

EMERGENCY SERVICES AND VOLUNTEER FUND (ESVF) LEVY

Your 2026/27 rates notice includes your contribution to the Victorian Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF). This State Government charge, collected by local councils, supports the work of a broad range of emergency services. These include Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES), Triple Zero Victoria, Emergency Management Victoria, Forest Fire Management Victoria, Emergency Recovery Victoria, Fire Rescue Victoria and Country Fire Authority (CFA).

Eligible CFA and VICSES volunteers can receive a rebate for this levy for their principle place of residence or farm.

For more information regarding the ESVF, visit www.sro.vic.gov.au/emergency-services-and-volunteers-fund or phone the State Revenue Office's ESVF Support Line on 1300 819 033.

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RATES RELIEF

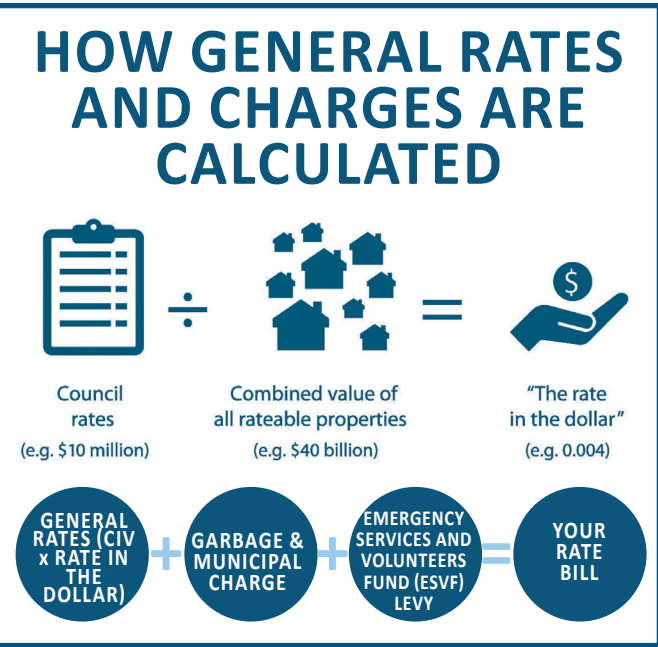
Various Council policies outline options to assist ratepayers who are experiencing financial hardship. For more information, please phone Council on (03) 5450 9333.

YOUR RATES

The State Government's Fair Go Rates System limits the maximum increase in rates revenue for each financial year. The 2026/27 financial year figure is 2.75%, which Council is adhering to.

This increase allows Council to maintain existing service levels, support grant subsidised projects and contributes towards the renewal of Council's infrastructure.

TYPE OR CLASS OF LAND	2025/26 CENTS/\$CIV	2026/27 CENTS/\$CIV	CHANGE
Residential Properties	.004481	.004337	-3.20%
Commercial/Industrial Properties	.004713	.004632	-1.73%
Farm Irrigation District Properties	.003090	.003121	1.02%
Farm Dryland Properties	.001583	.001496	-5.48%
Cultural and Recreational Properties	.002241	.002169	-3.20%



YOUR VALUATION

A revaluation was undertaken as at 1 January 2026 and applies for this 2026/27 rating year. If you do not agree with your current valuation you may object. Objections must be received within 60 days from the postage date of rates notices. An objection may be made in relation to the value of a property or on other grounds as specified in the *Valuation of Land Act 1960*.

Objections are to be lodged via the State Government's Rating Valuations Objections portal. Visit <https://ratingvaluationobjections.vic.gov.au/> for more information. After receiving an objection, a valuer must discuss the matter with the objector and is required to make a decision within 120 days.

INFORMATION PRIVACY

Private and/or health information collected by Gannawarra Shire Council is used for municipal purposes as specified in the *Local Government Act 2020*. The private and/or health information will be used solely by Council for these purposes and/or directly related purposes. For example, Council may be required to disclose this information if:

- Required by law.
- You have consented to the use or disclosure of the information.
- The disclosure is reasonably necessary for a law enforcement function.
- The use or disclosure is necessary for government departments to address issues such as pest animal and plant/land management.
- The use or disclosure (excluding personal details) is necessary for research or analysis of statistics in the public interest.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Council on (03) 5450 9333.

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Patchell Plaza
47 Victoria Street
KERANG VIC 3579

COHUNA OFFICE

23 King Edward Street
COHUNA VIC 3568

Telephone: (03) 5450 9333

Web: www.gsc.vic.gov.au

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All correspondence is to be posted to:

PO BOX 287
KERANG VIC 3579



YOUR RATES NOTICE EXPLAINED 2026/27

PAY YOUR RATES IN FOUR EASY INSTALMENTS

You can pay your rates in four instalments using any of the payment options listed on your rates notice.



FIRST INSTALMENT DUE
To be eligible for the quarterly instalment plan, please make first instalment payment by 30 September 2026.



SECOND INSTALMENT DUE
Please pay instalment amount listed on your rates notice.



THIRD INSTALMENT DUE
Please pay instalment amount listed on your rates notice.



FINAL INSTALMENT DUE
Please pay instalment amount listed on your rates notice.



OR PAY IN FULL



Your Rates Notice Explained

Please contact Council with questions regarding your Rates Notice. When contacting Council always have your assessment number ready to assist staff to locate your details quickly.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, please contact Council early to discuss a suitable and mutually acceptable payment arrangement. Council can tailor a payment plan to suit your circumstances. We also offer payment plan options including Direct Debit and Centrepay deductions to help make managing your payments easier.

The Land Use Classification indicated here is for the purposes of calculating your Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF) Levy. only. It does not indicate the actual Planning Zone of your property.

The body of your Rates Notice includes all charges and concession rebates that have been applied to your property.

Payment options for Bpay and Auspost. The Biller Code is the same but the Ref: is different for each assessment, please be careful when entering the reference code.

Note: The Ref is your property Bill Number and therefore different for each assessment.



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RATES & CHARGES FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JULY 2026 TO 30TH JUNE 2027

Rates & charges must be paid in full by 15 February 2027 unless you elect to pay instalments by paying the first instalment by the due date shown below:-

JA SB Citizen
PO Box 2121
Kerang VIC 3579

SEE REVERSE FOR OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Assessment Number A1234	Rating year 2026/2027	Date Declared 17/06/2026	Issue Date 21/08/2026	Valuation Date 01/01/2026
Bill Number 1234567890	Location and Description of property 1098 Brunning Road Kerang Lot 60 PS 131412 Parish Kerang Vol:1 4125 Folio: 3058			
Emergency Services & Volunteers Fund (ESVF) Levy land use Classification Residential	AVPCC 110.3			
Property Owner	Residential @ 0.4337 of CIV Garbage Charge 120Ltr Municipal charge Concession Rebate ESVF Rebate			
Rating Details				

CHARGES COUNCIL IS REQUIRED TO COLLECT ON BEHALF OF THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT

ESVF Residential Charge	\$ 139.00
ESVF Residential CIV @ 0.000173	\$ 58.82

Site Value	CIV	NAV
114,000	340,000	17,000
\$1,474.58		
\$ 480.00		
\$ 110.00		
- \$ 272.70		
- \$ 50.00		

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e.g. Z6ZEQ BRC

1. 1st Instalment \$487.70 Payable by 30/09/2026	2nd Instalment \$484.00 Payable by 30/11/2026	3rd Instalment \$484.00 Payable by 28/02/2027	4th Instalment \$484.00 Payable by 31/05/2027	OR	2. FULL PAYMENT \$1,939.70 Payable by 15/02/2027
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PAYMENT METHODS
See reverse for details

Mail Post Bpay Direct Debit In Person

Biller Code: 6270
Ref: 1234567890

ASSESSMENT NO. A1234
BILL NO. 1234567890

RATEPAYER JA & SB Citizen

PROPERTY ADDRESS 1098 Brunning Road

FIRST INSTALMENT \$ \$487.70
FULL PAYMENT \$ \$1,939.70

BPAY this payment via Internet or phone banking.
BPAY View - View and pay this bill using internet banking.
BPAY View Registration No.: Please enter the BPAY Reference number (above)

Post billpay Billpay Code: 0807
Ref: 1234567890
Pay in person at any Post Office, by phone 13 18 1, or go to www.postbillpay.com.au

To be eligible for instalment payments and to receive reminder notices, you must make your first payment by this date. If payment is not made by this date you are to pay in full by 15 February 2027.

Residents paying their rates in a single payment must pay by this date.

Please check your details carefully, including name and address. It is your responsibility to notify Council of any changes.

“Site Value” is the land value. “CIV” - Capital Improvement Value is the site value plus any improvements. “NAV” - Net Annual Value is calculated at either 5% of the CIV or the current value of a property’s net annual rental.

The Municipal Charge applies equally to each assessment eligible for the Municipal Charge. This charge is levied to cover a portion of Council’s administration costs.

The Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF) Levy is a State Government-implemented charge on most properties in Victoria. Council acts as the collection agency on behalf of the State Revenue Office.

Concession rebates will show on the notice as a negative amount. If you have a Pension Concession card and are not currently receiving the concession rebate contact Council for the appropriate form.

Register to receive rates notice via email.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Every year your council sends rate notices to property owners. Rates are essential in financing the broad range of infrastructure and services provided by the Gannawarra Shire Council, as outlined in the 2026/27 Budget.

Your rates help to maintain key services Council provides to the community, such as roads, libraries, waste management and recreational facilities. Whether you use all, some or none of these services, I am sure you appreciate the important role they play in creating the Gannawarra way of life.

Council is facing ever increasing financial pressure. Input costs, State Government cost shifting and increased regulatory burden consumes more revenue every year. Despite these challenges, the 2026/27 Budget will support capital works improvements, made possible thanks to contributions from higher levels of government. These works include improvements to roads, buildings, swimming pools and urban stormwater infrastructure.

It is important to note that rate increases have been capped at 2.75% by the State Government. Generally, increases in your rates notice greater than this figure are due to the State Government raising their fees by more than the 2.75% allowed for councils.

Unfortunately, ratepayers will again face increased costs thanks to the State Government’s Emergency Services and Volunteer Fund (ESVF) levy. This blatant tax grab will see our residents, business owners and communities pay additional fees via municipal rates to support our emergency services. Council continues to express its opposition to this charge, with ratepayers urged to contact the State Revenue Office with their concerns.

Responsible government is simple in principle. The overall community benefit is greater than the rates we pay. As a resident, landholder and ratepayer within Gannawarra, you should expect the responsible use of your money. My fellow Councillors and I understand these principles.

We look forward to continuing to work with the Gannawarra community to provide key Council services and implement the initiatives funded via the 2026/27 Budget.

Cr Garner Smith
MAYOR, GANNAWARRA SHIRE COUNCIL