

# Kalamunda Connect

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# Message from the Mayor

Dear Ratepayer,

The impact of the global pandemic on the community is significant both in social and financial terms. The 2020/21 Budget is focused on connecting community and supporting our people. Accordingly, the City has prepared a budget delivering:

- » Savings measures
- » Economic Stimulus projects
- » Crisis Relief funding to assist those in significant financial hardship from COVID-19

Your City is focused on delivering a budget that reflects the current challenging economic and social circumstances, whilst also continuing to operate in a financially sustainable measure.

Further to this, and in line with recent local government recommendations, Council was unanimous in its support for a zero per cent total rate revenue increase for the coming year.

What this means is the revenue generated through rates this year will remain unchanged however, as a result of the triennial Valuation of all City properties, there may be some variations in individual rate charges for 2020/21. In the case of the City of Kalamunda, the GRV General valuations resulted in a reduction in residential property rental values of 13.1%.

What this means is that:

- » Ratepayers whose property revaluations devalued at 13.1% (same rate as the average), will pay the same rates as compared to 2019/20.
- » Ratepayers whose properties devalues less than 13.1% will pay more rates as compared to 2019/20.
- » Ratepayers whose properties devalued more than 13.1% will pay less rates as compared to 2019/20.

In addition to the zero rate revenue increase, Council voted in favour of adopting a number of initiatives aimed at lessening the local impacts of COVID-19 on residents and businesses including fee reductions, waiving of penalties and offering flexible payment options.

Similarly, within this year's budget we have identified \$10.7million of stimulus projects that will benefit our community now and for the years ahead including improvements to the Walliston Transfer Station; a LED Street Light program; enhanced inspection and

cleaning of drainage systems in peri urban and rural areas; new female change rooms at Kostera Oval, Ray Owen Reserve, Scott Reserve and Maida Vale Reserve; improvements to selected parks, car parking expansion and improvement to reserves in High Wycombe, Maida Vale, Forrestfield, Gooseberry Hill, Kalamunda and Lesmurdie and Kalamunda streetscape improvements.

The City has allocated more than \$38 million towards capital works projects. In this context the City will deliver significant roads, parks and ovals and land & building projects all of which will contribute to improvements in amenity, services and infrastructure. In addition, the City will continue to advocate across all levels of government so secure funding for future large- scale projects.

### Some of the more significant Capital projects included in Budget 2020/2021:

Elmore Way, High Wycombe - Dog Park	\$0.6 million
Female Change Rooms at Scott Reserve, Maida Vale Reserve, Kostera Oval and Ray Owen	\$2.3 million
Hartfield Park Rugby Flood Lighting	\$0.3 million
Kalamunda Community Centre Building	\$5.7 million
Kalamunda Town Centre Upgrade Stage 1	\$2.4 million
LED Street Lights Stage 1	\$1.1 million
Ray Owen Reserve	
- Carpark and drainage improvements	\$1.0 million
Walliston Transfer Station	
- Site and entry upgrades	\$1.1 million
Woodlupine Brook Living Stream	
- Amenity and landscape improvements	\$0.8 million

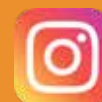
In closing, I would like to assure you, the City remains firmly committed to supporting the community and managing the City's finances sustainably during these challenging times.

Kind Regards

Margaret Thomas JP  
Mayor

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# BUDGET EXPENDITURE 2020/2021

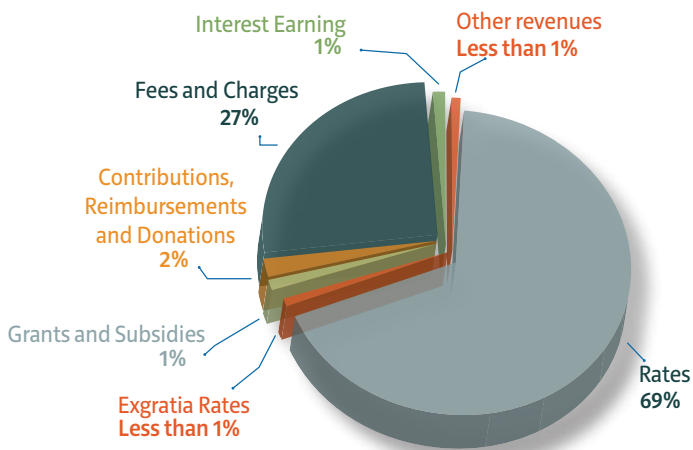
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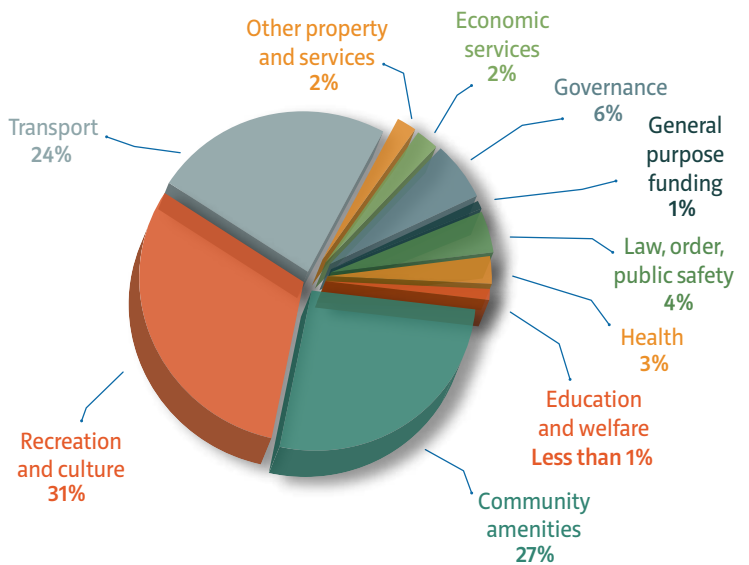
## Capital Works Expenditure 2020/2021



## Operating Revenue by Nature or Type



## Expenditure by Program



## Major Projects 2020-2021

★ Stimulus	
Kalamunda Town Centre - Upgrades	\$2.4M
Female change rooms at 4 reserves	\$2.3M
LED street lights	\$1.1M
Walliston Transfer Station - Site and entry upgrades	\$1.1M
Ray Owen Reserve - Carpark & drainage improvements Stage 1	\$1.0M
Woodlupine Brook Living Stream - Amenity and landscape improvements	\$0.8M
Elmore Way - Dog Park	\$0.6M
Lincoln Reserve - Park upgrade	\$0.3M
Drainage system improvements	\$0.2M
Park & Reserve - Signage	\$0.2M
Maida Vale Reserve - Power supply upgrade	\$0.1M
Melaway Drive Park - Upgrade	\$0.1M
Y Roads	
Abernethy Road - Rehabilitation of key areas	\$0.9M
Canning Road / Canning Mills Road reconstruction	\$0.4M
Leschenaultia Way - Road resurfacing	\$0.2M
Albert Road Renewal	\$0.2M

Footpaths	
Priory Road - improvements to pedestrian crossing point	\$0.1M
General footpath replacements	\$0.4M
Drainage	
Improvements to drainage systems	\$0.4M
Stirk Park - Drainage improvements	\$0.6M
Buildings	
Kalamunda Water Park - Concourse works	\$0.2M
Telecommunications Towers Works	\$0.1M
Refurbishment Works - Various buildings	\$0.5M
Parks & Reserves	
Street tree planting	\$0.2M
Reticulation Renewal - Various	\$0.5M
Major Plant	
Major plant renewal	\$0.7M

## South West Ward

Cr Boyd

Cr Cannon

Cr O'Donnell



## Upcoming Projects Rugby League/ Soccer Sports Floodlighting – Hartfield Park

The City has recently been successful through the State Governments Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Funding program (CSRFF) small grants round, receiving funding support of \$99,140 for the new sports floodlighting on the shared use fields at Hartfield Park, utilised predominately for rugby league and occasionally soccer.

Kalamunda Bulldogs Rugby League Club submitted an application through the City's Capital Grants program in 2018. The new lights will replace the existing towers that only provide lighting to a limited area of the ground.



## Jump Start

The Hartfield Park Recreation Centre's Hart-Fit studio now has a unique 10-week progressive youth fitness program in line with the school term. Participants will learn how to use weights and kettle bells safely with the correct technique along with boxing and suspension training techniques plus loads more! Jump Start is designed for youth in Years 7 to 11. Participants will learn lifelong fitness and strength skills, plus get fit in 10 with Hart-Fit studio's fun youth fitness program.



## Roundabout Construction at Hale Road and Woolworths Drive to Start

**The City of Kalamunda has confirmed work has commenced on upgrades at the intersection of Hale Road and Woolworths Drive, Forrestfield.**

The long-awaited project includes two new roundabouts to be constructed at Woolworths Drive and Hanover Street, new pavement treatment on all approaches, with drainage and street-lighting upgrades.

Civcon Civil & Project Management are delivering the project, which has commenced and completion is expected in two months.

Mayor Margaret Thomas said the works had been in the pipeline for a considerable time, with State and Federal funding committed, following concerns raised by the community.

"As more people move to the area and we attract more visitors, we're seeing traffic increase, which is having flow-on effects to nearby roads," Cr Thomas said.

"Community feedback on upgrades to the intersection support the scope of works which will ultimately improve road safety and traffic flow while reducing congestion.

"I commend the work by City officers on this project, who had to navigate many hurdles in determining a viable solution, with negotiation between multiple land owners and state government agencies, along with extensive community consultation."

The Project's overall budget is \$896,000 with grant funding of \$646,000 from the Federal Government and \$250,000 from the State Government. Updates on progress or more information on other City projects can be found online at [kalamunda.wa.gov.au](http://kalamunda.wa.gov.au)

## School Holiday Activities

**Did you know the City's Recreation Centres have amazing school holiday programs set to return in October?**

The Award-Winning Kids Cooking Club will also be back with all new recipes to get kids cooking up a storm!

There are many options for all age groups. Children can learn Martial Arts from experienced instructors and have a lot of fun at the same time. Or have a blast playing soccer whilst learning important ball skills along the way!

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“ Keeping our communities connected is a key priority for the City and the finished project will result in a safer and more efficient route through the area. ”

*Mayor Margaret Thomas JP*



## Cambridge Reserve, Forrestfield

In February 2019 Council adopted the Cambridge Reserve original concept plan, endorsed initiation of the land transfer and supported the preparation of further technical studies.

The technical studies were carried out onsite over 2019/2020, including;

- » Local Water Management Plan and modelling;
- » Flora Survey;
- » Bushfire Management Plan;
- » Geotechnical Report, and;
- » Updated landscaping and infrastructure cost estimates



As a result of the technical investigations, the concept plan was updated to account for the new information and now features constructed wetland style drainage to replace the existing sump, retention of protected flora, a portion of reclaimed land to avoid removal of vegetation as well as a bigger playground, half basketball court and interactive bushland walking trails throughout. The proposed development area has also been modified so now reduces impact on neighbours adjoining the western boundary. The next step is for Council to consider adoption of the Local Planning Scheme Amendment and the revised Concept Plan in the second half of 2020 to progress concurrently with any land transfer request as agreed with the State Government.

## Library offerings a plenty

The City is proud to offer Library services across four locations:

Kalamunda, High Wycombe, Lesmurdie and Forrestfield. During COVID-19, Library staff were focused on continuing to deliver a large range of resources online, so our readers were able to keep on reading.

Rhyme Time and Storytime return this month so please get in touch with your local library to learn when your next program is running.



## Seniors

**Community groups for Seniors have recommenced.** This is a great opportunity to try something new! Senior community groups and clubs run out of the Jack Healey Centre and the Woodlupine Family and Community Centre.

For information regarding individual groups call the Community Development team on 9257 9958. Timetables for each Centre are available on the City's website.

## COVID-19 Relief

A COVID-19 Crisis Relief Fund has been created to deliver financial assistance to the community's most vulnerable and supporting organisations impacted by the crisis.

Available funding includes up to \$1000 for individuals towards rate relief/infringements; \$1000 for businesses for rate relief.

Community groups are invited to apply for innovation grants up to \$5000 to help our community recover from the impacts of the pandemic.

The City has also adopted a Financial Hardship Policy to assist ratepayers experiencing financial stress pay off their rates.

Ratepayers are eligible to apply for a COVID-19 Crisis Relief Fund provided they meet the following criteria:

- » Are a City of Kalamunda ratepayer (must be an individual and not a commercial ratepayer).
- » The applicant must be the owner or co-owner of the property and liable for payment of rates and charges.
- » Have demonstrated financial hardship due to COVID-19.
- » Demonstrate all members of the household have lost their job or had a 30% decrease in income.
- » Must demonstrate other help received has not alleviated financial stress.
- » Provide necessary documentation to prove financial hardship.

**Applications close on 31 August 2020.**

For more information on the Fund, eligibility criteria and application forms, or for more details about the City's ongoing response to COVID-19, visit [kalamunda.wa.gov.au](http://kalamunda.wa.gov.au), call 9257 9999, email [enquiries@kalamunda.wa.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@kalamunda.wa.gov.au) or visit the City's Administration Building at 2 Railway Road, Kalamunda.

## New Accessibility Features at Fleming Reserve

A new drink fountain has been installed at Fleming Reserve that is wheelchair accessible along with a dog bowl and bottle filler. During this next year significant improvements to Fleming Reserve are also being undertaken for both the park and bushland reserve.



## North Ward

Cr Thomas

Cr Blair

Cr Ritchie



## On track, on budget, on time

### Kalamunda Community Centre

**The build of the new \$6.6 million Kalamunda Community Centre is on track for completion on time and on budget.**

Mayor Margaret Thomas said, "I am delighted to watch this project continue to develop, you can really see the progress at Jorgensen Park."

"I would like to acknowledge the tireless work of the Kalamunda Community Learning Centre, who advocated for a new community centre for many years and the work of the Kalamunda Community Reference Group who have been instrumental in collaborating with the City to ensure the project had a whole of community perspective."

"The Kalamunda Community Centre project is about creating beautiful community spaces, with meeting and learning rooms, that will benefit the broader community for many generations."

"Earlier this year we called for ideas for a name for the Centre, and we will be opening up community voting of the proposed name over the coming months."

The Centre, being built by Western Australian company Pindan, has created

local jobs during construction, and will provide vital services to the community when complete.

Key features of the new building include seven activity rooms, two halls, office space, a kitchen, bathrooms, outdoor play areas and a viewing deck. Timber and stone design textures will give the building a natural feel, paying tribute to its surrounds. The project also includes improvements to the site's car parking facilities and associated infrastructure.

The Federal Government has contributed \$1 million to the project, Lotterywest has provided \$2.5 million and the State Government of Western Australia has injected \$3 million into the project, with a \$150,000 contribution from the Kalamunda Community Learning Centre.

Opening of the Kalamunda Community Centre is expected in March 2021.



## Meloway Drive Reserve, Maida Vale -\$105,000

**The City has developed their Public Open Space (POS) Strategy to ensure the future protection, provision and management of valuable POS sites to meet the ongoing needs of the community. One site which was identified for improvements is Meloway Reserve in Maida Vale.**

Cash-in-lieu funds of \$105,000 has been applied for. Concept plans include the installation of a footpath to link Kalamunda Road with Meloway Drive; upgrading of the playground and play equipment within the reserve; installation of tables and seating; and removal of highly invasive weeds (such as bamboo, Japanese pepper and tagasaste) and replace with native vegetation.

The City commenced community consultation in June on the site. Public open space will contribute to the Maida Vale neighbourhood identity and to the community's quality of life. To find out more go to [engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/meloway-drive-reserve-cil](http://engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/meloway-drive-reserve-cil)



## Local Hero Award

### Committed football coach and mentor, lighting the way

Committed football coach and mentor, Dave Feast was presented a City of Kalamunda 'Local Hero Award' by the Mayor Margaret Thomas at the Club earlier this week. As Senior Vice President of the Kalamunda Districts Junior Football Club, Dave has been working tirelessly with our youth for a number of years, along with being a team coach and this year taking on the training of the Clubs first all-female teams.

During the COVID-19 crisis, his desire to see our youth have a safe community space to exercise has meant he has been at Kostera Oval every day, after work, to ensure social distancing, encourage exercising and provide hand sanitizer. His dedication to the whole community has meant the oval is well lit each evening as he stays back to turn the lights on and off, extending the time available for contactless physical activities.

Mayor Margaret Thomas said, "We are fortunate to have people like Dave in our community who are passionate about making a difference and freely volunteer their time and skills enriching the lives of so many, especially our youth. We thank him for his selfless contribution to our neighbourhood."

Local Hero and Good Neighbour Awards run monthly and the City accepts nominations throughout the year. Community members are invited to nominate online at [engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/local-heros](http://engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/local-heros)

Nominate your Local Hero today at [engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/local-heros](http://engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/local-heros)

For more information please contact the City of Kalamunda on 9257 9999, email [enquiries@kalamunda.wa.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@kalamunda.wa.gov.au) or visit [kalamunda.wa.gov.au](http://kalamunda.wa.gov.au)

## Creating a strong heartbeat - connecting business, place and people

### Kalamunda Town Centre upgrades

**The City has been actively engaging with the community to revitalise the heart of Kalamunda, and has recently adopted the Kalamunda Activity Centre Plan, following extensive community consultation.**

Proposed improvements include creating a town square focal point, improved streetscape beautification, more greenery, trees and gardens, improved infrastructure to encourage events, public art to help people engage and celebrate the town's culture and identity, soft and hard linkages to the historical and cultural features, places to play, relax and be entertained.

Significant upgrades are proposed to City amenities, along with road upgrades and pedestrian infrastructure to improve connectivity, accessibility and enhanced community safety.

The City is currently commencing detailed designs for Central Mall and will be undertaking further consultation with business and land owners with the aim to further activate the Town Centre.

\$2.4 million is allocated for Central Mall this financial year.

The priorities of the City's Strategic Community Plan are to support the local economy and use the land and assets sustainably, diversely and effectively. The City of Kalamunda is committed to developing engaging, liveable spaces with a strong thriving heartbeat.

Construction is planned to commence in late 2020/2021. More information on the Plan can be found on our website [kalamunda.wa.gov.au/our-city/project-details/kalamunda-activity-centre-plan](http://kalamunda.wa.gov.au/our-city/project-details/kalamunda-activity-centre-plan)



**“ Kalamunda is a place borne of community spirit with a strong connection to its heritage. The town centre serves as a gateway to the hills and as a hub connecting both locals and visitors alike. Its natural bushland setting, and traditional village atmosphere are a platform to enhance Kalamunda's unique offerings, activities and events and provides spaces for community interactions and neighbourhood conversations. ”**

*The Vision: Kalamunda Activity Centre Vision*

## 2020 Heritage Award Finalist

### Kalamunda History Village

**The City of Kalamunda is excited to reveal the Kalamunda History Village is a finalist in the WA Heritage Awards, 2020.** The Awards, now in their 28th year, recognises the high calibre of work being undertaken by organisations and individuals in conserving, developing and promoting Western Australian cultural heritage, and celebrates both Aboriginal and historic heritage in metropolitan and regional areas.

The Kalamunda History Village, considered a top tourist destination, is one of six finalists in the category 'Contribution by a public or private organisation', and one of 40 finalists in the Awards overall.

Mayor Margaret Thomas said, "Being a WA Heritage Award Finalist is a testament to the work being done in the heritage, conservation space and in developing the City of Kalamunda, and the wider Perth Hills region, as a premier tourist destination, connecting the community with our past."

"We congratulate all those who have showcased their extraordinary dedication

and skills to enhance the City by preserving our history and setting the standards that our visitors expect and deserve."

"I must make a special mention to all of the amazing volunteers at the Kalamunda and Districts Historical Society who run the Museum."

"Places such as the Kalamunda History Village enhance the Kalamunda tourism brand. Together we can bring growth, prosperity and support local businesses through generating social, cultural and economic opportunities and building community spirit."

The Kalamunda and Districts Historical Society manages the History Village, which is the largest local history museum in Western Australia, depicting the unique hills life and industries centred around the development of the Kalamunda area.

With entry from the Zig Zag Cultural Centre, the Kalamunda History Village is a hands-on, interpretative museum curated around the original Railway Station buildings dated 1903 and 1927.



The 1927 station was the largest on the Darling Range Railway and was affectionately known as the Zig Zag Railway on which the iconic G118 Locomotives made their way up to the timber country.

For more information please contact the City of Kalamunda on 9257 9999, email [enquiries@kalamunda.wa.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@kalamunda.wa.gov.au) or visit [kalamunda.wa.gov.au](http://kalamunda.wa.gov.au)

### Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre



**The very much-loved Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre (KPAC) has undergone a transformation** recently with upgrades to the foyer, box office and bar area.

The team have been working hard to pull together a range of shows for you to come and enjoy including Music, Movie screenings, children's shows, comedy and much more!

Drop in or give us a call and we look forward to welcoming you back to KPAC very soon.



## South East Ward

Cr Stallard

Cr Giardina

Cr Sewell



## Recreation Services

### Perth Hills Trail Loop is under construction!

**This exciting development will strengthen the existing links between the northern and southern sections of the Kalamunda Railway Heritage Trail, follow the alignment of the old railway corridor and utilise road reserves to significantly improve walker and rider safety.**

Upon completion, the trail will run 9km from Kalamunda to opposite the Pickering Brook Café. In some areas for the safety of all users, there will be separate sections of the trail for walkers and for cyclists.

The City of Kalamunda is well known for the quality trails that pass through stunning bushland and its unique flora and fauna. Trails play a significant role in building positive communities and encouraging an active, healthy lifestyle. These highly valued recreational spaces attract people to the area, drive economic growth through nature-based tourism and support local industry.

The main aim of the project is to consolidate many of the unsanctioned trails that currently exist and strengthen their connectivity to ultimately benefit a wide variety of user groups.

The new trails have been carefully mapped to ensure maximum protection

of the native vegetation, and to ensure all within our community can access the trails.

More information on the City's bushwalking and mountain biking trails, including maps and details, is online at [www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au](http://www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au)



The City of Kalamunda has welcomed the announcement of a 10-year WA Hiking Strategy by the State Government.

**"The alignment of this new strategy with our vision for how people enjoy local recreational spaces is incredible.**

**We've been working with local enthusiasts, clubs and groups for more than 20 years on our sustainable trail loops and how they integrate with the community and have seen numbers boom in recent years."**

*Mayor Margaret Thomas JP*

## Community Calls for Ray Owen Reserve and Sports Centre Upgrade

The City of Kalamunda community is pushing forward with advocacy to roll out the \$18 million Ray Owen Reserve and Sports Centre upgrade, seeking State and Federal Government funding support to take the project to the next stage.

The City of Kalamunda has confirmed funding in the budget for the Stage 1 carpark improvements, valued at \$953,635.

The City Mayor Margaret Thomas said the major sporting precinct in Lesmurdie welcomed more than 330,000 visitors annually and needed improvements to ensure junior and senior sports flourish.

The Ray Owen Master Plan identifies the need for four additional indoor sports courts and supporting facilities



for basketball/netball, improved and increased sports space, power and water supply upgrades, car parking and access improvements, upgrades to unisex change rooms and additional infrastructure such as lighting, paths and outdoor sports courts for Lesmurdie Primary School.

Community members and the Ray Owen Management Committee are all very active in raising awareness of the strong need for this project.

For more details on the Ray Owen Master Plan implementation phone 9257 9999 or email [enquiries@kalamunda.wa.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@kalamunda.wa.gov.au)



## Creating quality spaces for the young and young-at-heart Heidelberg Clears Hurdle

The City of Kalamunda has welcomed an announcement from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) that the Metropolitan Region Scheme Amendment can proceed to public advertising.

The WAPC has now formally initiated the amendment process under Section 35 of the Planning and Development Act 2005 to allow a portion of Heidelberg Park, which is located at Lot 800 Canning Road in Carmel to be rezoned to Urban so it can be developed for Aged Care purposes.

Mayor Cr Margaret Thomas said, "The City has been investigating the future development potential of Heidelberg Park, along with several other sites, for aged care for a number of years."

"It's a double win, as the WAPC has also proceeded to ensure the land of the Old Railway Reserve in Kalamunda which is currently Urban should move to be identified as a Parks and Recreation reservation. The Old Railway Reserve is a site the City has been advocating to have preserved for some years, since it was previously planned for a portion of the site to be sold for residential subdivision."

Community consultation was undertaken by the City in June-July 2019 to obtain the community's vision and values for the Heidelberg Park site. The consultation indicated a significant portion of the community envisage the site for aged care and improved public open space with the development of a nature

playground for intergenerational benefit on the site scoring high, as well as a desire to retain the quality bushland to the west.

"It was fantastic to see this feedback taken on board in regards to the development of a concept that has also been supported by the State Government to progress through the rezoning process."

"Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting (OCM) in November 2019 requested that the WAPC initiate an amendment to the Metropolitan Region Scheme to rezone a portion of the land from Parks and Recreation to Urban to permit the future development of aged care."

"I must also thank the local Member Matthew Hughes who has continued to assist to further advocate for progress on this issue during his term."

"The project was a City of Kalamunda initiative, that has been championed in partnership with the City of Kalamunda Aged Care Advisory Committee."

"The work of the City in the development of the necessary technical studies, as well as coordinating community engagement and working with agencies through a 'whole of government approach' is a best practice model for providing aged opportunities."

"The initiation of an MRS Amendment is not a simple process and there is much still to be done, with further detailed studies, more community engagement and further consideration of the matter by State Government agencies, however this is a significant step in the right direction."

“ We will continue to advocate for the sense of place to be at the heart of any future development, the initiation of the MRS amendment process is one step forward in a long process to bring aged care options to the City. ”

Mayor Margaret Thomas



As with all developments, environmental matters on the site are required to be managed at subsequent phases of the planning process.

## Waste Management Gets 20-year Boost

The Walliston Transfer Station has been granted a 20-year licence by the Department Water Environment & Regulation (DWER).

Mayor Margaret Thomas welcomed the licence renewal, the result of almost three-years of negotiations regarding storm water management, fire mitigation, dust suppression, noise, operating hours and black cockatoo management.

"The new licence conditions require facility upgrades to ensure the community's waste management needs continue to be met now and, in the future," Cr Thomas said.

"Staged infrastructure improvements will commence shortly and be completed by June 2023 resulting in improved access to the facility for customers and clearer site movement."

Latest figures from the Walliston Transfer Station, which has 28 waste streams, report 50,000 entries for the past 12-months.

"So far this year, more than 39 per cent of local properties have used the facility," Cr Thomas said. "The top five suburbs by use are Lesmurdie, Kalamunda, High Wycombe, Forrestfield and Maida Vale."

In 2018/19, the Walliston Transfer Station received 1752 tonnes of general waste, 11053 cubic metres of green waste, 2275

tonnes of construction and demolition materials, 2023 mattresses, 1103 fridges, 200 air conditioners, 980 tyres, 29850 litres of motor oil and 42 tonnes of e-Waste costing the City \$530,349 to dispose. The City also collected 152 tonnes of light gauge metal in 2018/19 delivering a rebate of \$21,972.

For more information on waste management in the City, including the Walliston Transfer Station, visit [kalamunda.wa.gov.au](http://kalamunda.wa.gov.au), call 9257 9999 or email [enquiries@kalamunda.wa.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@kalamunda.wa.gov.au)

# North West Ward

Cr Cooper  
Cr O'Connor  
Cr Bilich



## Pawesome news for all dogs big and small in High Wycombe Elmore Way Dog Park - \$512,000

The City continues to work hard behind the scenes to create quality Public Open Spaces (POS) promoting positive lifestyle opportunities and connected communities.

We are thrilled to announce the applications to access cash-in-lieu funds and Federal stimulus grants to progress several planned projects has been approved, including a new Dog Park in Elmore Way in High Wycombe.

The purpose-built dog park will utilise \$512,000 in cash-in-lieu funds. Planned features include dog agility equipment, a circulation footpath, seating and drink fountain with tippable dog bowl, and a dog sand play / dig area.

The City undertook community consultation earlier in the year to present two proposed Fenced Dog Exercise Park concepts for public comment.

The Elmore Way Park concept plan was very popular with 73% of respondents rating the concept plan as either 'good' or 'excellent'. Mayor Margaret Thomas said, "Previous feedback from our Public Open Space Strategy community consultation undertaken in 2017 showed that dog walking was rated highly as an activity and dog owners wanted to see dog exercise areas in the City."

"The City is pleased the Elmore Way Park concept was well received, and the concept plan has been further enhanced, reflecting community feedback relating to the layout and features of the site."

The concept plan for Elmore Way Park can be viewed on [engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/dog-parks](https://engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/dog-parks).

Works will commence this financial year.



## Rangeview Reserve Playground

The Rangeview Reserve playground upgrade was completed earlier this year, with families thoroughly enjoying the new park now it has reopened post COVID-19 restrictions.

The playground at Range View Reserve has been upgraded to include accessible swings, new soft fall, formal surrounds, additional play items and redesign of the existing equipment location. The City has received very positive feedback from the local community.



## Fleming Reserve, High Wycombe - \$268,000

Fleming Reserve has been earmarked for enhancements benefiting from \$268,000 in cash-in-lieu (CIL) fund for Public Open Spaces.

A community consultation process is scheduled to commence in late July to help guide the future of this space. Located in High Wycombe this high-use reserve showcases significant natural bushland.

The proposal for Fleming Reserve includes constructing an integrated playground and features to enhance the biodiversity of the site, such as fencing and designated pathways.

The City is committed to creating open spaces in nature that meet the needs of everyone in our community. Think about how you would you like to see the Fleming Reserve enhanced and let us know when our survey opens. To stay up to date visit [engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au](https://engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au)

## Scott Reserve Sports Floodlighting Project Completion

June 2020 saw the completion of the first LED sport flood lighting installation.

The new LED lights were installed at Scott Reserve in High Wycombe and will benefit the three main users of the facility: High Wycombe Junior Football Club, High Wycombe Amateur Football Club and High Wycombe Cricket Club. The LED lighting installation will provide important environmental benefits to community.

The project was fully funded through Sport Australia Infrastructure Funding, Bendigo Bank (High Wycombe and Forrestfield Branch) State Government (Local Projects Local Jobs Grant), West Australian Football Commission and the three user groups.





## Community help shape vital suburban road upgrade **Kalamunda Road, High Wycombe (Roe Highway to Abernethy Road)**

**The City has adopted the plan for the future upgrades of Kalamunda Road (Roe to Abernethy), that will support the road remaining as a 'low capacity main street' in the future. This includes a number of roundabouts and dramatically improved streetscaping.**

Key features of the concept designs include new roundabouts; closing Fernan Road at Kalamunda Road; a signalised pedestrian crossing at Fernan Road (subject to approvals); closure of the existing Range View Road access to Kalamunda Road; and opening of Range Court to align with Hawkevale Road at a new roundabout.

Additionally, the plan encourages the introduction of on-road cycle lanes and improved shared paths on both sides of

the road. It also highlights suggestions to be undertaken from 2025 through to 2035 and beyond.

The Kalamunda Road Functional Review and Upgrade Plan project consisted of two Stages, with a total of 253 respondents providing feedback. Phase 1 consultation ran from 18 February to 29 March 2019, followed by the City developing a concept design. Phase 2 ran from 21 April to 18 May 2020 with a strong majority agreeing the City was on the right track and supported a proposal to keep with the road as a 'Low Capacity Main Street'.

Subject to funding, with the first set of intersections at Hawkevale Road planned to be completed in the next five years.

“ Improved traffic flow, travel times, shared use options and safety were just some of the important topics identified by the community in our initial consultation about the road upgrades. ”

*Mayor Margaret Thomas JP*



## Master Plan Adopted **Scott Reserve**

**At the June 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting, the Scott Reserve Master Plan was adopted by Council.**

The Master Plan provides a clear framework and objectives to assist in planning, developing and implementing sustainable sport and recreation improvements at Scott Reserve.

The community consultation process concluded on 31 March 2020, with a good response from the community with over 86% of the respondents to a City-wide survey satisfied with the concept plan.

The Plan includes:

- Construction of a new sports pavilion and community centre.
- Relocation and extension of cricket practice nets.
- Expansion of car parking.
- Improved youth and play spaces.
- Refurbishment of playing fields.

The overall cost of implementing the recommendations outlined within the Plan is estimated at \$10.74 million. The Plan will have an implementation timeframe of up to 15 – 20 years. To implement the Plan an advocacy campaign will be developed in consultation with the user groups to help attract significant external funding.

## Forrestfield North (High Wycombe South)

### **Residential Precinct Local Structure Plan (LSP)**

The City submitted the modified Residential Precinct LSP to the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) on 5 June 2020 for final approval. While the City has no control over the WAPC's approval process, the DPLH officers advised it is anticipated this should be completed by the end of July 2020.

The modifications, which were adopted by the Statutory Planning Committee (SPC) of the WAPC on 10 December 2019, are intended to improve the precinct layout and ensure the areas identified on the LSP as Environmental Conservation areas are appropriately protected.

### **High Wycombe Station**

The Department of Transport sought feedback from City of Kalamunda residents, landowners and business owners/operators to vote for permanent name for the new train station when it opens in late 2021, choosing from 'Forrestfield Station' or 'High Wycombe Station'.

On 26 June 2020, the Minister for Transport, Planning, Hon Rita Saffioti, announced the new station will be named High Wycombe Station. More than 3500 votes were cast in the community survey, High Wycombe was the runaway winner, with 76.1 per cent opting to name the station after the suburb in which it is located.

### **Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Precinct Activity Centre Structure Plan (ACSP) Status**

The City and consultants, Element, are continuing to focus on finalising the draft TOD ACSP. Draft plans and technical reports are being prepared and the City is seeking input from State Government agencies. The City, METRONET and DevelopmentWA have established a working group to regularly meet and ensure alignment between the ACSP and the draft Redevelopment Scheme and future Strategy and Precinct Design Guidelines being prepared by DevelopmentWA.

METRONET are currently undertaking a Community Infrastructure Study to determine opportunities for community facilities to be delivered in the TOD Precinct. The project team have also determined further water management investigations are required to address drainage issues arising in the TOD Precinct.



# METRONET's Airport Link

## End of the line

### Sarah and Sandy's tunnelling journey

High Wycombe resident Sarah Spratt has a unique connection to one of the two tunnel-boring machines (TBMs) used to build Western Australia's longest tunnels, which will house METRONET's Airport Link.

Sarah, who is now in Year 7 at Kalamunda Senior High School, was a winner in the 2017 competition to name the TBMs. Her entry, 'TBM Sandy', was chosen for its connection to a local subterranean insect – and a well-known moniker for West Australians.

"We were in the backyard and I saw a sandgroper, and it reminded me of how a tunnel-boring machine works. It tunnels underneath the ground. Sandy is short for sandgroper – and I also thought when it's tunnelling it will get really sandy!" Sarah said.

It has been three years since the TBMs departed the City of Kalamunda on their 8.5 kilometre tunnelling journey to Perth Airport and onwards towards Bayswater.

The machines had an important mission to excavate and build the twin tunnels for the new train line, which will connect the City of Kalamunda to the Perth CBD.

The TBMs did get sandy as they travelled through Perth's varied ground conditions and underneath Perth Airport and the Swan River.

In April, the project reached a major milestone when TBM Sandy arrived at Bayswater, marking the end of tunnelling.

More than 600,000m<sup>3</sup> of soil was excavated and 54,000 locally fabricated concrete segments were used to build the tunnels.

Now that tunnelling is complete, all eyes are on the tunnel fit-out including track and rail systems, and completion of three new stations.

Sarah said she was looking forward to the line opening in late 2021 so she and her friends could take the train to go shopping. She also thought improved

public transport options would help local residents.

"It's good for people if they need to go to the airport or get to jobs, and you don't need to have a car because you can get the train," Sarah said.

"It's a really good idea for the community so they can have really good transport."

To stay up-to-date on the progress visit [www.forrestfieldairportlink.wa.gov.au](http://www.forrestfieldairportlink.wa.gov.au)



End of the line: High Wycombe resident, 12-year-old Sarah Spratt said farewell to TBM Sandy before the machine was disassembled.





# Making a difference

Are you a local leader and change-maker?

## Youth Action Kalamunda

Do you want to collaborate with like-minded young people and identify concerns and create opportunities for other young people in the community?

If yes, Youth Services want you! Join Youth Action Kalamunda, the City of Kalamunda's youth advisory and leadership team. Work together to create events or programs for other young people to address key concerns you have for your community. Events in the past have included an 'Eco Festival' during youth week, nature walks, a movie night, and a Black Dog fundraising dance. You will also receive other development opportunities like annual team building and leadership days. Past members have even had the opportunity to visit Parliament House with Matthew Hughes MLA Member for Kalamunda!



## Social Media

How do you hear about our programs? Do you want to keep up to date with the fun things the City's Youth team do?

Follow us on Facebook  
@cityofkalamundayouth  
Plus our recently established  
Instagram @kalayouthservices.



Stay tuned to hear about all upcoming events and programs.

## Local Heroes

Do you know a local young person who is doing something awesome?

Or, is that person you? Tell us – we are on the hunt for local young people to share their stories. Do you volunteer on the weekend? Did you help your neighbour out during COVID-19 isolation? Are you a young entrepreneur? We want to hear all good news stories. You may even win a prize! To find out more information go to Facebook @cityofkalamundayouth or check out the local heroes page on [engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au](http://engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au)



## Gifting your skills and promoting social inclusion

### Kalamunda WayFairer Project

The City is partnering with Inclusion Solutions to deliver the Kalamunda WayFairer Project, an initiative designed to meet the growing needs of older adults, while simultaneously supporting clubs, groups and community based organisations with skilled volunteers.

The Project commenced in November 2019 and is focused on two existing gaps within the Kalamunda community:

- » Social isolation and depression among older adults. The Project will give participants the opportunity to gift their knowledge and skills legacy, provide meaning and purpose and promote social inclusion.
- » Gaps in skills, volunteers and knowledge in community based organisations. The project enables the injection of identified skills and knowledge with immediacy and efficiency.

The Project is a variation on traditional volunteering, matching participants, or "WayFairers" as we call them in the project, with community groups based on their interests, skills, talent and time to ensure a mutual benefit is achieved for both parties.

If you or anyone you know would like to get involved and become a WayFairer, contact Tom or the City of Kalamunda. We want to hear from YOU!

For more information visit the website [kalamunda.wa.gov.au/community/community-groups/wayfairer](http://kalamunda.wa.gov.au/community/community-groups/wayfairer)

Or contact:

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# Understanding your rates



## Will my rates be the same as last year?

Every three years, all properties within the metropolitan area are assessed at the same date, by valuers at Landgate to ensure a fair and equitable assessment. The data collected is used to calculate the Gross Rental Value (GRV) of each property.

2020/21 saw the triennial revaluation of Gross Rental Valuations, the City along with other Local Governments requested that this be deferred, however this was unsuccessful.

The result was an average decrease in rental values of 13% for the Perth Metropolitan Area.

Not every individual property performed the same as the average indicated above and as a result not all properties will have the same rates as calculated for 2019/2020.

### For example:

What this means is:

- » Ratepayers whose property revaluations devalued at 13.1% (same rate as the average), will pay the same rates as compared to 2019/20.
- » Ratepayers whose properties devalues less than 13.1% will pay more rates as compared to 2019/20.
- » Ratepayers whose properties devalued more than 13.1% will pay less rates as compared to 2019/20.

Notwithstanding the changes in GRV, all minimum rates remain unchanged.

The overall rates revenue freeze adopted by many Councils in response to COVID-19 is about not increasing the total amount of rates received by Local Governments. The intent of the overall rates revenue freeze was to help provide ratepayers with financial certainty – in effect one less surprise in what is a difficult time for many. However, the periodic system of revaluations of properties undertaken by the Valuer General will result in some ratepayers paying more and some less than last year – while the revenue to Local Governments remains unchanged.

To achieve a zero increase in Rate revenue, the rate in the dollar was amended accordingly.

## How were my Rates calculated?

Rates are calculated by multiplying a property's valuation by the rate in the dollar set by Council. The valuation for each property is determined by the Valuer General and is either a Gross Rental Value (GRV) or Unimproved Value (UV).

Gross Rental Value (GRV) is the fair annual rental value of your property and is an estimate of how much you could expect to receive if you were to rent your property. Where the property is vacant land, an equivalent GRV, based on 3% of the property value, is used.

For properties situated in the City of Kalamunda, the Unimproved Value (UV) is the site value of the land. In general, this means the value of the land as if it were vacant with no improvements except for merged improvements. Merged improvements relate to improvements such as clearing, draining and filling.

The Triennial Revaluation that has occurred across the Perth metropolitan area has resulted in the following rate in the dollar changes:

### For example:

A residential property that has the following:

Gross Rental Value	= \$16,500	
Rate in the Dollar	= 0.069352 (GRV – General)	
Annual Rates amount	= \$16,500 x 0.069352	= \$1,144.30
(Minimum rates may apply)		

Unimproved Value	= \$375,000	
Rate in the Dollar	= 0.003459 (UV – General)	
Annual Rates amount	= \$375,000 x 0.003459	= \$1,297.13
(Minimum rates may apply)		

## Impact of Valuation - on ratepayers

John's 2019/20 GRV\*  
has devalued less than 13.1%  
2020/21 rates are higher

Sheila's 2019/20 GRV\*  
is a devalue of 13.1%  
2020/21 rates will be the same

Bernard's 2019/20 GRV\*  
has devalued more than 13.1%  
2020/21 rates will be reduced



**Gross Rental Valuations = decrease of 13.1%**

\* Every three years, all properties within the metropolitan area are assessed at the same date, by valuers at Landgate to ensure a fair and equitable assessment. The data collected is used to calculate the Gross Rental Value (GRV) of each property.



## How do I pay my rates?

Rates are due and payable either in full, or by 2 or 4 instalments by the due date.

- » Pay rates in full by 17 August 2020; OR
- » Pay rates in 2 instalments by 17 August 2020 and 22 December 2020; OR
- » Pay rates in 4 instalments by 17 August, 19 October, 22 December 2020 and 23 February 2021.

You can apply for a payment arrangement by direct debit.

If you have a current Smarter Way to Pay agreement with the City this will continue as normal.

If you wish to make a new a payment arrangement, please contact the City's rates department.

Please note: penalty interest of 8% per annum will accrue daily on the balance of the overdue account, until it is fully paid.

## Hardship

The City recognises that some ratepayers may be experiencing significant financial hardship as a result of COVID-19 and has adopted a Financial Hardship Policy and a COVID-19 Relief Policy for ratepayers affected. Details are available on the City of Kalamunda website.

The City is encouraging ratepayers who can continue to make payments on the 2020/2021 rates by the due dates to do so, to avoid creating more financial stress.

## Can I appeal my property's valuation?

If you feel that the valuation applied to your property is incorrect, you can lodge an objection with Landgate's Valuer General's Office, within 60 days of the issue of your rates notice. For more information, please contact the Valuer General's Office on (08) 9273 7373.

## What is the Emergency Services Levy?

All property owners in Western Australia contribute to fire and emergency services through the Emergency Services Levy (ESL).

Local Governments collect the levy on behalf of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES). All funds collected are forwarded directly to DFES, who then redistribute the money to emergency services throughout the State.

For further information on the Emergency Services Levy please contact DFES on 1300 136 099 or visit their website: [www.dfes.wa.gov.au/](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/)

Landgate has further information on the valuations for rating and taxing on their website: [www.landgate.wa.gov.au/](http://www.landgate.wa.gov.au/)

## Refuse and Recycle Charges

### Why is my Transfer Station Entry Pass no longer attached to the rates notice?

The change to the entry pass has been made to provide additional information about what can be disposed of and how. As this would not fit on the bottom of the notice, the change was made. This change has also reduced costs in the printing space.

If you are registered with Council (and approved) for a full Pensioner concession you will also receive a discount for the first Refuse Bin and this will be capped at \$230.00. Therefore, the cost of the bin will be \$320.00.

Different refuse charges apply for commercial and industrial categories.

If you order a Refuse and Recycle service during the year, you will be charged at a pro-rata charge from the date that the bin is ordered.

The waste collection charge includes the collection and disposal of:

- » 1 mobile garbage bin of refuse per week
- » 1 mobile recycling bin per fortnight

View further information on the City of Kalamunda's waste management at [www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/residents/waste-recycling/tips-transfer-stations](http://www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/residents/waste-recycling/tips-transfer-stations)

### What is the WARR Levy?

The Waste Avoidance & Resource Recovery (WARR) Levy was introduced in 2013/2014, pursuant to Section 637 of the Waste Avoidance & Recovery Act 2007, to assist with the management of contaminated sites.



### What is the surcharge for credit card payments and why does the City charge?

The City is charged a fee for all credit card payments and this is then on-charged to the ratepayer.

### How to update details

The City must be advised in writing or by e-mail at [rates@kalamunda.wa.gov.au](mailto:rates@kalamunda.wa.gov.au) of any change of address. There is an obligation on property owners to ensure that the City has the correct address for service of notices.

## Rebates and concessions.

### Am I eligible?

Eligibility Criteria – to be eligible for a concession under the *Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferments Act) 1992*:

- » an applicant must be the owner and occupier of the property on 1 July of the current rating year and:
- » if a Pensioner, to be in receipt of a concession and hold a current concession card or State Concession Card, or to hold a current Seniors Card issued by the Office of Seniors Interests and a current Commonwealth Senior's Health Care Card; or
- » if a Senior, to hold a current Senior Card issued by the Office of Seniors Interests.

A pro-rata rebate may be available from the date of registration for eligible registered Pensioners and Seniors who become eligible after 1 July of the current rating year.

If your circumstances change, particularly with respect to your ownership or occupancy of the property, or your eligibility as a Pensioner or Senior, you must notify the City or the Water Corporation. Your registration will be cancelled or amended as appropriate.

**Register Concessions:** Ratepayers can now register for their concession on the internet via [watercorporation.com.au](http://watercorporation.com.au) or apply over the phone to the Water Corporation on 1300 659 951. Concessions only apply once your application is received and registered.

The portion of the Rates and Charges for Concession card holders are due and payable as per any other Ratepayer either in full or by instalment by the due date shown on the rate notice, or by payment arrangement suitable to the City. If not paid by close of business 30 June 2021 the rebate is forfeited.

For further information please contact the Rates Department [rates@kalamunda.wa.gov.au](mailto:rates@kalamunda.wa.gov.au)

### Contact us

For further information or support please contact

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**COVID-19**

# Crisis Relief Fund for

- **Businesses**
- **Communities**
- **Individuals**

Applications for the COVID-19 Relief Fund are available for those who have been significantly impacted by COVID-19. For eligibility guidelines and to submit an application go to [www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/relief-funding](http://www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/relief-funding).

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