

2021–22 Budget



Mayor's message

For the first time the City of Subiaco has adopted a zero percent rate rise for two consecutive years. Last year the City also provided the COVID-19 response relief package for ratepayers which saw a one-off rates contribution to offset the impacts of the pandemic.

Sustainability is at the core of our community, and I am delighted to share that we are the first local government in Western Australia to be Certified Carbon Neutral. A vital step forward to further lower greenhouse gas emissions and lead the way for future generations.

Major projects like the planned streetscape upgrades of Rokeby Road South will soon commence and our buildings and facilities will see minor

to moderate refurbishments works at selected social and community buildings including Lords Recreation Centre, which will receive \$530,000 from our \$18.5m capital works budget.

City support and investment in much-loved events and activations to increase town centre vibrancy will continue.

Across the City investment in our valuable green spaces and streetscapes will see improvements to parks and reserves, including a floodlight upgrade at Rosalie Park to meet the community's needs now and into the future.

In August 2021 we will be welcoming our new CEO, Colin Cameron. Under his leadership the City will continue to work hard to deliver high quality services to its community.



The upcoming local government elections will see a change to the City's elected member numbers, after Council resolved to change to eight councillors plus a Mayor. This is an important step in modernising the form of political representation in Subiaco.

Please read on for more highlights from the 2021–22 budget.

Penny Taylor
Mayor

CEO's message

The City's 2021–22 budget sets a clear path to building a strong community and thriving local economy.

Through responsible budgeting Council has adopted a zero per cent rate rise again with no increase to waste service charges, the rate in the dollar or the minimum rates.

In 2020–21 the City rolled out a comprehensive COVID-19 relief and support package for residents and businesses which included a one-off \$2 million contribution towards rates to help offset the impacts of the pandemic, which lowered the rates payable last year. This contribution will not be made this year and as a consequence bills will be higher than those received last year.

As part of the capital works budget, facility and equipment upgrades will be made to

Lords Recreation Centre so that it continues to be a safe and welcoming space.

Upcoming projects planned include major and local road improvements including black spot works, furniture and park lighting upgrades and tree planting. For more information on major capital projects, see page three.

The City continues to plan strategically to meet the community's needs both now and in the future.

Cliff Frewing, A/Chief Executive Officer



Your voice matters

The 2021 local government elections will be held on 16 October and there are some things you can do to get ready.

Nominate for Council

Consider nominating to make a difference to your community. This year there are vacancies for two councillors and a Mayor.

Update your details

Make sure your enrolment details are up to date at www.elections.wa.gov.au.

Vote

The Western Australian Electoral Commission will send ballot papers to all registered voters three weeks prior to the election. Your postal vote must be received by mail or lodged in person at the City's Administration Centre by 6pm on election day.

Visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/elections.

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 2021–22 rate in the dollar is the same as last year **7.6043 cents**.

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

Your property's GRV

Your rates for the year

Rates

The total amount payable in rates this year is **\$25,141,167**. The rate in the dollar (the way rates are shared out across all ratepayers) has stayed the same for a second consecutive year.

However, you will likely notice your rates payable is higher than last year. This is due to the one-off \$2 million contribution the City made last year from reserves to lower the rates payable and support residents and businesses. This was part of the COVID-19 relief and support package the City delivered.

There is also **again no increase to waste service fees** and **no increase to the minimum rate** (\$1190).

The **State Government Emergency Services Levy**, which the City is required to collect, has increased this year.

Waste charges

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|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| \$296 | Standard residential waste service |
| \$505 | 240 litre residential waste service |
| \$529 | Standard commercial waste service |

Gross rental value (GRV)

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.

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

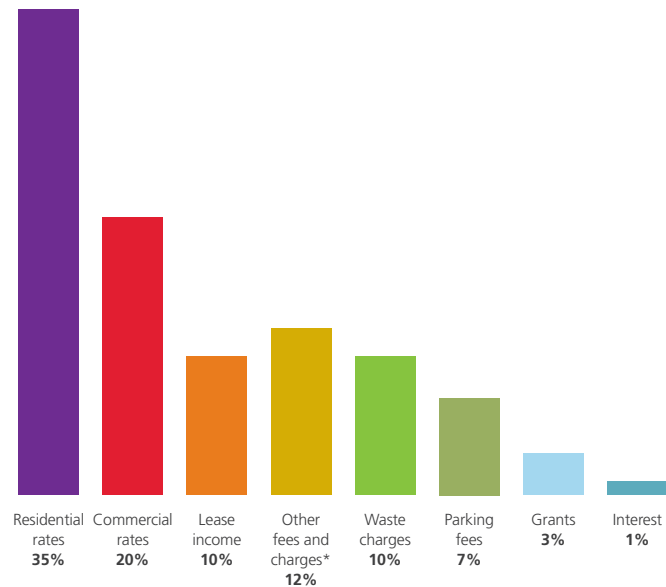
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Budget highlights

Operating revenue

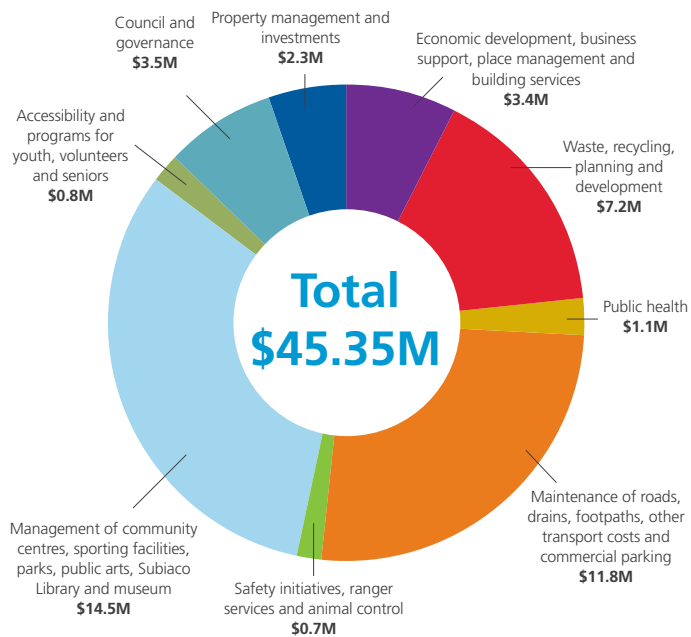
After considering all other funding sources, the remaining expenditure in the budget is funded by rates.



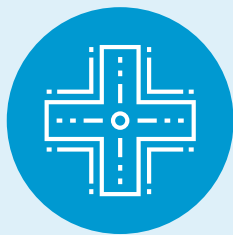
*Including Lords, library, building and planning applications, pet registrations etc.

Operating expenditure

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

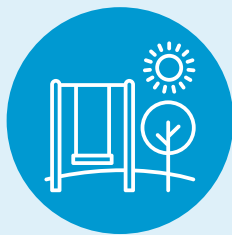


Major and capital works highlights



\$3.97M

Road improvements



\$2.47M

Parks improvements



\$2.41M

Community centre and building upgrades



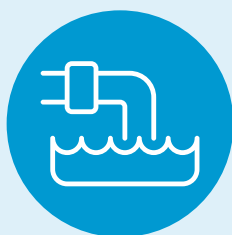
\$1.19M

Environmental initiatives



\$1.09M

Rosalie Park lighting upgrade



\$608K

Drainage works



\$338K

Lighting upgrades



\$155K

Footpath improvements



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for all households will take place from
Monday 23 August, before the Verge Valet
trial commences in October.

To learn how this on-demand
collection works, visit the website.

www.subiaco.wa.gov.au



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

27 August

Enrol – vote so
you can make your
voice count.

2 to 9 September

Nominate – anyone
can stand. Participate
in your democracy.

18 September

Vote – The more votes
received, the more
representative your
Council will be.

16 October

Election day,
closes at 6pm.

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