

BUDGET CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the City of Wanneroo 2008/2009 Budget, being the Income Statements, Cash Flow Statement, Rate Setting Statement, Statement of Rating Information and supporting notes for the year ending 30 June 2009, was adopted by Council at a Special Meeting held on 25 July 2008 and is in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and *Finance Regulations*.

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JON KELLY
MAYOR

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JOHN PATON
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DATED THIS 28th DAY OF JULY 2008.

MAYOR'S BUDGET REPORT

The City of Wanneroo's commitment to meet the needs of our rapidly growing community is evident in the 2008/2009 Budget.

With \$50 million being invested in this year's budget combined with almost \$44 million carried over from the 2007/2008 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 2008/2009 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 2008/2009 Budget reflects the smart investments we have made over the years that honour both our civic and cultural heritage and future sustainability.


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JON KELLY
MAYOR