

PRICING GUIDE

Manual Roller Shutter Cost in Australia

Manual roller shutters get unfairly overlooked. They're mechanically simpler than electric, cheaper to buy, and last longer because there's nothing to fail electrically. Here's what they actually cost across Australia in 2026.

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QUICK ANSWER

Manual roller shutters in Australia typically cost **\$400-\$1,000 per window installed**, depending on window size and slat profile. They're the cheapest reliable way to get roller-shutter benefits (heat, light, security, privacy) and use less mechanical complexity than electric versions.

Operation is either a webbed strap on the inside of the wall or a removable winder handle. Both last decades when installed correctly.

Bottom line: Manual is usually the best \$/window for low-use bedrooms, studies and rear-of-house windows.

Who this is for: Homeowners wanting roller shutters on a budget or for low-use windows.

Typical price ranges

Indicative supplied-and-installed pricing across Australia in 2026. Final pricing depends on installer assessment.

ITEM	TYPICAL RANGE	NOTES
Small window	\$400-\$650	900 × 1200 mm bedroom
Standard window	\$600-\$1,000	1500 × 1500 mm typical

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Large window	\$1,000-\$1,550	2100 × 1800 mm or larger
Sliding door	\$1,350-\$2,000	2400 × 2100 mm. Manual gets harder above this size
Whole-house pack (manual)	15-25% cheaper per window	8-12 windows installed together

What changes the price

Strap vs winder

Webbed strap is cleanest indoors and works well up to medium windows. Winder is sturdier for larger or heavier shutters but needs a removable handle.

Slat profile

Foam-filled aluminium adds thermal performance for around 10-20% more than thin single-skin slats.

Locking

Most manuals lock at the bottom rail when fully closed. Two-stage locking shutters cost \$30-\$80 more per window.

Colour and finish

Standard powder-coat colours are included. Custom colours typically add \$40-\$80 per window.

When manual is genuinely the better buy

Manual is the right call for windows you only operate occasionally. Bedrooms, studies, second living areas, rear-of-house. The cost saving versus electric is real and the maintenance burden is essentially zero. For high-use main living windows, motorising is usually worth the upgrade.

Future-proofing for motorisation

If you might motorise later, ask the installer to specify a motor-ready barrel and run a 240V cable or conduit to each shutter during installation. The cost difference is tiny upfront and saves significant rework later.

Checklist before you accept a quote

- ☐ **Try the operation in the showroom**
Strap vs winder feel different. Pick the one you'll actually use.
- ☐ **Confirm slat profile**
Foam-filled is markedly better for heat.
- ☐ **Confirm locking method**
Two-stage lock adds modest cost, useful for ground-floor windows.
- ☐ **Ask about motor-ready barrels**
Costs almost nothing extra now, saves money if you motorise later.

Frequently asked questions

How much do manual roller shutters cost in Australia?

Manual roller shutters typically cost \$400-\$1,000 per window installed depending on window size. Larger windows and sliding doors can reach \$1,350-\$2,000. Whole-house packs are usually 15-25% cheaper per window.

Are manual roller shutters worth it?

Yes for bedrooms, studies and low-use windows. They're mechanically simple, last decades, and cost 30-40% less than electric on the same window.

Can manual roller shutters be motorised later?

Yes, most modern manual shutters can be motorised by replacing the barrel. The retrofit cost is typically \$400-\$700 per window.

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