

City of Kalgoorlie Boulder

Budget and Rates 2024/25

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



This year, Council has endorsed an ambitious and community-focused budget that will deliver numerous projects and services prioritised by our residents.

We have a clear focus and are making progress on completing priority projects

to meet community needs. We remain committed to advancing this year's \$101 million capital works program, which includes essential improvements to our roads and footpaths, community facilities and sewer network to support future development. Additionally, we are investing \$2 million in community safety and crime prevention initiatives, including the expansion of our Community Safety Model.

This year's budget is as brave as it is balanced. The budget provides a projected surplus of \$3 million, reflecting the City's improved financial management and commitment to financial sustainability. The City has a long-term view towards financial planning to ensuring we're prepared for the future replacement and renewal of essential community assets and infrastructure. From initial planning to final endorsement, our community has been at the forefront of this budget process. Thank you for your valuable feedback over the past year. We remain committed to engaging with our residents to shape the future vision for our city. This budget reflects the prioritisation of investments that will make a difference in the lives of our residents.

We are proud of the essential services provided around the clock, from waste and recycling collections to maintaining our roads, parks, and open spaces.

The combined efforts of our staff and Elected Members will have a positive impact on our community over the next 12 months and beyond. Thank you to everyone involved.

City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Mayor Glenn Wilson

2024/25 RATES

This year, properties in Kalgoorlie-Boulder have been revalued by Landgate. It's important to note that the City has no influence over the valuation of your property. Overall, the City plans to raise an extra 10% from rates revenue, primarily by lowering residential rates and increasing rates for other categories. Rates revenue is reinvested into our community for the development and renewal of infrastructure, amenities and the delivery of essential services.

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, community facilities, and weekly waste and recycling services, including kerbside collection. Ongoing access to essential community services remains a priority, from the library to the airport, as well as maintaining our beautiful public open spaces.

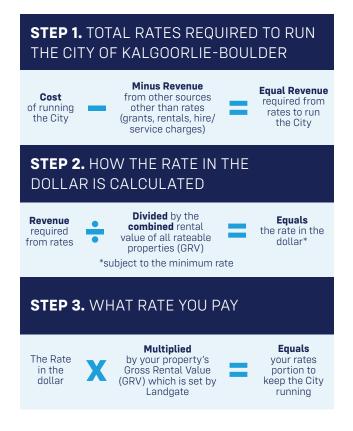
Rates and Gross Rental Value (GRV)

Gross Rental Value (GRV) is an estimate of how much rent your property might earn in a year. The GRV of your property is set by Landgate and provided to local governments to calculate rates. These valuations impact the amount you pay in rates each financial year.

Property revaluation occurs every three years, with the most recent assessment of Kalgoorlie-Boulder properties conducted in October 2023.

How your rates are calculated

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







HOW YOUR RATES SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY

We're investing in our community to deliver priorities that matter most to you. This year's budget focusses on enhancing infrastructure, community safety, and public spaces. It directly responds to feedback from last year's Community Perception Survey, with a \$101 million investment in capital works projects including:

- Upgrades to the Goldfields Oasis Recreation Centre and the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Airport
- Waste-water infrastructure
- Lighting upgrades at sporting ovals

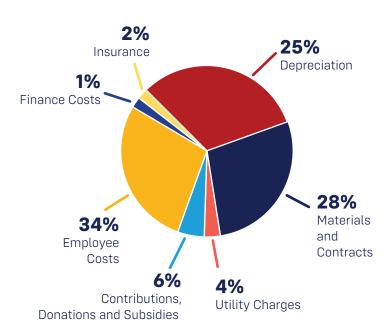
- Completion of the Kingsbury Park Youth Precinct
 redevelopment
- Essential renewals and repairs to our roads and footpaths

The City will also continue to host beloved community events and provide programs for seniors, children and youth, and maintain essential services such as library services, rubbish collection, tip services, heritage services, and more. Our community and business-related grant programs and initiatives will continue, offering support to not-for-profit organisations and dedicated local business owners.

We invite you to stay up-to-date and share your input on key projects and initiatives throughout the year on our community consultation website, **CKB Your Say**, or by signing up for our E-news on our website **ckb.wa.gov.au**

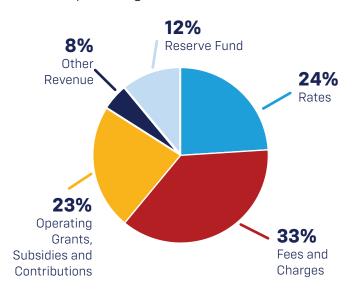
EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE BREAKDOWN

Rates revenue makes up only a portion of the overall operating expenditure needed for the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder. To reduce the reliance on rates, the City secures additional revenue from Fees and Charges, Grants, Subsidies and Contributions.



Operating Expenditure \$106.7M

Operating Revenue \$104.1M





BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

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







\$2M COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION







\$5M SPORT OVAL LIGHTING UPGRADES



\$15M COMMUNITY FACILITIES GOLDFIELDS OASIS KALGOORLIE-BOULDER AIRPORT KINGSBURY PARK YOUTH PRECINCT



\$19M RECYCLED WATER INITIATIVES AND SEWERAGE NETWORK







\$3.5M GOLDFIELDS ARTS CENTRE



Pay your rates on time to win a share of \$10K! For more information visit ckb.wa.gov.au/RatesComps or scan the QR code



KEY PROJECTS

In the 2024/25 financial year, the City is investing in a range of projects that speak directly to your feedback. These priority projects align with our Strategic Community Plan 2020/30 and Long-Term Financial Plan 2023/33, with a particular focus on investment in infrastructure, community safety and crime prevention, and public open spaces.



COMMUNITY GRANTS AND

NOT FOR PROFIT SUPPORT

ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

How to pay your rates

Payment Methods

We offer multiple options for paying your rates including:

- In- Person Credit, debit card and cheque payments can be made at the City's Administration Building, 577 Hannan St Kalgoorlie (8.30am-4.30pm Mon-Fri)
- **BPAY** enter biller code (2816) and the reference number on your remittance advice
- BPOINT visit our website or phone 13 19 98
- Australia POST- in person or over the phone
- Mailed cheque to PO Box 2042, Boulder WA 6432

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 2024. For residential ratepayers, the standard Waste Service Fee is \$426. This charge encompasses various services, including weekly rubbish collection, fortnightly recycling collection, and yearround 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.



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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 2024.

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.**

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UNDERSTANDING YOUR RATES NOTICE



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 2024/25 Domestic Waste Service Fee for each residential property is \$426.00 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 2024.

- **9. Your total rates, fees, charges for 2024/25** 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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