



City of Nedlands

2023-24 Budget



Mayor's Message

Her Worship, Mayor Fiona Argyle

I am delighted to announce the passage of the 2023/2024 budget. After years of hard work and planning, we are committed to achieving a sound balance sheet through powerful fiscal management.

Though we face some challenges with assets in poor condition and lean cash reserves, we have a solid long-term financial plan in place which Council voted on in March 2023. This plan is our key to becoming a sustainable local government.

While rates have seen a slight increase of 2.5% this year, I assure you we are on a vigilant monetary watch. This is the first increase in rates since the 2020/21 financial year. For three successive years, Council has adopted a 0% rate increase.

By adhering to the Financial Plan, we anticipate saving an estimated \$35 million in the next ten years, with \$25 million in staff costs alone. Key features of the Annual Budget include vital drainage works (\$683,990), Parks work (\$637,769) and the Broadway renewal project (\$842,592).

A small annual \$30 increase in waste service fees will continue to fund the City's FOGO residential bin services. The increase will also support Council's recent decision to join the Western Metropolitan Regional Council to enable residents to access the Transfer Station at Shenton Park. The City has maintained one of the lowest priced residential bin services in the metropolitan area, and through the implementation of FOGO we have increased our waste diversion by over 20%.

Setting the Budget is a challenging task for Council and administration. I want to thank everyone involved in the process. If you have any feedback or queries please don't hesitate to reach out to myself or your Ward Councillors. Your views are valued, and we are here to listen and address any concerns you may have.

As always, our aim is to support the community, the environment, our assets, and our bank balance. Financial freedom won't happen overnight, but with determination and resilience, we will emerge as one of the best local governments in the world.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together towards a brighter future for the City of Nedlands.

Yours faithfully
Fiona Argyle

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Understanding your Rates

How your rates are calculated

Each year, the City of Nedlands sets different rates for properties based on their Gross Rental Value (GRV) and property type. Rates provide the income needed to help fund the yearly budget and are calculated in a simple 3-step process.

1. The rates revenue required is determined by calculating the cost of running the City of Nedlands minus the non-rate revenue earned (grants, fees, fines etc.).
2. The rate in the dollar is calculated by dividing the rates revenue required, by the combined Gross Rental Value (GRV). This calculation determines the rate in the dollar.
3. The rate in the dollar is multiplied by your property's GRV or Unimproved Value (UV), which calculates your rates for the year.

Rate in the Dollar

The City charges a differential rate in the dollar depending on the type of property. The residential rates for properties will increase by 2.5% this year due to adjustments made to the rate in the dollar. The impact on property owners will vary: For properties on the minimum rate, the annual increase will be around \$0.71 per week or \$37 a year. For residential properties, the average annual increase will be about \$1.18 per week or \$60 a year.

Other charges

Other charges may appear on your rates notice such as waste charges, a pool inspection fee, or other fees as set by Council. This year, the standard residential bin charge is \$328 per annum. Increased costs are associated with the introduction of the FOGO system together with Council's decision to join the West Metropolitan Regional Council to enable residents to access the recycling centre in Shenton Park.

Gross Rental Value (GRV)

Your annual rates are calculated using Gross Rental Value (GRV), which is calculated independently by the Valuer General's Office (Landgate). The GRV figure is based on total annual rental income a property might reasonably be expected to earn each year if it was rented out.

GRV is affected by factors such as the location, age and type of property you have. Council sets a 'rate in the dollar' figure to calculate your annual rates as a percentage of the assessed value of your property.

General Revaluation Year

Every three years, Landgate reviews and updates the GRVs of properties in the Perth metropolitan area. This year, GRVs have increased by different percentages for different property types:

- Residential GRVs ↑ 15%
- Non-residential GRVs ↑ 4%
- Vacant residential GRVs ↑ 23%

In response to increasing GRV, the City's rate in the dollar has been reduced accordingly this year.

Payment options

The City offers the following options for the payment of your rates:

1. Payment in full within 35 days of issue
2. Four instalments (fees and charges apply)

Experiencing financial hardship? If you are unable to pay your rates instalments due to financial hardship, you can apply for a special payment arrangement. Contact the City for more information.

Pay your rates online

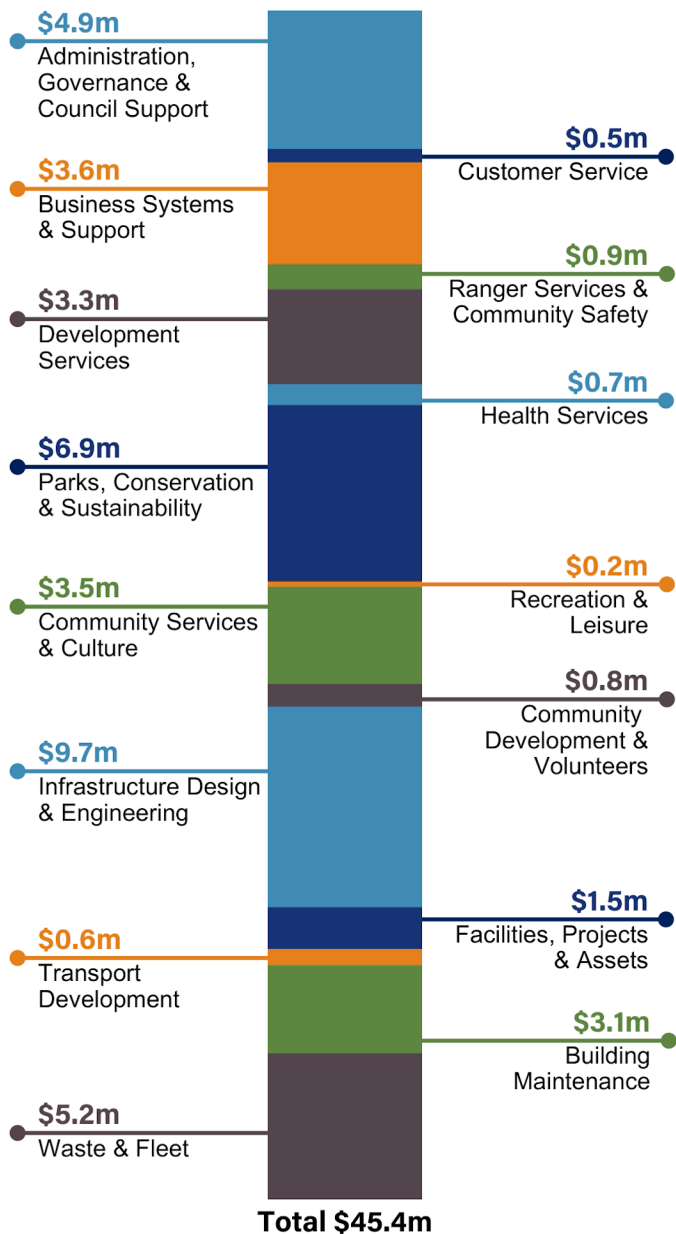
To make direct payment from your bank account or credit card with zero fees, pay with BPAY. Make a BPAY payment by following a few easy steps as outlined on your rates notice.

To find out more about BPAY visit: bpay.com.au/bpay-for-you#pay-bills



Budget Highlights

Where your rates will be spent



THIS YEAR WE WILL...



Plant **25,000** native seedlings to revegetate & enhance our natural bushlands



Maintain **>310km** of local roadways, footpath & bike path networks



Care for **25,000** existing street and reserve trees & plant **550+** new street trees



Maintain **211.17Ha** of public open space, including active & passive recreation spaces



Maintain **4,724** drainage pits & **71.5km** of drainage pipes

The City's 2023-24 Revenue Budget

Rates	\$26.9m
Operating Grants & Contributions	\$0.7m
Fees & Charges	\$8.2m
Interest Revenue	\$0.9m
Other Revenue	\$0.7m
Non Op Grants	\$1.6m
Opening Funds	\$3m
Disposal of Assets	\$0.4m
Transfer from Reserve	\$3m
TOTAL	\$45.4m



YEARLY REMINDERS



Pet ownership

Being a responsible pet owner means ensuring your animal is registered with the Council, microchipped, kept healthy and safe, and does not create a nuisance to local flora/fauna, or to other members of the community.

For more information about pet registrations and pet ownership in the City of Nedlands, visit our website at nedlands.wa.gov.au/pets

Public and environmental health

The City is dedicated to keeping our community healthy and safe. For information about noise, pest and pollution control, asbestos, food safety, etc. visit nedlands.wa.gov.au/health



Pool inspections

Your swimming pool barrier is inspected annually for safety and compliance with Australian Standard AS1926.1-1993 and/or AS1926-2012.

Pool safety is a high priority for the City of Nedlands and we seek your assistance to make sure your pool barrier is in full working order before your pool inspection is due to occur.

For more information about swimming pool safety and inspections visit the City's website at nedlands.wa.gov.au/swimmingpools

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Positive Ageing

The Positive Ageing program provides activities and events for members of the community aged 55+. For information about the activities provided please contact the team on 9273 3660.

Join our Facebook Group for current events facebook.com/groups/nedlandsseniors



Point Resolution Childcare

PRCC is a community-based childcare centre that provides a home away from home learning environment for children aged 7 months and up.

For more information about this service, contact PRCC on 9386 5835 or visit our website nedlands.wa.gov.au/PRCC



ONLINE REQUESTS

Submitting a request or reporting an issue to the City is now easier than ever with our online Customer Request Management system. Submit your request online and opt in to receive updates about the progress of your enquiry.

Scan the QR code or visit the City's website to submit a request today.



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