



FACT SHEET – RESIDENTIAL RATES

RESIDENTIAL RATE CATEGORIES IN 2022/2023

Council adopted its budget at a special meeting on 28 June 2022 including its revised rating strategy. Council must calculate the rates for land by using the rateable value of the land. Landholders may have experienced changes in land valuations with the 2021/22 valuations, that will come into effect 1 July 2021. Some properties experienced up to 40% increase in land value across the residential rating categories. Others had decreased. If you disagree with your land valuation you can still contact the Valuer General to dispute the valuation. <https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/land/title/valuation/about/dispute>.

Council has worked through a range of strategies to help minimise the impact on all rating categories across the Shire and will not increase the general rates despite rising costs. Council has applied a limitation of 20% across all rating categories. In summary, this means that any property that experienced a significant increase in their land valuation in the 2020/2021 revaluation may experience an increase in their general rate of up to 20% for 2022/2023.

Discount Period Extended

Council has extended the discount period for the August 2022 levy out to 60 days. This gives people time to pay and take advantage of the 10% discount on their rates. Pension concessions will still apply.

Utility charges

All residential categories will see a change in utility charges. These will increase with water and sewerage up by 6% and cleansing (waste) charges up by 14.5%. The rise in cost represents the move to full cost recovery for the services provided. On average a typical residential property will see an increase of \$120 per annum in their rate notice.

Mungindi

Residents in Mungindi will see changes to waste utility charges in line with Moree Plains Shire Council plus 5% administration fee across all categories. Water charges will remain the same for Mungindi as previous years.

River Water Charges – St George – Residential and Rural Residential only

Council has adopted a scale of excess charges on water allocations for river water in St George. This will impact those properties that use in excess of the allocation of 1500KL per annum. Refer to the Bore and River Water Fact Sheet for more information.

When will the changes occur?

Council must set its rates and charges each financial year. The budget was adopted at its Special Meeting on 28 June 2022. Council will levy rates in August 2022 and again in February 2023.

Why the change?

Council's adopted rating strategy is consistent with the principles of its Revenue Policy and recommendations of the Queensland Audit Office for councils to:

- consult with the community on its rating strategy;
- ensure that annual revenue statements on rates and charges support financial sustainability; and
- adopt a long-term rates strategy

The rating strategy has been developed to ensure equity and fairness and provides a similar rate revenue base for council to maintain existing facilities and necessary services.



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Payment Options

- A payment arrangement can be agreed that will ensure no interest is accrued if the payment arrangement is met;
- Pre-payments can be made prior to levying by contacting Council; and
- Payment within the discount period will result in a 10% discount and this has been extended to 60 days for the August 2022 levy.

To receive your rates notice by email complete a change of address form located on our website.

For more information on each of the rating categories or changes refer to the Rates Fact Sheets at www.balonne.qld.gov.au or contact Council on (07) 46208888 or at council@balonne.qld.gov.au or by posted PO Box 201, St George, Qld 4822.

*Disclaimer: this information is general information applicable to residential categories in the Balonne Shire.
Information on specific properties is available on request – please quote your Assessment number or address.*