

# RATES NOTICE

## Additional Information



### COVID-19 RELIEF PACKAGE

The Shire of Dandaragan has taken decisive action with a range of fiscal measures to assist ratepayers, residents, local businesses, and community groups, to ensure continued support of our community through the COVID-19 crisis.

Council has resolved to implement the following package of support measures for ratepayers:

- 0% rate yield increase. (Note – The annual UV revaluation will still be applied redistributing UV rates however no increase forecast).
- Set the interest rate charged on all overdue rates at 0%.
- Set the interest rate on instalment plans at 0%.
- Set instalment administration fees at \$0.

### RATES LEVIED

#### Gross Rental Value (GRV)

Council has resolved to impose a rate of 8.0156 cents in the dollar for all Gross Rental Values for 2020/21.

#### Unimproved Value (UV)

Council has resolved to impose a rate of 0.6955 cents in the dollar for all Unimproved Values for 2020/21.

#### Minimum Rates

Council has resolved to impose minimum rates to ensure equitable contribution by all rateable properties.

The following minimum rates apply:

General GRV	\$ 947.00
Lesser GRV (Badgingarra & Dandaragan)	\$ 715.00
General UV	\$ 894.00
Lesser UV (non-mining)	\$ 715.00

### PAYMENT OPTIONS



Ratepayers must choose to utilise the payment options shown on the reverse side of the 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) are 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 Council with an alternative payment plan by contacting the Rates Department on [rates@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:rates@dandaragan.wa.gov.au) or (08) 9652 0800. This plan must be agreed upon by Council.

### PAYMENT DUE DATES

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

**Option 1.** Payment in full, with 5% discount if paid by 5:00pm, 11 September 2020.

**Option 2.** Payment by 4 instalments with any arrears included in the first instalment.

<u>Instalment Due Dates</u>	1 <sup>st</sup> Instalment	11 / 09 / 2020
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Instalment	11 / 11 / 2020
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Instalment	11 / 01 / 2021
	4 <sup>th</sup> Instalment	11 / 03 / 2021

## DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT

Council has resolved that a discount of 5% will be allowed on current rates if payment for all rates and charges is received by **5:00pm on 11 September 2020**.

It is **YOUR** responsibility to ensure that full payment is received at the Shire by the due date to claim the discount. **Under no circumstances will a discount be considered for payment received after 5:00pm on 11 September 2020.**

**NOTE:** Instalment options are **NOT** available if arrears and any interest that has accrued up to the date of issue of the notice are not paid by the due date.

## eRATES



Along with being able to pay your rates online, the Shire of Dandaragan offers ratepayers the option to receive rate notices and instalment notices by email via eRates.

To receive your notices by email, you must register. Please ensure you have your reference number handy. This can be found on the top right of your rate notice.

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.

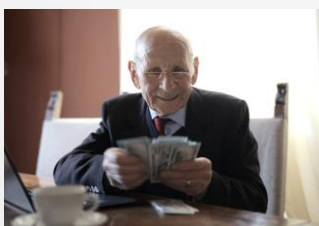
### Things to be aware of before applying:

- There can only be **one** email address for each notice.
- If there is more than one owner of the property and both owners apply to receive an electronic notice, the eRates system will by default send the notice to the most recently registered email address.
- 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](http://dandaragan.wa.gov.au)

## PENSIONERS OR SENIORS - RATES REBATE OR DEFERMENT

(Applicable to Rates, Specified Area Charge and Emergency Services Levy only. All other charges are to be paid in full)



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 1<sup>st</sup> July of the current year, be the owner and reside at that property, and:

- Be in receipt of a Pensioner Concession Card or State Concession Card; or
- Hold both a Seniors Card issued by the Office of Seniors Interests and a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card; or
- If a senior, hold a Seniors Card issued by the Office of Seniors Interest.

Note: Applicants will receive a pro-rata rebate from the date of application.

Rebate refers to current rates only. Service charges must be paid in full within 35 days unless paying by instalments. Where the rebated rates amount has not been received prior to June 30 no rebate will be granted. Under the Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferrals) Act 1992 when an entitled pensioner ceases to be entitled to a concession i.e. no longer resides or owns the property or is not in receipt of a concession card stated above, that person shall notify Council and the registration shall be cancelled. Any person who wilfully makes a false statement in an application or remains registered as an entitled pensioner knowing they are not eligible is guilty of an offence, penalty \$1,000.00.

To register please phone 1300 659 951 or register online at [www.watercorporation.com.au](http://www.watercorporation.com.au)