



TOWN OF

Bassendean

Budget & Rates

2024-2025



Council Invests in Future

Dear Community Member,

At the Town of Bassendean, we believe that communities, in partnership with local government, can achieve many great things. Community is at the heart of this future-focused budget. It includes an ambitious capital works program aimed at enhancing public spaces and community amenities by replacing outdated equipment and facilities with modern, fit-for-purpose infrastructure.

Building on the foundations established in recent years to improve our financial sustainability, this budget provides for both current and future needs. The Town of Bassendean will invest a total of \$19 million into the delivery of infrastructure and services for our community. Detailed information on the various programs and projected expenditures can be found in the pages of this budget edition of *Thrive*.

Our focus on sustainability and securing a better future for our community continues, with a commitment to planting additional trees to increase canopy cover and revegetating public spaces to cool our suburbs and provide important habitat for wildlife. Acknowledging the high value our community places on our natural environment

and river precincts, we have allocated funds for foreshore restorations, as well as overseeing the implementation of the Ashfield Flats Masterplan for the wetland treasured by both residents and visitors.

The Town is actively engaging with State and Federal government entities to explore opportunities that could benefit the district. Our advocacy seeks greater levels of funding for priority projects through grants and reciprocal agreements, as well as lobbying our state and federal counterparts for electoral commitments. This is necessary to ensure community facilities are adequately funded to cater for a growing population and expanded usage, particularly in respect to women's participation in sport. Advocacy priority projects include proposals to upgrade facilities and infrastructure at Jubilee Reserve in Eden Hill, as well as the Bassendean Oval Precinct.

This year's budget focuses on further strengthening our financial sustainability while continuing to provide the services and address the priorities valued by our community. Recognising that everyone works hard to earn the money the Town collects in rates, your contributions allow us to deliver valuable projects and services. Thank you for helping to make our Town an even better place to live.

Kath Hamilton
Mayor, Town of Bassendean



In 2024–2025 the Town of Bassendean will invest a total of \$19 million into the delivery of infrastructure and services to the community.



\$3.1 million Manage our waste and recycle

- › Weekly collection for Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO).
- › Fortnightly collection for general waste (landfill) and recycling.
- › Two pre-booked skip bins: one general waste and one green waste; or two green waste.



\$8.7 million Maintain and expand transport and other infrastructure:

- › Road and footpath upgrades.
- › Replace ageing plant and fleet.
- › Operational services including maintenance of drainage, roads, footpaths and jetties.

Helping you move around the Town:

- › 99 km of roads.
- › 102 km of paths.



\$1.6 million Improve community facilities:

- › New lighting for Bassendean Oval and works to the heritage stands.
- › Access stairs to the Ashfield Flats boardwalk and the Roy Hookway platform.
- › Jubilee Reserve reticulation upgrade, sports lighting upgrade, paving works.
- › BIC Reserve Masterplan implementation and upgrade, including new toilet facilities and fitness stations.
- › Replace fencing around Ashfield Reserve.
- › Upgrade works at Hyde Retirement Village.
- › Stan Moses Pavilion/Ashfield Sports Centre concept design.



ing:

- › Pre-booked collection for lounges, mattresses, and fridges/freezers (up to three per year).
- › Recycling drop off points, for e-waste, metal, cardboard, polystyrene, aerosol cans, engine oil and lead acid batteries.
- › Two tip vouchers, redeemable at Red Hill and Baywaste.
- › Sustainability workshops, subsidies, and rebates.
- › Kitchen caddy liner roll vouchers.



\$3.9 million **Maintain and enhance parks and natural areas:**

- › Ashfield Flats Master Plan implementation, including Sandy Beach Reserve Foreshore.
- › Point Reserve Foreshore Plan.
- › Bindaring Wetlands pathways.
- › Jubilee Reserve irrigation.
- › Jubilee Reserve lighting.
- › BIC Reserve Master Plan.
- › Services to maintain parks, natural areas, river foreshore and undertake revegetation.
- › Planting 500 new street trees and 17,000 local native seedlings in natural areas.

Head outdoors and experience:

- › 30 playgrounds, including the nature playground at Sandy Beach Reserve.
- › 20 ha of natural area.
- › 4 km of river foreshore.
- › 17,500 new trees and plants in the Town.



\$369K **Town Centre development:**

- › Precinct Structure Plan.
- › Bassendean Oval Precinct Redevelopment Feasibility Study.



\$1.3 million **Community participation, engagement, and activation:**

- › Delivery of Arts, Culture and Events Strategy.
- › Community events.
- › Community Grants Program.
- › Community Awards.
- › Implement Public Health Plan.
- › Bassendean Memorial Library services and programming.
- › RELax Program.
- › Support for bushcare volunteer groups.
- › Youth programming including the RYDE Program.
- › Volunteer Services.
- › Telethon cinemas at BIC Reserve.
- › Public art installations.
- › Improve disability access and inclusion.
- › Progression of the Public Open Space Strategy.

[Check out the Town's website for upcoming events, courses and activities.](#)

How your rates are calculated

Rates are calculated by applying a rate in the dollar (set by Council) to the Gross Rental Value (GRV) of a property (determined by Landgate).

A different rate in the dollar is charged for three different categories: residential, commercial and industrial, and vacant properties. This is known as differential rating. The residential rate in the dollar is the base rate. The rate in the dollar for commercial and industrial properties recognises the higher demand on the Town's infrastructure and services, with a 15% premium on the base rate. The rate in the dollar for vacant residential, commercial and industrial properties is higher than occupied land in an effort to promote development and thereby stimulate growth in the Town, with a 50% premium on the base rate. For vacant land, the three categories are treated in the same way.

Implementing a minimum payment acknowledges that all property owners have an equal opportunity to benefit from the facilities and services provided by the Town, regardless of their property's value.

The adopted rate in the dollar and minimum payment for each differential rating category is:

Rating Category	2024/25 Cents in \$	2023/24 Cents in \$	2024/25 Minimum Payment	No of Properties
Improved – Residential	8.1758	7.7400	1,183.00	6,833
Improved – Commercial and Industrial	9.4021	8.9010	1,183.00	367
Vacant Land – Residential, Commercial and Industrial	12.2636	11.610	1,183.00	216

Pensioners and Seniors

If you have a valid concession card, you may qualify for a rates rebate or deferment. To apply for a pensioner or senior rebate, complete an application online at watercorporation.com.au or contact the Water Corporation on 1300 659 951.

The concession will apply from the date your application is received by the Water Corporation.



Key dates for Payment



- 1 Pay in full by the due date 28 August 2024 to enter the draw to win \$1,000 off your rates.***
- 2 Pay by two instalments:**
 - 28 August 2024
 - 8 January 2025
- 3 Pay by four instalments:**
 - 28 August 2024
 - 29 October 2024
 - 8 January 2025
 - 14 March 2025
- 4 Pay by direct debit monthly or fortnightly (please contact the Rates Department on 9377 8000 or rates@bassendean.wa.gov.au). Options 2, 3 and 4 incur fees and interest (pensioners are exempt).**

Experiencing financial difficulty?

The Town has an established process to assist ratepayers in financial difficulty as outlined in our Financial Hardship Policy.

Please contact the Rates Department on 9377 8000 or visit the Town's website for further information.

Convert to eRates

Receive digital rates notices, rather than printed ones.
So far, over 18% of owners have converted to eRates.

Register by 28 August 2024 to enter the draw to win \$500 off your rates.*

*See the terms and conditions on our website.