

SHIRE OF EXMOUTH BUDGET NEWS



Budget Overview from the Shire President

The Exmouth Shire is proud to announce a new, financially responsible budget that promises to bring positive changes to our community. This year, we are focusing on increased spending on footpaths, plant replacement, community projects, and further initiatives to prevent illegal camping within the Shire of Exmouth.

Created with the principles of the Strategic Community Plan and the Corporate Business Plan 2023 - 2033, our budget reflects a balanced approach to addressing the needs and expectations of our residents.

Rising costs have impacted households, businesses, and pastoral stations alike over the past 12 months, and the Shire has also felt the strain. Despite these challenges, we have diligently worked to balance our budget while meeting community expectations.

Balancing the budget while addressing rising operating costs has been challenging, but we are confident that our approach is both responsible and responsive. We are dedicated to delivering a budget that not only meets the current needs of our community but also sets a strong foundation for the future.

Understanding the cost of living pressures faced by many, we have introduced fee relief for ratepayers. This initiative allows for instalments on rate payments without interest charges, easing financial burdens and providing much-needed support to our residents.

We look forward to continue working together to build a stronger and more vibrant community.

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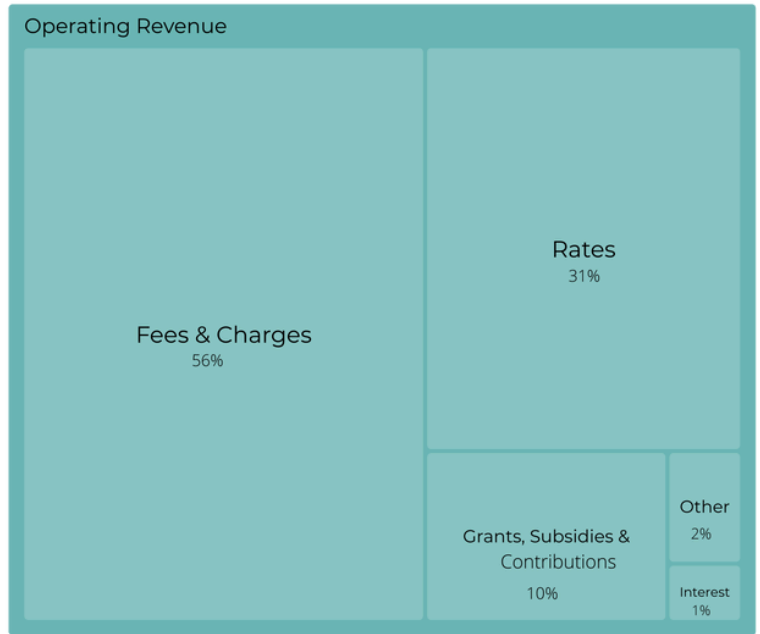
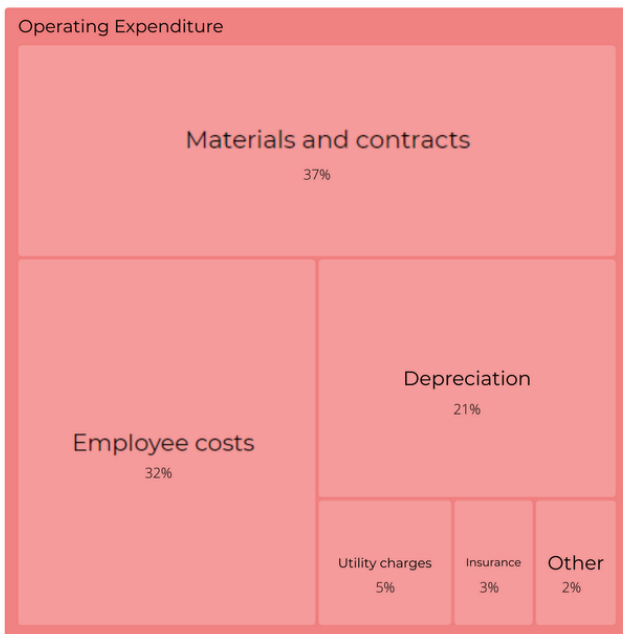
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Income & Expenditure

In the 2024/25 financial year, the Council's biggest source of revenue is expected to come from fees & charges and accounts for **56%** of the operating revenue.

Council employee costs attribute to 32% of total operating expenditure, which is comparable to other Shires in the region and has decreased compared to previous years.



Budget at a Glance

Budget SurplusNil

All surplus funds will be transferred into reserves for preservation of Shire assets and / or major capital projects.

Capital Expenditure\$4,789,000

Capital Grants\$2,132,000

Transfer from Reserves \$2,089,000

Loan Repayments\$379,571

Transfer to Reserves\$4,733,067

New BorrowingsNil

Net Operating Grants\$2,247,400



Infrastructure Works



Illegal Camping Initiatives



Community Initiatives



Recycling Initiatives

Project Highlights

The Shire of Exmouth Council is putting its best foot forward to ensure our streets become safe for pedestrians, bike riders, and vehicles. We understand the importance of a well-connected and modern streetscape, and that's why we are investing in road renewals, new dual footpaths and crossings with \$2,789,000. These improvements will not only enhance safety but also promote a more active and healthy lifestyle for everyone in our community.

Our commitment to the community doesn't stop at the streets. We are also focusing on significant infrastructure upgrades at key locations with \$695,000. The Learmonth Airport and Heliport are receiving much-needed enhancements to better serve our residents and visitors, including the detailed airport parking design.

We understand the importance of preserving our natural landscapes and ensuring that everyone enjoys their stay responsibly. To address this, the Council has introduced additional initiatives to prevent illegal camping with \$290,000.

As we look ahead to the upcoming financial year, recycling and community initiatives will be major focuses for the Shire of Exmouth with projects valued at \$295,000. We are dedicated to reducing our environmental footprint and promoting sustainable practices within our community. By implementing effective recycling programs and encouraging community participation, we aim to create a more sustainable Exmouth.

Other Projects

Talanjee Oval - Lights Upgrade	\$200,000	EDHS Hard Courts Light Upgrade ...	\$20,000
District Water Management Strategy	\$170,000	Inflatable Movie Screen	\$15,000
Economic & Tourism Activation Strategy ...	\$100,000		



What is GRV?

Gross Rental Value (GRV) represents the gross annual rental that a property might reasonably be expected to earn each year if it was rented out. This includes associated rates, taxes, charges, insurances, and other outgoings. For non-residential properties, GST is also included.

The GRV is calculated for all rateable and leviable properties in Western Australia and used to calculate local government rates, DFES emergency service levy collected via local government and Water Corporation for water and sewerage rates.

The GRV is determined by the Valuer-General for all rateable and leviable properties in Western Australia. Landgate provides these figures to rating authorities who use it to work out the rates, service charges, and levies that property owners must pay.

Each rating authority, sets their own rate in the dollar to be charged. The Shire of Exmouth published its Notice of Intention to Levy Differential Rates as per the below overview 'Your Rates Explained' on 17 May 2024.

The rate in the dollar figure is multiplied by the GRV, with the local council adding levies (e.g. rubbish collection) to calculate the total rates payable.

GRVs for all properties are revalued by Landgate as part of a five-year cycle of revaluations, six yearly after the previous valuation (effective as of 01 July 2024) with the next valuation scheduled for 1 July 2030.

The Shire of Exmouth has no say or influence in how your property is valued.

More information can be found on Landgate's website or by contacting Landgate Customer Service Team on 1300 555 727.

YOUR RATES EXPLAINED

The objective of rates and charges included in the 2024/25 Budget is to provide for the net funding requirement of Council's operational and capital activities after considering all other forms of revenue. This year the Council adopted its 2024/25 budget at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 27 June 2024 and resolved the following rates in the dollar to be applied to properties in the Shire of Exmouth.

Rate Category	Rate in the \$	Minimum payment \$
GRV General	0.0958	1160
GRV Marina Development	0.1294	1160
GRV Holiday Homes	0.1328	1160
GRV Vacant Land	0.1915	910
UV Mining	0.2037	300
UV Rural	0.1020	910
GRV Specified Area Rate	0.0170	Nil

ENROL TO VOTE

The next Ordinary Local Government Election will be held in October 2025. People who own or occupy property within a local government district, are eligible to vote.

You can check your enrolment details by contacting the Western Australian Electoral Commission on 08 9214 0400 or online at www.elections.wa.gov.au.

People who own or occupy property within the Shire of Exmouth can contact the Shire to be included on the roll as an owner/occupier by phoning 9949 3000.