pensioners & Seniors are exempt.

## **PAYMENTS AND RECOVERY**

Rates and Service Charges are due and payable, either in full, through the instalment options or by special arrangements made within 35 days from the date of issue of the rate notice. Any unpaid balance after the due date may be recovered by legal action, the cost of which is borne by the ratepayer.