



CITY OF SOUTH PERTH BUDGET AND RATES 2021/22

MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL

The 2021/22 Budget demonstrates your Council's commitment to delivering sound, responsible and sustainable management of the City's financial resources. City of South Perth ratepayers will see no increase in the Rubbish Service Charge and a modest increase of 1% on their rates bill this financial year (in line with CPI).

This Budget supports spending on major projects and community facility maintenance, as well as providing essential services and infrastructure to meet community needs.

Council is mindful of the financial pressures that many households are facing. For the third year running we have delivered a budget that provides an average rates movement either equal to or below Perth CPI.

The Rubbish Service Charge has remained unchanged for the third year in a row – one of the lowest in the Perth metropolitan area.

The 2021/22 Budget makes responsible provision for the future, delivering the first net increase in reserves since the 2014/15 financial year. This will improve the City's ability to maintain and replace assets critical to the service and amenity of the community.

Delivering on the strategic vision of a city of active places and beautiful spaces, the Budget includes spending on

essential services such as roads and paths, lighting and technology, park and playground upgrades plus renewal of foreshore assets.

The modest 1% rate increase ensures the City is appropriately funded to be able to deliver essential high quality community services and capital initiatives. It demonstrates our commitment to not increase the financial burden on our ratepayers relative to inflation, while supporting local economic recovery and growth.

The City has demonstrated initiative and an eye for opportunity, actively seeking grant funding to improve our facilities and infrastructure. Many of the projects in the 2021/22 Budget are either partly or fully funded by grants successfully secured by the City. This has significantly enhanced what we can deliver for our community, while reducing the cost to ratepayers.

Despite major economic challenges over the past four years, including a downturn in the WA economy and the global COVID-19 pandemic, the City has made significant progress on our continuous improvement journey.

With continuing uncertainties surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, we, your Council pride ourselves on delivering another responsible, value for money budget.

Greg Milner
City of South Perth Mayor

BUDGET OVERVIEW

The development of the City's budget is guided by the Strategic Community Plan and the Corporate Business Plan, with due consideration of the current economic environment.

KEY DRIVERS OF THE 2021/22 BUDGET

The 2021/22 Budget has a strong focus on three key elements:

- Ensuring cost effective delivery of high quality and relevant services
- Maintaining the rate increase in line with CPI
- Zero increase in Rubbish Service Charge.

To achieve the modest increase in rates this year and zero increase in the Rubbish Service Charge over the past three years, the City has undertaken significant work to improve its financial health absorbing increased fixed costs, reducing costs and ensuring that this doesn't have a negative impact on service provision.

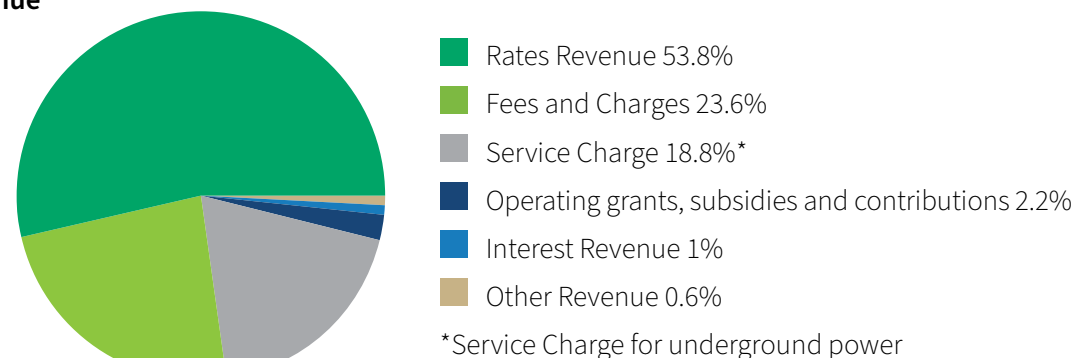
WHERE THE FUNDS COME FROM

Rates account for approximately 54% of the City's operating revenue needed to deliver essential community infrastructure, facilities and services.

Other revenue sources include State and Federal Government grant funding, Rubbish Service Charge and fees and charges for provision of services by the City.

Following no increase last year, there has been a slight increase in some fees and charges for the 2021/22 financial year, mainly as a result of increased State Government charges and underlying costs.

Operating Revenue

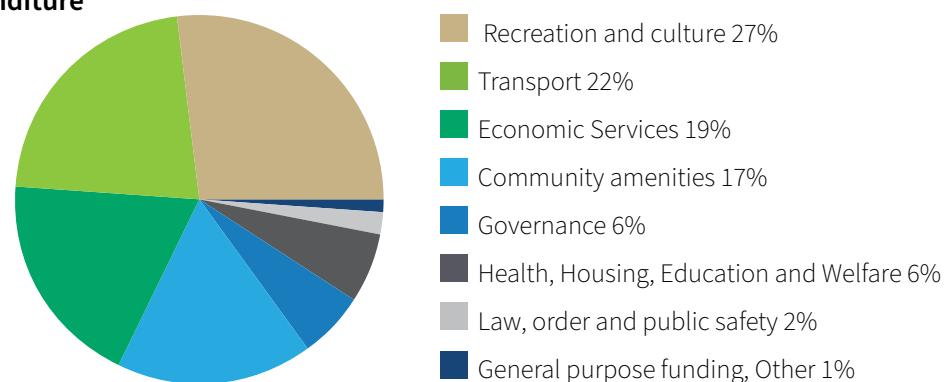


WHERE THE BUDGET IS SPENT

As a local government, we must meet the needs of current as well as future generations. We do this by balancing competing demands to keep rates and expenditure low whilst also focusing on improved service delivery.

Operating Expenses total \$76.40m including expenditure relating to underground power of \$13.65m.

Operating Expenditure

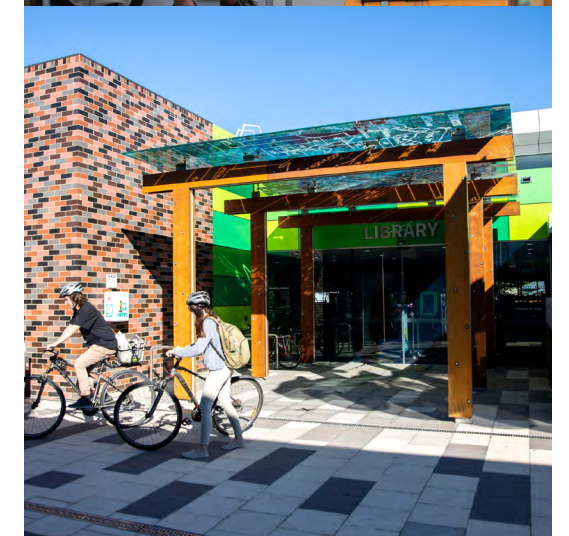


INVESTING IN THE COMMUNITY

Payment of rates and charges is an investment in the community. In return for paying your rates, you and your family can enjoy around 200 different services or facilities provided or supported by the City.

- Unlimited use of two modern and well stocked libraries
- Weekly rubbish collection and fortnightly recycling collection
- Annual hard waste and bi-annual green waste verge side collections
- Three free visits to the Recycling Centre per year
- Use of our sporting pavilions and halls, many recently upgraded such as Manning Hub and Ernest Johnson Reserve
- Use of our many beautiful parks and facilities such as BBQs, exercise equipment and playgrounds
- Enjoyment of some of the most beautiful riverfront foreshores in the state
- Use of our active sports grounds
- Community safety initiatives
- Control of dogs and policing of local laws
- Planned development of our residential precincts and commercial centres
- Enjoyment of well managed and planned streetscapes and historical precincts
- A broad range of cultural programs and community events
- Well managed natural bushland
- Aged care facilities
- Senior Citizens Centres

The City also advocates on your behalf to State and Federal Government to secure support and funding for larger initiatives such as the Recreation and Aquatic Facility (RAF), South Perth train station, the upgrade of Mends Street Jetty, major transit routes, river walls and other essential community infrastructure.





HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 12 MONTHS AHEAD

The City has changed a lot over the past few years and we want to continue to build on these positive changes.

The 2021/22 Capital Works program budget totals \$12.21m. This is funded from Grants/Trade-ins (\$5.17m), Reserves (\$1.54m) and Municipal funds (\$5.50m).

To view the complete endorsed 2021/22 Budget, visit southperth.wa.gov.au/budget

COMMUNITY FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS \$1.59m (inclusive of \$0.13m grant funding)

- Como Bowling Club kitchen and toilet upgrades
- Manning Bowling Club toilets
- Neil McDougall House roof repairs
- South Perth Bridge Club toilets
- South Perth Senior Citizens Centre lighting
- Manning Hub Laneway redevelopment
- Planning for a new Recreation and Aquatic Facility
- Old Mill conservation and visitor services
- Library lighting and furniture



BETTER PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS \$1.26m (inclusive of \$0.78m grant funding)

- New universally accessible play equipment at Hurlingham playground
- New playground at Bradshaw Conochie Reserve
- Waterford Triangle Project
- South Perth Foreshore Strategy and Management Plan Node 2 Planning



LOOKING AFTER OUR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESHORES \$1.46m (inclusive of \$1.07m grant funding)

- Black Swan Habitat
- Como beach riverwall and drainage upgrade
- Neil McDougall Park Water Sensitive Urban Design Project



ROAD MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY \$3.24m (inclusive of \$1.98m grant funding)

- Mill Point/Mends St raised safety plateau
- Traffic calming initiatives
- Road upgrades

IMPROVED FOOTPATH AND CYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE \$1.12m (inclusive of \$0.29m grant funding)

- Footpath upgrades
- Cycle path extension and improvements
- Redmond Stairs upgrade



SECURITY, LIGHTING AND TECHNOLOGY \$0.96m (inclusive of \$0.48m grant funding)

- Floodlighting at Challenger Reserve, Bill Grayden Reserve and Hensman Park Tennis courts
- CCTV cameras in Karawara
- Fibre optic cabling along Mends Street

HOW YOUR RATES ARE CALCULATED

Rates are developed based on the City’s operating requirements with individual ratepayers paying a proportionate share of the cost of providing these services.

- Rates are calculated as follows:
- Total cost of essential services
 - Setting a rate in the dollar
 - Individual annual rate calculations.



YOUR RATE NOTICE

Your rate notice includes three items:

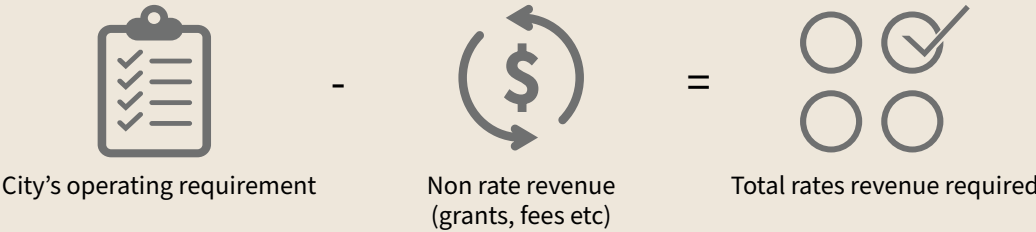
- Rates
- Rubbish Service Charge
- Emergency Services Levy (ESL).

If your property is in the Collier or Manning State Underground Power Program (SUPP) area, additional items will be included with your rate notice for the provision of the underground power.

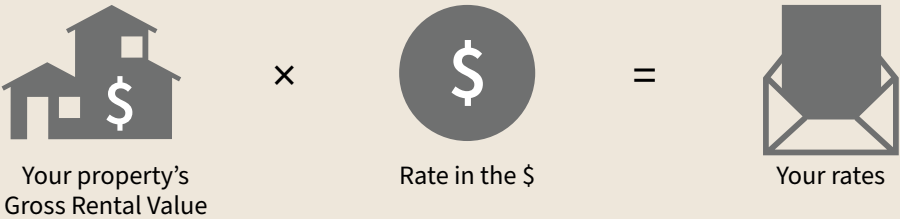
A separate SUPP brochure is enclosed with the rate notice for these property owners.



STEP 1



STEP 2



The Gross Rental Value (GRV) is determined by the State Government/Landgate and is the amount a property might reasonably be expected to earn if it was rented.

The rate in the dollar is the amount calculated by the City to meet its budget requirements.

For 2021/22 the City’s General Rate in the Dollar is **7.7836 cents**.

The City’s rates continue to remain low in comparison with other metropolitan local governments.

OVERALL RATE INCREASE/DECREASE

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Total change
Rate change	1.0%	-1.0%	1.0%	1.0%
Perth CPI	1.0%	2.1%	1.0%*	4.1%

* March 2020 to March 2021 CPI figures have been used for the 2021/22 financial year.



RUBBISH SERVICE CHARGE

Unchanged for the third year

For the third year in a row, the Rubbish Service Charge has remained unchanged at \$325 for a typical household – one of the lowest waste charges in the Perth metropolitan area.

The Rubbish Service Charge includes your weekly rubbish pick up, fortnightly recycling collection and three verge side collections each year. Residential ratepayers also receive one general waste and two green waste passes to the Recycling Centre with their rate notice.

EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY

The Emergency Services Levy (ESL) is a compulsory charge for all property owners issued by the State Government.

The ESL funds WA’s fire and emergency services including fire stations, volunteer fire brigades, State Emergency Service (SES) units, the Volunteer Marine Rescue Service and the Volunteer Emergency Service units. Local governments are required to include the levy in their rates accounts and collect it on behalf of Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES).

ESL charges are calculated based on a number of criteria including the ESL category your property falls under and your property’s Gross Rental Value (GRV), subject to minimums and maximums.

For more information contact DFES at dfes.wa.gov.au.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PENSIONERS AND SENIORS



Pensioners or seniors who own and occupy their property within the City of South Perth may be entitled to a rebate. To be eligible, an applicant must be:

- the owner and reside in the property on 1 July of the rates year; and
- in receipt of a pension or hold a valid Pensioner Concession Card or State Concession Card; or
- in receipt of a valid Seniors Card or Commonwealth Seniors Health Care Card.

The rebate available to eligible pensioners is capped at a maximum of \$750 for rates and if applicable, up to 50% rebate on underground power. Pensioners may apply to defer their rate and underground power payment.

The rebate for Seniors Card holders on Local Government rates will be capped at \$100 per household, and if applicable \$100 rebate for underground power, if payment in full is made within the current financial year, 30 June 2022. This is a State Government decision. The State Government administers the laws in regards to pensioner concessions.

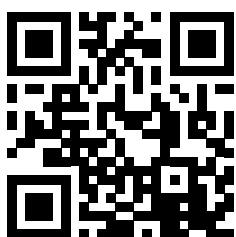
FINANCIAL HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE

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 means that a person or organisation is experiencing difficulty in meeting their financial obligations. They have the intention but not the financial capacity to pay debts owed to the City.

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.



REGISTER FOR eRATES

Register for eRates to receive future rate notices and instalment reminders by email. Rate notices and instalment reminders will be delivered to your inbox and you can choose to pay with any of the payment options available – have your assessment number from your current rate notice handy when you register. erateswa.com/southperth.