

BUDGET UPDATE

FOR BUSINESS 2021/22



CITY OF VINCENT

Dear Vincent business community,

As we continue to deal with impacts of COVID-19, our local businesses face the challenges with innovative ways of working, resilience and a huge display of grit.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your outstanding efforts.

In this climate, it is incredible to see the level of investment confidence in Vincent. Cranes along Beaufort Street bring new development and businesses, Leederville welcomes a major Perth company with 750 staff and the new Electric Lane precinct, and The Pickle District in West Perth emerges as the arts and creative hub of Perth.

At the City of Vincent, we are working to support our local business community and this significant commercial investment.

We have done this by cutting red tape in planning and development, by keeping our planning framework contemporary, providing health advice through COVID-19 restrictions, through capital investment and rebound support for our local economy.

This financial year, we will roll out a record \$22million capital works budget.

Roads and Infrastructure investment – we get back to basics with major expenditure on our roads, bike and pedestrian networks, lighting and other core infrastructure whilst increasing tree canopy along main streets.

Rebound – we want our town centres and commercial areas to thrive, with streetscape enhancements, fee-free alfresco and parklets, public art and events, town team support, directional signage, better graffiti removal and smoke-free town centres.

Rebate plus a freeze on rates – you receive a \$520 rebate on your rates notice, plus a freeze on rates for the second year running, to compensate for the ceasing of the commercial waste service.

We know a change in service is never easy and this was a difficult decision to make.

Vincent's waste management was at a crossroads, triggered by the roll out of the three-bin FOGO (Food Organics, Garden Organics) system for Vincent residents in October. Our commercial collection had only ever been an extension of the residential two-bin service, using the same trucks and same bins, and with the change to FOGO this just couldn't continue.

With this change, we have ensured that commercial ratepayers now pay lower rate in the dollar than residential ratepayers.

Emma Cole **Mayor**

MAYOR



Emma Cole

SOUTH WARD



Cr Susan Gontaszewski
(Deputy Mayor)



Cr Jonathan Hallett



Cr Ashley Wallace



Cr Joshua Topelberg



Cr Alex Castle

NORTH WARD



Cr Joanne Fotakis



Cr Sally Smith



Cr Dan Loden



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SUPPORT FOR YOUR RATES

Rates Smoothing

In addition to a rates rebate of \$520 and freezing of rates for a second year in a row, we are trying to make rates payments easier for businesses. With rates smoothing you can choose to pay your rates in weekly, fortnightly or monthly instalments, via direct debit. To set up a direct debit, please complete the form on our website or call us for assistance.

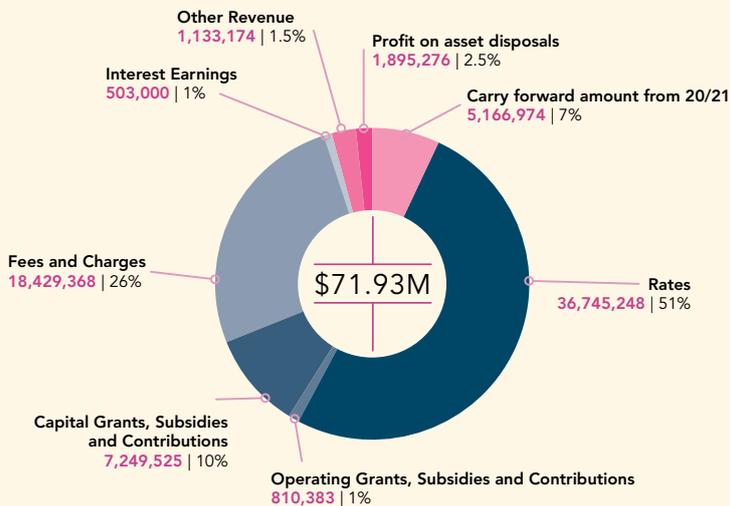
For more information visit www.vincent.wa.gov.au/rates

Financial Hardship Support

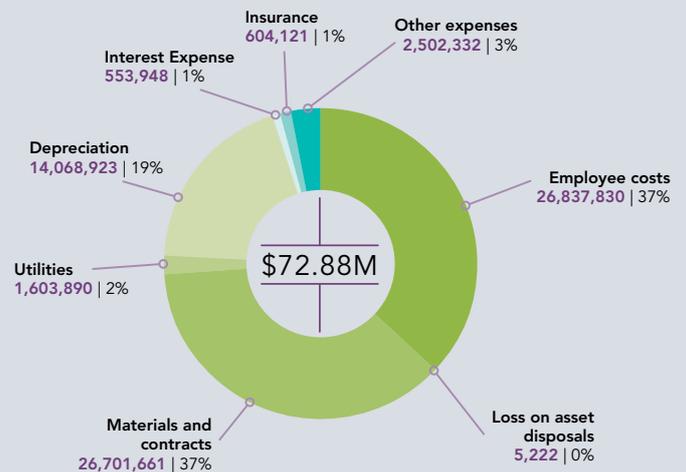
We understand that ratepayers may continue to face financial hardship from the impacts of COVID-19. That's why we will be extending financial hardship support with \$100,000 for ratepayers in need. If you need assistance with paying your rates, please contact us to discuss your options.



OPERATING REVENUE



OPERATING EXPENDITURE



The 2021/22 budget has a forecast surplus of \$106,623.

STAY IN TOUCH



In Person

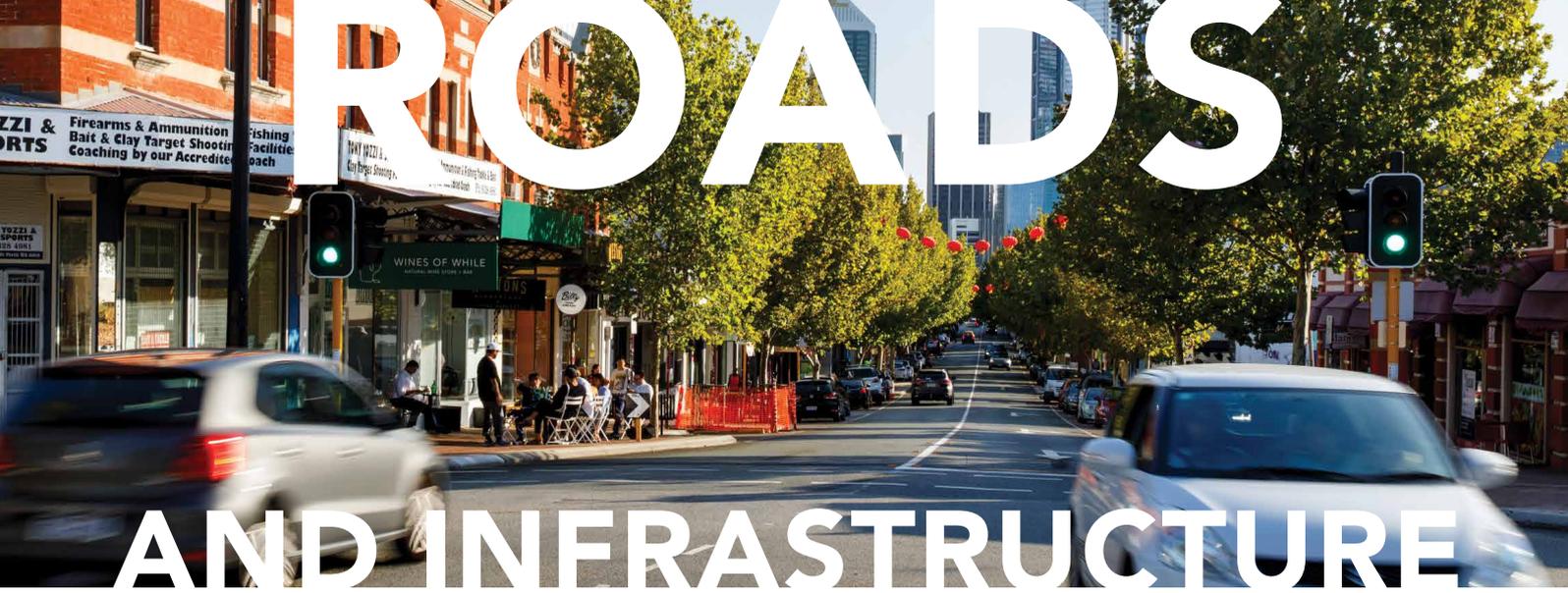
Located inside the Vincent Library,
99 Loftus Street, Leederville



Experts on Demand

Planning, Building & Health
244 Vincent Street, Leederville

ROADS



AND INFRASTRUCTURE

This financial year we will be investing

\$7.2M
on roads



\$810,200

on improving footpaths

+ **\$394,000** on bike lanes

+ **\$120,000** for laneway renewal and lighting

+ **\$450,000** on drainage

+ **\$100,500** on street furniture

In Vincent, we love our streets to be leafy and safe so we will be:

Greening Vincent with **300 more street trees** along our footpaths, verges and town centres.

Resurfacing Oxford Street – \$200,000

Planting trees on Beaufort Street – \$10,700

Stringing up festoon lights at Mary Piazza – \$20,000

And upgrading major roads like Loftus Street (\$306,600) and Fitzgerald Street between Burt Street and Walcott Street (\$211,800)



Investing in graffiti removal



We have heard from our business community that graffiti is a growing issue. This financial year, we increase graffiti removal support by 50%.

Smoke free town-centres



Smoke free Town Centres reduce environmental tobacco smoke and make for more inviting places to eat, drink, shop and wander. We're currently seeking feedback from local businesses on the proposed smoke free boundaries for Leederville, Mount Hawthorn, North Perth, Beaufort Street and William Street. More info at:

imagine.vincent.wa.gov.au

REBOUND

We continue our **rebound and recovery** efforts to help our community and local businesses get back on their feet following **COVID-19 lockdowns**.

A RECORD **\$22M** for capital works projects across Vincent

\$374,200 public art projects,

funded through developer contributions

\$208,000 for better signage

to help people get around our town centres

\$60,000

to support town teams in Vincent

Fee-free parklets

and continuing easy and free online alfresco approvals

\$199,000

for sponsored events

\$45,000

for streetscape enhancements



REBATE

The City of Vincent Commercial Waste collection service came to an end 30 June, as Vincent residents will be swapping over to the FOGO (Food Organics, Garden Organics) 3-bin system from October. To compensate for this, we have included in your rates:

A \$520 rebate

A freeze on commercial rates

for the second year in a row.

Residential vs Commercial Rate in the Dollar



Beatty Park will undergo a \$2.1M makeover,

with a new kids' water playground, upgraded slides, fresh pool tiling, Aboriginal artwork and new universal change rooms on the pool deck. Plus an additional \$0.5M to water proof the heritage grandstand.

Micro businesses may qualify for a FOGO 3-bin system service



Available for an annual fee of \$520.

If you have any questions, our Waste Team are always happy to provide advice.