

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 is 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  
MAYOR