



Life in the City of Gosnells

Rates stay low for sixth year

The City of Gosnells will keep rates and rubbish charge increases to below 2 per cent for the sixth consecutive year, as approved by Council this week.

Mayor Teresa Lynes said the modest increase was a win for ratepayers who were already facing significant cost of living increases.

"Costs for the City have increased, just as residents' household costs have increased, however strong financial management has kept this year's rates and charges increase to a bare minimum," she said.

As local governments are required to collect the Emergency Services Levy and pay it to the State Government, an increase in this cost will be reflected on Rate Notices. This year, the State Government has increased its levy by 5 per cent.

"The City will continue to deliver a comprehensive range of services, programs and infrastructure projects in 2022/23, including nearly \$35 million in capital works projects," Mayor Lynes said.

Support for ratepayers experiencing financial difficulties will continue. People in such circumstances are encouraged to contact the City to discuss what assistance may be available to them.

Visit gosnells.wa.gov.au for details of the City's 2022/23 Budget and major projects.



Capital works highlights

The City's \$35 million capital works program for 2022/23 will include the continuation of many significant multi-year projects, such as a further \$4.64 million for the construction of the Warton Road duplication in Canning Vale.

The redevelopment of Mary Carroll Park is already underway, with work on this major project due to be completed this financial year. This includes a new pedestrian bridge to make the park more accessible, a Welcome to Country area and a very large all-abilities playground.

Master planning for the future redevelopment of Sutherlands Park will continue in 2022/23. This 30-hectare site is located in one of the City's growth corridors and the Master Plan will ensure the space is appropriately designed to meet the varied needs of our growing community.



Playgrounds progressing

The City will continue its \$5 million pledge to provide 11 new all-abilities playgrounds, with four more playgrounds scheduled to be completed this year.

These include Mills Park in Beckenham, Bracadale Park in Canning Vale and Walter Padbury Park in Thornlie, in addition to the new large all-abilities playground planned for Mary Carroll Park.

Key infrastructure

The City will work on a range of road and infrastructure projects, including:

- \$1.8 million – commence construction of bus lanes in Ranford Road
- \$1.35 million – repair grandstand and replace irrigation at Gosnells Oval
- \$407,000 – construct tennis courts at the new Thornlie Park Centre
- \$260,000 – develop Koorlangka Waabiny Park in Langford
- \$1.45 million – construct shared path along The Crescent, Maddington
- \$355,000 – construct new archery grounds in Kelvin Road, Orange Grove
- \$2.09 million – commence Stage 1 of Southern River Business Park

Councillors' Corner

As we move into the next phase of the COVID-19 pandemic, many residents will be looking to once again be more involved in the community.

The City of Gosnells has plenty to offer our community members, whether through informal activities or organised events and programs.

The City's website is a good place to explore and find something of interest for you or your family to get involved in, such as our extensive youth and children's programs, seniors' activities, library programs and more.

I would also encourage you to visit the City's many parks and gardens, as we have some amazing places spread across the City, suitable for entertaining the whole family. Remember to also visit restaurants, coffee shops and the like in your area, so we can keep our local business operators open and serving us for a long time to come. I am sure they will be really pleased to welcome you.

It is also a good time to reconnect with your neighbours and friends. Why not organise a street party or barbecue at the park, or simply leave a note, a bunch of flowers, or chocolates to show that you are thinking of them?

Cr Dave Griffiths



Waste to energy

The Avertas Waste to Energy plant is expected to be commissioned next April. The City is one of eight local governments committed to this project. Once the plant is in operation, no rubbish collected in the City will be sent directly to landfill, but instead will be converted to clean energy to power Perth households.