



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 2026/2027 Budget has been prepared in a challenging economic environment. Council has carefully balanced the need to maintain essential infrastructure and services with the importance of limiting the impact on ratepayers. Ongoing cost increases, inflationary pressures and reduced external funding from both State and Federal Governments continue to place pressure on the Shire's financial position.

Council has adopted 6% rate increase for the 2026/2027 financial year. This increase is necessary to support the continued delivery of core services, respond to rising operating costs and contribute to the long-term sustainability of community assets and facilities.

Maintaining and renewing the local road network remains a key focus of the Shire. Roads are among the Shire's most significant assets and are essential to residents, businesses, agriculture, emergency services and visitors across Chapman Valley. Continued investment is required to support safe, reliable access throughout the district.

At the same time, the Shire is managing increasing financial challenges as external grant funding becomes more constrained and less certain. Reduced funding opportunities from State and Federal Government mean Council must continue to make careful decisions about priorities, service levels and the timing of future projects. Despite these pressures, Council remains committed to responsible financial management and to delivering outcomes that support community wellbeing, resilience and the future prosperity of the Shire. I thank our community for its understanding as we work to maintain services, invest in essential infrastructure and plan responsibly for the years ahead.

KEY PROJECTS 2026/2027

The 2026/2027 Budget includes a strong focus on renewing community assets, improving local roads, and investing in essential plant and equipment to support service delivery across the Shire.

Staged Redevelopment of the Nabawa Recreation Centre

A major priority for the year is the staged redevelopment of the Nabawa Recreation Centre, with \$2.8 million allocated toward this important community project. The redevelopment will support the long-term use, functionality and accessibility of the reserve, helping to ensure the facility continues to meet the needs of constituents along with sporting groups, community organisations, families and visitors into the future.

Major Plant Acquisition

The Budget also includes investment in new major plant and equipment. These acquisitions are essential

to maintaining reliable operations, supporting the Shire's outside workforce, and ensuring road maintenance, construction and community infrastructure works can continue to be delivered safely and efficiently.

Road Network Upgrades

A significant investment has been made in the local road network, with \$2 million allocated to capital roadworks. These works will improve road safety, access and transport connections across the district. Grant-assisted projects supported through the Regional Road Group program include:

- **Nabawa-Yetna Road** - upgrade from an existing unsealed road to a 7.2-metre-wide sealed road.
- **Durawah Road** - widening and reconstruction to a 7.2-metre seal standard.
- **Balla Whellarra Road** - reconstruction of unsealed shoulders and resealing of the pavement.
- **Chapman Valley Road** - widening and seal to significantly enhance road safety

Together, these projects represent a continued commitment to responsible asset renewal, improved community facilities, and a safer, more reliable road network for residents, businesses and visitors.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Meetings are held at 9.00am on the third Thursday of each month in the Council Chambers at the Shire of Chapman Valley Administration Centre located at 3270 Chapman Valley Road, Nabawa. Audio recordings of meetings will be available on the website as soon as possible after the conclusion of the meeting. Visit www.chapmanvalley.wa.gov.au to confirm the exact dates of each Ordinary Meeting of Council and listen to audio recordings.

WHEN DO I PAY MY RATES?

Option 1:

Due date if paying in full: 11 September 2026

Option 2:

1st instalment due - 11 September 2026

2nd instalment due - 11 November 2026

Option 3:

1st instalment due - 11 September 2026

2nd instalment due - 11 November 2026

3rd instalment due - 12 January 2027

4th instalment due - 16 March 2027

*An instalment interest rate of 5.5% applies to these options

HOW CAN I MAKE A PAYMENT

The shire accepted the following payment methods:



	Refer to your rates notice for details.
	Pay online via credit card, visit the shire website for more details.
	Pay in person at the Shire Administration Office.
	Post a cheque to the Shire. PO Box 1, Nabawa WA 6532

DIFFERENTIAL RATES

Council resolved in June 2026 to apply a differential rating category of Unimproved Value (UV) Oakajee Industrial Estate to unimproved value land within the Special Control Area of the Shire of Chapman Valley Town Planning Scheme. This land is set aside for strategic industry and a deep-water port and is known as the Oakajee Industrial Estate and Buffer Areas. The advertised rate in the dollar was amended following the annual revaluation of Unimproved Values (UVs) to reflect changes in valuation levels and to generate the rate revenue required to support Council's adopted 2026/2027 Budget.

The differential rating categories, advertised rates in the dollar, adopted rates in the dollar and minimum payments for the 2026/2027 budget are set out below:

Rate Category	Advertised Rate in \$	Adopted Rate in \$	Minimum Payment
Gross Rental Value (GRV)	0.077471	0.078500	\$1,000.00
Unimproved Value (UV)	0.005216	0.005255	\$1,000.00
Oakajee Industrial Estate (UV)	0.009887	0.01000	\$1,000.00

While Council sets the rate in the dollar, individual land valuations are determined by the State Government through Landgate. Unimproved Value (UV) properties are revalued annually, while Gross Rental Value (GRV) properties are revalued every five years. The latest GRV revaluation took effect in the 2024/2025 rating period. Regardless of changes in land valuations, Council determines the overall rate revenue required to operate the local government. The Shire adjusts the rates in the dollar to accommodate valuation changes and achieve the total revenue required, rather than responding to individual impacts caused by valuation movements.

Ratepayers who experience significant changes in their valuation are encouraged to contact Landgate Valuation Services Customer Service Officers on (08) 9273 7373.

WA PENSIONERS AND SENIORS' CONCESSION

The Office of State Revenue determines all rules in relation to the rebates and deferments for pensioners and seniors.

How do I receive/apply for my rebate?

Please contact the Water Corporation on 1300 659 951 with your pensioner card details or apply online using the concession application information available on the Water Corporation website. The Water Corporation will then provide the Shire with the information required to apply the rebate to your rates.

INFORMATION FOR THE VALUER GENERAL

Local governments in Western Australia levy rates against each property by determining a rate in the dollar, which is multiplied by the property's valuation. If you believe your property valuation is incorrect, you may lodge an objection with Landgate within 60 days of the date of issue of the first rates notice for the financial year.

EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY

The declared minimum ESL category 5 charge is \$113. All ratepayers within the Shire will be charged this amount. For further information on the Emergency Services Levy please visit the DFES website: <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/emergencyserviceslevy>

NABAWA TRANSFER STATION

Located on Nabawa Yetna Road with access available from both Chapman Valley Road and Nanson Howatharra Road.

Residents are required to provide a copy of their Shire Access Card when they dispose of their rubbish to avoid any charges being imposed or access to the site being denied.

Additional information will be provided in a separate mail out to all ratepayers following the initial rate notice publications

FOR ADDITIONAL RATES INFORMATION JOIN OUR E-NEWSLETTER!



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