

City of Wanneroo

2008/09 BUDGET EDITION



CHILDREN'S INNOVATIVE PLAYSACE



WANNEROO AQUAMOTION



WANNEROO LIBRARY AND CULTURAL CENTRE



THURSDAY 31 JULY 2008

Weekender



ENSURING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE
The 2008/09 budget will see :

\$94 million invested in our capital works program

Completion of major infrastructural works including the 'state-of-the-art' Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre and Wanneroo Aquamotion

Completion of the Children's Innovative Playspace

\$100,000 for the refurbishment of City landmark heritage site, Mary Lindsay Homestead

\$60,000 invested into developing a new multicultural centre

\$15.7 million for major road extensions and upgrades

Recycling waste services and new recycling bins to all households

Refurbishment and upgrades to Kingsway Regional Sporting Complex

Opening the doors to the new Wanneroo Town Centre

 **City of Wanneroo** *'Live your lifestyle'*

THE CITY OF WANNEROO RECENTLY ADOPTED ITS 2008/09 BUDGET AND WILL INVEST APPROXIMATELY \$94 MILLION IN THE COMMUNITY OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS. THIS FIGURE IS COMPRISED OF APPROXIMATELY \$50 MILLION ALLOCATED IN THE 2008/09 BUDGET AND APPROX \$44 MILLION CARRIED OVER FROM THE 2007/08 BUDGET.

"The City of Wanneroo's population is expected to nearly double by the year 2021. With such a rapidly expanding population it is essential that we deliver the necessary infrastructure to cater for the growing community's needs. This year's budget is focused on the completion of the most major capital works projects the City has ever undertaken including the construction of the new Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre, the revitalisation of Wanneroo Aquamotion and the Children's Innovative Playspace. The investments we make today will ensure the sustainability of our future," Mayor Jon Kelly said.

"The 2008/09 Capital Works Program continues to be one of the highest for a local government. Council is committed to long term financial planning to service the needs of our rapidly growing City. We are investing in key family, economic and community projects with a focus on the completion of infrastructural works and major road extensions and upgrades," City of Wanneroo Acting Chief Executive Officer, John Paton said.

The 2008/09 Budget reflects the City's commitment to providing a prosperous region surrounded by creative, sustainable growth. City of Wanneroo residents can look forward to the completion of Wanneroo Aquamotion and the Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre, the opening of the Children's Innovative Playspace, further upgrades to the Kingsway Regional Sporting Complex and new recycling bins.

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The 2008/09 Budget represents the most significant year in terms of completion of major infrastructural town centre revitalisation projects.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

THE CITY OF WANNEROO'S COMMITMENT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR RAPIDLY GROWING COMMUNITY IS EVIDENT IN THE 2008/09 BUDGET.

With \$50 million being invested in this year's budget combined with almost \$44 million carried over from the 2007/08 Budget, the City's capital works program is still one of the largest for a local government.

Over the next 12 months residents will see the results of the significant investments the City has made over the past nine years. Council has revitalised the heart of our City with major developments including the Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre, Wanneroo Aquamotion and the private sector investment in the Wanneroo Central Shopping Centre in the Wanneroo town centre.

Our long term approach to responsible financial management of our City's budget has been the key to meeting our challenges and ensuring the sustainable growth of the region.

The 2008/09 Budget will see a further \$16 million allocated to major road way extensions and upgrades, \$36 million to infrastructural projects, and \$60,000 for a feasibility study into the development of a new multicultural facility in the Girrawheen/Koondoola area.

Along with newly improved facilities such as Kingsway Indoor Stadium and Yanchep Library, we will expand on our extensive range of community programs including free community events and programs for seniors.

We are committed to creating a sustainable environment with the rollout of the new universal recycling bins and bin collection service for all households in the City of Wanneroo and are working with the community to reduce greenhouse gas emissions with our Energy Action Plan.

Of course, this time of the year also marks the increase in rates payments to our residents. As a ratepayer with both commercial and residential property in the City of Wanneroo, I understand the dreaded feeling that accompanies the receipt of your rates notices.

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.

Through responsible financial management we have managed to maintain one of the lowest rating councils in the metro area with the average rate per residential house rising of 7.9 per cent (inclusive of the standard rubbish charge).

From revitalising our community spaces, to completing key capital works projects and improving our well renowned community services, I am proud to say the 2008/09 Budget reflects the smart investments we have made over the years that honour both our civic and cultural heritage and future sustainability.

Jon Kelly
JON KELLY
MAYOR

FAQS

WHAT DO I GET FOR MY RATES PAYMENT?

Rates comprise 57% of the 2008/09 Budget revenue and are invested in the recycling cart collection service, major capital works programs, environmental programs, libraries, parklands, recreation and community programs for the estimated 161,000 people who will reside in our City by 2011.

WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY RATES NOTICES?

The rates notices will be mailed out in the week beginning 18 August 2008.

I JUST RECEIVED A NEW YELLOW LID RECYCLING CART. WHAT IMPACT DOES THIS HAVE ON MY RATES?

There is no longer a separate rubbish charge for the new yellow lid recycling cart. The standard rubbish charge that was previously a separate charge on your rates notice is now included in your general rates.



OPENING THE DOORS TO A REVITALISED TOWN CENTRE

WANNEROO AQUAMOTION

THIS YEAR YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE NEWLY UPGRADED WANNEROO AQUAMOTION THAT HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO A FIRST CLASS FITNESS AND FAMILY ORIENTED LEISURE CENTRE.

New features include a gymnasium, fitness centre, plunge pool, deep pool, spa, sauna and children's splash pad with above ground spray and water features. Currently all pools have been poured and formed and tiling is in progress. Construction of the fitness centre is well advanced and gym equipment is on order. The children's splash pad is complete, shade shelters are being erected, lighting is being installed and landscaping is in progress.

WANNEROO LIBRARY AND CULTURAL CENTRE

CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW 'STATE-OF-THE-ART' WANNEROO LIBRARY AND CULTURAL CENTRE WILL CONTINUE FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE YEAR WITH A FURTHER \$6.1 MILLION BEING ALLOCATED TO THE PROJECT IN THIS YEARS BUDGET.

Scheduled for completion in June 2009, the new facility will feature library services, a museum, touring exhibitions and community function space. The centre will also consist of a coffee shop, meeting space and will be home to various public displays including paintings, sculptures and library artwork.



WHAT DOES THE STANDARD RUBBISH CHARGE PROVIDE ME WITH?

The standard rubbish charge in your rates notice provides you with: 240 litre green lid rubbish cart (with weekly collection service) and a 240 litre yellow lid recycling cart (with fortnightly collection service).

I PAID TO BE PART OF THE VOLUNTARY RECYCLING CART SERVICE AND NOW FREE RECYCLING CARTS HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO ALL RESIDENTS? WILL I GET SOME MONEY BACK?

The City will credit a refund of \$20 per recycling cart on your rates notice for 2008/09 if you paid to be part of the City Voluntary Recycling Cart Service prior to 30 June 2008.

WHY HAVEN'T I RECEIVED MY YELLOW LID RECYCLING CART YET?

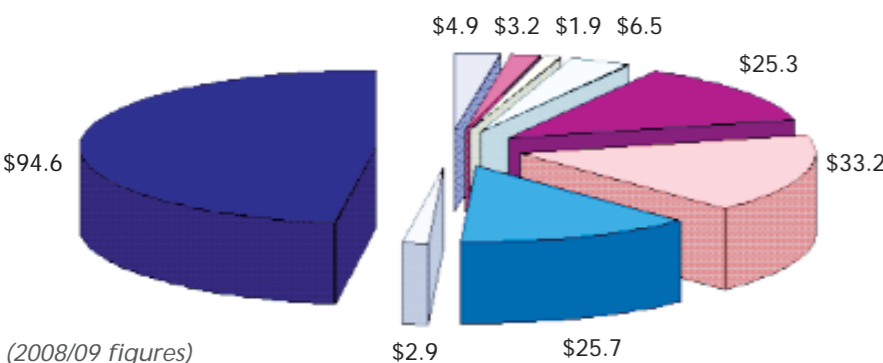
The City is delivering to ALL houses within the City of Wanneroo in a staged rollout that is almost complete. If you haven't received your cart please call the City on 9405 5200.

THIS YEAR THE CITY OF WANNEROO WILL BE MANAGING A \$198.2 MILLION BUDGET

	\$M	%
Governance and General Purpose Funding	\$4.9	2%
Law, Order, Public Safety	\$3.2	2%
Health	\$1.9	1%
Education and Welfare	\$6.5	3%
Community Amenities	\$25.3	13%
Recreation and Culture	\$33.2	17%
Transport	\$25.7	13%
Economic Services	\$2.9	1%
Capital Workss	\$94.6	48%
TOTAL	\$198.2	100%

2008/09 BUDGET IN PERSPECTIVE

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



CITY OF WANNEROO WARD SNAPSHOT

NORTH WARD



MARY LINDSAY HOMESTEAD IN THE EARLY 1920'S.

MARY LINDSAY HOMESTEAD

THIS FINANCIAL YEAR THE CITY IS INVESTING \$100,000 INTO THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE CITY'S ICONIC MARY LINDSAY HOMESTEAD, LOCATED IN YANCHEP.

Built in the 1920's, the homestead was home to the Honourable Mary Janet Lindsay who was a well-known pioneer and played a vital role in the establishment of the Yanchep Estate.

The refurbishment of Mary Lindsay Homestead will involve asbestos removal from the building and surrounding area, the connection of electricity, water and sewage, landscaping and replacement of exterior walls, doors and window fittings to enable lock-up. A feasibility study into the use of the building as an arts and cultural centre will also be completed.

NORTH WARD

SOUTH WARD



DEPUTY MAYOR BRETT TREBY PRACTICING HIS CRICKET SKILLS AT KINGSWAY.

KINGSWAY REGIONAL SPORTING COMPLEX

REDEVELOPMENTS AT THE KINGSWAY REGIONAL SPORTING COMPLEX WILL CONTINUE THIS FINANCIAL YEAR WITH THE CITY ALLOCATING A FURTHER \$3.2 MILLION TO COMMENCE STAGE THREE WORKS.

Over the coming months you will see the construction of the football, cricket, hockey and little athletics pitches, as well as the cricket & football carparks, internal roadworks and street lighting.

The stadium will also play host to a variety of sporting events over the next 12 months, including the Fencing WA Championships in August 2008 and the National Skating Championships in September 2008. Redevelopments will continue at Kingsway for the next four years, with all planned works due for completion in 2012.

SOUTH WARD

COASTAL WARD



COUNCILLORS RUDI STEFFENS, IAN GOODENOUGH, BOB SMITHSON AND TRACEY ROBERTS INSPECTING STAGE ONE UPGRADES TO OCEAN DRIVE IN QUINNS.

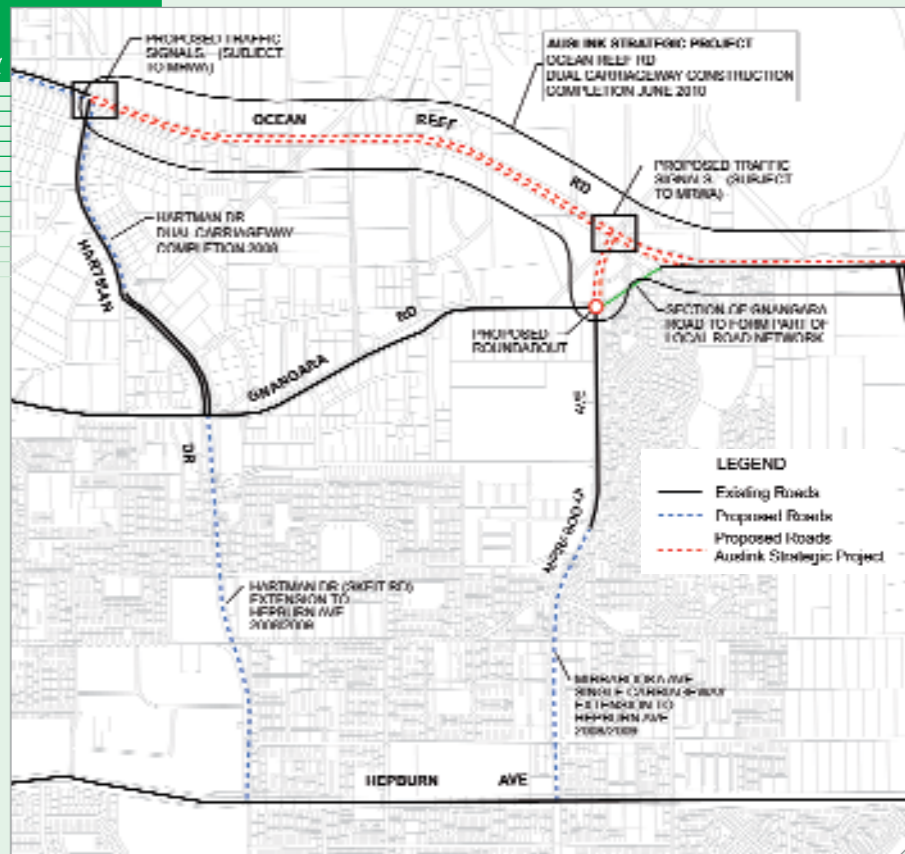
OCEAN DRIVE REDEVELOPMENT

STAGE TWO CONSTRUCTION WORKS OF THE OCEAN DRIVE REDEVELOPMENT FROM ROBERT ROAD TO CAMIRA WAY ARE SCHEDULED TO START DURING THIS FINANCIAL YEAR WITH A FURTHER \$1 MILLION BEING ALLOCATED TO THE PROJECT.

Construction will continue in the same manner as stage one works that are nearing completion between Quinns Road and Roberts Road. The works include the reconstruction of road pavement with a new asphalt surface, provision of stormwater drainage, kerbing, new pathways and street lighting.

COASTAL WARD

CENTRAL WARD



REGIONAL ROAD NETWORK PROJECTS FOR WANNEROO.

IMPROVING REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE

THIS FINANCIAL YEAR THE CITY IS INVESTING MORE THAN \$20 MILLION ON THE BUILDING, UPGRADING AND REHABILITATION OF THE CITY'S ROADS.

Key projects include the \$6 million and \$5 million dual carriageway extensions of Mirrabooka Avenue and Hartman Drive, from Hepburn Avenue to Gwangara Road. \$4.7 million is also being spent to widen and extend Ocean Reef Road from Hartman Drive to Prestige Parade in Wangara, with future plans to fully extend Ocean Reef Road to Alexander Drive by 2010.

These road upgrades are part of a major infrastructure upgrade planned for the regional road network in Wanneroo. As WA's leading growth area, the amount of traffic on our roads will continue to increase and Council is committed to ensuring the timely provision of infrastructure to improve transport options and connections for the community.

CENTRAL WARD

INVESTING IN OUR CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT

INNOVATIVE CHILDREN'S PLAYSPACE, ROTARY PARK, SCENIC DRIVE WANNEROO

Outdoor play is an important part of any child's development. The outdoor environment provides unique opportunities for children to extend their learning skills, develop their physical and social skills and improve self-esteem.

The City of Wanneroo's newly constructed Children's Innovative Playspace provides a perfect platform to develop and extend your child's abilities. Located in Rotary Park, on Scenic Drive in Wanneroo, the state-of-the-art playspace features innovative, universal access play equipment that is suitable for children of all ages and abilities.

Designed by Australia's leading playspace architect, Mary Jeavons, the playspace features an elevated tree walk with viewing and play platforms, themed play modules, swings, slides, a cubby house, space net

and climbing frames. For the whole family there are picnic shelters, BBQ facilities, and expansive grassed areas for sporting activities.

"The Children's Innovative Playspace provides a unique attraction to the northern suburbs and an ideal venue for family gatherings and events," Mayor Jon Kelly said.

"The City of Wanneroo is committed to building inclusive connected communities. This is just one of the ways we are increasing the choice and quality of neighbourhood and lifestyle options in our City."

The City's Children's Innovative Playspace supports the City's Access and Inclusion Plan 2007-2010, which is focused on improving local services to ensure that people with disabilities have equal access to life's opportunities in the community.



CR DOT NEWTON AND CR GLYNIS MONKS AT THE CHILDREN'S INNOVATIVE PLAYSPACE.



MAYOR JON KELLY PERSONALLY DELIVERING VICTOR LIAKISHEV OF MARANGAROO HIS NEW RECYCLING CART.

RECYCLING FOR A GREENER FUTURE



COUNCIL RECENTLY UPGRADED THE CITY'S MIXED BAG RECYCLING SERVICE AND PROVIDED ALL RESIDENTS WITH FREE UNIVERSAL RECYCLING CARTS.

Residents now have the opportunity to recycle an increased range of products such as mixed papers and plastics, while making a valuable contribution towards saving energy and protecting the environment.

"Recycling our used products will help us to create a sustainable and healthy City for future generations to enjoy." Mayor Jon Kelly said.



COUNCILLOR NGUYEN-ANH TROUNG (CENTRE) AND COUNCILLOR MAUREEN GRIERSON PLAYING CHINESE CHESS WITH THE VIETNAMESE SENIORS GROUP IN KOONDoola.

OUR MULTICULTURAL CITY

THE CITY OF WANNEROO HAS A RICH CULTURAL DIVERSITY WITH 72 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION HAVING BEEN BORN OVERSEAS. IN ADDITION TO THOSE OF ENGLISH DESCENT, MANY RESIDENTS HAVE MIGRATED HERE FROM COUNTRIES INCLUDING ITALY, SOUTH AFRICA, NEW ZEALAND AND VIETNAM.

The City of Wanneroo is committed to supporting its multicultural society with \$60,000 being allocated in this year's budget to conduct a feasibility study into the construction of a new multicultural facility in the Girrawheen/Koondoola area.

The study will be conducted over the coming months and will involve comprehensive consultation with multicultural groups living in the region to determine factors such as size and scope of the building and what facilities the centre would need. The purpose of the centre will be to celebrate the City's cultural diversity, share experiences and attract support to enhance the current wellbeing and future direction of the City's multicultural communities.



COUNCILLOR CVITAN (CENTRE) ACCEPTING AWARDS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY WITH WAYNE WESCOTT - CEO ICLEI OCEANIA AND BETH RIORDAN - DIRECTOR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS TEAM AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE AND THE ARTS.

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

THE CITY OF WANNEROO VALUES ITS NATURAL ASSETS AND IS COMMITTED TO WORKING TOWARDS BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE, NATURAL, BUILT AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT.

As WA's leading growth area, it is vital we ensure a balance between delivering new infrastructure and protecting the environment. The City continues to make significant investments into ongoing environmental initiatives that will secure the City's sustainable future.

Recently the City was awarded for its commitment to combating climate change through green purchasing and the completion of Milestones One and Two of the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) Water Campaign.

The City's Green Purchasing Action Plan is a policy that encourages staff to buy products and services that minimise negative environmental impacts over their lifecycle. The ICLEI Water Campaign is an international freshwater management program that aims to build the capacity of local governments to reduce water consumption and improve local water quality.

Earlier this year, Council completed Milestone One of the Water Campaign with inventories being completed on Council's own scheme and groundwater usage and the community's scheme water usage. Priority areas were also identified where action will be taken to improve water quality.

The City has just completed Milestone Two of the Water Campaign and has committed to reducing scheme and groundwater consumption and improving water quality by 2014/15. The City is now working towards completing Milestone Three, which involves establishing a local action plan addressing current and future actions to save water and improve water quality. Other City of Wanneroo environmental initiatives for 2008/09 include:

- + The City is working in partnership with Cedar Woods Properties Ltd to design and construct EcoVision Wanneroo, a demonstration project that will showcase affordable and sustainable house designs and practices for people to implement in their own homes.
- + Update the Local Environmental Strategy, which has been reviewed to identify the current major environmental pressures facing our region and provide a strategic framework and specific environmental management actions to respond to them.
- + Approve and implement a Local Biodiversity Strategy which outlines the ways in which Council will plan for the City's expected growth while minimising loss of natural areas and maintaining local biodiversity.

WORKING TOGETHER TO UTILISE RESOURCES

IN 2007/08 COUNCIL UPGRADED THE WANGARA MATERIALS RECOVERY CENTRE TO ALLOW FOR GREATER RECYCLING CAPACITY IN THE COMMUNITY.

The new facility now has four times the hourly capacity of the previous centre and can process an increased range of recyclable products such as mixed plastic bottles and paper products like junk mail and office paper.

The construction of the new facility was the result of a joint funded project between the Cities of Wanneroo, Joondalup and Swan. The new centre will allow for increased recovery of recyclable material within our combined regions and minimise the amount of waste ending up in landfill. Collaboratively we are ensuring the timely provision of infrastructure to meet our growing communities evolving needs and expectations.



COUNCILLOR LAURA GRAY AND GRANDDAUGHTER MIHI LAURINA WELLS WITH COUNCILLOR PAUL MILES ENJOY A BOOK AT YANCHEP/TWO ROCKS LIBRARY.

CLOSURE TO MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

THE CITY'S MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE WILL CEASE AND CLOSE OPERATIONS FROM OCTOBER 2008.

Despite this closure, council is committed to improving the facilities of the City's libraries through the allocation of \$35,000 in this year's budget to upgrade the building and services at the Yanchep/Two Rocks Library.

The upgrades will include an additional 10,000 books, an improved children's reading area, extended hours and overall enhancement of the current service areas and facilities.

The upgrades are expected to commence this October and be completed by November 2008. The City has also invested a further \$6.1 million this financial year for the construction of the new 'state-of-the-art' Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre.

"The City understands the value of literacy and the importance of having a high quality library service which caters for the needs of our growing community. Investing money into not only the Yanchep/Two Rocks Library but also the new Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre is a prime example of our commitment to creating distinct and vibrant communities."

City of Wanneroo Library Locations:

- Clarkson Library
27 Ocean Keys Boulevard, Clarkson /// T : 9407 1600
- Girrawheen Library
6 Patrick Court, Girrawheen /// T : 9342 8844
- Wanneroo Library
Civic Drive, Wanneroo /// T : 9405 4433
- Yanchep/Two Rocks Library
Lisford Avenue, Two Rocks /// T : 9561 1110

SAFER PATHWAYS

THE CITY OF WANNEROO VALUES COMMUNITY SAFETY AND IS COMMITTED TO ENSURING OUR REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROVIDES FOR SAFE PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENTS.

Last year Council invested more than \$400,000 for the provision of new footpath networks and to upgrade and replace paths that were in disrepair. This financial year the City is investing a further \$500,000 into the provision of new footpath networks in the following locations that will continue to help improve community safety.

WIN 36 holes of mini golf for five adults at Wanneroo Botanical Gardens and wood fired pizzas and drinks at Leap Frogs Cafe

To be in the running, write your name, address, phone number, age & what you found most interesting about this liftout, on the back of an envelope and post to:

WEEKEND ESCAPE COMPETITION
CITY OF WANNEROO - MARKETING
LOCKED BAG 1, WANNEROO WA 6946

Entries close Friday 8 August 2008