

Budget newsletter

JULY 2026



City of
Melville

Investing in our community, now and into the future

This year's Budget reflects our ongoing commitment to delivering essential services and infrastructure, while planning responsibly for the future. It aligns with our Council Plan for the Future 2024-2034, which was shaped by community input and outlines a long-term vision for a vibrant, sustainable and inclusive Melville. This plan ensures that everything we do today is guided by where we want our City to be in the years ahead.

We recognise that cost-of-living pressures continue to impact many households. Following careful consideration, Council has chosen a rate increase of 4.9%, which we believe strikes an appropriate balance between easing cost-of-living pressures and ensuring we can continue to deliver essential services, renew ageing infrastructure and invest in our growing community.

Your rates, alongside City reserves, grants, subsidies and contributions, play a vital role in supporting the services and facilities you rely on every day. From maintaining our parks, roads, trees and community facilities, to delivering waste services, libraries, community programs and events, this revenue ensures we can continue to meet the needs of our residents now and into the future.

Our capital works program will deliver \$56.4 million worth of important upgrades and improvements across our 18 suburbs, enhancing community spaces, supporting active lifestyles and improving local infrastructure. These projects are designed to ensure our City remains liveable, connected and resilient now and for future generations.

This year, we're excited to progress a number of key projects in our capital works program, including:

- Sporting change room upgrades at Morris Buzzacott, Winnacott Reserve, Troy Park and Beasley Reserve.
- Commencing construction on the new Library, Museum and Arts Centre.
- Clean and green projects from foreshore restoration across various sections including Point Waylen, to the implementation of the 2026-2027 Urban Forest Strategy.
- Upgrades to paths and roads across the City, including the rehabilitation on sections of Marmion Street, Karel Avenue, Winterfold Road and Riseley Street.

I encourage you to make the most of our beautiful natural spaces, support local businesses and connect with your community.

Lastly, I would like to thank my fellow Elected Members and our staff for their work in preparing this year's Budget.

You can view the full budget at the City of Melville Civic Centre, at our libraries, or online at melvillecity.com.au/budget



Katy Mair
Melville Mayor

Help us
shape the future
of Melville

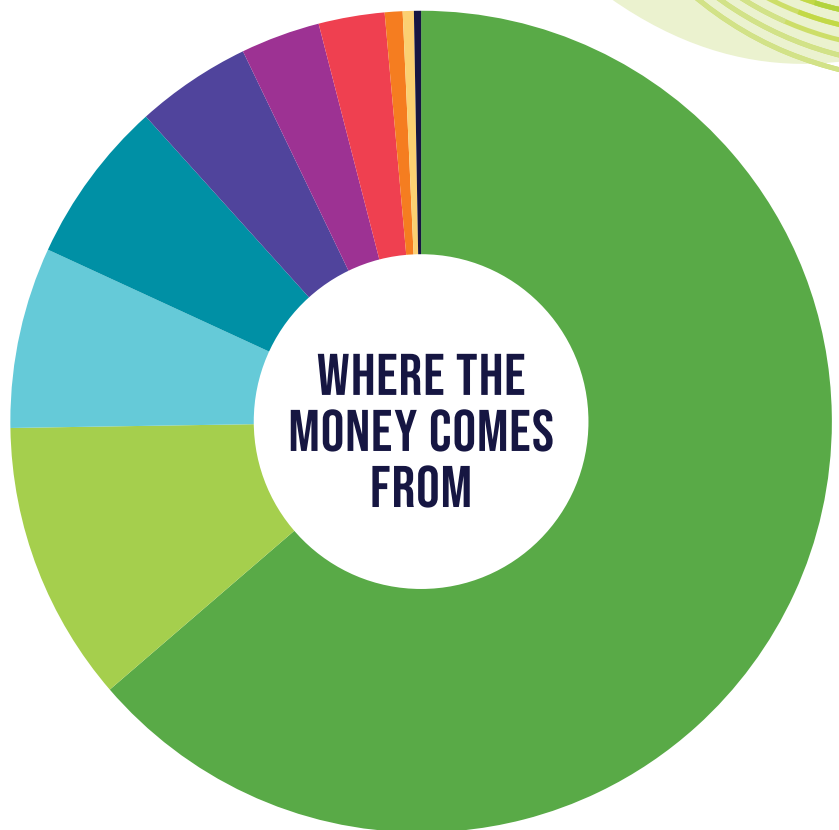
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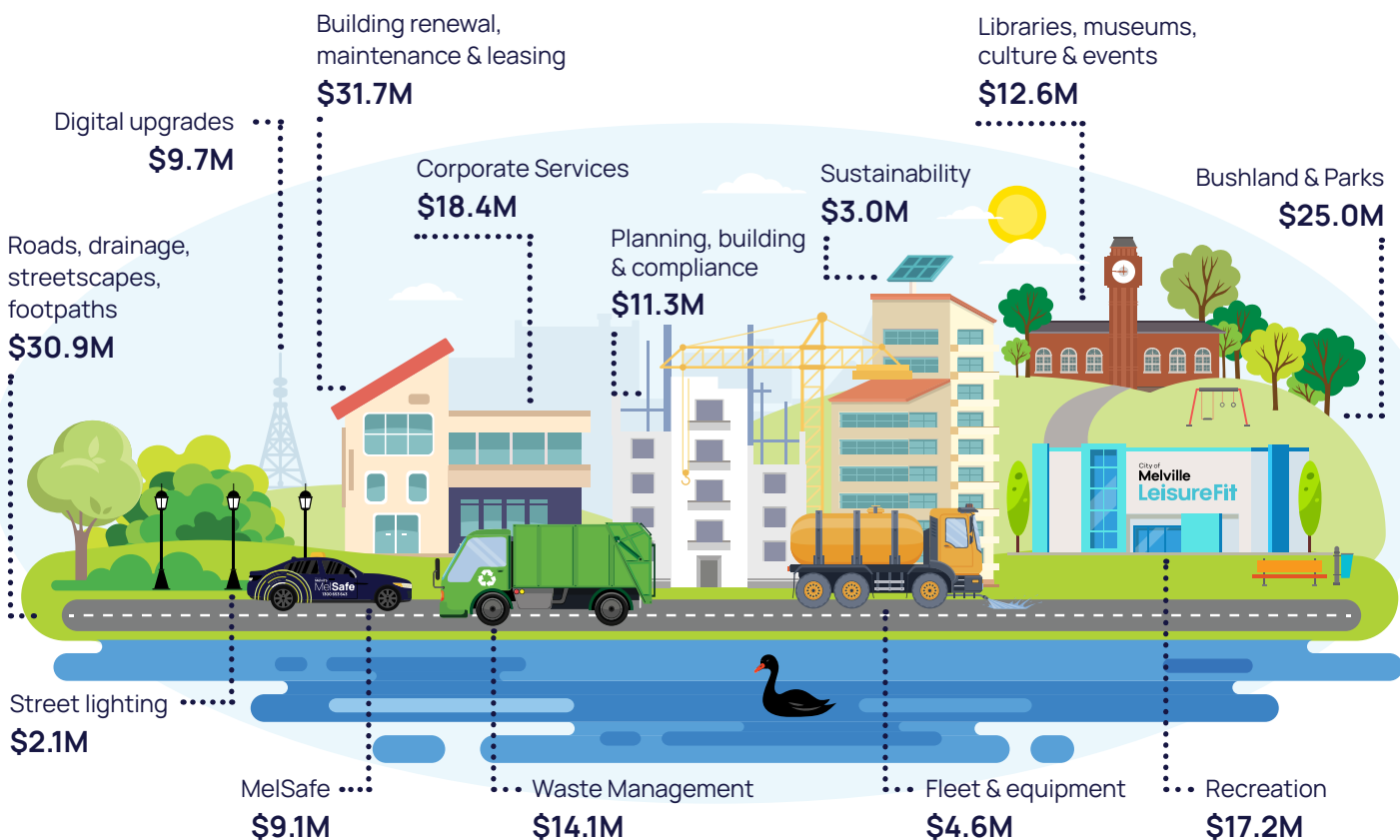
BUDGET OVERVIEW

Rates	\$122.6M
Fees and charges	\$21.3M
Net reserve funding	\$13.7M
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	\$11.9M
Interest earnings	\$8.3M
Grants, subsidies and contributions	\$5.6M
Service charges	\$4.6M
Other revenue	\$1.0M
Sale of assets	\$0.5M
Self-supporting loans	\$0.2M

TOTAL: \$189.7 million



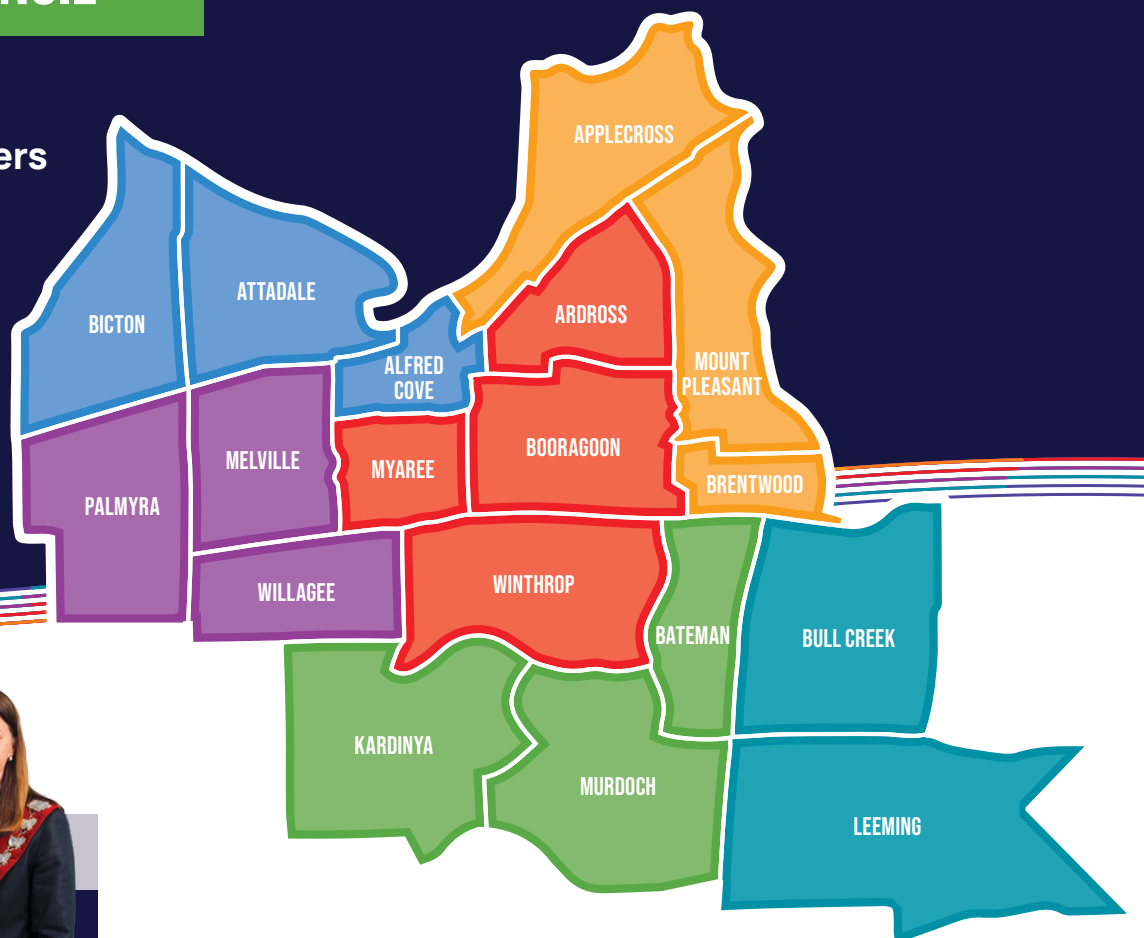
How the money is spent



MEET YOUR COUNCIL

Get to know
your Elected Members
who are here to
represent you.

You are represented
by 13 Elected Members,
including the Mayor,
who are democratically
elected by the Melville
community.



MAYOR KATY MAIR

MAYOR



COUNCILLOR
GLYNIS BARBER



COUNCILLOR
GEORGE PANAYOTOU

BICTON – ATTADALE – ALFRED COVE WARD



COUNCILLOR
CRAWFORD YORKE



COUNCILLOR
SCOTT GREEN

CENTRAL WARD



COUNCILLOR
CLIVE ROSS



COUNCILLOR
DANIEL LIM

APPLECROSS – MOUNT PLEASANT WARD



COUNCILLOR
KAREN WHEATLAND



COUNCILLOR
MICHAEL MCGOLDRICK

PALMYRA – MELVILLE – WILLAGEE WARD



COUNCILLOR
SOO HONG



COUNCILLOR
NICOLE ROBINS

BATEMAN – KARDINYA – MURDOCH WARD



COUNCILLOR
JENNIFER SPANBROEK



DEPUTY MAYOR
MATTHEW WOODALL

BULL CREEK – LEEMING WARD

Pay your rates and WIN!



3 x \$1,000
prizes from **Westpac**

PLUS



**3 x LeisureFit
12-month
memberships**

EACH VALUED
AT \$1,635.74

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For **three winners** who
pay in full or
their first instalment
by Friday,
28 August
2026.

CITY FAST FACTS

Located on Whadjuk Noongar Boodja

- 115,945 residents
- 10,852 registered businesses
- 18km foreshore
- 302ha bushland
- 861ha public open space
- 207 parks and reserves
- 501km footpaths

City projects 2026-2027

- 1 Ardross Street & Munro Road Roundabout Installation
- 2 Applecross Tennis Club Refurbishment
- 3 Beasley Reserve Changeroom Upgrade
- 4 EcoHub Detailed Design & Refurbishment
- 5 Heathcote – Clock Tower Rectification
- 6 Goolugatup Heathcote Lower Development – Stage 2
- 7 John Connell Reserve Detailed Design
- 8 Justinian Street & Cleopatra Street Roundabout
- 9 Kardinya Community Hall – Air Conditioning Installation
- 10 Library, Museum and Arts Centre Design & Construction
- 11 Leeming Recreation Centre – Minor Renewal
- 12 LeisureFit Booragoon Outdoor Spray Park plus Spa & Sauna Refurbishment
- 13 Marmion Reserve Floodlighting Upgrade
- 14 Moreau Mews Town Square Public Open Space Development
- 15 Morris Buzzacott Changeroom & Netball Facility Upgrade, & Car Park Renewal
- 16 Norma Road & McCoy Street Roundabout Modification
- 17 Point Walter Golf Course Renewal plus Roof Replacement
- 18 Point Waylen Viewing Area & Foreshore Restoration
- 19 Southern Districts Senior Citizen's Centre Air Conditioning Installation
- 20 Troy Park Changeroom Upgrade
- 21 Winnacott Reserve Changeroom Upgrade

See what other projects and works are planned at melvillecity.com.au/capitalworks



City places

- 22 AH Bracks Library & Creative Space
- 23 Willagee Community Centre & Wiigi Kaartdijin Mia Willagee Library
- 24 Bull Creek Community Centre & Bull Creek Library
- 25 Blue Gum Community Centre
- 26 Depot & Operations Centre
- 27 Civic Centre
- 28 Canning Bridge Express Library
- 29 Canning Bridge Community Centre & Cirque Business Hub
- 30 Forbes Building Community Space
- 31 LeisureFit Melville
- 32 EcoHub



Activity Centres

- Canning Bridge
- Kardinya Activity Centre
- Melville City Centre
- Melville District Activity Centre
- Murdoch Health and Knowledge Precinct
- Myaree Business Area
- Riseley Centre

FUTURE MELVILLE – HAVE YOUR SAY

The City is reviewing its Local Planning Scheme (LPS6), a document that guides how land is used and developed across our suburbs.

What does a Local Planning Scheme include?

Each local government has a planning scheme that defines residential densities, building heights, land uses and where future housing growth should occur.

Why are changes needed?

The State Government's planning framework requires the City to accommodate nearly 14,000 additional dwellings by 2050. The proposed changes aim to manage future growth while maintaining the character of our suburbs.

How has community feedback shaped the proposal?

Since 2021, the community has been involved in several stages of the review, helping to identify key issues and provide feedback on proposed density and zoning changes.

In the 2024 engagement the City received 669 submissions. This feedback and technical studies has helped the City refine the approach now being presented to the community for feedback.

WHAT ARE R-CODES?

Residential Design Codes (R-Codes) are State Government planning standards that determine the type and density of housing that can be developed in an area. They guide requirements for minimum lot sizes, building setbacks, open space and the types of homes that may be built, including single houses, townhouses, units and apartments.

WHAT IS A FUTURE INVESTIGATION AREA?

In 2025, the WA Government announced plans to introduce a consistent planning approach for areas around train stations. While no decisions have been made for areas surrounding the Bull Creek and Murdoch train stations, these areas have been identified for future investigation. Any future planning work would be undertaken in partnership with the State Government and informed by community consultation.

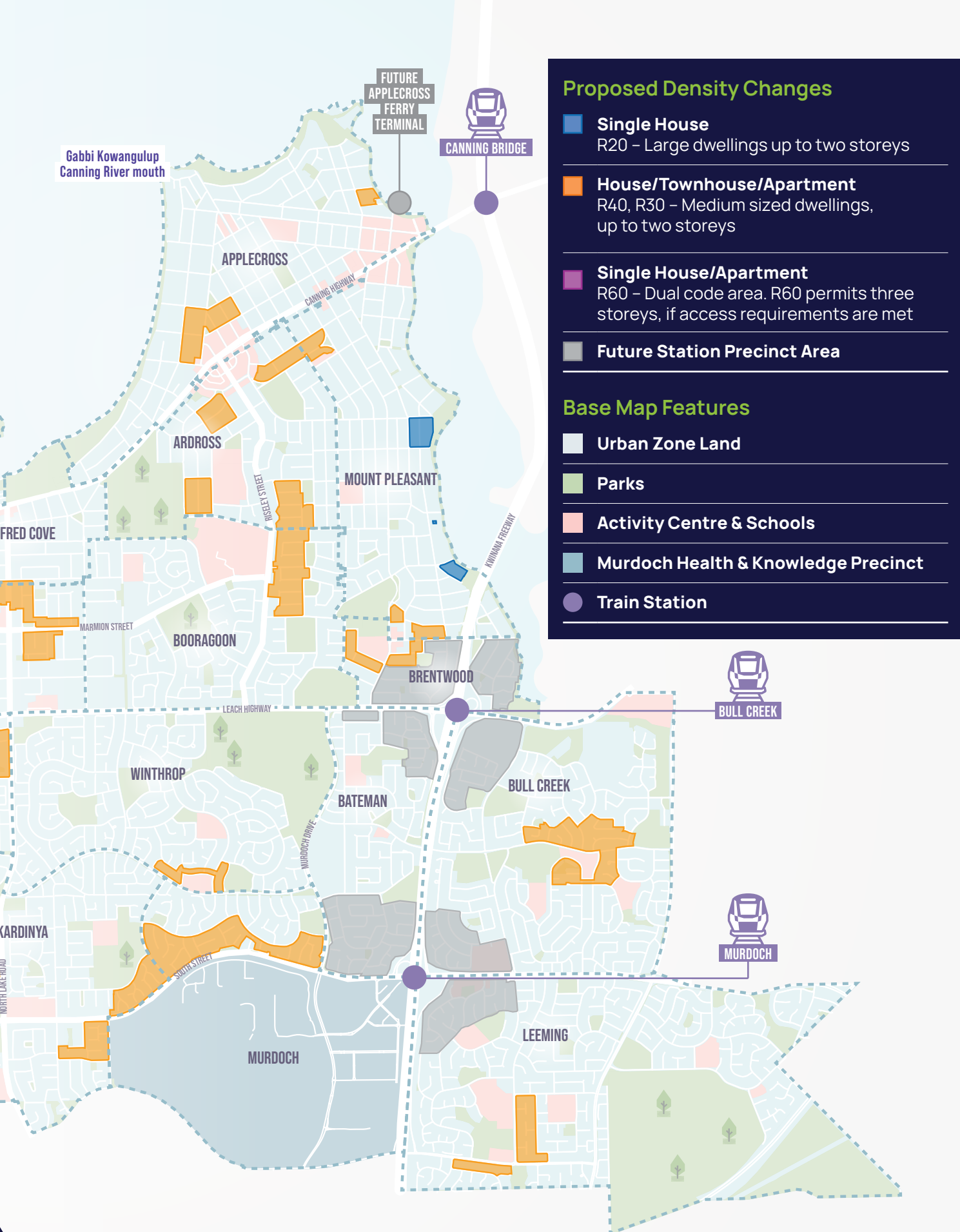
>> FIND OUT MORE

This is a big topic for a small brochure so for more information you can scan the QR code or visit www.melvillecity.com.au/lps6



- In Person:** Drop in for a one-on-one appointment with a Strategic Planner at the City of Melville Civic Centre Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm
- Roadshow:** Check the City of Melville website for locations and times
- Phone:** Call and speak to a Strategic Planner **9364 0666**
- Email:** LPS6-Review@melville.wa.gov.au





Explore the proposed changes and have your say by Monday, 31 August 2026

COMPLETE AN ONLINE SURVEY AT [MELVILLECITY.COM.AU/LPS6](https://melvillecity.com.au/lps6)
REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN A COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUP

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How are rates calculated?

Each property is individually assessed by the Valuer General's office once every three years to determine its Gross Rental Value (GRV), which is the yearly rent the property would be expected to receive.

Landgate completed the gross rental valuation (GRV) assessments of all properties in the City of Melville as at the Date of Valuation, being 1 August 2024 and the valuations came into effect on 1 July 2026.

As part of the yearly budget process, we calculate the Rate in the Dollar by dividing the total amount of money to be raised in general rates by the total value of all rateable properties. The resulting figure is the Rate in the Dollar.

A combination of these two result in your rates charges:

Your rates = GRV x Rate in Dollar.

The Rates in the Dollar for 2026-2027

Type	Rate in \$	Minimum Rate
Residential Improved Land	5.656295	\$1,564.90
Residential Unimproved Land	5.830810	\$1,613.53
Commercial Improved Land	9.480501	\$1,268.77
Commercial Unimproved Land	9.761589	\$1,308.20

What is the Emergency Services Levy?

The Emergency Service Levy helps fund WA's fire and emergency services, including fire stations, volunteer fire brigades, State Emergency Service (SES) units, the Volunteer Marine Rescue Service and the multi-purpose Volunteer Emergency Service Units.

This levy is a State Government charge and is required to be collected on behalf of the Department of Fire and Emergency Service (DFES) by all Western Australian Local Government Authorities. For more information, visit dfes.wa.gov.au/esl

What is the Property Surveillance Charge?

All properties are charged the Property Surveillance Charge which helps fund the City's 24/7 mobile safety patrol service MelSafe. MelSafe helps keep our community safe and secure through high visibility patrols, where they observe, monitor and report suspicious behaviour and information to the WA Police Force.

For more information, visit melvillecity.com.au/melsafe

What is the Pool/Spa Inspection Fee?

In accordance with the Building Regulations 2012, a Pool/Spa Inspection Fee is charged to properties that have a private pool or a spa containing water that is more than 300mm deep. It is used to fund the Swimming Pool Compliance Program, which includes inspection and advice to property owners on pool safety and legislative obligations. All pools in the City of Melville are inspected every four years. For more information, visit melvillecity.com.au/pools

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STEP 1: Total rates required



STEP 2: Calculating the rate in the dollar



STEP 3: What rates you pay

