

## Annual Report 2008



# City Statistics

Population	95,000
Total area	127 sq km (12,700ha)
Number of active recreation facilities	33 (115ha)
Number of passive reserves	243 (343.03ha)
Number of conservation reserves	21 (152.80ha)
Number of streetscapes	16 (14.8ha)
Length of roads	725 km
Length of footpaths	582 km
Number of electors	58,717
Canning Vale Ward electors	22,874
Gosnells Ward electors	18,400
Bickley Ward electors	17,443
Residential dwellings	37,624
Citizenship candidates	808 (adults) 201 (dependants)
Council revenue	\$65 million
Number of employees	484



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# our mission, vision and values

## Our mission

Making the City of Gosnells a Great Place

## Our vision

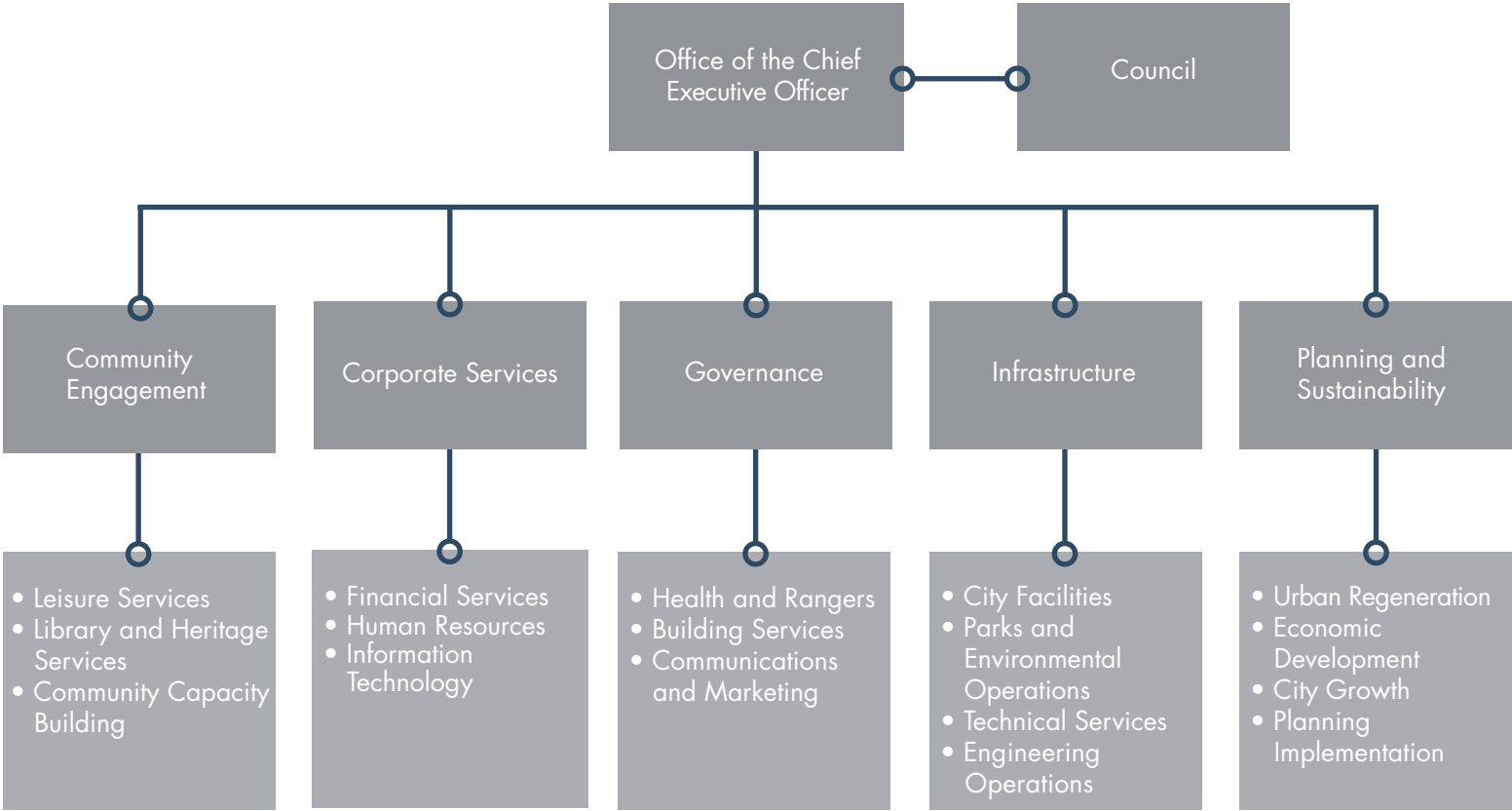
We will be a vibrant City with a strong community identity; a great place to live, work, raise children, visit and invest; a place that encourages a range of lifestyles and opportunities; and where the natural environment, cultural diversity and heritage of the City is respected and protected for the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

## Our values

<b>Leadership</b>	We are innovative and creative in our quest to be one of the most progressive, proactive and visionary local governments.
<b>Sustainability</b>	We aim for the best lifestyle for our community, without compromising opportunities for existing and future generations.
<b>Natural and Built Environment</b>	We value a natural and built environment, which improves the community's quality of life.
<b>Councillors, Staff and Volunteers</b>	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.
<b>Performance</b>	We will work together to deliver the City's strategic goals.
<b>Style</b>	We are open, ethical, honest and responsible in our dealings. We aim to work in harmony with our diverse range of stakeholders.



# organisational structure



# city profile

Located in Western Australia, the City of Gosnells is 17km south-east of the central business district of the State capital, Perth.

Serving a population of more than 95,000, the City offers pleasant residential and rural living.

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 WA's history.

The City enjoys a community of spirit and cultural diversity and has built a reputation for achievement and innovation. The City of Gosnells is one of the largest local governments in WA, with the responsibility of ensuring delivery of a wide range of services.

There have been significant changes in local government to better meet 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.



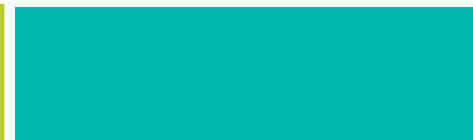
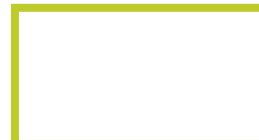
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We live in fast changing times and indeed some uncertainty lies ahead, but I believe the City's 2007-2008 performance in terms of financial management and in the delivery of programs, projects and services means ratepayers can have great confidence in the future.

It is sometimes underestimated the major role that local government plays in the lives of the ratepayers of the area.

The City of Gosnells is responsible for providing a wide range of services and programs which impact on the daily lives of residents, including:

- Road, footpath and drainage design, construction and maintenance
- Design construction and maintenance of City buildings
- Waste collection services
- Parks design, development and maintenance
- Subdivision clearances
- Bus shelters
- Statutory health control
- Food and water monitoring
- Animal control





# sage from our mayor



- Building approvals
- Private swimming pool compliance
- Bush fire and emergency services
- Community arts
- Community development
- Cultural development
- Disability services
- Leisure World
- Library services
- Seniors services including Meals on Wheels
- Youth services
- Planning
- Urban regeneration
- Environmental management
- Urban design
- Economic development, including tourism and regional redevelopment
- Development applications
- Drafting and implementation of town planning schemes
- Subdivision approvals

Above all, the City of Gosnells plays a crucial role in representing the interests of the area and the people who live in it to other levels of government.

Without significant financial input from both State and Federal governments it would be impossible to keep up with the growing demand for services and infrastructure.

The City's population is soaring. It is nearing 100,000 residents, with a further 40,000 people predicted to join us over the next 20 years.

Such an influx means a massive demand for services like waste collection, footpaths and roads. More people also requires more facilities such as libraries, community programs and assistance in areas like planning.

As a growing City, we face many demands. On one hand, the Australian Bureau of Statistics 2006 census found that, proportionally, the fastest growing age group in the City was in the range of 55 to 64 years.

Yet the City was also found to have a higher number of children under four and those aged between five and 14 than the State average – and one of the highest in WA.

As the City coordinates services right across the community, ranging from free child immunisation clinics to Meals on Wheels and activities for toddlers to programs for seniors, these population statistics are significant.

The impact that a rapidly growing population will have on the demand for these services is easy to see.

With support from State and Federal governments vital in responding to these demands, the City will maintain its excellent record of putting the case forward for local financial support.

The City of Gosnells will continue to produce top-class results for our ratepayers delivering projects such as the Amherst Village Community Centre, construction of which began in 2007-2008, Tom Bateman Reserve and improvements to major roads such as Nicholson Road.

I commend to you this annual report and I thank my fellow Councillors, the Executive Team and the City's hard working and dedicated staff for their tremendous efforts in the past financial year.

**Olwen Searle JP**

Mayor, City of Gosnells

# chief executive officer's report

It gives me great pleasure to reflect on a year for which the City of Gosnells can be proud and one during which I was proud and honoured to be the City's Chief Executive Officer.

This year's report is in a slightly different format as part of a process aimed at making the City's information more accessible and appealing to a wide range of people.

In its inaugural Community Report, published in August and delivered to 38,000 homes, the City reported in some detail on a wide range of projects and services being delivered to our ratepayers and residents.

This has allowed the City to produce an Annual Report which focuses on statutory issues and containing abridged financial reports.

I am pleased to say that prudent fiscal management and a demonstrated commitment to long-term financial planning has placed the City well to deal with the challenging times in which it operates.

In 2007-2008, the issues we faced included competing for staff in a very tight labour market and the need to maintain and invest in infrastructure to meet the increasing demands of a rapidly growing community.

It is a credit to the City that those challenges were met and addressed most successfully.

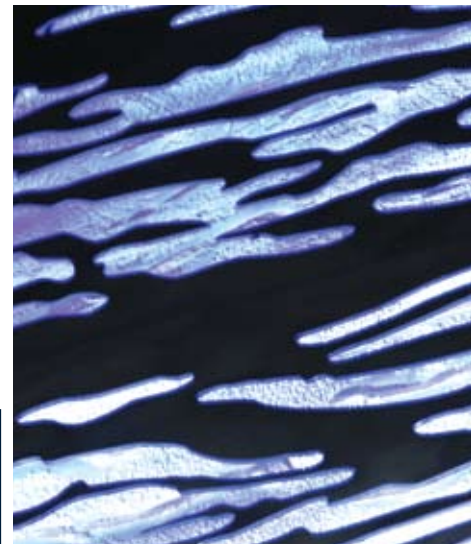
The City is also in a good position to deal with a new set of parameters created by the current global financial situation.

I wish to extend my appreciation to the Mayor Olwen Searle JP for her support and leadership together with the City's Councillors, Executive Team and staff for their outstanding contribution towards Making Gosnells a Great Place.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Simms', written over a light blue background.

**Daniel Simms**  
Chief Executive Officer  
City of Gosnells





# councillor profile

## Bickley Ward



**Cr Elizabeth Griffiths**

Term expires:  
16 October 2011

Address:  
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Langford WA 6108

T: 9258 4968  
lgriffiths@gosnells.com.au



**Cr John Henderson**

Resigned May 2008

## Canning Vale Ward



**Cr Wayne Barrett**

Term expires:  
16 October 2011

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Thornlie WA 6108

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**Cr Chris Fernandez**

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## Gosnells Ward



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Deputy Mayor**

Term expires:  
17 October 2009

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jbrown@gosnells.com.au



**Cr Dave Griffiths**

Term expires:  
16 October 2011

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70 Mills Road  
Gosnells WA 6110

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**Cr Ron Mitchell**

Term expires:  
16 October 2011

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**Cr Olwen Searle JP  
Mayor**

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17 October 2009

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Canning Vale WA 6155

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**Cr Ron Hoffman**

Term expires:  
17 October 2009

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**Cr Patricia Morris AM JP  
Honorary Freeman**

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17 October 2009

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**Cr Susan Iwanyk**

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17 October 2009

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**Cr Bill Wiffen JP**

Term expires:  
16 October 2011

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# executive team



**Daniel Simms**  
Chief Executive Officer



**Trevor Perkins**  
Director  
Governance



**Adelle Cochran**  
Director  
Community Engagement



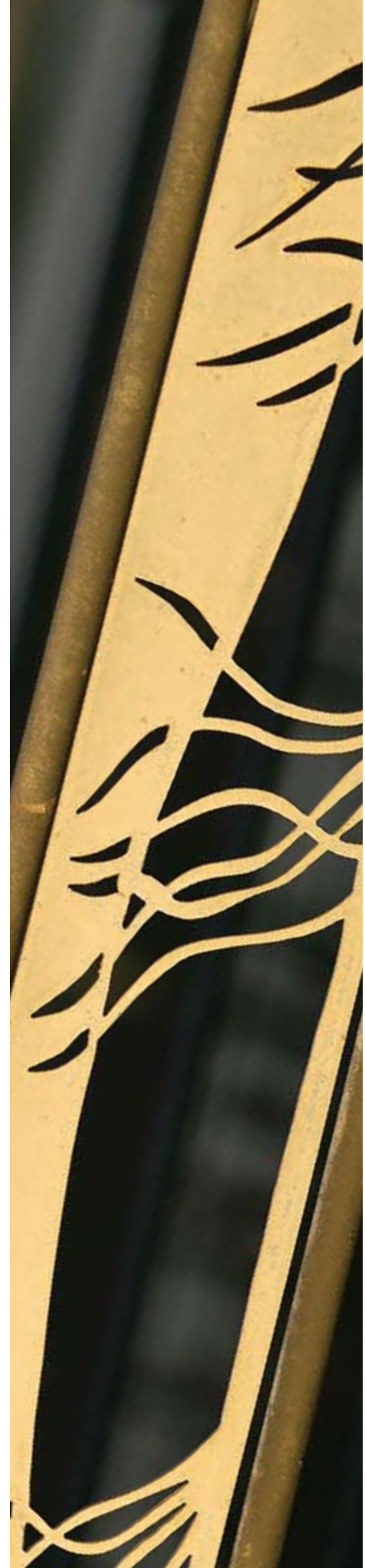
**Dave Harris**  
Director  
Infrastructure



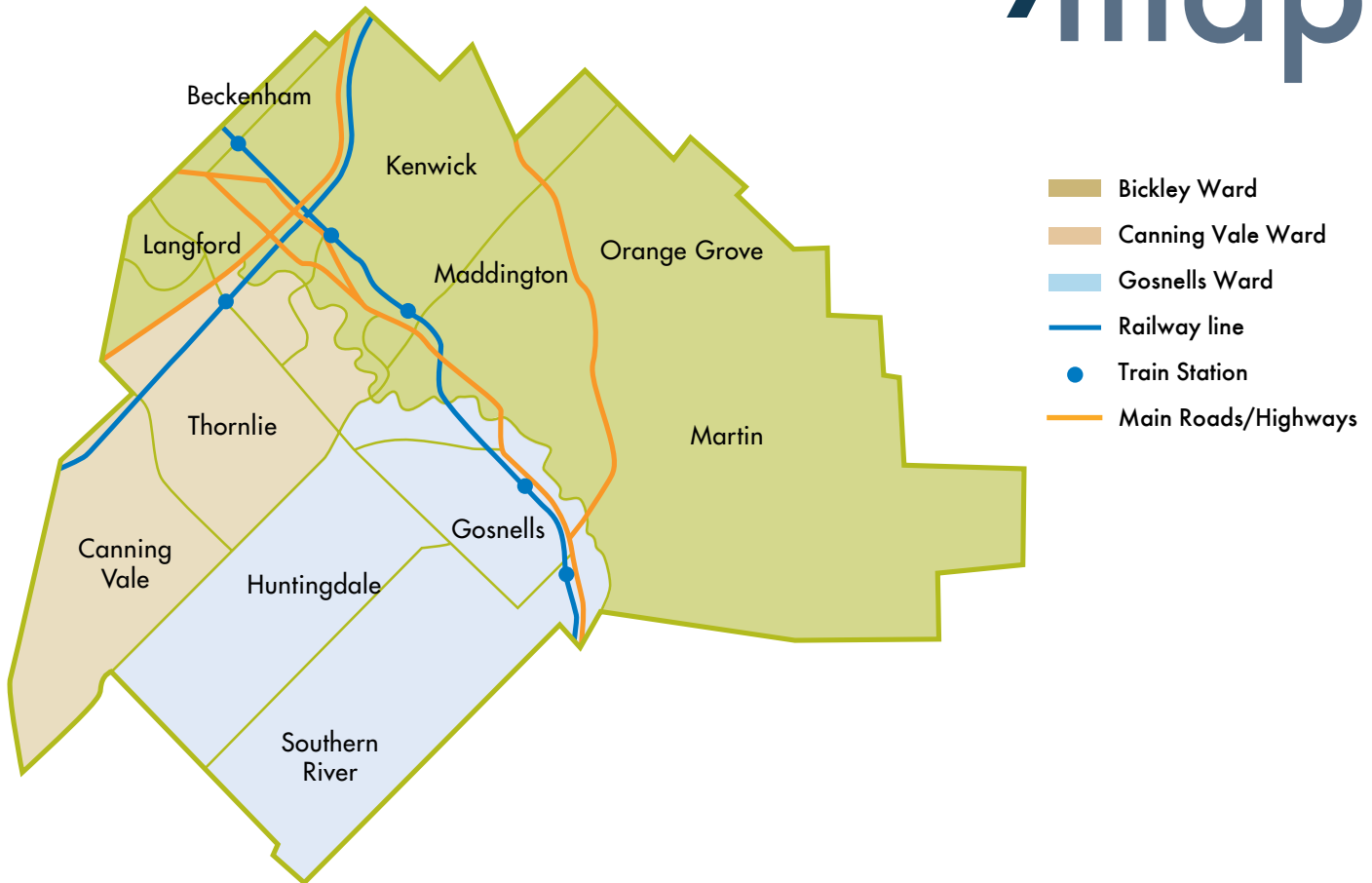
**Ron Bouwer**  
Director  
Corporate Services



**Len Kosova**  
Director  
Planning and Sustainability



# ward boundary map



## Councillor attendance at Council Meetings

Councillors	Ordinary Council Meetings (21)	Special Council Meetings (5)	Electors Meetings (1)	Total (27)
Cr Olwen Searle JP	20	5	1	26
Cr Liz Griffiths***	12	3	1	17
Cr Ron Mitchell	19	4	1	24
Cr Chris Fernandez***	14	3	1	18
Cr Patricia Morris AM JP Honorary Freeman	18	4	1	23
Cr Ron Hoffman	19	5	1	25
Cr Wayne Barrett	19	4	1	24
Cr Bill Wiffen JP***	14	4	1	19
Cr Julie Brown	20	5	1	26
Cr Susan Iwanyk	17	4	0	21
Cr Dave Griffiths***	14	4	1	19
Cr John Henderson*	9	4	0	10
Cr Carol Matison OAM**	5	1	0	6
Cr Pauline Wainwright**	7	1	0	8

Meetings included: 5 Special Council Meetings – 3 July 2007, Budget Meeting. 22 October 2007, Election of Mayor. 22 October 2007, Election of Mayor, Deputy Mayor and appointment of delegates to Committees. 8 January 2008, Negotiations for new employment agreements. 19 June 2008, Direction on legal matter. 1 Electors' Meeting – 10 December 2007, Annual Electors' Meeting.

\* Cr John Henderson – Resigned from Council on 18 April 2008.

\*\* Cr Carol Matison OAM and Cr Pauline Wainwright terms expired on 20 October 2007.

\*\*\* Cr Liz Griffiths, Cr Chris Fernandez, Cr Dave Griffiths and Cr Bill Wiffen were elected at the 20 October 2007 Local Government Election.



# future plan

The City of Gosnells is fast approaching 100,000 residents and the need for quality infrastructure has never been greater.

That is why the City's 2008-09 Budget is again focused on building for the future.

Of the City's \$72.2 million capital expenditure, almost 45 per cent or \$31.5 million has been dedicated to infrastructure projects and the maintenance or upgrade of existing infrastructure.

Construction of the Amherst Village Community Centre in Southern River, the new Civic Complex, Harmony Fields housing subdivision in Maddington and a second pavilion at Tom Bateman Reserve are among the City's current major capital projects.

The \$6.5 million Amherst Village Community Centre – due for completion in early 2009 – is one of the most significant projects, as it will cater for an area that is expecting a large portion of the 40,000 new residents to join the City over the next two decades.

The centre will feature a new library, state-of-the-art youth centre with digital multi-media facilities, community hall and function area.

Improving environmental sustainability has led the City to explore new water and energy efficiency measures with a number of green credentials being employed in new building projects and existing operations, particularly throughout local parks and reserves.

The City has identified several important irrigation improvement projects, including the construction of an alternate irrigation source at Mills Park and irrigation controller system upgrades at Harmony Fields, Sutherlands D Pump station, Boardwalk Estate and Tom Bateman Reserve.



Other major activities include:

- Redevelopment of Ecton Street Reserve Gosnells and Rochester Reserve Beckenham
- Upgrades to 16 playgrounds
- The addition of Cambridge Waters, Casablanca Avenue and Piesley Promenade Reserves (which were previously maintained by developers) to the annual maintenance schedule
- Landscape improvements to various roundabouts, including Warton Road and Forest Lakes Drive, Thornlie
- Start of a three-year program to install interpretational signage at Ellis Book Valley
- Floodlighting upgrade for Sutherlands Park and Tom Bateman Reserve

Road construction, road safety and traffic flow improvements are among the City's other major expenditure.

More than \$1.3 million will be spent on Black Spot projects, \$2.2 million will go towards road rehabilitation works and \$500,000 will help build and repair parts of the City's 600km path network.

Other projects include:

- \$3 million – start second carriageway on Warton Road between Ranford Road and Garden Street, Canning Vale
- \$2 million – Royal Street, Kenwick traffic bridge rehabilitation work
- \$1.7 million– completion of the second carriageway of Ranford Road from Nicholson Road to Campbell Road, including new traffic signals at Campbell Road, Canning Vale
- \$300,000 – drainage construction

- \$240,000 – installation of traffic signals at Garden Street and Warton Road, Huntingdale
- \$180,000 – installation of traffic signals at Olga Road and Attfield Street, Maddington
- \$140,000 – installation of traffic signals at Amherst Road and Nicholson Road, Canning Vale

With a growing population, comes greater demand for basic services and this financial year, the Waste Services branch has added 1700 properties to its waste collection program to now service almost 40,000 premises every week.





# freedom of information

## Freedom of Information Statistics – Requests for Information

Total	Personal	Non-personal	Current
15	0	15	0

Access type	Personal	Non-Personal	Total
Access in full	0	4	4
Edited access	0	10	10
Access refused	0	0	0
Withdrawn by applicant	0	0	0
Not finalised	0	1	1
Total	0	15	15

# information management update

A review of the City's record keeping systems that began in 2007 is still underway and completion is scheduled for November 2008 when a new Record Keeping Plan is expected to be lodged with the State Records Commission.

The City is committed to ensuring that all staff are aware of their record keeping roles and responsibilities through a series of training and awareness programs that start at induction.

# complaints report

The City of Gosnells received no complaints made under section 5.121 of the Local Government Act 1995 during the financial year.

# access and inclusion

The City of Gosnells Standards Assessment 2007 stated that: the City clearly informs and explains to consumers relevant information pertaining to service access, complaints procedures, prevention and reporting of abuse and neglect and privacy and confidentiality at the initial assessment and subsequent reviews. The Disability Services Commission commented that the use of a questionnaire to consumers and the subsequent results point to a very positive viewpoint of Disability Services from consumers and families in addressing their needs. The Commission commended the City on its proactive response to questionnaire results.

The draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan has had input from all branches within the City and community involvement through the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) Reference Group. The City's draft plan is now finalised and will be forwarded to Council for adoption.



# income statement by program

for the year ended 30 June 2008

	\$ 2008	\$ 2008 BUDGET	\$ 2007
<b>REVENUES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES</b>			
Governance	(58,581)	(55,100)	(71,266)
General Purpose Funding	(40,841,633)	(42,107,168)	(39,460,975)
Law, Order, Public Safety	(364,531)	(374,404)	(420,935)
Health	(119,379)	(97,695)	(110,180)
Education and Welfare	(883,223)	(858,094)	(776,627)
Community Amenities	(14,663,968)	(9,690,862)	(15,148,111)
Recreation and Culture	(3,032,425)	(7,565,295)	(2,811,994)
Transport	(3,749,466)	(7,037,840)	(3,658,897)
Economic Services	(2,638,555)	(1,329,954)	(1,963,690)
Other Property and Services	(577,514)	(395,750)	(600,272)
	(66,929,275)	(69,512,162)	(65,022,947)
<b>EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES EXCLUDING BORROWING COSTS EXPENSE</b>			
Governance	3,473,289	3,592,566	3,148,893
General Purpose Funding	1,010,840	966,857	833,715
Law, Order, Public Safety	1,623,341	1,783,860	1,538,667
Health	1,091,867	1,250,840	922,211
Education and Welfare	2,652,215	2,699,570	2,407,419
Community Amenities	9,968,576	10,564,916	8,473,505
Recreation and Culture	19,262,275	18,341,569	16,977,320
Transport	13,784,838	13,606,342	12,829,051
Economic Services	2,487,661	4,160,430	2,043,102
Other Property and Services	3,125,743	1,468,326	1,662,663
	58,480,645	58,435,276	50,836,546
<b>NET RESULT</b>	(8,448,630)	(11,076,886)	(14,186,401)

# balance sheet

as at 30 June 2008

## CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents  
Investments  
Trade and Other Receivables  
Inventories  
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS

## NON-CURRENT ASSETS

Other Receivables  
Inventories  
Property, Plant and Equipment  
Infrastructure  
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS

## TOTAL ASSETS

## CURRENT LIABILITIES

Trade and Other Payables  
Long Term Borrowings  
Provisions  
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES

## NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

Other Payables  
Long Term Borrowings  
Provisions  
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

## TOTAL LIABILITIES

## NET ASSETS

## EQUITY

Retained Surplus  
Reserves – Cash/Investment Backed  
Reserves – Asset Revaluation  
TOTAL EQUITY

	\$ 2008	\$ 2007
Cash and Cash Equivalents	28,465,083	5,820,043
Investments	28,995,254	43,838,190
Trade and Other Receivables	2,657,106	1,990,434
Inventories	341,099	287,063
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>60,458,542</b>	<b>51,935,730</b>
Other Receivables	762,104	714,022
Inventories	3,878,175	0
Property, Plant and Equipment	268,769,722	131,559,822
Infrastructure	212,415,964	208,191,527
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>485,825,965</b>	<b>340,465,371</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>546,284,507</b>	<b>392,401,101</b>
Trade and Other Payables	9,671,275	8,048,080
Long Term Borrowings	6,500,000	6,500,000
Provisions	4,131,863	2,544,038
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>20,303,138</b>	<b>17,092,118</b>
Other Payables	1,236,424	1,066,158
Long Term Borrowings	6,000,000	0
Provisions	314,445	1,544,895
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>7,550,871</b>	<b>2,611,053</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>27,854,007</b>	<b>19,703,171</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>518,430,500</b>	<b>372,697,930</b>
Retained Surplus	258,901,343	256,592,732
Reserves – Cash/Investment Backed	35,822,973	29,682,954
Reserves – Asset Revaluation	223,706,184	86,422,244
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>518,430,500</b>	<b>372,697,930</b>

# statement of changes in equity

for the year ended 30 June 2008

## RETAINED SURPLUS

	\$ 2008	\$ 2007
Balance as at 1 July	256,592,732	249,540,420
Net Result	8,448,630	14,186,401
Transfer from/(to) Reserves	(6,140,019)	(7,134,089)
Balance as at 30 June	258,901,343	256,592,732

## RESERVES – CASH/INVESTMENT BACKED

Balance as at 1 July	29,682,954	22,548,865
Amount Transferred (to)/from Retained Surplus	6,140,019	7,134,089
Balance as at 30 June	35,822,973	29,682,954

## RESERVES – ASSET REVALUATION

Balance as at 1 July	86,422,244	86,422,244
Revaluation Increment	137,283,940	0
Balance as at 30 June	223,706,184	86,422,244

## TOTAL EQUITY

518,430,500	372,697,930
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## EMPLOYEES' REMUNERATION – SALARY RANGE \$

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

Salary Range	2008	2007
100,000 – 109,999	0	1
110,000 – 119,999	3	0
120,000 – 129,999	1	2
130,000 – 139,999	0	2
140,000 – 149,999	0	1
150,000 – 159,999	5	0
180,000 – 189,999	0	0
190,000 – 199,999	1	0
200,000 – 209,999	0	1

# cash flow statement

for the year ended 30 June 2008

## CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

### RECEIPTS

	\$ 2008	\$ 2008 BUDGET	\$ 2007
Rates	(34,286,077)	(34,725,559)	(32,072,423)
Grants and Subsidies – operating	(4,835,176)	(3,555,869)	(3,911,665)
Contributions, Reimbursements and Donations	(730,326)	(492,445)	(1,087,182)
Service Charges	0	(281,805)	(433,180)
Fees and Charges	(12,722,870)	(11,810,830)	(11,954,500)
Interest Earnings	(1,901,667)	(4,128,211)	(628,141)
Goods and Services Tax	(3,116,981)	(4,341,653)	(4,674,973)
Other	(307,133)	(85,000)	(132,603)
	(57,900,230)	(59,421,372)	(54,894,667)

### PAYMENTS

Employee Costs	22,777,110	21,773,543	19,407,806
Materials and Contracts	11,637,591	21,361,113	13,118,275
Utilities (gas, electricity, water, etc)	2,718,000	1,214,978	2,279,989
Insurance	1,382,260	1,179,030	1,062,218
Interest	507,836	1,056,000	0
Goods and Services Tax	3,270,967	4,390,407	4,773,112
Other	1,790,839	656,200	876,222
	44,084,603	51,631,271	41,517,621

### NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES

(13,815,627)	(7,790,101)	(13,377,046)
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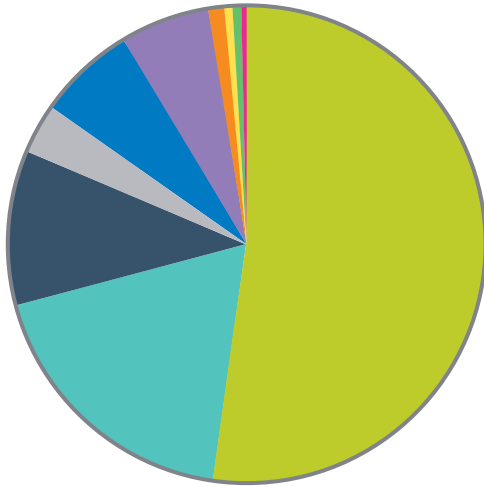
	\$ 2008	\$ 2008 BUDGET	\$ 2007
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Payments for Development of Land Held for Resale	1,735,914	1,700,000	42,261
Payments for Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment	9,868,235	34,898,914	7,928,347
Payments for Construction of Infrastructure	13,879,519	26,780,995	16,075,270
Payments for Purchase of Investments	10,000,000	0	31,000,000
Grants/Contributions for the Development of Assets	(11,302,099)	(10,246,998)	(11,672,788)
Proceeds from Sale of Plant & Equipment	(1,258,273)	(8,247,340)	(2,406,655)
Proceeds from Sale of Investments	(25,107,320)	0	21,000,000
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(2,184,024)</b>	<b>44,885,571</b>	<b>19,966,435</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Repayment of Debentures	6,500,000	5,385,000	0
Movements in Bonds and Retention	(645,389)	0	(543,368)
Proceeds from New Debentures	(12,500,000)	(26,768,300)	(6,500,000)
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(6,645,389)</b>	<b>(21,383,300)</b>	<b>(7,043,368)</b>
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD</b>	<b>(22,645,040)</b>	<b>15,712,170</b>	<b>(453,979)</b>
Cash at Beginning of Year	(5,820,043)	(51,576,755)	(5,366,065)
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>(28,465,083)</b>	<b>(35,864,585)</b>	<b>(5,820,044)</b>

# income statement by nature or type

for the year ended 30 June 2008

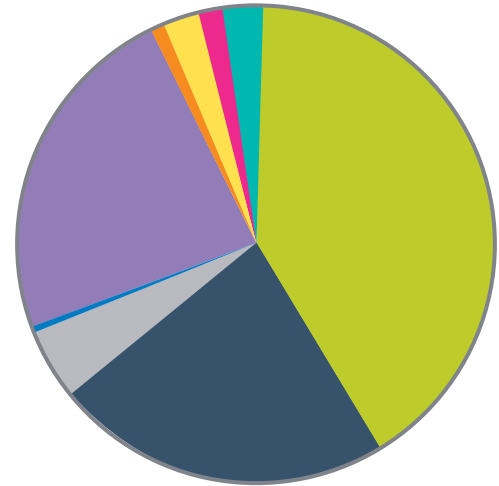
	\$ 2008	\$ 2008 BUDGET	\$ 2007
<b>REVENUES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES</b>			
Rates	(35,029,491)	(34,871,686)	(31,960,551)
Grants and Subsidies	(4,629,873)	(3,555,869)	(3,911,665)
Contributions Reimbursements and Donations	(730,326)	(492,445)	(1,087,182)
Service Charges	0	0	0
Fees and Charges	(12,482,438)	(11,975,953)	(11,934,432)
Interest Earnings	(2,171,824)	(4,128,211)	(624,314)
Other Revenue	(307,134)	(85,000)	(132,603)
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>(55,351,086)</b>	<b>(55,109,164)</b>	<b>(49,650,747)</b>
<b>EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES</b>			
Employee Costs	23,190,687	22,114,494	19,374,540
Materials and Contracts	12,803,353	18,922,011	13,531,546
Utilities	2,614,422	1,214,978	2,378,749
Amortisation	137,430	161,000	155,588
Depreciation	13,345,855	13,032,263	12,555,000
Interest Expenses	465,839	1,056,000	50,462
Insurance	1,382,260	1,179,030	1,062,218
Other Expenditure	1,815,554	656,200	876,221
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>55,755,400</b>	<b>58,335,976</b>	<b>49,984,324</b>
<b>NET ORDINARY ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>404,314</b>	<b>3,226,812</b>	<b>333,577</b>
Grants and Subsidies – non-operating	(4,072,081)	(7,683,888)	(3,242,743)
Contributions Reimbursements and Donations – non-operating	(7,230,018)	(2,563,110)	(8,430,045)
Fair value adjustments to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(264,384)	0	(3,333,800)
Profit on Asset Disposals	(30,414)	(4,386,927)	(365,613)
Loss on Asset Disposals	2,743,953	330,227	852,223
<b>NET RESULT</b>	<b>(8,448,630)</b>	<b>(11,076,886)</b>	<b>(14,186,401)</b>

# revenue



- 52.2% Rates
- 18.5% Fees and Charges
- 10.7% Contributions, Reimbursements and Donations – Non-operating
- 3.2% Interest Earnings
- 6.9% Grants and Subsidies – Operating
- 6.1% Grants and Subsidies – Non-Operating
- 1.1% Contributions, Reimbursements and Donations – Operating
- 0.4% Profit on Asset Disposals
- 0.5% Other Revenue
- 0.4% Fair Value Adjustments to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

# expenditure



- 39.5% Employee Costs
- 21.8% Materials and Contracts
- 4.5% Utilities
- 0.2% Amortisation
- 22.7% Depreciation
- 0.8% Interest Expenses
- 2.4% Interest
- 3.1% Other Expenditure
- 5% Loss on Asset Disposals

## notes to and forming part of the accounts

Local Government Act 1995  
Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

### STATEMENT BY THE 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 2008 are in my opinion properly drawn up to present fairly the financial position of the City of Gosnells at 30 June 2008 and the results of the operations for the financial year ended in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and comply with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulations under that Act.

**Trevor Perkins**

Acting Chief Executive Officer – City of Gosnells  
Signed on the 7th day of November 2008

# 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 2008, and the income statement, statements of changes in equity, and cash flow statement for the year ended 30 June 2008, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes, and the Chief Executive Officer's statement.

## COUNCIL'S 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 the 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 are 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 without 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 and ethical pronouncements.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

## 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 financial position of the City of Gosnells as at 30 June 2008 and of their performance for the financial year ended 30 June 2008, and
- (ii) complies with the 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 the 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 Hillgrove

Partner

Dated at Perth this 7th day of November 2008

# Your City at a glance

977 requests for development compliance action were investigated and responded to

Home approvals totalled 715, with a construction value of \$136,056,502

Building Approvals (Licences) issued in 2007-08 totalled 2,828 with a construction value of \$246,017,191

478 development applications were determined for a range of land uses including industrial, commercial, residential, educational, home based business and commercial vehicle parking

A public pool water sampling program saw 281 tests made

There are 6,080 properties in the City with swimming pools, with 219 new pools and 68 removed. The year saw 1,309 pool inspections carried out and 134 rectification notices issued.

Rangers dealt with 176 fire control issues, 217 litter complaints and 91 livestock matters

Scheduled vaccination doses totalled 1,498 and 676 children were immunised

Clearance was granted for 110 Deposited Plans for the creation of 938 green title lots and the clearance of 44 Strata Plans for the creation of 139 strata title lots

The City handled over 19,000 customer enquiries

Over 41,000 dogs were registered in the City

The City assessed and responded to 115 applications for subdivision for the creation of 1,120 lots

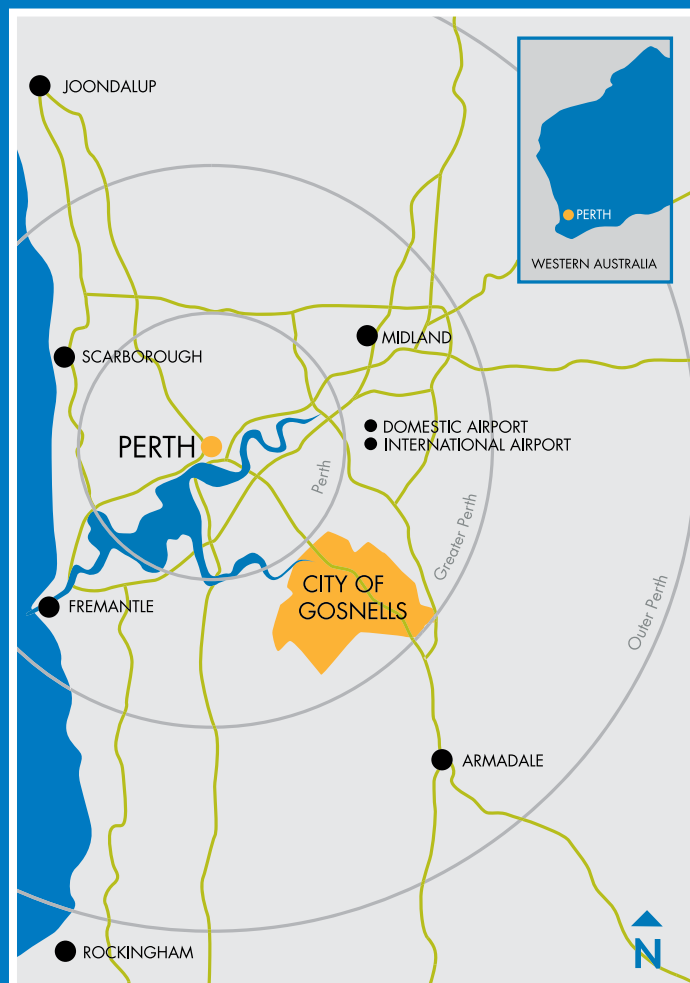
Rangers dealt with 990 vehicle issues, with 108 impounded

Health officers carried out 1,153 food inspections, had 124 food items tested and responded to 70 food handling complaints.

Leisure World attracted over 400,000 visitors



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