

BUDGET AND RATES 2022/23

COUNCIL'S MESSAGE

Last month, Council approved the City's 2022/23 Budget. The current economic climate created a challenging budgetary environment, with rapidly rising inflation forcing the City to pay more to deliver the same essential services and amenities that our community relies upon every day. For the current year to March, Perth CPI was 7.6 per cent, whereas it was 1.0 per cent for the same period last year.

Notwithstanding these challenges, Council has approved a rates increase of 4.5 per cent, well below the prevailing Perth CPI of 7.6 per cent. This marks the fourth consecutive Budget where the City's rates movements have either been equal to or below Perth CPI, despite the impact of both COVID-19 and inflation.

This year's Budget focuses on infrastructure renewal while still delivering rates relief in real terms.

Essential services such as household rubbish and recycling collections, road and path infrastructure and maintaining or upgrading our parks and reserves has received the largest portion of the 2022/23 Budget.

The City has increased its spending on pathways and roads to approximately \$5.2 million to ensure vital projects are carried out across the City, providing connected and safe pedestrian access and a well-maintained road network. A total of 6 million will be spent on waste management, drainage infrastructure, lighting, local road traffic management, building improvements and general assets, while local parks and reserves will receive \$1.69 million (including three playground renewals).

Throughout this year and into the future, your City will continue to deliver on our vision of a City of active places and beautiful spaces.

For more information visit southperth.wa.gov.au.

Greg Milner
Mayor, City of South Perth

CAPITAL WORKS BUDGET INCLUDES

Rates help our City to keep community assets in good shape. Whether it's maintaining parks and reserves, installing new roads, providing new drainage infrastructure or preserving buildings, the maintenance and upkeep of infrastructure is pivotal in ensuring the longevity of community assets.



\$13.09M
TOTAL BUDGET



Joanna Brown, Wends Street Murals

\$5.22M
PATHWAYS & ROADS



\$1.69M
PARKS & RESERVES



\$1.42M
BUILDINGS



\$0.92M
LOCAL TRAFFIC ROAD MANAGEMENT



\$1.90M
GENERAL ASSETS



\$0.76M
WASTE MANAGEMENT



\$0.50M
LIGHTING



\$0.68M
DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE



YOUR RATE NOTICE EXPLAINED

Your Rate Notice includes three charges:

- Rates
- Rubbish charge
- Emergency Services Levy

If your property is in the Collier, Manning, South Perth and Hurlingham area, you will receive an underground power instalment fee as part of your Rate Notice.

For more information about your rates, visit southperth.wa.gov.au/rates.



PERTH CPI
MARCH 2022

7.6%

CITY OF SOUTH
PERTH RATES
2022/23

4.5%

AVERAGE
INCREASE
\$1.56
PER WEEK

AVERAGE
INCREASE
\$6.78
PER MONTH

AVERAGE
INCREASE
\$81.41
PER YEAR

WASTE VOUCHERS AND WASTE SERVICE CHARGE

The annual residential waste charge has not increased over the past three annual budgets. However, the impact of rising fuel costs has resulted in the need to increase the charge this year.

Ratepayers will receive the following Waste Service Charges as part of your Rate Notice, for the year ending 30 June 2023:

- a standard Waste Service Charge of \$350
- a non-rateable property Waste Service Charge of \$482.

This charge includes:

- weekly rubbish pick-up
- fortnightly recycling collection
- three verge-side rubbish collections per year.

As a residential ratepayer, you will receive two green waste and one general waste voucher to the City's Recycling Centre. These vouchers are attached to your Rate Notice, simply cut and keep. Waste vouchers are valid until the **31 July 2023**.

For more information, visit southperth.wa.gov.au/rates.

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE

City of South Perth ratepayers, residents, businesses, community groups and clubs experiencing financial hardship may be eligible for Financial Hardship Assistance under the City's Financial Hardship Policy.

Financial Hardship Assistance is available for debts owing to the City including rates, Emergency Services Levy, Rubbish Service Charge and Fees and Charges, subject to eligibility.

To find out more visit southperth.wa.gov.au/financialhardship.

STATE GOVERNMENT REBATE

Pensioners or seniors who own and occupy their property may be entitled to a rebate.

To be eligible, an applicant must be:

- the owner and reside in the property on 1 July 2022
- receive a pension or hold a valid Pensioner Concession Card or State Concession Card
- hold a valid Seniors Card or Commonwealth Seniors Health Care Card.

For more information about rebates for seniors, visit southperth.wa.gov.au/rates.