



Life in the City of Gosnells

City keeps rate increase low

After six years of record-low rate increases, the City of Gosnells will increase rates by a modest 3.5 per cent for the 2023/24 financial year, as approved by Council this week.

Mayor Teresa Lynes said the increase was a carefully considered balance between fast-rising operational and capital costs, while being mindful of the cost-of-living pressures facing ratepayers.

"This rate increase was disappointing, but strong financial management by the City will keep costs to a minimum, while still supporting the community through quality services and infrastructure," she said.

The City will invest in a \$33.6 million capital works program in 2023/24, comprising 178 projects across the City's 11 suburbs. The program includes \$12.18 million for road projects, \$764,018 for local area traffic management and \$7.66 million for parks projects including \$1.65 million on a further four all-abilities play spaces. This vital investment in community infrastructure will create safer, more usable spaces for the whole community to enjoy.

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 2023/24 budget and major projects.



Capital works highlights

The City's \$33.6 million capital works program for 2023/24 will include a number of exciting new projects for the community.

The detailed design for the Langford Indoor Netball Centre will be commissioned, following years of planning and campaigning.

At Sutherlands Park, construction of the all-abilities playground will continue and work is set to begin on the neighbouring Youth Entertainment Space and car park.

A further \$1.48 million will be invested in new floodlighting at Sutherlands Park, ensuring the community can enjoy using the park beyond sunset.

The redevelopment of Bracadale Park in Canning Vale will also continue, with \$1.14 million put aside for this exciting project.



More playgrounds for all

Four more all-abilities playgrounds to be commenced or completed as part of the 2023/24 budget will bring the total number of these playgrounds to 11 across the City's suburbs. The new playgrounds, at Sutherlands Park, Gosnells Oval, Orange Grove and as part of the redevelopment of Mary Carroll Park, will ensure people of all abilities have places to play in the City of Gosnells.

Key infrastructure

The City will work on a range of road and infrastructure projects in 2022/23 including:

- \$2.2 million – continue construction of bus lanes on Ranford Road, Canning Vale
- \$500,000 – commence construction of the Albany Highway principal shared path from Dorothy Street to Tonkin Highway, Gosnells
- \$265,660 – new all-abilities play equipment and car bays at Boyle Playground, Orange Grove
- \$488,499 – resurface Nicholson Road from Spencer Road to Langford Avenue, Langford
- \$514,964 – install landscaping and drainage at Peace Park, Maddington
- \$419,482 – install Stage 1 of waterwise reticulation at Cassidy Oval, Thornlie

Mayor's Message

There is a lot to look forward to in the City of Gosnells this financial year. An exciting expansion to our Grants Program, as mentioned in last month's Life in the City of Gosnells, will provide additional support to not-for-profit organisations, small businesses and residents, which will have flow-on effects in our community.

Being more sustainable and improving our local environment will be a focus for the City in 2023/24, including the establishment of a Community Forest where community members can leave a living legacy for future generations.

The City is also in negotiations with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage to secure a site for a Community Resource Recovery and Education Facility, including workshop space, tip shop and drop-off points for your waste and recyclable materials.

I want to encourage you to join in the City's events and programs, and explore our fantastic community facilities in 2023/24. Whether you take part in one of our award-winning Ghost Walks, expand your mind at our libraries, explore our parks, make a splash at Leisure World, or watch a performance at the Don Russell Performing Arts Centre, I look forward to seeing you out and about.

Mayor Teresa Lynes



Programs, events

A full schedule of events and programs is planned for 2023/24, providing plenty of opportunities for community members to connect with others and enjoy all the benefits of living in the City of Gosnells.

Planning is well underway for the 2023 Fusion Food and Culture Festival, along with Tropic Like It's Hot, music events, movies and more.