

# Focus on the future

# 2023-24 Budget overview

The 2023/24 Budget responds to increasing costs to maintain services and facilities for the community whilst continuing the progressive improvement of overall financial health of the Shire.

Increasing cost of labour, insurances and other factors have necessitated an overall increase in rate revenue of 6.9%, along with increased waste charges to meet contract costs.

Grants continue to supplement Shire costs. Combined with other revenue sources, the Budget provides planned expenditure of \$17 million.

Capital expenditure continues to focus on renewals which will see playground replacements, pathway renewal, laneway improvements and other maintenance works across Shire facilities.

The Shire's focus continues to be prudent financial management, serving the best interest of the community today while ensuring a prosperous future.

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Sarah Stanlev Shire President

**Chief Executive Officer** 

# Key initiatives

### Vibrant, Supportive and Safe Community

- Support to Collie Community Radio, Art Gallery and Museum
- Review of Disability Access and Inclusion Plan
- Soldiers Park playground upgrades
- Renewal works at other playgrounds and public open space
- Library accessible toilet upgrade
- Local Emergency Management Arrangements review, working with Disaster Resilience Australia
- Quarry dining experience
- Recreation projects including introduction to hiking, mountain bike rider development and support for local clubs

### Strong and Diversified Economy

- Continue to work closely with the State Government in support of Collie's Just Transition
- Deliver the Tourism and Marketing Strategy with the support of South32
- Collie River Valley Tourist Park lighting upgrade
- Parking Study
- Aerodrome Masterplan
- Housing supply project to support economic development

### Good governance through effective, efficient and sustainable organisation

- Asset Management Plans and condition assessments – roads, parks, drainage, pathways
- Review of the Shire's Long Term Financial Plan
- Long term planning for waste services
- Provision for future asset renewal works
- Digitisation of historic mine and local records

## **Protected, Sustainable and Natural** Environment

- Renergi Material and Resource Recovery trial plant at Shire Waste Facility
- Consultation for Minningup Pool and day-use area
- Develop landfill closure plan and monitoring plans to meet environmental compliance
- Seek further funding for additional blackberry control
- Collie River Revitalisation Strategy review and preparation
- Support Friends of Collie River in delivery of onground revegetation

### Infrastructure, amenities, and development that supports the needs and aspirations of the community

- Develop Swinging Bridge Conservation Plan and Strategy
- Upgrades to Gastaldo and Mornington roads
- Reconstruction works on Lefroy Street and Hoddell Road
- Gravel re-sheeting
- Pathway and laneway renewal in various prioritised locations
- Preventative maintenance on bridges on Power House, Bradbury and Cardiff-McAlinden roads
- Shire plant and equipment replacement to maintain efficient delivery of services
- Major works on Mungalup Road Bridge
- Road shoulder improvements various roads
- Cemetery kerbing and drainage improvements
- Replacement of damaged floors at Roche Park
- Repainting various of assets, including the Music Shell and Collie Art Gallery
- Upgrades to the caretaker's cottage at the Collie **River Valley Tourist Park**

Stuart Devenish

### Register for e-Rates and go paper free

To receive your annual rates or instalment notices by email, go to collie.wa.gov.au and complete the registration form.

### **Difficulty paying?**

If you are facing difficulties in paying your rates, please contact the Shire's Rates Officer.

## Find out more

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of your elected representatives or a member of staff.

### **Elected members**

- Cr Sarah Stanley Shire President
- Cr Ian Miffling Deputy President
- Cr Gary Faries
- Cr Brett Hansen
- Cr Elysia Harverson
- Cr John Kearney
- Cr Joe Italiano
- Cr Leonie Scoffern
- Cr Michelle Smith
- Cr Brent White
- Cr Rebecca Woods

#### **Executive team**

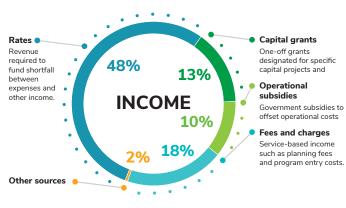
- Stuart Devenish Chief Executive Officer
- Nicole Wasmann Director Corporate Services
- Matt Young Director Development Services
- Craig Yardley Director Technical Services

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# Where does it come from?

The income required to deliver our services is derived from a variety of sources. The Shire maximises grant opportunities to keep your rates affordable.



# Where does it go?

We work hard to keep costs to an absolute minimum, while maintaining a high level of service and supporting the local economy.



Loan principal outstanding estimated for 30 June 2024 is \$2,223,946.

# Your rates calculation

## RATES

The total rates revenue of \$7.265 million is divided across the various properties within the Shire based on the Gross Rental Value (GRV) or unimproved value (UV) determined by Landgate.

### WASTE CHARGES

\$405 for three-bin collection service (\$388 for pensioners) and \$179 for rural waste levy.

## SWIMMING POOL INSPECTION FEE

\$58.45 per year to subsidise the regulatory cost of pool inspections conducted every four years.

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY**

A State Government charge that local government collects on its behalf. This charge applies to all properties in WA to share the cost of funding essential fire and emergency services.

### Pensioner Rebate

Pensioner card holders may be entitled to claim a rebate of up to 50% limited to the amount of \$750 of the current year's rates and Emergency Services Levy.

### Seniors Rebate

Seniors card holders may be entitled to claim a rebate of up to 25% limited to the amount of \$100 of the current year's rates and Emergency Services Levy. To find out more about your eligibility and how to apply, visit seniorscard.wa.gov.au.

### **Registering for Pensioner or Seniors Rebate**

Water Corporation conducts a rebate registration service for eligible pensioners and seniors on behalf of local governments and the Corporation.

To register your entitlement for a rates and/or water rates rebate, apply online at watercorporation.com.au or contact the Water Corporation on 13 13 75.