

# 2024–25 Budget



## Mayor's message

**The City of Subiaco's 2024–25 budget is a commitment to high-quality service provision for today, and future planning for tomorrow. We give you this commitment, ever mindful of the financial pressures faced by households.**

Despite significant inflation, this year's rates increase is a modest 1.9 per cent – consistent now for three years running. The minimum rate remains unchanged at \$1,190 – the same since 2019–20.

In short, while the City of Subiaco's own cost bases continue to rise with CPI, the same increases are not being passed onto you, the ratepayer.

Council has adopted a budget that prudently balances income and expenditure. We believe it offers value to our ratepayers, enabling us to maintain essential services and deliver initiatives that enrich community life, including:

- Events like Subi Blooms and Subi Night Market through our destination brand, See Subiaco.
- Public art.
- Upgrades to public spaces – the Forrest Walk upgrade is next; with Seddon Street, our award-winning Postal Walk project, and smaller laneway projects now completed. We have also begun planning beyond Rokeby Road.
- Cultural events and children's programs at Subiaco Museum and our newly-refurbished Evelyn H Parker Library.
- Fitness programs at our much-loved Lords Recreation Centre.
- An incredibly successful FOGO program diverting waste from landfill.

This year's budget includes an unavoidable increase in waste service fees. This is due to the State Government's landfill charge and rising costs for waste transport, processing, and infrastructure. Additionally, there will be a

4.3 per cent increase in the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) that local governments are required to collect on behalf of the State Government to fund fire and emergency services across WA.

A key priority in this budget is the ongoing upgrade of the City's digital systems. This transformative initiative aims to reduce manual processes and improve customer service with modern, streamlined software.

The budget also allocates \$21.4 million to a capital works program, funding vital projects across the whole City such as:

- Road safety improvements.
- Public realm upgrades.
- Playground renewals.
- Tree planting.
- Refurbishment of the Shenton Park Community Centre.

## CEO's message

**At the time of this budget announcement, the City of Subiaco is in an exciting phase of its transition to TechnologyOne.**

On 1 July, the City switched systems – from old and siloed legacy systems to a unified, streamlined software solution that's available anytime, anywhere, from any device. This new technology allows us to work more efficiently, eliminating unnecessary manual tasks and providing greater oversight.

While most of these exciting changes are taking place behind the scenes for staff, contractors and volunteers, this change allows us to reduce turnaround times



Mayor David McMullen and CEO Colin Cameron

Rates support a sustainable and thriving City, by funding essential services and amenities that enhance our local economy and community. The City understands the responsibility that comes with collecting rates from our community; and we are deliberate in not solely relying upon rates. To ease the pressure on ratepayers, we continue to supplement rates revenue with income from user-pays services, new (and increasingly diversified) investments, and careful management of existing investments.

Please read on for more about the 2024–25 budget. For more information on 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**

and deliver better customer services. Currently, our new technology is powering the business areas of finance, asset management and human resources.

The next phase of our digital transformation, commencing during 2024/25, is when residents and visitors will be able to feel the full effects of our new system, delivering a better, more consistent experience online and in-person.

**Colin Cameron, Chief Executive Officer**

## 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](http://www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/erates) to receive future notices and instalment reminders via email.

# Rates explained

## How rates are calculated

Council rates are calculated by working out the **total cost** of essential services and setting a **rate in the dollar** to work out your individual annual rates. The 2024–25 rate in the dollar is 6.9599 cents. This represents a low average rate rise of **1.9 per cent** for the third year running. 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

–



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 \$27,230,770.**

This represents a low rate increase of 1.9 per cent for the third year in a row, with no change to the minimum rate of \$1,190 since 2019-20.

Delivery of consecutive low increases in a time of high inflation has been made possible through prudent management of the City's finances. The City continues to use rates responsibly to deliver high quality services to the community.

There is a substantial unavoidable increase of 15.2 per cent to the waste services charge due to the State Government's landfill charge and rising waste transport, processing and infrastructure costs. As a result, waste service fees will increase by \$51 per standard residential service.

There will also be a 4.3 per cent increase in the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) this year, which local governments are required to collect on behalf of the State Government 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. 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. GRVs were reassessed last year, so this year there is no change to your GRV.

## Waste charges

**\$391** – Standard residential waste service  
**\$668** – 240-litre residential waste service  
**\$699** – Standard commercial waste service

## Rebate for pension and senior card holders

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.

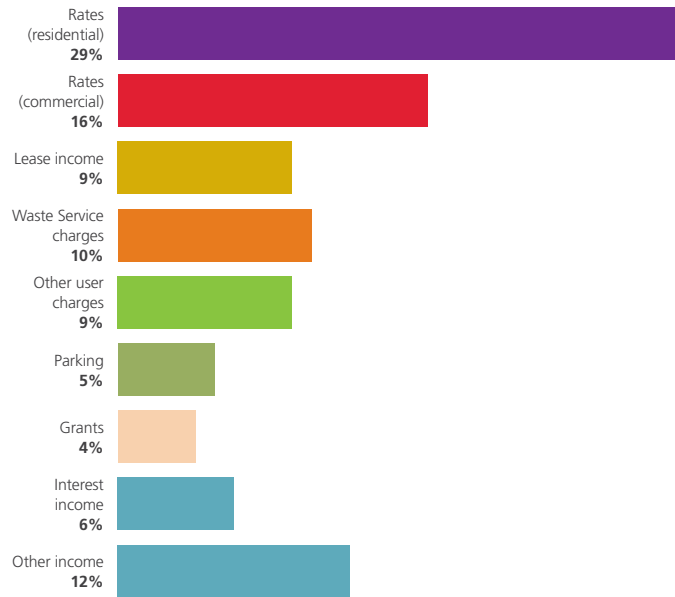
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# Budget highlights

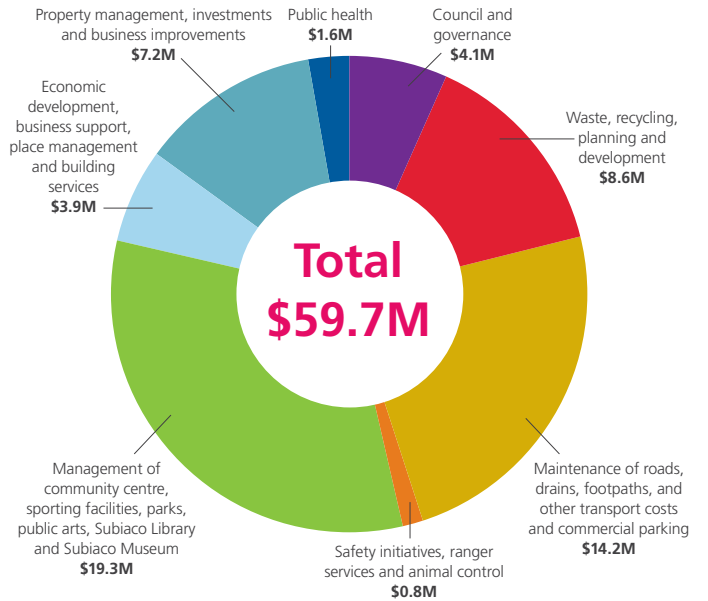
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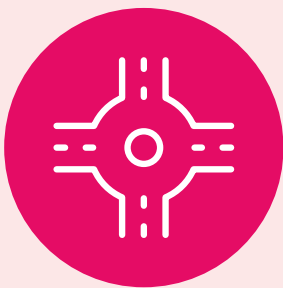


## Operating expenditure

Residential and commercial rates fund 45 per cent of the cost of delivering the City's services.



## Major and capital works highlights



**\$4.44M**

Road improvement



**\$2.67M**

Drainage works



**\$3.96M**

Environmental initiatives



**\$1.65M**

Shenton Park Community Centre upgrades



**\$2.19M**

Parks and reserves improvements



**\$1.3M**

Street lighting upgrades



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# MORE THAN JUST A GYM

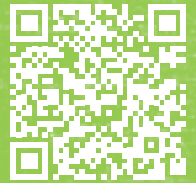
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CAFÉ • GROUP FITNESS • SOCIAL SPORTS • GYM

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## YOUR VOICE MATTERS

You can have your say on projects and initiatives taking place around the City of Subiaco via our online consultation hub.



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