CITY of GOSNELLS

Budget 2015/16 For year ending 30 June 2016

Making the City of Gosnells a great place

Budget 2015/16

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Mayor's message

Mindful of the economic pressures being faced by many ratepayers, the City of Gosnells has kept its 2015/16 rate increase to 2.99% – one of the lowest in Western Australia.

These rates will allow the City to continue to meet the demands of strong residential growth while delivering many quality services and programs.

I'm particularly pleased that the City's focus has remained fixed on giving ratepayers the best possible value for money.

Great efforts have been made to supplement the City's income through external funding sources, with approximately \$22 million in grants secured to assist with a variety of services and major infrastructure projects, including the Mills Park redevelopment.

This is the biggest sport and recreation project undertaken by the City and by March next year, a significant portion of the redevelopment will be complete.

It is set to become a regional attraction with sports grounds, community centre and café, a children's nature play area, skate plaza, environmental reserves and wetlands. For 2015/16, your rates will also contribute to a number of essential services like road construction and maintenance, waste collection and recycling.

More than \$3 million will be spent on road projects across the City, while a further \$2.4 million will be allocated to Black Spot projects, including vital intersection upgrades in Langford.

Construction is starting on the City's much anticipated Emergency Operations Centre, which is due for completion in 2016.

Work on the City's innovative Public Open Space Strategy continues to deliver a better balance of parks and reserves across all suburbs. For instance, an impressive redevelopment of Robinson Park in Gosnells is likely to be commencing soon.

Spending on other key projects is outlined in this newsletter and details are also on the City's website.



Our website is also where you can find out more about community activities and great events like the popular Multicultural Food Fair and annual Homegrown Festival.

Together with my fellow Councillors and the City's staff, we are ready for the challenges ahead and look forward to another busy and productive year.

Mayor Dave Griffiths

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Budget Revenue



