

Rates and Charges Declaration for 2025/2026



RATES

MacDonnell Regional Council (the Council) makes the following declaration of rates pursuant to Chapter 11 of the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act)

1. Pursuant to Section 226 of the Act, the Council declares rates consisting of a combination of fixed charges and valuation based charges including a minimum charge. For valuation based rates, pursuant to Section 227 of the Act, the Council adopts the Unimproved Capital Value (UCV) method as the basis of the assessed value of allotments within the council area.
2. The Council intends to raise, for general purposes by way of rates, the amount of \$1,401,709 which will be raised by application of:
 - a. Differential rates with differential minimum amounts being payable in application of each of those differential rates; or
 - b. A fixed charge ("flat rate")
3. The council hereby declares the following rates:
 - a. With respect to every allotment of rateable land within the council area that is used for residential purposes, a flat rate of \$1,254.00 for each allotment.
 - b. With respect to every allotment of rateable land within the council area that is used for commercial or business purposes, a flat rate of \$1,485.00 for each allotment.
 - c. With respect to every allotment of conditionally rateable land within the council area:
 - i. A rate of 0.000789 multiplied by the assessed value of land held under a Pastoral Lease, with the minimum amount being payable in the application of the differential rate being \$970.61;
 - ii. A rate of 0.008960 multiplied by the assessed value of land occupied under a Mining Tenement with the minimum amount being payable in the application of the differential rate being \$2,297.21.
 - d. With respect to every allotment of rateable land within the council area not otherwise described elsewhere in this declaration, a flat rate of \$1,485.00 for each allotment.

SPECIAL RATES

4. Pursuant to Section 238 of the Act, the Council declares the Special rate "Animal Management" to assist with implementation/cost recovery of animal management within Council's regional areas. The Council intends to raise \$207,255 by way of this Special rate. This rate will be levied on all "Residential" allotments by application of a fixed charge of \$232.00 per allotment.

CHARGES

5. Pursuant to Section 239 of the Act, the Council declares the following charges in respect of the garbage collection services it provides for the benefit of all land within the following designated communities within the council area (except such land as Council from time to time determines to be exempt or excluded from the provision of such services or for which the Council has determined it is impractical to provide such services).
6. Council intends to raise \$1,148,875 by these charges.
7. Garbage collection services are provided weekly in the designated communities within the council area of Amoonguna, Areyonga, Docker River, Finke, Haasts Bluff, Hermannsburg, Imanpa, Kintore, Mount Liebig, Papunya, Santa Teresa, Titjikala and Wallace Rockhole.

8. For the purpose of paragraphs 8:
- “residential dwelling” means a dwelling house, flat or other substantially self-contained residential unit or building on residential land and includes a unit within the meaning of the Unit Titles Act.
 - “residential land” means land used or capable of being used for residential purposes (but does not include land on which there is no residential dwelling).
9. The following charges are declared:
- a. A charge of \$1,006.00 per annum per residential dwelling in respect of the garbage collection service provided to, or which Council is willing and able to provide to, each residential dwelling within Amoonguna, Areyonga, Docker River, Finke, Haasts Bluff, Hermannsburg, Imanpa, Kintore, Mount Liebig, Papunya, Santa Teresa, Titjikala and Wallace Rockhole Communities.
 - b. Other than a residential dwelling to which paragraph 8 (a) applies, a charge of \$2,012.00 per annum for each allotment used for commercial, industrial or community use purposes in respect of the garbage collection service provided to, or which Council is willing and able to provide to, each such allotment within Amoonguna, Areyonga, Docker River, Finke, Haasts Bluff, Hermannsburg, Imanpa, Kintore, Mount Liebig, Papunya, Santa Teresa, Titjikala and Wallace Rockhole Communities.

PAYMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES

10. Pursuant to section 244 of the Act, Council determines that rates and charges for the year 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 inclusive, shall be due and payable in two approximately equal instalments on the following dates namely:
- First instalment Friday 3rd October 2025
 - Second instalment Friday 6th March 2026
11. Payment of all or any remaining instalments may be made on or before the due date of the next instalment.
- a. Details of due dates and specified amounts will be listed on the relevant rates notice under section 242 of the Act (“the Rates Notice”).
 - b. Variations to those options for payment will be administered according to the conditions outlined on the front and reverse of the Rate Notice.
 - c. A ratepayer who fails to abide by such conditions may either be sued for recovery of the principal amount of the rates and charges and late payment penalties; or a charge may be registered over the property or lease prior to potential sale of the property. Costs reasonably incurred by Council in recovering or attempting to recover the rates and charges will be recoverable from the ratepayer.

RELEVANT INTEREST RATE

12. The Council fixes relevant interest rate for the late payment of rates and charges in line with Section 245 of the Act at the rate of 18% per annum which is to be calculated on a daily basis.

Belinda Urquhart, Chief Executive Officer

For further details please contact MacDonnell Regional Council, Chief Financial and Information Officer on 8958 9600.