



From the Mayor

It has been another busy, yet challenging and rewarding, financial year for the City of Nedlands. Council is constantly working to meet the needs of our community.

As part of maintaining this enviable reputation, rates are essential for maintaining the many vast aspects of our City... roads and reserves, Nedlands Community Care, Point Resolution Child Care, Nedlands and Mt Claremont Libraries and the Tresillian Arts Centre, to name but a few. There is a true wealth of services and I strongly believe we offer residents and businesses good value for money.

With a population of more than 21,000 residents, we must continue to build and improve our roads, footpaths and sporting pavilions and deliver a wide range of services to cater for our diverse community – from young children to teenagers, young adults, seniors and families.

Our budget is Council's blueprint for delivering quality services that meet the demands of a modern and progressive community. Whether it's better parks and gardens, upgrading local roads, improving traffic flows and parking or rejuvenating our shopping centres, the goals for our City's growth tomorrow are set by our budgets today.

In the coming year we will be investing in a range of projects that will enhance our City's appeal to residents, businesses and visitors alike, regardless of age, lifestyle or background. These projects include further work on the Jo Wheatley All Abilities Play Space, redeveloping the Tawarri site and managing the installation of a Safe Active Street, funded by the Department of Transport, to provide children with a safer route for cycling to school.

The 2018-19 budget has been developed in the context of an economy showing signs of recovery. But the downside of a recovery is that costs will start to rise and forecasters predict local governments should expect price increases. While we are as

realistic as possible in our budget setting, we manage our risk through exercising caution in forecasting any predicted improvements into our figures.

The City's revenue is derived from rates income, fees and charges plus other takings. I am pleased this year's rate increase is just 1.7% – less than the 1.8% local government cost index – which supports our capital and operational activities, plus a further 1.25% to fund committed underground power projects.

During 2017-18, Council adopted its 10-year financial plan, a document that sets out the City's plans and strategies for the future, and our latest budget supports that plan. Some of the initiatives included in our budget development include Local Planning Scheme No. 3, underground power, business improvement initiatives and income generation – working with neighbouring councils by providing services through the City of Nedlands' building services team.

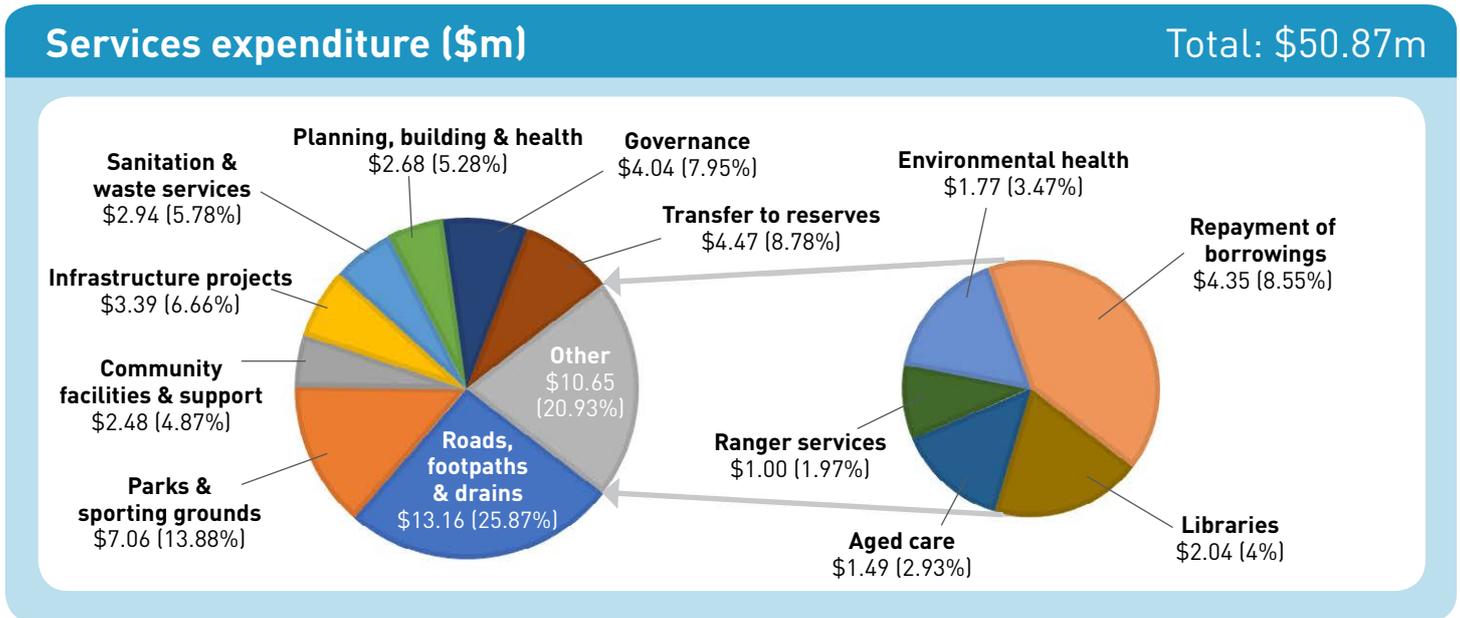
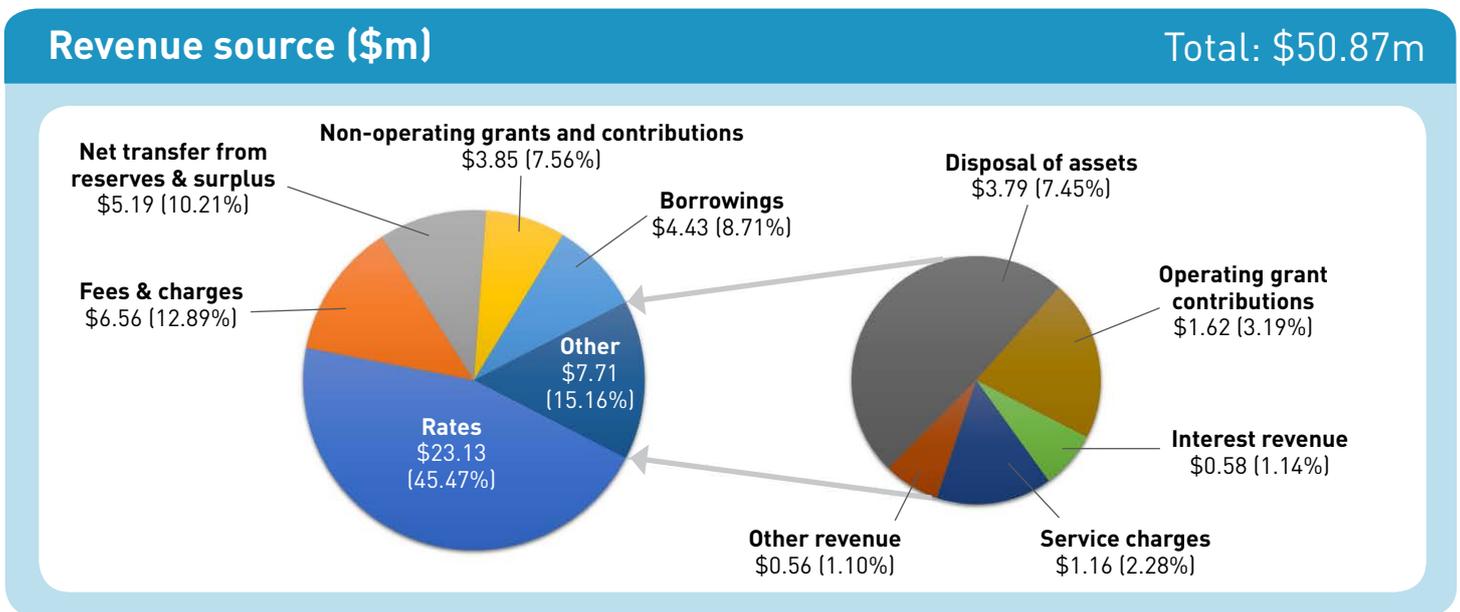
The City will also continue to renew community assets and infrastructure over the next decade, invest in sport and recreation and manage parking. A continued focus will ensure the quality of our environment is protected through sustainable building, appropriate urban development and retention of bushland areas. The provision of bikeways and off-road trails will be part of a comprehensive western suburbs network, linking Nedlands with adjoining local governments.

Financial progress is monitored regularly to give us a good indication of how we are travelling and to ensure our various business units are on target. Elected members and staff have worked together to produce the best possible result for the community. Our positive record of achievement to date is due to a continued dedication to working together so we can all take pride in the past while looking to the future ahead.

Nedlands' future is looking bright and the 2018-19 Budget is a responsible way forward for us to continue delivering for our residents and ratepayers.

Max Hipkins
Mayor

Sources of revenue and areas of expenditure



How each \$100 is spent



What do my rates pay for?

Your rates fund important community infrastructure such as roads, street lighting and footpaths and services such as rubbish and recycling collections.

They also contribute to the building and maintenance of key facilities such as parks, sports fields, libraries and community centres – all things important to City of Nedlands residents, as well as community events, youth projects and volunteering services.

Your rates ensure the buildings you work and shop in, and the homes you live in, are safe and healthy.

Our recently reviewed and updated Strategic Community Plan (Nedlands 2028) identified the community was concerned about the City's deteriorating assets and that corrective action must take place to ensure the community's vision can be realised. The budgeted capital program recognises those concerns and your rates will go to a number of key projects to achieve this.

More details about upcoming projects – including the chance to provide feedback – can be found at yourvoice.nedlands.wa.gov.au.



Key projects for the 2018-19 year

- Rehabilitating Swanbourne Beach Oval to a junior sport oval.
- Renovation of the College Park Family Centre, Nedlands.
- Construction of the Waratah Avenue Place-Making Strategy between Adelma Road and Alexander Road, Dalkeith.
- Construction of the Elizabeth Street Safe Active Street between Broadway and Dalkeith Road, Nedlands.
- Completion of underground power projects in West Hollywood, Alderbury Street Floreat, Alfred Road and the Claremont Triangle, Mt Claremont.
- Renovation of the lower retention pond in Daran Park, Mt Claremont.
- Construction of a Changing Places ablution facility at the Jo Wheatley All Abilities Play Space, Beaton Park, Dalkeith.
- Enviro-scape Master Planning projects in Point Resolution Reserve, College Park, Jones Park, St Johns Wood Boulevard public open space, Bishop Road Reserve and Hamilton Park.
- Part construction of Stage 4 of the river wall between Nedlands Yacht Club and Broadway, Dalkeith.
- Construction of the Smyth Road and Monash Avenue intersection roundabout in Nedlands.
- Realignment of the Birdwood Parade and Beatrice Road intersection in Dalkeith.



Responsible cat ownership

What age should a cat be sterilised?

Under the Cat Act, all cats must be sterilised/de-sexed before they reach six months. For maximum health and social benefits, all kittens should be sterilised before they reach sexual maturity at around three months.

Benefits of cat sterilisation include:

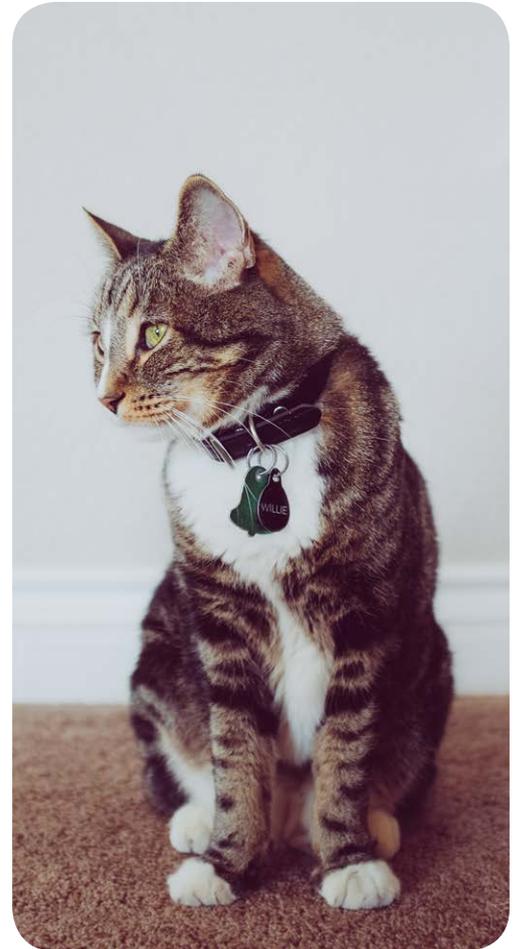
- Less chance of your pet developing certain types of cancers and infections.
- Longer life – the lifespan of a sterilised cat is 15 years, compared to only three years for unsterilised cats.
- A less temperamental and easier-to-manage pet.
- Reduced risk of loss or injury from cats escaping to mate.
- Reduced registration and vet fees.
- No unwanted litters.

Registration

The legislation requires cat owners to provide evidence their cat is microchipped and sterilised to a local government. Registration is the key mechanism to ensure compliance.

Cat law

The Cat Act 2011 is about responsible pet ownership, reducing the number of unwanted cats in the community and the number euthanised each year. Sterilisation and vaccination will help ensure your cat is healthy and microchipping and registration will ensure your cat is returned to you if it becomes lost. The Cat Act gives local governments the power to administer and enforce the legislation.



Registration fees 2018-19

Registration	1 year	3 year	Lifetime
Full fee	\$20	\$42.50	\$100
Concession / Pensioner	\$10	\$21.25	\$50

Point Resolution Child Care

Now offering lunches Monday to Friday!

Open to children from eight months up to six years, Point Resolution Child Care has dedicated Early Childhood Educators to deliver focused and targeted care, creating a delightful home-away-from-home.

The unique outdoor program encourages children to interact with nature while off-road parking area provides a safe drop-off zone. Recognised for exceeding National Quality Standards, why not tour Point Resolution Child Care to see what's on offer? Call **9386 5835** or email prcc@nedlands.wa.gov.au.



Your Voice Nedlands

Register to have your voice heard on a number of City of Nedlands community engagement projects.

Visit our online portal
yourvoice.nedlands.wa.gov.au

