

## 7. *Setting of the Rates 2025/26*

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### Summary

- The purpose of this report is to recommend that the Ashburton District Council resolve to set the 2025/26 Annual Rates, as per the Funding Impact Statement contained in the 2025/26 Annual Plan.
- The resolution sets dues dates for rates payments for the 2025/26 year.
- The resolution also includes penalty rates for instalments 1-4 in the 2025/26 year and for those rates outstanding from previous year.

### Recommendation

1. **That** Council sets the following rates under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on rating units in the district for the financial year commencing 1 July 2025 and ending on 30 June 2026.

All section references are to sections in the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. All amounts are GST inclusive.

- The definition of connected and serviceable is contained in Council's Funding Impact Statement – Rating Information.
- The definition of separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit is contained in Council's Funding Impact Statement – Rating Information.
- The definition for the amenity rating area is contained within Council's Funding Impact Statement – Rating Information.

### *Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC)*

A uniform annual general charge (UAGC) of \$853.70 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit, set under section 15.

The UAGC funds wholly or in part the following activities of Council:

- Public Conveniences
- Community Grants & Funding
- Ashburton Library
- ~~Ashburton Youth Council~~
- Council
- Community Safety
- Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum
- EA Networks Centre
- Emergency Management

### *General rate*

A general rate set under section 13 of \$0.000407 per dollar of capital value of a rating unit in the district.

The general rate will be used to fund either wholly or in part the following activities of Council:

- Footpaths and Cycleways
- Stormwater
- Solid Waste Management
- Emergency Management
- Environmental Health
- Cemeteries
- Stockwater Management
- Reserves and Campgrounds
- Elderly Persons Housing
- Business and Economic Development
- Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee
- District Promotion
- Community Safety
- Rural Beautification
- Urban Beautification
- Alcohol Licensing & Gambling Venue Consenting
- Animal Control
- Building Regulation
- District Planning (including land information)
- District Plan (policy and development)

### *Roading rate*

A targeted rate for road services set under section 16 of \$0.000512 per dollar of capital value on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the district.

### *Water supply rates*

The following differential targeted rates are set under section 16 for each water supply area listed below. In each case the differential categories are:

- a) Connected rating units
- b) Serviceable rating units

The differential targeted rates are set as a fixed amount per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit. Rating units outside the defined water supply areas listed below, but which are nonetheless connected to a water supply scheme servicing a particular water supply area, will be charged the connected rate for that water supply area.

<b>Water supply area</b>	<b>Connected</b>	<b>Serviceable</b>
Ashburton urban	\$741.50	\$370.75
Lake Hood	\$741.50	\$370.75
Methven	\$741.50	\$370.75
Rakaia	\$741.50	\$370.75
Fairton	\$741.50	\$370.75
Hakatere	\$741.50	\$370.75
Hinds	\$741.50	\$370.75
Mayfield	\$741.50	\$370.75
Chertsey	\$741.50	\$370.75
Mt Somers	\$741.50	\$370.75
Dromore	\$741.50	\$370.75
Methven -Springfield*	\$741.50	-

\*No serviceable charges apply

### *Water meters – Extraordinary and non-residential supply*

In addition to the above targeted rates, a targeted rate for water supply, set under section 19, will apply for:

- a) Rating units which fall outside a defined water supply area, but which are nonetheless connected to a water supply scheme servicing a water supply area (except Montalto, Lyndhurst and Barrhill); or
- b) Rating units which are used for non-residential purposes, and which are connected to a water supply scheme in a water supply area (except Montalto, Lyndhurst and Barrhill).

The rate is \$1.00 per 1,000 litres of water consumed in excess of 90 cubic metres consumed in the quarterly periods during each year. The quarterly periods are 1 July to 30 September, 1 October to 31 December, 1 January to 31 March, and 1 April to 30 June. These properties will be billed quarterly.

#### *Water meters – Residential extraordinary supply*

Defined as properties connected to the Council water supply network located in Residential D, or Rural A zones of the Ashburton District Plan; or Methven-Springfield rural water supply.

In addition to the above targeted rates, a targeted rate for water supply, set under section 19, will apply for:

- a) Rating units which fall outside a defined water supply area, but which are nonetheless connected to a water supply scheme servicing a water supply area (except Montalto, Lyndhurst and Barrhill); or
- b) Rating units which are used for non-residential purposes, and which are connected to a water supply scheme in a water supply area (except Montalto, Lyndhurst and Barrhill).

The rate is \$1.00 per 1,000 litres of water consumed in excess of 438 cubic metres per annum. The period is 1 July – 30 June. These properties will be billed annually.

#### *Montalto water supply rate*

A targeted rate under section 16 of \$2,252.00 per rating unit in the Montalto water supply scheme, plus \$75.30 per hectare of land in the Montalto water supply scheme.

#### *Lyndhurst water supply rate*

A targeted rate under section 16 of \$193.20 on all rating units connected to the Lyndhurst water supply.

#### *Barrhill village water supply rate*

A targeted rate under section 16 of \$391.60 on all rating units within the scheme boundary for the Barrhill Village water supply.

#### *Residential wastewater disposal rates*

The following differential targeted rates are set under section 16 for wastewater (sewage) disposal for the Ashburton urban area, Methven, and Rakaia townships, as listed below. In each case the differential categories are:

- a) Connected rating units
- b) Serviceable rating units

The targeted rates are set as a fixed amount per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

	<b>Connected</b>	<b>Serviceable</b>
Ashburton urban area	\$603.60	\$301.80
Methven township	\$603.60	\$301.80
Rakaia township	\$603.60	\$301.80

The following additional targeted rates are set under section 16 for wastewater disposal on connected rating units (other than those rating units used primarily as a residence) within the Ashburton urban area, Methven and Rakaia townships as listed below. These rates are set differentially based on location and the number of urinals / pans in excess of three, in each rating unit, as listed below.

	<b>Urinal / pan charge from 4+</b>
Ashburton urban area	\$201.20
Methven	\$201.20
Rakaia	\$201.20

#### *Solid waste collection rates*

The following rates are set under section 16 for waste collection for each area to which the service is provided as listed below. The targeted rates are set as a fixed amount per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

Ashburton urban	<b>\$276.30</b>
Ashburton CBD (inner)	\$428.60
Methven	\$276.30
Rakaia	\$276.30
Hinds	\$276.30
Mayfield	\$276.30
Mt Somers	\$276.30
Chertsey	\$276.30
Fairton	\$276.30
Lake Clearwater	\$160.20
Rangitata Huts	\$162.20
Ashburton District extended	\$276.30

### *Stockwater rate*

A targeted rate under section 16 on all rating units within the general stockwater scheme. The rate is to be determined in accordance with the following factors:

- a) A rate of \$700.00 per rating unit within the general stockwater scheme; and
- b) For those rating units where the total length of any stockwater races, aqueducts or water channels that pass through, along or adjacent to, or abuts the rating unit exceeds 246 metres in length an additional rate of 65 cents per metre will be applied.

### *Amenity rates*

Targeted rates for amenity services under section 16 are as follows:

#### *Ashburton CBD (inner) footpath cleaning rate*

\$0.000503 per dollar on the capital value of each business rating unit within the Ashburton CBD (inner) rating area (as more particularly described by reference to the Ashburton District Council Rating Areas Map Book), for footpath services.

#### *Ashburton urban amenity rate*

\$0.000724 per dollar of capital value of each rating unit in the Ashburton urban area (as more particularly described by reference to the Ashburton District Council Rating Areas Map Book) to meet the costs of stormwater services, footpaths, and parks and open spaces.

#### *Ashburton business amenity rate*

\$0.000250 per dollar of capital value of each business rating unit within the Ashburton urban area (as more particularly described by reference to the Ashburton District Council Rating Areas Map Book) for the provision of public conveniences, and district promotion.

#### *Methven business amenity rate*

\$0.000306 per dollar on the capital value of each business rating unit within the Methven township area (as more particularly described by reference to the Ashburton District Council Rating Areas Map Book) for the purposes of public conveniences, and district promotion.

#### *Methven amenity rate*

\$0.000473 per dollar on the capital value of each rating unit within the Methven township (as more particularly described by reference to the Ashburton District Council Rating Areas Map Book) to meet the costs of stormwater services, footpaths, parks and open spaces, and reserve boards.

#### *Rakaia business amenity rate*

\$0.000258 per dollar on the capital value of each business rating unit within the Rakaia township area (as more particularly described by reference to the Ashburton District Council Rating Areas Map Book) for the provision of public conveniences, and district promotion.

#### *Rakaia amenity rate*

\$0.000387 per dollar on the capital value of every rating unit within the Rakaia township (as more particularly described by reference to the Ashburton District Council Rating Areas Map Book) to meet the costs of stormwater services, footpaths, parks and open spaces, and reserve boards.

#### *Hinds stormwater rate*

\$0.000103 per dollar on the capital value of every rating unit within the Hinds township area for the provision of stormwater services.

#### *Rural amenity rate*

\$0.000036 per dollar on the capital value of every rating unit within the rural area, for the provision of footpaths, and parks and open spaces.

#### *Methven Community Board rate*

A targeted rate to fund the Methven Community Board under section 16 of \$115.20 per rating unit within the Methven township (as more particularly described by reference to the Ashburton District Council Rating Areas Map Book).

#### *Mt Hutt Memorial Hall rate*

A targeted rate to partially fund the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall under section 16 of \$0.000128 per dollar on the capital value of each rating unit in the Methven township (as more particularly described by reference to the Ashburton District Council Rating Areas Map Book).

#### *Due dates for payment of rates*

The rates will be payable in four equal instalments due on:

- 20 August 2025
- 20 November 2025
- 20 February 2026
- 20 May 2026

Where the 20<sup>th</sup> of a month in which rates are due does not fall on a working day, rate payments will be accepted without penalty up to and including the first working day after the 20<sup>th</sup> of that month.



#### *Due dates for payment of water meter charges – Extraordinary Supplies*

That water meter charges are due on:

<b>Quarterly period</b>	<b>Reading dates completed</b>	<b>Due date</b>
1 July to 30 September 2025	15 October 2025	20 November 2025
1 October to 31 December 2025	15 January 2026	20 February 2026
1 January to 31 March 2026	15 April 2026	20 May 2026
1 April to 30 June 2026	15 July 2026	20 August 2026

#### *Due dates for payment of water meter charges – Extraordinary residential supply*

That water meter charges are due on:

<b>Annual period</b>	<b>Reading date completed</b>	<b>Invoice date</b>
1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026	15 July 2026	20 August 2026

#### *Penalties*

In accordance with sections 57 and 58, the Council will apply the following penalties on rates unpaid by the due date.

A 10% penalty will be added to instalment balances remaining unpaid as at the following dates:

- 21 August 2025
- 21 November 2025
- 21 February 2026
- 21 May 2026

In addition, unpaid rates and charges levied prior to 30 June 2026 will attract a further 10% penalty if still unpaid as at 1 July 2026. The penalty will be applied on 31 August 2026.

A further penalty of 10% will be added to any rates that were assessed prior to 30 June 2026 and remain unpaid on 28 February 2027.

## Background

1. The Ashburton District Council Rates 2025/26 have been set based on Council's Funding Impact Statement in the 2025/26 Annual Plan. The setting of rates meets the requirements of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

## Options analysis

### Option one – set the rates 2025/26 by resolution of Council – recommended

2. Council would set the rates in accordance with the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. This option would mean the Council would be able to levy rates for the 2025/26 year.

<b>Advantages:</b> Council is able to levy rates for the 2025/25 financial year	<b>Disadvantages:</b> None identified
<b>Risks:</b> This option is considered to have little risk associated with it.	

### Option two – do not set the rates 2025/26 by resolution of Council

3. This option would mean Council would be unable to levy rates for the 2025/26 year.

<b>Advantages:</b> None identified.	<b>Disadvantages:</b> Council would be unable to levy rates for the 2025/26 financial year
<b>Risks:</b> This option would not allow Council to be able to levy rates for the 2025/26 financial year.	

## Legal/policy implications

4. Council is required, under section 23 of the Local Government Act (rating) 2002, to set rates by a resolution of Council.

## Climate change

5. There are no obvious linkages between the content of the report and climate change mitigation or adaption.

## Strategic alignment

Wellbeing		Reasons why the recommended outcome has an effect on this wellbeing
Economic	✓	The recommendation allows for Council to be able to levy rates for the 2025/26 financial year.
Environmental	X	
Cultural	X	
Social	X	

## Financial implications

Requirement	Explanation
What is the cost?	Up-to-date financial and rating information is included in the 25/26 Annual Plan.
Is there budget available in LTP / AP?	Yes
Where is the funding coming from?	See the 2025/26 Annual Plan for details
Are there any future budget implications?	This is a key Council resolution to allow rates to be levied to provide for Council's budgeted spending for the 2025/26 Annual Plan.
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6. If rates are not set for the 2025/26 year, Council will be unable to levy rates and, therefore, will not have revenue available to undertake the work programmes outlined in the 2025/26 Annual Plan.

## Significance and engagement assessment

Requirement	Explanation
Is the matter considered significant?	Yes
Level of significance	Low
Rationale for selecting level of significance	N/A
Level of engagement selected	1. Inform – one way communication
Rationale for selecting level of engagement	Adopting a rates resolution is the final step in the annual plan and rates setting process to enable Council to conduct its work

	programme for the 2025/26 year. The resolution must be published online within 20 working days of adoption.
Reviewed by Strategy & Policy	<i>Name; Position</i> <If no, provide brief explanation>