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31 August

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31 May

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76 Cygnet Ave, Shellharbour City Centre

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Understanding Your Rates 2026 - 2027



Understanding Your Rates

How is the *rate in the dollar* set?

The *rate in the dollar* is calculated by dividing 55% of the total amount collected through residential rates, by the total land value of all residential properties in the Shellharbour Local Government Area (LGA). Your share of this is based upon the valuation of your property.

The base amount

As well as the rate in the dollar amount, the remaining 45% of our residential rate income comes from a base amount. This charge is the same for all residential properties.

Land value charge

All rates are calculated using the land value of the property. The land value is determined by the NSW Valuer General, not by Council. Any queries regarding your land value should be directed to the NSW Valuer General.

The Valuer General issues new land values to council to use in levying rates every three years. The land valuations that are currently being used to levy rates for the 2026/2027 rating year aim to reflect the market value of the land only as at 1 July 2025 (the base date).

Waste charges

Vary depending on your bin size and service. Your notice shows your charges.

Stormwater levy

Annual charge for managing the city's stormwater network.

Interest

Applies daily on overdue amounts. Contact us to confirm the correct total if paying late or log in to **Payble** to set up payments.

How are my rates calculated?

Approximately half of our total income comes from rates and charges. We use this money to help fund a whole range of facilities and services in our city, from parks and sports fields to roads, libraries, health and safety, community events and youth services.

Rates are calculated on land values as supplied by the Valuer General of NSW and all residential properties are charged the same base amount. New valuations are issued by the Valuer General of NSW every three (3) years which Council uses for the following financial year.

How are my rates spent?

Your Council rates go towards providing services and facilities for the community, and the cost of running our city. This includes everything Council does, from collecting waste and maintaining roads, to buying library books and patrolling beaches.

Rates are just one of the ways we pay for these things - we also have other income from User Charges & Fees, Grants, Contributions and Council's commercial businesses including the Airport, The Links Golf Course & Tavern and the Shell Cove development.

Need help with your rates?

Pensioner rebates

If you have a Pensioner Concession Card or receive a War Widow or TPI Pension, you may be eligible for a rebate.

To qualify, you must:

- Live at the property
- Be the person liable to pay the rates
- Have the same address on your concession card
- Not be claiming a rebate elsewhere

Pensioner Concession Form is available on council's website or at Shellharbour Civic Centre.

Having trouble paying?

If you're experiencing financial difficulties, we can help set up a payment plan. Interest still applies, but we'll work with you. Avoid legal action - reach out early.

Building a better community

Here are some of the things Council provides to the wider community, for every **\$100** spent.

Major Works & Construction



\$41

Council Businesses & Economy



\$25

Waste Management



\$12

Maintaining Roads, Infrastructure & Open Spaces



\$10

Environmental sustainability



\$1

Planning & Development



\$2

Libraries & community services



\$2

Aquatics & recreational facilities



\$2

Culture & Events



\$2

Compliance & Regulation



\$1

Active Transport



\$1

Tourism



\$1