

Mayor's message

Your rates will help us to deliver a wide range of services and programs that contribute to the wellbeing and vibrancy of Yarra, making it a fantastic place for our diverse community to live.

This year rates account for 58% of Council's 2018/19 budget, which was developed after a four-month conversation with our community.

We listened to your feedback carefully when deciding to fund some key projects, including providing for traffic and pedestrian improvements, supporting gambling reform, and advocating for more sustainable transport.

Some other highlights of this year's budget include:

- \$7m allocated for road upgrades and renewals
- \$2m for upgrades and renewal works at our leisure centres and golf course
- \$1m for improvements to footpaths and bike paths including the second stage of the Wellington Street separated bike lane
- \$1m for upgrades and renewals to sporting facilities such as the Malcolm Graham Pavilion at Kevin Bartlett Reserve
- \$185,000 towards a new youth space in Richmond

This brochure is designed to better help you understand what your rates pay for, how they are calculated and the options available for paying your rates.

Thank you for investing in your community.



Cr Daniel Nguyen
Mayor



Valuations

As required by the State Government, Council has revalued all Yarra properties in 2018. We found that properties had increased in value by an average of 18.48% since 2016.

Rising property values and new developments do not result in increased rate revenue for Council. The 2.25% rate cap applies to the overall amount of money that Council is receiving from rates.

This means that if your property's value grew by more than 18.48% you will experience an increase to your rates higher than the 2.25%. Properties that grew in value by less than 18.48% (or decreased in value) will experience an increase lower than 2.25%.

Can I object to a valuation?

Yes, but you must do so within two months of the date on your rates notice.

For more information, please visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/valuations or call us on 9205 5555.

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Richmond Town Hall 333 Bridge Road, Richmond

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Working for you

Your rates 2018-19



Paying your rates

Payment methods

See the Valuation and Rates Notice included with this brochure for a full listing of payment methods. Please note that payment in full by 15 February was removed as an option effective 1 July 2016.

Due dates

You have two options for paying your rates.

Option A

Direct debit only - Pay 10 monthly instalments starting in September 2018. You are required to complete a Direct Debit Request form which can be found online at yarracity.vic.gov.au/directdebit and return to Council to pay by this method.

Option B

Pay in four instalments. You may choose to prepay any or all of your instalments prior to these due dates:

- First instalment – 1 October 2018
- Second instalment – 30 November 2018
- Third instalment – 28 February 2019
- Fourth instalment – 31 May 2019

Pensioner rebates

You could be eligible for a \$182.50 rebate on your rates for your principal place of residence if you hold a Pensioner Concession Card or a Gold Card issued by the Department of Veterans' Affairs to war widows or totally/permanently incapacitated veterans. This is in addition to the State Government Rebate of \$279.40 (which includes a \$50 Fire Service Levy Rebate).

Financial hardship

If you are experiencing difficulty paying your rates, please call our Revenue Services team on **9205 5555** to discuss an alternative payment arrangement.

What do my rates pay for?



Roads, footpaths and drains

Strategic and town planning

Finance and accountability

Compliance, parking and traffic

Aged and disability services



Building, property and asset management

Waste and recycling



Family, youth and children's services

Transport and sustainability

Construction management

Leisure, arts, culture and venues



Governance

Advocacy and consultation

Customer service



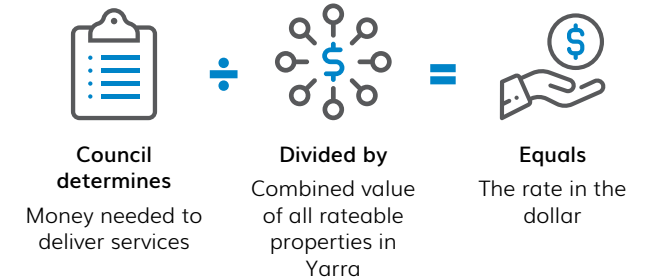
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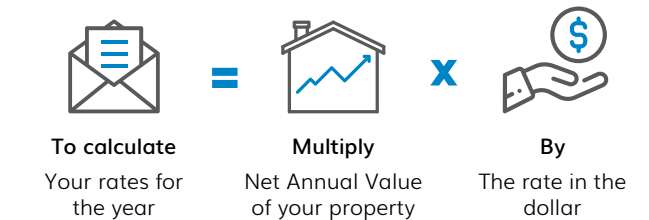
How your rates are calculated

First we calculate the rate in the dollar

This year rate in the dollar is 0.035309992



We then apply the rate in the dollar to your property



This year Council has increased its general rates revenue by 2.25% in line with the State Government's cap on rate increases.

Your rates notice includes a separate Fire Services Levy, which is used by the State Government to partially fund the Metropolitan Fire Brigade and Country Fire Authority.

For more information on how we calculate your rates visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/yourrates.

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