

# Shire President's Message



The Shire of Ashburton has continued to provide our state and nation with high economic performance and wealth, and our important role in actively shaping our country's strong economic future cannot be understated.

Sustained development growth across our Shire is increasing the Shire's capacity to deliver capital projects that will improve the liveability and sustainability of our towns.

In 2023-2024, the Shire will once again undertake an ambitious capital works program in the region of \$83.3 million.

This will continue the intergenerational renewal and upgrade of community infrastructure across the Shire with Council's capital investment in the last 5 years exceeding \$200 million by the end of June 2024.

Key projects this year include the renewal and upgrade of the Tom Price Administration Facility, new Minna Oval Sports Pavilion, new Men's Shed in Onslow, Ocean View Caravan Park upgrade, and Bike Parks for Onslow, Paraburdoo, and Pannawonica.

Planning is also well underway for the new Town Jetty and seawall extension in Onslow.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their support and dedication to the Shire of Ashburton. It continues to be my privilege to lead as Shire President and acknowledge the great work of staff and the executive team, for their constant efforts to deliver results for our community.

## Differential Rates

| Rate Code Description  | Rate in the \$                |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Gross Rental Value<br>Residential / Community<br>Commercial / Industrial<br>Transient Workforce Accom. | 0.09756<br>0.08907<br>0.17814 |
| Unimproved Value<br>Pastoral<br>Non-Pastoral   | 0.13529<br>0.38568            |
| Minimum payment<br>All rating categories   | 1,310                         |

The Shire of Ashburton Council adopted the differential rates as shown above to collect rate revenue on an equitable basis for all rateable properties.

This ensures that every property contributes a realistic level towards the works, services and facilities provided by the Shire.



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### Administration Centre Contacts

Tom Price | Onslow | Paraburdoo | Pannawonica

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# 2023/24 Information for ratepayers



# Frequently Asked Questions

## Q: Why do I pay rates?

**A:** Council rates are supplemented by Government grants and fees revenue to cover the cost of supporting the community at a local level. If you have attended a picnic in the park, attended a local event, borrowed a book from the library, jogged around a sports ground or enjoyed a coffee in the mall, then you've benefited from Council services.

## Q: How are my rates calculated?

**A:** The Shire applies a rate in the dollar that is multiplied by the valuation to obtain the rate amount for each property. A Gross Rental Valuation (GRV) is applied generally in town sites and suburbs and an Unimproved Valuation (UV) is applied in rural areas.

GRV represents the gross annual rental that a property might reasonably expect to earn annually if it were rented. This amount is determined by Landgate or the Valuer General and is generally revalued every three years.

## Q: How do I pay my rates?

-  Online via [ashburton.wa.gov.au/rates](http://ashburton.wa.gov.au/rates)
-  By phoning **(08) 9188 4444**
-  In person at a **Shire Administration Office**




You can choose several options to pay.

| Instalment Option     | Due Date   |
|-----------------------|------------|
| ▶ Option One          |            |
| ▶ Single Full Payment | 8 Sep 2023 |
| ▶ Option Two          |            |
| ▶ First Instalment    | 8 Sep 2023 |
| ▶ Second Instalment   | 8 Jan 2024 |
| ▶ Option Three        |            |
| ▶ First Instalment    | 8 Sep 2023 |
| ▶ Second Instalment   | 9 Nov 2023 |
| ▶ Third Instalment    | 8 Jan 2024 |
| ▶ Fourth Instalment   | 7 Mar 2024 |

## Alternative payment arrangements

We understand that sometimes people experience financial hardship which makes it difficult to meet all of their financial commitments when they are due. Please contact the Shire of Ashburton's Rates Officer to arrange a suitable payment arrangement to settle your rates debt by the end of the 23/24 financial year.

# Where does the Shire's money come from?

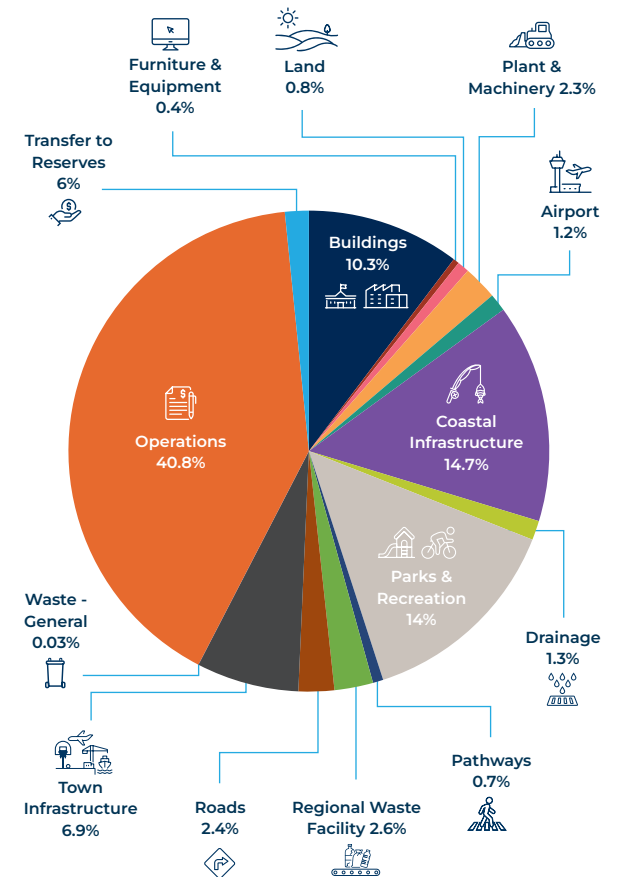
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|  | <b>Rates</b>            | <b>\$55.3M</b> |
|  | <b>Reserve Funding</b>  | <b>\$13.7M</b> |
|  | <b>Capital Funding</b>  | <b>\$32.2M</b> |
|  | <b>Fees and Charges</b> | <b>\$9.5M</b>  |
|  | <b>Operating Grants</b> | <b>\$6.1M</b>  |
|  | <b>Opening Funds</b>    | <b>\$18.3M</b> |
|  | <b>Other Revenue</b>    | <b>\$4.4M</b>  |
|  | <b>Interest Revenue</b> | <b>\$3.4M</b>  |

## Updating your details

It is essential to notify the Shire of your change of address or change of ownership in writing via email or mail whenever a change of details occurs. Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 when a person (whether as principal or agent) sells or disposes of land, the owner/agent must advise the Shire in writing within 21 days of the change in ownership, giving full details of the purchaser.

If you would like to receive all future rate notices via email instead of by post please email [rates@ashburton.wa.gov.au](mailto:rates@ashburton.wa.gov.au) to make the relevant changes.

# Where does the money go?



| Major Capital Project                        | \$M    |
|--|--------|
| Onslow Jetty                                 | \$15M  |
| Ocean View Caravan Park – Stage 3            | \$9.6M |
| Seawall Extension                            | \$5.3M |
| Tom Price Administration Centre Construction | \$5.1M |
| Minna Oval Sports Pavilion                   | \$5M   |
| Residential Housing                          | \$5M   |
| Onslow Bike Park                             | \$3M   |
| Pannawonica Bike/Pump Track                  | \$2M   |
| Paraburdoo Bike/Pump Track                   | \$2M   |
| Onslow Basin Beautification                  | \$1.9M |
| Onslow Men's Shed Construction               | \$1.8M |