

Mayor's Message

I acknowledge Bunbury is Wardandi Noongar Boodja and pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

On behalf of Bunbury City Council, I am pleased to present the City of Bunbury 2024-25 Annual Budget to our community and key stakeholders. This Budget, alongside our Corporate Business Plan (CBP), Long-Term Financial Plan and organisational Workforce Plan, forms part of the City's comprehensive set of integrated strategic financial planning documents.

City staff have again worked closely with Elected Members to prepare a responsible budget and I am proud to see the level and scope of works directly linked to what our community has told us they want through the most recent community scorecard.

Completion of the Hands Oval redevelopment (\$6.2 million) and the Forrest Park Pavilion (\$2.2 million), along with the netball court refurbishment (\$1.6 million) and our regional roadworks program (\$1.3 million) are among the big items in this year's budget.

We have listened and we know what our community's priorities are, I am proud to see capital projects such as \$210,000 to beautify Bunbury streetscapes and \$150,000 to develop a Bicentennial Square precinct plan, a focus on arts and culture with \$322,000 for signature event grants and \$618,000 to support Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre and \$659,000 to expand path and cycle networks.

In acknowledging the current cost of living pressures facing our entire community, it is important to note that the City is not immune from rising costs and that we are committed to delivering services and facilities that meet the expectations of our community. To meet those community expectations our rate yield increase will be seven percent.

The City is also continuing to advocate for State and Federal policy discussions around equitable funding and support for regional infrastructure as well as working collaboratively with surrounding Bunbury-Geographe councils to solve the funding inequities in the region.

I once again acknowledge the ongoing financial support provided by both State and Federal governments and thank them for their continued support to the Bunbury community.

I thank my fellow Elected Members, City Executive and their teams for their contributions in preparing this year's budget, and I look forward to a bright 2024-25 year for Bunbury.

Jaysen De San Miguel
Mayor

MORE INFORMATION

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BUDGET AND RATES

2024-2025



WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?

Total
\$93.8m

Reserves
\$3.1m

Loans
\$6.0m

Rates
\$49.7m

Operations
\$27.1m

Asset Sales
\$0.6m

Capital Grants
\$7.3m

FOR EVERY \$100 WE SPEND, THIS IS WHERE IT WILL GO



Sports, Recreation and Playgrounds
\$29.71



Roads, Paths and Drainage
\$20.20



Administration and Council
\$18.74



Resources and Waste Management
\$7.17



Arts, Culture and Events
\$6.16



Urban Planning and Environmental Management
\$5.29



Libraries, Community Facilities and Accessibility
\$5.26



Community and Business Engagement
\$3.62



Community Safety
\$2.65



Public Health
\$1.20



GREENING BUNBURY

A key target for the City's Greening Bunbury plan is a 10% increase in canopy cover over 20 years. The City has allocated \$240,000 from the 2024-2025 Budget to support the plan's vision to "nurture and grow our existing urban forest to contribute to the health and wellbeing of our community and create a liveable City for future generations."

KEY PROJECTS IN 2024-2025

Community and sporting facilities are a big feature of this year's Budget with new projects and the completion of some significant multi-year developments.

The Hay Park netball courts will be part of a \$1.6 million refurbishment with 12 new netball courts, perimeter fencing, and light towers on the site of existing netball courts.

The project is funded through a \$532,000 Department Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries grant from the State Government's Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities fund, and the remainder through the City's funding.

The Hands Oval redevelopment (\$6.2 million) and the Forrest Park Pavilion redevelopment (\$2.2 million) are key projects set for completion this financial year.

Roadworks

\$4.8 million including the Regional Roadworks program (\$1.3m).

Paths

\$859,000 for paths and cycleway network expansion.

Playground Equipment

\$400,000 for playgrounds, including Frank Buswell Foreshore

City Centre Revitalisation and streetscapes

\$150,000 for the development of Bicentennial Square precinct plan and \$210,000 for the Beautifying of Bunbury Streetscapes Program.



WASTE CHARGE CHANGES

As part of the 2024-25 Budget, there are some changes to residential Refuse Collection and Waste Minimisation Charges.

Waste management continues to be a challenge globally, and locally the City has been dealing with historical issues at Bunbury Harvey Regional Council's (BHRC) Stanley Road Waste Management Facility.

The City plans to address the historical issues and future developments at BHRC along with investigating and remediating historic contaminated sites – most of which are previous landfill sites – within Bunbury such as Big Swamp and surrounding areas.

It is for these reasons along with our commitment to waste reduction and a sustainable, circular economy that in addition to the average increase of 4.1 per cent on waste charges, an average charge of \$50 per property has also been applied.

The charges will also help cover kerbside collection of domestic refuse, recyclables, and organic waste, along with the provision of two annual kerbside collections each of green and hard waste for residents.

In acknowledging the current cost of living pressures facing our entire community, it is important the City takes action to address the historical issues and to ensure we have a healthy and sustainable future.



HOW ARE MY RATES CALCULATED?

Your rates are calculated by multiplying the Gross Rental Value (GRV) by the rate in dollar adopted by Council. For example, **\$17,440 x 0.1143 = \$1,993**. If your calculated rates fall below the adopted minimum rate of \$1,552 then the minimum rate will apply.

Valuation (GRV)
(set by Landgate)



Rate
(cents in \$ set by City)



Annual rates