



MAYORAL COLUMN

Welcome to the Wanneroo Link, our fortnightly communication with City residents.

I am very pleased to advise that a new funding scheme

for 14 community facilities in our rapidly growing northern suburbs has been approved.

Planning Minister John Day recently approved an important amendment to the City of Wanneroo's district planning scheme, subject to some minor changes, which will allow us to set up development contribution plans for our coastal growth areas.

The City of Wanneroo will use money collected from developers to go towards 14 new community facilities such as libraries, sporting grounds and community centres, at an estimated total cost of \$114 million over the coming years.

It is fantastic to know that the City now has a mechanism in place to provide local community facilities for our growing population in Alkimos up to Two Rocks for many years to come.

One of the new facilities will be the Yanchep active ovals, delivered in partnership by the City and Yanchep Beach Joint Venture. The project will feature two full sized ovals serviced by a sports amenities building, changing rooms and a kiosk. The cost of construction is estimated at \$7.15 million.

The Minister's approval of amendment no.122 to the City's planning scheme no.2 represents the culmination of several years work by City administration, in close collaboration with development industry stakeholders and Department of Planning colleagues.

This excellent community outcome would not have been possible without the efforts of all involved.

Mayor Tracey Roberts JP

MASSIVE GROWTH DRIVES 2014/15 BUDGET

Almost \$63 million will be invested in capital works projects and programs including roads, footpaths, community facilities and safety initiatives as a development boom pushes population growth even faster than previously predicted in the City of Wanneroo, one of Australia's fastest growing areas.

Mayor Tracey Roberts said the budget, which was adopted at a Special Council Meeting last Tuesday, had been specifically developed to cater for the City's extraordinary growth, which had galloped ahead of forecasts, while at the same time minimising the impact on ratepayers.

Mayor Roberts said Council recognised that families were already struggling with existing financial pressures and the rising cost of living, and as a result were delivering efficiencies to reduce costs by 1.5 per cent to keep the rate rise to an average of 4.2 per cent.

"We know cuts at State and Federal level have hurt families. The City has also been hit with increased costs.

"Street lighting will increase by 50 per cent over three years and the State Government's household waste levy has gone up, which means additional costs to the City to collect your bins and dispose of rubbish.

"The recent federal budget also saw local councils lose around \$10m in funding from a freeze on financial assistance grants."

At the same time the City is expanding even faster than experts had predicted.

"Our City continues to grow at an enormous pace with more and more families choosing to make this wonderful place home," Mayor Roberts said.



"The City has already exceeded the forecast population growth - reaching 180,000 residents earlier than predicted.

"As well as creating new communities in our northern areas such as Alkimos and Eglinton, the City is also anticipating redevelopment in our established areas such as Girrawheen, Koondoola and Wanneroo. This will provide a greater variety of housing choice and enable more people to enjoy these areas.

"Council has worked hard to deliver a budget that balances investment in much needed community infrastructure, programs and services so that people can enjoy living their lifestyle.

"We have carefully driven a review to identify savings within the City's \$167m operating budget so that we can keep the rate rise as low as possible."

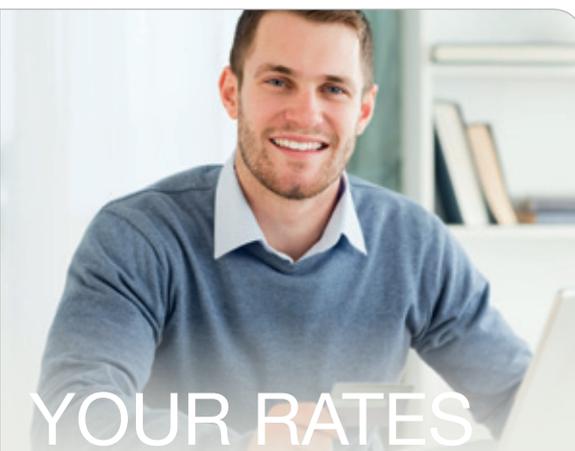
Major projects in 2014/2015 include:

- Flynn Drive, Neerabup - \$5m
- Lenore Road, Hocking - \$6.8m
- Road safety projects - \$1.86m
- Upgrade and extension of pathways - \$0.97m
- Koondoola Community Centre \$1m this year, \$1.4m next year
- Kingsway baseball clubrooms \$1m this year, \$0.7m next year
- Pearsall Hocking Community Centre design \$0.4m
- CCTV at Butler Community Centre - \$0.35m
- City of Wanneroo Civic Centre - \$3.6m

MEET THE MAYOR ON THE ROAD

Thursday 31 July // 11am-1pm
Banksia Grove Community Centre

Meet the Mayor every Tuesday
11am-1pm at the Civic Centre
Bookings 9405 5654



YOUR RATES SAVE TIME PAY ONLINE

The 2014 rates will soon be issued and the City of Wanneroo is encouraging residents to make their payments online.

Online payments can be made via the City's website wanneroo.wa.gov.au
You can also make a payment by visiting your local post office.

For payment instalments, property owners need to pay the EXACT amount written on the notice by the due date to qualify.

Dogs Breakfast

Presented by ADVANCE

CALL FOR EXHIBITORS

Everyone's favourite pet-filled fun day - Dogs Breakfast is back for another year on Sunday 26 October.

Applications for interested exhibitors are now open. For event information and to download an exhibitor application form visit:

wanneroo.wa.gov.au/dogsbreakfast



MEETING DATES

Council Briefing

Tonight 15 July // 6pm

Council Meeting

Tuesday 22 July // 7pm

City of Wanneroo
23 Dundobar Rd, Wanneroo



Telling Stories of People and Place

Artworks can tell rich and evocative stories. Join artists in this exhibition as they share stories through their works.



2-10 August 2014

Tuesday to Friday 10am-4pm

Weekends 12pm-4pm

WLCC, 3 Rocca Way, Wanneroo



Wendy Logg, Indifferent Land



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art market

Saturday 26 July 12-4pm

Showcasing local artistic organisations and local artists offering works for sale.

Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre
3 Rocca Way, Wanneroo
Enquiries 9405 5920

wanneroo.wa.gov.au/lifestyle/events