



City of
**Kalgoorlie
Boulder**



Budget and Rates

2026/27



Message from the Mayor

Every year, setting the City's Budget comes down to one important question: how do we make the greatest difference for our community with the resources we have?

This year, Council undertook one of the most comprehensive Budget reviews I have experienced during my time as an Elected Member. Through a series of detailed workshops, Elected Members worked closely with the City's Executive Team to carefully consider priorities, assess investment opportunities and ensure

the Budget reflects the needs of our community, both now and into the future. That collaborative process has given us confidence that this Budget is balanced, responsible and focused on what matters most.

This year's Budget has been shaped by what we've heard from our community. You told us that maintaining our roads, parks, sporting facilities and community buildings, delivering reliable services, and spending responsibly are the priorities that matter most. Those priorities have guided the decisions we've made.

A strong focus has been placed on looking after the infrastructure we already have, with 89% of the City's capital works program dedicated to renewing and upgrading existing assets. By investing in renewal and upgrades, we are helping ensure these important facilities continue to support our community into the future.

We recognise that cost-of-living pressures continue to affect many households and businesses across our community. With that in mind, Council has worked hard to deliver a Budget that balances responsible financial management with continued investment in the infrastructure, facilities and services our community relies on every day. While every Budget involves difficult decisions, our focus has remained on delivering value for money and ensuring every dollar invested provides the greatest possible benefit for our community.

On behalf of my fellow Elected Members, thank you to everyone who has contributed feedback through our community consultation processes. Your input plays an important role in shaping our priorities and the decisions we make on behalf of our community.

Glenn Wilson
Mayor, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder

2026/27 Rates

This year, Council has adopted a 4.96% increase to the rate in the dollar, reduced from the advertised 6% proposal following community feedback and further Council consideration.

The 2026/27 Budget has been developed to balance affordability with the need to maintain essential services, renew ageing infrastructure and invest in the priorities identified by our community.

Your rates help fund the services, infrastructure and facilities that support everyday life in Kalgoorlie-Boulder. This includes maintaining roads, footpaths, parks and playgrounds, delivering waste and recycling services, supporting community safety initiatives, operating community facilities, maintaining the City's sewer network, and investing in the renewal of public assets.

For the average residential property (GRV \$32,240),
the total increase in rates and service charges is:

\$0.94 PER WEEK
..... OR
\$49.12 PER YEAR

This includes General Rates, Waste Services, Sewerage Charges and the Emergency Services Levy (ESL).

How your rates are calculated

Your rates are calculated using your property's Gross Rental Value (GRV) and the rate in the dollar adopted by Council each financial year. The revenue collected helps fund essential services, infrastructure and community facilities.

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
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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) *subject to the minimum rate	=	Equals the rate in the dollar*
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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
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HOW DOES KALGOORLIE-BOULDER DIFFER FROM OTHER COUNCILS

Sewerage services included in your rates

Unlike many councils, the City owns and operates its own sewerage network. This means sewerage is included in your rates, rather than being charged separately by the Water Corporation.

Airport operations

The City owns and operates Kalgoorlie-Boulder Airport, welcoming close to 500,000 passengers each year.

Free residential waste disposal

Residents can dispose of household waste free of charge at the Yarri Road Refuse Facility.

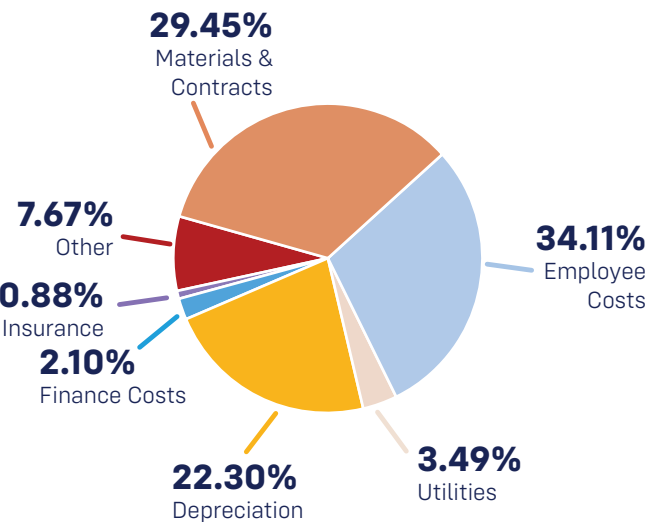
Managing large scale regional infrastructure

- **95,575 km² local government area**
The City manages one of Western Australia's largest local government areas.
- **2,000 km of roads**
Equivalent to driving from Kalgoorlie-Boulder to Darwin.
- **450 hectares of parks, gardens, sporting grounds and nature reserves**
Equivalent to approximately 300 football ovals.

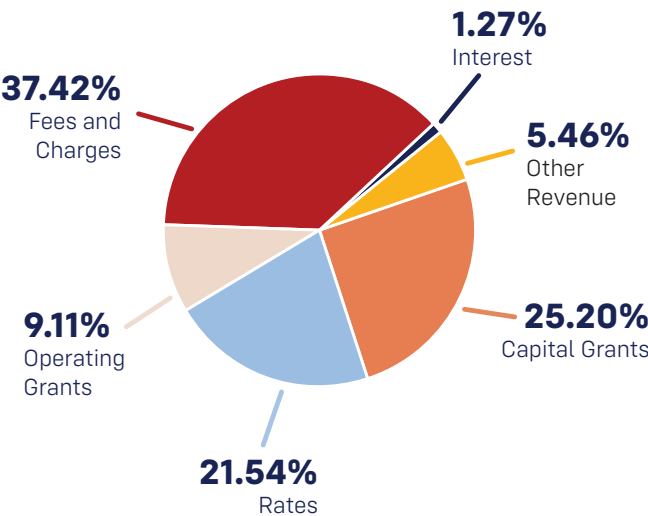
Expenditure and Revenue Breakdown

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 \$138.6M



Operating Revenue \$177.2M



Pay your rates on time to win a share of \$6,000!

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



Budget Highlights

Your rates help maintain the roads, parks, community facilities and essential services that support everyday life in Kalgoorlie-Boulder and keep our community connected.



Looking after our roads

- **\$15 million** for rural road upgrades
- **\$11.13 million** for local road upgrades and resurfacing
- **\$1.1 million** for the Footpath Renewal Program
- **\$500,000** for kerbing renewal
- **\$400,000** for drainage improvement works
- **\$100,000** for laneway renewals



Parks, playgrounds and places

- **\$475,000** for the Playground Replacement Program
- **\$395,000** to replace fencing at the Oasis and Hammond Park
- **\$190,000** for upgrades at Tupper Street Park, Norkal Park and Sewell Park
- **\$170,000** to replace the pool inflatables at the Oasis
- Ongoing maintenance of parks, sporting reserves and public open spaces



Community facilities and engagement

- The addition of a third weekly in-centre meal at the Eastern Goldfields Community Centre
- New Christmas decorations across the city
- Continued support for the City's annual Community Grants Program
- Providing fee waivers, in-kind support and Partnership Service Agreements that help community organisations continue delivering local services
- Redeveloping City facility websites to improve customer experience and accessibility
- Undertaking a Community Perceptions Survey to better understand resident priorities



Creating safer public spaces

- **\$630,000** for street lighting planning to support future lighting upgrades
- **\$492,000** for CCTV upgrades at the Airport, Sir Richard Moore Oval, Eastern Goldfields Community Centre, Men's Shed, Kalgoorlie Golf Course and the Depot/Rangers facilities
- Continued maintenance of parks, streetscapes and community facilities to improve safety, amenity and the presentation of public spaces
- Continued Safer Streets Patrol to help keep public spaces safe



Essential Infrastructure

- **\$6 million** to develop additional lagoons at the Wastewater Treatment Plant
- **\$2.5 million** to renew airport aprons
- **\$2.9 million** to airport interior updates, including toilets, baggage system & sterile (pre-boarding) waiting area
- **\$1.28 million** for electrical compliance works at the Endowment Block on Hannan St

Where do my rates go?

Your rates help the City deliver the services and maintain the infrastructure that our community relies on every day.



Here's how every \$100 collected in rates is invested.



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 2027. For residential ratepayers, the standard Waste Service Fee is \$465.50. 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 2026.

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 Rate Notice

1 Name Surname
123 Street Name
SUBURB WA POSTCODE

2 **Property Address**
123 STREET NAME

3 **ESL Category**

4 **DETAILS**

5 GRV Residential

6 Emergency Services Levy

7 Sewered Area Rates

8 Interest

9 Special Payment Arrangement Admin Fee (SPA)

10 **Assessment Number**

11 **Due Date**

12 Financial Year:
Issue Date:
VEN Number:
Valuation: \$32,240

13 Minimum Rate:
Ward:
Zoning:
Lot/Location No:
ESL Usage:
ESL Valuation:

	RATE IN \$ or CHARGE/SERVICE	CURRENT	ARREARS	TOTAL
GRV Residential	5.6380	\$1,817.70		\$1,817.70
Emergency Services Levy	0.8275	\$266.79		\$266.79
Sewered Area Rates	2.5501	\$822.15		\$822.15
Interest			\$21.91	\$21.91
Special Payment Arrangement Admin Fee (SPA)	1@49.00*	\$49.00		\$49.00
Swimming Pool/fence Inspect	1@64.00*	\$64.00		\$64.00
Waste Service Fee (R)	1@465.50	\$465.50		\$465.50
Payments Received		-\$345.00		-\$345.00
*Local Govt. Charge \$3,502.60 GST 4.45				
Total Due				\$3,162.05

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 2026/27 Domestic Waste Service Fee for each residential property is \$465.50 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 2026.

9. Your total rates, fees, charges for 2026/27

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.

The example rate notice above reflects an average residential property of GRV \$32,240.



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