

## KEY PROJECTS 2023/2024

St Marys Indoor Recreation Facility (Grant Funded)  
Fingal Community Shed (Grant Funded)  
Feasibility Study Aquatic Centre  
Land Use Review Projects  
St. Helens Foreshore Master Plan  
St. Helens Sports Complex Master Plan  
Plant and Equipment Replacement  
Scamander Coastal Hazards Project  
Fingal Youth Playground (Grant Funded)  
Pumptracks (Grant Funded)  
Road Resheeting  
Road Resealing  
Bridge Replacement  
Stormwater modelling & inspection program  
Continued Flood Remediation Works

### INSTALMENT DUE DATES:

1. 31 August 2023
2. 31 October 2023
3. 31 January 2024
4. 31 March 2024

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Break O'Day  
COUNCIL

**YOUR  
RATES  
EXPLAINED**



## What charges are included in my rates notice?

### GENERAL RATE

Covers provision of essential services to the community.



5.95%

### STATE FIRE LEVY

State Government levy collected by Council and passed on in full.



5%

### WASTE CHARGES

Covers waste collection including recycling, and running the waste transfer stations.

(This includes the State Waste Levy that we collect on behalf of the State Government and pass on to them in full.)



60c  
per  
week



## What do my rates pay for?

Your rates fund Council's core functions and responsibilities, with services across Break O'Day including waste management, immunisations, environmental health, animal control, cemeteries, compliance and town planning – to name just a few. Your rates also fund vital infrastructure such as roads, drainage, street lighting, bridges, footpaths and buildings, enhancements to our townships, community support such as grants, programs and events and maintaining our parks, reserves and sporting grounds and facilities.

Our 2023-24 Annual Plan and Budget Estimates shows you where your rates will be spent this financial year. You can find more detail on these plans on our Council website.



## How are my rates calculated?

Council continues to rate using the AAV (Assessed Annual Value), or the value of the rental potential of the property, as a valuation basis. Council considers this method of valuation to be the fairest approach available to distribute rates responsibly across all property owners.

A detailed review of the Rates and Charges Policy was completed in April 2023. The review compared rates applied to different use classes of land across the municipality over the past decade and an assessment of the equitable distribution of rates and charges to each use class was assessed. Council has applied this data to refine and adjust rates and charges levied across existing land use classes (including a number of new use classes) to seek a more equitable distribution of rates and charges.

A minimum general rate is applied to ensure that all property owners contribute towards the provision of basic services at a reasonable and equitable level. A minimum general rate provides a mechanism by which lower valued properties pay not less than a minimum amount. The minimum rate must not apply to more than 35% of properties. The minimum rate proposed will apply to 14% of properties in the municipality. Well below the maximum level allowed.

## Difficulty in paying? We are here to help.

We understand that sometimes it may be difficult for people to pay their rates on time – but don't worry, we are here to help.

If you are having difficulty paying, contact us as soon as possible and we can work with you to develop a payment plan.