#### CONCESSIONS

#### WA SENIORS CARD HOLDER CONCESSION:

Ratepayers holding a WA Seniors card and residing within the property, the Government will provide a 25 per cent rebate for local government rates capped at \$100.

#### COMMONWEALTH CONCESSION CARDS:

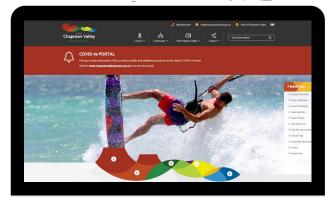
Ratepayers holding a Commonwealth concession card and residing within the property, the Government will provide a 50 per cent rebate for local government rates capped at \$750.

#### EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY 2023 - 2024

The declared minimum ESL charge is \$98. As a category 5 Local Government all ratepayers will be charged this amount. For further information on the Emergency Services Levy please visit the DFES website https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/emergencyserviceslevy

## FOR DETAILED INFORMATION CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

🐑 www.chapmanvalley.wa.gov.au



## **DIFFERENTIAL RATES**

Council resolved to charge a differential rating category of Unimproved Value (UV) Oakajee Industrial Estate on the unimproved value land contained within the Special Control Area of the Shire of Chapman Valley Town Planning Scheme, set aside for the purpose of strategic industry and deep-water port, known as the Oakajee Industrial Estate and Buffer Areas. The advertised rate in the dollar for general and differential UV rates has been adjusted to reflect Council's decision to have a 3.5% Rate Revenue increase in 2023/2024.

The differential rating categories and rate in the dollars for 2023/2024:

RATE CATEGORY	RATE/\$	MIN RATE
Gross Rental Value (GRV)	9.9526c	\$724.50
Unimproved Value (UV)	0.7847c	\$414.00
Oakajee Industrial Estate (UV)	1.4801c	\$414.00

It should be understood although the rate in the dollar is set by Council the individual land valuations are determined by the State Government (Landgate). Unimproved Valued (UV) properties are subject to an annual revaluation. Whereas, Gross Rental Valued (GRV) revaluations are undertaken every five years, with the latest GRV revaluation taking affect in the 2019/2020 rating period.

Irrespective of land valuation changes Council maintains the position of determining what is required in overall rate revenue to operate the local government and cannot focus on the individual impacts due to various valuation changes. Therefore, the Shire adjusts the rates in the dollar to accommodate the valuation changes to achieve the overall rate revenue funds required.

Ratepayers are encouraged where they face significant changes in their valuation to contact Landgate Valuation Services, Customer Service Officers on (08) 9273 7373.



## Budget Overview 2023 - 2024





## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The preparation of the 2023/2024 budget is based on Council's direction for the financial year. This direction incorporates the focus of maintaining existing services and facilities at levels customers and ratepayers expect. In addition to this, the budget also reflects the aims of the Strategic Community Plan and 10 Year Road Works Plan where possible and other major capital works that have been identified during the 2022/2023 financial year.

Councillors are continually assessing the role of local government in the community and are always seeking the views and opinions of residents and ratepayers on major capital works to be undertaken. It is then Council's decision to refine and adopt a budget, while trying to accommodate all reasonable requests within appropriate funding limits and rate increases.

Below is an indication of the rate increases over the past five years based on total rates revenue per year:

YEAR	REVENUE	% INCREASE
2023/2024	\$3,158,236	3.49%
2022/2023	\$3,051,734	3.56%
2021/2022	\$2,946,952	3.24%
2020/2021	\$2,854,496	-0.12%
2019/2020	\$2,857,970	4.18%

Following lengthy deliberations, Council has balanced the 2023/2024 budget with a modest 3.5% rate increase. The Shire's current Long Term Financial Plan recommends an average of 5% Rate Revenue increase per annum over the ten-year cycle of the Plan.

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Council and staff continually review how to improve efficiencies and keep rate revenue increases to an absolute minimum.

#### **MAJOR PROJECTS**

Nabawa Recreation Centre	\$2,000,000
Redevelopment	
Durawah Road	\$474.000
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Northampton Nabawa Road	\$445,000

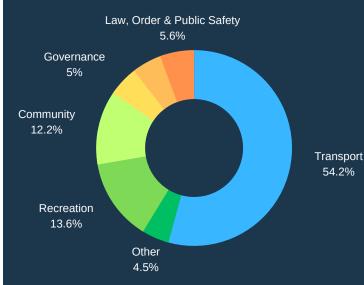
Plant Replacement Program

## **COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS**

\$819,000

Bill Hemsley Park Precinct Oval Project (Grant Funded)	\$500,000
Community Growth Fund	\$23,690
Nanson Showgrounds Roof Upgrades (Grant Funded)	\$55,000
Coronation Beach Campground Ticket Machine	\$10,000

# BUDGET EXPENDITURE 2023-2024



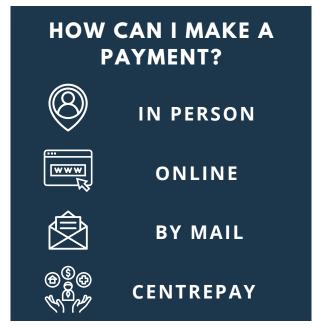
## WHEN DO I PAY MY RATES?

Option 1 Due date (If no instalment) - 20 September 2023

Option 2\* 1st Instalment due - 20 September 2023 2nd Instalment due - 20 November 2023

Option 3\* 1st Instalment due - 20 September 2023 2nd Instalment due - 20 November 2023 3rd Instalment due - 22 January 2024 4th Instalment due - 22 March 2024

\*An instalment interest rate of 5.5% applies to these options.



#### **ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

Ratepayers experiencing financial difficulties are encouraged to contact this office as soon as possible, before the due date, to discuss alternative arrangements. A copy of the application can be found on the Shire website.