

City of Rockingham

City Budget 2026/2027



**Information about the City's
budget and rates**



A Word From the Mayor

With a population of approximately 160,000 people, keeping pace with the growing needs of our community, while maintaining existing assets and services, remains an ongoing challenge for the City.

The 2026/2027 budget aims to strike a careful balance between addressing these needs and recognising the cost-of-living pressures facing many households.

Current economic conditions have been a key consideration, with the rate increase kept as low as possible. The increase is 4.58%, equivalent to approximately \$2.34 per week for the average residential property. As this is a revaluation year the increase in rates will not be consistent across properties, depending on the change to each property's valuation. To support erosion mitigation works along our coastline 0.75% of rates will be allocated to a Coastal Hazard Management and Adaptation Plan reserve.

This measured rate increase will ensure the continued delivery of essential services and major events, as well as the enhancement of community facilities and infrastructure.

The City has budgeted \$144 million in capital expenditure for the 2026/2027 financial year, including the following major projects:

- Completion of the Anniversary Park Clubroom Redevelopment, increasing our ability to support community sport.
- Completion of the Autumn Centre Redevelopment, making a more functional hub for our seniors.
- Commencement of the Safety Bay Foreshore Community Facility, replacing aging infrastructure with a modern accessible facility.
- Commencement of Aqua Jetty Stage 2 refurbishment and expansion to cater for our expanding population.
- Commencement of works to almost double the parking capacity at Wanliss Street car park, with more than 70 new foreshore spaces.
- Planning for expansion of courts at Mike Barnett Sports Complex.

For more information about rates, please visit the FAQs on the City's website or contact the City on 9528 0333.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors and City officers for their dedication and hard work in delivering this year's budget.



Lorna Buchan

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Mayor,
City of Rockingham

Your contribution is vital

Revenue from rates helps the City meet the needs and expectations of our growing community. Rates fund a wide range of services, facilities and activities that residents rely on every day, from maintaining local roads, parks and public spaces, to supporting libraries and community centres, and delivering recreational programs and major events.

As our population grows and community expectations evolve, so too does the demand for high-quality infrastructure and services. Ratepayer contributions make it possible for the City to maintain what we already have, invest in new facilities, expand service delivery to keep pace with demand, and plan for the future in a responsible and sustainable way.

Thank you for your contribution, which helps ensure our City remains a safe, vibrant and connected place to live, work and visit, now and into the future.



Revaluation

Property valuations are adjusted by Landgate every three years for properties rated using the Gross Rental Value (GRV), and every year for properties using the Unimproved Value (UV). The 2026-2027 financial year is a revaluation year for both GRV and UV rated properties. For more information about revaluations visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/ratesfaq

Rates and minimum charges

The City of Rockingham will apply differential general rates and minimum payments for the 2026/2027 financial year as summarised in the following table:

Rate Category	Rate in the \$ (cents)	Minimum Payment
Gross Rental Value Properties		
GRV – Residential	6.2160	\$1,525
GRV – Non-Residential	7.7620	\$1,525
Unimproved Value Properties		
UV – Properties	0.0930	\$806

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 99.6% of the total rates levied and have been classified into the following rate categories.

GRV – Residential

A differential general rate of 6.2160 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 7.7620 cents in the dollar applies to Non-Residential Land.

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

The City has implemented a 24.87% differential rate on Non-Residential properties to assist in the cost of infrastructure and services specifically designed to support the Non-Residential sector.

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

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 (capped amount) of their rates. To find out more visit seniorscard.wa.gov.au

Pensioner rates concession

Since 1 July 2016 the concession allowed to eligible pensioners on local government rates has been capped. The capped amount for 2026/2027 is \$750. Pensioners may also be eligible for a rebate of up to 50% of the current year's Emergency Services Levy and 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**.

4%

Economic services

1%

Education and welfare

3%

Governance

1%

Community amenities

9%

Transport

2%

Health

5%

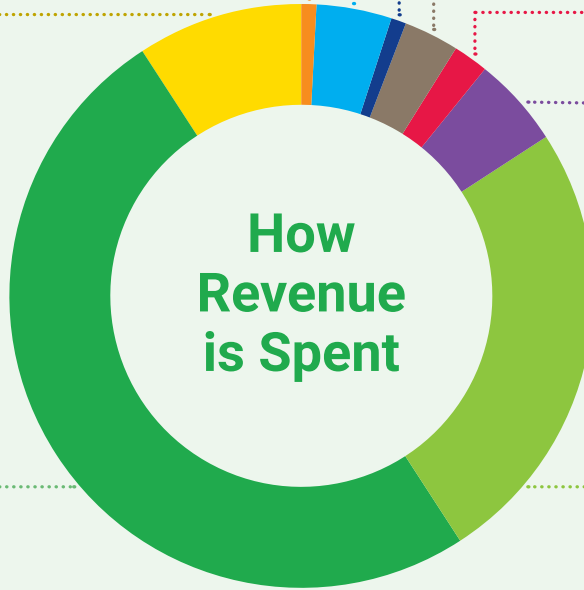
Law, order and public safety

50%

Recreation and culture

25%

Other property and services



Boosting a hop off the bank at Port Kennedy Skate Park (*below*)





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rates *smoothing*

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 pay via Rates Smoothing using your credit card at no extra cost.

Complete the form included with the rates notice and return it to the City by 7 August 2026 in time for payments to begin on 14 August 2026. 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**.



**Sign up by
7 August 2026**



Payment Options

Pay in full for
a chance to
WIN \$500

1 Prompt Payment

Pay in one lump sum by 14 August 2026 and to go in the draw to win one of two \$500 prizes from NAB.

2 Two Instalments *

Due on 14 August 2026 and 14 December 2026.

3 Four Instalments *

Due on 14 August 2026, 14 October 2026, 14 December 2026 and 15 February 2027.

4 Direct Debit Arrangement *

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.

**Fees apply (pensioners are exempt)*

*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.