

Paying your rates

Pay your rates online at meander.tas.gov.au via the 'Payments & Services' section. A full range of payment options are listed on the back of your rates notice.

Rates Payment Due Dates

Rates payments are due in four instalments. Reminder notices are issued for instalments two, three and four where they remain unpaid. If you choose to pay in full, payment must be made by 29 August 2025. An interest charge of 10.30% annually, applied at the daily rate of 0.028219%, will be payable in respect of the unpaid rates or instalment for the period during which it is unpaid.

Instalment 1	29 August 2025
Instalment 2	31 October 2025
Instalment 3	30 January 2026
Instalment 4	31 March 2026

Pensioner Rebates

The State Government's Pensioner Rates Remission provides pensioners a rebate for Council rates. To be eligible, as at 1 July each year you must:

- Be the owner and occupier of the property for which you are claiming a remission and the property must be your principal place of residence.
- Have a valid Pension Concession Card (PCC), Health Care Card (HCC), or Department of Veteran Affairs 'Gold Card' (Endorsed War Widow or TPI). **(Seniors Health Care Cards do not qualify)**

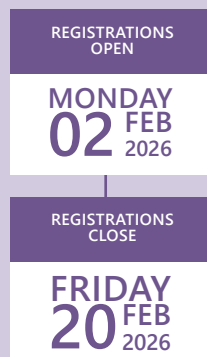
For more information or to complete an application form, visit 'Payments & Services' on our website or contact us.

Having difficulty paying your rates?

If you're experiencing financial hardship, contact us to discuss payment arrangements and rates relief options. More information, including our **Financial Hardship Policy** and how to apply can be found on our website by clicking 'Payments & Services' or by phoning the Council office.

Hard Waste Collection 2026

Save the date for the opportunity to dispose of bulky items like white goods, furniture, old toys, computers, and more. Only *registered* properties that meet our guidelines will have their hard waste collected, so remember to register from **2 February 2026, online or by phone**. The **collection schedule** will be **advertised on Council's website closer to February 2026**.



Join the 2025 Garage Sale Trail

The Garage Sale Trail, Australia's biggest festival of pre-loved treasure, is coming back to Meander Valley over two weekends in November 2025. Turn your trash into cash, reduce waste, support sustainability and connect with your neighbours by hosting a garage sale or by shopping the trail.

SAVE THESE DATES FOR THE GARAGE SALE TRAIL

8-9 & 15-16
NOVEMBER 2025

To keep up to date with updates on Hard Waste Collection 2026, Garage Sale Trail 2025 and other waste information, visit Council's [Waste & Recycling webpage](#)

Have your address or contact details changed?

If your address or contact details have changed, please let us know as soon as possible.

Online: Visit www.meander.tas.gov.au and select 'Payments & Services' to complete a change of address form online or scan the QR Code below.

Email: mail@mvc.tas.gov.au

By Post: Fill out the 'change of address' section on the back of your rates notice and post it to PO Box 102, Westbury, Tasmania 7303.

In Person: Visit Council's office at 26 Lyall Street, Westbury. Office hours are 8:30am-5:00pm, Monday to Friday.



Meander Valley Council
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Ratepayer Information

2025-26

- About your Rates Notice
- Update your contact details
- Pensioner Rate Remission
- Financial Hardship Policy
- Hard Waste Collection Registration

General Enquiries: (03) 6393 5300

Email: mail@mvc.tas.gov.au

Council Office: 26 Lyall Street, Westbury

Post Address: PO Box 102, Westbury, TAS 7303

Website: www.meander.tas.gov.au

Understanding the charges on your rates notice

General Rates

In March 2024, Council received adjusted property values from the State Government's Office of the Valuer General (OVG) for application from 1 July 2024. Property values for the Primary Production Land Use Class (LUC) increased by 125% whilst the Resident LUC increase was 40% and the Commercial, Industrial and Community Services LUC increase was 20%.

To moderate the impact of these adjusted values, Council applied a varied rate in the dollar for the 2024-25 financial year, under section 107 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. This approach allowed transition to the application of the increased valuations.

For the 2025-26 financial year Council will revert to a single rate in the dollar for all LUCs.

Across the course of the 2025-26 financial year the Valuer General will undertake a revaluation of all properties in the municipality and the outcome of this process will form the basis for rates levied for the 2026-27 financial year.

How are my rates calculated?

Unless specifically exempt under legislation, General Rates apply to all rateable land that is separately assessed and shown on the valuation register prepared by the OVG, who determines a property's AAV, in accordance with the *Valuation of Land Act 2001*.

Council then uses the AAV to calculate a property's General Rates, with fresh valuations scheduled every six years. In between fresh valuations, AAVs are indexed and adjusted every two years to ensure they remain current.

For more information about property valuations visit www.nre.tas.gov.au or phone (03) 6165 4444.

What is Assessed Annual Value (AAV) and how is it used to calculate my rates?

AAV is the estimated yearly rental value of the property. Both General Rates and Fire Service Rates are calculated by multiplying the AAV by a 'cents in the dollar' amount applicable.

What are Land Use Classes (LUC) and who determines them?

A property's LUC is determined by the OVG. LUC is a property's primary use and does not relate to how a property is zoned for planning purposes under the Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Meander Valley. Information about the zoning and planning provisions for a property is available on our website, by clicking on the 'Discover Meander Valley' icon at the bottom of the homepage.

Where does the money go?

Meander Valley Council's Budget Estimates allocate the following for essential services for 2025-26:

31.1%	18.7%	13.7%	19.6%
Roads & Bridges	Community, Health & Welfare	Parks, Sport, & Recreation Grounds	Household Waste
9.3%	2.8%	3.4%	1.4%
Planning & Building Services	Stormwater Management	Other Recreation & Culture	Street Lighting

Property ownership

The Land Titles Office will notify Council of the change of ownership once the transaction is complete. There may be a delay between the settlement of the transfer and notification to Council. Our records will be updated when we receive formal notification from the Land Titles Office.

General Rates 2025-26

4.644 cents in the dollar of AAV with a minimum charge of \$285

Tasmanian Government Fire Service Rates

These rates are required to be collected by Council on behalf of the State Government to fund the Tasmanian Fire Service.

Launceston Brigade Rating District	1.100 cents in the dollar of AAV
Volunteer Brigade Rating Districts	0.297 cents in the dollar of AAV
Fire Service Rate General Land	0.228 cents in the dollar of AAV

A minimum amount of \$50 applies

Waste Management Contribution

This is a fixed annual charge applied to all properties and funds the operational costs of waste management including landfill sites, transfer stations and site rehabilitation works. If you don't receive a bin collection service, only the Waste Management Contribution will be listed on your rates notice.

Waste Management Contribution	\$183 per property
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Bin Collection Service

(includes Waste Management Contribution)

This charge applies to properties in bin collection areas and funds the collection and disposal of household waste, recycling and FOGO (where available). The charge varies depending on the size of your bin and is inclusive of the Waste Management Contribution (see above) so it appears as a single charge on your rates notice.

80L Kerbside Bin Collection Service	\$441
140L Kerbside Bin Collection Service	\$467
240L Kerbside Bin Collection Service	\$540

Additional Bins (additional to standard service)

80L Bin	\$118
140L Bin	\$150
240L Bin	\$205