

2025-26 Budget

Mayor's message

The City of Subiaco's 2025-26 budget is balanced, forward-thinking, and will equip the City to continue to deliver the things that matter most to our community.

Council understands that in many households, finances are tight. We've taken a measured approach, limiting the rate increase to 1.9 per cent – which remains comfortably below inflation. The minimum rate remains unchanged for the seventh consecutive year. Careful budgeting sustains high-quality services without added burden to ratepayers.

Your rates fund everything from waste and recycling to parks, library services, events, and community programs. They also support major upgrades that enhance amenity, safety, and liveability across the City.

For 2025–26, we've set aside \$22.1 million for projects including:

- upgrades to the Shenton Park Community Centre – supporting local activity and connection
- community consultation and design for a new Civic building and surrounds
- construction of the new pocket park at Rupert Street and renewal of the Mueller Park playground

- greening upgrades (on Hay Street, Duke Street and Ada Street), streetscape planning for precincts beyond the centre of Subiaco (such as Onslow and Nicholson Roads), and ongoing work on the 'Subi Streets' project to deliver a City-wide movement and place framework
- improvements to laneways and pedestrian links including Kannis Lane, Hiddlestone Lane, the Rowland Street car park, and Alvan Street reserve
- traffic calming measures including reductions to 40km/hr for local residential roads, and upgrades to footpaths and cycleways to support active transport
- progress on the Rokeby Road South Streetscape – improving amenity for all road users and enhancing the street's unique character.

These works are about more than infrastructure – they're about community connection and liveable places.

You can also expect:

- continued support for the City's vibrant economy through our See Subiaco brand
- a vibrant calendar of festivals and events (such as Subi Blooms, and the Subi Night Market), and public art – all to celebrate



CEO Colin Cameron and Mayor David McMullen

creativity and community life, and ensure our City remains a lively and welcoming destination

- climate-conscious design, tree planting, and urban greening for a flourishing environment. These initiatives help cool our suburbs, support biodiversity, and make spaces more enjoyable.

As your Council, we're proud to deliver a budget that balances care with ambition. It's our commitment to being a leading organisation with a plan for today and tomorrow, to keep Subiaco a place we're proud to call home.

Read on for more budget highlights or visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/rates to learn how your rates are calculated and spent.

Mayor David McMullen

CEO's message

We're building on a strong foundation to create an organisation that is more responsive and future-ready – one that delivers smarter systems, better services, and stronger outcomes for our community.

A key priority is advancing the next stage of our TechnologyOne transformation. We went live with new finance, HR, and assets technology in July 2024, and launched online customer requests in June 2025. The 2025-26 focus is on the customer digital experience: to deliver easy-to-use

online tools and faster response times.

Our digital services – available anywhere, any time, on any device – complement our in-person services, giving the community greater choice and convenience.

By using data, we can plan and deliver with precision, directing resources where they're most needed and making decisions that reflect community priorities.

We're also taking a forward-thinking approach to sustainability, using innovation in infrastructure, planning, and engagement

to shape a greener, more resilient city.

Our teams work hard to deliver services that are reliable, inclusive, and responsive – from maintaining verges and footpaths to supporting events.

Staff are passionate about creating places the community loves, guided by our Council Plan and supported by our SUBI values – supportive, united, bold, and impactful. Smart systems, great service, and strong leadership make this vision real.

CEO Colin Cameron

Register for e-rates

Did you know you have the option of receiving your rates notice via email, saving paper and postage?

Register at www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/erates to receive future notices and instalment reminders via email.

Rates explained

Delivering on your Council Plan

This year's budget supports the first year of the City's inaugural Council Plan 2025–2035, which sets out a long-term vision for the City: *A diverse, welcoming community shaped by its rich history and celebrated for its green spaces, lifestyle, and culture.*

The plan is structured around five strategic pillars, which guide the City's priorities and investments. Projects and services funded through this year's budget align with these five areas:



Connected community
Welcoming, vibrant, and inclusive



Flourishing environment
Green, resilient, and inviting spaces



Thriving economy
A thriving, attractive destination



Liveable places
A contemporary, connected city with a rich heritage



Leading organisation
Innovative, accountable, and responsive

How rates are calculated

Council rates are calculated by working out the total cost of services and setting a rate in the dollar to work out your individual annual rates.

Find out more at www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/rates.

Step 1



Cost of running the local government



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



Rates revenue required

Step 2



Rates revenue required



Combined gross rental value (GRV) of all rateable properties



Rate in the dollar

Step 3



Rate in the dollar

X



Your property's GRV

=



Your rates for the year

Rates

The total amount payable in rates this year is **\$28,128,259**.

This is based on a rate in the dollar of 7.092 cents, resulting in a low rate increase of 1.9 per cent for the fourth consecutive year. The minimum rate remains unchanged at \$1190 since 2019–20.

Delivery of consecutive low increases in a time of high inflation has been made possible through prudent financial management. The City continues to use rates responsibly to deliver high quality services that align with our Council Plan 2025-35.

Waste service charges have increased slightly this year, reflecting rising costs for transport, processing, and infrastructure. The Emergency Services Levy (ESL), which the City collects on behalf of the State Government, continues to fund fire and emergency services across Western Australia.

Gross rental value

The gross rental value (GRV) is set by the Valuer General and represents the annual rental income that a property might reasonably be expected to earn. GRV is influenced by factors such as a property's size, age, condition and location. Your GRV may differ from your neighbour's.

GRVs are reassessed every three years. They were last reassessed in 2023-24, meaning there is no change to your GRV this year.

Waste charges

\$408.00 Standard residential waste service

\$696.72 240-litre residential waste service

\$729.00 Standard commercial waste service

Rebate for pension and senior card holders

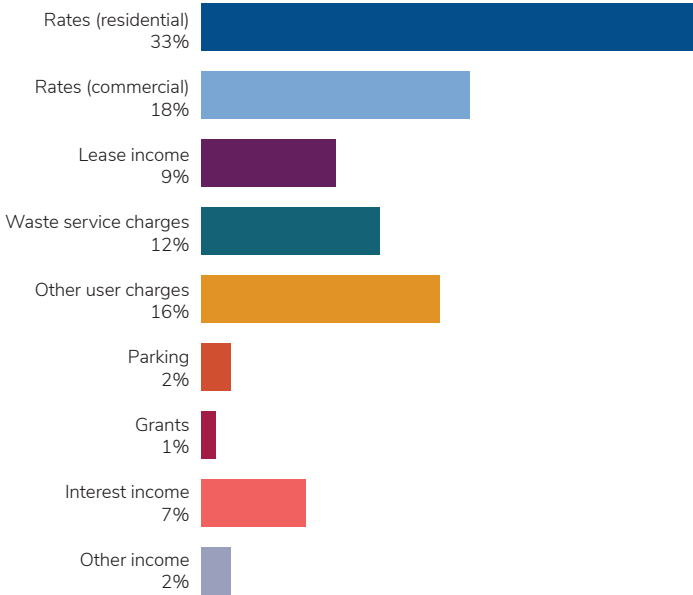
If you are a pension or senior card holder, you may be eligible for a rebate on your rates.

Contact the City on 9237 9222 or visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/rates to learn more.

Budget highlights

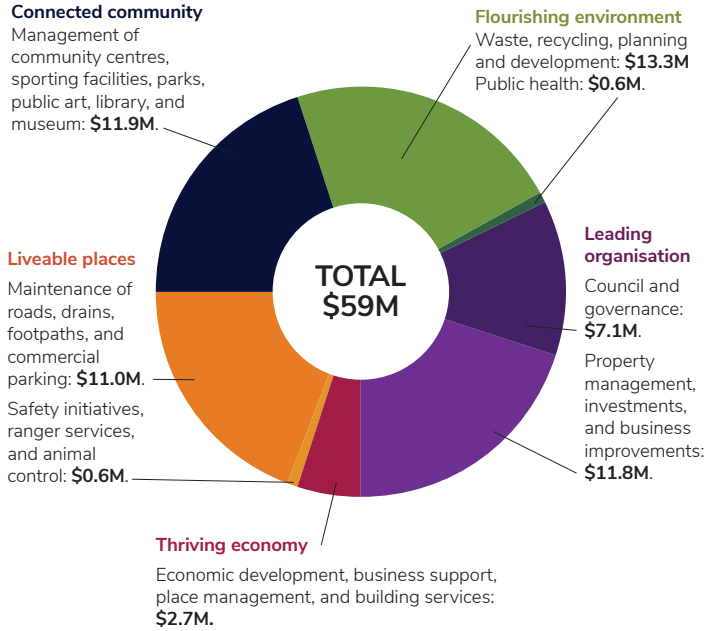
Operating revenue

The City has a principle of maintaining diverse income sources to reduce reliance on rates.

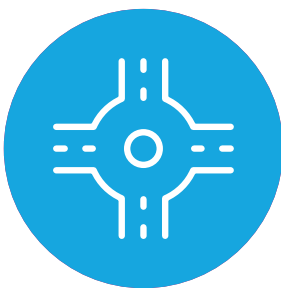


Operating expenditure

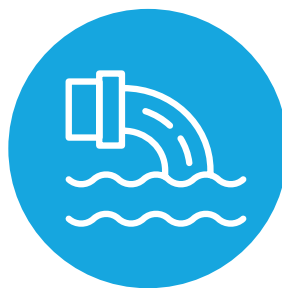
The City funds a range of services, infrastructure, and projects in line with Council Plan priorities.



Major and capital works highlights



\$7.6M
Roads and paths



\$1.0M
Drainage



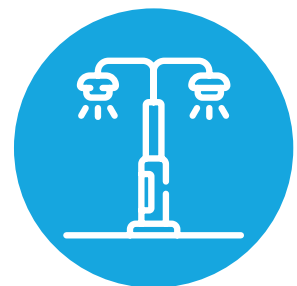
\$4.3M
Parks and environment



\$7.3M
Facilities and equipment



\$1.3M
Public realm



\$0.5M
Lighting



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