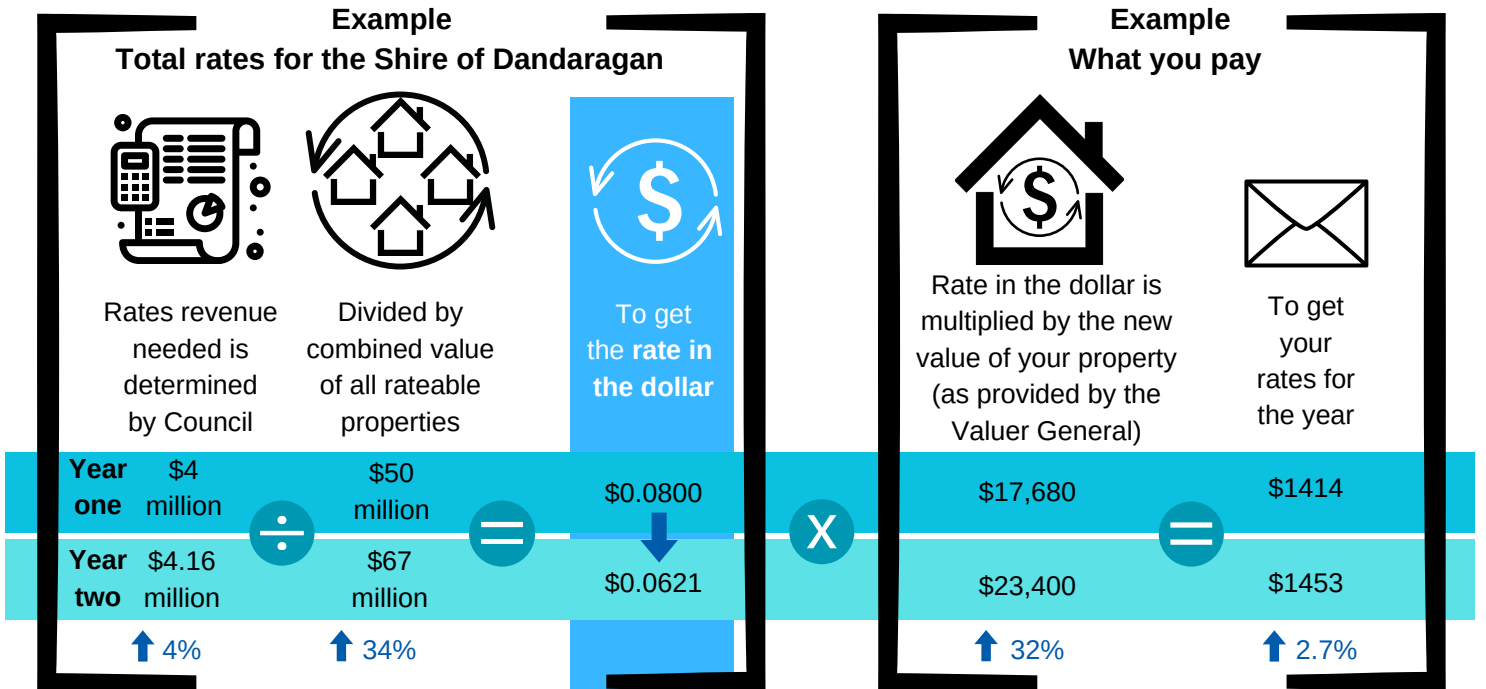


2024/2025 Rate Notice

Additional Information



If property values increase, does the council get a windfall gain?

No, if property values increase, council **decrease the rate in the dollar** to ensure that the amount collected is **only what is needed**, ie \$4.16 million.

Here your property value has increased by **32.4%**

However, council revenue (your rates) has only increased by the required amount of **2.7%**

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 2023/24 all valuations were conducted within the Shire of Dandaragan, all of which will have a valuation date of 1 July 2024. 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.

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, 11 October 2024.

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

Instalment Due Dates

1st Instalment	Friday, 11 October 2024
2nd Instalment	Wednesday, 11 December 2024
3rd Instalment	Tuesday, 11 February 2025
4th Instalment	Friday, 11 April 2025

Council has resolved to impose the below rates for the 2024/25 financial year.

Rate Category	Cents in the Dollar
GRV	7.6107
UV	0.4227

Minimum Rates Charges

General Minimum (GRV)	\$1,134.00
Lesser Minimum (GRV) (Badgingarra & Dandaragan)	\$855.00
UV Minimum	\$508.00

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 rates@dandaragan.wa.gov.au. 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.

Pensioner Concession Card



OR

OR

State Concession Card



Seniors Card issued by the Office of Seniors Interest



WITH

OR

Commonwealth Seniors Healthcare Card



Seniors Card issued by the Office of Seniors Interests



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.