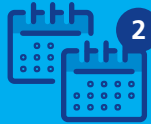


Payment Options



1 Prompt Payment

Pay in one lump sum by 20 August 2021 and you will go in the draw to win one of 10 prizes of \$500 from NAB.



2 Two Instalments

Pay over two instalments due on 20 August 2021 and 20 December 2021



3 Four Instalments

Pay over four instalments due on 20 August 2021, 20 October 2021, 20 December 2021 and 21 February 2022



4 Direct Debit Arrangement

Payments can be made weekly, fortnightly or monthly. Download a Direct Debit form from rockingham.wa.gov.au



5 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



6 Rates Smoothing

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

Please note options 2,3,4,5 and 6 incur fees. Pensioners are exempt from these charges.

Pay in full for
your chance to
WIN \$500

Easy Ways to Pay

See inside for
payment options

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 which are sympathetic to their needs.

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Information about the City of Rockingham's budget and rates



Rates and Minimum Charges

The City of Rockingham will apply differential general rates and minimum payments for the 2021/2022 financial year as summarised in the following table:

RATE CATEGORY	RATE IN THE \$ (CENTS)	MINIMUM PAYMENT
Gross Rental Value Properties		
GRV – Residential	8.624	\$1,218
GRV – Non-Residential	9.447	\$1,218
Unimproved Value Properties		
UV – Improved	0.1051	\$630
UV – Vacant Land	0.1051	\$630

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 to occur. The City desires to levy rates that are more equitable across different types of properties and thus has implemented differential general rates reflective of 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 – Residential

A differential general rate of 8.624 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.

GRV – Non-Residential

A differential rate of 9.447 cents in the dollar applies to Non-Residential Land.

“Non-Residential Land” means all land other than Residential Land.

The City has implemented a 9.5% differential rate on Non-Residential properties to assist in the cost of infrastructure and services designed to support the Non-Residential sector.

Pensioner Rates Concession

Since 1 July 2016 the concession allowed to eligible pensioners on local government rates has been restricted to a capped amount. Contact the City for the latest information regarding the capped amount for 2021/2022. Pensioners may also be eligible for a rebate of up to 50% off the current year's Emergency Services Levy and annual Water Corporation rates.

Water Corporation conducts a rebate registration service for eligible pensioners on behalf of Local Government and the Corporation. To register your entitlement for a rates and/or water rates rebate, apply online at watercorporation.com.au/my-account/i-want-to/apply-for-a-concession, 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 rates and Emergency Services Levy. Contact the City for the latest information regarding the capped amount for 2021/2022. To find out more about your eligibility, and how to apply, visit seniorcard.wa.gov.au

Emergency Services Levy

The Emergency Services Levy (ESL) on your rates notice is a State Government charge which each local government collects on its behalf. This charge applies 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. For more information on the ESL visit dfes.wa.gov.au/emergencyserviceslevy/Pages/default.aspx





A Word From the Mayor

The City of Rockingham's 2021/2022 Budget reflects the need for balance between meeting the challenges of funding our growing community's ongoing need for new infrastructure, and easing the financial pressure on ratepayers.

After a rates freeze due to COVID-19, and the provision of \$840,000 worth of concessions to ratepayers impacted by the State Government's GRV revaluation last year, Council has continued to respond to the current financial climate by adopting a Budget for 2021/2022 based on a rate increase of 1.5%. This increase equates to 37 cents per week for the average residence, or \$19.15 over the full year.

The City is facing some financial challenges due largely to our reliance on residential rate revenue and a lack of diversity of rateable land uses, when compared to similar sized local governments with larger industrial precincts.

The continuing COVID-19 pandemic has impacted our traditional revenues significantly, particularly rates income and fees and charges. Fortunately, larger than expected economic stimulus grants from State Government have been used effectively to deliver key community infrastructure.

During 2021/2022 we will be continuing our major capital works program, including construction of the major buildings at the Baldivis District Sporting Complex, major expansion works at Koorana Reserve, construction of the Mersey Point Seawall and the Shoalwater Activity Node. Detailed design of the \$19m Stage 2 of the Aqua Jetty is underway, and design of the Stan Twight Reserve clubroom extension will be commencing soon.

We will continue delivering our calendar of major and minor events to grow and nurture community connectedness and wellbeing – aspirations that have never been as important as they have been since COVID arrived.

We will also continue our advocacy plan, through which we lobby local, state and federal stakeholders for infrastructure funding support on a number of projects in areas including Transport, Tourism and Economy, Sport and Recreation, and in our role as a designated Strategic Metropolitan Centre.

Despite the ongoing and unpredictable challenges that COVID has thrown our way over the past year, I am very proud of the way City staff and Councillors have responded. Working together we have continued to provide the services and facilities necessary to support our enviable lifestyle, progress our capital works agenda, and continue developing plans to meet the future needs of our growing population in a sustainable manner. This Budget reflects both the willingness and the ability to respond to the changing circumstances we have been presented with during the last year.

Barry Sammels
Mayor, City of Rockingham

Aqua Jetty Stage 2



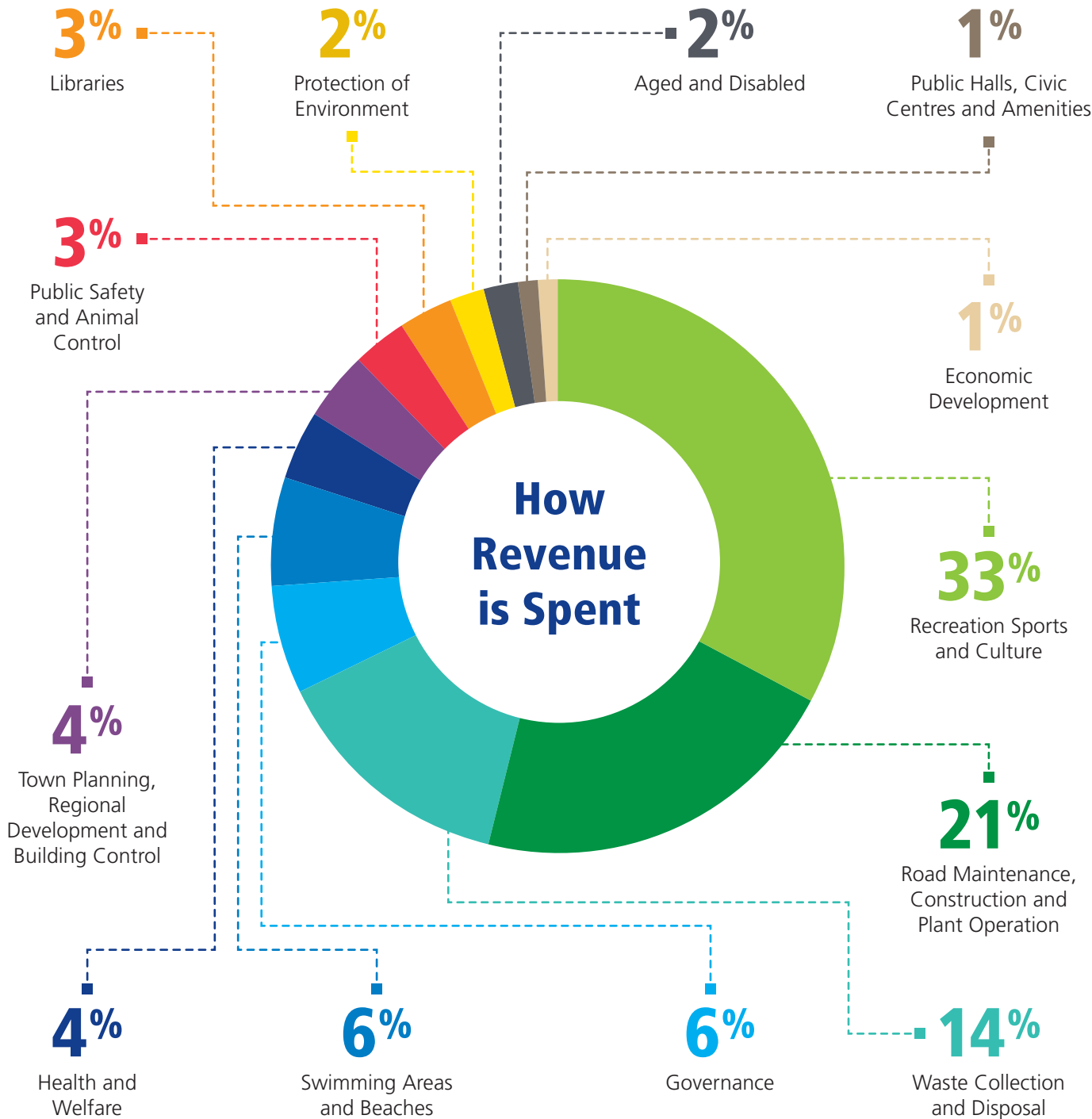
Baldivis District Sporting Complex



Koorana Reserve Expansion



Shoalwater Activity Node



Rates Smoothing provides additional ways to pay your rates, spreading the cost over weekly, fortnightly or monthly equal direct debit instalments.

You benefit by having smaller, more manageable payments calculated to pay the full rates amount before the end of each financial year. Better still, you can also Rate Smooth straight from your credit card at no extra cost. Rate payers can still opt to pay their rates in full to go into the prize draw for a cash prize, or pay in two or four instalments across the year.

So how do I rate smooth?

Complete the form included with the rates notice and return it to the City by 13 August 2021 in time for payments to begin on 20 August 2021. If the form is not received by this date, unfortunately Rate Smoothing will not be available. Rates Smoothing will automatically continue for future years until you request that the arrangement is cancelled.

For more information, contact the City on 9528 0333.

