

2023-24

OUR BETTER BUDGET



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for 2023-24**



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Dear Canning ratepayer

I am proud to present Canning's 2023-2024 Annual Budget, our Better Budget. This is a budget that focuses on delivering better and more cost-effective services, delivers increased investment in the community assets that you value, and sets us up for the future.

We have heard your calls for improved service delivery and larger investment into local playgrounds, community facilities, community safety, environment and conservation, and we've allocated \$44 million for projects and capital works to deliver on those key areas.

This includes the Maniana Park Redevelopment in the Queens Park Open Space, Kent Street Weir Precinct Redevelopment, and the City's first district playground at Shelley Beach Park.

The City will quadruple its investment into playgrounds. Sporting and recreational facilities and services are also a focus, with Whaleback Golf Course and various sports field lighting, changeroom and renewal works earmarked across the City.

Your safety concerns have been heard, and the popular Security Incentive Scheme will return with a significant funding boost.

We will increase our investment in conservation and environment, including revegetation of conservation areas and planting of new trees, plus the maintenance of existing trees.

In response to community feedback, the budget paves the way for a review of our current verge collection service and will address community concerns on verge maintenance.

We've also introduced passes to our Waste Transfer Station, providing residents with free drop off of household mixed waste and recycling. You'll find these in your Annual Rates Notice.

To deliver these services and facilities in a sustainable way, we've held steadfast to our three-year financial plan. We have achieved a net reduction in operating expenditure of \$3 million per annum and, despite the increased costs of goods and services, will only be introducing a moderate rate increase of 4.65% for 2023-2024.

City of Canning rates remain among the lowest of local governments in the Perth metropolitan area.

The \$60 per annum average rate increase for residents will improve local parks and playgrounds, deliver modern community facilities, and improve core services while keeping debt to a minimum. Our decision on rates, combined with our ongoing efforts to reduce costs, will help in absorbing cost pressures and will allow the City to continue delivering services at the standard that our community expects.

I want to assure you that Council and the City administration will continue to prioritise strong economic management and will focus on providing you with value for your rates. We believe that this budget achieves these outcomes.

For more information about the budget, ratepayer benefits and incentives visit

canning.wa.gov.au/yourrates

Mayor Patrick Hall



YOUR COUNCIL

Visit **canning.wa.gov.au/wards** to find out your ward and Councillors for your area.

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Councillor
Steve Parkinson

OUR BETTER BUDGET DELIVERS BETTER AND MORE COST EFFECTIVE SERVICES, AND INVESTS IN THE ASSETS THAT YOU TOLD US MATTER MOST.

In 2023-2024, we are going to invest a total of \$170 million into the delivery of infrastructure and services to the community.

This includes:

BETTER COMMUNITY FACILITIES



\$3.3 MILLION

to provide, expand and improve our community facilities

Projects include the following infrastructure improvements:

- Prendwick Park changeroom upgrade and renewal works
- Canning Vale Pavilion changeroom upgrade and renewal works
- Ferndale Park club rooms
- Corinthian Park community facility
- Wilson Park club rooms

\$31.9 MILLION

to maintain and develop urban forests, parks and sporting reserves

\$12.5M

towards key projects including Queens Park Open Space – Maniana Park Redevelopment, sports lighting, Kent Street Weir Precinct Redevelopment, Shelley Beach Park Playground and a further 10 playground renewals.

\$19.4M

for services such as maintaining sports, community and conservation parks, local biodiversity and supporting the Urban Forest Strategy.

BETTER PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS



Head outdoors and experience:

142 playgrounds

282 open spaces (550 ha)

approx. 10km of river foreshore

approx. 5,200 new trees

approx. 78,000 existing trees

IMPROVED WASTE SERVICES



\$16.3 MILLION

to manage our waste and recycling

Key services include weekly rubbish and fortnightly recycling collections and for residents, two hard waste and green waste collections. The City is currently running a tender process to change the service provision of verge collections and once the outcome is received, we will inform residents.

Projects include the following infrastructure improvements:

- free passes to our Waste Transfer Station for household mixed waste and recycling
- two free on-demand white goods collections each financial year
- free disposal of household hazardous waste (limits apply)
- regular Reuse Markets at the Waste Transfer Station
- free drop off of clean cardboard, e-waste, polystyrene and metal at the Waste Transfer Station

BETTER PLACES TO LEARN AND CONNECT



\$7.8 MILLION

supporting community participation, engagement and activation

Projects include Community Learning Programs, young people's services, place activation, intercultural programs, services and community grants.

Get to know your community and access:

- three community libraries, including access to our 24/7 e-collections service
- Hillview Intercultural Community Centre
- two youth drop in centres and one pop-up space

EFFICIENT RECREATION



\$19.3 MILLION

to manage our recreational facilities

\$3.6M

for key projects including Cannington and Riverton Leisureplex renewal works, and Whaleback Golf Course entry, café, alfresco and Pro Shop upgrades.

\$15.7M

towards the maintenance of two leisureplexes, Whaleback Golf Course and community facilities for hire.

Get active in Canning – we have facilities for people of all abilities to be active, get fit and stay healthy.

- download the Get Active Canning app for workouts for all ages
- Leisureplex memberships give you access to Riverton and Cannington's swimming, fitness, gym and sports facilities
- tee off at Whaleback Golf Course - a picturesque 18-hole golf course with a two-storey day and night driving range
- refer to your rates notice for free passes to use at Whaleback and our Leisureplexes

BETTER INFRASTRUCTURE



\$30 MILLION

to maintain and expand transport and other infrastructure

\$11.7M

for key projects including intersection upgrades, road safety improvements and greatly extending the shared path network as part of the Cycling and Walking Plan.

\$18.3M

for operational services including the renewal and maintenance of drainage, footpaths, roads and bridges.

A VIBRANT CITY CENTRE



\$2.1 MILLION

for the City Centre regeneration program

Key projects include Cecil Avenue Central planning and design, public open space design and stage three of the Southern Link Road.

As your City Centre grows you will experience:

- better access to facilities
- safer pedestrian paths
- increased canopy cover with 130 trees on Cecil Avenue East

IMPROVED SAFETY SERVICES



\$4.3 MILLION dedicated to community safety

Key services include our Ranger and Community Safety Services and emergency preparedness. This year's budget will also see increased investment in our Security Incentive Scheme.

You can feel safe knowing Rangers and Community Safety Officers:

- are on duty 24 hours a day, seven-days-a-week
- patrol 'hot-spot' areas in highly visible vehicles to deter anti-social or criminal behaviour
- provide a free holiday watch patrol service for your home
- detect and report graffiti and vandalism

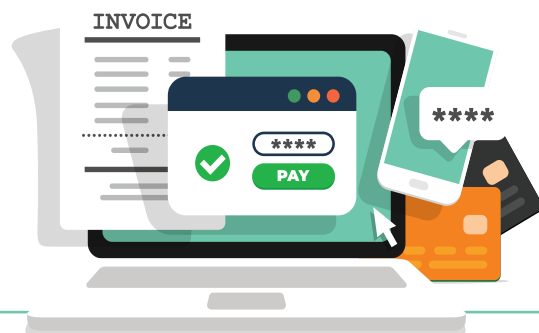
Helping you to travel around the City:

- 94,000m² of pavement – enough pavement to cover Optus Stadium three and a half times
- 4.5km of shared paths

How to pay your rates

Rates payments can be made online, by direct debit, or in person at the City's Administration building.

If you are a concession card holder, contact us to determine your eligibility to receive a rebate on your rates. Learn more at canning.wa.gov.au/yourrates



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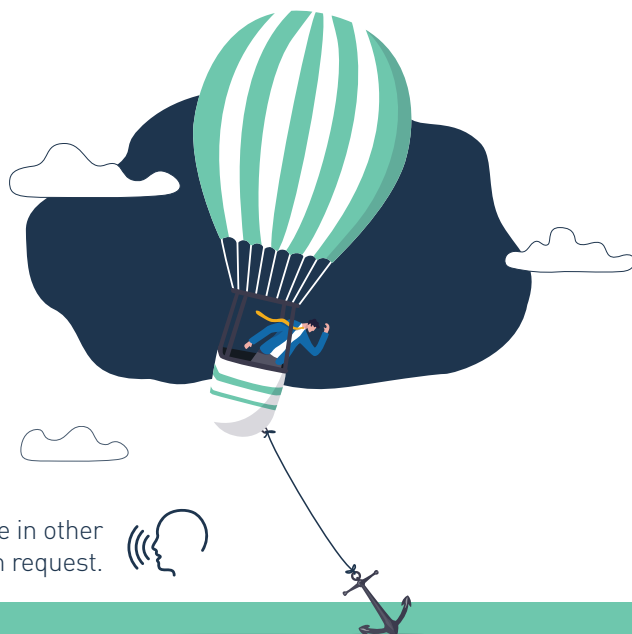
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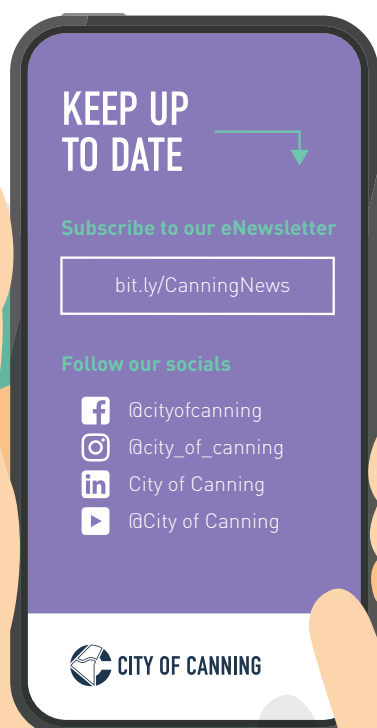
Experiencing hardship?

If you are experiencing financial hardship and are having difficulty paying your rates, please contact us so we can help you make alternative arrangements for payment – 1300 422 664 or visit canning.wa.gov.au/yourrates

If you are a concession card holder, contact us to determine your eligibility to receive a rebate on your rates.



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HAVE YOUR SAY

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yoursaycanning.com.au

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