## Dear ratepayer,

The Shire of Harvey is doing rates a little differently this year with the launch of our exciting Rates Payment Incentive Scheme (RPIS)

This Scheme has a \$10,000 prize bucket. The first prize is \$5,000, the second prize is \$3,000 and

the third prize is \$2,000. The prize draw is open to rate assessments paid in full, including arrears and outstanding interest charges by 4pm on Friday, 29 September 2023.

To make things fair, government departments and agencies, elected members and Shire of Harvey employees are ineligible and will be excluded from the draw. This new Scheme will replace the previous 3 per cent discount and put the Shire in step with other South West local governments that reward timely payments with similar initiatives.

The launch of the RPIS is just one of many ways the Shire of Harvey is planning for a positive and sustainable future that accomodates global cost pressures and the Harvey Region's growing population. This financial year, we are continuing to provide ratepayers with a wide range of excellent infrastructure, facilities and services that make our Region a fantastic place to live.

Your rates will help power libraries, recreation centres, road upgrades, park maintenance, ranger services, tourism and cultural activities, waste services and more.

Visit the Shire of Harvey website to learn more or scan the QR code.

Paul Gillett





#### **Payment options**

You have several options for paying your rates:

- Pay in full: Pay in full within 35 days of the issue date to enter the *Rates Payment Incentive Scheme* prize draw.
- Pay in two instalments: Divide the payment over two due dates in September and December.
- Pay in four instalments: Divide the payment over four due dates in September, December, February and April.

Note: There will be an administration fee if paying by instalments (excluding pensioners).

#### **Payment methods**

Rates payments can be made online, by direct debit, by telephone, by mail or in person at the Shire's administration office in Australind or Harvey.

## **Payment difficulties**

If you are experiencing difficulty in paying rates please contact us as soon as possible, to discuss alternative arrangements.



Sign up to eRates and receive your rates by email – less paper, less manual filing and no more lost or forgotten notices.

Sign up at erateswa.com/harvey/

Do you want to keep up to date on all the latest news and events happening in the Shire of Harvey? Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter at harvey.wa.gov.au/newsletter-sign-up

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## How to calculate my General Rates?

Each property is issued a Gross Rental Value (GRV) or Unimproved Valve (UV) based on the location and zoning of the property. This valuation is provided to the Shire by Landgate's Valuer General Office.

For further information please visit the Landgate website *www.landgate.wa.gov.au.* 

- **Goss Rental Valuation (GRV)** your property's estimated yearly rental income.
- Unimproved Valuation (UV) your property's estimated sale value.

Each year, the Shire also sets a minimum charge based on the basic services provided. If the calculation of the GRV or UV by the rate in the dollar results in an amount less than the minimum charge, then the minimum charge will be raised.

General Rates	Cents in \$	Minimum		
GRV Residential	9.2437	\$1,295		
Example: GRV \$20,280 x 0.092437 = General Rates \$1,874.62				
GRV Commercial Industrial	9.593	\$1,342		
Example: GRV \$33,280 x 0.09593 = General Rates \$3,192.55				
GRV Transient Workforce/ Workforce Accommodation	10.8314	\$1,513		
Example: GRV \$55,000 x 0.108314 = General Rates \$5,957.27				
UV Residential	0.5045	\$1,295		
Example: UV \$550,000 x 0.005045 = General Rates \$2,774.75				
UV Commercial	0.5236	\$1,342		

Example: UV \$612,500 x 0.005236 = General Rates \$3,207.05

## **Specified** area rates

If you live in one of the below areas there is a specified area rate on your rates notice as per below.

Kinaston A Specified Area Rate will apply to all landscaping subdivided lots within Kingston. The 0.901 cents in \$ Specified Area Rate will raise an estimated amount of \$218,299 for the purpose of of Gross Rental maintaining the landscape of the common areas of Kingston to a higher standard of presentation. Galway A Specified Area Rate will apply to all Green subdivided lots within Galway Green. The Specified Area Rate will raise an estimated landscaping 0.939 cents in \$ amount of \$66,695 for the purpose of maintaining the landscape of the common of Gross Rental Valuation areas of Galway Green to a higher standard of presentation. Treendale A Specified Area Rate will apply to all subdivided lots within Treendale. The landscaping 1.216 cents in \$ Specified Area Rate will raise an estimated of Gross Rental amount of \$375,421 for the purpose of maintaining the landscape of the common areas of Treendale to a higher standard of presentation. Treendale A Specified Area Rate will apply to all District subdivided lots within the Treendale Centre District Centre. The Specified Area **maintenance** Rate will raise an estimated amount of 0.759 cents in \$ \$40,000 for the purpose of maintaining the landscape of the common areas within of Gross Rental Valuation the District Centre to a higher standard of presentation. Lakewood A Specified Area Rate will apply to all Shores landscaping

LakewoodA Specified Area Rate will apply to all<br/>subdivided lots within Lakewood Shores.IandscapingThe Specified Area Rate will raise an<br/>estimated amount of \$30,870 for the<br/>purpose of maintaining the landscape of<br/>the common areas of Lakewood Shores to<br/>a higher standard of presentation.

# **Other charges**

The following annual charges administered by the Shire of Harvey are in addition to your rates and are shown on your rates notice as they apply to your specific property.

Further details regarding applicable fees and charges can be found in the Shire's Annual Budget 2023–2024.

Fees, charges and discounts	Amount per annum
Waste - Residential general, recycle and FOGO bin	\$390 per service
Waste - Residential additional general, recycle or FOGO bin	\$135
Waste - Commercial/non-residential - general bin - FOGO - recycling	\$225 \$140 \$130
Rural Tip Pass (for rural residences not serviced with a 240 litre mobile bin)	\$150
Swimming pool inspection fee	\$40
Rate of interest charged on late payment of accounts	7%

#### Waste Facility Maintenance Rate

General Rates	Cents in \$	Min
All properties in the Shire of Harvey	0.0001	\$50