



Annual Report 2007



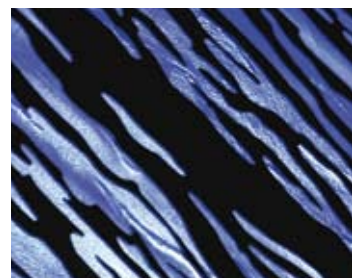
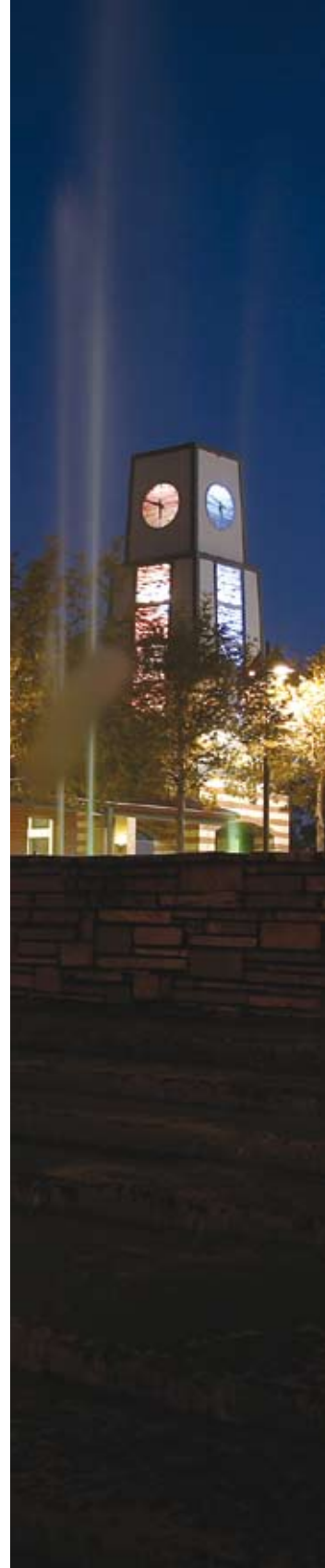
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overview

This Annual Report is the first to report against the Strategic Plan for the Future 2007-2010. The Report is divided into three parts.

These are the:

- Overview
- Activities Report
- Financials

The Overview includes the Vision and Values, City Profile, Mayor's Message, The Chief Executive Officer's Report, Councillor and Executive profiles and meeting attendance figures.

The Activities Report is structured so that programmes and services delivered by the City are reported against the relevant goal within the Strategic Plan.

There are six distinct parts to the Activities Report which match the Goals of the Strategic Plan.

These are:

- To enhance our natural and built environment
- To plan, develop and maintain the City's infrastructure and facilities
- To promote and foster a proud and harmonious community which provides opportunities for all
- To be an innovative, dynamic and customer focused organisation
- To foster and promote a prosperous and diverse economic base for the future of the City
- To develop and maintain effective participation, consultation and partnerships that will benefit the community

Over the life of the plan this and subsequent Annual Reports will offer a way to follow the development of the City's operations in accordance with the Strategic Plan.

The Report also contains material required by law to be reported upon in this document. This includes a Future Plan section which highlights some of the key activities the City will be undertaking.

The financial section contains an extract from the Financial Statements for the organisation for 2006-2007.



our mission

Making the City of Gosnells a Great Place

our vision

We will be a vibrant City with a strong community identity; a great place to live, work, raise children, visit and invest; a place that encourages a range of lifestyles and opportunities; and where the natural environment, cultural diversity and heritage of the City is respected and protected for the enjoyment of current and future generations.

our values

LEADERSHIP:

We are innovative and creative in our quest to be one of the most progressive, proactive and visionary local governments.

SUSTAINABILITY:

We aim for the best lifestyle for our community, without compromising opportunities for existing and future generations.

NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT:

We value a natural and built environment, which improves the community's quality of life.

COUNCILLORS, STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS:

As a team, we value our councillors, staff and volunteers and endeavour to provide a safe and equitable work environment. We trust and respect each other.

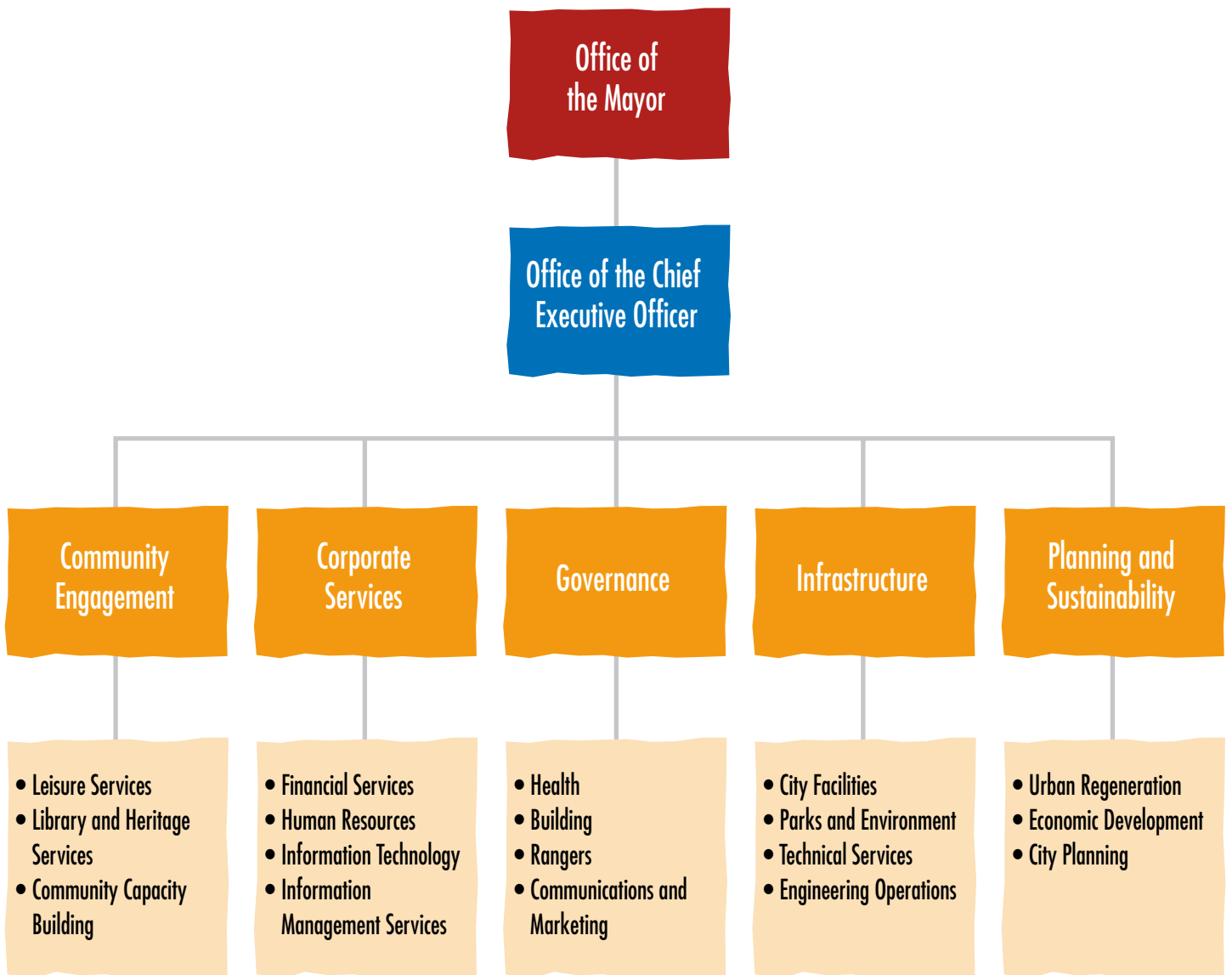
PERFORMANCE:

We will work together to deliver the City's strategic goals.

STYLE:

We are open, ethical, honest and responsible in our dealings. We aim to work in harmony with our diverse range of stakeholders.

organisational structure



A PricewaterhouseCoopers' study found that the City was one of WA's better managed local governments and that ratepayers were getting good value for money.



cityprofile

Located in Western Australia, the City of Gosnells is 17 kilometres south-east of the central business district of the State Capital, Perth. Serving a population of more than 95,000, the City is known for its great climate, pleasant residential living, markets, bush walks, wildlife parks and winery.

The City was first developed by European settlers in 1829, with the loam soils and abundant waters of the Canning River running through the City providing the means for settlement of the region.

The area is rich in historical buildings, reflecting the lifestyle of the early pioneers and offering a unique opportunity to experience an integral part of Western Australia's history.

The City of Gosnells is around the same size as Paris, at 127 square kilometres, and the population continues to grow rapidly, with about 30 per cent of the City area still to be developed.

It is anticipated that over \$1.5AU billion of development opportunities will occur over the next 10 years. The City enjoys a community of spirit, diversity and culture with a reputation for that famous down to earth Australian friendliness.

The Council has built a reputation for achievement and innovation. Based on population, the City of Gosnells is one of largest local governments in Western Australia, with the responsibility of ensuring delivery of a wide range of services to a diverse community.

There have been significant changes in the City to better meet the challenges of the

21st Century and the changing needs of our community, including a strong focus on customer service, an emphasis of more from less in terms of value for money and an even greater degree of consultation with the public.

Services provided by the City include:

- Infrastructure and property services, including local roads, bridges, footpaths, drainage, waste collection and management
- Provision of recreation facilities including a leisure centre, sports ovals and parks
- Health services such as water and food inspection, immunisation services, toilet facilities, noise control and animal control
- Community services for seniors, people with disabilities and youth
- Building services, including inspections, licensing, certification and enforcement
- Planning and development approval
- Administration of parking facilities and street parking
- Cultural facilities and services, such as libraries and a museum

message from

This has been an enormously productive and satisfying year for the City of Gosnells, one in which our growing reputation as one of Australia's most pro-active local governments was greatly enhanced.

It was an enormous honour to have the Prime Minister of Australia John Howard visit the City not once, but twice. The second occasion, when he opened the Centennial Tree Top Walk, was a great milestone for the City. Set in the magnificently redeveloped Centennial Pioneer Park, this great facility will bring pleasure to thousands of local residents as well as draw in visitors from outside the region.

All of us involved with the City of Gosnells are aware of the exciting, diverse and vibrant area we represent.

The Tree Top Walk also shows in microcosm what can be achieved through respect for the natural environment, skilled infrastructure development, careful organisation, focus on economic impacts and the creation of successful partnerships.

In keeping with the beautiful environment it showcases, the Tree

Top Walk came about through funding secured from the Federal Government after carefully coordinated and presented lobbying. It will have a positive long-term economic impact on the City and has been built to the highest standards and is universally accessible to all members of our community.

The \$8.5 million Harmony Fields project in Maddington was completed, giving residents one of the best sports and recreation facilities south-of-the-river.

Two new skate and BMX facilities opened in Maddington and Gosnells and good progress was made on planning for the \$6.5 million Amherst Village Community Centre, in Canning Vale.

Just over \$8 million was spent on the City's road programme, including safety improvements at black spots in Thornlie, Maddington and Canning Vale.

The Federal Government's Australian Technical College Perth South in Maddington, for which the City of Gosnells had lobbied hard, opened its doors to offer alternative training and employment opportunities for hundreds of young people.

Plans to upgrade the City's civic complex were revealed and in keeping with our commitment to

our mayor



sustainable development, it will be one of the most energy efficient and environmentally friendly commercial buildings in the State.

The Maddington Kenwick Sustainable Communities Partnership forged ahead with the introduction of a new planning policy to encourage retail and commercial development in the new Maddington Town Centre.

Looking back on 100 years has really put in perspective just how far we've come.

This has already sparked significant interest from investors and local business.

The Partnership's strong community element led to the creation of the Str8 Talkin' youth project, which attracted \$498,000 in Federal Government support through the National Community Crime Prevention Programme.

The City commissioned a PriceWaterhouse-Coopers study into the organisation's long-term financial viability.

The report, **Future Proofing the City of Gosnells**, was based on a review of 26 Perth metropolitan local governments and found that the City was among WA's better managed local governments and that ratepayers were getting good value for money.

This followed an announcement in October 2006 that the City of Gosnells had received its

second consecutive Minister's Financial Management Award for Excellence.

With these assurances, we embarked on a four-year Strategic Plan to keep our economic, social and environmental goals in focus.

We have enjoyed many successes in the past year, particularly in bringing together our vision for the community.

Importantly, we had fun along the way – we celebrated cultural diversity with the Multicultural Food Fair, we partied at Gozzy Rock, we got to know each other at People in Parks and the Summer Concerts and the Don Russell Performing Arts Centre entertained us with a great line-up of theatre.

Throughout 2007, the City's Centenary has given us further cause for celebration as we recognised our origins, the characters that have shaped our community and our achievements.

The value of heritage cannot be underestimated and I'm proud that the City of Gosnells respects and protects its past.

Looking back on 100 years has really put in perspective just how far we've come. I hope the next year and the next 100 years for that matter are just as exciting.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. Morris AM JP".

Patricia Morris AM JP
Mayor, City of Gosnells
Honorary Freeman

chief executi

As Chief Executive Officer during 2006-2007, it gives me great satisfaction to reflect on another 12 months of success and achievement for the City.

The strength of the performance of any large organisation is guided through strong and careful strategic planning. It is therefore of great significance that in 2007, the City began its Strategic Plan for the Future 2007-2010.

This document was developed in close cooperation and consultation with the Mayor, Councillors, staff and most importantly the local community. As the name suggests, it charts a path for the City over the next four years and is very much a blueprint for the future.

Significant progress is being achieved in delivering the City's large scale urban regeneration programme.

This attention to detail in preparing for future opportunities has helped the City of Gosnells reap the benefits in recent years and 2006-2007 was no different.

Of course, to achieve anything, the City must be financially sound. It is a source of pride and credit to the Council and staff that, in 2006-2007, the City of Gosnells became the first ever to win the Minister for Local Government's Financial Management Award for Excellence in successive years.

The City does not rest on its laurels and to ensure we maintain our strong commitment to financial management, the City instigated a comprehensive review of its financial sustainability by the respected PricewaterhouseCoopers.

This report, **Future Proofing the City of Gosnells**, stated that the Council was in the top quartile of viable local governments and was likely to receive an AA credit rating.

Such a strong position in an environment where many local governments find themselves in serious financial situations is laudable.

However, with the report tipping the City's population to rise by 40,000 to more than 123,000 over the next 20 years, it is clear the strong



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Another significant boost for the area came when the Federal Government agreed to fund half-a-million dollars for a the Str8 Talkin' programme.

partnerships the City has forged with key partners must continue and be developed further to deal with these ongoing demands of growth.

Another significant example of the success that partnerships can bring is seen in the Maddington and Kenwick Sustainable Communities Partnership. State Premier Alan Carpenter visited the City in October 2006 to sign a deal committing \$4 million of State Government support for the project. Overall, this project has produced synergies independently quantified at \$73 million over its life.

Over the years, this partnership, which has a crucial commitment from local people through the Community Leadership Network, will help transform these two suburbs.

Another significant boost for the area came when the Federal Government agreed to fund half-a-million dollars for a community safety

initiative, the Str8 Talkin' programme, which will see local youth engaged in a range of initiatives to encourage a sense of community ownership and responsibility.

In another boost for the community, preparations for the construction of the Civic Centre Administration Building progressed significantly. This project will ensure that the City is heading into a bright future on the basis of good planning and sound fiscal management and will have the sort of facility needed to deliver top-class services and governance to the people of the City of Gosnells.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stuart Jardine". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stuart Jardine
Chief Executive Officer
City of Gosnells

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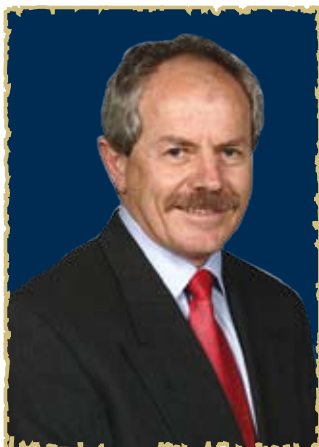
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Chief Executive Officer
Resigned June 2007



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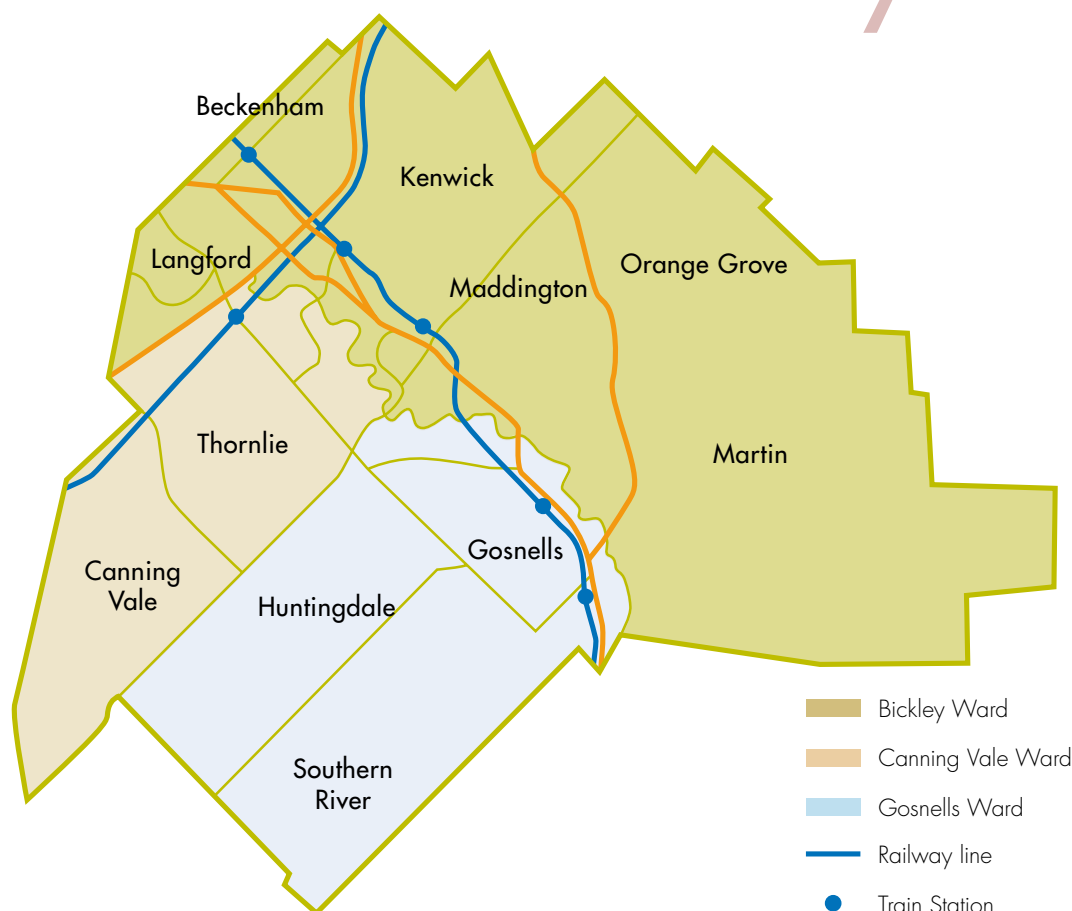


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Councillors Attendance at Council Meetings for 2006-2007

COUNCILLORS	ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS (22)	SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS (2)	ELECTORS MEETINGS (1)	TOTAL (25)
Cr John Henderson	21	2	1	24
Cr Ron Mitchell	19	1	1	21
Cr Olwen Searle JP	19	2	0	21
Cr Pauline Wainwright	18	2	1	21
Cr Patricia Morris AM JP Honorary Freeman	17	2	1	20
Cr Rod Croft*	16	1	1	18
Cr Ron Hoffman	20	2	1	23
Cr Wayne Barrett	19	2	1	22
Cr Carol Matison OAM	12	2	1	15
Cr Julie Brown	21	2	1	24
Cr Susan Iwanyk	15	2	1	18
Cr Dave Griffiths*	14	1	1	16

Meetings included: Special Council Meetings (2): 4 July 2006, Budget Meeting. 28 May 2007, Appointment of Councillor Delegates on the Selection Panel for the Interview of Prospective Candidates for the position of Chief Executive Officer. Electors Meeting (1): 11 December 2006, Annual Electors Meeting.

* Cr Rod Croft, Cr Dave Griffiths – Resigned from Council on 24 May 2007.

natural and built environment





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Goal 1 – To enhance our natural and built environment

OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 Ensure the built form is attractive, safe and vibrant
- 1.2 Reduce the negative impacts of development on the environment
- 1.3 Increase the recovery, recycling and reuse of waste
- 1.4 Manage and protect areas of environmental and heritage significance
- 1.5 Make a local contribution towards addressing major regional and global environmental issues

The following activities were undertaken to contribute towards achieving this goal and objectives:

Strategic Projects

- Progression of planning for the Maddington Kenwick Strategic Employment Area, including commissioning a number of detailed technical studies and preparing a concept plan for the area to facilitate landowner comment
- A review of draft Town Planning Scheme No. 21 (TPS 21) in Maddington and the adoption of a framework for the progression of an Outline Development Plan in place of TPS 21
- The progression and/or finalisation of Outline Development Plans for:
 - Yule Brook Precinct 1
 - Southern River Precincts 1B, 1E and 1F
 - West Martin Precincts 1 and 2
 - Modifications to the Canning Vale, West Canning Vale and Southern River Precincts 2 and 5 Outline Development Plans



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Policy development

The following local policies were prepared to ensure coordinated subdivision and development throughout the City, encourage high standards of urban design and built form, promote vibrant and active centres and inviting public places.

- Implementation Framework for the Local Housing Strategy and Large Lot Outline Development Plan Areas
- Southern River Precinct 3 Planning Framework
- Gosnells Town Centre Development
- Maddington Town Centre Development
- Revision of the Artificial Waterbodies Policy to guide the design, assessment and approval of artificial waterbodies

Australian Technical College

The City worked with the project architects to ensure the Perth South Australian Technical College (ATC) was designed and oriented to complement future plans for redevelopment of the City's Operations Centre site in Maddington.

Planning Approvals

- 546 development applications were determined for a range of land uses including industrial, commercial, residential, educational, home based business and commercial vehicle parking
- The City assessed and responded to 160 applications for subdivision for the creation of 1,307 lots
- Clearance was granted for 87 Deposited Plans for the creation of 1,028 green title

lots and the clearance of 44 Strata Plans for the creation of 139 strata title lots

- 1,500 requests for development compliance action were investigated and responded to
- 3,105 Zoning Certificates were provided in response to the sale of properties

Building Approvals

- Building Approvals (Licences) issued totalled 3,287 with a construction value of \$234,678,462
- Home approvals totalled 724 with a construction value of \$137,426,717
- 759 homes commenced construction



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Enhancing the natural environment

- In partnership with Prosser Toyota, the City supported about 100 community volunteers in planting 4,000 native trees, shrubs and groundcovers on the banks of Canning River in Pioneer Park, and at the Mary Carroll Park Wetlands on National Tree Day.
- The Maddington Kenwick Sustainable Communities Partnership was involved in tree planting with the community in Parakeela Grove Park and Kenwick Bush Forever site 422. The Maddington Kenwick Community Leadership Network (CLN), students from Yule Brook College, Maddington Primary, East Kenwick Primary, Bramfield Park Primary and City staff assisted with the plantings.
- A Construction Environmental Management Plan and Park Management Plan were developed to meet Development Approval conditions set on the Pioneer Park redevelopment project. The Swan River Trust commended the City on the high quality of the plans.
- Council endorsed significant revisions to the existing policy on artificial water bodies. Detailed guidelines now provide confidence in the design, assessment and approval of artificial water bodies throughout the City.
- A desktop evaluation was completed of all natural areas managed by the City followed by a detailed evaluation of the natural values of 43 of those areas. An objective ranking of the importance of natural areas will now provide the City with empirical guidance to help set priorities for management planning and budget allocation for the natural areas under its control.
- The City received \$10,340 in funding from Swan River Trust's Riverbank grants programme to continue control of the environmental weed Taro on the Canning River in partnership with the South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare. An additional grant of \$25,295 was provided by the Trust to initiate foreshore restoration work at several sites on the Canning River, in partnership with the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group.
- A Water Quality Sampling and Analysis Plan was developed, in partnership with the South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare and Department of Water, to guide water quality investigations in Bickley Brook. Water sampling and analysis for a broad range of quality parameters commenced. The water quality reporting will provide information as to general aquatic health and identify areas for additional work.



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- Civic Centre re-development designed to incorporate cutting edge technology that will achieve at least a 4-Star Greenstar rating making it one of the most energy efficient and environmentally friendly buildings in WA.
- The development of new Public Open Space (POS) and the upgrading of existing POS, for example Westfield Park, involves water wise design by limiting the amount of irrigated turf area without affecting the quality and its usability.
- The City continued to expand its MAXICOM irrigation controller network with our requirement for all developer driven POS and our own irrigation upgrades through our capital works program to include this technology. There are currently 29 sites



online where computerised timing ensures watering is efficient.

- The City continued to participate in the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) Triple-Bottom Line Capacity Building Programme. The programme, which runs for two years, involves ICLEI working with the City of Gosnells and other leading local governments across Australia to assist participating local governments in incorporating sustainability principles and practices into their operations.

switch your thinking! (sytl)

The City of Gosnells, along with the City of Armadale and Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale is part of the South East Regional Energy Group (SEREG), which implements the highly successful sytl programme. The programme received recognition for its innovation and contribution to implementing measures that will save energy, water and operating costs, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The programme received the following awards in the past financial year:

- Sustainability 2006 Awards (National)
 - Silver Award – Category Winner
 - Outstanding Sustainability Partnership
- Sustainability 2006 Awards (National)
 - Gold Award – Overall Winner – Most Outstanding Sustainability Initiative in Australia
- WA Environment Award 2006 (State)
 - Winner – Category 2 – Government Leading by Example
- WA Environment Award 2006 (State)
 - Winner – Category 8 – Community Energy Efficiency

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The Green House, a sustainable retrofit house

The Maddington Kenwick Sustainable Communities Partnership (MKSCP) and the syt! programme worked together to retrofit an existing house in Maddington to demonstrate that sustainable energy and water efficient house retrofits are easy, affordable, and attractive. The project demonstrates that household energy and water costs and costs to the environment through greenhouse gas emissions can be reduced in a cost effective manner. The Green House received an estimated 2,800 visitors and extensive positive media coverage during the 12 month period it was open to the public.

Waste management statistics

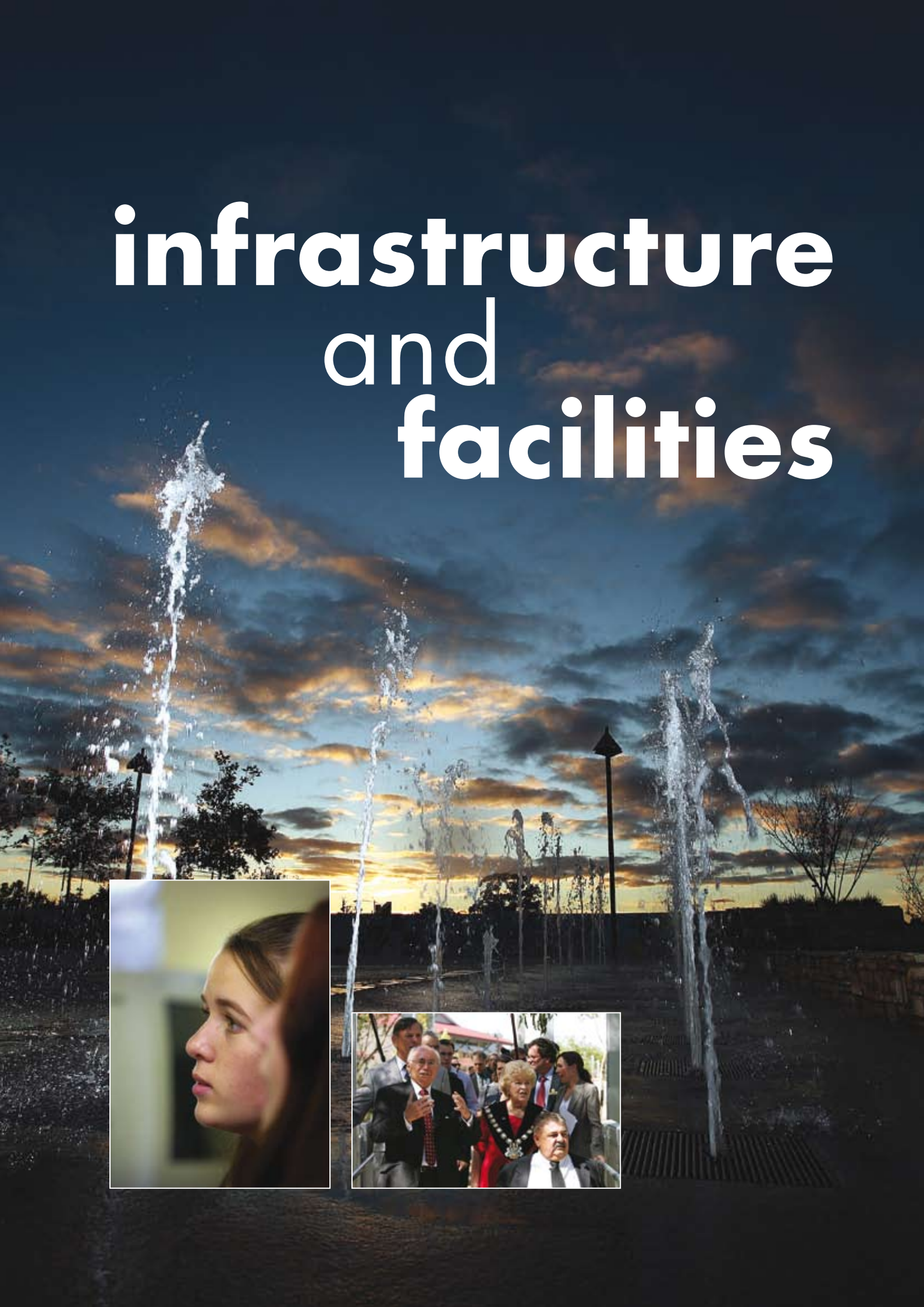
- 31,927 tonnes of Municipal Solid Waste was collected in 240 litre mobile garbage bins from the residential and commercial sectors and transported to the Cardup Landfill facility, representing an increase of nearly 1.5 per cent from 2006
- Recycling in the City was up nearly 6 per cent to 9,840 tonnes
- The general junk kerbside collection produced 2,898 tonnes of waste for disposal at Cardup and 51 tonnes of recycled metals
- The green waste kerbside collections produced 1,824 tonnes of green waste that was processed into mulch

The City continued to work with other authorities to develop long-term waste management solutions:

- Worked with the South East Metropolitan Regional Council to more efficiently and effectively manage waste
- In conjunction with the South East Metropolitan Regional, Council progressed the feasibility study into the establishment of a Resource Recovery Facility within the region. The scope of the feasibility study was enlarged due to the participation of three additional local governments (City of Mandurah and Shires of Murray and Serpentine-Jarrahdale)
- Implemented the first phase of the Zero Waste Plan survey



infrastructure and facilities





infrastructure

Goal 2 – To plan, develop and maintain the City's infrastructure and facilities

OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 Increase the efficiency, use and safety of the transport networks within the City
- 2.2 Maximise the long-term effectiveness of the City's infrastructure
- 2.3 Ensure City infrastructure and facilities are optimised for community use

The following activities were undertaken to contribute towards achieving this goal and objectives:

Major facilities and infrastructure projects

Civic Centre

- Design and tendering processes for the redevelopment of the City's Civic Centre to meet future needs were undertaken
- Design Development drawings and project estimate of \$22 million were approved at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 27 March 2007 with approval to proceed to the tender stage
- Planning Approval for the proposed redevelopment has been obtained from Council and approval has been sought from the Western Australian Planning Commission

Amherst Village Community Centre

- A Councillor workshop was held on 20 March 2007 to discuss the Design Development, with Councillors supporting the fourth option (Option D) prepared by architects Holton Connor

Land and facilities

- Funding submissions for a community facility known as the C-pod have been sent to the Federal Office for Regional Partnerships and Lotterywest. The Regional Partnerships Office are currently assessing the submission
- The City has several corporate sponsors for the Centre. Kosmic Sound and Lighting, Dell Australia and Sony Australia have all agreed to provide products at discounted prices – the City is also seeking assistance from Microsoft, Logitech and Panasonic
- The concept design plans and the project estimate of \$6.5 million were approved at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 10 April 2007, enabling the Architectural Consultancy Team to proceed to the design development phase
- Design development and estimate is scheduled to be completed in August 2007 and is scheduled to go to tender in September 2007
- Cardno BSD consultants prepared a final report for Warton Road/Holmes Street (Lot 8) mixed use subdivision which was adopted by Council on 24 October 2006
- The Outline Development Plan for the area was adopted by Council on 13 March 2007
- A Water Management Plan has been prepared which will enable progress of the Outline Development Plan

Operations Centre planning underway

The tender for Architectural Consultancy Services was awarded to Holton Connor Architects on 13 June 2006. However, the issue of the letter of award is pending finalisation of the sale of the land of the existing Operations Centre.

The City is assessing additional options to ensure the best outcome for a new Operations Centre and the redevelopment of the Maddington Town Centre.

Recreation facilities improved

Harmony Fields

- The \$8.5 million Harmony Fields sports oval project was completed
- Consultants to develop the Harmony Fields subdivision were appointed

Westfield Street Skate Park

The skate park was officially opened and supported by a youth development programme. The 13 week Pad up and Launch programme was highly successful in mitigating concerns of local residents and incidents of antisocial behaviour. Through the appointment of a mentor, a skate park users' group was formed and contributed to the delivery of a suite of projects and events, including skate and BMX competitions and skills clinics.

infrastructure and facilities

Westfield Street Reserve

The reserve was upgraded and officially opened with major improvements including:

- Installation of playground equipment
- Landscaping
- Pathways
- Barbecue facilities

Strategies, funding submissions and programme participation

- The City made a detailed submission to the State Infrastructure Strategy, outlining future infrastructure needs of the City
- Worked with the State Government and neighbouring local governments to develop and implement an Integrated Transport Strategy
- City participation in the Western Australian Asset Management Improvement Programme used the modelling outcomes to demonstrate the unfunded gap in asset renewal. This along with other asset management practices will assist the City in determining future funding requirements to maintain and improve the City's many assets.
- Master Plans for Walter Padbury and Mills Park facilities are in development
- Community Sport and Recreation Facilities funding was successfully sought for Langford Oval netball shade shelters and Gosnells Junior Cricket Club for a total of \$17,341
- The Public Open Space Strategy which will guide future planning and operations for the next 20 years continued to take shape with asset data being compiled

Underground power

Work continued with the State Government towards the staged implementation of underground power.

- Council resolved to advise the Underground Power Steering Committee that given the results of the survey of property owners the City was unable to proceed with the Gosnells South Underground Power Project
- The Maddington Project proposal, a Major Residential Project, was selected to progress to the Detailed Proposal Stage of Round Four of the State Government Underground Power Program
- Property owners in the Maddington Underground Power Project area were canvassed on their views about underground power and their willingness to contribute to the cost

Road projects

In 2006-2007, the City again received more funding for road projects than any other local government in the State.

The main projects included:

- Sections of Nicholson Road, in Canning Vale, have been widened however the \$5.5 million project was delayed by the relocation of services. Work continues.
- Preparation work for the extension of Garden Street, between Warton Road and Harpenden Street, was carried out and will be completed when traffic signals are installed at Warton Road.
- State Black Spot funding enabled the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Garden Street, Forest Lakes Drive and The Bridgeway.
- \$3.5 million in Auslink Roads to Recovery funding was secured through a joint application between the Cities of Gosnells and Armadale for the widening of Ranford Road from Southern River Road to Warton Road.

a harmonious community



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Goal 3 – To promote and foster a proud and harmonious community which provides opportunities for all

OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 Create a positive sense of place and amenity
- 3.2 Promote activities that celebrate the City as a place to live and visit
- 3.3 Encourage the provision of services and programmes that improve the quality of community life

The following activities were undertaken to contribute towards achieving this goal and objectives:

Maddington Kenwick Sustainable Communities Partnership Community Leadership Network

The City and State Government, through the Maddington Kenwick Sustainable Communities Partnership and the Community Leadership Network provided support to the community through several initiatives. The Partnership and CLN also developed a Welcome to Your Future in Maddington and Kenwick kit for distribution to new residents containing a range of information on services, facilities and key contacts in the local area. Through the partnership the CLN also held its first Community Achievement Celebration event to recognise and promote significant community contributions from individuals, businesses, schools and community groups in Maddington and Kenwick.

Cultural Plan completed

The City's first Cultural plan was adopted by Council at its meeting on 28 November 2006 and provides for a coordinated approach for supporting culture and the arts.

Furthering its commitment to culture and the arts, the City hosted a number of forums with prominent artists to further enhance the community's appreciation of the arts.



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Parents and children enjoy libraries

The City's libraries offered free programmes for children and parents to attend, including:

- Weekly Storytime sessions
- Board Games Club
- Adventurers Reading Club
- School Holiday activities
- Children's Book Week

Early intervention for family literacy was provided to the community through the Better Beginnings and Mother Goose programmes.

Award for Leisure World

Terms of Reference for a review of Leisure World were endorsed by the Executive Team. The review started in December 2006 and aims to assess the capacity of Leisure World to meet future community requirements.

The facility attracted 402,294 visits in 2006/07.

Leisure World achieved the highest safety rating of any aquatic facility in Western Australia for the second consecutive year through the Royal Life Saving Society's annual swimming pool safety audit. Providing a safe environment remains the City's highest priority in the delivery



of aquatic programmes. The centre's Swim School taught 5,985 children to swim by delivering 57,833 swimming lessons during the year.

Centre's reputation flourishes

Terms of Reference for a review of the Don Russell Performing Arts Centre were endorsed by the Council. Teamworks Australasia Pty Ltd have been appointed to undertake the review which began in May 2007.

The Centre continued to build upon its reputation as one of Perth's leading community based performing arts centres, hosting 11 monthly features from professional producers including several shows on State or National tours, 11 Morning Melodies shows, and three school holidays shows.

The highlight of the year was the Centre's two-week performing arts festival; It's On At The Don which for the first time had a national touring act in the programme. The festival attracted almost 700 patrons over two-weeks.

Stand outs of the year included the Centre's first international act, an all-ages physical theatre show called LaLaLuna and visits to the Centre by several iconic Australian entertainers including Charles 'Bud' Tingwell and ex-Seeker Keith Potger. These shows were attended by a total of 4,122 patrons.

The Centre also hosted 46 private hire events attracting almost 7,000 visitors. Private hirers included several local schools, community and cultural groups, private performing arts academies and small production companies.

Private classes in dance and drama were also conducted in both the Dance Studio and the Auditorium for almost 1,000 hours during the year.



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Community events and activities

The City has continued to facilitate a diverse range of programmes, events and activities for the community. Highlights for the year included the People in Parks programme that provides a variety of entertainment and activities in local parks and the Summer Concert Series providing the community with free access to a host of outstanding performances. The City was successful in securing Lotterywest and Healthway funding to support these events.

A range of community based leisure programmes was offered including Tumble Tots, Sportsmania, Fit n 50+, Walking Groups and Ghost Walks.

Six People in Parks events and five Summer Concerts were held from January to April 2007.

The People in Parks events included a variety of activities and entertainment at local parks aimed at encouraging social interaction between local residents and promotion of community safety initiatives.

The City's Summer Concert series, coordinated in partnership with the City of Armadale, saw a variety of performances from bands including Chain Reaction, Bluegrass Parkway and Red Shell Storm. All concerts were staged at the City's museum, Wilkinson Homestead.

The City again hosted its Australia Day Big Breakfast on 26 January at Gosnells Oval. This event attracted a crowd of approximately 1,000 local residents.

In a display of richness and diversity, the annual Multicultural Food Fair was held in November 2006. This celebration event showcased the food, dance, music and vibrancy of people from over 80 cultural backgrounds who have chosen to make the City of Gosnells their home

A number of indigenous young people from Maddington and Kenwick were provided with cameras and asked to record their feelings and thoughts about where they live, as part of a project coordinated by the City's Heritage Services. The result was a dynamic and powerful installation rich with colour and personal stories. The exhibition ran for five months in the Orange Room at the Gosnells Knowledge Centre. An official opening event was held to celebrate the exhibition and a catalogue of the artists and their work was produced.