

## RATES & MINIMUM CHARGES

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.

Rate Category	rate in the \$ (cents)	Minimum Payment
Gross Rental Value (GRV)	8.4694	\$1,291.50
Unimproved Value (UV)	0.5288	\$1,041.60

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.

### 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 \$312 charged as \$78 per year over four years.

### WASTE CHARGES

Annual 3 bin collection service \$439 (\$420 for pensioners)  
Rural waste charge \$194

### 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](http://watercorporation.com.au) or contact the Water Corporation on 131385.

### PAYMENT DUE DATES

Option 1 – Payment in full by 29 August 2025  
Option 2 – Payment by 4 instalments with any arrears included in the first instalment:

- 1st instalment due – Friday 29 August 2025
- 2nd instalment due – Friday 31 October 2025
- 3rd instalment due – Friday 9 January 2026
- 4th instalment due – Friday 13 March 2026

The amount due for the first instalment must be received by the due date to be eligible to pay by instalments. Administration charge (\$18) and interest charges (5%) apply to payment by instalments. Interest charge of 10% applies to overdue rates and continues to accrue until arrears are paid.

### ELECTRONIC RATES NOTICES

To receive your annual rates notices by email, visit [collie.wa.gov.au/erates](http://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 2025/2026



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## MESSAGE FROM SHIRE PRESIDENT



The 2025/26 budget has been framed with a view to containing Shire expenditures as much as possible. The Council has viewed this year's budget more as a 'steady as we go' budget maintaining a focus upon general maintenance operations rather than new infrastructure spends. It is to be remembered that new infrastructure leads ultimately to more requirement for maintenance funding; an impost that our ratepayers can ill afford in our current economic climate.

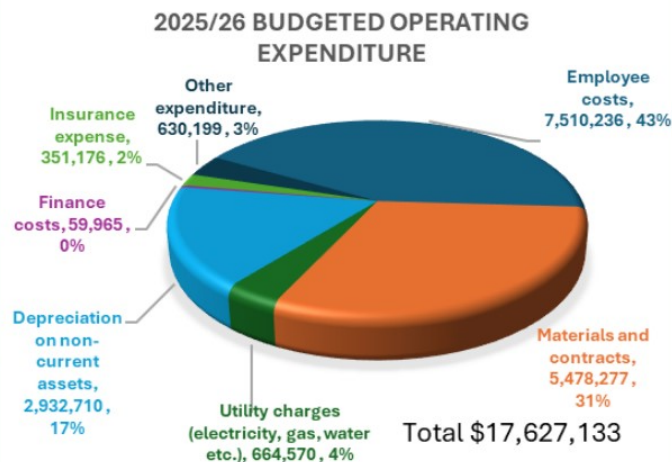
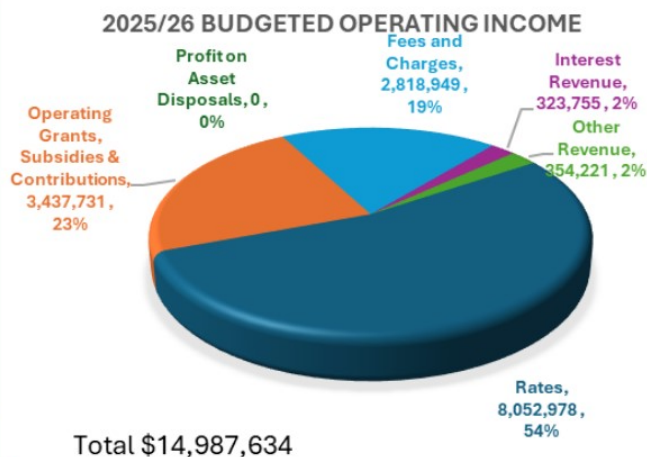
It is a fact that the Shire is faced with cost increases beyond its control, for example electricity and water charges, vehicle licensing fees, goods and services supplier cost increases, employment costs, and so on, all of which make rate increases inevitable. However, with the Council controlling its expenditures as mentioned above, the Council has been able to achieve a reasonable rate increase. To not cover this year cost increases beyond its control the Council would only be deferring harder decision to be made in future years.

The Shire is, as we all know, facing the State Government's "Just Transition" process whereby the Shire is moving away from coal-based industries into a renewable energy future. Evidence of this can be seen in what is happening within the new Coolangatta Industrial Estate (CIE)-Synergy establishing its battery storage facility together with the prospect of new industries such as GreenSteel WA, International Graphite, Magnium Australia, and possibly others to follow. Neon's battery storage project adjacent to the CIE is another exciting project. All of these projects, mostly supported by our State Government, are intended to offer alternative employment once the coal industry is closed down. The Council is actively involved in the "Just Transition" process and is advocating for what is right for our community. The Shire's Strategic Community Plan is aligned to Collie's changing future and will deliver on projects that have been identified as ensuring that the Collie Shire is a welcoming and enjoyable place to live. The Council has adopted a responsible budget to meet current community needs.

Ian Miffing  
Shire President

## COUNCIL'S OPERATING BUDGET

The 2025/26 Annual Budget includes a 4.5% general rate revenue increase (excluding growth through interim rates) on General and Minimum Rates for Gross Rental and Unimproved Values.



## KEY PROJECTS

- Road / Drainage / Ancillary works – \$877,270
- Swinging Bridge upgrade – \$60,000
- Administration building refurbishment/repairs – \$51,000
- Collie Visitor Centre Expansion – \$500,000
- Collie Waste Transfer Station Shed – \$245,000
- New Landfill Compactor – \$800,000
- Replacement Street Sweeper – \$550,000
- ICT Equipment – \$30,000



## ONGOING AND NEW INITIATIVES

- Continuation of Summer Movie Series supported by local businesses
- The Christmas Decoration Working Group continue to brighten our town for the festive season.
- Work on the Event Toolkit, to attract and assist events in Collie, continues.