

# BACK TO BASICS

BUDGET 2021/22



CITY OF VINCENT

**Dear Vincent community member,**

**At the City of Vincent, we believe local government is more than Roads, Rates and Rubbish.**

We strive to create a connected community, vibrant town centres and leafy neighbourhoods, a sustainable future and to make Vincent a special place to be.

But getting the basics right is fundamental to the work that we do.

As we continue to rebound from the impacts of COVID-19, Vincent's budget is about investing in our core community infrastructure. This work, as always, is underpinned by our principles of innovation, sustainability, inclusion and being accountable to you.

**The 2021/22 budget focus areas are the three Rs but with a Vincent twist!**

**Roads** – Investing more than ever in our roads, bike and pedestrian networks and core infrastructure whilst working towards 40kph on our local residential streets.

**Revitalise** – Improving our community facilities and parks, with a major facelift for Beatty Park indoor pool, new facilities at Britannia Reserve and increasing green space at Robertson Park, Haynes Street Reserve and Woodville Reserve, whilst sprucing up community halls and lighting our reserves.

**Rubbish** – Revolutionising the way we deal with our rubbish, with the new FOGO three bin system rolling out from October and a trial of the on-demand Verge Valet service for bulky junk from January, to significantly reduce our waste to landfill.

As a result of this community infrastructure investment, we'll deliver a record \$22million capital works budget.

Beyond this, we will take our community engagement to the next level with a community engagement panel, continue our conversation with you on maintaining our major assets and strive to make greater progress on reconciliation and Vincent's Aboriginal heritage.

Whilst our rates remain low, we understand receiving a rates notice isn't always easy. Rates smoothing now gives you the option to pay your rates weekly, fortnightly or monthly and we have a financial hardship fund for those in greatest need.

**We want to enhance our environment and see community life in Vincent thrive. As we roll out our budget initiatives and the FOGO bins, we hope you will see the difference.**

Emma Cole **Mayor**

## MAYOR



Emma Cole

## SOUTH WARD



Cr Susan Gontaszewski  
(Deputy Mayor)



Cr Jonathan Hallett



Cr Ashley Wallace



Cr Joshua Topelberg

## NORTH WARD



Cr Alex Castle



Cr Joanne Fotakis



Cr Sally Smith



Cr Dan Loden



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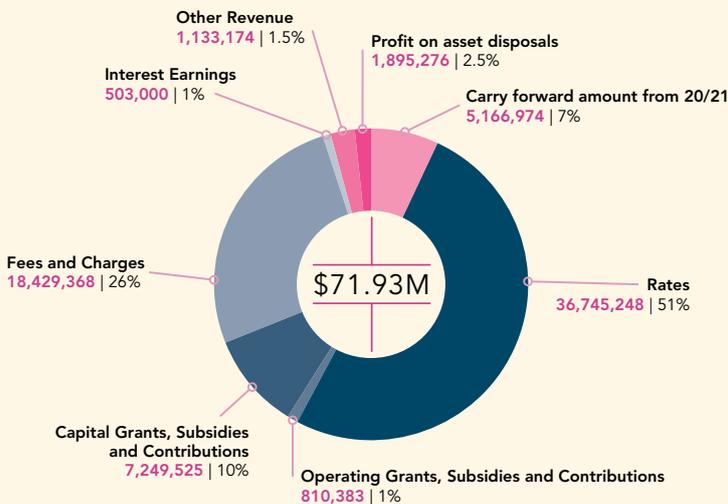
# BUDGET OVERVIEW

Your rates enable the City of Vincent to deliver high quality services, keep our facilities contemporary and well utilised, provide new infrastructure to meet the needs of our growing population and encourage economic development across Vincent.

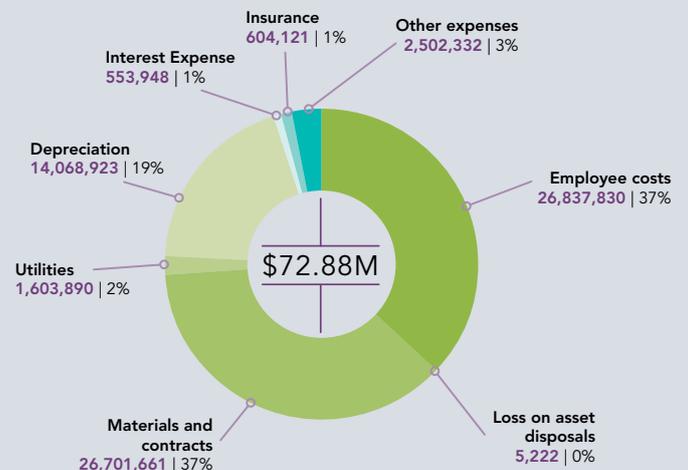
This is a picture of where your rates will go, offset by grants, fees and charges and other revenue:



## OPERATING REVENUE



## OPERATING EXPENDITURE



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

# 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

**We will be installing solar panels** at Britannia Reserve Pavilion, Mt Hawthorn Community Centre and the Vincent Community Centre.

**In Vincent, we love our streets to be leafy, safe and welcoming.**

**40km/h speed limits across local residential streets.**

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

**Oxford Street resurfacing \$200,000**



### RECONCILIATION



**Vincent's next Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan launches this financial year, in partnership with our local community, and with the support of the highly valued members of our Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group.**

We will work on mapping the Aboriginal Heritage Trail through Vincent, consult on co-naming Banks Reserve in Mount Lawley and create tangible opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with clear targets for employment and business engagement.

# REVITALISE

**\$22M** capital works program to spruce up our facilities across Vincent.



**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.

**Britannia Reserve will receive \$3M in Federal Government funding** for new Litis Stadium change rooms, upgrade of the clubrooms and seating. There is also \$740,000 for new sports lighting (including \$491,000 federal grant).



**\$330,000 will be injected** into Menzies Park including kitchen, change rooms, toilets and playground upgrades.



**North Perth Town Hall will receive \$300,000** for new kitchens and bathrooms.

**\$178,000 Loton Park** Tennis Club roofing.

**Robertson Park** multi-sport courts for tennis, netball and basketball with more works coming next financial year.

**50% increase in graffiti removal support**

**Hyde Park \$410,000 upgrade** to lighting, pathways and kiosk.

**Charles Veryard Reserve** State Government grant for floodlighting upgrades \$100,000.

**Mary Street Piazza** festoon lighting \$20,000.

**\$200,000 State Government grant for a skate facility** in North Perth/ Mount Hawthorn.

**\$405,000 for playgrounds**, softfall and shade sails.

**Continuing Pop Up Play** across Vincent.

**\$50,000 new storage shed** for Volleyball WA.

# RUBBISH

FOGO three-bin system is coming **OCTOBER!**

**FOGO (Food Organics Garden Organics Waste Collection) is the weekly collection of food waste and garden organics – which is then turned into high quality compost.**

The FOGO three-bin system will include a lime green lid bin (FOGO), collected weekly, a red lid bin (general waste) and a yellow lid bin (recycling) collected fortnightly.

FOGO is a great leap towards Vincent's target of zero waste to landfill by 2028.



**Verge Valet will be trialled** from January 2022 – allowing community members to book their free annual junk collection at a time convenient for them.

**On demand pick-up** of white goods and mattresses will remain for a low fee.

**\$1.3M**  
FOGO roll out

**\$340,000**  
New Rubbish Truck



## Arts and events

**Public art and events bring our community together, keep our town centres thriving and support our local economy. This is even more important as we recover from the impacts of COVID-19.**

Our Town Centre Artworks project will see new art land in the heart of Leederville and a suspended lighting artwork across William Street, Perth.

All public art is funded through 'Percent for Art' contributions from developers, and not through rates.

Events will be back, with \$199,000 towards sponsoring our local town teams and community organisations to hold a range of vibrant events, like Mt Hawthorn Hub's Little Day Out and the Perth International Jazz Festival's Jazz in the Park.





# UNDERSTANDING YOUR RATES

## Rates Smoothing

Rates time is not always easy, and not all ratepayers want to pay their rates upfront. 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](http://www.vincent.wa.gov.au/rates)

## Financial Hardship Support

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

## Did you know Vincent offers one of the lowest rates in the Perth Metropolitan area?

A 2.4% increase in rates for residential ratepayers ranks us 6th lowest out of 29 metro councils on the average rates payable per dollar.

# STRONGER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Our new Community Engagement Framework takes the way we engage with our residents and business owners to the next level. It's about hearing your thoughts on the many exciting projects we have planned for the area as well as the tough decisions about our sustainable future. A revolving Community Engagement Panel will help us deep dive on the big issues with community representatives.

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 For current community consultations, visit [imagine.vincent.wa.gov.au](http://imagine.vincent.wa.gov.au)

## STAY IN TOUCH



### In Person

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