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WELCOME TO THE WANNEROO LINK, OUR FORTNIGHTLY COMMUNICATION WITH CITY RESIDENTS.

FUND OUR FUTURE

I am proud to announce the City of Wanneroo had the highest number of people in Australia sign the Fund Our Future campaign petition.

More than 12,000 emails were sent by local residents to politicians in Canberra, calling for a national dedicated infrastructure fund for high-growth outer metropolitan suburbs.

This reflects how strongly our residents feel about the lack of vital infrastructure and the importance of the need for immediate action!

It is encouraging to see that our residents are supportive of the projects we are asking for as part of the Fund Our Future campaign; a rail extension and extension of the freeway.

This was our opportunity to put the road and rail infrastructure needed in our community under the national spotlight and the response was overwhelming.

Our residents in the northern suburbs have been disadvantaged for too long, spending up to 90 minutes in traffic each way, simply to get to work in the city.

Research confirms that more state and federal government funding for infrastructure such as roads and rail is urgently needed for fast-growing outer suburbs, like those in the City, to grow and prosper.

If we do not receive funding commitments, there will be a national backlog for infrastructure within the suburbs, with access to jobs and services deteriorating, increased travel times and worsening social, economic and environmental costs.

We recently concluded work on this national advocacy campaign and we are now transitioning to the state focused advocacy campaign, Wanneroo Connect, but our goals remain the same - early rail and freeway extension.

You will be hearing a lot about Wanneroo Connect over the next few months and we appreciate your involvement and support as we need to maintain momentum for the projects to be delivered.

Mayor Tracey Roberts JP

COMMUNITY FUNDING

Did you know that the City of Wanneroo provides opportunities for community groups to apply for funding support for a variety of activities and events?

The next funding round will be opening soon and community groups are encouraged to visit our website to determine whether their project or event is eligible for funding. Please visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au/communityfunding



The Pearsall Hocking Community Centre under construction.

BUDGET DELIVERS \$75.54m CAPITAL BOOST

THE CITY OF WANNEROO'S 2016/17 BUDGET WAS ADOPTED BY COUNCIL LAST TUESDAY, DELIVERING A \$75.54 MILLION CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM AND THE LOWEST RATE INCREASE SINCE 2005.

Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said keeping rates as low as possible was a key focus in the development of the budget.

"For the vast majority of ratepayers, the difference in their rates from last year will be on average about \$44 per year, or less than 85 cents per week," she said.

"The City of Wanneroo is committed to keeping rates at an affordable level, while continuing to provide the vital infrastructure, services and programs our residents need."

The capital works program is one of the biggest ever undertaken by the City, with major new sporting, community and civic facilities at the centre of the investment for WA's largest growing local government area.

Highlights include roads (\$15.9m), sports facilities (\$14.8m), community buildings (\$10.8m) and parks and open space (\$5.1m).

"We are growing at a rate of up to 120 new residents each week, and it is important we continue to provide the recreation facilities, community hubs and meeting places, roads and pathways and parks that our residents need and expect," Mayor Roberts said.

WINTER PLANTING EVENTS

The City will hold a number of free planting events this Winter. Please bring gloves, a trowel, water bottle and wear sturdy shoes. Morning tea will be provided.

FREE

For details please visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au
Registration is essential, please call 9405 5000.

YOUR LOCAL IDEAS IN ACTION

Wannagetinvolved is hosting a number of free community workshops encouraging locals to share their ideas and take the first steps towards developing their community projects.

- 6 July Clarkson Library
- 13 July Yanchep/Two Rocks Library
- 14 July Hainsworth Community Centre
- 20 July Banksia Grove Community Centre
- 21 July Warradale Community Centre
- 28 July Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre

Workshops will run from 6pm-8pm, visit wannagetinvolved.eventbrite.com.au to register for your free ticket.

For all enquiries, please call 9405 5916.

FREE

Budget highlights - Central Ward

CENTRAL

- Old Yanchep Road, \$1.42m for reconstruction and rehabilitation works to improve road safety between Pederick Road and Wattle Avenue.
- Park Asset Renewal Program, \$1.2m has been dedicated to renewing park facilities throughout the City, improving playgrounds, barbeques, sport facilities, seats, tables and landscaping. Studmaster, Lusinin and Germano parks in Wanneroo are just some of the parks benefiting from upgrades.
- Neerabup Industrial Area, more than \$1m towards developing an area that will ultimately generate employment.
- Pearsall Hocking Community Centre \$573,000 to complete construction of the \$3.9m facility.
- Conservation, \$40,000 to revegetate and increase biodiversity at Yellagonga Regional Reserve, and \$10,000 rehabilitation works at Pearsall.

Budget highlights - South Ward

SOUTH

- Alexander Heights Park \$200,000 for upgrades to park.
- Hardcastle Park, Landsdale \$335,000 for the development of park with a nature-based theme.
- Hudson Park, Girrawheen \$572,000 for the design and construction of a sports amenities building
- Southern Suburbs Library \$300,000 for concept planning for a library to serve Darch, Landsdale, Madeley, Wangara and Woodvale (part).
- Peace Park for Koondoola \$50,000 for development and design.



COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Briefing

Tuesday 12 July 2016 // 6pm

Council Meeting

Tuesday 19 July 2016 // 7pm
23 Dundobar Road, Wanneroo

MEET THE MAYOR ON THE ROAD 2016

Tuesday 19 July // 11am-1pm
Gumblossom Community Centre, Tapping Way, Quinns Rocks
Appointments 9405 5654

