



Shire of Mingenew

Budget Summary and Rates Information – 2023/24

The Shire of Mingenew is a key provider of local services, facilities and support programs to the community. The Shire's infrastructure and services continually need to be maintained, renewed and upgraded to meet current and future community needs.

The continued support from both the Federal and State governments is essential and accounts for 60% of the Shire's revenue and much of the infrastructure project funding for 2023/24. Our known funding partners for this year to which we share our gratitude are:

- Main Roads Western Australia,
- Roads to Recovery,
- Department of Fire and Emergency Services
- Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program
- Regional Development Australia and
- Lotterywest.

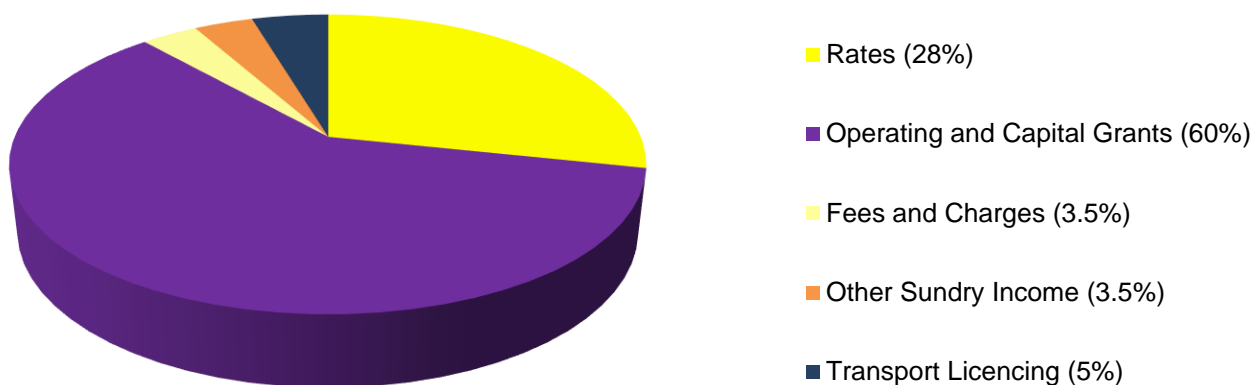
Some of the larger projects that the Shire will be carrying out are:

- New 24 space Day Care Facility,
- Purchase/construction of new housing,
- New clubhouse for the Tennis Club (carried forward from 2022/23),
- Upgrade of the Recreation Centre to be able to serve as an evacuation centre,
- Upgrade 5.7 km of Coalseam Road,
- Safety improvements for the Yarragadee Bridge (carried forward from 2022/23),
- Planning for the upgrade of the Mingenew Spring,
- Construction of a small water play facility in the Cecil Newton Park Precinct,
- New digital information sign for the town and
- An expanded road improvement program.

The Shire of Mingenew must ensure that the provision of services are cost effective in the long term while managing the physical and social environments.

Where does the money come from?

For the 2023/24 Financial Year the Shire of Mingenew has budgeted for a Total Comprehensive Income of \$8.64m, comprising operating and capital grants (60%), Rates (28%), Transport Licencing (5% - offset by Transport Licencing Expenditure), Fees and Charges (3.5%) and Other Sundry Income (3.5%). Depending on the level of grant funding for any particular year, these percentages may vary.



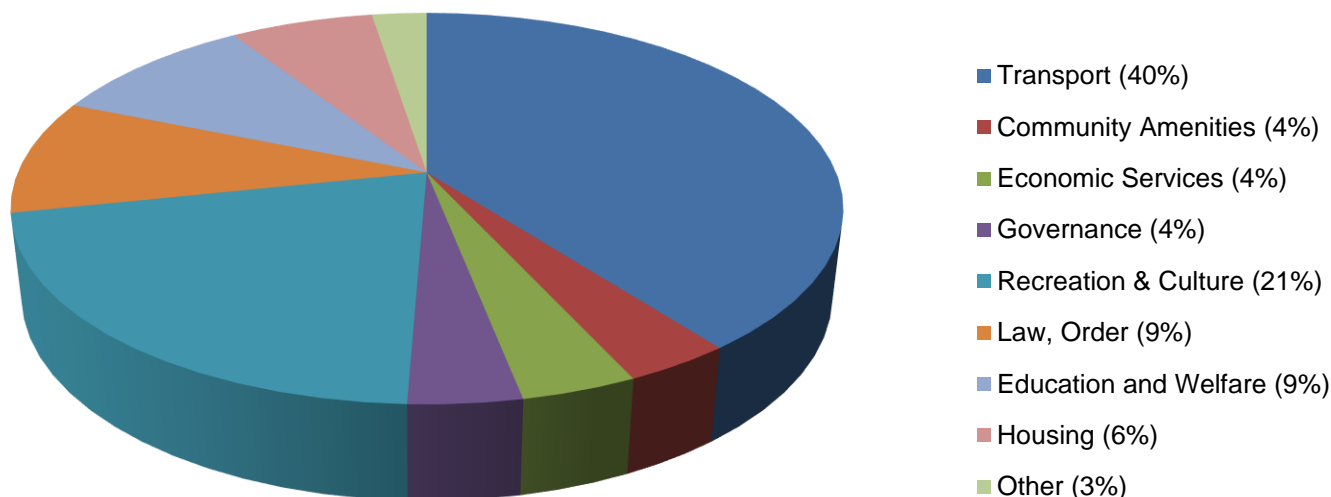
Where is the money spent?

All of the Shire's revenue is spent providing essential services to enhance the everyday lives for ratepayers and visitors. The Shire builds and maintains roads, manages waste, maintains open spaces, provides sporting facilities and community development projects. These services are guided by community expectations and desires reflected in its Strategic Community Plan.

As a Local Government, the Shire also has significant compliance and governance responsibilities that must be carried out. This includes the development of various strategic and operational plans, providing reports and information to the State Government and other external agencies, and ensuring we have systems and processes in place for the demonstrated sound management of public resources.

Some of these essential services include:

- **Transport** - \$4.69m for the maintenance, renewal and upgrade of roads, bridges, culverts, pavements and footpaths
- **Recreation & Culture** - \$2.50m for the provision of recreational infrastructure
- **Economic Services** - \$452,000 for the provision of services to the community, tourism and promotion
- **Community Amenities** - \$422,000 for community infrastructure, waste and other services
- **Governance** - \$441,000 to meet Shire's operational, regulatory and compliance requirements
- **Education and Welfare** - **\$1.14** for a new Child Care Facility and maintenance of other facilities such as the Autumn Centre and Mens Shed
- **Other** - \$2.22m for bush fire management (including new fire truck and fire truck shed for \$950,000 – funded by DFES) & animal control, health, education & welfare, housing and other property and services



Infrastructure Renewal and Improvements

The Shire of Mingenew will spend \$5.92m on infrastructure renewal and improvements in 2023/24. Key projects include:

Transport	
Upgrade to Yarragadee Bridge – fully funded (c/f from 22/23)	\$800,000
Coalseam Rd – 5.7km’s of reconstruction and widening – two thirds funded	\$900,000
Plant replacement – fully funded by DFES	\$950,000
Shire gravel road resheeting – Strawberry North East Road	\$190,000
Shire priority rural roads – wet formation grading	\$260,000
Recreation & Culture	
New water play facility (Cecil Newton Park) – fully funded	\$150,000
Tennis Clubroom replacement – partly funded (c/f from 2022/23)	\$400,000
Planning for the Mingenew Spring upgrade – 80% funded	\$100,000
Recreation Centre upgrade to evacuation centre – fully funded	\$455,000
Housing	
New Shire housing purchase or construction – loan funded	\$400,000
Education & Welfare	
New day care facility – 95% funded (c/f from 2022/23)	\$1,000,000

Rates Unravelled

If you have always wondered how exactly rates work, here is a quick snapshot of the terms, definitions and calculations that make up your rates.

Your rates are calculated based on one of two values:

- i. **Gross Rental Value (GRV)** for residential, commercial, industrial and other developed properties, or
- ii. **Unimproved Value (UV)** for rural and undeveloped properties.

GRV is the estimated annual rental value of your property. The value for vacant residential land is calculated at 3% of the determined resale value, and for commercial or industrial land it is calculated at 5% of the determined resale value.

UV is the site value of an unimproved property. These values are provided to the Shire of Mingenew by the Valuer General (State Government). The Shire Council then sets a “rate

in the dollar" for different rating categories (such as residential, industrial and commercial), which means that your rates are calculated as a small percentage of the assessed value of your property. This year, the rate in the dollar set for GRV properties is 15.5660 cents (2022/23 15.9209 cents), which equates to a decrease of 2.2%. The rate in the dollar for UV properties is 0.9676 cents (2022/23 1.0824), which equates to a decrease of 10.6%.

For example, a property with a GRV of \$10,400, rates would be calculated by multiplying the GRV (\$10,400) by the rate in the dollar (15.5660 c), which equals to \$1,619. Property owners do have the right to appeal their assessed property value with the Valuer General's Office (State Government) within 60 days of the issue of the rates notice.

The total Rates Revenue budgeted for the 2023/24 financial year is \$2,447,031 (including concessions, back rates, interim rates and ex-gratia payments) and represents an increase of 10.79% over the actual rates raised in 2022/23. Council has approved this increase as a 5% general rates increase and 5% for a road improvement program.

The values of GRV properties have not been changed for the 2023/24 financial year. The values of UV properties have increased by 25.18%, as provided by the Valuer General, taking into account the current market conditions.

The minimum rates for GRV properties have increased by 10% to \$840 (2022/23: \$764). The minimum rates for UV properties have increased by 10% to \$1,263 (2022/23: \$1,148).

Waste Management

The Shire of Mingenew's annual sanitation charge for town site waste management has increased by 5% to \$431 (2022/23: \$410). The waste charge pays for your refuse bin collection each week and includes the disposal of non-recycled waste from all these collections and maintenance of the Mingenew Transfer Station. There is currently no charge to Shire of Mingenew residents for use of the Transfer Station. It should be noted that the revenue received for waste management only covers 50% of the operational costs for this service.

DFES Levy

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) Levy listed on your rates notice does not go to the Shire of Mingenew. Instead, this money goes to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) which is distributed to Emergency Services throughout the State and to Local Fire Services. Questions and Answers regarding this levy can be found on the DFES website: www.dfes.wa.gov.au/esl. For 2023/24 the annual fee is legislated at \$98 per property for ESL Category 5 (applicable to the Shire of Mingenew).

Payment of Rates

Payment in Full

Rates can be paid in full by making payment by 4pm on **Friday 25 August 2023**.

Instalment Plan

If you wish to pay your rates by instalment you must pay your first instalment by Friday 25 August 2023.

If the first instalment is not paid by the due date, then you will not be eligible to participate in the instalment program.

You can pay your rates notice in four instalments. The instalment due dates for this option are as follows:

Instalment 1: **Due 25 August 2023**

Instalment 2: Due 27 October 2023

Instalment 3: Due 12 January 2024

Instalment 4: Due 15 March 2024.

Administration Fee

An Administration Fee of \$51 (\$17 per instalment with the first instalment being free) is charged to cover the cost of administering the instalment program (2022/23 \$48).

Penalty Interest

All rate notices that are not paid in full and do not participate in the instalment plan by 25 August 2023 will be charged interest on a daily basis at the rate of 11% per annum (2022/23 7%).

Overdue instalment payments will be charged interest on a daily basis at the rate of 5.5% per annum (2022/23 5.5%).

Payment Options

There are a variety of payment options available to pay your rates and these include;

BPAY

BPAY is a fast, secure and trusted method of payment. Simply use the BPAY biller code and customer reference number (shown on your rates notice) to pay.

In Person

Payment can be made in person at the Shire Office at 21 Victoria Street by using EFTPOS facilities, cash or cheque.

By Mail

Payment can be made by posting a cheque or money order to PO Box 120, MINGENEW WA 6522. If payment is posted, please allow sufficient time for it to reach the Shire Office by the due date.

Telephone

Payment can be made by calling the Shire Office on (08) 9928 1102 and quoting your credit card details for our staff to process your payment.

Difficulty in paying your Rates

The Shire has a Financial Hardship Policy if you have difficulty paying your rates. It can be accessed via the website (<https://mingenew.wa.gov.au/shire-rates/>) or by contacting our office.

Pensioner and Senior Concessions

If you have a valid concession card you could qualify for a rebate or a deferment on paying a portion of your rates. Please contact the Rates Officer at the Shire Office for more information.

Rates Notices

Rates Notices will be emailed to Ratepayers rather than sent by mail. If you do not have an email address you will still receive your Rates Notice via the mail.

The Shire is always looking at ways to make the process easier for Ratepayers. If you have any suggestions, concerns or comments, please contact the Rates Officer at the Shire Office.

For more information on Rates or the 2023/24 Budget please contact the Shire of Mingenew on 9928 1102 or visit our website at www.mingenew.wa.gov.au.