



From the Mayor

Here we are at the start of the 2019-20 financial year with a fresh outlook for the next 12 months ahead. As always, the past year has been both busy and productive for Council and staff.

With a population of over 21,000 people, we are constantly working to improve our key infrastructure and ensure the services we offer cater effectively for our diverse community. Rates are an integral part of maintaining our City, from roads and reserves to libraries, waste and recycling, community services and more.

A number of large-scale projects have been completed over the past year, including the river wall at Beaton Park and the finishing touches on the Jo Wheatley All Abilities Play Space. Several footpaths have been replaced across the City, the West Hollywood Underground Power Project was finalised and a new roundabout was constructed on Smyth Road to improve safety and ease traffic congestion. More recently, landscaping works have been underway for a new park on a previously undeveloped parcel of land on St Johns Wood Boulevard, Mt Claremont. This will soon be a vibrant neighbourhood park for the local community to enjoy.

Local Planning Scheme No.3 came into effect in April with changes to the zoning, land use and development standards for the City. Those who wish to find out more are encouraged to contact our Planning Department.

During 2018-19 we farewelled our CEO of six years Greg Trevaskis, and welcomed our new CEO Mark Goodlet. I would like to place on record my appreciation of the great work Greg Trevaskis did in managing the City's affairs and look forward to this continuing through the leadership of Mark Goodlet.

Moving forward, our new budget for the coming year will outline the steps we take in delivering our commitment to our residents and ratepayers. The Strategic Community Plan paves the way for delivery of community priorities, capital programs and major projects.

The budget has been developed in the context of an economy that is expected to recover, albeit slowly, and is showing some form of relief for local governments which have for the last couple of years felt economic pressure.

I am pleased that we have managed our costs to contain rate increases for capital and operational initiatives to less than CPI (estimated to be 1.75% in 2019-20) with:

- 1.7% to deliver capital and operational initiatives
- 1.25% to fund previously committed underground power projects
- waste fees maintained to 2017-18 levels.

Included in the budget are a range of projects which reflect the priorities of our community – whether residents, businesses or visitors – regardless of age, lifestyle or background. Projects included are further work on the redevelopment of the Tawarri site, the Safe Active Streets project funded by the Department of Transport, design of underground power for the remaining lots in the City, upgrades to our parks and to the footpaths along Stirling Highway.

The City will continue to renew community assets and infrastructure over the next decade, invest in sport and recreation and manage parking. The budget includes funds to undertake a Strategic Recreation Plan to establish the local community's current and future needs for sporting and recreational facilities, infrastructure and services.

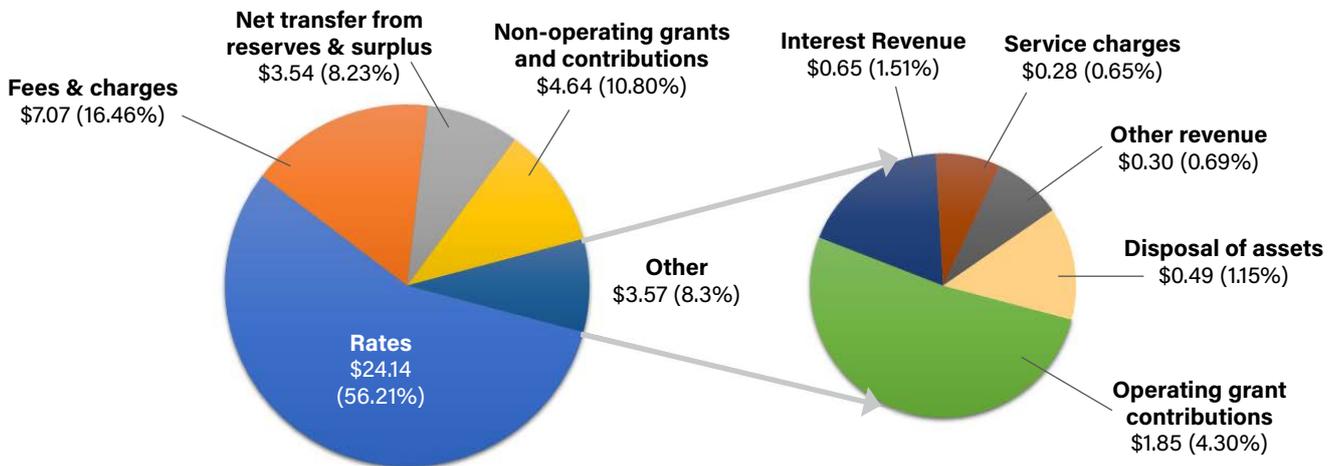
The 2019-20 Budget provides an ongoing platform of quality services and infrastructure, and we look forward to working with you on ensuring a bright future for the City of Nedlands.

Max Hipkins
Mayor

Sources of revenue and areas of expenditure

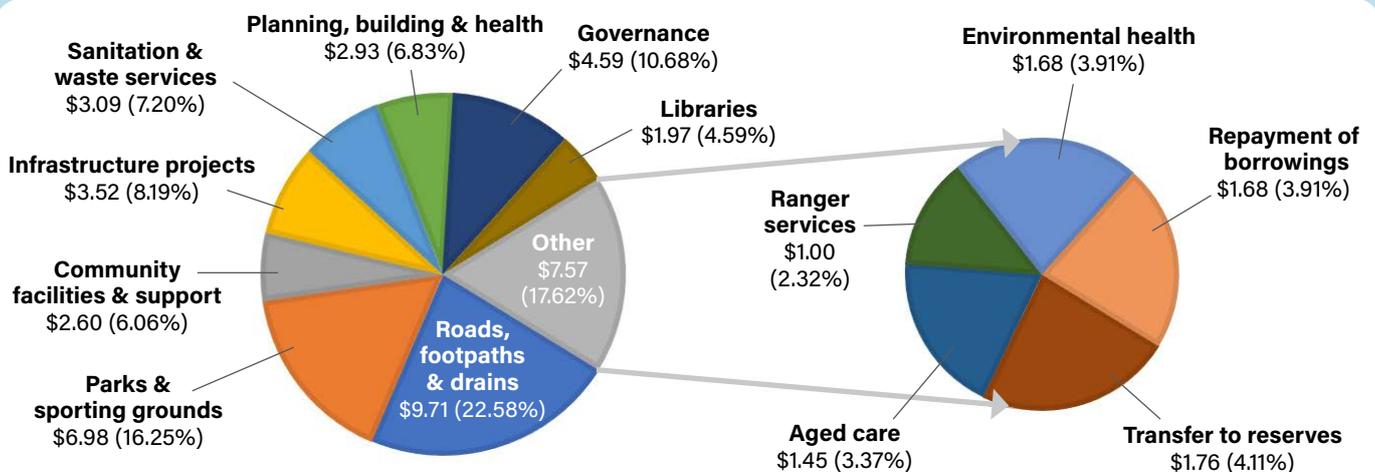
Income (\$m)

Total: \$42.96m



Expenditure (\$m)

Total: \$42.96m



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 waste and recycling collections.

Rates also contribute to the construction 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.

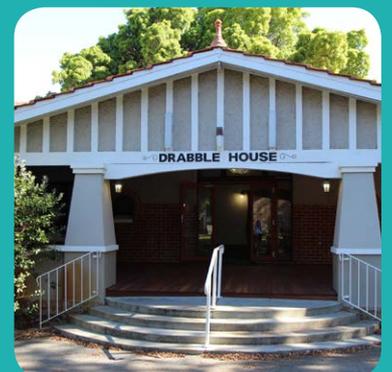
Your rates ensure the buildings you work and shop in, and the homes you live in, are safe and healthy.

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



Key projects for the 2019-20 year

- Continuation of upgrade to footpaths along Stirling Highway (three sections)
- Upgrade to Railway Road drainage (to improve local flooding)
- Safe Active Streets Project (Broadway to Dalkeith Road section)
- Charles Court Reserve (upgrade of public toilets and design and construct stage 4 of the river wall)
- Drabble House (refurbishment)
- Allen Park (upgrade of bore and pump)
- College Park (upgrade to pine fencing, relocation of turf wickets and upgrade of synthetic wickets)
- Allen park lower oval (upgrade to sports lighting)
- Hollywood Reserve (upgrade to park amenities)
- Point Resolution Reserve (replace irrigation system and hydro-zoning)



2019 Local Government Elections

The 2019 Local Government elections will be held on 19 October 2019. The election will be conducted via postal voting, with packages mailed approximately three weeks prior to the election. If you are interested in nominating for Council, nominations open 5 September 2019 and close on 12 September 2019.

Owners and occupiers not on the State Electoral Roll for their property within the City may be eligible to enrol on the City's Owners and Occupiers Roll. Enrolments close on 30 August 2019. More information on nominating for Council or applying to be on the Owners and Occupiers Roll can be found at nedlands.wa.gov.au



The Mt Claremont Community Hive

The Community Hive is the City's initiative to create a buzzing hub at the Mt Claremont Community Centre and Library. The Hive offers a range of weekly and monthly activities from early learning to positive ageing and intergenerational sessions. Weekly classes include German and Spanish conversation groups, Pilates for seniors and a kids chess group.

The Hive is located at 105 Montgomery Ave, Mt Claremont. For more information about activities held at the Community Hive, call Mt Claremont Library on **9383 1462** or email library@nedlands.wa.gov.au



Please respect the Peace Memorial Rose Garden

The Peace Memorial Rose Garden on Stirling Highway commemorates Western Australian men and women who served during the Second World War. The City has received advice that people have been taking roses from the garden and would like to remind that this is an offence under the City's Local Law and attracts a penalty of up to \$500. The City encourages people to respect this memorial and enjoy the quiet atmosphere whilst contemplating the service and sacrifice of men and women during the war.



Engaging with our community

The City continues to grow and develop engagement practices to meet community needs, enabling you to participate in engagement activities to improve our relationship, trust and your contributions to council decision-making.

During the year we received over 29,000 visits to Your Voice Nedlands with 822 new registrations (65,800 visits and 2,300 registrations since site commencement in March 2016). At the 2016 Census the population was 21,121 – with 2,300 people registered, that equates to nearly 11% of the population. 20,501 were satisfied with what they saw on the engagement page they were visiting. 8,901 people were interested and looked at additional pages. From these 2,219 engaged with the City. This is in addition to the people who attended open days, workshops, community information sessions and provided submissions and letters by email and post. To register for Your Voice Nedlands and have your say, visit yourvoice.nedlands.wa.gov.au



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