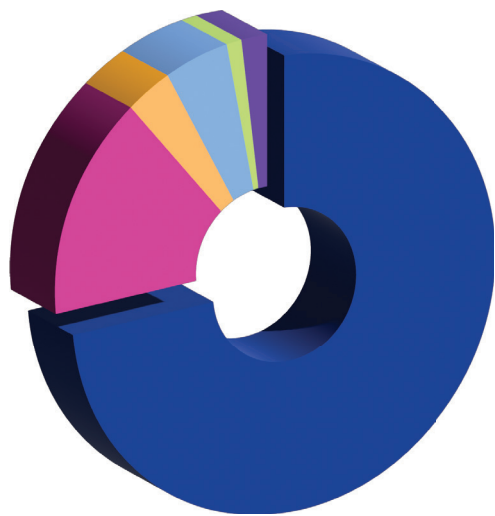


Where is my money going?

Revenue



♥ Rates \$57m

♥ Fees and charges \$11.8m

♥ Grants, subsidies and contributions \$2.7m

♥ Interest revenue \$3.7m

♥ Other revenue \$0.7m

♥ Profit on asset disposals \$1.5m

Expenses



♥ Employee costs \$32.8m

♥ Materials and contracts \$28m

♥ Depreciation \$13.3m

♥ Utility charges \$2.1m

♥ Finance costs \$0.2m

♥ Insurance \$0.7m

♥ Other expenditure \$1.9m

Investing in our assets



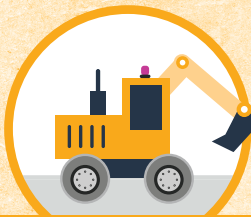
Roads & pathways

\$6,011,498



Buildings

\$791,000



Plant & machinery

\$623,500



Urban Forest Strategy

\$483,000



Public lighting

\$420,000



Parks & reserves

\$1,859,000



Drainage

\$555,000



Landgate recently undertook a major review of all GRVs, which it does every three years.

How are my Rates determined?

The Town's rates are determined when Council sets its annual budget. The rates you pay are a proportionate share of what is needed by Council to provide local services and facilities.

Prior to adopting the budget, there is a public comment period to give residents and ratepayers an opportunity to express their views about the proposed differential rating.

What is the Gross Rental Value?

Rates are calculated based on Gross Rental Value (GRV) which is supplied by the Valuer General's Office. Gross Rental Value is the gross annual rental income that a property might reasonably be expected to earn annually if it were rented. This figure is provided to us by Landgate.

The Town then decides on a percentage of your property's GRV, which is what you pay in rates.

PAY YOUR RATES, YOUR WAY

A faster, more flexible way to pay your rates is here

We've made it easier for you to pay and manage your rates online. Sign up today and set up payments that suit you and your budget.

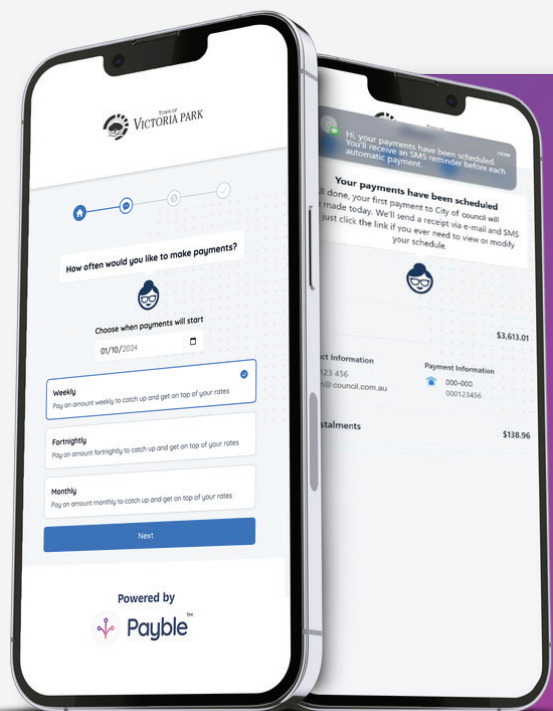
Benefits of using Payble

✚ Flexible payment options at no extra cost (weekly, fortnightly, monthly, or in full)

📅 Choose your payment start date (prefer to make your payments on a Friday? It's your choice!)

📱 Automatic direct debit (from bank account/debit/ credit card)

📄 SMS reminder before payment (never any surprises)



← Get started

Join thousands of residents already paying through Payble

Simply scan the QR code or you can also pay online at pay.vicpark.wa.gov.au



Payble™



TOWN OF VICTORIA PARK

2026-27 BUDGET NEWS



Hello everyone,

Each year, Council works carefully to deliver a budget that maintains the services, infrastructure and public spaces people rely on, while keeping rates as affordable as possible.

We understand many households and businesses are continuing to feel the pressure of rising costs. The Town is also facing increases in costs for construction, materials, goods and services. In preparing this budget, Council focused on finding operating efficiencies and drawing on reserves where possible, while continuing to invest responsibly in the services our community needs.

In recognition of ongoing cost-of-living pressures, Council reduced the advertised rates increase from 5% to 3.5% for the average ratepayer across all rating categories.

Through consultation, residents told us they wanted the budget to focus on the essentials, namely maintaining roads and footpaths, improving drainage, caring for parks and playgrounds, planting more trees, and keeping public places clean safe and welcoming. These priorities have shaped our budget decisions.

Over the next 12 months, the Town will invest more than \$65 million in essential services like roads, waste and recycling, programs to support community and local business, maintenance of assets and infrastructure projects that support a growing vibrant, inclusive and sustainable community.

This includes improvements to key facilities such as Aqualife, the Library and Harold Hawthorne Community Centre, along with continued public realm upgrades through the Archer Mint Streetscape Improvement Plan. The budget also supports proactive drainage works, lighting projects, our Urban Forest Program, and upgrades to local sporting facilities, including new goals, pitches, lighting and playing nets and a new synthetic green for the Victoria Park Carlisle Bowling Club.

Council is also planning for the future. Funding has been committed for feasibility studies into Aqualife and Leisurelife, helping us understand future operational needs and identify the right redevelopment opportunities for these much-loved facilities.

This budget reflects balanced decision-making – supporting the services our residents rely on every day, while delivering real, lasting benefits for current and future generations. It reflects our commitment to delivering value for the community, ensuring we can meet future demand while maintaining our existing assets and services to a high standard.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for helping shape the future of our Town together.



Karen Vernon
Mayor

Mayor



Karen Vernon

Jarrah Ward Councillors



Andra Biondi



Daniel Minson



Jack Gordon-Manley



Sky Croeser

Banksia Ward Councillors



Claire Anderson



Lindsay Miles



Peter Melrosa



Scott Ingram



McCallum Park Active Area. Image: Moshe.

What's in the budget this year?

We're focused on making balanced and sensible decisions that reflect what our community has told us matters most to them.



Refreshed playground at Parnham Park.

Parks and Public Spaces

We know you love our local green spaces. This year we're committing \$1.85 million to parks and infrastructure upgrades. Parnham Park's new playground (pictured) will be complemented by a bbq renewal, while sporting infrastructure, irrigation, lighting, park furniture and drinking fountains will receive attention across other parks and reserves.



Facilities Upgrades

This year the indoor grandstand and steam room at Aqualife will receive an upgrade. We're also improving the customer experience at the Administration Building, with a new service desk and public restroom renovation.





Lighting renewal and Changing Places facility construction at the recently upgraded **McCallum Park Active Area**.

Addition of a dedicated **Homelessness Officer** to Town staff.

Public lighting upgrades to **Briggs Street**, opposite Carlisle Reserve.

Scout Hall kitchen and bathrooms refurbishment.

Re-vegetation will continue and **infrastructure works** will begin as part of the **Kent Street Sand Pit restoration project.**

Build a new pathway on Gascoyne Street to improve student mobility to and from school.

Begin a holistic review of the **leisure facilities** to create a **Modernisation Plan** for the future.

Public lighting upgrades to **Dovey and Edmiston Lanes**, East Vic Park.

Refresh the indoor **grandstand and steam room** at **Aqualife**.



Recent accessibility improvements at McCallum Park.



Roads and Transportation

\$6 million will be invested in roads and pathways, helping to connect residents to the people and places they love. This includes works to address intersection black spots at Devenish/Sussex and McMillan/Washington streets, a number of road renewal projects and pathway upgrades near Kent Street Senior High School.

Preventative Drainage

We're investing more in preventative drainage throughout the Town, with key upgrades occurring at select hot spots to ensure we're better prepared for what Mother Nature throws at us.



Urban Forest Program

Earning our 'Tree City of the World' status for the sixth year running, we're leading the way in WA with our Urban Forest programs. In 2025 we smashed previous Town records, planting 154,540m² of projected canopy, helped along by 5,916 trees. In 2026-27, we're aiming to keep this success going.