

Looking ahead

Below is a summary of just some of the funded projects, programs and activities planned for 2014/15:

- **Waste management: \$526,059**
- **Reconstruction work on The Avenue: \$410,000**
- **Assets infrastructure maintenance: \$372,778**
- **Walkerville Terrace stormwater drainage, Stage 3: \$330,000**
- **Asset management software: \$60,000**
- **Walkerville Oval irrigation: \$50,000**
- **Public realm master planning: \$50,000**
- **Immunisation program: \$30,300**
- **IT projects, including Touch screens for community information: \$23,000**
- **12 month calendar of cultural events for the Civic and Community Centre: \$20,000.**



Looking back: 2013/14 highlights

Community and Civic Centre:
completed in December 2013,
opened to the public in January 2014.

Open space strategy:
published in June 2014.

Movement management plan:
development of a draft *Movement management plan*. This work will inform Council's *Movement action plan*.

175th anniversary:
delivery of promotional activities to raise awareness of the 175th anniversary of the naming of Walkerville.

Completion of 2013/14 projects:

- kerb and gutter program
- road reseal program
- footpath renewal project
- reserve infrastructure upgrades.

In progress:

Stormwater drainage program, scheduled for completion in 2014/15.

Telephony upgrade project underway and on schedule for completion by late 2014.

What's new in Town?

Council estimates rate revenue of \$450K from this development in 2015/16.

The impact of received and projected rate revenue from new The Watson development has been a contributing factor in ensuring that the average residential rate increase does not exceed 4.15% for ratepayers.



Paying your rates

Rates can be paid in full by the 17 September or in instalments due and payment on the following dates:

1st payment: 17 September 2014

2nd payment: 1 December 2014

3rd payment: 17 March 2015

4th payment: 17 June 2015

Any ratepayer experiencing genuine hardship in meeting their payment is asked to contact the Council to confidentially discuss alternative payment arrangements.

How to pay

Details on payment methods are provided on the back of your rates notice.



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your rates, your Council:

a summary of the 2014-15 Annual business plan

Our vision: local lively culture
an economically successful community
sensitive environments and development



How we got here

In May 2014, the draft *2014/15 Annual Business plan and budget* was released for public consultation. During that time, the draft was available on the website and printed copies were available from the Civic and Community Centre. Following a public meeting on the 26 May, ten written submissions were received and presented to the Council meeting on the 21 June. Council requested further financial analysis from Administration, which was presented at a special meeting of Council on the 8 July 2014.

The final plan was endorsed by Council on the 21 July 2014 and is available from Council's website. Printed copies of the plan are available on request.

Compare the differential

The differential rate is multiplied by the property value to determine what the ratepayer will pay.

The table below compares differential rates on properties in the eastern region. The Town of Walkerville has the second to lowest differential rate in the eastern metropolitan region.

	differential rate
Burnside	.002340
Walkerville	.0024733
Unley	.002620
NPSP*	.002625
Campbelltown	.003176
Prospect	.00321690
Tea Tree Gully	.00409054



*Norwood, Payneham and St Peters

Setting rates

In setting Council's rates for the 2014-2015 financial year, Council has considered:

- Achieving the goals and objectives outlined in *Living in the Town of Walkerville* – the strategic plan adopted by Council in 2012.
- The budget for the 2014-15 financial year and any long term financial planning.
- The financial implications of complying with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1999* and other legislations.
- The specific issues faced by our community, including:
 - the ongoing requirements for a capital program to replace, upgrade and maintain infrastructure assets which include roads, paths, storm water infrastructure, parks & reserves and public buildings
 - the development of a community service program based on community needs
 - the current economic climate.

Rebate of rates

The Local Government Act requires Councils to offer a rebate on land including:

- 100% rebate on land used solely for religious purposes
- minimum of 75% rebate for land used predominantly for educational purposes
- minimum of 75% rebate on land used for provision of supported accommodation.

Statutory rebate of rates	2013-14	2014-15
100% Religious	\$22,163	22,465
75% Community services	\$45,171	45,788
75% Education	\$129,458	131,224
	\$196,792	199,477
Discretionary rebate: Levi Caravan Pk	\$34,416	\$34,886
Total rebates	\$231,208	\$234,363

Fast facts

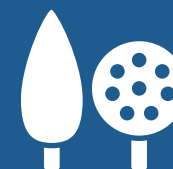
- **This budget sets an average residential rate increase that does not exceed 4.15%. This translates to 66% of residents incurring an average rate increase of 2.5%**
- The increase in differential rate (i.e. the rate in the dollar used to calculate actual rates) is no more than 1.28%
- **The total rate revenue for 2014/15 is \$7.1 million**
- Repayments of borrowings are capped at \$600,000
- There will be no additional borrowings for 2014/15
- **Capital value of properties is not determined by local Councils.**

Where your rates go

84% of total revenue comes from property rates which makes it Council's primary funding source. Here is where your rates are going:

Infrastructure

- Roads
- Footpaths
- Parks
- Playgrounds
- Stormwater
- Gutters
- Ovals
- Gardens
- Buildings
- Street lighting



Services

- Library
- Health:
 - Immunisation
 - Inspections
- Transport
- Planning:
 - Zoning
- Building
- Waste:
 - Collection
 - Disposal
 - Management

Compliance

- Parking
- Pest control
- Planning
- Neighbourhood amenity
- Traffic
- Food premises
- Building
- Dogs
- Public order
- Fire prevention

How your property rates

The average property value for homeowners in the Town of Walkerville is \$701,570. Based on this average, homeowners with an average property value of \$701,570 would be paying an extra \$22 in 2014/15, which equates to a 1.28% increase.

Breaking it down:

residential property value (\$)	differential rate 2014-15 (rate in dollar)	rate payable 2014-15 (\$)
430,000	minimum rate	1069.00
500,000	0.0024733	1236.65
600,000	0.0024733	1483.98
700,000	0.0024733	1731.31
701,570*	0.0024733	1735.19
800,000	0.0024733	1978.64
900,000	0.0024733	2225.97
1,000,000	0.0024733	2473.30
1,100,000	0.0024733	2720.63
1,200,000	0.0024733	2967.96
1,300,000	0.0024733	3215.29
1,400,000	0.0024733	3462.62
1,500,000	0.0024733	3709.95
1,600,000	0.0024733	3957.28
1,700,000	0.0024733	4204.61
1,800,000	0.0024733	4451.94
1,900,000	0.0024733	4699.27
2,000,000	0.0024733	4946.60

*Average capital value

