

# Budget Guide

## 2024/25



## From the Shire President



With the 2024/25 budget adopted by Council, we are pleased to continue investing in the community's vision where Murray is an outstanding place for community, lifestyle and opportunity.

Through the budget, the Shire will deliver a range of services and projects that align to community aspirations under five strategic pillars – people, planet, place, prosperity and performance – with a particular focus on health, economic development, tourism development and environmental sustainability.

As you read through this brochure, you will see how we will continue to deliver essential ratepayer services, while also maintaining facilities and investing in the future.

Specifically, we will invest:

**\$10,997,741** in sport and recreation

**\$6,358,021** in economic development and tourism

**\$21,990,114** in roads, footpaths, bridges and drainage

**\$1,519,659** in heritage, culture and events

**\$3,064,353** in town planning and environmental protection

**\$3,632,276** in health, welfare and community safety

**\$4,850,549** in waste management

As part of this, we will progress with some exciting projects. We will complete the much anticipated redevelopment of the Exchange Hotel, install new sport and recreational facilities, progress with a number of road works and foot paths, and install additional CCTV.

All projects are fully-funded through this budget, and long-term financial plan. This allows us to proudly deliver on community priorities.

Community expectations are always at the forefront of Council decisions. With a budget that is aligned closely to our Council Plan, we have great confidence we are investing appropriately in community aspirations.

I invite you to read more about these activities further in this publication, and also on our website.

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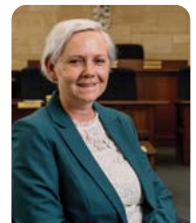


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# Council Plan

## The Shire of Murray Council Plan 2023 – 2033, sets the Shire’s priorities for ten years.

Informed by significant community consultation, the Council Plan represents community priorities and aligns our actions to them.

It includes five strategic focus areas - people, planet, place, prosperity and performance – with a particular focus on health, economic development, tourism development and environmental sustainability.

Inclusive of 186 specific actions across multiple themes, the plan outlines the deliberate steps we will take to drive outcomes and achieve the vision.



### People

Our community enjoys excellent health, wellbeing and quality of life.



### Planet

Our natural environment is cared for and appreciated.



### Place

Our rural charm is preserved while we grow by embracing innovative urban design ideas.



### Prosperity

Our economy is thriving with diverse business, tourism and job opportunities.



### Performance

Our can-do attitude helps us to achieve desired outcomes and continuously strive for excellence.



[View our Council Plan](#)



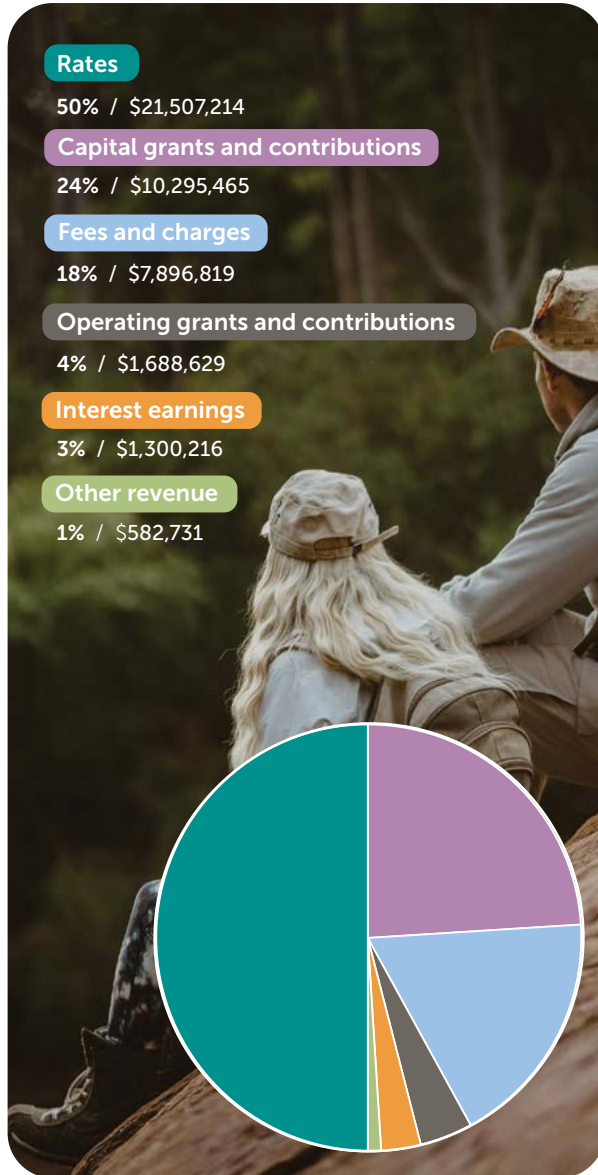
**Our vision for Murray:  
an outstanding place for community,  
lifestyle and opportunity**










# Revenue

Did you know... your rates only account for 50% of the Shire's revenue.

View the full breakdown of our revenue below.



# Expenditure highlights

- 
**Sport and recreation**  
 Murray Aquatic and Leisure Centre, Murray Library, green spaces and community facilities such as playgrounds and skate/BMX parks.  
**\$11m**
- 
**Waste management**  
 Bin collection services, recycling and verge collections as well as managing hazardous waste and waste transfer station.  
**\$4.9m**
- 
**Health, welfare and community safety**  
 Health inspections, senior citizen and youth services. Ranger services, CCTV and community safety initiatives.  
**\$3.6m**
- 
**Economic development and tourism**  
 Dwellingup Trails and Visitor Centre, Food Innovation Precinct Western Australia, promotion of tourism destinations and economic stimulation projects.  
**\$6.4m**
- 
**Transport**  
 Roads, footpaths, cycleways, bridges and drainage.  
**\$22m**
- 
**Heritage, culture and events**  
 Public art, festivals and events, and maintenance of built and natural heritage.  
**\$1.5m**
- 
**Town planning and environmental protection**  
 Administration of town planning schemes and services, and environmental protection programs.  
**\$3.1m**

# Major projects

## Investment in 2024/25

### The Exchange Hotel

Completion of the building and site redevelopment, creating a regional icon and destination hospitality venue.<sup>2</sup>



\$1.5m

### Sir Ross McLarty Oval

Completion of the car parking and construct new cricket wickets and supporting infrastructure adjacent to the Lovegrove Sports Pavilion. Overall project cost \$3,804,511.<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>



\$630k

### Humphrey Park

Improving community facilities including greenspace to encourage a kickabout space for exercise, plus associated play equipment and recreational facilities.<sup>1</sup>



\$300k

### Corio Road Transfer Station

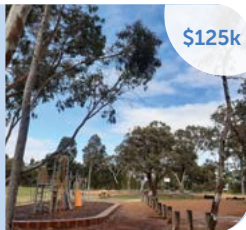
Installation of a moving floor and compactor at the Corio Road Waste Transfer Station.



\$950k

### North Dandalup Public Open Space

Introducing multicourts for basketball and netball, plus cricket wickets. Overall project cost \$600,000.



\$125k

### Footpaths

Renewal and upgrade of pathways across the shire, including 3km upgrade to the footpath linking to North Pinjarra.



\$640k

### Munday Avenue Extension

Progressing with design and construction works that will provide direct access to Greenlands Road; improving transport options to the Pinjarra industrial area for heavy vehicles.<sup>1</sup>



\$2.4m

### Coolup Road South

Continuing road reconstruction and upgrade works along a 2km section.<sup>2</sup>



\$440k

### Regional roads

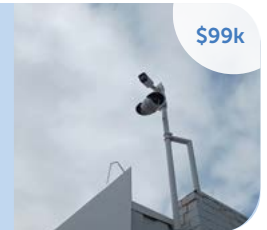
Design and/or construction works on a variety of roads including Burnside Road, Lakes Road, Hopelands Road, Paterson Road, Old Mandurah Road, South Yunderup Road, Del Park Road and Old Bunbury Road.<sup>1</sup>



\$1.9m

### CCTV network

Investment to expand security network for community safety in the Pinjarra Central Business District.<sup>3</sup>



\$99k

<sup>1</sup> Supported by State Government

<sup>2</sup> Supported by Australian Government

<sup>3</sup> Supported by Alcoa

<sup>4</sup> Supported by Cricket Australia

Check out more about these, and other major projects on our website



# How rates are calculated

The 2024/25 budget considers the impact of rates on residents and ratepayers, while balancing the need for revenue to fund service delivery and achieve the objectives of the 2024 Council Plan. An increase of 3.95% has been applied to the overall rate yield for the 2024/25 financial year.

Property valuations provided by the Valuer General are used as the basis for calculation of rates each year. Rates are calculated by multiplying a property's value by the applicable rate in the dollar. A revaluation has occurred across all properties within the Shire of Murray for the 2024/25 rating year. Properties rated on the Unimproved Value method are revalued every year, while Gross Rental Value properties were last revalued in 2017. As a result of the 2024 revaluations overall property values have increased. Council has reassessed and adjusted its rate in the dollar for each rating category to counteract the overall impact of valuation movements. This ensures a consistent and equitable distribution of the required rates yield from one year to the next.

For the 2024/25 financial year Council will impose the following differential rating categories. These categories ensure that rate revenue is collected on a fair and equitable basis, taking into consideration the cost of delivering services to each of the respective land classes in the district.

## Objects and Reasons

### UV General

#### Characteristic

Properties that are used for purposes other than rural lifestyle or industrial/ mining.

#### Object

The object of this differential rate is to ensure that all ratepayers make a reasonable contribution towards the services and infrastructure provided and maintained by the Shire for the benefit of residents.

#### Reason

This is considered the base rate by which all other UV rated properties are assessed. Revenue derived from this category will assist with funding the service levels expected by the community, achieving strategic community objectives and minimum standards of performance to which the Council will be measured by the State Government and others.

### UV Rural Lifestyle

#### Characteristic

Properties that are used primarily for residential purposes.

#### Object

The object of this differential rate is to ensure that all UV property owners with a residential use make a reasonable and consistent contribution towards the services and infrastructure provided and maintained by the Shire for the benefit of the residents. This rate is to be slightly higher than the general rate.

#### Reason

The slightly higher rate in the dollar is to reflect the higher cost of servicing these properties and to better align the contribution of these properties to other properties with a similar use.

### UV Industrial/ Mining

#### Characteristic

Properties used for industrial or mining purposes.

#### Object

The object of this differential rate is to ensure that all UV property owners which carry out impactful activities, contribute adequately to the services and infrastructure of the community. This rate is to be higher than the general rate.

#### Reason

The higher rate is to reflect the impact of activities which have a significant negative impact on the strategic planning, local environment, structure and the rural character of the district and where development and livability within the district is impacted from these activities.

## Minimum Payments

General rates are calculated by multiplying a property's valuation (GRV or UV) by the rate in the dollar set by Council, less any concessions. If the calculated rates are below the minimum rate contribution, the minimum rate applies.

The Shire imposes a minimum payment across all rating categories. The minimum payments have been determined by Council on the basis that all ratepayers must make a reasonable contribution to the cost of service delivery and provision of facilities. The minimum rates that have been adopted by Council for 2024/25 are:

Rate Category	Minimum Payment
GRV General	\$1,317
GRV General (Storage Unit)	\$991
UV General	\$1,317
UV Rural Lifestyle	\$1,317
UV Industrial / Mining	\$1,317

The lesser minimum applied to GRV General for storage unit properties is in recognition that storage units are additional facilities utilised by existing residents and ratepayers and do not necessarily increase demand for Council services.

## Concessions

Under Section 6.47 of the Local Government Act 1995, Council offers the following rate concessions.

Circumstances in which the waiver or concession is granted	Objects and reasons of the waiver or concession
Bona-fide primary producers residing within the Shire as per Policy F7.	In recognition of the critical economic importance of the agricultural industry, Council has adopted Policy F7 to assist bona-fide primary producers.
Bona-fide primary producers residing within neighbouring Shires as per Policy F7.	In recognition of the critical economic importance of the agricultural industry, Council has adopted Policy F7 to assist bona-fide primary producers.

Applied to strata-titled lots within the Riverglades Complex.

Concession applied in recognition of property owners required to pay the mandated fee under the Caravan Parks & Camping Grounds Regulations.

Applied to the property located at Lot 7 Mounsey Road, West Coolup whilst the property is made available as a recognised forward fire base.

Concession applied in recognition of the community benefit afforded by the use of the airfield in assisting with firefighting activities.

Applied to the property located at 7 Paceway Court, Pinjarra.

Concession applied to reduce rates on the property to an equitable level in recognition of the importance of the equine industry to the district.

## Exemptions

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.26 of the Local Government Act 1995, Council is required to provide a rating exemption to various organisations operating within the Shire. This results in the wider Shire of Murray community subsidising these property owners. The estimated rates exemption for the 2024/25 financial year totals \$235,387.

Totals for individual categories:

S6.26 (d) Religious Purposes \$20,770

S6.26 (e) Religious School \$12,480

S6.26 (f) Non-Government School \$9,879

S6.26 (g) Charitable Purposes (including Social Housing) \$81,859

S6.26 (j) Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Act 2005 \$110,399





# Waste and recycling





Verge collections	Green waste	Green waste 2	Hard waste
<b>AREA 1</b> Pinjarra, North Pinjarra, West Pinjarra, Dwellingup, Meelon	7 October 2024	17 March 2025	20 January 2025
<b>AREA 2</b> North Yunderup, South Yunderup, Ravenswood, Murray Bend	14 October 2024	24 March 2025	27 January 2025
<b>AREA 3</b> Furnissdale, Barragup, Coolup, West Coolup, Birchmont, Yamba, North Dandalup, Nambeelup, Stake Hill	21 October 2024	31 March 2025	3 February 2025

## Verge collection guide

### Green waste

-  Tree and shrub prunings up to 1.5m with trunks up to 0.3m in diameter
-  Lawn clippings, loose leaves, stumps, palm logs, weeds, root material, general rubbish or whitegoods

### Hard waste

-  Whitegoods, scrap metal, bed frames, lounges, cupboards, furniture and materials less than 1.5m long
-  Tyres, batteries, car bodies or parts, green waste, asbestos, building rubble, hazardous waste or glass



# 2024/25 Recycling Calendar

## July 2024

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

## August 2024

M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

## September 2024

M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

## October 2024

M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

## November 2024

M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

## December 2024

M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

## January 2025

M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

## February 2025

M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

## March 2025

M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

## April 2025

M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

## May 2025

M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

## June 2025

M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

 Recycle weeks

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