



## FINANCIAL HARDSHIP POLICY

Council has established a Financial Hardship Policy for Rates and Sundry Debtors. The policy is designed to assist residential ratepayers and sundry debtors experiencing financial hardship by offering some measures of relief around the payment of rates and debtor accounts.

Please contact the Shire of Dardanup rates Department on 9724 0371 or [rates@dardanup.wa.gov.au](mailto:rates@dardanup.wa.gov.au) for further assistance.

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

Pay your rates in full by 13 September 2023 and you will go into our Early Bird Payment draw to win \$1,500. Direct Debit options are also available.

Pay in one instalment	Total Payment	Due 13 September 2023
Pay in four instalments	1 <sup>st</sup> Instalment	13 September 2023
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Instalment	15 November 2023
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Instalment	17 January 2024
	4 <sup>th</sup> Instalment	20 March 2024

## SENIOR/PENSIONER CONCESSION

Senior Card Holders may be entitled to claim a rebate of up to 25% of the current year's rates and Emergency Services levy. The maximum rebate for rates is \$100.

Pensioners are also entitled to a rebate which is capped at \$750 for rates in the 2023/24 period and will be up to 50% of the current year's rates and Emergency Services Levy. Please contact the Water Corporation on 1300 659 951 to complete an application.

## RATES & MINIMUM CHARGES

The Shire of Dardanup will apply general rates and minimum payments for the 2023/24 financial year as summarised in the following table:

Rate Category	Rate in the \$ (cents)	Minimum Payment
Gross Rental Value (GRV)	10.9420	\$1,547.50
Unimproved Value (UV)	0.5974	\$1,640.35

### Specified Area Rates for:

**Bulk Waste Collection Levy** – levied on all developed residential properties within (and adjoining to) the townsites of Eaton, Dardanup and Burekup that are serviced with Council's bulk and green waste kerbside pick-up. This is to meet the cost of the service and to contribute to the refuse site cost. Rate in the \$ (cents) 0.1315.

**Eaton Landscaping** – levied on all properties within the Eaton townsite for the purposes of maintaining and upgrading parks and reserves in the townsite of Eaton. Rate in the \$ (cents) 0.2925.

### REGISTER for eRATES

[Go to erateswa.com/dardanup](http://erateswa.com/dardanup)



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## BUDGET SUMMARY

2023/24



## EVER WONDERED HOW YOUR RATES ARE SPENT?



### Council's Vision

"The Shire of Dardanup is a healthy, self-sufficient and sustainable community, that is connected and inclusive, and where our culture and innovation are celebrated."



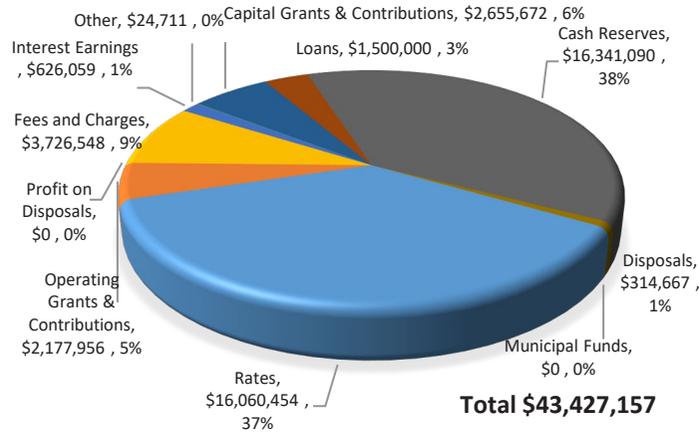
## MESSAGE FROM SHIRE PRESIDENT



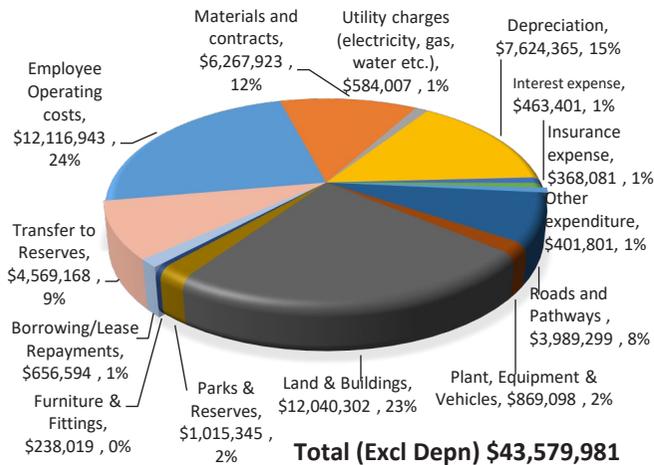
On behalf of the Council and staff of the Shire of Dardanup, I am very pleased to present our 2023/24 Budget to our community. The Shire of Dardanup has continued to respond to the needs of our community by producing a responsible and constrained

budget for 2023/24. This is reflected in the overall 6.0% rate revenue increase, inclusive of a 6.0% increase in UV minimum rates, 0% increase in GRV minimum rates and a 0% increase in both Specified Area Rates for Bulk Waste Collection and Eaton Landscaping in an effort to minimise the overall rate increase where possible. In addition to these measures, Council has only increased its fees and charges where cost increases have been clearly identified or statutory increases have applied. While these financial constraints have been put in place to respond to the ongoing financial difficulties experienced by many in the community, Council has continued to provide support to the community in the form of annual donations for various events and activities, festivals, seniors' activities and youth programs. This is combined with a significant capital works program required to maintain and upgrade buildings, roads, footpaths and other community facilities. While the areas of major capital and operating income and expenditure are summarised in this brochure, I would encourage you to view the detail contained within 2023/24 Annual Budget, which can be obtained from Council's website - [www.dardanup.wa.gov.au](http://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au).

## COUNCIL'S FUNDING SOURCES



## WHERE COUNCIL ALLOCATES FUNDING



### Rates

Council has budgeted for a 6.0% rate revenue increase in 2023/24 which is reflected in a 0% increase in GRV minimum rates and a 6.0% increase in UV minimum rates.

## KEY PROJECTS

- New Council Administration, Library & Community Centre in Eaton



- Eaton Oval Clubrooms (R&J Fishwick Pavilion) for junior football and cricket

- Parks, Reserves & Playground upgrades and expansion



- Roads, Bridges, Pathways and Drainage upgrades & renewals

## OTHER BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- \$3.9 million for the upgrade and renewal of Roads, Bridges, Pathways & Drainage
- \$12 million for capital Building Construction projects
- \$1 million Parks & Reserves Upgrades
- \$409,861 Community Grants, Donations & Events

For more information, please visit [www.dardanup.wa.gov.au](http://www.dardanup.wa.gov.au)