

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



The 2025-26 Budget continues the Town's focus on maintaining and improving infrastructure. It includes new initiatives to meet community expectations, planning for the future and greening our suburb. We are also focussing on improved communication and community engagement.

The budget includes \$3.88m in capital works including grant-funded roadworks on Marine Parade and progress on the Marine Parade shared path project, as well as the Healthy Streets work on Broome Street. We've also budgeted for the continued roll-out of playground upgrades, upgrades to beach access paths, universal beach access and for the South Cottesloe toilet facility project, subject to review of the proposed location and design.

We have included funding for resources to improve our communications and community engagement, in response to feedback from our community, and for the final stages of implementing our new IT system, which will enable us to operate more efficiently and effectively.

We've budgeted for the development of our Local Planning Scheme, continuing work on the Cottesloe Village Precinct Structure Plan and development of a Parking Strategy aimed at more efficient and cost-effective management of parking throughout the Town.

Poor connectivity across our Town is addressed by funding work on a strategic transport partnership with our neighbouring local governments, with the aim of developing a common approach for lobbying for external funding.

Funded sustainability initiatives include the engagement of a dedicated sustainability officer to review our current strategies and to make recommendations on initiatives to deliver the best value and outcomes.

We have included funding for *Sculpture by the Sea*, Cottesloe which will return in 2026. Funding for the shark barrier at Cottesloe main beach will also continue.

To ensure ongoing financial resilience we will be gradually increasing our reserves so that we have funding available to meet ongoing maintenance and asset replacement costs. This year's budget sees reserves increase by approximately \$200k.

Our 2025-26 budget reflects a 3.9% increase in rates income. I think this gets the balance right, minimising the financial impact on ratepayers while delivering on the community's expectations and ensuring fiscally responsible stewardship.

Lorraine Young

Mayor, Town of Cottesloe

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

Over the coming year, the Town of Cottesloe has committed to support;

- The Grove Library
- Reconciliation Action Plan and Disability Access & Inclusion Plan
- Community Engagement
- Sustainability
- Planning for the future
- Active transport infrastructure (for pedestrians and cyclists)
- Natural Areas Management / dune restoration
- Sculpture by the Sea and Carols by Candlelight
- Donations and contributions to various local community groups

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

A Capital Works Expenditure Program includes a number of significant projects to be undertaken over the coming year including;

- Road renewal - Marine Parade (Warton Street – Pearse Street - \$722,200)
- Healthy Streets Project Stage I – Broome Street (\$550,000)
- Marine Parade Shared Path detailed design C/F (\$400,000)
- South Cottesloe toilet facility (\$300,000)
- Harvey Field playground upgrade C/F (\$280,000)
- Civic Centre playground renewal (\$200,000)
- Right of Way upgrades (\$140,000)
- Groyne access ramp works C/F (\$120,000)
- Civic Centre office refurbishments C/F (\$100,000)
- John Black Dune Park - drink fountain C/F (\$65,000)
- Renewal of timber shelters at main beach x3 (\$60,000)
- Beach Access Path step replacement – CT2I (\$50,000)
- Reticulation Marine Parade near OBH, new bore and pump (\$50,000)
- Civic Centre conservation renewal C/F (\$44,000)
- Civic Centre east façade painting and gutter replacement (\$50,000)
- Drainage works (\$40,000)

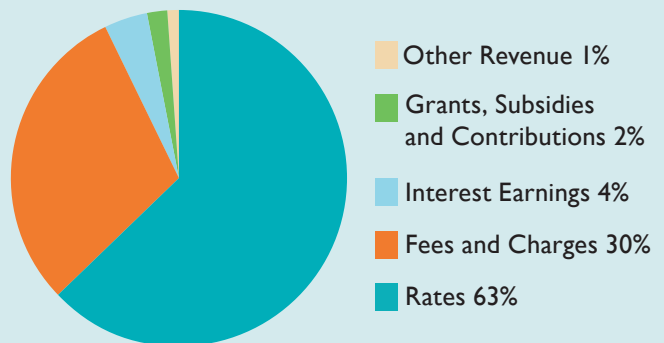
C/F = Carry Forward Project

C/F* = Partial Carry Forward Project

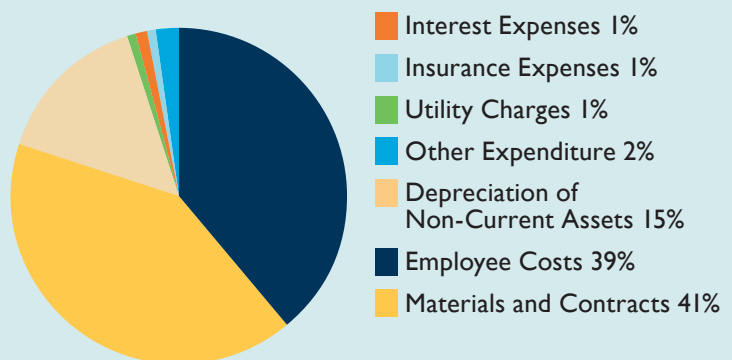
OTHER SIGNIFICANT EXPENDITURE

- ERP implementation C/F (\$150,000)
- Cottesloe Village Centre Precinct Structure Plan C/F (\$117,000)
- Local Planning Strategy Review C/F (\$113,000)
- Town Planning Scheme C/F (\$150,000)
- Green Infrastructure Management Plan C/F (\$150,000)
- Dune restoration (\$90,000)
- Installation and removal of shark barrier (\$130,000)
- Asset Management Plan C/F (\$127,000)

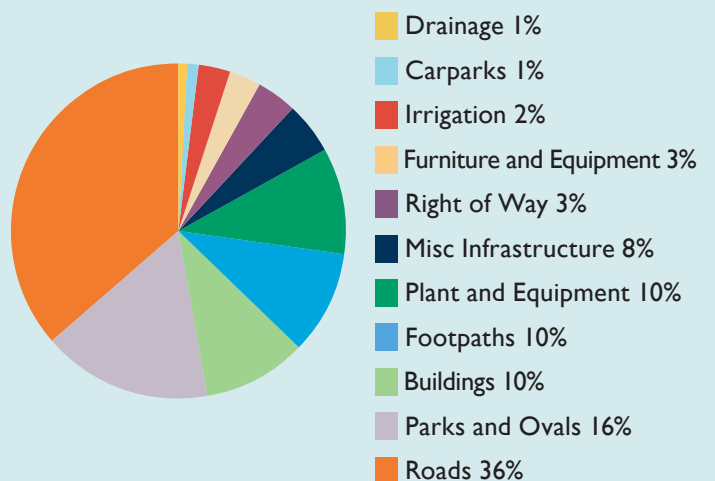
Operating Revenue 2025/26



Operating Expenditure 2025/26



Capital Expenditure 2025/26



The 2025/26 Town of Cottesloe Annual Budget can be viewed on our website at www.cottesloe.wa.gov.au (under Town/Corporate Plans and Documents).



SUSTAINABILITY IN COTTESLOE

Sustainability in the Town of Cottesloe reflects a long term commitment to the future. With \$434,587 set aside in the 2025/26 budget to fund ongoing natural areas and sustainability initiatives.

The Town maintains its commitment to reducing its carbon footprint and minimising overall impact on the environment while restoring the coastal dune system. This budget includes Coastal Adaptation and Protection (CAP) monitoring (\$32,347), the Cott Cat shuttle service (\$30,000, including a 50% contribution from PTA), and sustainability initiatives such as promoting cycling and sustainable travel, waterwise projects and Plastic Free July events (\$18,000).

The Town has also set aside a budget of \$90,000 for dune restoration and maintenance works including planting native tubestock, weed control works and erosion control. An additional \$80,000 has been allocated to stage 3 landscaping and revegetation works at John Black Dune Park in the natural areas surrounding Cottesloe Skate Park. Perth NRM will continue to be part of the Natural Areas Alliance team and host community and school events as well as seek funding opportunities for Coastcare projects (\$20,000).

A budget of \$150,000 has been created for Green Infrastructure which includes projects that work toward increasing Cottesloe's urban canopy cover through creating Greening Plans and supporting planting projects.

Works to complete restoration activities and summer watering at sites for Urban Greening Grant Round 3 (south Cottesloe railway corridor) and the Communities Stewardship Grant (north Cottesloe dunes) will utilise budgets of \$10,000 and \$4,240 respectively.

YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY



The Grove Library is a great resource for the whole community and offers a range of services including:

- Lending
- Reference and information services
- Books on Wheels service
- A wide selection of e-books, e-talking books and e-magazines available to download for free
- Access to state, national and global resources
- Children's programs
- Computer classes for beginners
- Technology support - drop in sessions for devices
- Community history

The Grove Library is located at 1 Leake Street, Peppermint Grove. To find out more visit www.thegrovelibrary.net or come and visit us!



TOWN OF COTTESLOE – A GOLD WATERWISE COUNCIL

The Town of Cottesloe has been re-endorsed and recognised as a Gold Waterwise Council for 2025. We achieved this endorsement for the first time in 2020 and have been recognised each year since for demonstrating innovation and leadership in creating waterwise communities.

Projects like our native waterwise gardens and verges help us achieve this recognition, as well as our initiatives to encourage our community to become waterwise, like the

Native Waterwise Verge Rebate and the Native Plant Subsidy Scheme. The Town was also commended for our proactive efforts to look after the environment through events, and in collaboration with Coastcare and Perth NRM.

The Waterwise Council Program is a partnership between Water Corporation and the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.

EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY

The Emergency Services Levy is imposed by the State Government to fund Western Australia's fire and emergency services. It's collected by local government and appears on rates notices. The Town has no control over the amount to be collected. Visit the Department of Fire and Emergency Services at www.dfes.wa.gov.au for more information.

MYCOTTESLOE – A NEW ONLINE SELF-SERVICE PORTAL

With the introduction of upgraded software solutions, the Town is pleased to offer our community the MyCottesloe online self-service portal. The MyCottesloe portal will enable our community to self-manage online payments, service requests, applications, reports and lots more. Find out more about MyCottesloe and register at <https://my.cottesloe.wa.gov.au/do-it-online>.

VERGE VALET AT YOUR CONVENIENCE

The Town's Verge Valet system allows bulk and green waste collections to be booked at a time that suits you! Before booking a bulk Verge Valet collection remember that quality used items can be donated and some charities offer a free collection service for bulky items. Find out more about how to donate used items and how to book your Verge Valet collection at vergevalet.com.au or contact the Town on 9285 5000.

HAVE A SAY WITH ENGAGE COTTESLOE

Engage Cottesloe is where our community can get involved and participate in helping us shape the future of Cottesloe.

Visit engage.cottesloe.wa.gov.au to find out more!

SIGN UP FOR ERATES!

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Council Agenda Forums are usually held on the third Tuesday of the month at 6pm and Council Meetings are usually held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6pm at Cottesloe Civic Centre, 109 Broome Street, Cottesloe.

Full details of Council Meetings are available on our website at www.cottesloe.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/ or contact us on 9285 5000.