

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Council's focus in adopting the 2024/2025 budget for the Town of Cottesloe has been on:

- maintaining and improving our existing infrastructure;
- new initiatives to meet community aspirations, within resource constraints; and
- increasing efforts towards greening our suburb.

We must ensure that existing infrastructure is properly maintained, so that we meet the community's expectations now and also to ensure that current residents are contributing equitably to these costs, rather than passing the maintenance burden on to future generations. So, we will be continuing work to maintain and improve our roads, footpaths, carparks, beach access paths, irrigation works and playgrounds. Our heritage-listed Civic Centre and the wonderful Grove Library require regular maintenance and funding for on-going operations, which will be met out of rates income.

New initiatives include upgrading the public toilets at 149 Marine Parade (the former "Barchetta" site) and providing new toilets in south Cottesloe (subject to further consultation). Funds are also included for improved beach access at the groyne at Cottesloe Main Beach. These initiatives are based on strong support for increased and improved amenities, as reflected in community consultation.

Outcomes from community consultation show that our community puts a high value on greening and sustainability initiatives. We have responded to this by increasing our funding into projects to revegetate and stabilise our dunes in partnership with Cottesloe Coastcare, funding the

rehabilitation of John Black Dune Park, continuing our work on tree planting and maintenance, installing solar panels on Town buildings and continuing our work on coastal hazard risk planning. Importantly, we are ensuring that funding is available in reserves to meet the cost of implementing the outcomes of our consultation on our Green Infrastructure Strategy.

We will also be investing in planning, with funding for progressing our revised Local Planning Scheme and the Cottesloe Village Precinct plan. These processes are time consuming and require funding, but they are necessary to meet the constant pressure from State government erosion of local planning control.

Funding for Cottesloe favourites the *Sculpture by the Sea*, Cottesloe exhibition and the Cottesloe shark barrier will continue.

A significant change in our budget is the separation of waste costs from general rates revenue. This pre-empts an anticipated State Government mandate. It is also useful for our residents to understand the significant cost of waste management and hopefully open further conversations around waste reduction.

Rates revenue raised in this budget (after adjusting for the separation of waste services) will increase by 5.4%. This is a considered response to the conflicting pressures of demands from our community for appropriate levels of service and amenity, and the economic challenges that may impact on our community, but which also impact on us as a local government.

We look forward to continuing to see progress in Cottesloe as we apply rates income to maintain and improve amenity for our community.

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
- Verge Valet service
- Funding of weekday lifeguard service at Cottesloe Main Beach
- Natural Areas Management / dune restoration
- Sculpture by the Sea and Carols by Candlelight
- Volunteer Recognition event and Youth event
- Seaview Kindergarten
- 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;

- Shark barrier replacement (\$400,000)
- Harvey Field playground upgrade C/F (\$290,422)
- Eric Street Shared Path (street lighting) C/F (\$280,380)
- 149 Marine Parade - public toilet upgrade C/F* (\$187,000)
- Groyne access ramp works C/F* (\$150,000)
- Jarrad Street carpark footpath renewal C/F (\$50,000)
- South Cottesloe public toilet - subject to investigation (\$200,000)
- Railway Street resurfacing - Perth Street to Burt Street (\$83,000)
- Beach Access Path upgrades and modifications (\$161,612)
- Beach Access Path detail design works (\$50,000)
- Reticulation upgrade Marine Parade (\$80,000)
- Foreshore retaining wall (\$50,000)
- ROW 48 upgrades (\$70,000)
- Additional in-ground parking sensors (\$71,568)
- Drainage works (\$40,000)

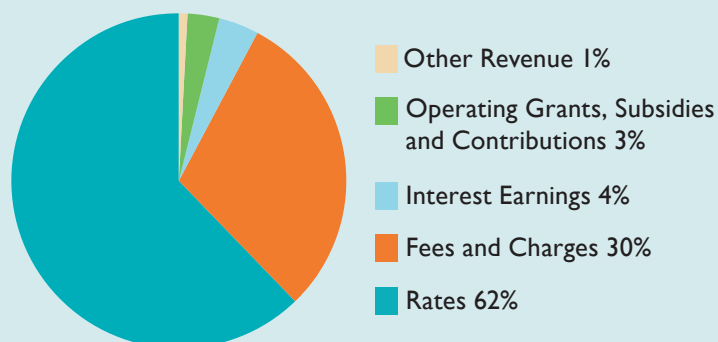
C/F = Carry Forward Project

C/F* = Partial Carry Forward Project

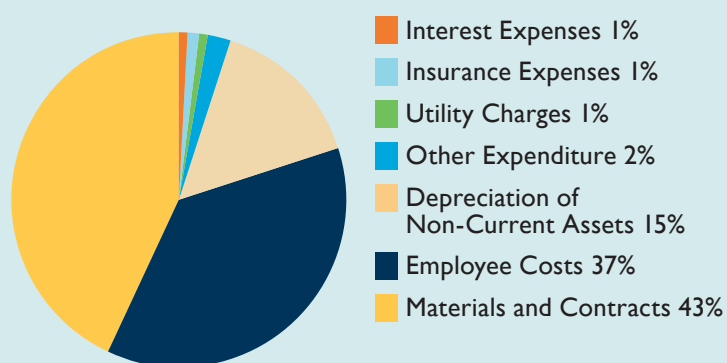
OTHER SIGNIFICANT EXPENDITURE

- ERP implementation C/F (\$666,209)
- Cottesloe Village Centre Precinct Structure Plan (\$290,565)
- Local Planning Strategy Review (\$133,358)
- Town Planning Scheme (\$125,000)
- Initial implementation of Green Infrastructure Strategy (\$100,000)
- Dune restoration (\$90,000)
- John Black Dune Park revegetation (\$80,000)
- Community Stewardship North Cottesloe Natural Areas (\$36,963)

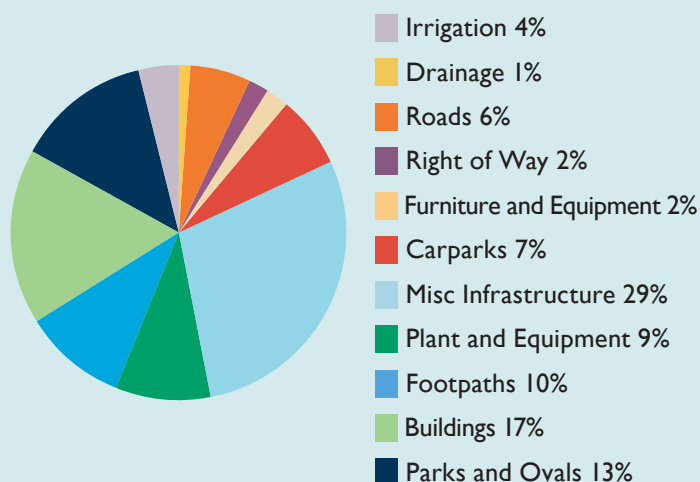
Operating Revenue 2024/25



Operating Expenditure 2024/25



Capital Expenditure 2024/25



The 2024/25 Town of Cottesloe 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 \$474,482 set aside in the 2024/25 budget to fund ongoing natural areas and sustainability initiatives.

The Town maintains its commitment to reducing its carbon footprint and minimising impact on the environment while restoring the coastal dune system. This budget includes Coastal Adaptation and Protection (CAP) monitoring (\$35,407 including \$17,703 grant funding), 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 Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaption Plan (CHRMAP) has a budget of \$20,000 to finalise the document and seek public consultation. Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage have contributed \$100,000 in grant funding for this project which has been running since 2021.

The Town has also set aside a budget of \$90,000 for dune restoration and maintenance works including planting, weed control and erosion control. An additional \$80,000 has been allocated to 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, and seek funding opportunities for Coastcare projects (\$20,000). The Perth to Fremantle Stage 3 Urban Canopy Program will utilise the budget funded by Main Roads (\$37,500 total) for creating and maintaining the habitat corridor along the railway.

YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY



The Grove 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!



A GOLD WATERWISE COUNCIL

The Town of Cottesloe has been re-endorsed and recognised as a Gold Waterwise Council for 2024! 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 are our initiatives to encourage our community to become waterwise, like the Native Waterwise Verge Rebate and the

Native Plant Subsidy Scheme. Creating your own native waterwise verge is a fantastic gardening project, there are rebates available and native plants can be bought at a subsidised price every May.

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.

FOGO TO COMPOST!



Did you know that you can buy FOGO-derived compost at the West Metro Recycling Centre? It's a great example of a circular economy – the contents from your FOGO bin are processed to become compost that you can use in your garden at home!

Find out more at www.wmrc.wa.gov.au/recycling-disposal/west-metro-recycling-centre/ or call 9384 6711.

A COLLECTION WHEN IT SUITS YOU

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.

ENGAGE WITH US!

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

Visit cottesloe.engagementhub.com.au/ to find out more!

SIGN UP FOR ERATES!

You can now register to receive your rates notice delivered directly to your email. Go paperless - save time, money and the environment!

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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.

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