

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

This budget has been crafted with strategic care and a clear focus on the community's priority needs. It sustains essential services, advances important local projects, and reinforces our vision for long-term prosperity. We have worked diligently to minimise the impact on households while managing increasing costs and inflationary pressures faced by local governments everywhere.

Thanks to prudent financial management, we have restricted the average rate increase to 5%—a level necessary to maintain service standards and continue supporting the infrastructure, services, and programs that our residents rely on and value.

Maintaining our road network remains a high focus this year, ensuring safe and efficient transport routes for residents, businesses, and visitors alike. We recognise that well-maintained roads are vital to our community's connectivity and economic vitality, and this budget prioritises investments to uphold and improve our road infrastructure.

This year, however, brings additional financial challenges. I wish to note the ongoing reduction in revenue from Financial Assistance Grants, which continues to put pressure on our budget. This decline means we must remain vigilant, ensuring that every dollar is allocated wisely and that we continue seeking operational efficiencies to protect vital community services.

Despite these challenges, we look forward to another productive year, focused on enhancing the Shire's liveability, supporting local businesses, and nurturing the strong community spirit that defines Chapman Valley.

### WHEN DO I PAY MY RATES?

#### Option 1

**Due date (If no instalment) - 11 September 2025**

#### Option 2\*

1st Instalment due - 11 September 2025

2nd Instalment due - 11 November 2025

#### Option 3\*

1st Instalment due - 11 September 2025

2nd Instalment due - 11 November 2025

3rd Instalment due - 12 January 2026

4th Instalment due - 16 March 2026

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

## DIFFERENTIAL RATES

Council resolved to charge a differential rating category of Unimproved Value (UV) Oakajee Industrial Estate on the unimproved value land contained within the Special Control Area of the Shire of Chapman Valley Town Planning Scheme, set aside for the purpose of strategic industry and deep-water port, known as the Oakajee Industrial Estate and Buffer Areas.

The differential rating categories and rate in the dollars for this budget are:

RATE CATEGORY	RATE/\$	MINIMUM
Gross Rental Value (GRV)	0.073240	\$1,000.00
Unimproved Value (UV)	0.005800	\$1,000.00
Oakajee Industrial Estate (UV)	0.010702	\$1,000.00

It should be understood although the rate in the dollar is set by Council the individual land valuations are determined by the State Government (Landgate). Unimproved Valued (UV) properties are subject to an annual revaluation. Whereas Gross Rental Valued (GRV) revaluations are undertaken every five years, with the latest GRV revaluation taking effect in the 2024/2025 rating period.

Irrespective of land valuation changes Council maintains the position of determining what is required in overall rate revenue to operate the local government and cannot focus on the individual impacts due to various valuation changes. Therefore, the Shire adjusts the rates in the dollar to accommodate the valuation changes to achieve the overall revenue funds required.

Ratepayers are encouraged where they face significant changes in their valuation 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 deferrals for pensioners and seniors.

### How do I receive/apply for my rebate?

Please call the Water Corporation on 1300 659 951 with your pensioner card details **or** apply online; <https://www.watercorporation.com.au/Bill-and-account/Apply-for-a-concession>

The Water Corporation will then provide this Shire with the information to apply a rebate to your rates.

## 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 Tip Pass when they dispose of their rubbish to avoid any charges being imposed or access to the site being denied.

It is evident that, in addition to general misuse of the refuse site, many non-residents regularly use the facility, increasing operational costs.

Starting September 2025, the Nabawa refuse site will operate as a staffed facility with new infrastructure in place to facilitate this.

To help cover ongoing expenses, most waste brought to the site will now incur a fee. Details of the applicable charges can be found in the Fees & Charges schedule on the website, with further information on the refuse site operation to be provided in the August Shire Newsletter.

### Opening Hours:

Wednesday & Sunday 8.30am to 4.30pm

## KEY PROJECTS

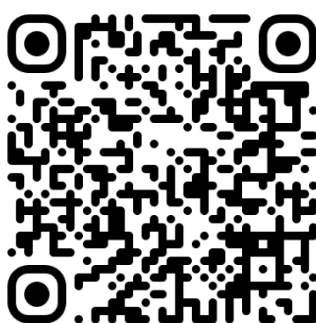
The main capital projects included for the year are:

- Nabawa Redevelopment Centre (\$2.8mil)
- Capital Roadworks Program (\$1.4 mil)
- Nabawa Depot Upgrades
- Economic & Tourism Strategy

### FOR ADDITIONAL RATES INFORMATION



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## INFORMATION FOR THE VALUER GENERAL

Local Government Authorities 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 feel the valuation of your property is not correct, you may lodge an objection to Landgate within 60 days of the date of issue of the first notice of valuation and rate for the financial year via Landgate website: <https://www.landgate.wa.gov.au/valuations/valuations-for-rates-and-taxes/lodging-an-objection/>

## EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY

The declared minimum ESL category 5 charge is \$108. 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>

## 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](http://www.chapmanvalley.wa.gov.au) to confirm the exact dates of each Ordinary Meeting of Council and listen to audio recordings.

## HOW CAN I MAKE A PAYMENT?



IN PERSON



BY MAIL



ONLINE

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