

RATES AT A GLANCE

2025/26

RATES AND CHARGES

GENERAL RATE 1.5%

WATER ACCESS CHARGE 3%

WASTE SERVICE CHARGE 5%

SEWERAGE CHARGE 8.5%

DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATING CATEGORIES

A – RESIDENTIAL	Land which is used or intended to be used for residential purposes.
A1 – RURAL RESIDENTIAL	Land which is used or intended to be used for rural residential purposes.
A2 – MULTI UNIT DWELLINGS <2 FLATS	Land which is used or intended to be used for residential purposes – multi unit dwellings <2 flats.
A3 – MULTI UNIT DWELLINGS 3-4 FLATS	Land which is used or intended to be used for residential purposes – multi unit dwellings 3-4 flats.
A4 – MULTI UNIT DWELLINGS 5-7 FLATS	Land which is used or intended to be used for residential purposes – multi unit dwellings 5-7 flats.
A5 – MULTI UNIT DWELLINGS >7 FLATS	Land which is used or intended to be used for residential purposes – multi unit dwellings >7 flats.
B – COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL	Land used, or intended to be used, for commercial and/or industrial purposes other than land included within category B1 or B2.
B1 – SHOPPING CENTRE	Land used, or intended to be used, for the purposes of a shopping centre, or as a part of a shopping centre, having a gross floor area greater than 4,000 square metres, and on-site car parking for more than 80 vehicles.
B2 – SHOPPING COMPLEX	Land used, or intended to be used, for the purposes of a shopping centre, or as a part of a shopping centre, having a gross floor area greater than 2,000 square metres, and on-site car parking for more than 24 vehicles but less than 81 vehicles.
C – GRAZING AND LIVESTOCK	Land used for the purposes of grazing or livestock.
D – SUGAR CANE	Land used for the purposes of growing sugar cane.
E – RURAL (OTHER) LESS THAN 20 HECTARES	Land used for rural purposes, other than land included in category C or D, with an area of less than 20 hectares.
E1 – RURAL (OTHER) 20 HECTARES OR MORE	Land used for rural purposes, other than land included in category C or D, with an area of 20 hectares or greater.
F – SUGAR MILLING	Land used, or intended to be used, for the purposes of sugar milling, including land used in connection or in association with sugar milling.
G1 – WATER (LESS THAN 10 HECTARES)	Land used, or intended to be used, for the extraction, storage, delivery, transport or drainage of water, with an area of less than 10 hectares.
G2 – WATER (10 HECTARES OR MORE)	Land used, or intended to be used, for the extraction, storage, delivery, transport or drainage of water, with an area of 10 hectares or greater.
H1 – SOLAR FARMS 40MW – 90MW	Land used, or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for the purposes of a solar farm, with an approved output capacity not lower than 40MW but equal to or less than 90MW.
H2 – SOLAR FARMS 91MW – 250MW	Land used, or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for the purposes of a solar farm, with an approved output capacity not lower than 91MW but equal to or less than 250MW.
H3 – SOLAR FARMS >250MW	Land used, or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for the purposes of a solar farm, with an approved output capacity greater than 250MW.
H4 – ELECTRICITY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE	Land used, or intended to be used, in whole or in part, for the purposes of transformers, electricity substations, communication facilities and telephone exchanges.
I – OTHER	Land not otherwise categorised.

OBJECTION TO DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATING CATEGORISATION

Owners must submit an Objection Notice within 30 days of the rate notice's date of issue. The sole ground on which the owner may object is that their land should have been included in a different rating category. Council's CEO will consider the objection and provide the owner with a decision within 60 days. A property owner is liable to pay the amount listed on the rate notice even if the owner submits an objection. Where the rating category is altered because of the objection, the rates will be adjusted at that time.

BUDGET AT A GLANCE

2025/26

\$73.6 MILLION
COUNCIL'S OPERATIONAL
EXPENDITURE

\$46.6 MILLION
COUNCIL'S CAPITAL
EXPENDITURE

MAJOR PROJECTS THIS FINANCIAL YEAR

HOW YOUR RATES ARE BEING INVESTED IN YOUR COMMUNITY

South Ayr Filtration Plant and South Ayr Bore (State Funded)	\$24,325,370
Roadworks and Drainage Reconstruction and Upgrades	\$14,424,600
Sewerage Infrastructure Upgrades	\$1,685,000
Burdekin Be-Active Trail and Footpath Renewals	\$500,000
Cultural Venue Upgrades and Renewals	\$494,000
Community Parks Upgrades	\$420,000
Clare Pool Fencing Upgrade	\$50,000

Works for Queensland Grant Funded Projects:

Home Hill Swimming Pool Upgrades	\$400,000
Ayr Swimming Pool New Amenities Block Construction	\$617,000
Anzac Park Precinct Pump Track	\$760,000

WHERE **\$100** OF YOUR **GENERAL RATES** GOES

