

# Magor's Message



Peter Feasey Mayor of Kwinana

The Budget and rates preparation process reflects the community's vision and aspirations as expressed in the Strategic Community Plan, while adapting to the changing economic environment and ensuring a sustainable local government to serve the community.

Some of the exciting projects that we will deliver this financial year include a new community pavilion for Wellard West, enhancements to parks and public open space and our diverse and engaging events program.

We will also plan for the introduction of a third bin as we aim to launch a 3-bin Garden Organics (GO) waste service mid-2025 and implement a new prebooked verge collection system.

We are delighted that grant funding from the State Government will enable Stage One upgrades to the 21km Kwinana Loop Trail to commence, while improvements to the Thomas Oval Changeroom will be supported by the Federal Government.

Residents expressed a high level of satisfaction with the City's current services, through the Strategic Community Plan. However, Local Governments are facing rising costs of materials, contracts and labour which affect service delivery.

To sustain the renewals ratios for 2024/2025, the City adopted a moderate rate increase of 0.3% above the LGCI. This helps to support building renewals including the refurbishment of the City's Administration building, which will enhance its functionality and accessibility.

An average increase of 4.2 per cent will apply to the overall rates levy, resulting in rates income of \$52,862,845, striking a balance between delivering the services that the community values, while maintaining financial sustainability and minimising the cost-of-living impacts to the community.

The proposed rate is based on a responsible and prudent approach while also pursuing further efficiencies and savings by the City.

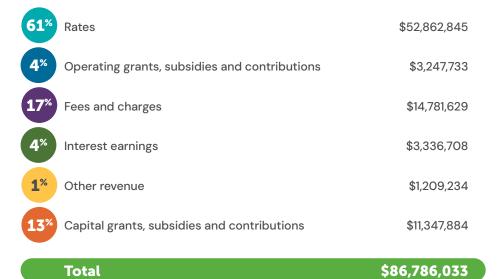
The City offers a range of rate payment options from online payments, to direct debit or instalment plans the City can work with you to find a solution that suits your needs.

We also have a hardship policy to assist those in our community who may be experiencing financial difficulties.

Finally, I encourage you to sign up for eRates today to help reduce paper waste by having your rates notice delivered electronically right to your inbox.

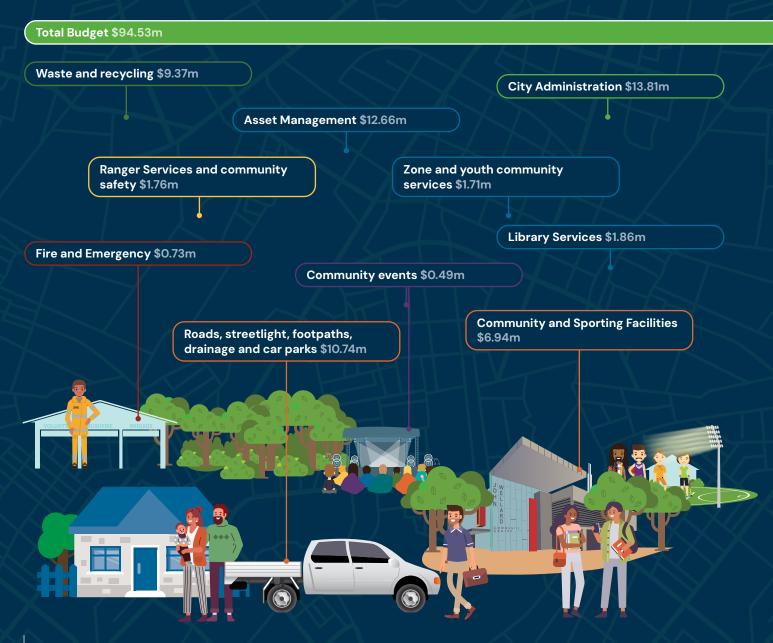
Where will the money come from?

\$86,786,033





# How your rates contribute to the community





## **Major Projects**

# Corporate Business System Upgrade \$795,810

The final phase of the Corporate Business System upgrade will be completed making the City fully operational on the OneCouncil System, replacing the legacy Authority system

#### Natural environment \$170,000

Environmental initiatives including Bushcare, Education, Feral animal control and seedling subsidy programmes.

#### **Public art \$68,000**

Public art for Thomas Oval Changeroom and Wellard West community centre / clubroom.

## **Building Renewals \$1,700,477**

Major repairs and replacement of building components including painting, floor coverings, roof, and electrical works will be undertaken to extend the life of buildings and maintain level of service.

# Roads Upgrades and Renewals \$5,185,768

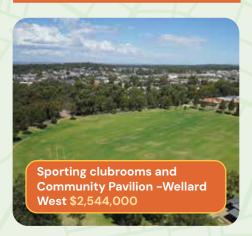
Road resurfacing, strengthening, and upgrading, to extend the life of the City's road network, and to ensure roads can manage volume and weight of future traffic.

#### CCTV renewal \$60,000

Renewal of the existing CCTV infrastructure, including replacement and upgrades to equipment such as cabling, servers, and cameras.

## Parks and POS assets upgrade / renewal \$1.761.816

Renew or upgrade of parks bore electrical works, equipment, and fencing and replacement of parks playground equipment.



A new community facility at Wellard West Sportsground (McWhirter Oval) will begin construction in late 2024. It will include energy-efficient features, smart technology, and areas for sports and community use, ensuring accessibility and inclusivity. The project is part funded by Developer Contributions (DCA12).

#### Solar PV installation \$114,000

Installation of Solar PV panel at the Kwinana Recquatic centre to improve energy efficiency.

### Kwinana Youth centre \$1,708,540

Management and facilitation of The Zone Youth Space and associated activities including the Community Liaison service.

## Street tree planting \$180,000

Continuation of the tree planting program around the City of Kwinana.



The City's, approximately 50-yearold Administration building facility will be updated to address required asset management works on an aging infrastructure, and to ensure the facility is made compliant with modern building codes and to improve energy efficiency.

# Community grants, awards donations and subsidies \$222,500

The City offers a range of funding and grant opportunities for community groups and individuals including the Kwinana Community Fund, Achievement Grant, Events Funding, Placemaking Grant (Community Project), Street Meets Grant and more.



Funded by a grant from the Commonwealth of Australia, the Thomas Oval Changeroom project focuses on improvements to the functionality and sustainability, with energy-efficient materials, natural ventilation, and lighting upgrades.

## EV Charging station \$114,649

Installation of EV charging point at Kwinana Town Centre, Medina Local Centre, John Wellard Community Centre and the City of Kwinana Operations Centre.



The 21-kilometre Kwinana Loop Trail will be upgraded for mountain biking, hiking, and cultural tourism. Stage one of the project includes resurfacing, realignment, and upgrading signage and gates. The majority of the project funding is from the Western Australia Government Outdoor Adventure Tourism package.

## Community events \$490,000

Each year, the City of Kwinana holds a range of major events to celebrate our wonderful City, and to create a connected community. The allocated funds ensure the continued delivery of events including Summer Sounds Series, Children's Festival, Lolly Run, OMG! Fringe Festival, Youth Event and much more.

# Kwinana health and active program \$97,000

Community programs to encourage active and healthy lifestyles inline with the City's Public Health Plan.



# Waste management services \$2,480,120

Mid-2025 the City will be commencing a 3-bin Garden Organic (GO) waste service. Residential properties larger than 350 square meters will automatically receive a third bin, while smaller properties will be able to opt-in. The allocated budget allows for rollout preparations including purchasing of the bins, education campaigns and project planning.

## **Pre-booked Verge Collections**

Starting mid 2025, Kwinana will introduce a new pre-booked verge collection system.

The new system is a result of extensive community involvement, with 70% of residents supporting the pre-booked system which will help to move Kwinana towards a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable future.



## **Your rates**

Want to know more about rates?
Visit the rates page on the City's website
www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/rates

## **Experiencing financial difficulties?**

If you are having difficulties paying your rates the City provides a number of payment options including installment plans. We also have a hardship policy to support those in our community who may be going through a tough time.

We're committed to finding the right solution for you, so contact our friendly rates team to see how we can help support you.

- @ rates@kwinana.wa.gov.au
  - www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/financial-hardship-policy
- 9439 0200

## **eRates**

You can now receive your rate notices via email instead of in the post. Follow the steps below to make the switch:

- 1. Visit <u>kwinana.wa.gov.au/erates</u>
- Sign up using your email address and Reference number (same as your BPay or Australia Post reference number) located in the payment methods at the bottom of your rates notice.

Do you want news and event notices delivered straight to your inbox?

Register for the City's eNewsletters today and ensure you stay up to date with everything happening within the City of Kwinana.

sign up today.

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## **Payment options**

Please refer to the payment options provided on your annual rates notice. You can pay your rates in the following ways:

•	Pay online	Pay by Visa or Mastercard at www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/paymyrates.
B	BPay	Via your financial institution. You will find the biller code and reference number on your rate notice.
•)	In person	Present your rate notice to the City of Kwinana Administration Building (Corner of Gilmore Ave and Sulphur Road, Kwinana) during office hours (8.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday), and pay via debit card, credit card, cheque or cash.
C	By phone	Call 13 18 16 and follow the operator instructions.
		Complete the direct debit form attached to your rate



Present your rate notice to the cashier at any Australia Post Office or agency for payment during normal Post Office hours.

notice to have your payments automatically deducted

from your bank account each week or fortnight.



**Direct Debit** 

**MARKYT Community Scorecard** 

# Rate the City of Kwinana

The community are invited to rate the City as a part of the Community and Wellbeing Scorecard surveys. The surveys are an opportunity to rate the services and facilities in your local area to ensure the City is meeting the needs of the community .





# Help stop the polyphagous shot-hole borer

The polyphagous shot-hole borer is in Perth and harming our trees.

Early detection and community action are key!

Report signs of the Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer at www.agric.wa.gov.au/borer



## Objects and reasons for differential rate categories

## **GRV Improved Residential**

The object of this rate is to apply a base differential general rate to land zoned and used for residential purposes and to act as the City's benchmark differential rate by which all other GRV rated properties are assessed.

The reason for this rate is to ensure that all ratepayers make a reasonable contribution towards the ongoing maintenance and provision of works, services and facilities throughout the City.

#### **GRV Vacant**

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# **GRV Improved Industrial and Commercial**

The object of this rate category is to apply a higher differential rate so as to raise additional revenue to offset the increased costs associated with service provision to these properties.

The reason for this rate is that a higher differential rate is required to meet the higher level of service costs associated with Commercial and Industrial properties and the localities within which they are situated, including costs of:

- (a) provision and maintenance of transport and streetscape infrastructure including renewal/ refurbishment infrastructure, car parking and traffic treatments; and
- (b) the management, administration and delivery of marketing activities aimed at enhancing the economic and social viability, and the general amenity of the Kwinana commercial and industrial areas.

### **UV General Industry**

The object of this rate category is to raise additional revenue to offset the costs associated with increased maintenance of infrastructure and higher levels of service provided to or associated with properties in this category.

The reason for this rate is to meet a significant proportion of the additional costs involved in servicing properties within this rate category, which include but are not limited to major outlays for transport infrastructure maintenance and renewal/ refurbishment and significant costs relating to monitoring of land use and environmental impacts.

## **UV Mining and Industrial**

The object of this rate category is to raise additional revenue to offset the costs associated with increased maintenance of infrastructure and higher levels of service provided to properties in this category.

The reason for this rate is the need to offset the higher level of costs associated in servicing these properties, including the costs of transport infrastructure maintenance and renewal/ refurbishment, and costs relating to monitoring of land use and environmental impacts.

#### **UV Rural**

The object of this rate category is to impose a differential rate commensurate with the rural use of land, which additionally is to act as the City's benchmark differential UV rate and is considered to be the base rate by which all other UV rated properties are assessed.

The reason for this rate is to ensure that all ratepayers on rural land make a reasonable contribution towards the ongoing maintenance and provision of works, services and facilities throughout the City.

## **Rates and Charges**

GRV Rate Categories	Minimum payment (\$)	Adopted Rate in \$
Improved Residential	\$1,222	0.08846
Improved Commercial and Industrial	\$1,592	0.10667
Vacant	\$1,222	0.19415
UV Rate Categories	Minimum Payment (\$)	Adopted Rate in \$
General Industry	\$1,592	0.02029
Mining and Industrial	\$1,592	0.0094
Rural	\$1,222	0.00528

## Your rate notice explained

- A This is the street address of the property that this notice is related to.
- B This is your rating category which is used to calculate the total amount of rates specific to your property for your council services.
- C This is the amount specific to your property for your waste service including your rubbish bin collection and your verge collections.
- D This is the State Government Emergency Services Levy. This forms part of your total rates bill but it is not set or controlled by the City.

Deferred Balance is applicable to pensioners who have elected to defer their payments Instalment Options associated payment dates and amounts for paying in instalments of 2 or 4 payments.

Information about direct debit options for weekly and fortnightly payments. Details of arrangements and dates are included with rates notice.



Property Id is the individual number allocated to the property that this notice is related to.

Valuation Number: The Valuer General's Office (VGO) estimates the annual rental income that a property might reasonably be expected to earn if it were rented. This is known as the Gross Rental Value or GRV. If you object to this value, please phone the VGO on (08) 9273 7373.

Issue date is the date the bill was produced.

Financial year is the financial year that this rates notice is applicable.

- E The total amount you have to pay if you choose to pay your rates in full.
- F The outstanding balance owed on your 2023/24 rates.
- G Any payments received since 1/7/2024.
- H Any interest or adjustments raised since 1/7/2024.
- I Rebates applicable to pensioners or seniors that qualify for a rates concession.

Payment options including online payment, BPay and Australia post bill pay.

Reference number is your new payment reference number, all payments require this payment reference number.

**IMPORTANT:** your reference numbers have been updated including the biller code. You will need to update your details in your banking app to ensure your payment is successful.





## **ADMINISTRATION**

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