



TOWN OF

Bassendean

Budget & Rates

2025-2026



Community at heart of new Budget

Dear Community Member,

At the Town of Bassendean, our decisions are grounded in a clear and enduring commitment: to manage your rates responsibly, invest where it matters most and plan for a sustainable future that supports our growing community.

This year's Budget reflects that commitment. It builds on strong foundations of financial sustainability while responding to the evolving needs of our town. Every investment has been made with care, and every dollar is working hard for the people of Bassendean.

Thanks to recent cost-saving measures through our Service Level Review, we've been able to boost our reserves, redirect funding to community priorities and provide a 1% subsidy on rates, keeping this year's rate rise to an absolute minimum. We're also holding the line on waste fees and charges, ensuring no increase for residents.

We're investing over \$21 million in infrastructure and services that make our community stronger, more connected and better equipped for the future. Our capital works program includes upgrades to ageing infrastructure, ensuring our public spaces and facilities remain welcoming, safe and accessible for everyone.

We're making it easier to interact with the Town through digital upgrades like a new online booking system for community facilities and a modern library management system to streamline borrowing and exploring library services online.

Our environment remains a core priority. We're continuing to expand our urban tree canopy, rehabilitate natural areas and progress our long-term environmental goals.

We've also had success advocating for our community. Nearly \$7.7 million in grants and election commitments have been secured for key projects, including the Ashfield Flats Master Plan, redevelopment of facilities at Jubilee Reserve and progressing planning for Bassendean Oval.

We understand that the cost of living is a real challenge for many households, and we approach every financial decision with care. Your rates are an investment in the place we all call home, and we're focused on ensuring that investment delivers genuine value to you.

Thank you for your continued support and for being part of our shared journey.

Warm regards,

Kath Hamilton

Mayor, Town of Bassendean



In 2025–2026 the Town of Bassendean will invest a total of \$21 million into the delivery of infrastructure and services to the community.



\$3.3 million

Manage our waste and recycling:

- › Weekly collection for Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO).
- › Fortnightly collection for general waste (landfill) and recycling.
- › On-demand collection for lounges, mattresses, and fridges/freezers (up to three per year).
- › Additional Christmas collections (all three bins collected 23 December – 4 January).
- › Recycling drop off points for e-waste, hazardous household waste and other items that can't go in your kerbside bins.
- › Two tip vouchers, redeemable at Red Hill Waste Facility and with a small surcharge at Baywaste Community Recycling Centre.
- › Two kitchen caddy liner roll vouchers, redeemable at the Customer Service Centre.
- › Sustainability workshops and discounted sustainability products.



\$7.1 million

Maintain and expand transport and other infrastructure:

- › Road and footpath upgrades.
- › Fit-for-purpose replacement of ageing plant and fleet.
- › Operational services including maintenance of drainage, roads, footpaths and buildings.
- › Continue to implement the Low-Cost Urban Road Safety Program to reduce road trauma in the Town.

Helping you move around the Town:

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



\$3.8 million

Improve community facilities:

- › Jubilee Reserve reticulation and sports lighting upgrades and design for refurbishment of Stan Moses Pavilion and Caledonians clubrooms.
- › Ashfield Reserve Master Plan design and consultation.



\$640k

Town Centre development:

- › Precinct Structure Plan.
- › Bassendean Oval Redevelopment Stage 2: schematic design.



We encourage landlords to pass on their tip vouchers and kitchen caddy liner vouchers to tenants. In 2025–2026 these will be issued with QR codes, which can be redeemed electronically and re-issued if lost or stolen.

The Town is aiming to move to a pre-booked loose verge collection from 1 January 2026. From July–December 2025 residents will be allocated one skip bin (either general waste or green waste). From January–June 2026 residents will have one loose verge collection allocation (either general waste or green waste).



\$4.9 million

Maintain and enhance parks and natural areas:

- › Ashfield Flats Master Plan implementation, including Sandy Beach Reserve Foreshore.
- › Point Reserve Foreshore Plan: jetty and riverbank restoration (design only).
- › Success Hill Foreshore Stabilisation (design).
- › Bindaring Wetlands pathways.
- › Gngangara Waterwise Grant funded eco-zoning at Success Hill Reserve and Mary Crescent Reserve, and sports turf injection systems at Jubilee Reserve and Ashfield Reserve.
- › Fencing at Success Hill Reserve.
- › Diversion of drainage from Success Hill Reserve catchment to Anzac Terrace.
- › Services to maintain parks, natural areas, river foreshore and undertake revegetation.
- › Planting 500 new street trees and 11,800 local native seedlings in natural areas.

Head outdoors and experience:

- › 30 playgrounds, including the nature playground at Sandy Beach Reserve.
- › 20ha of natural area.
- › 4km of river foreshore.
- › 12,300 new trees and plants in the Town.



\$1.4 million

Community participation, engagement, and activation:

- › Delivery of the Arts, Culture and Events Strategy.
- › Delivery of a range of strategies and plans including the Public Open Space Strategy, Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, Reconciliation Action Plan and Public Health Plan.
- › Sustainability programs including Plants for Residents, Trees for Residents and our Verge Rebate Program.
- › Bassendean Memorial Public Library services and programming.
- › Library Management System upgrade.
- › Development of a Community Safety Strategy.
- › New online booking system for community facilities.
- › RELax Program.
- › Youth programming including the Ryde Program.
- › Volunteer Services.
- › Sponsorship of Telethon Community Cinemas and Bassendean Markets.
- › Ranger Services.
- › Responsible dog ownership program.

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 and short stay accommodation recognises the higher demand on the Town's infrastructure and services, with a 20% 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 75% 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, and should make a reasonable contribution to the cost of providing those facilities and services.

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

Rating Category	2025/26 Cents in \$	2024/25 Cents in \$	2025/26 Minimum Payment	No of Properties
Improved – Residential	8.4955	8.1758	1,229.00	6861
Improved – Commercial and Industrial	10.1946	9.4021	1,229.00	393
Vacant Land – Residential, Commercial and Industrial	14.8671	12.2636	1,229.00	192

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.



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Key dates for Payment



- 1 Pay in full by the due date **29 August 2025** to enter the draw to win **\$1,000 off your rates.***
- 2 Pay by two instalments:
 - 29 August 2025
 - 7 January 2026
- 3 Pay by four instalments:
 - 29 August 2025
 - 31 October 2025
 - 7 January 2026
 - 9 March 2026
- 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

Go paperless!
Opt to receive a digital notice.

**So far, over 17% of owners
have converted to eRates.**

**Register by 15 August 2025
to enter the draw to win \$1,000
off your rates.***

***See the terms and conditions
on our website.**