

# Budget and Rates 2023/24



# Mayor's Message



The City of Kwinana's 2023/24 budget focuses on meeting the community's vision for Kwinana and its expectations for quality service, while managing the complex needs and challenges associated with the City's rapid growth.

We continue to be a fast-growing City with the latest Census data estimating that the City's population reached a milestone number of 50,000 during the 2022/23 financial year. The City strives to ensure that it balances cost increases with ensuring services and infrastructure are able to support our growing community.

The City once again endeavoured to take a conservative approach to its budget preparations for the 2023/24 financial year basing its rates on its Long-Term Financial Plan adopted in December 2021.

However, we also know that inflation and the rising cost of living impacts everyone, including local governments.

Unfortunately, the forecasts in the Long-Term Financial Plan were lower than the current level of inflation in 2023, with the consumer price index (CPI) for the December 2022 quarter at 7.8 per cent, The Local Government Cost Index, which reflects a range of costs that Council face such as construction, electricity and materials was forecast at 4.5 per cent.

With a number of the City's major contracts subject to these increases, these have all contributed to the financial pressures Councils are facing.

Additionally, there has also been a five per cent increase to the State Government's emergency services levy, that we collect on their behalf, and a 7.5 per cent increase to street lighting tariffs, set by Western Power.

This year is also a revaluation year in which Landgate undertakes a gross rental valuation assessment of all properties in the City of Kwinana and this information is then used to help rates calculations.

The differential rating categories also form part of this complex equation for determining the rates payable for each individual property.

The City of Kwinana is in its final year of rates harmonisation, a process that began in 2018 to reduce the number of property categories from ten to six.

This process of streamlining was conducted over several years in an effort to reduce the financial burden property owners could experience in any one year.

The City provides a number of rate payment options from online payments, to direct debit or instalment plans. The City can work with you to find a solution that meets your needs.

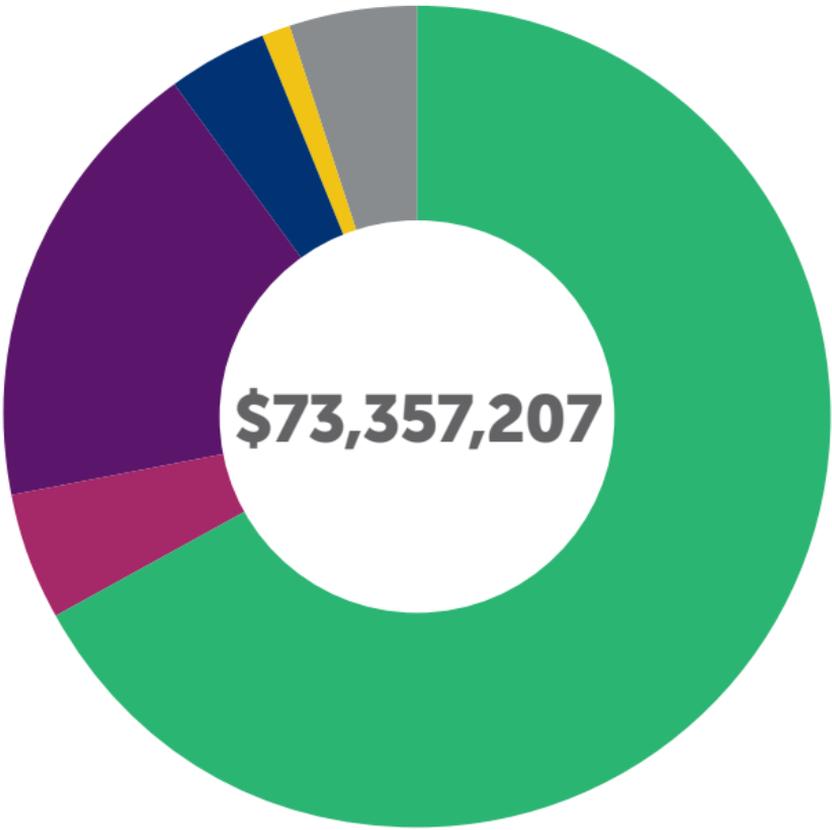
We also have a hardship policy to support those in our community who may be going through a tough time.

Lastly, if you haven't already, sign up for eRates ready for next year and get your rates notice delivered right to your inbox and help reduce paper waste. Visit [www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/erates](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/erates) to sign up now.

**Carol Adams, OAM**  
**Mayor of Kwinana**



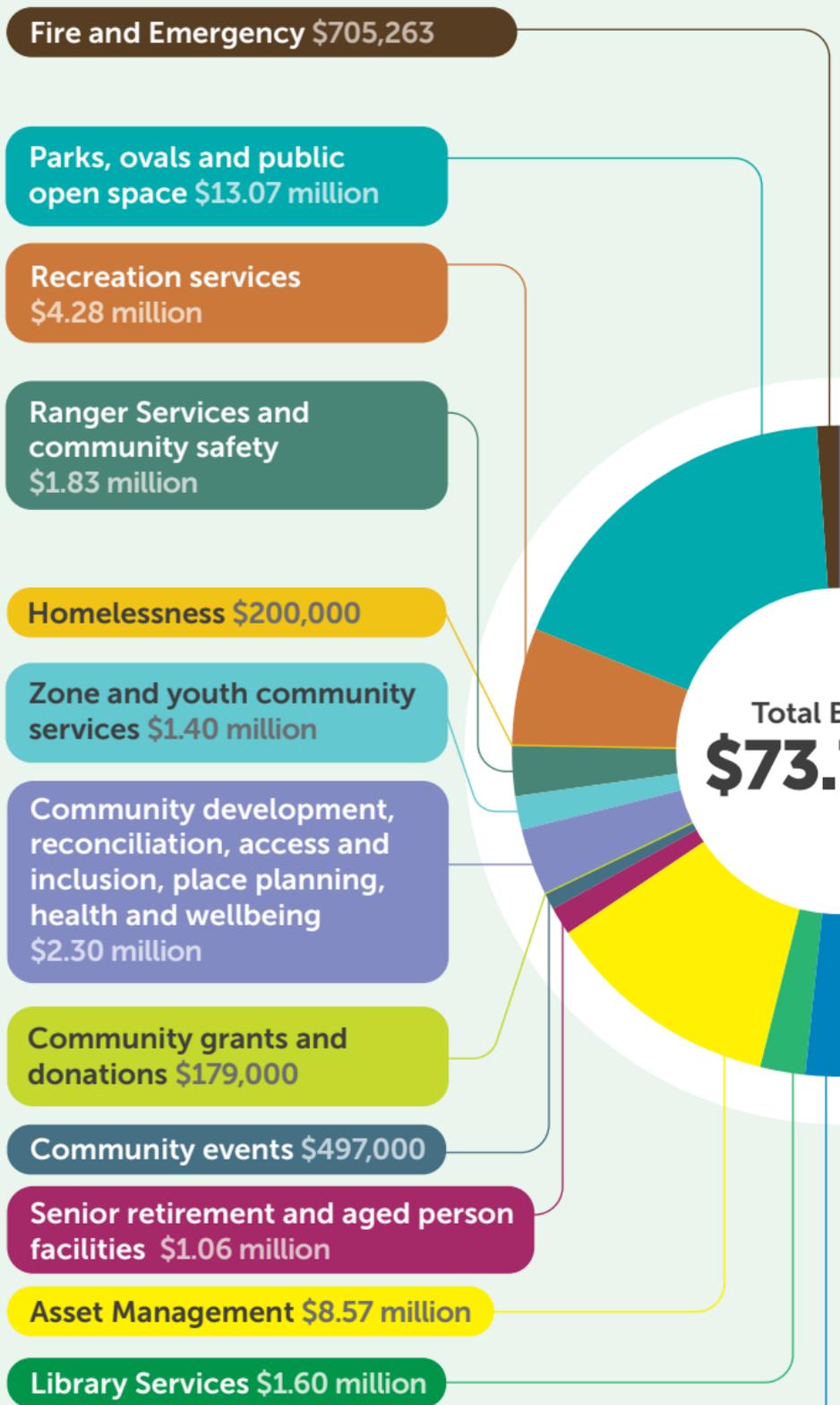
# Where will the money come from?

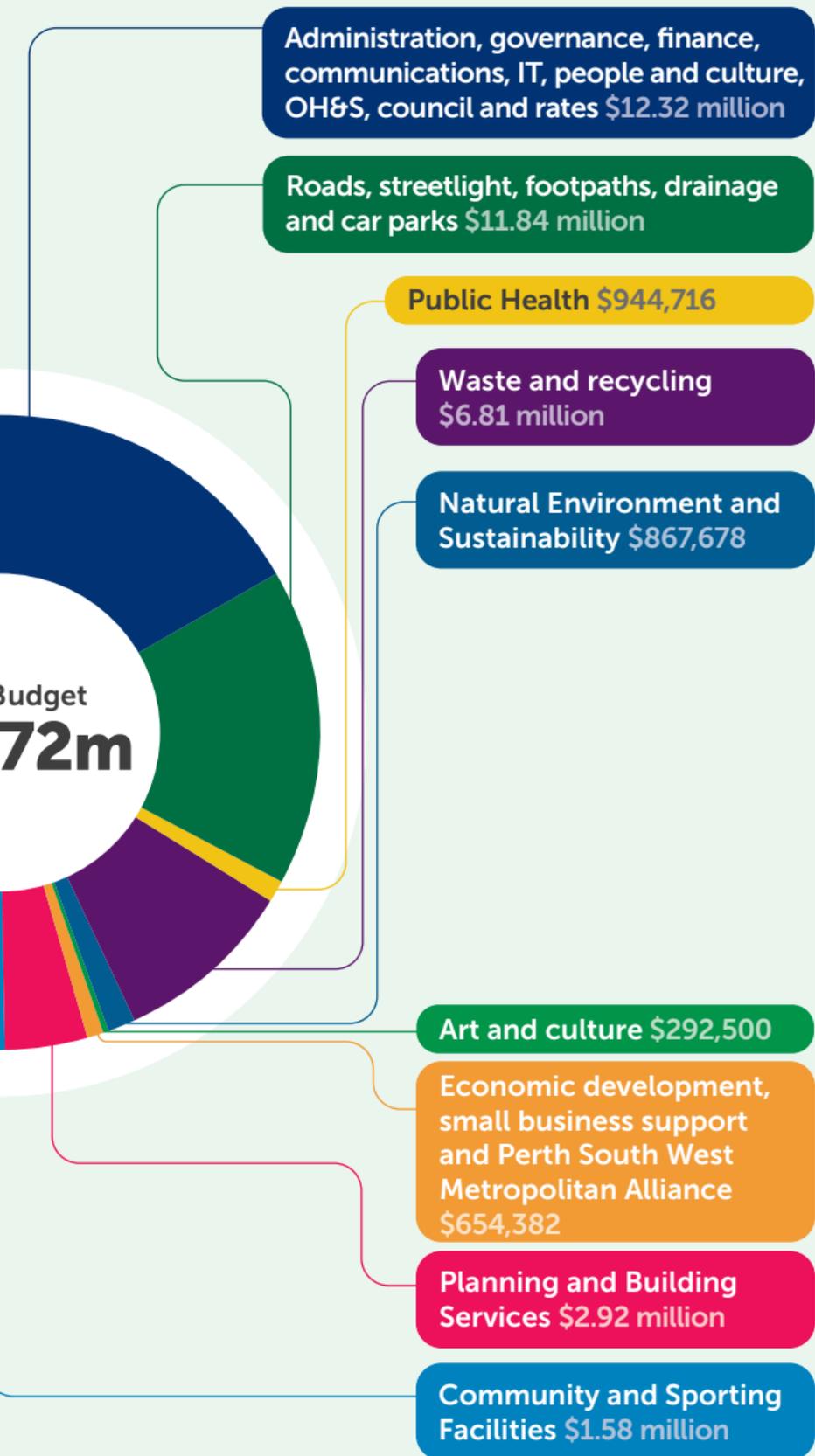


<b>67%</b>	Rates	\$48,733,255
<b>5%</b>	Operating grants, subsidies and contributions	\$3,577,697
<b>18%</b>	Fees and charges	\$13,482,258
<b>4%</b>	Interest earnings	\$3,166,112
<b>1%</b>	Other revenue	\$506,909
<b>5%</b>	Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	\$3,890,976
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$73,357,207*</b>

\* Other capital transfers not reflected in the above figures.

# How your rates contribute to the community





## Major Projects 2023/24



\$188,700

**Urban Tree Planting**



\$153,000

**Streetscape Strategy**



\$216,215

**Kwinana Loop Trail**



\$25,000

**EV Charging Stations**



\$750,000

**Gilmore Avenue Shared Path Footpath Construction**



\$210,000

**Wellard West Community Centre Clubroom**



\$100,000

**Kwinana Adventure Park Playground Renewal**



\$505,671

**Pace Road and Smirks Cottage Carparks**



\$50,000  
**Enhanced CCTV  
Network**



\$270,000  
**Mini golf course  
kiosk and toilets**



\$200,000  
**Sandringham Park  
Playgrounds**



\$100,000  
**New Challenger  
Beach Toilets**



\$4,797,769  
**Roadworks**  
resurfacing, renewal,  
blackspot and traffic  
management upgrades



\$157,938  
**Thomas Oval/Kelly  
Park Extension and  
Upgrade**



\$60,000  
**Honeywood Oval  
Wandi - Youth Pump  
Track**



\$136,227  
**Apex Park Upgrade**

# **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**

The object of 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 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

<b>GRV Rate Categories</b>	<b>Advertised Minimum Payment</b>	<b>Advertised Rate in \$</b>	<b>Minimum payment (\$)</b>	<b>Adopted Rate in \$</b>
Improved Residential	\$1,170	0.08469	\$1,173	0.08489
Improved Commercial and Industrial	\$1,524	0.10212	\$1,528	0.10237
Vacant	\$1,170	0.18586	\$1,173	0.18630

<b>UV Rate Categories</b>	<b>Advertised Minimum Payment</b>	<b>Advertised Rate in \$</b>	<b>Minimum Payment (\$)</b>	<b>Adopted Rate in \$</b>
General Industry	\$1,524	0.01943	\$1,528	0.01947
Mining and Industrial	\$1,524	0.00900	\$1,528	0.00902
Rural	\$1,170	0.00506	\$1,173	0.00507

Following Council advertising its intentions to levy differential rates, local governments became aware of Western Power’s intentions to increase street-lighting tariffs by 44%, subject to endorsement by the Economic Regulatory Authority (ERA). This increase was later revised to 7.5% with the ERA’s endorsement. This 7.5% increase for the City of Kwinana amounts to an additional \$105,000 cost within the City’s budget.

To account for this additional cost, Council was required to consider either reducing services or increasing rates. With services already being run extremely efficiently, as a result of general budget pressures and the impact of Covid over the last three years, there was no further opportunity to accommodate cost shifts through savings, and an increase over the advertised proposed rate was required to cover the additional streetlight charges.

An additional \$105,000 equates to an additional 0.25% on the 3.95% increase advertised, therefore the above table shows the applicable differential rates based on a 4.2% increase.

# Your rates

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



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## 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 [kwinana.wa.gov.au/erates](http://kwinana.wa.gov.au/erates)
2. Sign up using your email address and BVRN (same as your BPay or Australia Post reference number) located at the top right corner of your rates notice.



# Payment options

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

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| Online |  | Pay by Visa or Mastercard at <a href="http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/paymyrates">www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/paymyrates</a> . |
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| BPay |  | Via your financial institution. You will find the biller code and reference number on your rate notice. |
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| 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. |
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| By phone |  | Call 13 18 16 and follow the operator instructions. |
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| Direct debit |  | Complete the direct debit form attached to your rate notice to have your payments automatically deducted from your bank account each week or fortnight. |
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| Other |  | Present your rate notice to the cashier at any Australia Post Office or agency for payment during normal Post Office hours. |
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