

# Budget and Rates Newsletter 2023/24

## Mayor's message

Careful financial management has enabled the City of Gosnells to contain its rate increase to 3.5 per cent in 2023/24, in the face of significantly rising costs across the board and a current national inflation rate of about 7 per cent.

After six years of keeping rate increases below 2 per cent, I want to share my disappointment the City had to increase rates to this extent. Councillors are mindful that many ratepayers are facing cost-of-living pressures at the moment.

I am pleased the City has been able to provide a very diverse range of capital

projects, programs and events over the past financial year, delivering the services and facilities our community needs. The 2023/24 budget continues this broad range of projects, programs and events.

Highlights of our 2023/24 budget include commissioning detailed design for the construction of the Langford Indoor Netball Centre, plus continuing work at Sutherlands Park on the all-abilities playground and the Youth Entertainment Space. Construction of the Southern River Business Park will also commence, which will deliver a long-term economic boost to the region.

There is plenty to look forward to this financial year and I hope to see you out and about in our community, enjoying the facilities, services and events that make the City of Gosnells a great place.

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Mayor



## Infrastructure projects

For more information visit [yoursay.gosnells.wa.gov.au](https://yoursay.gosnells.wa.gov.au)

In 2023/24, the City will continue to build and renew infrastructure, with a capital works program of \$33.6 million, comprising 178 projects.

This includes \$12.18 million on road projects, \$764,018 on local area traffic management and \$7.66 million on parks projects including \$1.65 million for a further four all-abilities play spaces.

Projects planned across the suburbs include the following:

### Beckenham

- Upgrades to drainage at Chiddington Street – \$251,904
- Upgrades to the Beckenham Neighbourhood Centre for the Gosnells Toy Library – \$199,629
- Resurface Brixton Street from William Street to Ladywell Street – \$177,145

### Canning Vale

- Continue construction of bus lanes on Ranford Road – \$2.2 million
- Further development of Bracadale Park – \$1.14 million
- Resurface Warton Road – \$626,271

### Gosnells

- Redevelop facilities at Gosnells Bowling Club – \$822,995

- Construction of Albany Highway principal shared path from Dorothy Street to Tonkin Highway – \$500,000

- Install all-abilities play equipment at Gosnells Oval – \$423,786

### Huntingdale

- Construct youth plaza and car park at Sutherlands Park – \$3.75 million
- Replace floodlighting at Sutherlands Park – \$1.48 million
- Replace reticulation at Nethercott Way Reserve – \$78,408

### Kenwick

- Upgrades to the Connect @ Kenwick community facility – \$205,691
- Upgrades to drainage from Kenwick Road to Shere Street – \$88,809

### Langford

- Resurface Nicholson Road from Spencer Road to Langford Avenue – \$488,499
- Resurface Hayden Way – \$156,000
- Renew playground at Moncrieff Road Reserve – \$52,972

### Maddington

- Install landscaping and drainage at Peace Park – \$514,964

- Install traffic calming measures on Westfield Street between Helm Street and Pitchford Avenue – \$300,000

### Martin

- Reconstruct intersection of Cockram Road and Mills Road East – \$150,000
- Install new play equipment at Redshank Park – \$114,792

### Orange Grove

- Install all-abilities play equipment and car bays at Boyle Playground – \$265,660
- Install pedestrian refuge island for students on Boyle Lane – \$63,815

### Southern River

- Commence construction of Southern River Business Park – \$1.1 million
- Construct section of Evandra Road off Southern River Road – \$434,964

### Thornlie

- Install Stage 1 of waterwise reticulation at Cassidy Oval, Walter Padbury Park – \$419,482
- Replace playground and reticulation equipment at Osprey Park – \$157,941
- Rehabilitate roundabout at Figtree Drive and Athena Crossing intersection – \$90,000

# Rates information

Your rates help the City to deliver the wide range of services available to you.

The amount you pay is calculated by multiplying the Gross Rental Value or Unimproved Value of your property by the rate in the dollar set by Council.

**Gross Rental Value** is a valuation of your property, determined by the State Government's Valuer General, as an estimate of the rental income

you would receive if the property was rented for one year.

**Unimproved Value** is also determined by the Valuer General and is based on the value of undeveloped land.

**Rate in the dollar** is set by Council to ensure sufficient income is received to enable continued service delivery to the community.

**Minimum rate** is the default amount paid, regardless of property value.

**Emergency Services Levy** is a State Government charge. The City is required to collect these fees and pass all of the revenue on to the State Government.

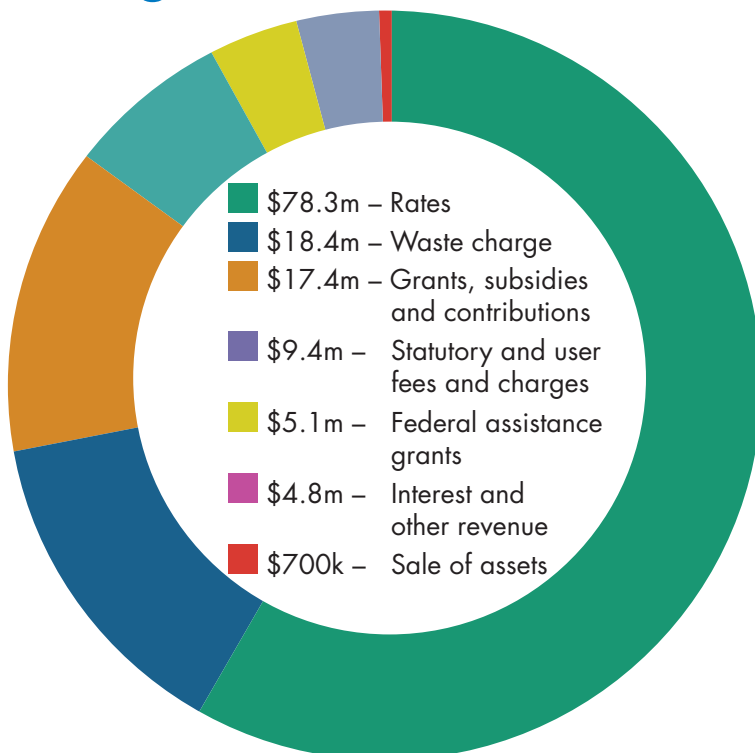
**Refuse and recycling charge** covers the cost of rubbish and recycling collection and disposal. Of this, approximately 20% is paid to the State Government as a Landfill Levy.

# Budget expenditure

Areas of expenditure for every \$100 the City receives:



# Budget revenue



# Prize draw for ratepayers

Win one of two Westpac Reward Saver Accounts valued at \$2,000 and \$1,500 or one of five \$1,000 cash prizes, courtesy of the City of Gosnells.

There's no need to fill out an entry form. Just pay your rates in full by **Friday 1 September 2023** and you'll automatically go in the draw – it's that easy!

Terms and Conditions: Winners are chosen by random computer selection. Councillors and employees of the City and their immediate families, and employees of Westpac and their immediate families, are ineligible to win. The decision by the City of Gosnells regarding the awarding of prizes is final and no debate will be entered into.

