

# Your City 2007/08

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## Mayor's MESSAGE

ACKNOWLEDGED AS ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S 'HYPERGROWTH' COUNCILS, THE CITY OF WANNEROO HAS CONTINUED TO EXPERIENCE STRONG GROWTH WITH MORE THAN 8,000 NEW RESIDENTS MOVING INTO THE CITY. WITH THIS RAPID GROWTH COMES THE CHALLENGE OF PROVIDING ADEQUATE

FACILITIES AND SERVICES, WITHOUT IMPACTING ON THE FEATURES THAT MAKE OUR CITY ONE OF THE STRONGEST, VIBRANT AND CONNECTED COMMUNITIES IN THE STATE.

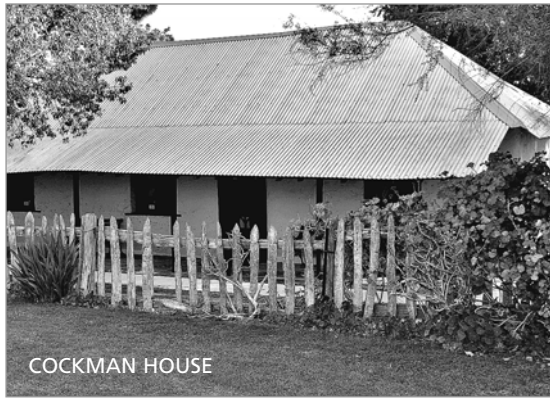
This year, the City managed a \$212.4 million budget, with \$97.6 million dedicated to capital works. Projects underway include the revitalisation of the Wanneroo Town Centre and the construction of an \$18 million state-of-the-art Library and Cultural Centre; the innovative 'City of Wanneroo Opportunity Playspace' that caters to the needs of children of all ages and capabilities; and the refurbishment of Wanneroo Aquamotion, scheduled for completion in December 2008.

Major infrastructure projects were completed including the Butler Community Centre, stage one of the Kingsway Sporting Complex Redevelopment, and more than \$25 million was allocated towards road improvements. The City continues to minimise its environmental impact with the endorsement of the Energy Action Plan 2007-2012, which outlines the Council's commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and encourage residents to adopt a more sustainable lifestyle.

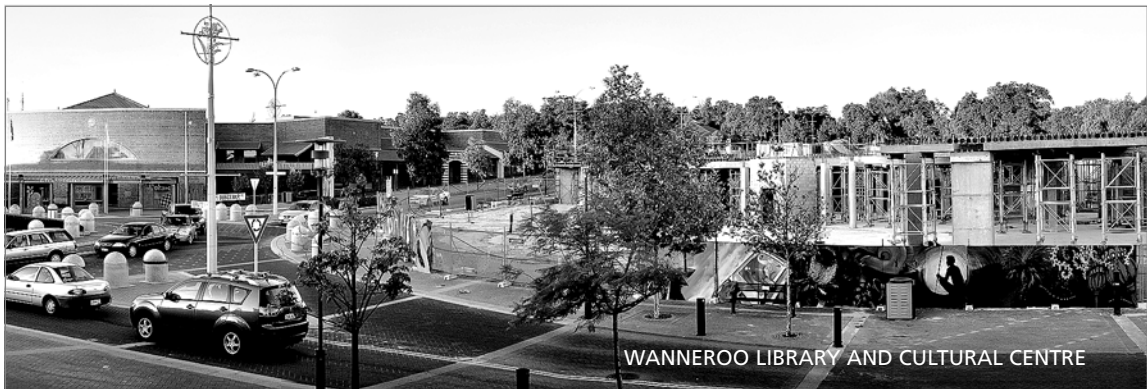
Residents also had their say with local government elections resulting in four new and three re-elected Ward Councillors, and myself re-elected as Mayor.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank former Chief Executive Officer Charles Johnson for his invaluable contribution and welcome Daniel Simms to the role.

JON KELLY  
MAYOR



COCKMAN HOUSE



WANNEROO LIBRARY AND CULTURAL CENTRE

## KEY STATISTICS AT A GLANCE

	2006/07	2007/08	Projected 2008/09
Number of rateable properties	48,769	55,352	58,909
Rates revenue (includes refuse charge from 08/09)	\$39,829,745	\$45,892,412	\$65,317,978
Fees & charges revenue (excludes refuse charge from 08/09)	\$26,037,851	\$27,406,706	\$18,887,808
Total revenue from ordinary activities	\$82,268,684	\$93,528,625	\$102,521,464
Total expenses for ordinary operations	\$94,392,452	\$103,125,853	\$105,696,352
Capital expenditure	\$23,895,874	\$48,876,741	\$94,563,578
Loan borrowings	\$8,555,838	\$27,006,188	\$39,858,188
Rates coverage ratio (net rate revenue/operating revenue)	0.474:1	0.494:1	0.637:1
Debt servicing ratio (debt service cost/available operating revenue)	0.005:1	0.013:1	0.020:1
Clinic & school immunization	4,038	3,857	4,146
Sub division applications approved	163	137	210
Building applications approved	8002	6375	6000
No. of refuse & recycling services provided per annum	6,239,402	7,104,777	7,988,480
No. of parks and reserves	303	330	340
Registered dogs	36,044	39,400	44,000
Library membership	39,273	46,163	50,000
Loan of library books/resources	817,897	691,632*	710,000
Library reference enquiries	56,668	66,579	70,000

\* figure drops because library management system no longer counts issues between branches.



## CEO's MESSAGE

FROM BEGINNINGS STEEPED IN HISTORY, THE CITY OF WANNEROO HAS BECOME ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING REGIONS IN AUSTRALIA. IT EXPERIENCED 7.4 PER CENT GROWTH OVER THE PAST YEAR, WHICH IS FORECASTED TO INCREASE BY MORE THAN 27 PER CENT BY THE YEAR 2011.

Part of the City's success for today and in the future lies in the careful planning and development of infrastructure, while protecting our fragile environment. This in turn results in economic growth and employment opportunities, and improved community safety.

To ensure sustainable growth in all these areas, the City is working with the Federal and State governments and is fostering strong partnerships with industry. The extension of the northern suburbs railway to Yanchep, and the Meridian Industrial Development in Neerabup are just two of the many initiatives the City is working with the State Government to create new and diverse business and tourism opportunities for the region. It is crucial that our new State Government continues its commitment to these important projects.

The last 12 months has seen a turbulent economic market, however the City has remained a strong financial entity, producing excellent results.

None of this could be achieved without the hard work and dedication of the Mayor, Councillors and staff during the past year.

Daniel Simms  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CEO AS OF OCTOBER 2008



WANNEROO AQUAMOTION

