

Supplementary Valuations

Supplementary Valuations are provided to Council by the Office of the Valuer General and are issued whenever a major change occurs to the value of a property. This change in valuation will generally be triggered by:

- Completion of construction or demolition works;
- Subdivision or consolidation of the land;
- A change in land title area;
- A change in the use of a property.

When a supplementary valuation is received, Council will issue a rates notice to the relevant ratepayer showing any adjusted rates and charges based on the new valuation.

For more information: bit.ly/statutory-valuations

Emailed Rate Notices

Did you know you can receive your rates instalment notice via email?
To sign up visit:

registrations.pml.com.au/dorset

Are your contact details up to date?

Council relies on your contact details being current to communicate effectively and efficiently with you about rates, including payment reminders by SMS. Please email updated details to dorset@dorset.tas.gov.au

Are you entitled to a Pension Remission?

Ratepayers who hold a Pensioner Concession Card, Health Care Card or Repatriation Health Card (Gold Card [TPI]) with a date of grant on or prior to 1 July 2025 may be eligible for a partial remission of rates. For more information, visit:
<https://www.dorset.tas.gov.au/rates-and-property>

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2026/2027
Dorset Council
RATES BROCHURE

2026/27 Rates and Charges

Levy	Amount
General Rate	0.05625
Short Term Accommodation Varied General Rate	0.1125
Forestry Varied General Rate	0.09664
Wind Farm Varied General Rate	0.08521
Minimum General Rate	\$579
Varied Minimum General Rate Vacant Land	\$700
Waste Management Charge	\$196
Small MGB	\$160
Medium MGB	\$188
Large MGB	\$367
Recycle MGB	\$178
General Fire Levy	0.002849
Scottsdale/ Bridport Fire Levy	0.002835
Minimum Fire Levy	\$52



MAYORS MESSAGE

The Dorset Council 2026–27 Budget and Annual Plan sets a clear direction for the future, focusing on three key priorities: people, planning and sustainable funding.

At its core, the budget is about ensuring Council can continue to deliver essential services today while preparing for the opportunities and challenges of tomorrow. It recognises that reliable services rely on skilled staff, sound planning and a sustainable financial foundation.

This year's budget includes investment in our workforce, strengthening key areas such as Human Resources, Information Technology and Work Health and Safety. These improvements will help ensure staff are supported, equipped and able to continue delivering quality services to the community.

Planning is another major focus. Through the Dorset: Future Ready program, Council is progressing a range of projects across the municipality, including master planning in Derby and Scottsdale, planning scheme amendments, community action planning and the development of a municipal tourism strategy. This work will help guide future growth, support informed decision-making and position Dorset to attract external funding for priority projects.

The budget also responds to the increasing cost of delivering services and maintaining infrastructure. To help address these challenges, Council has adopted a 6.5 per cent increase in general rate revenue for 2026–27, together with

additional revenue growth from new properties and rating changes. At the same time, Council remains committed to identifying efficiencies, reviewing services and ensuring value for money for ratepayers.

Importantly, the budget continues investment in community infrastructure, with \$13.1 million allocated to capital works across roads, bridges, community facilities and equipment.

This is a transition budget that lays the groundwork for the future. It strengthens our organisation, improves planning for our towns and communities, and begins to bring Council's funding into line with the real cost of delivering services. Together, these actions will help ensure Dorset remains a strong, connected and sustainable municipality for years to come.

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YOUR RATES EXPLAINED

General Rate

The General Rate is a form of tax levied by Councils on all rateable properties. Its purpose is to support Council to provide a wide range of essential services and facilities for the benefit of the community:

- Animal control
- Community safety initiatives
- Street lighting and cleaning
- Local roads, footpaths, bridges and drainage
- Capital works projects
- Operation and maintenance of halls, reserves, playgrounds, pools and recreational facilities
- Funding community events, community grants and sponsorship programs
- Development and Regulatory Services
- Strategic initiatives for the municipality

What is an AAV and how is it used to calculate the General Rate?

Council uses the Assessed Annual Value (AAV) provided by the Office of the Valuer General to calculate the General Rate. The AAV is the higher of the gross annual income or 4% of the property's Capital Value (CV). The General Rate is calculated by multiplying the AAV by the cents in the dollar adopted in the annual rates resolution.

Waste Management Charge

The Waste Management Charge is a fixed service charge that is applied to all rateable land for the running of Waste Transfer Stations, collection of public town bins, disposal operations, rehabilitation of landfill sites and recovery of the State Government's Landfill Levy.

What is the Landfill Levy and how does that apply to me?

The State Government introduced a Landfill Levy from 1 July 2022, which is a fee on waste that is sent to landfill. The Landfill Levy has been introduced as a long term approach to improving waste management and resource recovery in Tasmania. Funds raised from the landfill levy will be invested straight back into resource recovery (like recycling businesses) and education about waste. Each ratepayer makes a contribution to the Landfill Levy payable by Council through the Waste Management Charge. For more information on the Landfill Levy: bit.ly/landfill-levy-faq

MGB Charges

MGB (Mobile Garbage Bin) and Recycling MGB charges are applied to all properties that receive a kerbside collection service. If you would like to discuss your current bin allocation or your eligibility to opt in to our kerbside collection service, please contact us.

Fire Service Levy

Council collects the Fire Service levy on behalf of the State Government to contribute towards the operating costs of fire brigades. The minimum charge and all increases are determined by the State Fire Commission, independently of Council.

Interest on Rates and charges

Daily interest applies to any amount that remains outstanding 14 days from the due date. If you are having difficulty making payment please contact us for payment arrangement options.

Payment Arrangements

Council offers a broad range of payment arrangement options. To tailor a payment arrangement that is suitable for your individual circumstances, please contact us.

2026/2027 Rates Resolution

<https://www.dorset.tas.gov.au/rates-and-property>

Council's Rates Policy

<https://www.dorset.tas.gov.au/policies>