



Mayor's message

The City of Gosnells will again keep rate increases to a minimum for the 2018/19 financial year, with an average rate increase of just 1.9 per cent.

This needs to be considered in light of recent increases in electricity costs (7 per cent), water costs (5.5 per cent) and vehicle registration fees (5.8 per cent), which are all significant items in a local government's budget, just as they are in a household's budget.

A large contribution to the increase in your total bill comes from the State Government's Emergency Services Levy, which is rising by 10.9 per cent. Although this State Government charge is collected alongside your rates, the City has no influence over it and all money collected is forwarded directly to the State Government.

This year's rubbish charge has been affected by the widely publicised decision of the Chinese Government to limit imports of recycled materials. This has increased the cost of processing certain recyclable materials by 500 per cent and, as a consequence, the City's rubbish charge will increase by \$35 per

household, to reflect the increased charges to the City.

To keep the City's rate rise to 1.9 per cent, the City continues to seek external funding where possible, particularly to support the development of community facilities.

The City will use the rate money collected to invest in our community in many different ways.

Our community spaces will receive a boost with an \$850,000 redevelopment of Holling Street Reserve and a further \$4.4 million allocated to redevelop a number of other reserves and parks. Investment in road infrastructure will continue to be a priority, with \$5.2 million to be spent on major road projects.

We also intend to progress a new Local Planning Scheme and Strategy, which will provide a fresh focus to planning and development in our growing City, subject to approval from the State Government.

Providing quality services, support and engagement for residents and ratepayers will continue to be a focus in 2018/19, with many vibrant and exciting programs, activities and events lined up.

Along with my fellow Councillors and City staff, I look forward to working closely with our community during what promises to be another busy and productive year in 2018/19.



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Budget revenue

Operating revenue sources

Rates \$67.4m

Waste collection \$16.5m

Grants, subsidies and contributions \$16.2m

Sale of assets \$11.5m

Statutory and user fees and charges \$9.1m

Interest and other revenue \$4.8m

Federal assistance grants \$4.1m

Budget outgoings



