

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 2024/25 budget has been prepared to ensure the Shire is able to meet its service obligations and provide for long term financial sustainability, while keeping rate increases minimal.

As Collie continues to transition away from coal fired power, the Shire's focus is on supporting economic diversification through attracting new and emerging industries and supporting existing local business. The Shire will continue to work in close collaboration with Government to grow the local economy, through supporting initiatives for employment and creating pathways for supporting new development.

The Shire's priorities remain consistent with the key objectives of the Strategic Community Plan and for the coming year will be focused around:

- Facilitating the development of key worker housing, infill development and promotion of tourism initiatives to support the transition;
- Focusing on renewal and remediation works to Shire assets to prolong their useful life and adequately service ratepayers;
- The transformation of Soldiers Park playground into a destination playground;
- Creating value and investment opportunities for the Shire through the facilitation of the Collie Airport Masterplan;
- Management of the Shire's landfill site to ensure longevity, compliance and ongoing service delivery; and
- Continuing to support our community in promoting events and programs.

The Council looks forward to continuing to achieve our vision of a progressive community, rich in opportunities and as diverse as its heritage and landscape.

Ian Miffing
Shire President

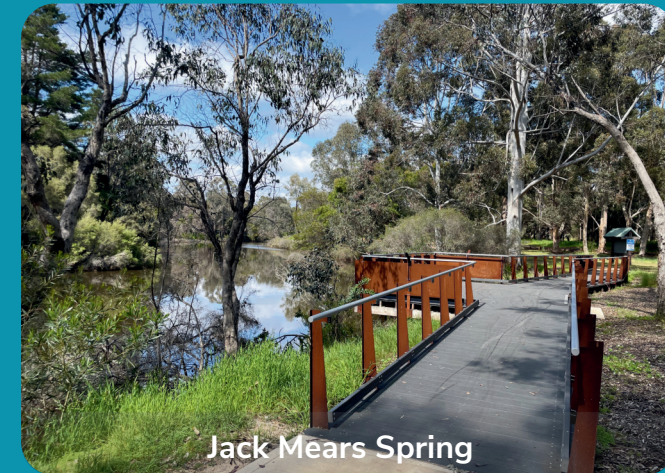
BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

PROPERTY, PLANT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Swinging Bridge remedial works
- Dog exercise area fencing
- Fencing replacement adjacent to the Bowling Club
- Reticulation upgrades to Finlay Gardens, Baarnimarr Park and Hebe Park
- Upgrades to play equipment at Lions Park and planning for the redevelopment of Soldiers Park
- Roche Park kitchen upgrades
- Mornington and Gastaldo Roads – completion of widening works
- Harris River Road – widen and seal shoulders and install audible edge line
- Forrest Street – kerbing of centre island and remediation works
- Elouera Road - kerbing upgrade improvements
- Pavement repair and reseal to Steere Street North, Hodgson Terrace, Porter Street, and Cameron Street
- Laneway upgrades on Roberts Street, Lefroy to Steere Street, and adjacent to Amaroo Primary School
- Pathway improvements on Wittenoom Street and Throssell Street
- Acquisition of new compactor for the refuse site
- Updated Shire boundary signs
- Christmas decorations for Collie central business district
- Stage 1 refurbishment of Cemetery entrance
- Acquisition of replacement tractor for the maintenance of reserves
- New pathway links to Hodgson Terrace and Watson Street

FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

- Visitor Centre, Art Gallery and Museum operating contributions
- Supporting community events including Christmas Pageant, Collie Adventure Race, Collie Show, and Christmas Carols
- Sporting scholarships and donation to South West Academy of Sport
- PCYC facility and youth programs support and contribution to school chaplaincy
- Clubs development through the Everyclub program supported by DLGSCI



ONGOING AND NEW INITIATIVES

- Continuation of Summer Movie Series supported by local businesses
- New software for the Collie cemetery which will improve public access to records
- Funding to support the digitisation of Collie historical records

YOUR RATES

The total rates revenue of \$7,700,592 includes an overall increase in rate income for the Shire of 6% in the 2024/25 financial year. Your rates fund essential day to day services and infrastructure projects to benefit the community.

RATES CALCULATION

Rates are calculated by multiplying a property's valuation, assessed by Landgate, by the rate in the dollar set by Council. A minimum rate is set for all properties to ensure property owners make an equitable contribution.

Land used for rural purposes is rated Unimproved Value (UV) and land used predominantly for non rural purposes is rated Gross Rental Value (GRV). UV properties are revalued annually and GRV properties are revalued every three to five years.

This year there has been a revaluation in both UV and GRV, resulting in a larger increase in rates for properties with greater valuation increases. Generally, residential properties have had a larger increase in valuations and therefore in rates.

EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY (ESL)

The ESL is a State Government charge that local government collects on its behalf. This charge is applied to all properties in Western Australia to share the cost of funding essential fire and emergency services.

SWIMMING POOL INSPECTION FEE

Pool and spa inspections are once every four years. The swimming pool inspection fee of \$240 is charged as \$60 per year over four years.

WASTE CHARGES

Annual 3 bin collection service \$425 (\$407 for pensioners)
Rural waste charge \$188

CONCESSIONS

Concessions provided by the Western Australian State Government include:

- WA Seniors Card holder concession
25% rebate capped at \$100 per applicable assessment.
- Commonwealth Concessions Cards
50% rebate capped at \$750 per applicable assessment.

Water Corporation provides a rebate registration service for eligible persons. To register for your entitlement, apply online at watercorporation.com.au or contact the Water Corporation on 131375.

PAYMENT DUE DATES

Option 1 – Payment in full by 15 November 2024
Option 2 - Payment by 4 instalments with any arrears included in the first instalment:

- 1st instalment due – Friday 15 November 2024
- 2nd instalment due – Friday 17 January 2025
- 3rd instalment due – Friday 21 March 2025
- 4th instalment due – Friday 23 May 2025

The amount due for the first instalment must be received by the due date to be eligible to pay by instalments. Administration and interest charges apply to payment by instalments.

REGISTER FOR ERATES

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

FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY

If you are facing difficulties paying your rates, please contact the Shire's finance team to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

BUDGET AND RATES 2024/2025



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