

CITY OF BELMONT

# 2022-2023

## Your Rates Explained



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CITY OF OPPORTUNITY



# A Message From Your Mayor

It gives me pleasure to present the City of Belmont's Budget for the 2022-2023 financial year.

As a Council we remain committed to supporting residents and ratepayers through our commitment to low rate increases and careful planning for the future.

The Budget has been prepared in a financially responsible way that delivers services to the community and reflects that most activity will return to normal after COVID-19 interruptions over the past two years.

Accordingly, Council has committed to a 3.5 per cent increase in rate yield. The Financial Hardship Policy has been amended in 2022-2023 to support ratepayers facing any financial hardship, as opposed to only assisting those impacted by COVID-19.

This important policy has been expanded to allow hardship applications to be made at any time during the financial year.

The majority of fees related to health services, permits, licences and applications will continue to be waived.

There will also be a zero percent change in the separate rubbish charge levied as part of the rates.

My Council also continues to be one of the only councils in WA to offer a 5% discount for ratepayers who pay in full by the due date.

As in previous years, the 2022-2023 Budget includes funding for local domestic violence prevention and support programs, and ongoing commitment to the Community Safety Taskforce and Community Safety Alliance to tackle community safety and perception about crime issues. These are areas that our community tell us are important to them and have been identified as priorities.



The Budget also includes the expansion of the CCTV network, and financial support for partnerships with schools to assist with student support, engagement and alternative education opportunities.

Approximately \$13.2 million has been budgeted for the infrastructure capital works program for community facilities, parks, environment, streetscapes, roads, footpaths and drainage.

The Budget ensures we continue our activities in community and economic development, as well as the creative arts and placemaking activities.

As your Council, we are focused on communicating well, and delivering excellence in our services to the community.

With the support of our residents and businesses, the City of Opportunity continues to be a great place to live, work and invest.

**Cr Phil Marks**  
**Mayor**



# Your Rates Explained

## Where do my rates go?

Your rates provide many vital services that help to improve your neighbourhood and create a healthy, vibrant and connected society.



**Parks  
Infrastructure**

**13%**



**Building  
Infrastructure**

**5%**



**Environment  
(Specific Projects)**

**2%**



**Governance**

**7%**



**Library  
Services**

**5%**



**Security and  
Emergency Services**

**6%**



**Planning and  
Regulatory**

**6%**



**Recreation and  
Culture**

**10%**



**Transport  
Infrastructure**

**18%**



**Administration**

**11%**



**Financial  
Reserves**

**1%**



**Rubbish and  
Sanitation**

**11%**



**Youth, Family and  
Aged Services**

**5%**

**= 100%**

# Budget Objectives for 2022–2023

- ✓ Delivering the outcomes of the Strategic Community Plan through the Key Actions of the Corporate Business Plan;
- ✓ Maintaining a viable workforce through effective attraction and retention;
- ✓ Being responsive to research results and community feedback;
- ✓ Goals to be delivered through continuous business improvement
- ✓ Increase communications with the community and community development;
- ✓ Maintaining service delivery; and
- ✓ Maintaining infrastructure based on asset management plans and asset priorities.





# What Services Does the City Provide?

Your rates provide many vital services that help to improve your neighbourhood and create a healthy, vibrant and connected society. See below for a snapshot of some of the services supported by your rates.



## Infrastructure and asset management

Managing and maintaining community buildings and facilities, 231km of roads, drains and 233km footpaths.



## Waste and recycling

Residential rubbish (approx. 20,061 weekly uplifts) and recycling (approx. 20,138 fortnightly serviced), 12,288 bulk bins for bulk waste and 4,043 bulk bins for green waste, public litter bin collections (885 per week), biennial drop off days and on-demand collection for bulk items. Residents generate 16,255t of waste to landfill, 750t of bulk green material and 2778t of material from recycling bins; after processing 2117t of material was recovered.



## Strategic and statutory planning

Local Planning Scheme amendments and reviews, development application assessment, preparation of urban design and strategic plans.



## Community safety and crime prevention

Extensive CCTV network of nearly 500 cameras, Community Watch 24-Hour service (approx. 3,500 calls annually), graffiti removal, security appraisals and Emergency Management.



## Family, youth and children's services

Child immunisation clinics, family domestic violence support service and Belmont Youth Centre – The Base@Belmont.



## Community development

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse, and seniors and disability engagement, advocacy, Community Service Awards and NAIDOC Awards.



## Leisure services

Belmont Oasis Leisure Centre, sports grants and club development.



## Strategic transport and sustainability

Improving bicycle and pedestrian access, advocating for public transport improvements and TravelSmart promotion.



## Building services

Building and related approvals, street cleaning, monitoring major developments and protecting local amenity.



## Library and Museum services

Ruth Faulkner Library (approx. 218,000 items borrowed, approx. 201,000 visitors annually); Library and Museum events and activities (approx. 20,000 participants annually); Belmont Museum (approx. 45,000 visitors annually).



## Arts and Place

Annual City of Belmont Art Awards, The Artist's Place Gallery Space, Creative Clinics and Arts Education Programs, Little Libraries, Your Neighbour Grants and Place Activation initiatives in the local community.



## Festivals and community events

Kidz Fest, Autumn River Festival, Harmonise Cultural Festival, Carols in the Park, Let's Celebrate Festival and The Imaginarium.



## Parks and environment

Maintenance of open spaces (including parks, gardens, natural areas, sporting grounds/ infrastructure and playgrounds). Environmental protection and sustainability, including foreshore stabilisation, environmental restoration, and tree planting to increase canopy cover.



## Compliance, parking and traffic

Animal management, local laws, food safety, public health, noise, dumping, asbestos, parking enforcement and bush fire management.



## Advocacy, engagement and communications

Regular community consultations, advocacy on strategic issues, print and website publications including Belmont Bulletin, Belmont BeNews enewsletter, social media and online communications to the community.



## Finance, risk and performance

Long term financial planning, annual budgeting, financial management, performance reporting, auditing, procurement, tenders and contract management.



## Governance

Coordination of Council agendas and minutes, statutory compliance, statutory and corporate planning, risk management, business continuity, insurance, records management, freedom of information and legal advice for a range of matters.



## Administrative support services

Human resources, organisational development, innovation, computer and telecommunications support across all Council services.

# Projects and Initiatives

The Budget for the 2022-2023 year includes funding for some of the following significant projects and initiatives.

## Wilson Park Netball Courts

**\$2,505,000**

Renewal/upgrade of the Wilson Park netball courts and sports lighting to meet current standards which includes \$892,213 in grant funding.



## Crime Prevention Initiatives

**\$2,837,410**

Community safety and crime prevention, expansion of CCTV network, criminal damage (graffiti) control.



## Playground Renewal/ Upgrade

**\$1,285,000**

Upgrade of Middleton Park, Peachey Park, Volcano Park, Centenary Park East, Tomato Lake, Hoffman Park, Brearley Park North and Garvey Park.



## Belmont Oasis Leisure Centre Refurbishment

**\$800,331**

Replacement of existing basketball backboards, repairs to roof and replacement of solar matting.



## Abernethy Road Projects

**\$1,478,400**

Five projects in various sections of Abernethy Road within the Metropolitan Regional Road Group.



## Belvidere Street Precinct Revitalisation

**\$200,000**

For concept design, feasibility, design development and staging plan for the Belvidere Street Revitalisation project.



## Middleton Park

**\$250,000**

Installation of new lighting towers.



## Community Contribution Fund

**\$80,000**

Funding for community groups.



## Belmont Business Innovation Grants

**\$20,000**

Grants to promote innovation by local businesses.



# Differential and Minimum Rates

Outlined below is an extract from the Statement of Objectives and Reasons for each Differential and Minimum Rate.

For more information, please refer to the City of Belmont's 2022-2023 Annual Budget.

Differential Category	Cents in Dollar	Minimum
Residential	6.9069	885
Commercial	7.2951	1040
Industrial	7.3149	1060

## Residential Rate

The Residential rate imposes a differential rate on land primarily used for residential purposes. The rate in the dollar has been determined on the basis that ratepayers make a reasonable contribution to the cost of local government services and facilities.

Council is committed to increasing the residential rates base resulting in growth which will evenly distribute the overheads of maintaining the infrastructure of the City. There are continuing positive signs of redevelopment under the current Local Planning Scheme, and this is envisaged to continue to increase into the foreseeable future.

## Commercial and Industrial Rates

The location of both the Perth Airport and the Kewdale Freight Terminal has encouraged industry to locate within the City of Belmont. This results in large volumes of heavy traffic within the City and therefore an accelerated deterioration of roads which is a major factor in the differential categories and their respective rates and minimum payments (i.e. with Industrial sectors having a slightly higher rate in the dollar and minimum payment than Commercial sector).

Both the Commercial and Industrial sectors also require greater resourcing and expenditure from Council on services such as Health, Building and Town Planning. The differential rates and minimum payments reflect the levels of costs and resourcing required to service each sector of the community.

Council is also mindful of the employment opportunities generated by both sectors and therefore, keeps the differential as reasonable as possible.

Council also recognises that the Commercial and Industrial sectors form an integral part of the City's rate base and therefore uses the City of Opportunity Marketing Strategy to support and promote both sectors.

Council will continue to compare its rates in the dollar and minimum payments with other neighbouring local governments for benchmarking purposes.

## Minimum Rating

The minimum payments for 2022-2023 have been set to ensure the minimum level of service required is adequately funded. Minimum payments serve other key purposes in relation to encouraging owners of vacant land to develop the site for whichever purpose it is zoned. This process further complements the State Government initiative of promoting urban infill and arresting the urban sprawl that burdens the State's ability to provide infrastructure assets.





# Rate Notices and Financial Hardship

## Electronic Rate Notices (eRates)

You can now register to receive future rate notices by email rather than post.

To register, complete the registration form at [www.belmont.wa.gov.au/rates](http://www.belmont.wa.gov.au/rates) - Full Terms and Conditions are to be read prior to making the application.

Once your registration has been completed, you will receive a confirmation email. The registration process will automatically close 10 days prior to the issue date of a rate notice.

If the registration has not been received in time, you will automatically receive that rate notice by post and any following notices will be issued electronically.

## Financial Hardship and Payment arrangements

Financial Hardship – If you are suffering financial hardship due to COVID19 (but not limited to), please read our Hardship Policy and contact the City as soon as possible to discuss your situation. You may be asked to provide information that is unique to your situation to assist with your application.

Alternative arrangement - If you are having trouble paying your rates, you can apply for a payment arrangement with payments being made on a weekly, fortnightly, or monthly basis. The City will work with you to set up a payment plan.

Direct Debit – You can set up a Direct Debit arrangement where payments are directly debited from your bank account on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly payment.

Please contact the Rates Department on 9477 7222 to discuss any of these payment arrangements .

All payment arrangements and direct debit application forms are available online at [www.belmont.wa.gov.au/rates](http://www.belmont.wa.gov.au/rates) or at the City Civic Centre.

## Key Dates to remember for the 2022-2023 Rates Calendar

	Issue Date	Due Date
<b>2022-2023 Rate notice</b>	Monday, 1 August 2022	Monday, 5 September 2022
<b>2nd Instalment</b>	Monday, 10 October 2022	Monday, 7 November 2022
<b>3rd Instalment</b>	Monday, 12 December 2022	Tuesday, 10 January 2023
<b>4th Instalment</b>	Friday, 10 February 2023	Friday, 10 March 2023



# Your City of Belmont Councillors

## East Ward:



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**Cr Margie Bass**

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**Cr Bernie Ryan**

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## South Ward:



**Cr Natalie Carter**

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**Cr Steve Wolff**

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