



SHIRE OF WESTONIA

BUDGET AND RATES 2025/26



2025/26 RATES

This year's budget prioritises strengthening the Shire's financial stability amidst ongoing economic uncertainty.

Rates continue to serve as the primary source of revenue for the Shire. The 2025/26 budget sets a rate increase of 3%. Rates are a property tax levied on the land value (as determined by the Valuer General). This revenue is invested back into our community, developing new and revitalised infrastructure and amenities; from essential upgrades to existing parks, roads, paths and drainage infrastructure, to the creation of new community facilities.

Moreover, the Shire remains dedicated to providing quality services to meet the diverse needs of our community. These include access to libraries, regular waste and recycling services, verge-side waste collections, community events, well-maintained parks, playgrounds, and sporting facilities, along with other amenities such as the Westonia Leisure Centre Project and community safety initiatives.

YOUR RATES AND GROSS RENTAL VALUE (GRV)

The gross rental value (GRV) is the total annual rent a property might reasonably be expected to earn each year if it was rented out. All land within the Shire used for non-rural purposes (GRV) is rated using a uniform GRV Rate. The GRV of your property is set by Landgate and provided to local governments to calculate rates.

YOUR RATES AND UNIMPROVED VALUE (UV)

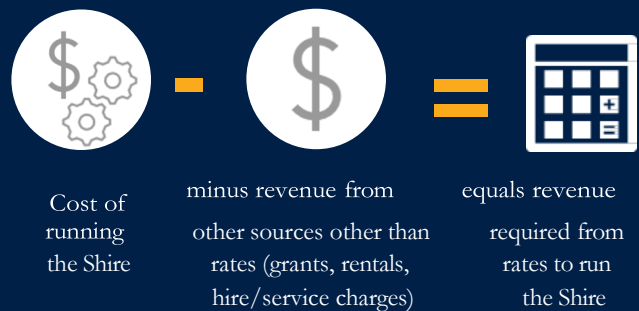
Unimproved value (UV) is the value of the land only. Properties predominantly used for a rural purpose are assigned an Unimproved Value. The UV of your property is set by Landgate and provided to local governments to calculate rates.

HOW YOUR RATES ARE CALCULATED

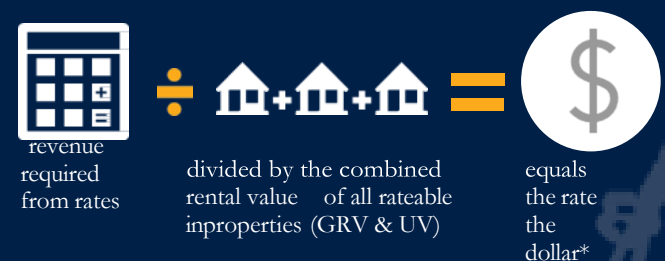
Rates are calculated based on the revenue needed to deliver core community and infrastructure services. Individual ratepayers pay a proportionate share of the cost of providing these services and infrastructure, based on their property's GRV or UV

The rate in the dollar is the amount calculated by the Shire to meet its budget requirements.

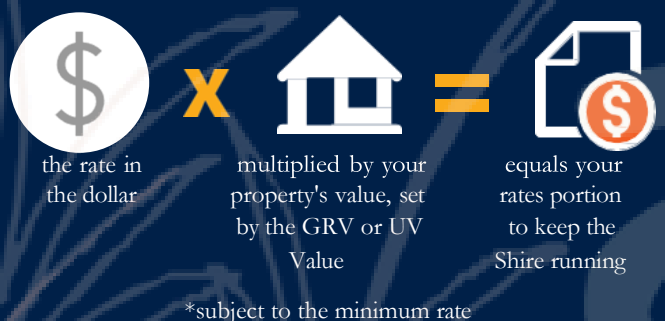
STEP 1 TOTAL RATES REQUIRED TO RUN THE SHIRE OF WESTONIA



STEP 2 HOW THE RATE IN THE DOLLAR IS CALCULATED



STEP 3 WHAT RATES YOU PAY



For 2025/26, the Shire's general rate in the dollar is

Code	Rate in \$	Lesser Min. Payment
GRV General	8.2245	370.00
GRV Mining	24.2390	370.00
UV - Rural/Pastoral	1.0560	370.00
UV - Mining	1.0560	200.00

Council rates are a contribution each property owner makes towards the cost of providing facilities and services in the Shire of Westonia. For further



HOW TO PAY YOUR RATES

There are multiple options available for paying your rates.

Direct Debit – Payments can be made quickly and securely online

BANK ACCOUNT

Bendigo Bank Mukinbudin BSB: 633-000 ACCOUNT: 209483437

REFERENCE: Rate Holders Name and/or Assessment No.

In-Person – Credit, debit card, Cash and cheque payments can be made in-person at the Shire of Westonia Administration Centre.

For more information on how to pay your rates, visit westonia.wa.gov.au/rates.

WHEN DO I HAVE TO PAY RATES?

OPTION 1: Pay in full by 15th September 2025

OPTION 2: Pay in two instalments*

1st Instalment due 15th September 2025

2nd Instalment due 15th November 2025

OPTION 3: Pay in four instalments*

1st Instalment due 15th September 2025

2nd Instalment due 15th November 2025

3rd Instalment due 18th January 2026

4th Instalment due 21st March 2026

In cases of financial difficulty where neither of these two options can be met, an application can be made to the Shire for a special payment plan* via direct debit to spread the cost over weekly/ fortnightly/monthly payments until the end of the financial year.

*An administration fee and interest charges will apply for both the four instalment option and the payment plan option.

Details can be found on your Rate Notice and our website westonia.wa.gov.au

If you are experiencing financial difficulty please communicate with the Shire. Legal action for debt recovery is taken as a last resort.

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

Shire of Westonia ratepayers, residents, businesses, community groups and clubs experiencing financial hardship may be eligible for Financial Hardship Assistance under the Shire's Financial Hardship Policy. Financial hardship means that a person or organisation is having trouble meeting their financial obligations. They have the intention but not the financial capacity to pay debts owed to the Shire.

Financial Hardship Assistance is available for debts owing to the Shire including rates, Emergency Services Levy, Rubbish Service Charge and Fees and Charges, subject to eligibility.

To find out more visit westonia.wa.gov.au

EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY

The Emergency Services Levy (ESL) is a compulsory charge for all property owners, issued by the State Government.

The ESL funds WA's fire and emergency services including fire stations, volunteer fire brigades,

State Emergency Services (SES) units and the Volunteer Marine Rescue Service. Local governments are required to include the levy in their rates accounts and collect it on behalf of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES). ESL charges are calculated based on several criteria including the ESL category your property falls under and your property's Gross Rental Value, subject to minimums and maximums.

For more information contact DFES at dfes.wa.gov.au

STATE GOVERNMENT REBATES

Pensioners or seniors who own and occupy their property may be entitled to a rebate. To be eligible, an applicant must be the owner and reside in the property on or before 1 July 2025.

Pensioner rebate applicable if you:

receive a pension or hold a valid Pensioner Concession Card, or State Concession Card or Seniors Card with Commonwealth Seniors Health Card.

The rebate available to eligible pensioners is capped at a maximum of \$750 for rates and if applicable, up to a 50% rebate on underground power and ESL. Eligible pensioners may apply to defer their rates, underground power charge and ESL.

Seniors rebate applicable if you:













hold a valid Seniors Card.

The rebate for Seniors Card holders on local government rates is capped at \$100 per household and 25% on ESL. The State Government administers the pensioner and senior concessions.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE

At the beginning of each financial year a comprehensive budget setting process is undertaken, which attempts to match spending plans for the year, to the total of all sources funding for that year.

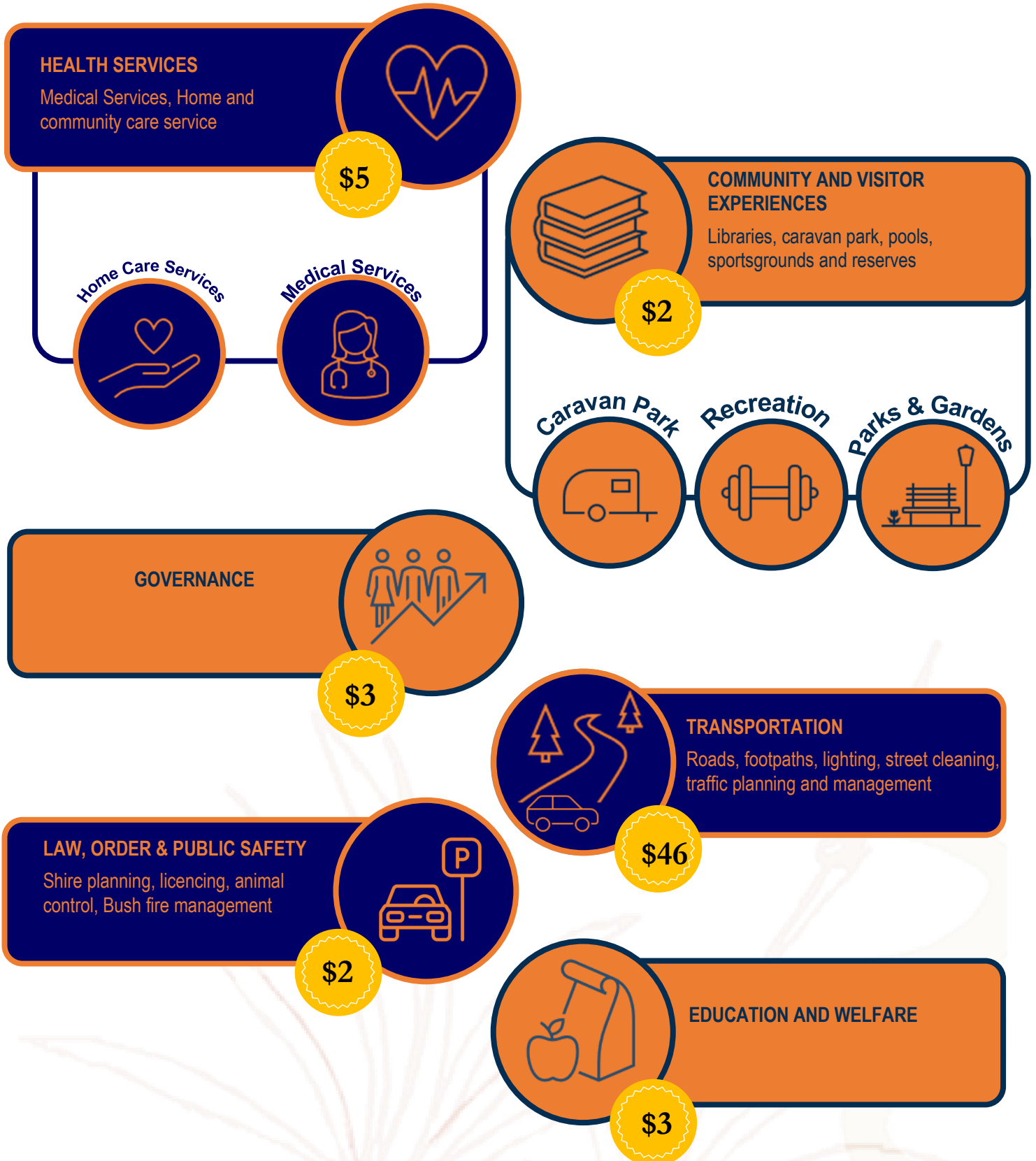
The 2025-2026 budget has been based on an annual expenditure of \$8mil This includes amounts received in the form of rates from the owners of properties with the Shire of Westonia.

 \$10K Medical Centre Upgrades	 \$500K Single Persons Quarters	 \$345K Leisure Centre Project—Old School
 \$10K Disabled Ramp Access @ Old Hall	 \$32K Lifestyle Village Fencing	 \$15K Swimming Pool Chlorination Unit
 \$32K Onsite Accommodation Improvements @ Tourist Park	 \$2.13M Road Works	 \$370K Plant Purchases
 \$800K Playground Redevelopment	 \$10K Water Tank @ Wanderers Stadium	 \$200K Museum Expansion Project

Where Will My Rates Go in 2025-26?

We set our rates based on community needs, the demand for Council services, level of service delivery required and the overall rates affordability.

For every \$100 received the Shire of Westonia will allocate,



SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES		
GOVERNANCE		
GENERAL		
Instalment Administration Fee (per instalment)		\$12.00
Recovery of Dishonour Fees - Direct Debit		At Cost
Recovery of Dishonour Fees - Cheques		At Cost
Rate Enquiry Fees - Property Information Reports		\$110.00
Document / Building Plan Search Fee		\$77.00
Rate Book - full print out		\$150.00
Single monthly agenda		\$30.00
Single monthly minutes		\$30.00
Annual Report		\$30.00
Annual Financial Statements		\$30.00
Council Annual Budget		\$35.00
Electoral Rolls		\$130.00
Freedom of Information - Application		\$30.00
Freedom of Information - Administration / staff time \$/hr		\$76.00
Freedom of Information - postage		Cost Recovery plus 10%
Freedom of Information - photocopying per page		\$0.50
Hire of Council Chambers (hourly)		Price on application and approved by CEO
HEALTH		
Nurse Practitioner Service Fee \$25.00 inc GST per Person		\$25.00
Nurse Practitioner Script Fee \$10.00 inc GST		\$10.00
Shire Staff Administration Support \$/hr		\$66.00
WESTONIAN ADVERTISING		
page B/W		\$5.50
¼ page Colour		\$7.50
½ page B/W		\$11.00
½ Colour		\$15.00
Whole page B/W		\$22.00
Whole page Colour		\$25.00
Postal Subscription		\$25.00
PHOTOCOPYING		
A4 1 side		\$0.25
A4 2 side		\$0.30
A3 1 side		\$0.35
A3 2 side		\$0.40
A4 1 side Colour		\$1.00
A4 2 side Colour		\$1.50
A3 1 side Colour		\$2.00
A3 2 side Colour		\$3.00
INTERNET ACCESS		
10 - 15 Minutes		\$3.00
15 - 30 Minutes		\$5.00
30 - 60 Minutes		\$8.00
LAW, ORDER AND PUBLIC SAFETY		
FOOD ACT 2008 SECTION 110		
Food business surveillance fee (High Risk)		\$200.00
Food business surveillance fee (Med Risk)		\$150.00
Food business surveillance fee (Low Risk)		\$100.00
Transfer of Food Business Registration		\$50.00
EDUCATION & WELFARE		
OLD SCHOOL SITE ACCOMODATION UNITS		
2 Bedroom with lounge and kitchen	2 Guest	\$200 per night
extra Guest to maximum 4		\$30 per Person
1 Bedroom		\$100 per Night

SANITATION		
GENERAL		
Domestic Refuse Charge 240lt - per annum*		\$200.00
Domestic Refuse Charge 240lt - (Additional Pick Up) per annum*		\$200.00
Domestic/Commercial Refuse Charge 240lt - (Recycling) per annum*		\$200.00
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Commercial Refuse Charge 240lt - per annum*		\$200.00
Commercial Refuse Charge 240lt - (Additional Pick Up) per annum*		\$200.00
LANDFILL SITE		
Tyres		NOT ACCEPTED
Asbestos		NOT ACCEPTED
Commercial Bulk Waste – unsorted/m³ - approval by CEO		\$35.00
Commercial Bulk Waste – sorted/m³- approval by CEO		\$30.00
CEMETERY		
BURIAL CHARGES		
For Each Internment:		
Burial Fee		\$550.00
Additional Fee Sat/Sun		\$55.00
Niche Wall: Interment		
Single (no Reservation fee paid)		\$275.00
Plaque Single		Cost + 15% + \$75.00
Memorial Rose Garden Plaque		\$20.00
SWIMMING POOL		
Admissions Adult		Free
Admission Children (Attending School)/Seniors		Free
Spectators		Free
WARM WATER POOL		
Admission Member		
Admission Non-Member		
WESTONIA RECREATION COMPLEX		
Complex (with Alcohol)		\$110.00
Complex (without Alcohol)		\$88.00
Kitchen only		\$44.00
Badminton/dance		\$11.00
Additional charge after 1am		\$22.00
Wanderers Stadium		\$110.00
Wanderers Stadium - Meetings (by negotiation with CEO) per hour		Negotiation
Old Miners Hall		\$110.00
Marquee Hire (local)	Bond of \$500	\$110.00
Marquee Hire (other)	Bond of \$500	\$550.00
Chair (each)		\$0.22
Trestle (each)		\$2.20
GYMNASIUM		
Gymnasium		Free
ECONOMIC SERVICES		
CARAVAN PARK		
Caravan Site (powered) / night		25.00
Industrial Crews-per person / night		25.00
Onsite Accommodation		110.00
Tent Site (unpowered) / night		15.00
Tent Site (unpowered) / week		90.00
"Old School" Overflow Caravan Site (powered) / week		100.00
Caravans left unattended /day		20.00
Caravans left unattended /week		140.00
Overflow area (powered) / night		20.00
Unit 12 Quartz St (3x2 up to 5 pax) \$10 pp extra up to 8 pax		220.00

STANDPIPES		
Boodarockin/George Rd	Community 20mm	Water Corp Charge + \$0.50
Walgoolan TS	Commercial 50mm	Water Corp Charge + \$0.50
Westonia TS	Commercial 50mm	Water Corp Charge + \$0.50
Carrabin TS	Commercial 50mm	Water Corp Charge + \$0.50
Cranleigh	Commercial 40mm	Water Corp Charge + \$0.50
McPharlin Rd	Community 25mm	Water Corp Charge + \$0.50
Warralakin East	Community 20mm	Water Corp Charge + \$0.50

PRIVATE WORKS - PLANT HIRE INCLUSIVE OF LABOUR - per hour charge (max. 8 hrs per day)

Graders per hr	220.00
Loader per hr	220.00
Telehandler per hr	114.00
Semi Side tipper/Water Tanker/ Drop Deck per hr	170.00
Road Train Side tipper per hr	240.00
Multi-tyre Roller per hr	140.00
Tractor per Day	330.00
Tractor per hr Dry Hire	85.00
Mini Excavator per hr	330.00
Mini Excavator per Dry Hire	185.00
Utilities per hr	55.00
Light Truck per hr	66.00
New Tree Planter per day	55.00
Old Tree Planter per day	55.00
Small Equipment per day	33.00
Low Loader Dry per day (Perth)	\$250
Community Bus Hire	.80c/km plus fuel
CommV Bus Hire	.80c/km plus fuel
Rabbit Baiter (no labour)	20.00
Supervision	150.00
Administration Charge	0.15
Labour	65.00
Labour with penalty rates	as per award 1.5
Labour with penalty rates	as per award 2.0

MATERIAL CARTAGE & DELIVERY CHARGES (within town boundary)

Gravel / Yellow sand per cubic metre in ground Plus Delivery	\$10.00
Mulch	Market Rates + 10%
Aggregate	Market Rates + 10%

* Denotes no GST applicable on these Fees & Charges

**SCHEDULE OF STATUTORY FEES & CHARGES
LAW, ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY - DOG FEES AND CHARGES
(DOG ACT, 1976)**

	*Sterilised Dog or Bitch	Unsterilised Dog or Bitch
One Year Registration :	20.00	50.00
Three Year Registration :	42.50	120.00
Lifetime Registration:	100.00	250.00
Dogs for tending stock 1yr (no Pensioner discount) :	5.00	12.50
Dogs for tending stock 3yr (no Pensioner discount) :	10.60	30.00
Dangerous Dog Reg. 1yr (no Pensioner discount) :	50.00	50.00

All Pensioners receive a 50% discount off fees. Registrations after 31st May receive a 50% discount off the above fees.

***Must sight certificate signed by a registered vet, a statutory declaration or sight ear tattoo for sterilisation concession.**

Unregistered Dog	200.00
Failure to Give Notice of New Owner	200.00
Keeping More than the Prescribed Number of Dogs	200.00
Breach of Kennel Establishment Licence	200.00
Dog in Public Place without Collar or Registration Tag	200.00
Owners Name and Address not on Collar	200.00
Dog not held by a Leash in Certain Public Places	200.00
Failure to Control Dog in Exercise Areas and Rural Areas	200.00
Greyhound not Muzzled	200.00
Dog in a Place without Consent	200.00
Failure to Submit Dog for Veterinary Examination	100.00
Dog causing a Nuisance	200.00
Failure to Produce Document Issued under the Act	200.00
Failure of Alleged Offender to give Name and Address Dangerous Dogs - As Per Dog Act Regulations	200.00

CAT FEES AND CHARGES (CAT REGULATIONS, 2012)

If application is made after 31 May until the next 31 October	10.00
One Year Registration :	20.00
Three Year Registration:	42.50
Lifetime Registration:	100.00
Cat breeding (Breeding \$/cat, male or female) :	200.00

All pensioners are entitled to a 50% discount off the registration fees.

**BUILDING CONTROL
BUILDING PERMITS**

Of Declared Value:	
Class 1 or 10 - Uncertified	0.32% of Estimated Value not less than \$97.70
Class 1 or 10 - Certified	0.19% of Estimated Value not less than \$97.70
Class 2 to 9 - Certified Application	0.19% of Estimated Value not less than \$97.70
Application to Amend a Building Permit (Uncertified)	0.32% of Estimated Value not less than \$97.70
Application for Demolition Licence of Class 1 and 10 Buildings	97.70
Application for Demolition Licence of Class 2 and 9 Buildings	97.70
Request to provide Certificate of Construction Compliance	97.70 + Travel + GST
Request to provide Certificate of Building Compliance	0.38% of Estimated Value not less than \$97.70
Application for Building approval certificate for unauthorised work	97.70



Rates Incentive Prize 2025/2026

Pay your rates in full by Monday 15th September to go in the draw to WIN!



1ST PRIZE

\$750.00 Coles- Myer Gift Card
 \$250.00 Voucher for the Westonia Tavern and
 \$100.00 Voucher for the Westonia Community CO-OP

Westonia Tavern



2ND PRIZE

\$550.00 Pre Paid Gift Card
 \$150.00 Voucher for the Westonia Tavern
 \$200.00 Voucher for the Westonia Community Co-Op.



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3RD PRIZE

\$200 Pre Paid Gift Card,
 \$100 Voucher for the Westonia Tavern
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