

Paying your rates

Payment methods

See the Valuation and Rates Notice included with this brochure for a full list of payment methods.

Option 1 – Ten monthly instalments

Set-and-forget direct debit: the simplest way to stay on top of payments.

Pay 10 monthly instalments on the 15th of each month (or next business day) starting September 2026. You are required to complete a Direct Debit Form (available on our website) and return it to us to pay using this method.

Option 2 – Four quarterly instalments

You may choose to prepay any or all of your instalments before these dates:

- First instalment: 30 September 2026
- Second instalment: 30 November 2026
- Third instalment: 28 February 2027
- Fourth instalment: 31 May 2027

Late payments may incur penalty interest.

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Your rates at work in 2025/26

1,173 trees planted

260 hectares of parkland maintained

1.6 hectares of parkland returned to local indigenous bushland

54 major road and footpath works undertaken

23 major stormwater and drainage works

749 families attended playgroups

186 grants delivered to community organisations and individuals

108,517 swimming lessons delivered

869,721 visits to our leisure centres

779,648 books, ebooks and audiobooks loaned through our libraries

6,301 immunisations administered

14,130 meals home delivered to older residents

42.46% waste diverted from landfill

Contact us

For more information, visit **yarracity.vic.gov.au/rates**

You can also contact us on **9205 5555** or by email at **info@yarracity.vic.gov.au**

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Richmond VIC 3121

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info@yarracity.vic.gov.au
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Interpreter Services
9280 1940

National Relay Service
TTY 133 677 then
03 9205 5555

Collingwood Town Hall
140 Hoddle Street, Abbotsford

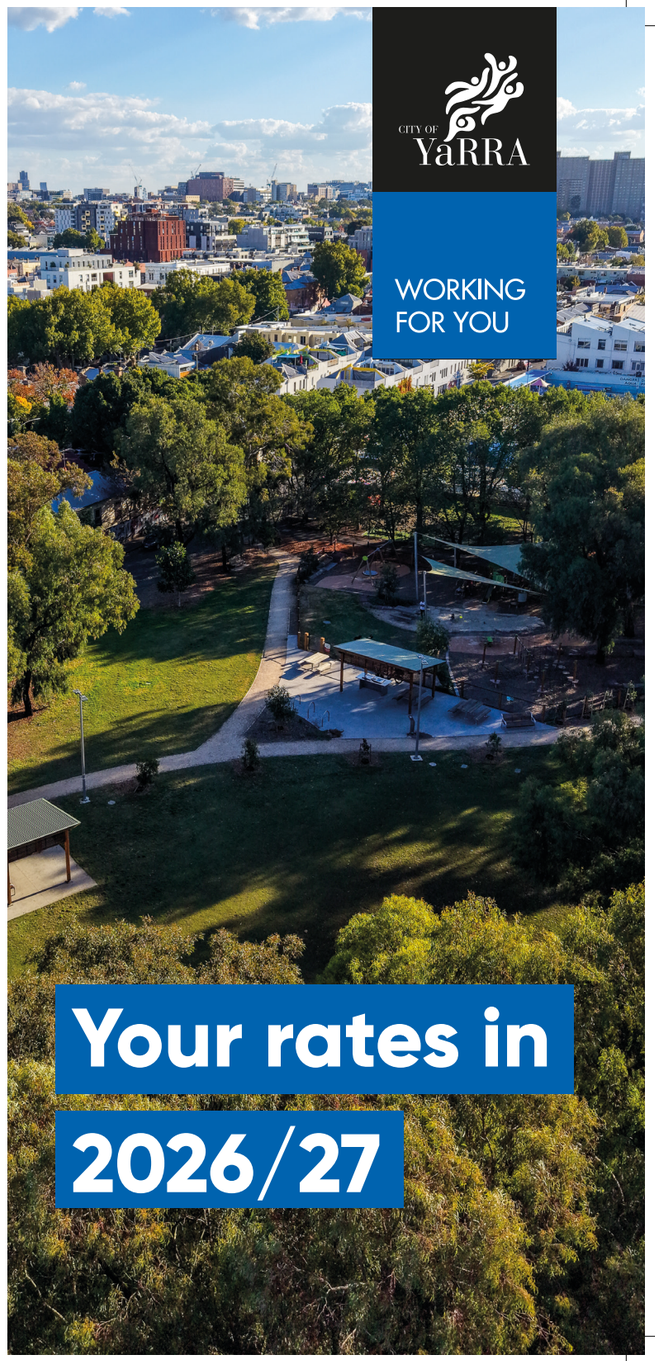
Richmond Town Hall
333 Bridge Road, Richmond

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Your rates in 2026/27

Budget highlights

Your rates help us deliver over 100 services and programs that contribute to the wellbeing and vibrancy of the City of Yarra, making it a fantastic place for our community to live, work, and play.

Rates account for 57% of Yarra's total income in the 2026/27 Budget. Despite significant external financial pressures Yarra remains committed to delivering high quality services and programs for its community.

Some highlights include:

- Supporting local trader groups and precinct activation
- Upgrading Collingwood Leisure Centre
- Expanding kindergartens and youth programs
- Delivering new parks and improved open spaces
- Renewing roads, footpaths and drainage
- Planning for 44,000 new dwellings by 2050
- Improving road safety infrastructure

You can read more highlights and a full Budget breakdown at **yarracity.vic.gov.au/budget**

Calculating your rates

First we calculate the rate in the dollar

For 2026/27, the rate in the dollar is 0.03603061.

Here's how we calculated that:

Council determines the total funds needed to deliver services and infrastructure for the next financial year within the constraints of the rate cap

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Divided by combined value of all rateable properties in Yarra

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Equals the rate in the dollar

We then apply the rate in the dollar to your property

To calculate Your rates for the year

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Multiply Net Annual Value of your property

x

By The rate in the dollar

Example of rates calculation on an $800,000 property

- Capital improved value (CIV) = $800,000
- Net annual value (NAV) = CIV ($800,000) x 5% + $40,000
- Rates = NAV ($40,000) x Rate in the Dollar (0.03603061) = $1,441.22

An $800,000 property has (approximately) a base rates bill of $1,441.22



How much will I pay?

The 2026/27 Budget includes a 2.75% rate increase, in line with the State Government's rate cap. Depending on your property value change, your rates may increase by more or less than 2.75%.

State Government's Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund Levy

The Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF) is a Victorian Government levy that replaced the Fire Services Property Levy from 1 July 2025. The ESVF appears as a separate line on your rates notice and is clearly identified as a State Government charge, not a Council charge.

For information on concessions, volunteers and how the levy may affect you, visit the Victorian Government website: **sro.vic.gov.au/esvf**

Your rates notice also includes a separate Waste Services charge. The money collected through the public waste rate and the household bin collection rate can only be used to cover the costs of providing waste and recycling services in Yarra.

How is my property value calculated?

Valuations for council rates, ESVF, and land tax are made annually in accordance with the Valuation of Land Act 1960.
This ensures that your rates will accurately reflect the value of your property in relation to others in your area. The Valuer-General Victoria is the sole authority on property valuations. Valuations are determined by comparing the data elements of your property to the data elements of similar properties that have sold.
Find out more, including information about valuation objections, at **yarracity.vic.gov.au/rates**

Pensioner support

For the 2026/27 financial year, Yarra City Council is providing eligible pension card holders with an additional $221.85 rebate. This is in addition to the $272.70 rebate for 2026/27, which all Victorian councils provide. Pension card holders will also receive $50 off the ESVF levy.

Hardship assistance

If you think you'll struggle to pay or you're already behind, get in touch early. Our Rates team can arrange a confidential, flexible payment plan and help you avoid extra costs. Friendly, local support is only a phone call away on **9205 5555**.