

Letter from
the Mayor
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City of
Kalgoorlie
Boulder

Budget and Rates 2025/26



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Dear Residents and ratepayers

Each year, as we prepare the City's budget, our focus remains on what matters to you - the people who live, work, invest, run a business, or raise a family in Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

This year, as part of developing our new Strategic Community Plan 2025-2035, we heard from more than 2,600 residents and local businesses. Your feedback - shared through surveys, events, and conversations with Elected Members and City Officers, has shaped a clear vision for the next decade and set the priorities that guide our work as your Council.

You told us you love living here, value our strong sense of community, the unique lifestyle our region offers, and the opportunities ahead. But you also made it clear - we must address the legacy of underinvestment in our infrastructure and community assets. From ageing roads to tired facilities, many parts of our City have operated well beyond their intended lifespan. That's not good enough, and something that this Council has been working to change over the last few years. Upgrades have now been completed across 59% of our road network. More than 26 kilometres of footpaths in and around our CBDs have been renewed. We've delivered critical infrastructure projects, including the roof and air conditioning replacement at the Goldfields Oasis, and a major expansion of our sewer network - just to name a few.

This year's budget continues the important work of getting back on track. We're delivering more than \$80 million in capital works across the city, focused on the basics that matter: better roads, footpaths, kerbing, drainage, and sewer upgrades. We're continuing restoration works of iconic heritage buildings such as the Endowment Block on Hannan Street, completing the Kingsbury Park Youth Precinct, upgrading the Goldfields Oasis and Kalgoorlie-Boulder Airport, and building a new Outdoor Events Pavilion at the Goldfields Arts Centre.

We're also investing in community safety, with \$1.2 million allocated to upgraded CCTV and LED lighting at sporting fields. We're revitalising parks and playgrounds, replacing worn equipment and installing more shade. We're also excited to expand our popular events calendar with a new fringe-style festival, *KALeidescope*.

Despite increasing costs and growing demand, we've kept the rate in the dollar increase to 3.3% - one of the lowest in the State - while delivering essential services and preparing our city for future growth. We're also calling on State and Federal Governments to invest in Kalgoorlie-Boulder as the regional powerhouse it is.

This is a practical and future-focused budget, built on community priorities, focused on tangible outcomes, and committed to finishing the job of renewal. I want to thank my fellow Elected Members and our hardworking City staff, who continue driving this transformation forward with professionalism and purpose. We'll keep working alongside our residents and businesses to ensure Kalgoorlie-Boulder remains a place we can be proud to call home.

Mayor Glenn Wilson
City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder



2025/26 RATES

This year, Council has approved a 3.3% increase in the rate in the dollar - one of the lowest in regional WA. This reflects our commitment to responsible financial management as we continue to advocate for substantial funding support from state and federal governments.

Rates revenue is reinvested into our community for the development, renewal and maintenance of essential infrastructure and amenities.

The City is dedicated to providing quality services to meet the diverse needs of our community. This includes the efficient management of the City's sewer network, weekly waste and recycling services (including kerbside collection), community facilities, services for seniors and youth, large-scale events, and community safety initiatives.

Ensuring ongoing access to vital community services remains a priority. From our library and airport, to maintaining our beautiful public open spaces, your rates help support and sustain the facilities and services that make Kalgoorlie-Boulder a vibrant and welcoming place.

How your rates are calculated

Rates are calculated based on the revenue needed to provide essential community services and infrastructure improvements over the financial year. Each ratepayer contributes proportionally based on their property's GRV (Gross Rental Value).

STEP 1. TOTAL RATES REQUIRED TO RUN THE CITY OF KALGOORLIE-BOULDER

Cost of running the City

Minus Revenue from other sources other than rates (grants, rentals, hire/ service charges)

Equal Revenue required from rates to run the City

STEP 2. HOW THE RATE IN THE DOLLAR IS CALCULATED

Revenue required from rates

Divided by the combined rental value of all rateable properties (GRV)

Equals the rate in the dollar*

*subject to the minimum rate

STEP 3. WHAT RATE YOU PAY

The Rate in the dollar

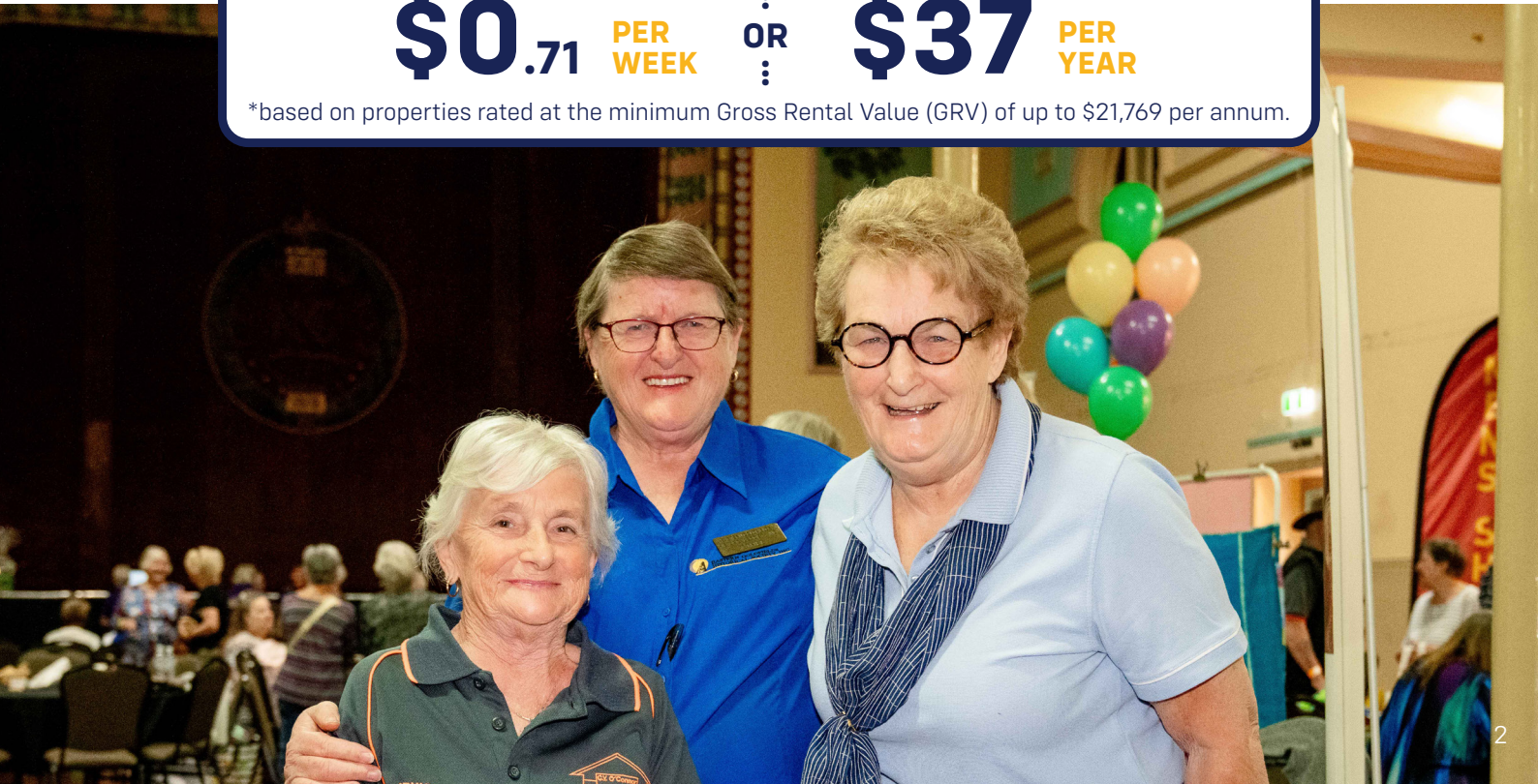
Multiplied by your property's Gross Rental Value (GRV) which is set by Landgate

Equals your rates portion to keep the City running

The average general rates increase equates to

\$0.71 PER WEEK OR **\$37 PER YEAR**

*based on properties rated at the minimum Gross Rental Value (GRV) of up to \$21,769 per annum.





HOW YOUR RATES SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY

We’ve listened carefully to our community through consultations, surveys, and focus groups - and this year’s budget reflects your priorities. Our focus is on delivering local services, community events, and programs that bring people together; enhancing community safety; supporting thriving town centres; maintaining clean public spaces; and improving parks, streetscapes, and infrastructure.

In addition, essential services such as library access, rubbish collection, waste disposal facilities, and the preservation of our local history and heritage remain key priorities. We continue to support senior services, including in-centre meals and wellbeing programs, as well as a broad range of health, youth, and community events. This year also marks the first ever community-led New Year’s Eve event, supported through dedicated funding to bring our community together in celebration.

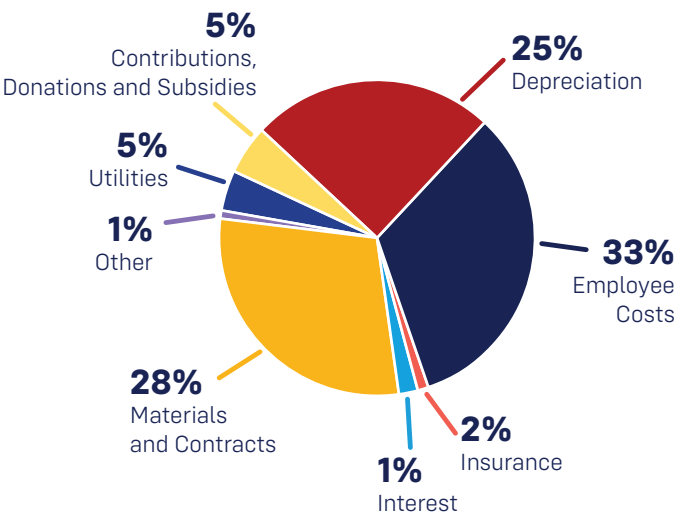
Our community and business-related grant programs and initiatives will continue to offer vital support to not-for-profit organisations and dedicated local business owners.

This budget directly responds to feedback from the 2025 Community Priorities Survey and aligns with our Strategic Community Plan 2025–2035. It includes a significant \$80 million investment in capital works projects, aimed at creating lasting benefits for Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

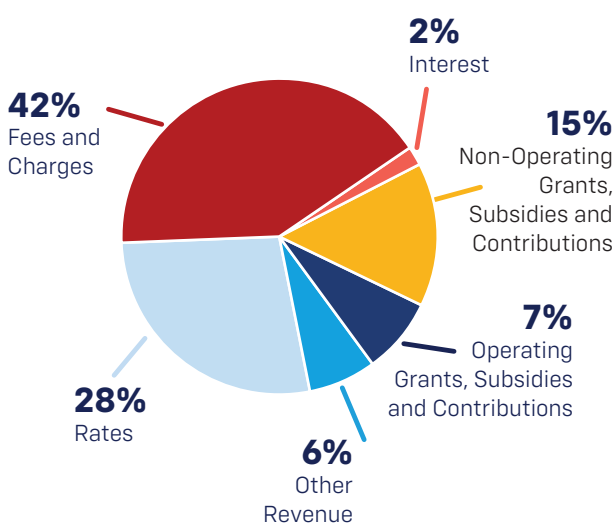
EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE BREAKDOWN

Rates revenue covers only part of the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder’s operating costs. Additional funding comes from fees and charges, grants, subsidies, and contributions.

Operating Expenditure **\$110.8M**



Operating Revenue **\$135.2M**





BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Your priority is our priority. Our budget invests in and will deliver what matters most to you.



\$29M
ROADS & FOOTPATH
UPGRADES



\$1.2M
STREET LIGHTING
& CCTV



\$6M
PARKS, RESERVES
& LED LIGHTING



\$2.7M
AIRPORT
INFRASTRUCTURE



\$18M
CITY BUILDINGS &
COMMUNITY FACILITIES



\$12.8M
WASTEWATER
TREATMENT PLANT
& SEWER NETWORK



\$1.7M
COMMUNITY
EVENTS



\$1.5M
ENDOWMENT
BLOCK UPGRADES

Pay your rates on time to win a share of \$6K!

For more information visit ckb.wa.gov.au/RatesComps or scan the QR code



KEY PROJECTS

In 2025/2026, the City is investing in priority projects shaped by community feedback and that align with our 10-year plans - the Strategic Community Plan and Long-Term Financial Plan. We're focusing on community safety, roads and footpaths, vibrant public spaces, activities and programs for families, seniors, and youth, and improving community facilities.



\$29M ROADS & FOOTPATHS

- Core infrastructure upgrades, including roads, footpaths, drainage and kerbing
- Upgrades to 30km of sealed local roads and 24km on urban roads
- Investment in cycling paths and continued installment of Shared Use Paths



\$5M OASIS UPGRADES

Ongoing investment in the Goldfields Oasis Recreation Centre includes:

- Stadium flooring design and air-conditioning upgrades
- New outdoor pool design
- Pool deck improvements
- New aquatic inflatables for community use



\$12.8M SEWER & WASTEWATER

Sewer and wastewater upgrades include:

- Increased trunk capacity and new connections
- Ongoing Sewer Main Extension Project
- Renewal of pipelines and pump stations
- Wastewater treatment upgrades at South Boulder Treatment Plant



\$2.3M PARKS & RESERVES

- Shade sail repairs and equipment maintenance in local parks
- Design of a new mountain bike trail
- Ongoing annual tree planting program
- Water capture and drainage works at Kalgoorlie Golf Course to support irrigation of parks, and sporting fields



\$1.7M CITY-LED EVENTS

We are proud to present a range of community events, including:

- Brand-new KALeidoscope
- Kids Fest
- Sunset Concert Series
- Christmas Street Party
- Multicultural Festival
- Seniors' Christmas Lunch Plus, funding for a community-led New Year's Eve event



\$2.7M AIRPORT UPGRADES

Upgrades at Kalgoorlie-Boulder Airport include:

- Perimeter fencing improvements
- Apron, runway, and drainage upgrades
- Purchase of a generator to ensure power reliability during outages



\$1.5M ENDOWMENT UPGRADES

Important restoration works are underway at the historic Endowment Block, including structural renewals and essential power upgrades. These works are part of the City's ongoing commitment to preserving and revitalising heritage buildings along Hannan Street



\$1.2M COMMUNITY SAFETY

Community safety and crime prevention remain a priority. The Safer Streets Patrol continues to expand, with the purchase of an additional CCTV trailer to support both local Police and the Patrol. Upgrades to street lighting will also enhance public safety across the City



\$3M SPORTING FIELDS LIGHTING

Lighting upgrades to LED will be carried out at several local sporting fields, including:

- Oasis Playing Fields
- Usher Park
- Digger Daws Oval
- Sir Richard Moore Oval

These upgrades will improve visibility and energy efficiency for evening use



\$10M COMMUNITY EVENTS PAVILION

Development of an Outdoor Events Pavilion at the Goldfields Arts Centre car park, with funding support from BHP and Lotterywest.

This weatherproof, multi-purpose space will be used for a range of community events year-round

How to pay your rates

Payment Methods

We offer multiple options for paying your rates including:

- **Online or Phone**
 - Post Office BPAY: Use biller code (2816) & reference from your rates notice, visit our website or call 13 18 16
 - BPOINT: Use biller code (2816) & reference from your rates notice, visit our website or call 13 19 98
- **In Person**
 - City's Administration Building, 577 Hannan Street, Kalgoorlie (Mon–Fri, 8:30am–4:30pm)
 - Any Post Office: Minimum payment of \$90
- **Via Bank or Financial Institution**
 - Direct Debit: Call (08) 9021 9654
 - BPAY: Contact your bank to make payment
- **By Post**
 - Send cheque (crossed "Not Negotiable") to: PO Box 2042, Boulder WA 6432
- **Centrepay**
 - Regular deductions from Centrelink payments. Register at servicesaustralia.gov.au/centrepay using reference: 555 060 177 S

Payment Options

Full payment is due within 35 days of the City issuing the rates notice. Alternatively, you may choose to make a special payment arrangement including:

- a payment extension
- a payment plan
- a direct debit arrangement

To make a special payment arrangement please contact the City's Rates team on 9021 9600 or email rates@ckb.wa.gov.au

Other Fees

Waste Service Fees

The rates notice will include Waste Service Fees for the year ending 30 June 2026. For residential ratepayers, the standard Waste Service Fee is \$440. This charge encompasses various services, including weekly rubbish collection, fortnightly recycling collection, and year-round access to the Yarri Road Refuse Facility services.

Emergency Services Levy

The Emergency Services Levy (ESL) is a compulsory charge for all property owners, issued by the government. The ESL funds WA's fire and emergency services such as fire stations, volunteer fire brigades, and State Emergency Services (SES) units.

Financial Hardship

City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder ratepayers experiencing financial hardship may be eligible for Financial Hardship Assistance under the City's *Financial Hardship Policy*.

Financial hardship means that a person is having trouble meeting their financial obligations. They have the intention, but not the financial capacity to pay their rates owed to the City.

Financial hardship assistance is available for debts owing to the City and includes access to a range of special payment arrangements including:

- payment extensions
- payment plans
- suspension of interest charges (including administration fees) while a payment plan is in place

For more information visit ckb.wa.gov.au/financial-hardship.

State Government Rebate

The WA Government provides a rebate to persons who meet the eligibility criteria set out under the *Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferments) Act 1992*.

Pensioners or seniors who own and occupy their property may be entitled to a rebate. To be eligible, an applicant must be the owner and reside in the property on 1 July 2025.

Pensioner Rebates

If you currently receive a pension or hold a valid Pensioner Concession Card, State Concession Card/ Seniors Card, or Commonwealth Seniors Health Card, you may be eligible for this rebate.

The rebate available to eligible pensioners is capped at the lesser of \$750 or 50% of rates charged. Sewerage charges are also capped at \$436.15. Eligible pensioners may apply to defer their rates, sewerage charges and Emergency Services Levy (conditions apply).

Senior Rebates

If you hold a valid Seniors Card you may apply for a Senior Rebate. The rebate for Seniors Card holders on local government rates are capped at \$100, sewerage rate capped at \$72.69, and a 25% rebate applies on the Emergency Services Levy.

The State Government administers the laws regarding pensioner and senior concessions. For more information visit ckb.wa.gov.au/residents/rates.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR RATES NOTICE

1 Name Surname
123 Street Name
SUBURB WA POSTCODE

2 **Property Address**
123 STREET NAME

3 **ESL Category**

10 **Assessment Number**

11 **Due Date**

12 Financial Year:
Issue Date:
VEN Number:
Valuation:
Minimum Rate:
Ward:
Zoning:
Lot/Location No:
ESL Usage:
ESL Valuation:

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DETAILS	RATE IN \$ or CHARGE/SERVICE	CURRENT	ARREARS	TOTAL
GRV Residential	5.3716	\$1,169.00		\$1,169.00
Emergency Services Levy	1.1412	\$248.35		\$248.35
Sewered Area Rates	2.4296	\$528.74		\$528.74
Interest			\$21.91	\$21.91
Special Payment Arrangement Admin Fee (SPA)	1@46.50*	\$46.50		\$46.50
Swimming Pool/fence Inspect	1@64.00*	\$64.00		\$64.00
Waste Service Fee (R)	1@440.00	\$440.00		\$440.00
Payments Received		-\$345.00		-\$345.00
*Local Govt. Charge \$2,518.50 GST 4.23				
Total Due				\$2,173.50

1. How are rates calculated?

Rates income is divided by the total value of all the properties to determine the Rate in the Dollar (RID). Rates are calculated for each property by multiplying its Gross Rental Value (GRV) or Unimproved Value (UV), (as determined by Landgate) by the RID.

2. Emergency Services Levy (ESL)

This is a State Government charge, shown on all Council rate notices. It is paid to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services to assist our rescue services, bush fire brigades and the State Emergency Services.

3. Sewered Area Rates

Sewerage rates are charged to the owner of the land (including vacant land) where wastewater services are available for connection or supplied.

4. Interest

This is interest charged on any overdue rates at 7% per annum.

5. Special Payment Arrangement Administration Fee

This is an administration fee, charged if you have a special payment arrangement with the City (e.g. direct debit).

6. Swimming Pool/Fence Inspections

This covers the cost of safety compliance inspections, as required by legislation.

7. Waste Service Fee

The 2025/26 Domestic Waste Service Fee for each residential property is \$440.00 which includes:

- Weekly household rubbish collection
- Fortnightly recycling collection
- Year-round free tip services

8. Payments Received

These are payments received/receipted after 1 July 2025.

9. Your total rates, fees, charges for 2025/26

Ratepayers may elect to pay this amount in installments. Please visit ckb.wa.gov.au/rates for more information.

10. This is your property assessment number.

11. This is the due date for your rates payment.

12. If you wish to appeal to Landgate against your Gross Rental Value, this VEN number is required.

13. This is your Gross Rental Value or Unimproved Value set by Landgate.



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