

Mayor's Message



Welcome to our mid-year publication 'Your Rates Explained'

For many homeowners and residents, the second half of 2019/20 has been challenging, and the City has taken steps, where possible, to assist in service delivery and financial hardship relief for those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. While this has

impacted the City's income, our responsible fiscal planning has allowed for a zero-overall increase in rates revenue for the new financial year.

The Council has approved a modest Budget for 2020/2021 – one that strikes a balance between restraint and the City's role in supporting local economic recovery. To that end, I would like to acknowledge the Federal government for its funding contribution of \$222,000 towards community infrastructure projects in our City.

There are fluctuations in rates this year with some rates increasing while others decrease, due to the State Government gross rental revaluations which occur every three years. Fortunately, Waste Service charges have remained unchanged, for the third year running.

We have budgeted into our forecast some very important initiatives including delivery of the local planning framework to support LPS3, the Strategic Recreation Plan, design of underground power and preparation of a Land Investment Strategy.

As we launch into the new financial year, I'm looking forward to a post-COVID-19 time when everything returns to normal. At the mid-year Budget Review, we will look for more funding opportunities, if and when further economic stimulus programs are announced by the State and Federal governments.

Cilla de Lacy
Mayor

Community Engagement at the City

The City continues to grow and develop engagement practices to meet community needs but due to COVID-19 restrictions our normal way of undertaking community consultation needed to be modified when the State went into lockdown.

We are keen to get back to our usual community consultation sessions as much as you are, so please continue to check Your Voice, the City's online Engagement platform for updates. Our priority is to ensure we provide the community with opportunities to participate in engagement activities and this is why, from August 2020 we will initiate new engagement opportunities at Nedlands Library and at Nedlands Community Care.

Nedlands Library – all major development applications will be displayed in the Library and assistance will be provided to those in the community who need help in making submissions online. If you require further input from a planner, you can complete an Enquiry Form and place it in the new Planning Mailbox in the library. This will be emptied daily and provided to the planners who will respond directly to you.

Nedlands Community Care – all seniors who wish to make a submission online, can now do so at the Nedlands Community Care office on Waratah Avenue, Dalkeith. Our friendly Community Care team will be available to assist you and provide further advice on other important community services you may wish to access.

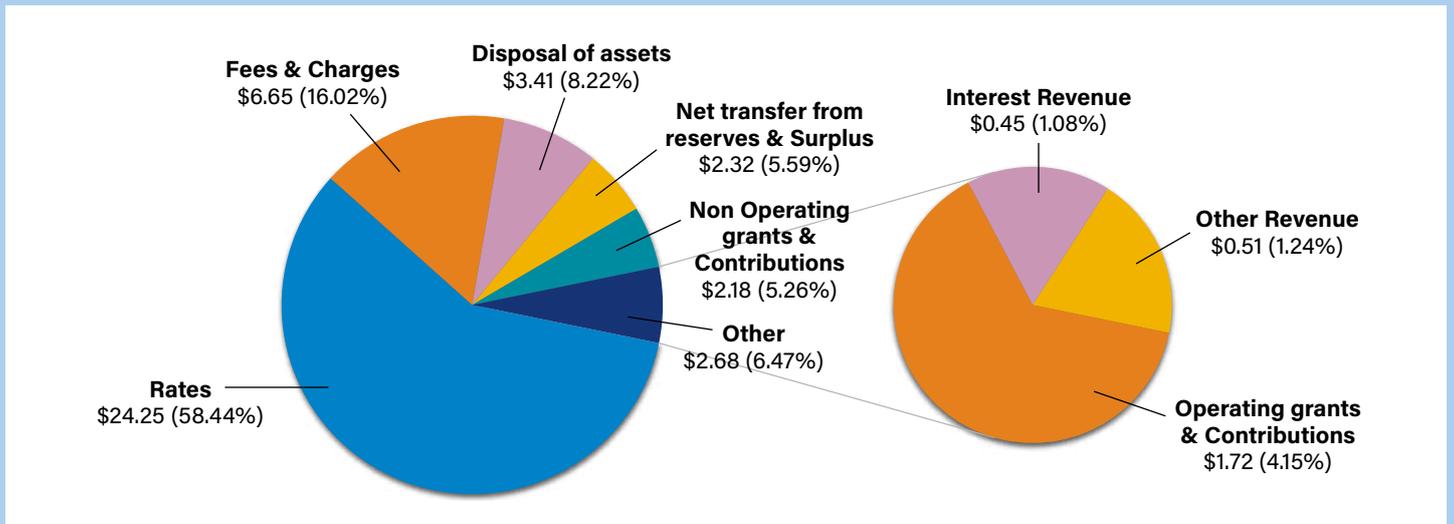
The City is also undertaking an independent community perception survey in 2020 and we look forward to receiving your feedback. Data from this survey will be used to develop a new 2020-2023 Community Engagement Strategy for the City. During the year, we received over 32,100 visits (337 per day) to Your Voice Nedlands with 306 new registrations.

We currently have nearly 3000 registered users. Most community interest related to development applications for the City. At the 2016 Census the population was 21,121 – with 3000 people registered on Your Voice, that equates to nearly 14% of the population. This is in addition to those 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.

Sources of Revenue and Areas of Expenditure

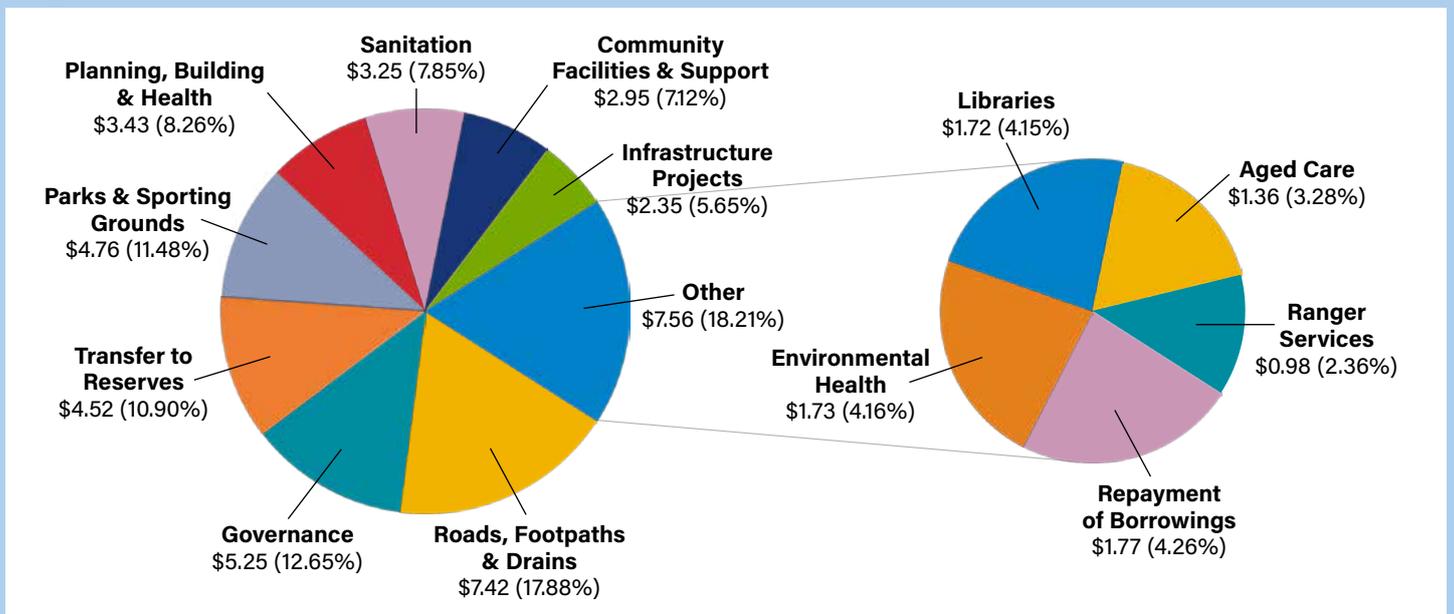
Income (\$m)

Total: \$41.49m



Expenditure (\$m)

Total: \$41.49m



How Each \$100 is Spent



\$18
Roads, footpaths & drains



\$11
Transfer to reserves



\$7
Community facilities & support



\$4
Environmental health



\$3
Aged care



\$13
Governance



\$8
Planning, building & health



\$6
Infrastructure



\$4
Libraries



\$2
Ranger services



\$12
Parks & sporting grounds



\$8
Sanitation



\$4
Repayment of borrowings

2019/20 Completed Projects

Stirling Highway: Footpath — Kinninmont to Weld (North side)

Waroonga Road: Road Rehabilitation — Jenkins to Stirling Hwy

Rockton Road: Road Rehabilitation — Jenkins to Stirling Hwy

Narla Road: Road Rehabilitation — Swanway Crescent to Servetus Street

Waratah Avenue — Alexander roundabout

Campsie Street: Road Rehabilitation — Verdun to end

Projects 2020/21

Hampden Road	Nedlands	Road Rehabilitation from Gordon Street to Monash Avenue
Monash Avenue - Footpath	Nedlands	Hollywood School - Footpath upgrade
Waratah Avenue	Dalkeith	Alexander Road to Adelma Road - Footpath upgrade and road improvement project.
Drainage improvements Dalkeith Rd	All	Upgrade to existing drainage infrastructure in Dalkeith Road
Brockway Road - Shared Path	Mt Claremont	Lemnos to Underwood - Feasibility and Design Study with DOT
Riverwall - PFSYC Boat Slipway Temporary Riverwall	Dalkeith	Construct temporary Riverwall in conjunction with Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA)
Swanbourne Greenway	Swanbourne	Swanbourne Greenway Project
Allen Park (lower oval) and College Park (upper oval)	Swanbourne	Replace AFL goals with 7.5m aluminium goals



Renovations of Community Hire Facilities

During the recent COVID-19 lockdown that forced the City to close its halls and pavilions, we took the opportunity to bring forward the renovations that had been scheduled. By taking advantage of the shutdown, the City was able to carry out these works efficiently, with minimal disruption. These facilities have now reopened under Phase 4 of the COVID-19 Government Restrictions, allowing the community to enjoy clean, fresh spaces of exceptionally high standards. We look forward to welcoming back our regular facility patrons as well as new sections of the community looking to hold events and activities.

Adam Armstrong Pavilion

Internal walls painted.

Allen Park Lower Pavilion

Parquetry flooring repaired and recoated. Internal painting. New storage racks.

Dalkeith Hall

Internal painting to foyer and various areas. Bi fold door replacement and recoating of front steps in progress.

Drabble House

Refurbishment completed including disability ramp, kitchen, toilets, storage. Additional maintenance with decking treatment, floorboard coating, and internal paint.

JC Smith Pavilion

Timber floors repaired and recoated. Grandstand recoated.

John Leckie (various rooms in facility)

- Upstairs: Timber floors treated and recoated.
- Downstairs: Doors and walls painted. Changeroom corridor tiled.
- Community Room: Storage facilities upgraded.
- Music Room: Minor upgrades undertaken.

Mt Claremont Community Centre

Defibrillator installed. Library roof replacement. Hearing Loop installed.

Mt Claremont Oval Clubrooms

External paint.

Tresillian Arts Centre

Selection of rooms painted, blinds replaced, decking treated.

Hearing Loop Implementation (Banksia Room Mt Claremont)

The City's Community Development team has a priority to comply with Department of Communities (Disability Services) framework. Therefore, installing an operational hearing loop in the Banksia room (larger room) complies with the City's Disability Inclusion Access Plan (DIAP).

The hearing loop system transmits an audio signal directly into a hearing aid via a magnetic field. This greatly reduces background noise, competing sounds, reverberation and other acoustic distortions that reduce clarity of sound.

The project has achieved the following:

A complete audio video system to comply with the DIAP.

1. A hearing loop system: loop installed options (under carpet/Bluetooth/mobile loop)
2. A Public Addressing System (PA): amplifier/microphones (handheld or lapel) and speakers to go with the loop to achieve the outcome
3. Projector System: projector and a screen (electrical or fixed) with control panels and external connectors.

Our organisational priorities are listed below and this hearing loop upgrade will achieve the following at this facility:

- **Productivity:** state of the art communication now available at venue when hiring.
- **Growth:** regular and advanced venue hiring will assist in the funding of the new system and add value to the organisation's services to the community.
- **Service:** fully functional and state of the art meeting facility for all ages and any social groups.
- **Quality:** improved, effective and flexible disabled access to city venue with confidence and greater experience for our customers.

There was an opportunity to accommodate this need and it has now been installed in the Banksia Room at Mt Claremont Community Centre. The Banksia room is hired regularly by many City and non-City residents from various age groups for yoga, meetings, kids parties, language lessons, meditation classes, church services etc. Senior groups also hire this room regularly for Nationals' Seniors Association activities. Having this facility in place now ensures inclusiveness for people with hearing difficulties.

