



CITY OF SOUTH PERTH

BUDGET AND RATES 2024/25



City of
South Perth



MAYOR'S MESSAGE



I am pleased to report Council approved the 2024/25 Annual Budget at the June Ordinary Council Meeting.

This budget continues to deliver the essential services that our community relies on, while honouring Council's commitment to keep rate increases at or below inflation. The 2024/25 budget sets a rate increase of 3.4%, consistent with the annual CPI for Perth to March of this year. This is the sixth year in a row that rates movements have been at or below inflation. Over that period, inflation has increased by 20.9% while Council rates have increased by 13.9%.

This year's budget reinforces our dedication to providing value for money and achieving positive outcomes for our community. The budget provides a net operating surplus, reflecting the City's improved financial management and commitment to financial sustainability. Surpluses are important for replenishing the City's financial reserves and preparing for the future replacement and renewal of essential long-term community assets and infrastructure.

With an operating budget of \$73.1 million and a capital budget of \$26.6 million, we've allocated funding for significant projects, maintenance of community facilities and essential services, and infrastructure improvements to meet our growing community's needs.

This includes:

- new changerooms at major sporting reserves to encourage more female participation in sports
- the Manning Bike Track at George Burnett Park
- two enclosed dog parks
- new public toilets
- upgrades to roads, paths and drainage systems
- CCTV, lighting and projects to boost community safety.

These measures will improve the quality of life for all residents and ensure that our City is a wonderful place for people to live, work and play. The budget also provides proper funding for the wide range of services that our community relies on day-to-day. These services include our libraries, managing waste, overseeing community facilities, implementing safety measures and maintaining our beloved parks, sports facilities and playgrounds.

Our journey to achieve financial stability has been challenging, but the progress we've made to date reflects Council's commitment to delivering on our community's vision of active places and beautiful spaces in a financially responsible manner, that represents value for money.

Greg Milner
Mayor, City of South Perth



2024/25 RATES

This year's budget prioritises strengthening the City's financial stability amidst ongoing economic uncertainty.

Rates continue to serve as the primary source of revenue for the City. The 2024/25 budget sets a rate increase of 3.4%, consistent with the annual CPI for Perth to March of this year. This year marks the sixth consecutive year where the City's rates movements have been at or below inflation.

This revenue is invested back into our community, developing new and revitalised infrastructure and amenities; from essential upgrades to existing parks, roads, paths and drainage infrastructure, to the creation of new community facilities.

Moreover, the City remains dedicated to providing quality services to meet the diverse needs of our community. These include access to libraries, regular waste and recycling services, verge-side waste collections, community events, well-maintained parks, playgrounds, and sporting facilities, along with other amenities such as the George Burnett Leisure Centre, senior citizen centres, and community safety initiatives.

YOUR RATES AND GROSS RENTAL VALUE (GRV)

Gross Rental Value (GRV) is an estimate of how much rent your property may earn each year. The GRV of your property is set by Landgate and provided to local governments to calculate rates.

HOW YOUR RATES ARE CALCULATED

Rates are calculated based on the revenue needed to deliver core community and infrastructure services. Individual ratepayers pay a proportionate share of the cost of providing these services and infrastructure, based on their property's GRV.

STEP 1 TOTAL RATES REQUIRED TO RUN THE CITY OF SOUTH PERTH



STEP 2 HOW THE RATE IN THE DOLLAR IS CALCULATED



STEP 3 WHAT RATES YOU PAY



*subject to the minimum rate

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

For 2024/25, the City's general rate in the dollar is **7.5551 cents**.

The City's rates continue to remain low in comparison with other similar sized inner-city local governments.

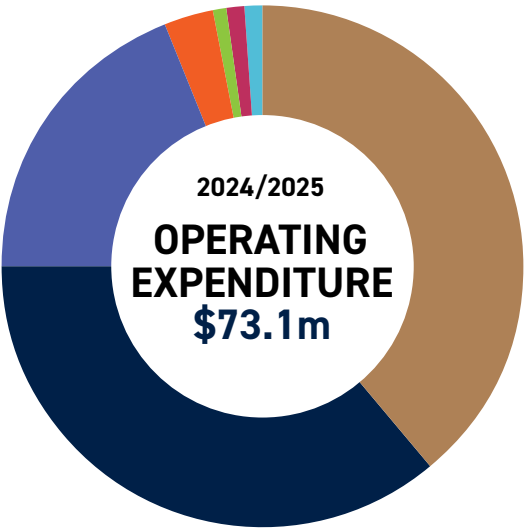


IMPROVING CITY FINANCES

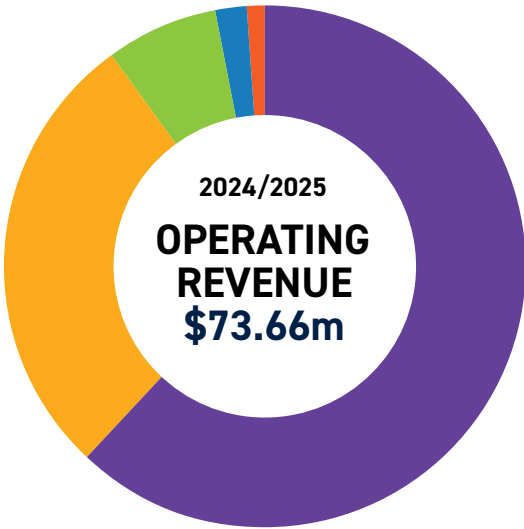
Once more, this year’s budget focuses on improving the City’s long-term financial position. Now in the final year of a three-year plan to improve finances, this budget represents the first budget in many years with an operating surplus position.

The City has continued to keep expenditure growth and rate increases in line with CPI. The 2024/25 operating expenditure of \$73.1 million will deliver a high level of service to our community, while also building on our long-term financial sustainability.

EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE BREAKDOWN



	EMPLOYEE COSTS 39%
	MATERIALS & CONTRACTS 36%
	DEPRECIATION & AMORTISATION 19%
	UTILITY CHARGES 3%
	INSURANCE EXPENSES 1%
	INTEREST EXPENSES 1%
	OTHER EXPENDITURE 1%



	RATES & REVENUE 62%
	FEES & CHARGES 28%
	INTEREST REVENUE 7%
	OPERATING GRANTS SUBSIDIES & CONTRIBUTIONS 2%
	OTHER REVENUE 1%

HOW YOUR RATES CONTRIBUTE TO OUR COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

With a total spend of \$26.6 million, the 2024/25 Capital Works Program has a strong focus on asset renewal. Efficient use of City resources allows us to provide essential infrastructure and services to our community, while ensuring long-term costs remain low.

CAPITAL WORKS BUDGET INCLUDES



\$6.42m
BUILDING PROJECTS



\$5.16m OVERALL SPEND
COLLIER PARK GOLF COURSE



\$4.94m OVERALL SPEND
ROADS & PATHWAYS



\$3.00m
LIGHTING



\$2.16m
PARKS & RESERVES



\$1.56m
FORESHORE & NATURAL AREAS



\$1.13m
PLANT AND FLEET



\$1.03m
WASTE MANAGEMENT



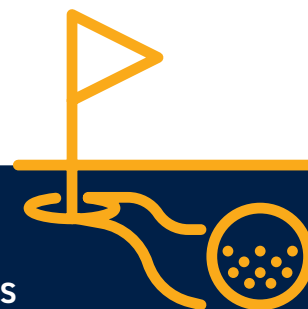
\$760k
DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE



\$293k
TECHNOLOGY



\$150k
SECURITY



BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE

\$4.8m

COLLIER PARK GOLF REDEVELOPMENT WORKS

(THIS INVOLVES NO CHANGES TO THE COURSE LAYOUT).

The first of a multi-year investment, redevelopment works will include the design and construction of a new building and a contemporary driving range.

\$4.2m
ROAD AND PATHWAY
RENEWAL PROJECTS



\$3.2m

**NEW CHANGEROOMS
TO INCREASE FEMALE
PARTICIPATION IN SPORT** –
George Burnett Park, Collier
Reserve, Bill Grayden Reserve,
Challenger Reserve,
Morris Mundy Reserve,
Richardson Park



\$2.3m

**UPGRADE
SPORTS LIGHTING TO
INCREASE FEMALE
PARTICIPATION IN SPORT** –
Challenger Reserve,
George Burnett Park,
Richardson Park

\$1.1m
RENEW IRRIGATION
SYSTEMS AT
SIR JAMES
MITCHELL PARK



\$1.1m
UPGRADE
AND BUILD
NEW PUBLIC
TOILETS

\$950k
RECYCLING CENTRE
IMPROVEMENTS
including a new recycle shop,
container deposit scheme
drop-off point, staff offices
and fire safety improvement

\$810k
IMPROVE
COMMUNITY SAFETY –
CCTV, lighting and
activation projects

\$660k
IMPROVE
ROAD SAFETY IN
BLACK SPOT AREAS

\$600k
NEW MANNING BIKE TRACK



\$350k
REPLACE
LAKE DOUGLAS
BRIDGE



\$250k
RENEW PLAYGROUNDS
AT KILKENNY CLOSE
RESERVE AND
JAN-DOO PARK

\$210k
CREATE TWO
ENCLOSED
DOG PARKS



\$100k
RENEW PARK
FURNITURE



HOW TO PAY YOUR RATES

There are multiple options available for paying your rates.

Pay Online – Payments can be made quickly and securely online by visiting southperth.wa.gov.au/pay.

BPAY – Use online or telephone banking to make a safe and secure payment from your bank account. Your rates notice will include your individual reference number.

Australia POST – Present your rates notice to any Australia Post Office to make payment with cash, credit or debit card. Or call 13 18 16 to pay your rates over the phone.

In-Person – Credit, debit card and cheque payments can be made in-person at the City of South Perth's Civic Centre. Cash payments are no longer accepted at the City.

For more information on how to pay your rates, visit southperth.wa.gov.au/rates.

OTHER CHARGES WASTE VOUCHERS AND WASTE SERVICE CHARGE

Your rates notice will include Waste Service Charges for the year ending **30 June 2025**.

A residential ratepayer will typically pay either:

- a standard Waste Service Charge of \$395 or,
- a non-rateable property Waste Service Charge of \$545.

This charge includes:

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

As a residential ratepayer, you will receive two green waste and one general waste voucher to the City's Recycling Centre. The vouchers are at the bottom of your rates notice and valid until **31 July 2025**.

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 Services (SES) units and the Volunteer Marine Rescue Service. Local governments are required to include the levy in their rates accounts and collect it on behalf of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES). ESL charges are calculated based on several criteria including the ESL category your property falls under and your property's Gross Rental Value, subject to minimums and maximums.

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





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 or before 1 July 2024.

Pensioner rebate applicable if you:

- receive a pension or hold a valid Pensioner Concession Card, or State Concession Card or Seniors Card with Commonwealth Seniors Health Card.

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

Seniors rebate applicable if you:

- hold a valid Seniors Card.

The rebate for Seniors Card holders on local government rates is capped at \$100 per household and 25% on ESL. The State Government administers the pensioner and senior concessions.

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

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

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 having trouble 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.



eRATES

Register for eRates to receive your future annual rates notice and instalment reminders by email. Scan the QR code to register.

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