

MESSAGE FROM SHIRE PRESIDENT



Cost of living pressures and a world of uncertainty have influenced the 2026/27 Shire of Collie budget which has a “steady as we go” strategy.

The budget does not provide for growth in any particular area but focuses on the delivery of essential services and good governance.

Forming the budget is never an easy task and it has taken a number of Councillor and staff workshops to arrive at an outcome that we believe is acceptable and in line with the current cost of living pressures and inflationary trends.

Ratepayers can rest assured that each and every line of the original draft budget's revenues and expenditures have been closely examined and adjusted to arrive at what the Council believes to be a realistic outcome.

The finally adopted budget includes a rate increase of 4.5% which is in line with the Shire's long term financial plan. Many of the increases are dictated by external sources – utility charges such as electricity and water, vehicle licensing and insurances. These cost pressures are faced by all Collie households and the situation is no different for the Shire. Councillors have taken all these cost factors into consideration.

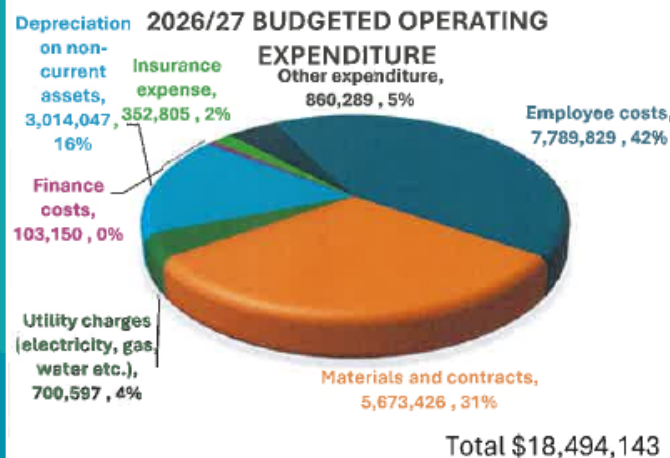
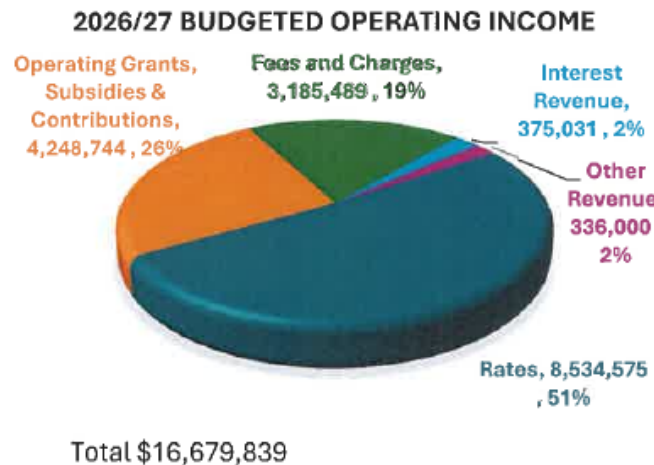
The Shire relies heavily on the very limited grant funding available from the State and Federal governments, with the remainder of its budget funded from general property rates. Government grants are always problematic and never seem to cover all the things the Shire would like to do for the community.

Major expenditure items in 2026/27 include road, verges and bridge maintenance, waste management services, tourism and visitor support, as well as normal services such as the library and swimming pool.

Ian Miffling
Shire President

COUNCIL'S OPERATING BUDGET

The 2026/27 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 – \$807,000
- Replace Street Sweeper - \$550,000
- Depot Land Purchase - \$205,000
- Collie Visitor Centre Expansion - \$500,000
- Vehicles and Plant - \$439,000
- Staff Housing - \$1,550,000
- Election Commitment - Swimming Club - Storage Shed - \$250,000
- Soldiers Park Playground - \$1,550,000



RATES INCENTIVE

ATTENTION: COLLIE RATEPAYERS

Ratepayers who pay their rates in full by the due date (24 August 2026), will go into a bonus prize draw for a \$1,000 Gift Card.

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)	8.7930	\$1,356.00
Unimproved Value (UV)	0.5516	\$1,094.00

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 \$240 charged as \$60 per year over four years.

WASTE CHARGES

Annual 3 bin collection service \$458 (\$439 for pensioners)
Rural waste charge \$203

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 131385.

PAYMENT DUE DATES

Option 1 – Payment in full by 24 August 2026
Option 2 – Payment by 4 instalments with any arrears included in the first instalment:

- 1st instalment due – Monday 24 August 2026
- 2nd instalment due – Monday 26 October 2026
- 3rd instalment due – Monday 4 January 2027
- 4th instalment due – Monday 8 March 2027

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 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 2026/2027



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