



Budget and Rates 2026/27





Message from the Mayor

The City of South Perth is a wonderful place to live, work and play, and is home to approximately 48,000 members of our local community.

Your rates help us to maintain our City for the benefit of our community and provide the wide range of facilities, services, maintained parks, programs and events that our City is so well known for.

Each year, we aim to strike a balance between continuing to deliver a wide range of quality services, while also being mindful of the impacts of the cost-of-living pressures on our community. This is particularly relevant this year amid current global events and rising inflation.

With this in mind, the City has prepared a break-even 2026/27 budget that tightly manages the City's expenditures to minimise the impact on ratepayers. After seven consecutive years of keeping rate increases at or below inflation, Council has endorsed a 5.95% rate increase for 2026/27. While this is slightly above the current inflation rate, it needs to be considered in the context of ongoing cost pressures, including higher utilities, construction, materials, fuel, insurance and contracted services impacting local government.

The decision to set rates at this amount was carefully deliberated to ensure we have sufficient funds to



maintain our \$800 million worth of public assets, while still protecting our long-term financial health.

The City's cumulative rates increase of 21.7% over the past seven years still remains significantly below the cumulative March CPI total of 27.3% over the same period, demonstrating Council's long-standing commitment to providing value for money for our ratepayers.

Our budget focuses on maintaining and renewing our wide range of City facilities, investing in green, aesthetically-attractive public open spaces and improving community safety by creating connected, supported communities and building safer roads.

The total operating budget for the 2026/27 financial year is \$80.15 million, with capital expenditure of \$44.92 million – the City's largest capital works program to date. Some budget highlights include:

- \$2m to finalise upgrades to all-gender changerooms at various reserves
- \$2.9m for the Coode Street Foreshore Riverbank Restoration (partly grant funded)
- \$7.8m overall spend on roads and pathways
- \$630k towards a new playground at George Burnett Reserve and
- \$180k for community safety initiatives.

I look forward to seeing these projects (and others) come to fruition in the coming year. I would like to thank my fellow Elected Members and City employees for preparing a budget that is both financially responsible and forward-looking, and which will deliver the community's long-term vision of a City of active spaces and beautiful spaces.

I encourage you to stay informed about how your rates are contributing to our City by following the City of South Perth on social media or subscribing to our digital newsletter.

Greg Milner
Mayor, City of South Perth



Revaluation

New property valuations set by Landgate will come into effect in the 2026/27 financial year and will impact the amount you pay in rates. Your gross rental value (GRV) is an estimate of how much your property could earn each year if it was rented out.

Properties are revalued every three years by Landgate. Perth's property market has experienced high growth since the last revaluation which will mean your GRV has increased. Landgate provides the GRV of each property to local governments who use it to calculate rates. Learn more about how your property's GRV is determined and revaluation at southperth.wa.gov.au/rates

Rates

Rates continue to be the primary source of operating revenue for the City. This year there has been a rate revenue rise of 5.95%, which will ensure we can continue to deliver our services without compromising our financial sustainability. This revenue will be invested back into the community to ensure our City continues to be a place of active places and beautiful spaces.

The 2026/27 rate in the dollar is \$0.060585 in the City of South Perth. When determining this rate, the City considers the cost of running the city (minus other revenue sources) and divides this by the combined rental value (GRV) of all rateable properties.

How your rates are calculated:



Gross Rental Value
(determined by
Landgate)

X

**\$ Rate in
the dollar**

\$0.060585

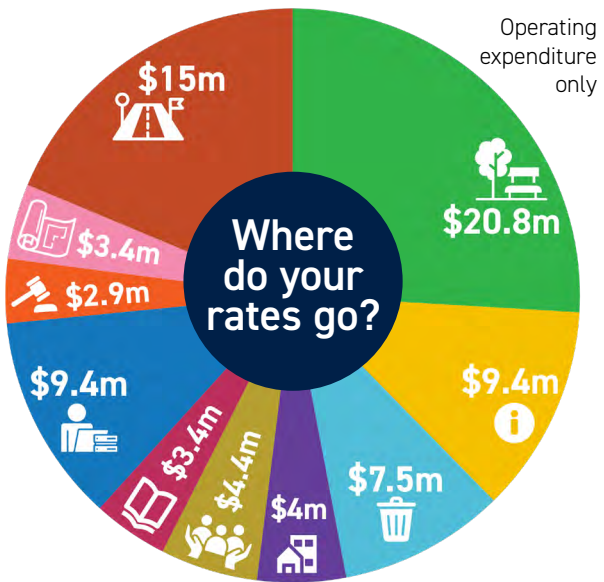
(adopted by Council)

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Your Rates*

*** Subject to minimum rate**



- Roads, footpaths & drainage
- Parks & environment
- Libraries
- IT, communications & customer service
- Waste & recycling
- Community facilities & buildings
- Community, culture & recreation
- People & organisational performance, finance, governance & council services
- Law, order & community safety
- Building, public health & planning services



Use the QR code to see a breakdown of our operating expenditure and revenue and some budget highlights for the coming financial year.

Waste

Your rates notice includes a Waste Service charge which goes towards your kerbside bin collections. Residential ratepayers also receive **1 x bulk waste** and **2 x green waste** pre-booked Verge Valet™ collections per year as well as Recycling Centre waste entry vouchers (located on the bottom of your rates notice).

Our Recycling Centre at **199 Thelma Street, Como**, is home to the Reuse Shop and a Containers for Change Drop & Go Station and is **open Wednesday–Sunday 8am–2pm**. Find out more at southperth.wa.gov.au/waste

Book your collection at vergevalet.com.au or call 9384 6711.



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How to pay

- Pay online at **southperth.wa.gov.au/pay**
- In person at the City's Civic Centre via debit or credit card or at any Australia Post Office, where cash and card are accepted. (Cash payments are no longer accepted at the Civic Centre). Find your nearest post office at **auspost.com.au/locate**

Having trouble paying? You could be eligible for Financial Hardship Assistance. Find out more at **southperth.wa.gov.au/rates**

Rebates

Pensioners or seniors who own and occupy their property may be entitled to a rebate for a portion of their rates, underground power and Emergency Services Levy. The State Government administers these concessions. Visit **southperth.wa.gov.au/rates** for more information and eligibility.



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