

2022–23 Budget



Mayor's message

For the last two years, the City has supported our community through the COVID-19 pandemic by freezing rates. This year's budget includes a rate rise of 1.9 per cent, one of the lowest among Perth local government areas.

Although the City's own costs continue to rise, we have managed to keep the rates increase to a minimum – proportionately lower than movements in CPI and costs of living elsewhere – while ensuring our ongoing capacity to deliver the high-quality services and amenities that our ratepayers expect and deserve.

As your Elected Members, our responsibility is to pass a budget that represents good value and excellent service delivery. This budget is Council's commitment to do what needs to be done in a financially-responsible way.

Key benefits from this year's budget include streetscape upgrades to Rokeby Road, and implementation of the Food Organics Garden

Organics (FOGO) waste system. Not just a looming requirement for all Perth and Peel local governments, we know that FOGO is keenly awaited by many in the community because it will greatly benefit our environment. This year's capital works program will include refurbishment of the much-loved EH Parker (Subiaco) Library, and select repairs and renewal for the Lords Recreation Centre.

While general rates will increase by 1.9 per cent, the City's waste service charges need to increase by 6.5 per cent (equating to an annual increase of \$19 per standard residential service) to cover the cost of FOGO, along with two additional green waste collections per year for each resident. For the vast majority of residents, the combined rates and waste increase represents less than \$1.10 per week.

Rates help create a sustainable and prosperous city with high quality services and amenities, creating a stronger local economy and community.



You can read more about rates, how they're calculated and the services they help provide at subiaco.wa.gov.au/rates.

In August 2021, the City welcomed our new CEO, Colin Cameron. Under his new leadership the City of Subiaco has and will continue to deliver high quality services to the community.

The last local government elections saw a change to Council, and recent community scorecard results tell us that you are scoring us significantly higher in the area of Leadership by the Mayor and Councillors than you were 12 months ago. I am proud to be a part of that.

Please read on for more highlights from the 2022–23 budget.

David McMullen, Mayor

CEO's message

The City's 2022–23 budget sets a clear path for a stronger, more connected and environmentally progressive community.

While this is the first rate rise we have had since before the pandemic, it is one of the lowest among Perth local government areas, which demonstrates the City's ability to strategically spend the monies where community have told us they would like it to go. We are improving local services, such as upgrading parks and community facilities and implementing the Food Organics and Garden Organics waste system.

The City is listening to our community and business and we regularly assess customer satisfaction through feedback. One of these platforms is the Community Scorecard study, an independent study that ensures the City maintains its focus on community needs. You can read the latest Community Scorecard results on the City's website.

The 2022 Community Scorecard results demonstrate high levels of satisfaction in many community services and amenities and place it as a top place to live. A marked increase was reported in the leadership by the Mayor and Councillors category, which



received an almost 70 per cent positive rating this year, compared to a rating below 50 per cent in the 2021 Scorecard results.

I am proud to be a part of the City of Subiaco. It is great to see community identify issues to assist Council to determine priorities, with staff delivering these in a way that meets residents' and visitors' needs. It is what makes the City such a beautiful place to live, work and play.

Colin Cameron, Chief Executive Officer

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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 2022–23 rate in the dollar increase is one of the lowest of Perth's local government areas at only **1.9 per cent**.

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

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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

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Your rates for the year

Rates

The total amount payable in rates this year is **\$25,775,169**. The rate in the dollar (the way rates are shared out across all ratepayers) has stayed the same for the past two years to continue to support the community through the pandemic.

This year, an increase was inevitable to continue to provide these services to our residents and businesses. There is an increase to waste service fees with the implementation of the Food Organics and Garden Organics

(FOGO) waste system. This increase on the waste services charge will help facilitate the roll out of FOGO and the additional green waste collections, and only equates to an extra \$19 for the year for residents. For the vast majority of residents, the combined rates and waste increase represents less than \$1.10 per week. There is also **no increase to the minimum rate** (\$1190). The State Government Emergency Services Levy, which the City is required to collect, has increased by 4.6 per cent this year.

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Waste charges

- \$315** Standard residential waste service
- \$538** 240 litre residential waste service
- \$563** Standard commercial waste service

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. The Valuer General reassesses GRVs every three years. This was not a revaluation year.

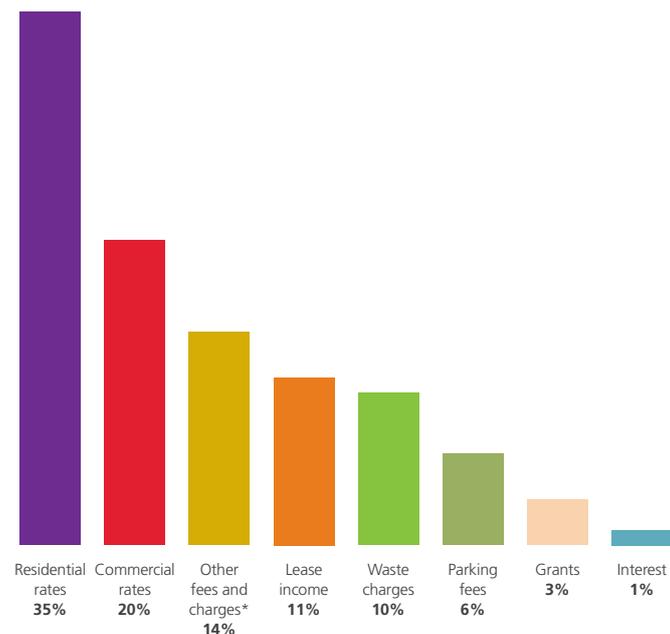
Rebate for pension and senior card holders

Pension or senior card holders can apply for a rebate on their rates. For information, call 9237 9222 or visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/rates.

Budget highlights

Operating revenue

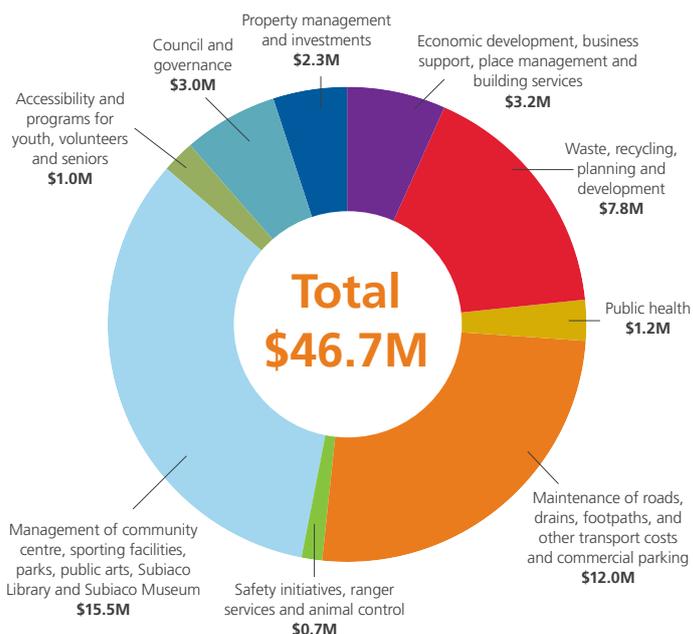
After considering all other funding sources, the remaining expenditure in the budget is funded by rates.



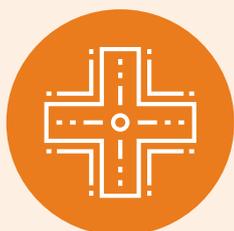
*Including Lords, library, building and planning applications, and pet registrations.

Operating expenditure

Residential and commercial rates contribute 55 per cent to the cost of delivering all essential services.



Major and capital works highlights



\$3.8M

Road improvements



\$2.49M

Parks and reserves improvements



\$3.21M

Buildings and facilities improvements



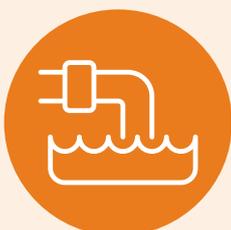
\$3.08M

Environmental initiatives



\$2.2M

Streetscape upgrades



\$1.11M

Drainage works



\$606K

Street lighting upgrades



\$312K

Footpath improvements



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