

Payment Options

Prompt Payment

Pay in one lump sum by 18 August 2023 and go in the draw to win one of 10 \$500 prizes from NAB.

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Two Instalments*

Due on 18 August 2023 and 18 December 2023.

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Four Instalments*

Due on 18 August 2023, 18 October 2023, 18 December 2023 and 19 February 2024.

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Direct Debit Arrangement*

Weekly, fortnightly or monthly. Download a Direct Debit form from rockingham.wa.gov.au

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Direct Debit - Annual Charges or Instalment Options*

Payment may also be made using Direct Debit. Download an Annual Direct Debit form from rockingham.wa.gov.au

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Rates Smoothing*

See the enclosed form for further details about this payment method.

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* Fees apply (pensioners are exempt).

Pay in full for your chance to WIN \$500

See inside for payment options

Easy Ways to Pay

Telephone: 1300 133 271

Australia Post: At any Post Office agency or branch

Bpay: Contact your bank or financial institution to arrange payment. Biller code 93716

Online: rockingham.wa.gov.au

Mail: PO Box 2142
Rockingham DC, WA 6967

In Person: City of Rockingham
Administration Centre
Civic Boulevard, Rockingham
Open Monday to Friday
8.30am - 4.30pm

eRates



To receive your rate notices via email, simply complete the online form at rockingham.wa.gov.au/erates



Financial Hardship Policy

If you are struggling to pay your rates, please contact the City as soon as possible to discuss your options. The City has a Financial Hardship Policy which enables eligible ratepayers to enter into alternative payment arrangements.

City of Rockingham

City Budget 2023/2024

Information about the City's budget and rates



A Word From the Mayor

The City of Rockingham is home to more than 140,000 people, and continues to grow at a rate well above the state average as more people move into the area to enjoy the many lifestyle benefits available.

Providing the facilities and services required by a growing population takes careful planning and prudent budgeting to ensure the construction of new facilities can occur along with the replacement of existing assets and buildings.

This year's budget strikes a balance between current realities and future needs, and is very mindful of the ongoing impact of inflation.

The budget is based on a rate increase of 3.9%, well below inflation and in line with Council's expectations to limit the inflationary pressure on ratepayers. This increase equates to \$1.65 per week for the average residence. However, due to Landgate's revaluation of all properties within the City this year, the adjustment to rates will not be consistent. Some ratepayers may see a greater or a lesser increase than others.

While there are many projects underway in the City, the major community-based infrastructure projects included in this budget are as follows (some may run over multiple years):

Aqua Jetty Stage 2	\$29.3m
Stan Twight Reserve clubroom extension	\$4.52m
Baldivis Outdoor Recreation Space	\$2.24m
Baldivis Sports Complex outdoor courts and pavilion	\$4.25m

We will also continue building and strengthening community connectedness through a range of popular free-to-attend events throughout the year.

As every householder knows, balancing the budget is a challenging task. It is for the City, too. Your rates are an essential component of the City's ability to meet the needs of our current and future residents, and on behalf of Council I thank you for your contribution.

I would like to thank all the Councillors and City Officers for delivering a budget that meets the needs of our growing community, while keeping the rate increase as low as possible in this time of high inflation.



Deb Hamblin
Mayor, City of Rockingham



Your Contribution

The City of Rockingham is well known as the place where the coast comes to life. Our residents value the relaxed lifestyle our natural and built environments support, and expect the City to provide carefully planned developments, a vibrant foreshore, and infrastructure for connectivity within and outside the City. They love being surrounded by bush and having a lifestyle based on proximity to the beach and ocean, and our cultivated parks with water features are widely appreciated.

Your rates are a vital contribution to the City's ability to meet the expectations of our community.



Rockingham Foreshore



Baldivis Children's Forest

Revaluation

Property valuations are adjusted by Landgate every three years for properties rated using the Gross Rental Value (GRV), and yearly for properties using the Unimproved Value (UV). 2023 is a revaluation year for both GRV and UV rated properties. For more information about the revaluation visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/ratesfaq

Rates and Minimum Charges

The City of Rockingham will apply differential general rates and minimum payments for the 2023/2024 financial year as summarised in the following table:

RATE CATEGORY	RATE IN THE \$ (CENTS)	MINIMUM PAYMENT
Gross Rental Value Properties		
GRV - Residential	7.95	\$1,322
GRV - Non-Residential	9.052	\$1,322
Unimproved Value Properties		
UV - Properties	0.1092	\$655

Why Do We Have Differential Rates?

The City's rating strategy is to achieve rate revenue that meets the shortfall from other revenue sources and allows for the delivery of services and the creation of infrastructure. The City desires to levy rates that are more equitable across different types of properties, so we have implemented differential general rates which reflect the costs associated with service delivery across the different rating categories.

Objectives of the Differential Rates

Gross Rental Value (GRV) Properties

Properties rated on a GRV basis make up approximately 99.5% of the total rates levied and have been classified into the following rate categories.

GRV - Non-Residential

A differential rate of 9.052 cents in the dollar applies to Non-Residential Land.

"Non-Residential Land" means all land other than Residential Land.

The City has implemented a 13.86% differential rate on Non-Residential properties to assist in the cost of infrastructure and services specifically designed to support the Non-Residential sector.

GRV - Residential

A differential general rate of 7.95 cents in the dollar applies to Residential Land.

"Residential Land" means any land used, or designed, or adapted for use, for the purpose of a dwelling and includes vacant land within the Residential, Development, Rural, Special Rural, Special Residential, Commercial, District Town Centre, Primary Centre Waterfront Village, Primary Centre Urban Village, Primary Centre City Centre, Primary Centre City Living, Primary Centre Campus and Primary Centre Urban Living zones under the City of Rockingham Town Planning Scheme No. 2.

"Dwelling" has the meaning given to it in the City of Rockingham Town Planning Scheme No. 2.

The rate applied to GRV - Residential is the differential general rate used as the basis on which the other GRV rate categories are calculated.

Pensioner Rates Concession

Since 1 July 2016 the concession allowed to eligible pensioners on local government rates has been capped. The capped amount for 2023/2024 is \$750. Pensioners may also be eligible for a rebate of up to 50% of the current year's Emergency Services Levy and annual Water Corporation rates.

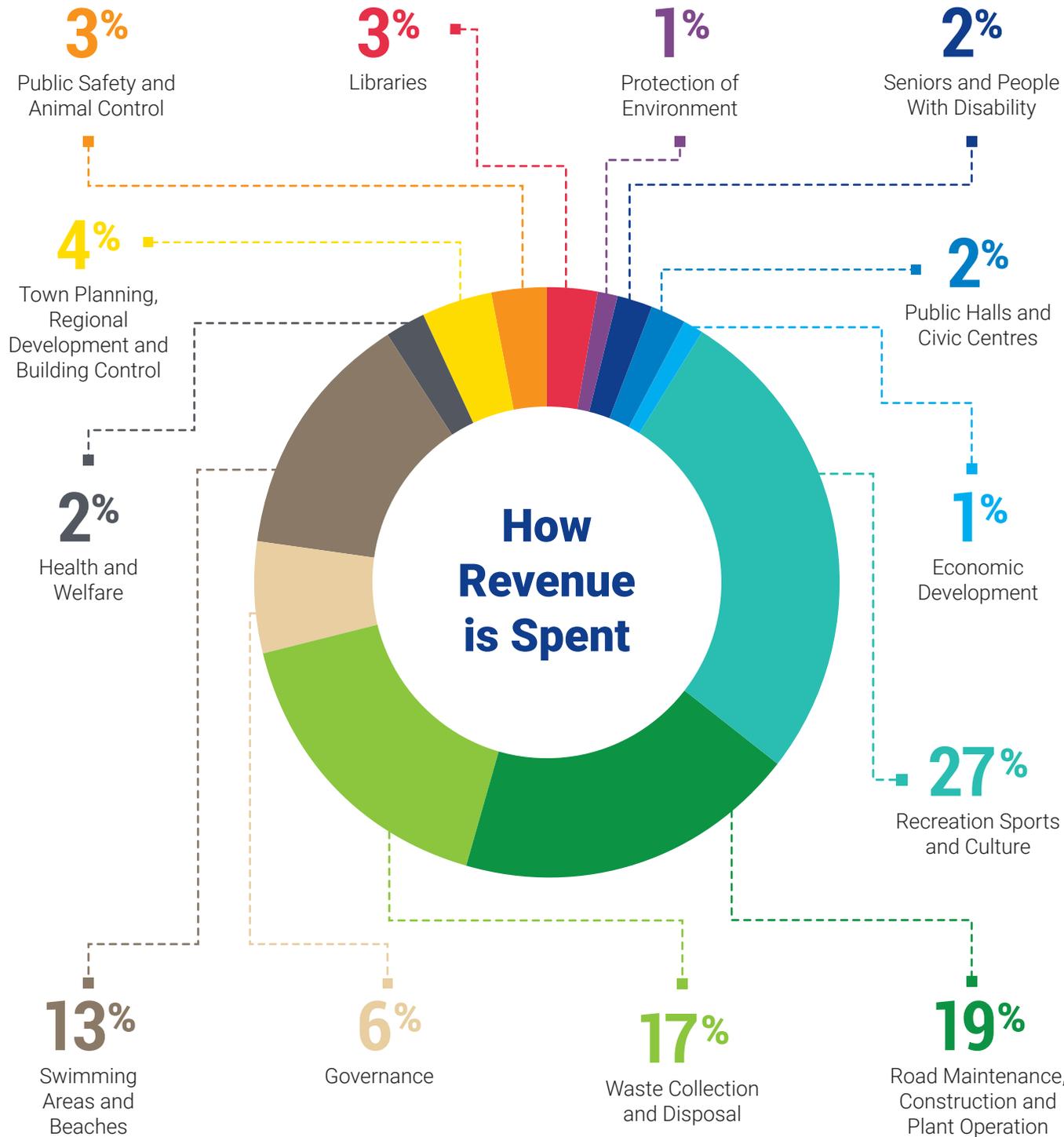
To register for a rates and/or water rates rebate, apply online at watercorporation.com.au, or contact the Water Corporation on **1300 659 951**.

Seniors Rebates

Seniors Card holders may be entitled to claim a rebate of up to 25% of the current year's Emergency Services Levy, and up to \$100 of their rates. To find out more visit seniorscard.wa.gov.au

Emergency Services Levy

The Emergency Services Levy (ESL) is a State Government charge applied to all properties in Western Australia to share the cost of funding WA's essential fire and emergency services. The amount collected and the applicable rates and charging parameters are announced each year by the Minister for Emergency Services. The City does not charge this levy but is required to collect it on behalf of the State Government. For more information visit dfes.wa.gov.au



Spread your rates payments over weekly, fortnightly or monthly equal direct debit instalments calculated to pay the full rates amount before the end of each financial year. You can also Rate Smooth straight from your credit card at no extra cost.

How Do I Rate Smooth?

Complete the form included with the rates notice and return it to the City by 11 August 2023 in time for payments to begin on 18 August 2023. If the form is not received by this date, unfortunately Rates Smoothing will not be available.

Rates Smoothing will automatically continue for future years until you request it to be cancelled.

For more information, contact the City on **9528 0333**.

