

# Rates and Charges 2026/2027

The following is general information only. A copy of the complete rating resolution can be obtained from the Council's website.

General Rates	Rate in the dollar
General Rate	0.00263
General Rate Commercial	0.00418
General Rate Industrial & Q land use code	0.00444
General Rate Primary Production	0.00296
General Rate Vacant Land	0.00309
General Rate Other (P&S land use codes)	0.00326
(a minimum rate of \$730 applies)	
Fire Rates	Rate in the dollar
General Rate	0.00009975
Volunteer Rate	0.00011670
(a minimum rate of \$52 applies)	
Waste Management Charges	
80 litre mobile garbage bin	\$267
120 litre mobile garbage bin	\$314
240 litre mobile garbage bin	\$491
Recycling 140 or 240 litre bin	\$163
(includes State Government Waste Levy)	
Stormwater Charges	
All stormwater districts	\$170
Goods and Services Tax (GST)	
All Local Government rates are GST exempt.	

## What your rates help fund

Your rates are essential for building and maintaining vital infrastructure like roads and bridges, ensuring safe and efficient travel for our community.

They also fund the creation and upkeep of community spaces, including sports facilities, parks, playgrounds, gardens, and reserves, as well as essential public amenities such as toilets, halls, and BBQ areas.

This funding enables us to upgrade existing facilities and invest in new projects, helping to create a safe, welcoming, and vibrant community for everyone.

## Rate instalment due dates

Rates and charges are payable each financial year, either as a single payment by the first instalment date or in four separate instalments.

Annual rate notices are issued in July, with reminders sent prior to the 2nd, 3rd and 4th instalment due dates.

Instalment	Date
1st instalment	21 August 2026
2nd instalment	30 October 2026
3rd instalment	29 January 2027
4th instalment	30 April 2027

## Payment options

- In person
- Council's website
- Via mail
- Australia Post
- Direct Debit
- BPAY
- Phone
- Centrepay

Flexible weekly, fortnightly, or monthly payment options are available. Contact our Rates Officer for details.

## Register for Enotices



- Easily access and print notices at any time
  - Conveniently store notices electronically
  - Receive your notice faster than standard mail
  - Reduce our carbon footprint and help the environment
- Go to [huonvalley.enotices.com.au](http://huonvalley.enotices.com.au) and use the reference no. on the bottom right-hand corner of your rates notice



### Visit our Website

[www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au/online-services](http://www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au/online-services)



### Email us

[hvc@huonvalley.tas.gov.au](mailto:hvc@huonvalley.tas.gov.au)



### Call us

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### Visit us

40 Main Street, Huonville



### Write to us

PO Box 210, Huonville Tasmania 7109



Image: Huon River at Franklin with Sleeping Beauty in distance

# Rates and Charges 2026/2027



## How Council's income is spent

Rates and Charges	\$24,335,868
User Fees and Fines	\$9,977,558
Grants and Contributions	\$12,941,769
Interest	\$908,000
Other	\$1,383,010
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	\$49,546,205

### Communications and Events

**0.45%**

Community engagement and communications  
Arts, culture, events

### Community Services

**19.09%**

Medical services  
Children's services  
Economic development  
Community development  
Health and wellbeing  
Diversity and Inclusion  
Retirement villages

### Council Governance

**32.28%**

Customer service  
Governance

### Infrastructure

**16.86%**

Roads  
Walking tracks  
Halls  
Public toilets  
Buildings

### Recreation

**7.39%**

Parks and reserves  
Recreation facilities

### Regulatory Services

**12.39%**

Planning, building, plumbing  
Environmental health  
Cemeteries  
Emergency management

### Waste and Environment

**11.53%**

Waste management  
Natural resource management

## How rates are calculated

In Tasmania, property valuations for rating purposes are conducted under the *Valuation of Land Act 2001*. The Valuer-General undertakes a fresh valuation in each council area on a six-year cycle. Under the *Local Government Act 1993*, councils may use a property's capital value as the basis for calculating general rates.

### Adjustment Factors

Between revaluation cycles, the Valuer-General issues Adjustment Factors to keep property values in line with current market conditions - moving up when the market rises and down when it falls. They are applied to the statutory valuation of every property within a given class across a defined area, which may be the whole local government area, a suburb, or a group of suburbs.

Adjustment factors are not a valuation, but these adjusted capital values form the basis upon which general rates are calculated, ensuring fairness and equity across the rating system. This figure is shown as **Rateable Value** on your rates notices.

For further information regarding your property's capital value or the application of adjustment factors, you may contact the Office of the Valuer-General (OVG) or visit [www.nre.tas.gov.au](http://www.nre.tas.gov.au).

## Key 2026/27 Budget highlights

- \$3,396,300 for Sealed Roads Program including:
  - Silver Hill Road, Cygnet \$1.9 million
  - Mountain River Road, Grove \$526,000
  - Forsters Rivulet Road, Lymington \$500,000
  - Frederick Street, Cygnet \$160,000
  - New Road, Franklin \$100,000
  - Acacia Street, Huonville \$80,000
  - Heather Street, Southport \$60,000
  - Seaview Street, Southport \$40,000
  - William Street, Geeveston \$30,000
- Unsealed Roads Program of \$1 million, continues resheeting of our extensive rural road network to improve safety and accessibility.
- Huonville *Reimagined: Crafting a Future Huonville project* - a major initiative set to transform the town and strengthen the Huon Valley community. *Huonville Reimagine* is supported by a \$4,696,368 grant payable over two years.
- Introduction of the Community Liveability Fund of \$37,300, consolidating Council's previous Community, Creative and NRM Grant programs into a single program with a new Climate Research Grant scheme.

### Other major projects:

- Mary Street Safety Improvement Project \$2 million
- 200 place Huonville Early Childhood Education & Care Centre \$2 million
- Mountain River Road seal \$700,000
- Federick Street \$450,000
- Stormwater Infill Works \$250,000
- Cygnet Town Hall improvement \$100,000
- Stormwater Model/Design

*Note: This initial funding supports the design phase including survey and consultation - with construction of some projects likely to continue into 2027/28.*

## Rates discount

You may be eligible for a rates discount if you:

- Hold one of the following cards on 1 July 2026:
  - Pensioner Concession Card (PCC)
  - Health Care Card (HCC)
  - Veterans' Affairs Gold Card (endorsed TPI or War Widow/Widower)
- Are responsible for the rates and live at the property as your principal place of residence on 1 July 2026.

Applications are verified with the Department of Treasury and Finance.

Application forms are available on our website or at the Council's Customer Service Centre and need to be submitted by 31 March 2027.

## Financial Hardship

We understand financial circumstances can change unexpectedly. Our Financial Hardship Policy supports residents in genuine need with flexible payment options and by waiving interest and penalty charges.

If you're having trouble paying your rates, please contact us to discuss a confidential, personalised solution.