



Life in the City of Gosnells

Budget spotlight on sustainability

The City of Gosnells 2025/26 Budget sets a course to a more sustainable future, focusing on initiatives designed to deliver long-term financial and environmental benefits for the community.

A highlight from this year's Budget is \$400,000 toward establishing a new production nursery to grow trees, shrubs and plants specifically suited to local streetscapes, parks and nature reserves.

The City plants thousands of trees and tube stock annually to cool suburbs, improve biodiversity and make suburbs more pleasant. Once operational, the nursery is expected to produce 9,500 trees each year.

Currently, the City relies on private suppliers for plant stock, which presents challenges with stock availability. Any excess plants produced by the nursery will be sold to further reduce costs.

Other sustainability initiatives pursued by the City include energy audits, transitioning the City's small fleet to electric vehicles and switching to renewable energy sources.

A \$1.5 million irrigation upgrade at Sutherlands Park will improve both water and energy efficiency, while benefitting the playing fields for the community to enjoy. Further expansion of the shared path network will also make it safer and more affordable for residents to get around, while easing traffic congestion and lowering emissions.



Capital Works Program

The City will continue to build and renew infrastructure to support the community in 2025/26.

This includes \$13.9 million on road projects, \$18.8 million on facility projects, \$5.6 million on parks projects and \$1.6 million on local area traffic management.

A highlight of the Capital Works Program is the continuing construction of the \$12.5 million Langford Indoor Sports Centre (includes \$5 million Australian Government funding and \$1.5 million State Government funding). The centre will include four indoor courts, a grandstand and more.

Parks and playgrounds

Park improvements will give the community more opportunities to spend time together outdoors, play and keep active.

Dunnell Park in Maddington will receive a \$767,428 upgrade (including \$200,000 State Government funding), which will include a living stream. Lacey Street Reserve in Beckenham will also be upgraded with play equipment, paths and landscaping, costing \$665,000.

For dogs and their owners, a \$171,141 enclosed dog park will be constructed at Oliphant Street Reserve in Kenwick.



Key Projects

The City will work on a range of road and infrastructure projects in 2025/26, including:

- \$1.78 million – duplication of Garden Street from Warton Road to Harpenden Street, and commence extension to Holmes Street (total project cost \$11.4 million over five years, including \$7.6 million State Government funding)
- \$1.54 million (includes \$500,000 Australian Government funding) – completion of extensions to Gosnells Bowling Club
- \$330,817 (includes \$150,000 State Government funding) – play equipment, barbecue and picnic table at Aldenham Park, Southern River
- \$384,091 – finalise upgrade of Auckland Park, Canning Vale, including replacement playground equipment
- \$555,720 – replace roofing and auditorium seating at Don Russell Performing Arts Centre

Mayor's Message

With cost-of-living pressures continuing to affect residents, businesses and the City itself, this year's Budget was carefully designed to keep costs low, while maintaining the essential services and facilities the community relies on.

There is something for everyone in this year's Budget, including programs and activities for young people, families and seniors, along with our four libraries, Leisure World, DRPAC, community centres and ever-popular community events.

These events, services and facilities bring people together and make life more enjoyable and affordable for all our residents.

Ratepayers have benefited from many consecutive years of lower-than-average rate increases. In 2025/26, a moderate rate increase of 3.9 per cent will be applied. Support will continue for anyone experiencing difficulties paying their rates – if this is you, contact the City to arrange a payment plan.

The Councillors and I look forward to working alongside the community and City staff to shape a more sustainable and liveable City of Gosnells that truly is a great place.

Mayor Teresa Lynes

