

# Growth and community focus for City Budget



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Our spending will reflect the needs of our residents as we continue our incredible growth, welcoming 8,000 new residents each year as one of Australia's fastest growing local authorities. It is absolutely crucial that we plan carefully to deliver the infrastructure, programs and services that our growing population needs.

To achieve this aim, we have considered it prudent financial planning for this stage of the City's development, to increase rates by 5.5%.

This increase factors in the need for new services and infrastructure in the City's North and Coastal growth corridors, where suburbs are springing from the sand, while recognising the need for new and renewed facilities and services in the City's more established Central and South wards. The Budget will inject \$42.2m in capital works into our community this financial year.



## Major projects in the SOUTH, CENTRAL AND COASTAL WARDS:

- » Girrawheen's Tendring Park \$168k
- » New Koondoola Community Facility \$900k this year, remaining \$1.5m next year
- » Lenore Road upgrade \$1.5m
- » Marmion Avenue rehabilitation project \$379k

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- » \$1.5m on parks and expanding City's path network
- » \$1.75m replacing reticulation to improve the City's water use

This investment in the City will serve us well as Wanneroo heads towards becoming WA's largest region with the current population of 170,000 set to increase to around 240,000 in 2021.



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The results showed that people love the parks, bush, beach, facilities, schools and housing in the City. Most of all, they love their lifestyle.

The plan determined from your feedback will help maintain and improve that lifestyle and I encourage all members of the community to continue to contribute to our planning processes.

I would like to express my appreciation to South, Central and Coastal Ward Councillors for their continued commitment representing their community and also our CEO, Executive team, and staff for their outstanding contribution.

This is your home, so help us make it even better.

*Tracey Roberts*  
Mayor Tracey Roberts JP



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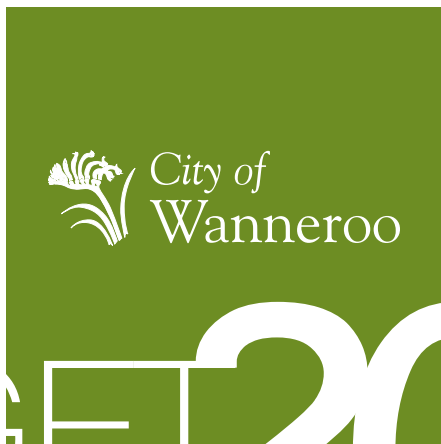
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I am especially delighted that we have been able to include a series of projects to meet the current and growing needs of our Yanchep and Two Rocks community. To achieve this aim, we have considered it prudent financial planning for this stage of the City's development, to increase rates by 5.5%.

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- » Flynn Drive \$1.1m
- » Brazier Road realignment \$2.3m
- » Marmion Avenue rehabilitation project \$379k
- » Yanchep/Two Rocks District Playing Facilities \$2.9m
- » Yanchep Surf Life Saving Club design \$200k

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CENTRAL WARD

Lenore Road

The construction of Lenore Road Dual Carriageway Stage 1 is scheduled to recommence in July 2013, pending DEC approval. In 2013/2014 the relocation of services will commence in Stage 2 (East Road to High Road), with road construction of this stage scheduled to be carried out in 2014/2015 financial year.



Cr Frank Cvitan JP



Cr Dianne Guise



Cr Dot Newton JP

COASTAL WARD



Cr Russell Driver



Cr Ian Goodenough JP



Cr Bob Smithson



Cr Rudi Steffens

Coastal Protection Works - Quinns Beach

During 2013/14 the City will undertake a study to improve coastal protection at Quinns Beach, as well as developing further management options to limit erosion and potential loss of infrastructure that has previously been an issue along this stretch of coastline.



Marmion Avenue

Marmion Avenue rehabilitation works will be carried out in different sections throughout 2013/14 with all projects involving resurfacing, along with kerb upgrades and the raising of stormwater pits. \$379,000 has been allocated to the following areas where the works are to be carried out:

- » North bound Carriageway - 100m north of Neerabup Road for 200m
- » North bound Carriageway - 100m north of Ocean Keys Blvd for 270m
- » North bound Carriageway - 100m north of Belleville Garden for 210m
- » North bound Carriageway - 100m north of Rochester Drive for 180m

Sheffield Park Playground

The City has allocated \$42,500 towards installing play equipment and soft fall at Sheffield Park in Wanneroo. This will be a welcome addition to the large passive park.



Brazier Road Beach Access Way

A beach access way is proposed for construction at Brazier Road, Yanchep, with a concept plan endorsed by Council at its meeting held on 2 April 2013. The project will include:

- » A concrete footpath
- » A beach access structure manufactured from environmentally sustainable materials fixed on an aluminium structure
- » Rehabilitation and planting adjacent to the access way

Subject to receiving the required endorsements and approvals, it is proposed to commence construction by early 2014 for a period of two months. Please note that the existing access way will be closed during the construction period.

Mitchell Park Playground Equipment

The City has allocated \$42,500 towards installing play equipment and soft fall at Mitchell Park in Two Rocks. The existing trees will provide a nice shady location and will be a welcome addition to the area.



Cr Laura Gray JP Deputy Mayor



Cr Norman Hewer

NORTH WARD

Yanchep Surf Life Saving Club

The City has chosen the site for the new Yanchep Surf Life Saving Club facility (YSLSC), overlooking Yanchep Lagoon. The single storey building will house the YSLSC and public amenities and will include an emergency vehicle and disabled access ramp, as well as car parking facilities. The City has lodged an application with the Western Australian Planning Commission and pending the outcome of the City's application, detailed design and planning will be undertaken in the 2013/2014 financial year for the proposed YSLSC, ahead of its proposed construction dates in 2014/15.



Courtesy YSLSC

SOUTH WARD

Koondoola Community Centre

Together with Koondoola residents through the Koondoola Facility Needs and Feasibility Study, the City of Wanneroo has identified the need to revitalise facilities in the suburb with a proposed concept for a community centre. The Koondoola Community Centre, to be located on Koondoola Park will provide for a wide range of community activities including playgroups, meetings, social functions, educational and vocational activities and limited indoor recreational activities. The design will fully integrate with external features such as landscaping and vehicle parking areas. The study also found that residents believed locating the centre adjacent to an active playing space and tennis court facility would add further appeal to potential user groups.



Cr Denis Hayden



Cr Stuart Mackenzie



Cr Brett Treby



Cr Nguyet-Anh Truong

Tendring Park

Design and construction of Tendring Park is proposed to be completed in the 2013/14 financial year. A community consultation will also be staged seeking the opinions and thoughts of local residents on what features they would like the park to have. Results of the consultation will be taken into consideration when finalising the concept for the parks development.



City of Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts JP and Councillors preparing for the adoption of the 2013/14 Budget.

Queenscliff Park Access Way

An upgrade is proposed for the existing beach access way at Queenscliff Park, Quinns Rocks. The access way will improve beach access. The upgrade will include a beach access structure manufactured from environmentally sustainable materials and rehabilitation and planting adjacent to the access way and the existing concrete footpath. Construction is proposed to occur before the end of 2013 and will take two months to complete, with the existing access way to be closed during that time.



Kingsway Baseball Clubrooms

Design for new Kingsway Baseball / Softball Clubrooms located in the Kingsway Regional Sporting Complex is proposed to commence in 2013/14, with approval pending. The design process will feature a consultation with resident sporting clubs and will look to achieve a development that will become a focal point for the Baseball and Softball communities in WA.





## Yanchep lifestyle a winner

Darren Meakins has lived in Yanchep for the past three and a half years, leaving the world of working in the city behind to work from home and enjoy the relaxed lifestyle with his wife and three young children.

Mr Meakins believes it's a combination of things that makes the lifestyle of Yanchep so great, from the City's facilities on offer to of course, enjoying the beautiful coastline.

"Obviously the weather here is fantastic, hearing the ocean crash at night is extraordinarily comforting," he said.

"We're literally 400m off the beach in the Lindsay Beach Estate, so we use the boardwalks, take regular

walks on the beach and the kids will go for a splash... you really take it for granted.

"The (Yanchep) National Park is the biggest drawcard for us, we love it. We often go down on the weekends and have a full breakfast down at the inn, then go for a walk and the kids can see the koalas."

Mr Meakins said he is interested in the growing developments of the Yanchep Lagoon area, especially the Surf Life Saving Club which he may want his kids to join.

"I want them to get involved in a community sport of some nature and an activity that doubles up as a community service as well. I'm very keen to see that whole area revamped.

"We feel very comfortable and very safe up here, there's not an issue at all and it's good to have things like the (City's) patrol coming around.

"In terms of what we love up here it's that you have the contrast of 'you're on holiday' and you 'live locally'. We're not going anywhere."

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Darren Meakins and family are pleased to call Yanchep home.

## Frequently asked questions

### Q. When will I receive my rates notices?

- A. The rates notices will be mailed to the ratepayers in the week beginning Monday 29 July 2013.

### Q. How much have my rates gone up?

- A. Rates have been increased by an average of 5.5% for 2013/2014.

### Q. What do I get for my rates payments?

- A. Rates account for a large portion of the City's operating revenue and provide for services and facilities including a domestic waste collection service, community safety, roadway extensions and upgrades, rehabilitation and park maintenance and new community and sports facilities.

### Q. Why have rates gone up?

- A. Rates for the 2013/2014 financial year have been increased by 5.5% and include the domestic rubbish collection. The increase will meet the growing demands of the rapidly increasing population. Increasing gas, water and electricity costs have also made it essential for the rate increase for the 183,000 people who will reside in our City by 2014.

### Q. What payment options are available?

- A. The City offers various payment methods including online at [wanneroo.wa.gov.au](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au), BPAY, phone, mail or in person at the Wanneroo Civic Centre or Clarkson Library.

### Q. What is the ESL?

- A. The ESL is the State Government imposed Emergency Services Levy. The City acts as a collection point for this charge, which is added to your council rates. For more information about the ESL please visit the Department of Fire and Emergency Services at [www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au)

### Q. Where can I find out more information about the City and what it offers?

- A. Visit the City's website at [wanneroo.wa.gov.au](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au), check out the Wanneroo Link each fortnight in the Wanneroo Times, North Coast Times and Sun City News, read the City's quarterly publication What's Happening, follow us on Facebook and Twitter or visit the Civic Centre at 23 Dundobar Road, Wanneroo.

## Senior citizens in the City

Myra McClelland is a City of Wanneroo resident with a difference.

She joined a senior citizens group six years ago and although believes she was always a 'joiner in not a leader' she now spends her time managing the Groves Groovy Grannys.

Running out of the City of Wanneroo's Banksia Grove Community Centre, the group of around 20 seniors meet every second Wednesday to socialise whilst helping out the community.

"It started off generally getting together because a lot of the ladies live by themselves so we thought that would be good, but we've actually branched out from that," Mrs McClelland said.

The group now make up emergency bags for children in need, raise money to help put in water wells for the people of Cambodia and take part in local community events.

"We're really kept quite busy with what we do, we've got a stall at Spring in the Grove every November and we sell lucky bags for the kids," Mrs McClelland said.

The Groves Groovy Grannys also assisted with Australia Day ceremonies and raise money by selling treats at movie screenings.

"That's generally what we do, we go out to lunch every now and again and we participate with the developers in the area when they put functions on, we provide the tea and coffee facilities."

As a senior herself Mrs McClelland knows it's all too easy to let the days pass without doing anything and that's exactly why she has dedicated her time to helping others.

"There's two blocks of senior citizens in this area and that's where most of them come from," she said.

"The group that comes to me, some of them would be completely lost, it gets to a stage where before we meet someone will say 'oh I don't feel like coming in', so I go to the door and say, 'right, you're coming, you're not sitting here when you could be sitting across the road', so I try to keep them motivated. It's easy to say 'it's too cold, I'm not going out'."

Mrs McClelland said she has always lived in the City of Wanneroo, is pleased with the Banksia Grove community centre facilities and believes it's getting better and better.

"This community is getting really good, you meet the same people every year at different functions and they say 'this is great, you don't get this anywhere else'."

If you're a City of Wanneroo senior citizen and would like to know what facilities we have on offer, please call 9405 5000.

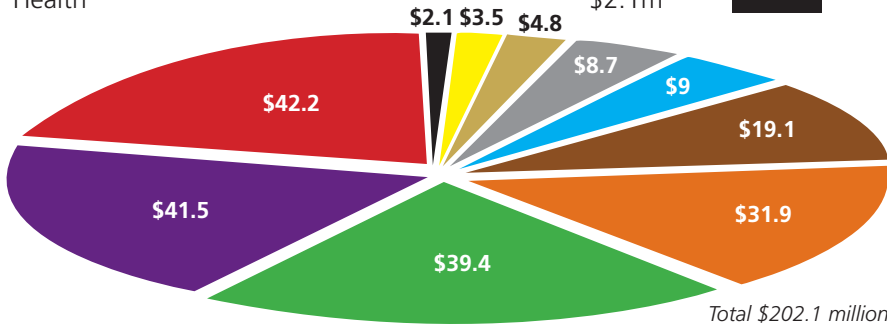
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Myra McClelland (back row, 4th from left) and The Groves Groovy Grannys.

## 2013/14 Budget expenditure at a glance

2013/14 New Capital Works Program	\$42.2m	
Recreation and Culture	\$41.5m	
Community Amenities	\$39.4m	
Transport	\$31.9m	
Other Property and Services	\$19.1m	
Governance and General Purpose Funding	\$9m	
Education and Welfare	\$8.7m	
Law, Order and Public Safety	\$4.8m	
Economic Services	\$3.5m	
Health	\$2.1m	



Total \$202.1 million