

# 2023–24 Budget



## Mayor's message

**The City of Subiaco's 2023–24 budget strives for high quality service provision and future planning, in a way that will not unduly burden our ratepayers.**

This year's rates increase sits at a low 1.9%, equal to last year; and it follows two previous years of 0%. There is no increase to the minimum rate, which is the fifth year in a row at this price.

Council has considered the City's various stakeholders, and all the competing demands on revenue, to approve a budget that balances income and expenditure responsibly and efficiently. We hope you will agree it represents value for ratepayers while still enabling us to provide the essential services – and more – that you expect of your Council. For example:

- Destination marketing and event activity through our dedicated 'See Subiaco' brand will continue to position the City as a destination of choice – with showcase events and targeted promotional campaigns.
- A local development plan is being prepared for the Coles/Crossways Precinct to encourage redevelopment of this key location.
- The City's cultural and recreational services will contribute to Subiaco as a vibrant and connected place for all of our diverse community.
- Refurbishment works will commence on the much-loved Evelyn H Parker (Subiaco) Library, and there will be selected repairs and renewal to Lords Recreation Centre – demonstrating the City's commitment to health, fitness and social connection.
- Streetscape upgrades to Rokeby Road South will begin.
- The City-wide drainage program equipping our infrastructure for 1 in 100 year



Mayor David McMullen and CEO Colin Cameron

storm events will continue at Hay Street, Subiaco Square and other locations; and improvements to identified traffic 'black spots' on our roads will reduce traffic hazards and help make Subiaco's streets safer for all.

We know everyone faces different economic pressures. In this 'revaluation year' (when the WA Valuer General re-assesses all metropolitan properties), a rates increase on many properties was – in real dollar terms – probably inevitable; although the rates on plenty of properties will actually *decrease*. To ease the pressure for all ratepayers, we continue to supplement rates revenue with income from other sources including careful investments and user-pays services.

Finally, with local government elections later in 2023, all eligible people in our community should take part in local democracy – which starts by registering to vote, at [www.elections.wa.gov.au/oes](http://www.elections.wa.gov.au/oes). If you are thinking about running for Council, reach out to me directly for a chat about how Councillors here in our City work together, and with our staff, for the community. You can also learn more at [www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/local-government](http://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/local-government).

Please read on for more highlights from the 2023–24 budget. For more about how your rates are calculated and how they are spent, visit [www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/rates](http://www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/rates).

**David McMullen, Mayor**

## CEO's message

**The City of Subiaco is on a growth trajectory and has been investigating ways to optimise services for its community. The City's 2023–24 budget incorporates an exciting component which will mean residents and ratepayers will soon have better access to local government services.**

The City conducted a business systems review of its existing technology systems. Thanks to a Council decision, the City will now progress the upgrade and consolidation of key systems to TechnologyOne, starting this financial year.

The phased rollout of the TechnologyOne solution will start in July 2024 and will gradually replace many technological systems that support functions like finance, human resourcing, asset and waste management. It will also make the overall customer experience smoother through an online portal where you can easily make payments, raise service requests and track application lodgements; anywhere, any-device, any-time.

The City will also progress the design for the redevelopment of the Civic Precinct at 241 Rokeby Road. This comes in the wake of a fire at the former Council Chambers and Administration Centre in September 2022, but continues a process of planning for the City's future needs that has been ongoing for some time.

These are just two of the exciting projects which we will be working on for the benefit of our community in the coming twelve months in accordance with the 2023–24 budget adopted by Council.

**Colin Cameron, Chief Executive Officer**

## Your voice matters

You can have your say on projects and initiatives taking place around the City of Subiaco via our online consultation hub. Visit [haveyoursay.subiaco.wa.gov.au](http://haveyoursay.subiaco.wa.gov.au) for more information.

# Rates explained



## How rates are calculated

Council rates are calculated in three steps: by working out the **total cost** of essential services and setting **a rate in the dollar** to work out your individual annual rates. The 2023–24 rate in the dollar is 6.8302 cents.

Find out more at [www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/rates](http://www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/rates).

### STEP 1



Cost of running the local government

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Non-rate revenue (grants, fees, etc.)

=



Rates revenue required

### STEP 2



Rates revenue required

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Combined gross rental value (GRV) of all rateable properties

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Rate in the dollar

### STEP 3



Rate in the dollar

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Your property's GRV

=



Your rates for the year

## Rates

The total amount payable in rates this year is **\$26,723,368**. The rates increase this year is 1.9%, which enables the continuing provision of essential services to the community. There is an increase of 7.8 per cent to the waste services charge, which equates to an annual increase of \$25 per standard residential service. This is due to increases in refuse processing and fuel costs. There is no increase to the minimum rate of \$1,190.

## Bulk green waste

The City has introduced a bi-annual bulk green waste collection, which commenced in January 2023. The next bulk green waste collection will take place from Monday 11 December. Please place any loose green waste out on your verge by the evening of Sunday 10 December.

## Bulk waste

Following the Verge Valet™ trial Council decided on a return to a bi-annual bulk waste collection for residents in early 2024 (subject to contractor availability). The Verge Valet™ Service will remain available for residents until this comes into place. The City will provide further information about bulk waste collections in the coming months.

## Gross rental value

The GRV is set by the Valuer General and represents the annual rental income that a property might reasonably be expected to earn. The GRV of a property is affected by factors like the age of a house, the number of bedrooms and bathrooms, whether it has a pool or garage and location. This means that your GRV may be different from your neighbour. Every three years GRVs are reassessed by the Valuer General. This year is a revaluation year. Residential and commercial GRVs in the City increased by 16 per cent on average.

## Waste charges

**\$340** – Standard residential waste service  
**\$580** – 240-litre residential waste service  
**\$607** – Standard commercial waste service

## Rebate for pension and senior card holders

Did you know that if you are a pension or senior card holder, you can apply for a rebate on your rates? Contact the City of Subiaco on 9237 9222 or visit [www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/rates](http://www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/rates) to learn more.

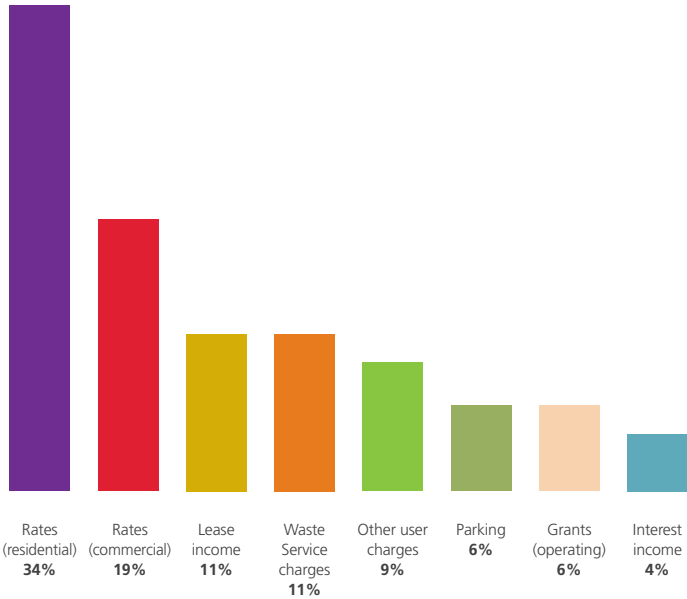
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# Budget highlights

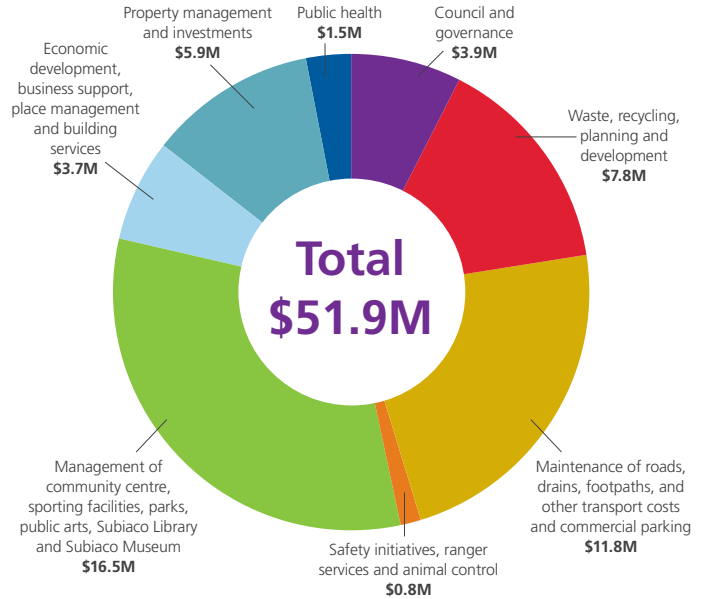
## Operating revenue

After considering all other funding sources, the remaining expenditure in the budget is funded by rates.



## Operating expenditure

Residential and commercial rates contribute 53 per cent to the cost of delivering all essential services.



## Major and capital works highlights



**\$4.5M**  
Road improvements



**\$2.9M**  
Drainage works



**\$2.78M**  
Council buildings and facilities improvements



**\$2.1M**  
Environmental initiatives



**\$1.77M**  
SubiPOP public realm upgrades



**\$1.59M**  
Parks and reserves improvements



**\$1.4M**  
Street lighting upgrades



**\$1.28M**  
Rokeby Road South streetscape upgrades



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[www.elections.wa.gov.au/oes](http://www.elections.wa.gov.au/oes)



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