

# City of Wanneroo

## 2009/10 BUDGET EDITION



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### CONSOLIDATION AND CREATING EFFICIENCIES

The 2009/10 budget will see :

\$72 million invested in our capital works program (including \$38 million carried over from 2008/09)

Completion of the Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre

\$220,000 allocated to the upgrade and provision of community safety initiatives

\$19 million for major road extensions and upgrades

\$150,000 for upgrade works at Carramar and Marangaroo golf courses

\$150,000 for the development of a water-wise garden project in Marangaroo

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# ENSURING A SUSTAINABLE, EFFICIENT AND SAFER COMMUNITY

CITY OF WANNEROO DEPUTY MAYOR BRETT TREBY DISCUSSES COMMUNITY SAFETY WITH WANNEROO RANGER ERIC AYERS.



THE CITY OF WANNEROO'S 2009/10 BUDGET, ADOPTED BY COUNCIL LAST FRIDAY, WILL INVEST MORE THAN \$200 MILLION IN THE COMMUNITY OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS. THIS INCLUDES APPROXIMATELY \$160 MILLION ALLOCATED IN THE 2009/10 BUDGET AND APPROXIMATELY \$40 MILLION CARRIED OVER FROM THE 2008/09 BUDGET.

"The City of Wanneroo's population is expected to double by the year 2021. Being the centre of creative growth for the greater Perth metro area, it is essential that we provide communities with a high quality of life including physical infrastructure, social vibrancy and community health," City of Wanneroo Chief Executive Officer, Daniel Simms said.

The 2009/10 budget reflects the City's commitment to delivering key infrastructure projects such as the completion of the Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre, the revitalisation of the City's roads and the upgrade of parks and community centres.

Community safety is also a priority for the City in 2009/10, with residents continually telling us it is important to them. Over the next 12 months the City will reintroduce community safety patrols.

**"The community safety patrols will have a new look and will operate on a 24-hour basis,"** said Mayor Jon Kelly.

**"It is important to feel safe and be at the forefront of community safety issues. The reintroduction of these patrols is a prime example of the City's commitment to addressing anti social behaviour and ensuring a safer community for everyone."**

In addition to the community safety patrols, the City will install CCTV cameras in hotspots such as Paloma Park, Alexander Heights, Wangara Business District, Koondoola Shopping Complex, Mindarie, Clarkson and Yanchep. The City has also received \$160,000 from the State Government to fund CCTV in the Wanneroo Town Centre.

The 2009/10 budget represents a significant year in terms of the completion of major infrastructural projects and creating a safer, more efficient and sustainable community.

**"The investment we make today will ensure the sustainability of our future,"** Mayor Kelly said.

# MAYOR'S MESSAGE



THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS HAS HIT AUSTRALIA HARD, PARTICULARLY A GROWTH COUNCIL SUCH AS THE CITY OF WANNEROO.

In fact the City will be impacted more so than any other local government because it is the largest growing local government in the State. However, despite the global financial crisis, the City of Wanneroo will still deliver a balanced budget in 2009/10, using sound financial management.

Consolidation and creating efficiencies so as to keep the pressure off household expenditure while maintaining the services the community has grown to know and love has been the focus of the City's 2009/10 budget.

The City has prioritised its spending according to what services residents and ratepayers continually identify as important. With this in mind, the City will be looking to deliver safer roads, a greener and more sustainable Wanneroo and active, connected and safer communities.

In 2009/10, the City of Wanneroo will work to:

- PROTECT AND SECURE THE CITY'S FINANCES
- IMPROVE COMMUNITY SAFETY
- DELIVER KEY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Over the next 12 months, the City will spend \$72 million on capital works projects. A significant component of the new capital works program will be \$19 million on the major roadway extensions and upgrades. Within its operating budget of \$110.9 million a key aspect will be the expenditure of \$31.8 million towards community amenities.

The City has made the difficult but necessary and responsible decision to reduce its community events program including postponing the Beach to Bush Festival and the Summer Concert Series until 2010/11.

I know how much the residents love the community events the City hosts every year, however, we made the decision based on community market consultation that told us the community would support the City reducing its spend on our concert program in return for additional spend on community safety.

Despite this, the City will still offer its great sports, libraries and arts programs as well as a one off Australia Day event and major concert at the Centenary Wanneroo Show.

Other highlights of the 2009/10 budget are:

- Completion of the Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre
- \$50,000 for a community centre feasibility study at the Quinns Mindarie Surf Life Saving Club
- \$150,000 for upgrade works at Carramar and Marangaroo golf courses
- \$150,000 for the development of a water-wise garden project in Marangaroo
- \$120,000 for the development of the Walls of Honour project at Bert Tongo Park
- \$40,000 for the construction and installation of a Wanneroo Cultural and Civic Trail
- Realignment of Wanneroo Road at Pinjar Road intersection in Ashby, \$3.8 million
- \$790,000 for the construction of sports facilities and oval irrigation and development at Jimbub Swamp Reserve

Now more than ever, local government is filling gaps left by the State and Federal governments.

There is always a balancing act between maintaining delivery of services to the community and minimising the financial burden placed on ratepayers.

Maintaining the balance comes down to sound financial management, something the City of Wanneroo continues to do well.

Whilst Council has reduced its operating and expenditure as much as possible, it's a rapidly growing Council, and as such the demand for new infrastructure exceeds costs and therefore rates have had to increase to meet this growth.

It is important to understand that your rates add value to the community while ensuring a vibrant future. For every dollar you pay in rates, council puts two dollars back into the community.

From completing major revitalisation works in the town centre, to improving our roads and creating a safer community, the 2009/10 City of Wanneroo budget is about consolidation, creating efficiencies and sound financial management to ensure we can meet the needs of our residents now and into the future.

**The impact of additional government charges on ratepayers averages \$24 per household after City subsidies and an additional \$50 per household for rubbish disposal fees.**

*Jon Kelly*  
**JON KELLY**  
 MAYOR



CITY OF WANNEROO MAYOR JON KELLY ENJOYING A GAME OF CARDS WITH WANNEROO SENIOR CITIZENS NORMA POWER AND BILL HOOKER.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q. WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY RATES NOTICE?**  
 A. The rates notices will be mailed to ratepayers in the week beginning 27 July 2009.

**Q. WHAT DO I GET FOR MY RATES PAYMENTS?**  
 A. Rates comprise 66 per cent of the City's revenue and are invested in community safety initiatives, major capital works projects, roadway extensions and upgrades, rehabilitation and upkeep of parks and new community facilities for the estimated 161,000 people who will reside in our City by 2011.

**Q. WHY HAVE RATES GONE UP?**  
 A. Rates for the 2009/10 financial year have been increased by 6.2 per cent, which is inclusive of a \$50 increase on those properties receiving a domestic rubbish collection service. Rates need to increase in proportion to the additional costs incurred by local governments to provide the full range of services and facilities.

The global financial crisis has meant the City will be impacted more so than many other local governments because it is the largest growing in WA and has relied on a level of growth to deliver additional income each year. The rates increase to meet the growing demands and infrastructural requirements of the rapidly increasing population, which is expected to double by the year 2021.

**Q. WHY HAVE TIPPING FEES INCREASED?**  
 A. The increase in tipping fees is due to hit the City and its residents and ratepayers when the Mindarie Regional Council's Resource Recovery Facility opens in mid-2009. The increase to tipping fees will be almost \$74 more per tonne (from \$54 to \$128) or \$4 million for the entire 2009/10 financial year.

To fund this increase, the City will have to increase the rubbish charge component on residents rates notices by \$50. This amount could have been significantly more if it wasn't for the City's forward thinking. Knowing this increase was imminent, the City has already put aside more than \$1.5 million to offset the increase.

**Q. WHY DOES THE CITY INCLUDE THE BIN RATE IN THE GENERAL RATE?**  
 A. The City includes the bin rate in the general rate as Seniors who meet the eligibility criteria are entitled a rebate of 50 per cent.

**Q. WHAT IMPACT DOES THE DECISION BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT TO DELAY THE WASTE LEVY HAVE ON MY RATES?**  
 A. There should be no impact on residents on the State Government's decision to delay the waste levy. However, the City will build a reserve fund to buffer future increases.

**Q. WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY AND WHAT IT HAS TO OFFER?**  
 A. Visit the City's website at [wanneroo.wa.gov.au](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au), check out the Wanneroo Link each week in the Wanneroo Times, North Coast Times and Sun City News or visit the City of Wanneroo Civic Centre at 23 Dundobar Road, Wanneroo.

# CITY OF WANNEROO WARD SNAPSHOT



COUNCILLOR NORMAN HEWER, CARRAMAR RESIDENT BARBARA HEWITT AND COUNCILLOR LAURA GRAY PLAYING A ROUND OF GOLF AT THE CITY'S CARRAMAR GOLF COURSE.

**GOLF COURSES TEE-UP FOR UPGRADES**  
 THIS FINANCIAL YEAR, THE CITY IS INVESTING \$150,000 IN UPGRADING FACILITIES AT CARRAMAR AND MARANGAROO GOLF COURSES.

"Continual development of sporting facilities like the City's public golf courses will provide additional benefits to the community and further attract visitors and tourists to the City," said Mayor Jon Kelly.

Projects at Carramar Golf Course are likely to include implementing internal pathways from greens to tees, tee upgrades and signage.

Retiree Barbara Hewitt plays a round of golf every Tuesday at Carramar and is looking forward to the changes taking place.

"It's a great golf course as it's easy to navigate and the views of native Australian bushland including the kangaroos that inhabit the course make it one-of-a-kind," she said. "Any upgrades that make it easier to get around will always help, particularly for my age group."

Potential projects at Marangaroo Golf Course include concrete pathways between the clubhouse and No 1 and 10 tees, internal pathways from greens to tees, a buggy cart area, and a shaded seating area at the front of the clubhouse.

## NORTH WARD



COUNCILLORS MAUREEN GRIERSON, NGUYET-ANH TRUONG AND DEPUTY MAYOR BRETT TREBY AT SWANLEY PARK, MARANGAROO, WHICH WILL UNDERGO A \$150,000 REDEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING A WATER-WISE GARDEN.

**WATER-WISE PARK FOR MARANGAROO**  
 WATER IS A VITAL, YET INCREASINGLY SCARCE RESOURCE IN TODAY'S SOCIETY, WHICH IS WHY THE CITY OF WANNEROO IS EXPLORING IMPROVED WATER MANAGEMENT IN ITS DAILY PROCESSES.

The City is updating many of its older parks and reserves to ensure water usage is kept to a minimum, and in 2009/10, \$150,000 has been allocated to create a Water-Wise Garden Project at Swanley Park, Marangaroo.

Mayor Jon Kelly said the park would be designed so that residents have a functional and aesthetically pleasing open space that uses water-wise design principals.

"By creating water-wise parks we hope to raise community awareness of the water shortage that we are facing throughout the nation," Mayor Kelly said. "There will be many more water-wise parks developed throughout the City in the years to come, to ensure that water is protected today and for the future."

While the park is still in the design stage, it is expected that irrigated areas such as grass will be limited, and native plants will be installed throughout the park to reduce the amount of water used. The Water-Wise Garden Project is expected to be completed by mid 2010.

## SOUTH WARD



COASTAL WARD COUNCILLORS TRACEY ROBERTS, RUDI STEFFENS AND IAN GOODENOUGH ARE PLEASED \$50,000 HAS BEEN ALLOCATED TO A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A COMMUNITY CENTRE AT THE QUINNS MINDARIE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB.

**NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE PLANNED FOR QUINNS MINDARIE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB**

THE CITY OF WANNEROO HAS ALLOCATED \$50,000 IN THE 2009/10 BUDGET TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A COMMUNITY CENTRE AT THE QUINNS MINDARIE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB.

The study will investigate if there is a need for a community centre in the northern coastal suburbs. Mayor Jon Kelly said a community centre at the location would be well received by local residents.

"Residents from Mindarie and Quinns Rocks have mentioned to me and their Ward Councillors that there is a real need for a dedicated community centre in the area, and this study will identify if this would be of benefit to the community."

"A community centre would compliment the existing Quinns Mindarie Surf Life Saving clubroom facility which was officially opened by the City of Wanneroo in February 2006. It is a modern and functional facility, designed to provide a sufficient base to provide surf life saving patrols to the area, as well as cater for the needs of the growing coastal community."

The City of Wanneroo funded the construction of the building and related foreshore works at a cost of \$3.2 million.

## COASTAL WARD



LOCAL RESIDENTS DON AND RUTH HORSLEY WITH COUNCILLORS GLYNIS MONKS, DOT NEWTON AND FRANK CVITAN AT THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY SITE FOR THE WANNEROO CULTURAL AND CIVIC TRAIL.

**INVESTING IN OUR CITY'S HERITAGE**

THE CITY OF WANNEROO HAS ALLOCATED \$160,000 IN THE 2009/10 BUDGET TO COMMEMORATE THE CITY'S RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE.

"The City is proud of its cultural heritage and encourages the appreciation, and conservation of heritage places and collections," said Mayor Jon Kelly.

\$120,000 will be allocated for the construction of Walls of Honour in Bert Togno Park and the Jacaranda Amphitheatre, Wanneroo. The Walls of Honour will name Early Settlers, City Pioneers, Freemen of the City, winners of the Australia Day Awards and indigenous families and individuals. The project is currently in the design stage with works expected to commence in August 2009.

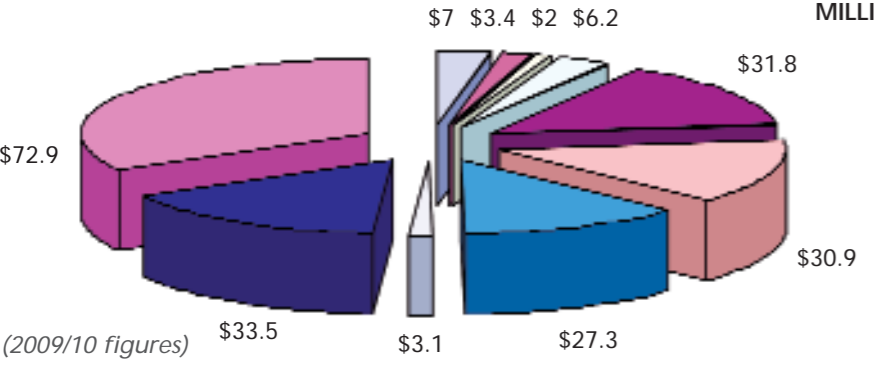
\$40,000 has also been allocated to the completion of the Wanneroo Cultural and Civic Trail. This trail will consist of a number of commemorative plaques and artwork placed throughout the town centre highlighting key heritage locations.

"I am delighted the City of Wanneroo is encouraging the exploration of the City's heritage," said Wanneroo Pioneers Don and Ruth Horsley. "It is exciting to watch the City grow and develop but also important not to forget where it all started."

## CENTRAL WARD

## 2009/10 BUDGET IN PERSPECTIVE

The diagram below indicates the City's major areas of expenditure by both rounded percentage and dollar value (\$ millions).



**THIS YEAR THE CITY OF WANNEROO WILL BE MANAGING A \$217.9 MILLION BUDGET**

	\$M	%
Governance and General Purpose Funding	\$7	3%
Law, Order, Public Safety	\$3.4	2%
Health	\$2	1%
Education and Welfare	\$6.2	3%
Community Amenities	\$31.8	15%
Recreation and Culture	\$30.9	14%
Transport	\$27.3	13%
Economic Services	\$3.1	1%
Other Property and Services	\$33.5	15%
Capital Works	\$72.9	33%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$217.9</b>	<b>100%</b>

# REHABILITATING OUR COASTLINE



**MORE THAN \$100,000 WILL BE SPENT ON DUNE REHABILITATION IN THE NORTHERN COASTAL SUBURBS, BETWEEN MINDARIE AND TWO ROCKS IN THE 2009/10 FINANCIAL YEAR.**

Works are likely to be carried out in May/June 2010, to coincide with planting which should commence after the first winter rains to allow plants to establish over the winter months.

Weed control will be done prior to the planting to maximise the effects.

## MINDARIE FORESHORE

\$10,000 will be spent on planting and weed management along the Mindarie Coastal Walk Trail to enhance the dune system, and a further \$10,000 will go towards rehabilitation works at Longbeach, on the south side of the main access track.

## QUINNS ROCKS FORESHORE

Conservation works will continue at the Weymouth Boulevard site, with \$10,000 of weed management and planting of local native species to enhance the dune systems. Further south at the rehabilitation site south of the car park, asphalt will be removed and erosion controlled by dune matting.

## YANCHEP FORESHORE

Weed management and erosion control will be completed opposite Lefroy Road, north of the access track opposite Leonard Way at a cost of \$20,000.

In the area surrounding the Yanchep Boardwalk, a further \$20,000 will go towards planting local native species, weed control and brushing.

## TWO ROCKS FORESHORE

\$10,000 will be spent on erosion control by dune matting and wind break fencing opposite Sceptre Court, north of the beach access stairs, and a further \$10,000 will go towards erosion control in Sovereign Park, opposite Gretel Court.



COUNCILLOR TRACEY ROBERTS, COUNCILLOR RUDI STEFFENS AND COUNCILLOR IAN GOODENOUGH LEND A HAND WITH DUNE REHABILITATION IN THE NORTHERN COASTAL SUBURBS.

# \$19 MILLION TO BE SPENT ON CITY'S ROADS

THE CITY OF WANNEROO IS COMMITTED TO IMPROVING ITS ROAD NETWORK AND IS WORKING HARD TO MAKE OUR ROADS SAFER. LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR 72 PER CENT OF ROAD NETWORKS IN THE STATE, AND EACH YEAR THE CITY INJECTS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO BUILD, UPGRADE AND REHABILITATE OUR ROADS.

More than \$19 million has been allocated in the City's 2009/10 budget, which includes almost \$12 million to be spent on the construction of new roads, more than \$4 million for road renewal projects and \$2.5 million for upgrades.

Highlights include:

## PINJAR ROAD, ASHBY

More than \$7 million will be spent on the realignment project at Pinjar Road, Ashby, following the inclusion of \$3.85 million in the 2009/10 capital works budget. Works will take place between Wanneroo Road in Ashby and Galileo Avenue in Tapping. These include :

- Realignment of Pinjar Road between Wanneroo Road and Carosa Road to have a new intersection approximately 280m north of the existing intersection.
- New traffic signals at the intersection of Wanneroo Road and Pinjar Road.
- Two new roundabouts on Pinjar Road at Carosa Road and Caporn Street.
- Construction of both new carriageways between Wanneroo Road and Carosa Road.
- Construction of a new western carriageway from Carosa Road to near Galileo Ave.

The project is in design stage with the 18-month construction period likely to begin in early 2010.



COASTAL WARD COUNCILLOR BOB SMITHSON AT THE OCEAN DRIVE REDEVELOPMENT IN QUINNS ROCKS WHERE A FURTHER \$1.6 MILLION WILL BE SPENT IN 2009/10.

## ALEXANDER DRIVE, ALEXANDER HEIGHTS

Both carriageways of the busy Alexander Drive will have rehabilitation works between Marangaroo Drive and Fenchurch Street, at a total cost of \$1.08 million.

The works will involve pavement strengthening, new asphalt surface and associated kerb and drainage replacements. The works will begin in March/April 2010.

The City has received State Government funding to complete part of the rehabilitation.

## OCEAN REEF ROAD, WANGARA

The second stage of this project involves construction of a new, 2.4km, four-lane dual carriageway between Prestige Parade and Alexander Drive. The project will also include the

extension of Mirrabooka Avenue between Gngangara Road and Ocean Reef Road, and a new signalised intersection at Sydney Road/Mirrabooka Avenue, with works programmed for completion in early 2011.

Earlier this year the first stage of the project opened to traffic between Hartman Drive and Prestige Parade.

The total cost of the project is \$13 million, \$4.7 million being Federal Government Auslink funds, with works funded over two financial years.

## FLYNN DRIVE, NEERABUP

The City will spend \$3.226 million on the construction of a new, 1.9km, two-lane carriageway from Wanneroo Road to Mather Drive, part of which has already been constructed by LandCorp.

The project includes a major signalised intersection at Wanneroo Road. Commencement is dependent on land and environmental issues being resolved.

## JOONDALUP DRIVE, BANKSIA GROVE

A total of \$1.8 million will go towards modifications to Joondalup Drive in Banksia Grove to improve pedestrian crossing facilities.

The project aims to reduce vehicle speeds on Joondalup Drive by changing the road environment. This will involve the upgrade of the junctions between Tumbleweed Drive and Old Yanchep Road, extending traffic islands to provide dedicated right turn lanes, kerbing and landscaping of the road verges.

The project is to be jointly funded by the Federal Government, through the Better Regions Funding Scheme (\$1 million still to be confirmed), the City (\$400,000) and Banksia Grove Development Nominees Pty Ltd (\$400,000).

Design will commence in August with construction expected to start by December 2009.



COUNCILLOR ALAN BLENCOWE WELCOMES THE ALLOCATION OF MORE THAN \$19 MILLION FOR THE CITY'S ROADS THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

## NEW RESERVE FOR TAPPING

TAPPING RESIDENTS WILL SOON BE ABLE TO ENJOY ANOTHER RECREATION AREA, WHEN JIMBUB SWAMP IS DEVELOPED INTO PUBLIC OPEN SPACE.

The City of Wanneroo has committed \$790,000 towards the project, which will include a senior sized playing field and the installation of irrigation and turf over the open space to establish a grass cover.

Jimbub Swamp is the last remaining area to be developed as part of Satterley Property Group's Tapping development, with

the property developers to complete bulk earthworks and landscaping of a vegetated drainage swale.

This will form stage one of the development with clubrooms, car parks and lighting to be established in future stages.

Wanneroo Mayor Jon Kelly said the open space would be a valuable boon for Tapping residents.

**"The development of the site as public open space will give the surrounding community a place of recreation where they can exercise and play,"** Mayor Kelly said.

**"It will also provide an additional playing field to take the pressure off other highly used sporting facilities within the City of Wanneroo."**

The timeframe for the project depends on the resolution of land tenure issues by Satterley Property Group, but is expected to be in progress by January 2010.

