

ABOUT YOUR GENERAL RATES

How are my rates calculated?

Bathurst Regional Council uses the base rate system.

The base rating system has two parts:

- A set rate (base rate); and
- A variate rate (ad valorem) multiplied by the unimproved land value (cents in the dollar land valuation).

Base rate income funds the cost of services and operations, and ad valorem income recovers the cost of infrastructure. In this way, all assessments pay a proportionate share toward the cost of infrastructure based on their land value and the base charge is used to set a pricing difference for the type, quality and scope of services provided in those localities.

In 2025-2026 these rates are:

| Rating Category | Ad Valorem Rate | Minimum \$ | Base Amount \$ |
|----------------------------|-----------------|------------|----------------|
| Residential | 0.161960 | | 327.00 |
| Residential (Town/Village) | 0.511567 | 466.00 | |
| Farmland | 0.092626 | | 442.00 |
| Business | | | |
| Bathurst City | 1.336420 | 498.00 | |
| Forest Grove | 1.136470 | 498.00 | |
| Ceramic Ave | 1.136470 | 498.00 | |
| Eglinton Non-Urban | 1.136470 | 498.00 | |
| Orton Park | 1.136470 | 498.00 | |
| Stewarts Mount | 1.136470 | 498.00 | |
| Evans Plains | 1.136470 | 498.00 | |
| Business (Sub Category) | 0.264555 | 324.00 | |
| Mining | 0.320279 | | 285.00 |

Water, Sewer and Waste rates can be found in the Revenue Policy.

METHODS OF PAYMENT

The Local Government Act 1993 provides for rates to be paid either in a lump sum or by quarterly instalments:

| Instalment | Date Due |
|------------|-------------|
| 1 | 31 August |
| 2 | 30 November |
| 3 | 28 February |
| 4 | 31 May |

Failure to pay any quarterly instalment by the due date may result in interest being accrued on the overdue amount.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- In person at Council's office – Civic Centre, Bathurst (via Cash, cheque or EFTPOS)
- Direct Debit
- At the Commonwealth Bank
- Phone – Credit Card/Debit Card (Visa/MasterCard only)
- Mail
- Internet – BPAY, Direct Deposit

Merchant Fees will be charged for all card payments.

To avoid these fees, you can pay via: BPAY, Cash, Cheque, Direct Deposit or Pay at the Commonwealth Bank.

- **eNotices** – You can request to have your rate notice electronically sent directly to your email address. You can also schedule your one-off payment via the eNotices platform.



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OPERATIONAL PLAN 2025-2026 OVERVIEW

OUR VISION

A thriving region where history, culture, and nature are value, diversity is celebrated, and economic growth is balanced with sustainability.

OUR DELIVERY PROGRAM

AND OPERATIONAL PLAN (DPOP) 2025-2029:

- Are structured around four Strategic Directions and associated Outcomes within the Community Strategic Plan 2025-2045, which is the blueprint for both short-term and long-term programs of works.
- Under each Outcome are strategies, actions, projects and programs for works which are all interconnected and are aligned with Council's Business Units to provide accountability for each activity.

BUDGET STATEMENT

The Operational Plan has been prepared for 2025-2026. It reflects Council's ongoing commitment to delivering essential services while navigating a financially challenging position with care, focus, sustainability and long-term responsibility.

More information can be found in the Delivery Program (DP) and Operational Plan (OP), Revenue Policy and the Detailed Budget.

DPOP

Revenue Policy

Detailed Budget



DELIVERY PROGRAM & OPERATIONAL PLAN 2025-2026

CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM SPEND = \$32 MILLION

TIMBER BRIDGES

Council is continuing its program to replace old timber bridges with stronger, safer structures. With support from the NSW Government's Fixing Country Bridges Program, these upgrades will improve access for communities and reduce future maintenance needs. Replacing these bridges supports local transport, farming, freight movement, and also boosts local jobs and the economy.

Funding: General Fund - Grant Funded

UPGRADING ROADS TO IMPROVE ASSET AND SAFETY (\$8.4M)

Improving the condition and safety of local roads is a key focus. Projects include road sealing, widening, and installing safety barriers in line with the NSW Government's 2026 Road Safety Action Plan. These works are funded through programs such as Roads to Recovery, Blackspot, Towards Zero, and Council's own funds.

Funding: General Fund

NEW FOOTPATH CONSTRUCTION (\$225K)

Council is building new footpaths and shared paths based on the Bathurst Strategic Access Plan. These paths connect key areas across the city and nearby villages, making it easier and safer for people to walk or cycle between suburbs like Kelso, Eglinton, South Bathurst, Llanarth, and Windradyne.

Funding: General Fund

UPGRADE TO THE MANNING AQUATIC CENTRE (\$400K)

The Manning Aquatic Centre Bathurst is about to receive a major refurbishment of the changeroom facilities to improve comfort, functionality, and the overall visitor experience. The project will include brand new tiles throughout, along with the full replacement of toilets, showers, and basins.

Funding: Water Fund

WATER FILTRATION PLANT ULTRAVIOLET TREATMENT (\$250K)

Council will be adding an ultraviolet (UV) treatment system to the Water Filtration Plant. This upgrade will provide an extra layer of treatment to help ensure the Bathurst drinking water supply remains fit for purpose into the future.

Funding: Water Fund

RESERVOIR UPGRADES (\$150K)

Major works will be undertaken at two of Council's drinking water reservoirs (Suttor Street and Sydney Road). These upgrades will strengthen the integrity and extend the operational life of the reservoirs.

Funding: Water Fund

**NOTE: FIGURES REFLECT THE
2025-2026 FINANCIAL YEAR ONLY.**

LANDFILL CELL DEVELOPMENT (\$265K)

Future landfill planning at the Bathurst Waste Management Centre is underway, with new cells to be developed and put into operation. This expansion of the landfill will ensure waste management operations are meeting current requirements and will extend the usable life of the existing landfill.

Funding: Waste Fund

HECTOR PARK AMENITIES BLOCK (\$861K)

Council intends to upgrade the existing public toilets at Hector Park with a more modern, accessible facility. The new structure will incorporate durable, vandal-resistant materials to ensure long-term functionality and ease of maintenance while improving the amenity of Hector Park.

Funding: Sewer Fund

STORMWATER DRAINAGE - MARSDEN LANE - DETENTION BASIN (\$3M)

The development along Marsden Lane includes a series of detention basins. The basins include a low flow and high flow outlets to minimise the risk of downstream impacts to the trunk drainage network. These basins will provide future protection for storm events and will absorb impacts from further development along Marsden Lane.

Funding: General Fund

