

SHIRE OF DUMBLEYUNG BUDGET NEWSLETTER

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'Dear Resident.

The Shire of Dumbleyung 2024/25 Budget has now been adopted by Council which reflects a 5% rate increase for the year.

There are a number of significant capital expenditure initiatives reflected in this year's budget including the Redevelopment of Dumbleyung Swimming Pool and upgrade to Stubbs Park Pavilion (latter project subject to Federal Government grant funding support). Other significant projects include the purchase of a new transportable toilet block for Nenke Park, a new solid shade sail structure replacement for Dumbleyung Playground, further improvements to Horse Paddock Dam and Farmer's Centre Dam, establishment of three (3) new water storage tanks at Stubbs Park to accommodate increased Dumbleyung Desalination Plant yield and further water storage facility rehabilitation works in Dumbleyung. The Shire also plans to undertake a substantial asset maintenance program targeting Shire owned housing, buildings and some community infrastructure, including building works to the ex-CWA Building (Dumbleyung Day Care) and retrofit an existing Shire property (36 Tunney St Dumbleyung) into a new Family Day Care centre site. This year's budget also intends to deliver another significant road construction program with investment committed as part of the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network, targeting key arterial links including Dumbleyung Nyabing Road and Kulin Dumbleyung Road. An additional 4km bitumen seal will also be constructed along a section of 129 Gate Road. Finally, this year will see continued implementation of the Shire of Dumbleyung 2022-2032 Strategic Community Plan with key areas of focus being continued Lake Dumbleyung Lake master planning, Dumbleyung Airport extension planning, Dumbleyung 6D Experience project planning, Dumbleyung Night Time Laser Light Experience project planning, planning for new industrial units & 4WDL key worker housing advocacy activities. External grant funds have also been secured to undertake concept planning & project design work around a Southern Wheatbelt regional water supply solution.

Cr Amy Knight Shire President Gavin Treasure
Chief Executive Officer

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Option 1: A discount of 5% off the current rates levied (excludes service charges) will be allowed to rate payers whose payment of rates arrives on or before 4.30 pm on the 23rd August 2024;

Option 2: Payment of total rates and charges including arrears by 13th September 2024.

Option 3: Two instalments to be received on the following dates; 13th September 2024 and 13th January 2025;

Option 4: Four instalments to be received on the following dates; 13th September 2024, 13th November 2024, 13th January 2025 and 13th March 2025.

An instalment administration fee of \$15.00 per instalment applies to the 2^{nd} , 3^{rd} and 4^{th} instalment notices and an interest charge of 5.5% pa applies to these payments.

Section 6.49 of the Local Government Act. A local government may accept payment of a rate or service charge due and payable by a person in accordance with an agreement made by the person. Rate payers wishing to choose the Instalment option must make the first payment on or before **13**th **September 2024**.

Interest on overdue rates will be charged at 7% pa on a daily rate from the **18**th **September 2024**.

PAYMENT METHODS:

EFTPOS, Online Banking, Cheque, Cash, Money Order, Direct Deposit Account details

306-033 4697953

Please enter your assessment number as your banking reference eg. A100

Rates are due by 4:30pm on 13th September 2024. **If you would like to take advantage of the 5% discount offered, payment must be made by 4:30pm on 23rd August 2024.**

RATES

Rate in the Dollar Gross Rental Value 9.6066 cents Unimproved Value 0.5617 cents Minimum Rate \$528

SEWERAGE RATES APPLICABLE TO DUMBLEYUNG TOWNSITE

Rate in the Dollar GRV Specified Area 18.1470 Minimum Rate \$339.76 | Maximum Rate \$1409.66

There are not many shires in the state that run their own sewerage schemes however Dumbleyung is one of them. This year sewerage rates were increased 10%. Under legislation, the revenue raised by the rate can only be spent on either maintenance of the scheme or put into reserves for future maintenance. At the end of the 2024/25 financial year there is budgeted to be \$861,917 in the reserve, however the replacement of a sewerage system runs into millions of dollars.

Non-Residential Properties

Major Fixture Charge First \$1239.90, Second \$530.75, Third \$708.80, Fourth and subsequent \$770.78

Non-Rateable Properties

Class 1 Major Fixture First \$333.13, Each additional fixture \$146.56





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EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY

Your rate notice contains an amount calculated to collect the Emergency Services Levy for FESA, it is not a local government charge.

THE OBJECT AND REASONS FOR RATES

The object and reasons for raising general rates for the Shire of Dumbleyung is for the purpose of financing the maintenance and development of community services and facilities within the Local Government area to ensure the ongoing good government of the district. The reason for a minimum rate is to ensure that all properties pay an equitable contribution to the provision of services and facilities within the Shire of Dumbleyung.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSIONER RATES CONCESSION FOR 2024-25

The 50% concession allowed to eligible pensioners on local government rates is restricted to a capped amount. The pensioner capped amount for rates is \$750 and \$436.15 for sewerage for 2024/25. The senior capped amount for rates is \$100 and \$72.69 for sewerage for 2024/25 year. The Shire of Dumbleyung does not administer the laws in regards to pensioner concessions.

REFUSE REMOVAL

The Shire imposes a rubbish charge for the removal of refuse within the town sites. The refuse removal charges are \$516.00 for a 240L normal bin emptied weekly and a 240L recycle bin emptied fortnightly. The Goods and Services Tax are not applicable to rubbish charges, as the fee is levied under section 112 of the Health Act 1911. The amount raised by the refuse removal charges will be applied to the cost of rubbish removal and refuse site maintenance during the Budget period.

