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Farm on the menu

The City of Gosnells entered into a service agreement with the South Metropolitan Public Health Unit to deliver stage one of the Maddington Kenwick Fruit and Veggie Project. With a contribution of \$20,000 from the Department of Health, Perth City Farm was engaged to undertake a feasibility study to assess the viability of establishing a school vegetable garden project with public schools in the Maddington and Kenwick area.

Sponsorship spans community

In November 2006, Council adopted an amended Community Sponsorship Programme Policy for the provision of financial assistance to community organisations.

Through its Community Sponsorship Programme, the City invested \$128,407 in community driven projects and initiatives during the year. A total of 70 community organisations were provided with sponsorship to undertake a range of projects in the categories of:

- Minor Capital Works
- Minor Equipment
- Strategic Initiatives
- Innovative Programme or Project
- Learning and Development
- Environment and Heritage
- Community Safety

In addition to providing financial support to community organisations, the City supported a further 111 individuals to achieve their potential through the provision of Sports Representation grants and Education Scholarships.

Funding of \$35,000 was given to the Gosnells Area Joint Youth Care Committee towards the School Chaplaincy programme in local schools.

Gozy Rock hits 20

The City of Gosnells Youth Services team delivered a comprehensive range of programmes based on community capacity building principles for young people aged 12 to 25 years.

These included the popular battle of the bands event Gozy Rock. Celebrating 20 years of support to emerging bands, Gozy Rock received a record number of entries and was proudly sponsored by the City, Lotterywest, XPress, Kosmic and Baseball WA.

New challenges await as the City was successful in attracting a grant of \$498,000 from the National Community Crime Prevention Programme to run its innovative Str8 Talkin' project over the next three years.

The Str8 Talkin' project will engage the young people of Maddington and Kenwick in the design and delivery of innovative educational programmes that promote community safety and wellbeing and directly address antisocial behaviour.





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Parenting skills enhanced

A range of holiday and school term programmes were provided to support the social and educational development of children. Effective parenting courses remained popular, as did the Holiday Funtimes programme which successfully underwent a rigorous accreditation process with the National Childcare Accreditation Council.

Continued membership and facilitation of the Gosnells Early Years Action Group (GEYAG) allowed the City to maintain strong links with local and key providers of services to children and families. A key GEYAG initiative this year was a series of workshops to assist families of children who have a hearing impairment.

The City's innovation and vision in taking a lead role in the Australian Early Development Index project for the local area has resulted in valuable data being available to identify strengths and gaps in local services for children and families

Volunteer efforts crucial

The City received extraordinary support from volunteers to deliver services to their community.

The Addie Mills Centre enjoyed the services of 80 dedicated and skilled volunteers, the vast majority over 60 years of age. Between them, this remarkable group of people delivered 14,500 hours of service to their local community.

Services and programmes delivered from the Addie Mills Centre in 2006/07 included 38,000 meals on wheels delivered to people's homes, 3,000 in-centre podiatry appointments and a range of recreational and educational opportunities.

A highlight was a trip to Kalgoorlie organised in partnership with the Public Transport Authority and Swan Transit. This saw seniors use their Pensioner Free Pass and was so popular that similar trips are being planned for the new financial year.

State Emergency Service volunteers contributed 6,103 hours of their time to help fellow citizens and Gosnells Bush Fire Brigade members volunteered 7,779 hours.

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Access for all the aim

The City of Gosnells strived to ensure that City services and facilities were accessible to all community members, with the emphasis on inclusion rather than singling out particular groups.

In partnership with the Department of Health and the Disability Services Commission, the City worked with people with disabilities and their families to provide recreational, leisure and educational opportunities that strike a balance between meeting individual needs and remaining inclusive.

During the 2006/07 year, over 12,000 hours of supported activities were provided

to people with disabilities and their families. This was supported by 3,500 hours of in-home assessment, case planning and review and information and referral services.

The City met the Disability Services Commission requirement for Standard 9; Protection of Human Rights and Freedom from Abuse and Neglect.

Council endorsed the establishment of a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan Reference Group. The City has secured the assistance of several community and external agency representatives to develop the Plan, which will promote access and inclusion for all members of the community.



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Rangers and health officers kept busy

To ensure residents could enjoy a safe and pleasant environment in their community the City's Rangers, health officers and pool inspector undertook a range of activities

Fifty per cent of requests to Rangers involved dogs. Over the financial year 908 dogs were impounded. Of those 538 were claimed, 73 were sold, 165 were destroyed with the balance placed with animal welfare groups.

Over 11,000 dogs were registered in the City.

Other Ranger duties included dealing with 899 vehicles with 105 impounded, 206 fire control issues, 290 litter complaints and 74 livestock matters.

Rangers also carried out annual fire break inspections of all rural and other large lots. Work orders were issued for 186 of 254 non-compliant properties and 63 fines were issued.

Health officers carried out 1,206 food inspections, had 100 food items tested and responded to 37 food handling complaints.

Scheduled vaccination doses totalled 1,218 and 642 children were immunised.

A public pool water sampling programme saw 273 tests made.

Around the City there were 5,929 properties with swimming pools, with 98 new pools and 95 removed. There were 1,289 inspections carried out and 190 rectification notices issued.



innovation and customer focus



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Goal 4 – To be an innovative, dynamic and customer focused organisation

OBJECTIVES

- 4.1 To be a flexible, responsive employer
- 4.2 Ensure the City's long-term financial viability
- 4.3 To ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of the organisation
- 4.4 Demonstrate good governance
- 4.5 Continuous improvement in occupational safety and health

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

Nine day fortnight trial

In an increasingly competitive labour market the City has built on the success of its Work Life Balance programme by including a 12 month trial of a nine day fortnight working arrangement.

The City's labour agreements have been approved by the Office of the Employment Advocate.

The City has successfully implemented a new Human Resource Information system, which includes the provision of electronic payroll data to staff saving time and resources.

Occupational safety and health continues to be a priority for the City and it continues to review administrative processes and incorporate procedures, information and training to ensure a safe workplace. The City has received a rebate against its workers compensation premium as a consequence of its good performance.



Customer focus

Tender changes

During the year the regulations regarding tendering changed to only require tenders for goods over \$100,000 on the proviso that Council adopted a purchasing policy.

Whilst Council already had a purchasing policy in place, it was reviewed to bring it into line with industry best practice.

A purchasing procedure to ensure Council's purchasing policy is followed was developed and has been implemented.

New business systems

The City went live with new core business systems on 1 July 2006. Since then a process of review and refinement of all business systems has been ongoing and has covered:

- Post implementation reviews for each system
 - Business Systems review with every business area
 - Ongoing staff training on business systems
 - Review and refinement of business processes
- Take-up of hard copy documents to Information Management systems to provide ready access online to City staff
- All business systems are supported by Information Technology infrastructure and services and during the year the Information Services team provided support to the organisation by:
- Maintenance and upgrade of Information Technology infrastructure in line with Council's commitment to providing a high standard of support
 - Supporting web services, including access to a broad range of information, online mapping and rate payments, which continued to register a high number of visits
 - Information Management staff supporting all internal staff and providing service to external customers, including Freedom of Information requests
 - Assisting and working with staff in all business areas in the effective use of all business systems and technology



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Information Management Update

The roll out of DataWorks, the new Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) in July 2006 prompted a complete review of the City's record keeping practices which is still underway.

The City currently conducts records keeping training on a needs basis. However a new programme is currently being developed to provide all staff with training in their record keeping requirements.

The City is committed to ensuring that all staff are aware of their record keeping roles and responsibilities at induction. To this end the City has been developing new record keeping and information management training elements to its induction programme.

Process improvement

The planning approval process in City Planning was reviewed and various steps taken to

improve the service including adoption of new planning policies and changes to delegated authority functions.

Ensuring viability

In the past financial year, the City commissioned a PriceWaterhouseCoopers study into the organisation's long-term financial viability.

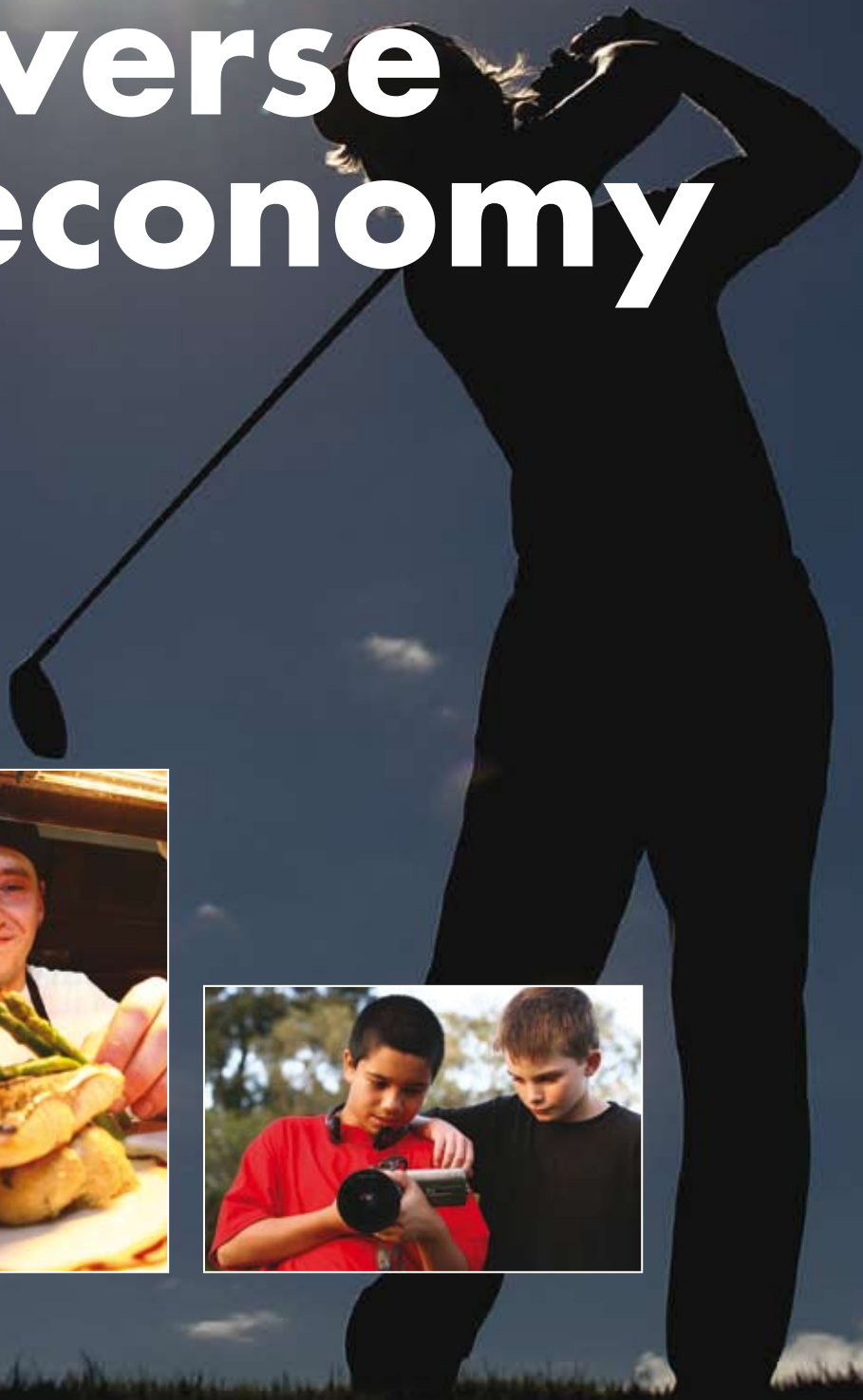
The report, **Future Proofing the City of Gosnells**, was based on a review of 26 Perth metropolitan local governments and found that the City was among WA's better managed local governments and that ratepayers were getting good value for money.

This followed an announcement last October that the City of Gosnells had received its second consecutive Minister's Financial Management Award for Excellence.

With these assurances, the City has embarked on a four-year Strategic Plan to keep its economic, social and environmental goals in focus.



a prosperous and diverse economy





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Goal 5 – To foster and promote a prosperous and diverse economic base for the future of the City

OBJECTIVES

- 5.1 Maximise business development and investment that supports the City's vision
- 5.2 Support community based opportunities for life long learning and training
- 5.3 Increase opportunities for tourism

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

External funding a key factor

The City contributes to a variety of projects to promote business development and investment. This in turn attracts State and Federal funding for economic development and tourism projects in the City, including:

- \$120,000 sponsorship from the Small Business Development Corporation for business advisory services provided through the Gosnells Armadale Business Development Organisation
- \$24 million of Federal Government funding directed to the establishment of an Australian Technical College in the region, \$12.4 million of which has been allocated to the Maddington Campus
- Regional Partnerships funding of \$275,000 was secured to build Centennial Tree Top Walk
- Collaborative research project with Edith Cowan University valued at \$270,000 for Practical Employee Management Skills training

Small Business supported

Small business development continued to access City supported business advisory services and a wide range of training options.

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The business incubator achieved a 68 per cent occupancy rate. An Operational Review of the management of the incubator was also completed to guide future development.

The City retained committee membership on the Gosnells City Business and Tourism Association and worked with members to promote business development and networking including sponsorship of the Annual Business Awards.

Economic development plan progress

Key issues identified in the Economic Development Plan 2003 that were completed in the 2006/2007 financial year include:

- Working with the City Planning Branch to commission technical studies into the Maddington Kenwick Strategic Employment Area
- Community consultation to facilitate rezoning of land in the Maddington Kenwick Strategic Employment Area for future industrial development – a rezoning application for part of the area has been submitted to the Western Australian Planning Commission
- Working with the City Planning Branch to continue refining the planning approval process
- Provide assistance to Gosnells Town Centre and Maddington Kenwick Sustainable Communities Partnership revitalisation projects
- Support the Business Enterprise Centre (now Small Business Centre)

Education and training a major focus

A Training Project Team was established to provide guidance to the Maddington Kenwick Sustainable Communities Partnership regarding opportunities, gaps, duplication and existing connections in education and training service provision in Maddington and Kenwick. An Education and Training Services Profile Report has been completed and the Partnership will now consider how to address the key priorities and critical issues identified in the report.

- Continued provision of TAFE scholarships.
- Completion and opening of Perth South Australian Technical College (ATC), which has improved access to vocational education. This project represents a \$12.4 million investment in the Maddington area by the Federal government.
- Provision of three ATC scholarships to students who are residents of the Maddington Kenwick area.
- Eight high school students each received \$250 scholarships.



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Learning at our libraries

The City's three libraries provided a large range of free learning opportunities through its collections, services and programmes and coordinated group activities for adults, as well as numerous programmes for children. These included:

- Book clubs and writing groups
- Craft groups such as Charity Chums, Knit 'n' Yarn and Creative Crafts
- Test your mind groups with Board Game Club and French Friends
- Computer training courses for beginners, including using the Internet
- Special interest events were held throughout the year on topics ranging from meditation, scrapbooking, family history and visits by authors and music groups

Tourism initiatives

Centennial Pioneer Park was redeveloped as a regional attractor to the Gosnells Town Centre, with improvements to the physical, economic, environmental and social aspects of the area.

The Centennial Tree Top Walk, a major component of the park which attracted \$275,000 in Federal funding was officially opened by the Prime Minister, John Howard on 20 February 2007. The park was opened to the public on 14 June 2007.

The City also sought grant funding to improve interpretive signage, walk trails and visitor facilities in Ellis Brook Valley.



partnerships consultation and communication





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Goal 6 – To develop and maintain effective participation, consultation and partnerships that will benefit the community.

OBJECTIVES

- 6.1 Maximise the benefit of new and existing partnerships to achieve the City's goals
- 6.2 Ensure the City communicates with and responds to the community

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

Partnerships contribute to community safety

The City's Community Safety Plan, developed by the Safe City Initiative in conjunction with the community, service providers and business, was endorsed by Council in May 2007. The City's partner, the Office of Crime Prevention, has granted \$20,000 to address a range of safety and crime prevention issues.

A range of safety and awareness workshops were presented to 7,853 primary and secondary school students.

A \$32,600 grant was received from the National Community Crime Prevention Programme, to undertake a design review of the precinct around the Thornlie Skate Park.

WA Police joined with the City to conduct Armed Hold Up awareness workshops for local businesses.

The Gosnells Rail Strategy project was conducted in conjunction with Edith Cowan University, Public Transport Authority, local agencies and youth. A key outcome was the production of the Right Track youth rail card. Distributed by the City's Youth Workers and Transit Guards, the card outlines young people's rights and responsibilities when using the rail network.

The efforts of local agencies, schools and individuals in creating a positive and safer community were recognised and celebrated through the Safe City Awards and Bright Lights competition.



consultation and communication

The Office of Crime Prevention's local Burglar Beware programme was successfully launched in February 2007.

The City's graffiti technicians removed graffiti from over 3,700 locations, improving the amenity and perception of the area and signalling the City's no tolerance attitude towards criminal damage of this kind.

The Dob In A Hoon programme received 25 traffic incident reports from the community. These were forwarded to Police, with infringement notices issued to some offenders.

Gosnells District Neighbourhood Watch attracted 542 new registrations, bringing the total number of local participants to 3,695.

The actual and perceived safety of local seniors was improved through the provision of 33 safety themed workshops and 40 home safety audits. The City thanks WA Police and Fire and Emergency Services for their significant commitment to this programme.

Working with the community

- The Community Development Team worked in partnership with the Gosnells Region Noongar Action Committee in the development of a variety of events to celebrate NAIDOC week in July 2006.
- The City of Gosnells partnered with the City of Armadale to establish a Volunteer Resource Centre located in The Agonis building's Knowledge Centre. The Volunteer Resource Centre was launched in February 2007 by the Minister for Seniors and

Volunteering David Templeman and provides a comprehensive information and referral service for local people and agencies.

- A partnership project was formed between the City, Maddington Kenwick Sustainable Communities Partnership, Yule Brook College and Gosnells Region Noongar Action Committee to build a meeting circle and memorial garden at the College.
- The Australian Asian Association (AAA) was successful in gaining funding to run a 12 month project entitled 'Living in Harmony', in the City of Gosnells region. The aim of this project is to create community connections for migrants residing in the City of Gosnells locality. The City is working alongside AAA to assist in gaining community participation and referrals.
- The 2006 Polynesian Festival marked the end of a three year sponsorship agreement between the City of Gosnells and the United Maori Cultural Association. The City provided Association members with training and support in all aspects of event management. The Association now feels confident to plan, fund and run this event.



partnerships, consultation and communication

Maddington Kenwick commitment maintained

The City of Gosnells has continued with its commitment to the Maddington Kenwick Sustainable Communities Partnership (MKSCP) with the State Government and the community, which is implementing a multitude of actions and projects for the wholesale revitalisation of Maddington and Kenwick.

Cooperation delivers results

A Partnership Agreement with the Swan Catchment Council was brokered to facilitate joint projects, specifically the federally-funded Model Development Guidelines for New Industrial Areas and a survey of businesses in the existing Davison Industrial Estate.

The City continued to seek collaborative research partnerships in small business activities with Edith Cowan University's Small to Medium Enterprise Research Centre.

The existing partnership with the Gosnells Armadale Business Development Organisation is likely to strengthen following a review of the operation and management of the Business Incubator Project.

Keeping residents informed

The City's four page newsletter, COG News, was distributed monthly to 38,000 homes through the Examiner newspaper. This is a response to survey results suggesting 61 per cent of residents get their information on City activities from COG News.

Over 100 news releases were prepared with a publication rate of approximately 90 per cent. The City also produced a wide range of advertisements, brochures, flyers and information sheets to inform the community of programmes, activities and services.

The City's website was updated regularly.

Community participation in the decision making process was encouraged through question time and public statements at Ordinary Council Meetings, with over 150 questions and statements made by members of the public.

A range of consultation and information evenings were held to explain and consult on a range of projects. Workshops on key projects were also conducted for the public.

The City's Customer Service area responded to, or directed to the appropriate staff, in excess of 30,000 inquiries.



futureplan

Over the coming financial year, infrastructure remains firmly in the spotlight.

More than 40,000 residents are expected to move into the City in the next 20 years, so there is significant pressure to not only plan for future communities but also maintain a growing list of assets, now valued at more than \$630 million.

These include roads, bridges, drains, footpaths, parks and sports grounds, community buildings and the City's large fleet of light vehicles, plant and machinery.

Many new community buildings are now being designed, built or nearing completion to provide residents in the coming years with several state-of-the-art facilities.

Among them is a new community building in the Amherst Town Centre to support the fast developing Canning Vale and Southern River areas.

This \$6.5 million project will feature a library, community hall and youth facility, including a digital arts and media centre.

Other highlights:

- More than \$7.1 million will be spent on various parks and reserves, which takes in the management of about 620ha of public open space
- Another seven parks have been added to the City's maintenance round: Auckland Parade, Cromarty Gardens and Tarradee Circuit Reserves, The Boardwalk Estate (Stages 5 to 8), Harmony Fields, Pioneer Park and Packer Park

- About \$1.7 million has been allocated for capital works and upgrade projects
- More than \$7.3 million on road construction, including:
 - \$180,000 for national Black Spot projects for street lighting improvements at five roundabouts in the City
 - \$1.2 million for State Black Spot projects, including traffic signals at Dorothy Street-Wheatley Street and improvements to crash barriers and edge delineation on Mills Road East
 - \$1.2 million for the first stage to dual-lane Warton Road between Garden Street and Ranford Road (Garden Street to Amherst Road)
 - Dual-lane Ranford Road between Warton Road and Southern River Road, as part of a joint \$5 million project with the City of Armadale. Each council is contributing \$750,000 and the Federal Government is providing \$3.5 million through its Auslink Programme.
- More than \$1.9 million will be spent on road rehabilitation, \$450,000 of drainage construction and \$378,000 of path construction

The City has also secured \$498,000 in Federal funding over three years for the Str8 Talkin' youth project, involving Youth Services, Safe City Initiative and the Maddington Kenwick Sustainable Communities Partnership.

national competition policy

The Competition Principles Agreement (CPA) is an agreement between the Commonwealth and State governments that sets out how government should apply National Competition Policy principles to public sector organisations under their jurisdiction.

The Local Government Clause 7 Competition Policy Statement of the CPA requires a local government to report annually on the application and implementation of competitive neutrality principles to its activities and functions.

COMPETITIVE NEUTRALITY

No significant business activities have been introduced since the application of the principles of competitive neutrality. Council's two significant business activities (those with an annual income over \$200,000) are:

- Leisure World Aquatic Centre.
- Refuse Collection Service.

Business enterprise conducted by the City has been classified by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as either a public trading enterprise or a public financial enterprise. Further, no allegations of non-compliance with the Competitive Neutrality principles have been made by any private entity.

freedom of information

Freedom of Information Statistics				
Total number of applications received and breakdown	Total	Personal	Non-Personal	Current
	7	0	7	0

Access type	Personal	Non-Personal	Total
Access in full	0	4	0
Edited access	0	6	6
Access refused	0	1	1
Withdrawn by applicant	0	0	0
Not finalised	0	0	0
Total	0	7	7

INTERNAL REVIEWS: The City received one request for an internal review.

EXTERNAL REVIEWS: No external reviews for 2006-2007 (submitted to the Officer of the Information Commissioner).

income statement by program

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2007

	\$ 2007	\$ 2007 BUDGET	\$ 2006
REVENUES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
Governance	(71,266)	(53,200)	(66,734)
General Purpose Funding	(39,460,975)	(37,233,647)	(34,665,488)
Law, Order, Public Safety	(420,935)	(431,345)	(521,521)
Health	(110,180)	(95,850)	(97,460)
Education and Welfare	(776,627)	(871,823)	(594,410)
Community Amenities	(15,148,111)	(8,074,686)	(8,699,990)
Recreation and Culture	(2,811,994)	(7,319,454)	(3,671,623)
Transport	(3,658,897)	(4,829,052)	(5,080,623)
Economic Services	(1,963,690)	(1,257,518)	(2,918,125)
Other Property and Services	(600,272)	(617,600)	(1,185,741)
	(65,022,947)	(60,784,175)	(57,501,715)
EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES EXCLUDING BORROWING COSTS EXPENSE			
Governance	3,148,893	3,200,849	2,985,588
General Purpose Funding	833,715	875,479	795,801
Law, Order, Public Safety	1,538,667	1,686,096	1,377,715
Health	922,211	989,573	780,095
Education and Welfare	2,407,419	2,560,410	1,223,336
Community Amenities	8,473,505	8,659,968	7,401,354
Recreation & Culture	16,977,320	17,182,825	17,577,085
Transport	12,829,051	12,972,476	13,425,232
Economic Services	2,043,102	2,311,383	3,681,686
Other Property and Services	1,662,663	1,058,782	1,142,266
	50,836,546	51,497,841	50,390,158
NET RESULT	(14,186,401)	(9,286,334)	(7,111,557)

balance sheet

AS AT 30TH JUNE 2007

	\$ 2007	\$ 2006
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	49,658,233	35,870,455
Trade and Other Receivables	1,990,434	3,337,983
Inventories	287,063	261,892
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	51,935,730	39,470,330
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Other Receivables	714,022	1,071,272
Property, Plant and Equipment	130,793,500	128,935,901
Intangible Assets	766,322	872,644
Infrastructure	208,191,527	200,189,898
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	340,465,371	331,069,715
TOTAL ASSETS	392,401,101	370,540,045
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and Other Payables	8,048,080	6,909,977
Long Term Borrowings	6,500,000	0
Provisions	1,994,906	1,932,156
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	16,542,986	8,842,133
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Other Payables	1,066,158	996,340
Provisions	2,094,027	2,190,043
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	3,160,185	3,186,383
TOTAL LIABILITIES	19,703,171	12,028,516
NET ASSETS	372,697,930	358,511,529
EQUITY		
Retained Surplus	256,592,732	249,540,420
Reserves – Cash Backed	29,682,954	22,548,865
Reserves – Asset Revaluation	86,422,244	86,422,244
TOTAL EQUITY	372,697,930	358,511,529

statement of changes in equity

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2007

	\$ 2007	\$ 2006
RETAINED SURPLUS		
Balance as at 1 July 2006	249,540,420	244,306,983
Provision for Annual Leave AIFRSs Adjustment	0	(46,717)
Net Result	14,186,401	7,111,557
Transfer from/(to) Reserves	(7,134,089)	(1,831,403)
Balance as at 30 June 2007	<u>256,592,732</u>	<u>249,540,420</u>
RESERVES – CASH BACKED		
Balance as at 1 July 2006	22,548,865	20,717,462
Amount Transferred (to)/from Retained Surplus	7,134,089	1,831,403
Balance as at 30 June 2007	<u>29,682,954</u>	<u>22,548,865</u>
RESERVES – ASSET REVALUATION		
Balance as at 1 July 2006	86,422,244	86,422,244
Revaluation Increment	0	0
Revaluation Decrement	0	0
Balance as at 30 June 2007	<u>86,422,244</u>	<u>86,422,244</u>
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>372,697,930</u>	<u>358,511,529</u>

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

EMPLOYEES' REMUNERATION SALARY RANGE \$

Set out below, in bands of \$10,000, is the number of employees of the City entitled to an annual salary of \$100,000 or more.

Salary Range	\$ 2007	\$ 2006
100,000 – 109,999	1	0
110,000 – 119,999	0	0
120,000 – 129,999	2	4
130,000 – 139,999	2	1
140,000 – 149,999	1	0
150,000 – 159,999	0	1
160,000 – 169,999	0	0
170,000 – 179,999	0	0
180,000 – 189,999	0	0
190,000 – 199,999	0	0
200,000 – 209,999	1	0

cash flow statement

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2007

	\$ 2007	\$ 2007 BUDGET	\$ 2006
Cash Flows From Operating Activities			
Receipts			
Rates	(32,072,423)	(31,255,962)	(28,945,843)
Grants and Subsidies – operating	(3,911,665)	(3,693,026)	(3,344,606)
Contributions, Reimbursements & Donations	(1,087,182)	(588,386)	(947,649)
Service Charges	(433,180)	0	(680,452)
Fees and Charges	(11,954,500)	(11,483,829)	(11,198,513)
Interest Earnings	(3,961,941)	(2,584,556)	(3,144,587)
Goods and Services Tax	(4,674,973)	(4,400,000)	(4,642,331)
Other	(132,603)	(63,000)	(70,553)
	(58,228,467)	(54,068,759)	(52,974,534)
Payments			
Employee Costs	19,407,806	20,858,701	19,372,043
Materials and Contracts	13,118,275	13,456,342	17,241,928
Utilities (gas, electricity, water, etc)	2,279,989	1,215,564	2,241,454
Insurance	1,062,218	1,178,888	1,085,506
Goods and Services Tax	4,773,112	4,400,000	4,414,639
Other	876,222	529,000	404,885
	41,517,622	41,638,495	44,760,455
Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Operating Activities	(16,710,845)	(12,430,264)	(8,214,079)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Payments for Development of Land Held for Resale	42,261	0	0
Payments for Purchase of Property, Plant & Equipment	7,928,347	20,758,304	6,258,538
Payments for Construction of Infrastructure	16,075,270	22,161,763	13,025,500
Grants/Contributions for the Development of Assets	(11,672,788)	(6,992,929)	(7,513,923)
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	(2,406,655)	(5,229,528)	(1,646,696)
Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Investing Activities	9,966,435	30,697,610	10,123,419

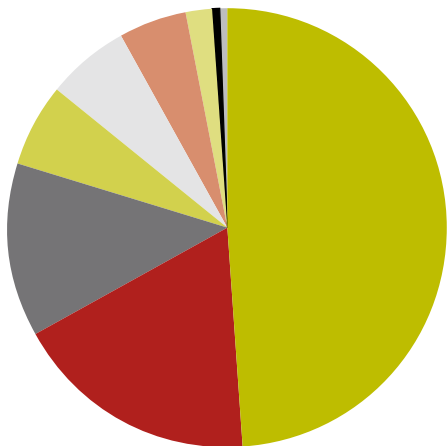
	\$ 2007	\$ 2007 BUDGET	\$ 2006
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Proceeds from New Debentures	(6,500,000)	(12,737,628)	0
Movement in Bonds and Retentions	(543,368)	0	75,480
Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Financing Activities	(7,043,368)	(12,737,628)	75,480
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held	(13,787,778)	5,529,718	1,984,820
Cash at Beginning of Year	(35,870,455)	(37,664,697)	(37,855,275)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the Year	(49,658,233)	(32,134,979)	(35,870,455)

income statement by nature or type

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2007

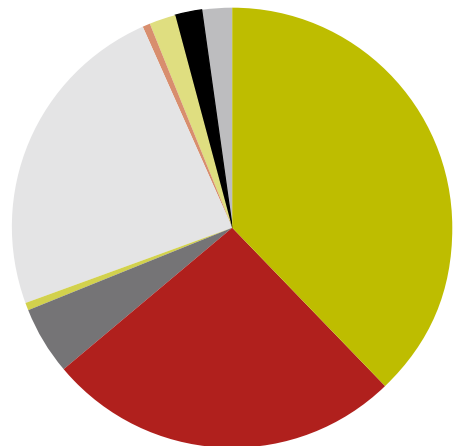
	\$ 2007	\$ 2007 BUDGET	\$ 2006
REVENUES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
Rates	(31,960,551)	(31,734,684)	(28,756,283)
Grants and Subsidies	(3,911,665)	(3,269,414)	(3,344,606)
Contributions Reimbursements and Donations	(1,087,182)	(588,386)	(947,649)
Service Charges	0	0	(1,458,516)
Fees and Charges	(11,934,432)	(11,205,977)	(10,668,163)
Interest Earnings	(3,958,114)	(2,584,556)	(3,145,305)
Other Revenue	(132,603)	(63,000)	(70,553)
	<u>(52,984,547)</u>	<u>(49,446,017)</u>	<u>(48,391,075)</u>
EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
Employee Costs	19,374,540	20,573,221	19,850,754
Materials and Contracts	13,531,546	13,649,521	13,160,540
Utilities	2,378,749	2,320,564	2,199,900
Amortisation	155,588	0	144,699
Depreciation	12,555,000	13,170,734	13,221,923
Interest Expenses	50,462	0	0
Insurance	1,062,218	1,178,888	1,085,506
Other Expenditure	876,221	529,000	353,200
	<u>49,984,324</u>	<u>51,421,928</u>	<u>50,016,522</u>
	<u>(3,000,223)</u>	<u>1,975,911</u>	<u>1,625,447</u>
Grants and Subsidies – non-operating	(3,242,743)	(5,053,950)	(4,678,715)
Contributions, Reimbursements and Donations – non-operating	(8,430,045)	(1,938,979)	(3,038,948)
Profit on Asset Disposals	(365,613)	(4,490,816)	(1,392,977)
Loss on Asset Disposals	852,223	221,500	373,636
NET RESULT	<u>(14,186,401)</u>	<u>(9,286,334)</u>	<u>(7,111,557)</u>

revenue



- 49% Rates
- 18% Fees and Charges
- 13% Contributions, Reimbursements and Donations Non-Operating
- 6% Interest Earnings
- 6% Grants and Subsidies Operating
- 5% Grants and Subsidies Non-Operating
- 2% Contributions Reimbursements and Donations Operating
- 0.7% Profit on Asset Disposals
- 0.3% Other Revenue

expenditure



- 38% Employee Costs
- 26% Materials and Contracts
- 5% Utilities
- 0.6% Amortisation
- 24% Depreciation
- 0.4% Interest Expenses
- 2% Insurance
- 2% Other Expenditure
- 2% Loss on Asset Disposals

notes to and forming part of the accounts

Local Government Act 1995

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

STATEMENT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The attached financial report of the City of Gosnells being the annual financial report and other information for the financial year ended 30 June 2007 are in my opinion properly drawn up to present fairly the financial position of the City of Gosnells at 30 June 2007 and the results of the operations for the financial year then ended in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and comply with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulations under that Act.

Daniel Simms
City of Gosnells

Signed on the 2nd day of November 2007.

independent auditor's report

REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the City of Gosnells, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2007, and the income statement, statements of changes in equity, and cash flow statement for the year ended 30 June 2007, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes, and the Chief Executive Officer's statement.

COUNCILS' RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council of the City of Gosnells is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Local Government Act 1995 Part 6. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Council,

as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We performed the procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 Part 6 and Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations), a view which is consistent with our understanding of the City of Gosnells financial position and of their performance.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

INDEPENDENCE

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

AUDITOR'S OPINION ON THE FINANCIAL REPORT

In our opinion, the financial report of the City of Gosnells:

- (i) gives a true and fair view of the City of Gosnells financial position as at 30 June 2007 and of their performance for the financial year ended 30 June 2007, and
- (ii) complies with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations).
- (iii) are prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995 Part 6 (as amended) and Regulations under that Act.

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE

I did not, during the course of my audit, become aware of any instances where the Council did not comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.



GRANT THORNTON (WA) PARTNERSHIP



Michael J Hillgrove
Partner

Dated at Perth this 6th day of November 2007

statistics

06-07

Population	95,000*
Total Area	127 sq km (12,700ha)
Number of Active Recreation Facilities	31 (115ha)
Number of Passive Reserves	238 (340ha)
Number of Conservation Reserves	18 (151ha)
Number of Streetscapes	16 (14.8ha)
Length of Roads	715km
Length of Footpaths	600km
Number of Electors	58,747
Canning Vale Ward	22,883
Gosnells Ward	18,406
Bickley Ward	17,458
Residential Dwellings	34,270
Citizenship Candidates	627 (adults) 172 (dependants)
Council Revenue	\$65 million
Number of Employees	462

*Source: City of Gosnells 2006 Census report by The Public Practice



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