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Message from the Mayor

Dear Ratepayer,

Planning for the future is a critical part of Council's work.

The 2021-2022 Budget and strategic planning sets out the objectives for the upcoming 12 months.

In developing the budget, the City closely monitors changing economic conditions and associated economic indicators. Some of the key economic indicators considered, included:

- Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) – forecasting a 3.2% increase in the budget year
- Consumer Price Index (CPI) forecasting a 1.75% increase in the budget year
- Street lighting tariffs forecast increase of 3.0%

Of particular relevance, is the LGCI, which considers typical costs borne by Local Governments, including road and bridge construction; non-residential building; machinery and equipment; electricity and street lighting; employment and materials and contracts costs.

The Annual Budget is informed by the Long Term Financial Plan which is focused on financial sustainability. This year's budget reflects a 2.15% increase in the rate in the dollar which will enable the City to deliver almost \$31M in the Capital Works program whilst maintaining reserve funding to assist in future years.

This adoption of this year's budget resulted following a number of budget workshops, where comprehensive analysis across all budget line items and scenario analysis was undertaken.

More budget highlights include over \$3m spend across our recreational reserves; \$4.5m on capital works and seed funding for some exciting new projects including a solar farm at Pioneer Park. Residential rubbish charges have increased by \$22 as a result of collection, processing and disposal costs. We all need to do our bit to recycle and avoid waste to landfill in order to stop these rising costs.

I'm delighted to share some recent highlights - much of which stems from community feedback.

In June, the City officially launched its new Strategic Community Plan, a guiding document for the City and community over the next 10 years. You told us you wanted a bigger focus on the environment, place-making and services. Using your feedback we created Kalamunda Advancing - Strategic Community Plan 2021 - 2031 which is available from the City's website and your local

library. The Plan details our long term, overarching strategy and sets out the community's aspirations and priorities for the future.

In big news, the City has strengthened its commitment to the environment by signing the Western Australia Local Government Association's Climate Change Declaration. The declaration will act as a supporting framework to the City's existing and planned environmental initiatives and help fine tune our focus areas.

Also, our City's Clean and Green credentials have been further bolstered with an extra \$70,000 in funding confirmed from the Water Corporation's 2021/2022 Local Government Urban Canopy Grant Program, this further enhances our street tree program.

We continue to provide free plants for residents and have now given away more than 220,000.

After more than 12-months of COVID-19 ups and downs, we recently launched Kalamunda Thriving - a campaign that shines a light on local people and businesses. The campaign is rolling out on the City's social media platforms using #KalamundaThriving. Share your stories of success or ways you're showcasing resilience with us online!

Looking ahead, we're seeking feedback on the draft Business Case for a New Aquatic Facility. In 2019, the City engaged consultants to work with the community, stakeholders and visitors to better understand current and emerging needs for a modern aquatic facility in the region. The consultation recognised the City's existing aquatic facility - Kalamunda Water Park - has been an iconic and much-loved venue for more than 50 years but posed the question - what's next?

There are a number of ways you can Have Your Say - head online to engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au or email enquiries@kalamunda.wa.gov.au for more information. Comments close 5pm, Friday 8 October 2021.

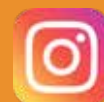
Finally, please look out for coming events and support local whenever possible.

Kind Regards

Cr Margaret Thomas JP

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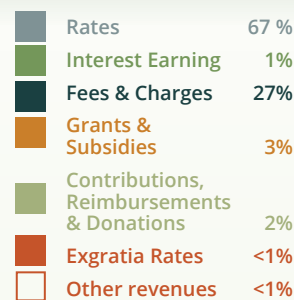
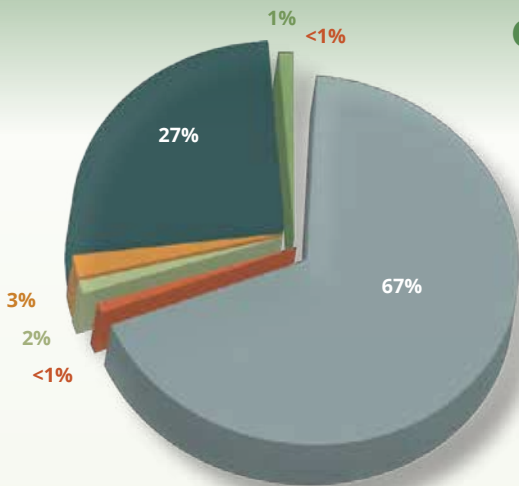
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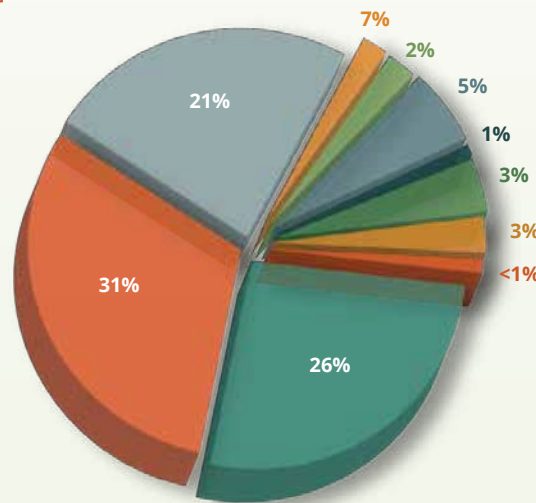
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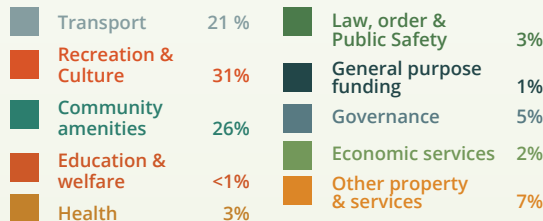
Operating Revenue by Nature or Type



Areas of Operating Expenditure for every \$100 Council receives



Expenditure by Program



Major Projects 2021-2022

Parks and Reserves

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| Street Tree Planting | \$200k |
| Stirk Park - Playground and Skatepark (Detailed Designs) | \$284k |
| Woodlupine Brook Living Stream - Forrestfield | \$730k |
| Woodlupine Brook Living Stream - Wattle Grove | \$700k |
| Gladys Newton Reserve Upgrade | \$150k |

Amenity Improvements

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| Female Changerooms - four locations | \$2m |
| Maida Vale Reserve - Floodlighting (Soccer) | \$445k |
| Hartfield Park - Floodlighting (Rugby League) | \$300k |
| Ray Owen Reserve - Car Park Expansion Stage 1 | \$850k |

Roads

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| Railway Road and Elizabeth Street | \$740k |
| Canning Road (Welshpool Road to Glenisla Road) | \$1.08m |
| Central Mall | \$2.9m |
| Kalamunda Road (Roe Highway to Cyril Road) | \$30k |

Footpaths

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| Shared Footpath - Berkshire Road and Dundas Road | \$645k |
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Projects

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| MAR Stage 2 & Ray Owen Water Investigations | \$200k |
| Walliston Transfer Station Upgrade | \$1m |

South West Ward

Cr Boyd

Cr Cannon

Cr O'Donnell



All-Abilities Program Delivers Goals

An all-abilities sport and recreation program funded through a City grant has delivered positive outcomes for local people experiencing disadvantage, including those living with a disability and mental illness.

Reclink Australia received support through the City's 2020 COVID-19 Crisis Relief Community Innovation Grants fund to deliver a dance and adapted martial arts program for participants aged between 14 and 65 between October 2020 and March 2021 at the Hartfield Park Recreation Centre.

Feedback shows the program increased the physical and social connections for all participants, their support staff, and program facilitators.

It did this by creating an opportunity for them to come together and engage in a social, safe and supportive program within their local community.

Reclink Australia's WA State Manager Sarah Kitis said their mission is to provide sport, recreation, and arts

activities to enhance the lives of people experiencing disadvantage.

For more details on the City's COVID-19 Crisis Relief Community Innovation Grants Program and the \$190,000 funded community initiatives and projects visit kalamunda.wa.gov.au.



Support workers told us there were noticeable improvements in the program participants' mental health and attitude towards physical activity, self-confidence, and ability to develop their social networks within the community.

*Sarah Kitis
Reclink Australia*

Transport Strategy Coming

Kalamunda Moving, A Transport and Road Safety Strategy is being prepped and will run for the next three years.

Over the next 12-months we will be arranging a city-wide traffic forecast model. This will be used by the City to determine future road and intersection upgrade needs that will form the core of the Strategy.

Bicycle Route Plans

The City has received grant funding from the Department of Transport to assess the feasibility of new bicycle routes along Sussex Road, Forrestfield and Kiandra Way, High Wycombe.

A series of community engagement activities will be undertaken over the next six months to inform future designs.

New Shared Path

Thanks to funding from both the City and Department of Transport's WA Bike Network, we've created a new shared path that runs along the south side of Berkshire Road (west of Roe Highway) and east side of Dundas Road. The shared path has painted treatments at industrial crossings to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety. Check it out!

Double Flying Fox Fun

An upgrade featuring new dual flying fox, awesome ninja course, nature play area, new seating, paths and planting has been completed at Lincoln Reserve, Forrestfield.

The City is committed to delivering improved community facilities to residents, with park upgrades, initiated through the City of Kalamunda's Cash In Lieu program.

In addition to the new amenities, the existing playground was refurbished with the completed works delivering an amazing space for local families and visitors.

The park improvements and layout have taken into consideration previous community feedback, visual impacts, safety and accessibility requirements and the park's natural setting.



Hale Road Looking Good

New streetscape, medians, footpaths and road resurfacing is planned for Hale Road from Welshpool Road East to Hardy Road.

These works will deliver both pedestrian and driver amenity improvement.



More Street Trees Coming Our Way

The City's Clean and Green credentials have been bolstered with the recent announcement of \$70,000 in funding from the Water Corporation's 2021/2022 Local Government Urban Canopy Grant Program.

Administered by WALGA, the funding will be used to increase tree canopy cover across a number of parks and reserves in Forrestfield and Wattle Grove.

The funding complements the City's \$200,000 annual urban tree planting program and will see the City plant more than 200 advanced native trees at Lincoln Park, Edinburgh Reserve, Connaught Street Reserve and Crumpet Creek in Forrestfield.

A further 80 ornamental species will be planted at Foxton Park, High Wycombe.

Once complete, local communities will benefit from additional shade that will help to reduce local ambient air

temperatures and create more liveable spaces for residents.

The City has a long history of showcasing significant regard for the environment and continues to prioritise environmental protection.

Over the last 22 years, the City has given away more than 220,000 plants through its Plants for Residents program. This year's plant collection day was Saturday, 29 May 2021 at the Woodlupine Family and Community Centre, Forrestfield with 13,000 native plants handed out to residents.

For more information on the City's commitment to the environment including local programs, projects and initiatives visit kalamunda.wa.gov.au.

LED Street Lighting Upgrade

The City initiated scoping and design of street light upgrades with Western Power with upgrade works rolling out over the coming months along the City's Distributor A roads.

Over 600 lights on roads like Hale Road will be upgraded.

This will save money for the City in the long term as the electricity tariff will reduce, and we'll also see benefits from reduced carbon dioxide equivalent emissions.

Woodlupine Brook Update

The Woodlupine Brook Living Stream project is moving ahead with the City committing \$700,000 in the 2021/2022 Budget for improvements.

The program of works includes improved storm water management, flood future proofing, revegetation and endemic planting programs, new pedestrian and cyclist access and improved public amenities including new seating, art and interpretive signage

These latest works will take us one step closer to completing the project which started back in 2016.

Tonkin Highway Update

The City will continue to work with Main Roads WA as they undertake traffic modelling, environmental management, stormwater planning, and the many stages of design for this large project.

Within the City's area it includes major upgrades at the Hale Road intersection and Welshpool Road East intersection, with the final intersection format still to be determined.

We requested further review of the access arrangements for the Tonkin and Hale intersections and no further changes are expected.

Construction timing is still to be confirmed but is likely 2022 or beyond.

Enquiries on the project should be directed in the first instance to Main Roads WA on 138 138 or online via: mainroads.wa.gov.au.



Volunteers Wanted

The Woodlupine Family and Community Centre is looking for welcoming and friendly volunteers to help run the Seniors Coffee Lounge.

A small team of dedicated volunteers have been running the Coffee Lounge for more than a decade and are now looking for new faces to join the friendly, dynamic team.

If you would like to volunteer, please download and complete the volunteer application form and volunteer national police check application form available on the City's website at kalamunda.wa.gov.au

North Ward

Cr Thomas

Cr Blair

Cr Ritchie



Central Mall Upgrade To Commence

The Central Mall Streetscape Upgrade is moving ahead with works planned to start before the end of 2021.

Concept designs (pictured below) were adopted by Council in March following extensive community engagement returning strong support for the project which will transform Central Mall into the heart of Kalamunda's night time economy, delivering an intimate and vibrant urban experience.

Mayor Margaret Thomas said it had been an incredible journey of consulting with

the community.

"It's a big achievement for everyone involved to see our vision starting to come to fruition," Cr Thomas said.

"This is an exciting project which will revitalise Central Mall as the heart of the Kalamunda Town Centre. Like many, I am looking forward to seeing Central Mall be transformed into a vibrant shared space for people to gather and also enjoy local community events."

For project updates and milestones visit kalamunda.wa.gov.au.



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Volunteers Wanted for Perth Hills Visitor Centre

Passionate about where you live? Want to share your local knowledge with visitors to the area?

Why not consider volunteering at the Perth Hills Visitor Centre, Kalamunda. You will meet and greet visitors from near and far, helping them to get the most out of their visit to the Perth Hills.

For more information and an application form, call 9257 9998.

New Stirk Park Playground and Skate Park One Step Closer

The City has allocated \$316,000 in the 2021/22 Budget to undertake detail design of the skate park and playground, kicking off the improvements at Stirk Park.

Back in 2018, the City adopted the Stirk Park Master Plan, which includes the development of a new playground and a skate park to replace the existing facility on Canning Road. These components were identified as being priority items for the community. Since then, further community engagement and concept planning has been undertaken, which were endorsed by Council in August 2020. The City has applied to Lotterywest for funding of the \$3million upgrade. Watch this space for updates!

Kalamunda History Village Welcomes Visitors Again

The Kalamunda History Village opened its doors to visitors in June after a five-month hiatus to allow for repairs at its Old Post Office and the Chambers House building.

Kalamunda and Districts Historical Society President Jenny Lewis said, "It is with pleasure the Historical Society welcomes back visitors to History Village. Thank you so much to all our dedicated volunteers who have worked so hard. Thank you to the City and their contractors for the empathetic repairs of these 100 year old buildings."

Entry is \$8 for adults, \$6 for concession and \$4 for children over five with access via the Zig Zag Cultural Centre, 50 Railway Road, Kalamunda.

Zig Zag Scenic Drive Open To Vehicles During Day

The City has reopened the Zig Zag Scenic Drive during the day for a 12-month trial.

In April, Council endorsed the City's recommendation to re-open the one-way road from 11am to 8.30pm each day.

IN 2020, the City had been forced to close the site, following ongoing antisocial behaviour, hooning and other illegal acts – particularly in the evening.

Mayor Margaret Thomas said success of the trial will depend on the behaviour of those who wish to visit the site. It's a timely reminder we all need to do the right thing. I call on community members to heed this advice.

Early mornings will be reserved for pedestrians and people wishing to access the Zig Zag for exercise such as running and cycling. This access has been highly valued by the community during the temporary closure.

The City will monitor vehicle activity and user behaviour across the 12-month trial and provide a report to Council detailing its findings.



Throughout the trial, gates will be opened to vehicles at 11am each day and security will close the gates each evening at 8.30pm. They will then drive the Zig Zag to direct people out before locking the exit gate.

Pavilion For Koster Oval

The City is preparing to upgrade the Pat Moran Pavilion at Koster Oval with works including unisex changerooms, a universally accessible toilet and storage areas for the Kalamunda Cricket Club, Kalamunda and Districts Junior Football Club and Kalamunda Lesmurdie Little Athletics Club. This facility upgrade is part of the City's stimulus package delivering changerooms for female sports participants. Additional project funding was received through the State Government's Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund and local clubs.



Black Spot Funding - Railway Road

The City has received Black Spot funding to upgrade and install a roundabout at the intersection of Railway Road and Elizabeth Street.

The City will provide more information as the project start date approaches in 2022.

Maida Vale Reserve Funding for New Sports Floodlighting

The City has received just under \$150,000 through the State Government's Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Funding (CSRFF) to implement new sporting floodlighting on the eastern playing fields at Maida Vale Reserve.

The new lights will replace the existing towers that provide lighting to a limited area of the ground.

This will significantly improve training conditions for the Kalamunda United Football Club and Western Australian Christian Football Association.



South East Ward

Cr Stallard
Cr Giardina
Cr Sewell



Walliston Transfer Station Upgrade

The City has kicked off its 20-year licence renewal improvements at the Walliston Transfer Station.

The facility and amenity upgrades include new road access, improved safety, more user-friendly drop off points for separated waste and planning for a new community re-use shop.

The City got things underway with work starting on the new access road off Lawnbrook Road in April. The sub-base has since been sprayed to protect it

through winter with plans to lay asphalt down the track.

The City's staged improvements for the Walliston Transfer Station will continue into 2023 and once complete will deliver improved access to the facility for customers and clearer site movement.

For more information on the City's planned improvements including a re-use shop, visit kalamunda.wa.gov.au.

City Trials Smart Bin At Lesmurdie Falls

The City is trialling a revolutionary smart bin at Lesmurdie Falls.

The NatSales FinBin holds up to seven times more ordinary waste than a traditional 240L rubbish bin and will be in place for a six-week trial to gather data for the City's Waste Services team.

The CitySolar smart bin uses the sun's energy to power an internal compactor which compacts the rubbish at the point of disposal which significantly increases its capacity, reducing overflow issues.

The smart system also increases operational efficiency with sensors triggering alerts

and notifications when the unit is near capacity. The reduced requirement for visual maintenance has the added benefit of reducing the City's carbon footprint by keeping vehicles off the road.

The City is committed to delivering the actions and outcomes highlighted in the recently launched Kalamunda Advancing - Strategic Community Plan 2021 - 2031 embedding innovation wherever possible.

The FinBin features images of native animals on three panels and is located down the steps from the main carpark at Lesmurdie Falls until mid-August 2021.



Reading For The Win

Avid reader Lucia Pownall won a VIP Scribblers Festival Experience, iPad and signed book pack following a trip to Lesmurdie Library!

Lucia found a golden feather - one of only five hidden in participating libraries around the State - in a copy of Andrew Zurcher's *The Giant's Almanac* during one of her frequent library visits.

In addition to the five golden feathers another 20 silver and 15,000 white feathers were hidden in the 130 registered WA libraries.



Ray Owen Reserve Redevelopment

As part of the State Government's COVID-19 Recovery Plan, the City received \$5 million towards the redevelopment and expansion of Ray Owen Reserve.

Planned improvements include a new oval, sports lighting and investigations into a new water source.

The works will also complement the State Government's redevelopment of the Lesmurdie Primary School, by creating a new joint use sporting space for the school and community. These projects were identified in the Ray Owen Master Plan which was created in 2015.

In addition, the City will be undertaking construction of Stage 1 of the carparking masterplan to increase carparking

availability and make the area more pedestrian friendly.

The redevelopment works complement the City's economic stimulus package to provide unisex changerooms for female sports participants across the City, by providing new unisex changerooms at Ray Owen Pavilion.

The project supports the Kalamunda & Districts Football Club, Lesmurdie Mazenod Cricket Club, Lesmurdie Mazenod Junior Cricket Club and Mazenod Junior Football Clubs.

The City will continue to advocate for further State and Federal Government funding towards the remaining projects identified within the Master Plan.

Conservation Mentor Named Local Hero

Long-standing member of the Piesse Brook Friends Group and mentor to new (and old) volunteers, Ken Patterson was recently named one of the City's Senior Community Local Heroes.

Ken often spends up to four hours a day scouring the bush and eradicating weed species as he finds them, wears a personal locator beacon as safety is always a priority. Keep up the great work Ken!



Black Spot Funding - Canning Rd

The City has received Australian Black Spot funding to undertake safety improvements along Canning Road - between Glenisla Road and Welshpool Road East.

The improvements include shoulder widening and protection or removal of road side hazards.

Although the funding is targeted at vehicles, the improvements will also provide more room for cyclists to ride on the road shoulder.

#KalamundaThriving

After more than 12-months of COVID-19 ups and downs, we're excited to launch Kalamunda Thriving - a campaign that shines a light on local people and businesses.

The campaign is rolling out on the City's social media platforms using #KalamundaThriving.

To share your good news - send your stories to enquiries@kalamunda.wa.gov.au, tag us on social media (@cityofkalamunda) and use the campaign hashtag.

Senior Cyclists Heading To Perth Hills

Older cyclists are on their way to Kalamunda with the City named as a host for the 2021 Australian Masters Games' (AMG) cycling leg.

Now in its 18th year, this is the first time cycling is on the program and is expected to be a massive drawcard - particularly with locals!

Only those aged 30 and above can participate in the Games with five categories divided by gender and age, with brackets for those aged 30 to 39, 40 to 49, 50 to 59, 60 to 69, and 70 plus.

It is expected the Games will stimulate the City's tourism industry when it kicks off in October.

It's a great opportunity to showcase our City to visiting athletes and highlight the amazing Perth Hills.

The AMG will run from October 9 to 16 across Perth. For more information visit australianmastersgames.com



Friends Groups

Get involved in your local environment by joining a Friends Group!

There are currently 47 Friends Groups operating in the City helping to maintain City-vested reserves and bushland.

If you're keen to get involved and want to know more contact the City's Environment Friends Group Officer on 9257 9809.

North West Ward

Cr Cooper

Cr O'Connor

Cr Bilich



Dogs Local Law 2021

In April, the City adopted the Dogs Local Law 2021.

So, if you've got a furry friend - take a peek and get up to speed with details regarding things like the impounding of dogs and the number of dogs you can keep.

The updated law also provides guidance around areas where dogs are allowed including dog exercise areas but also, where they're not allowed!

Head online to kalamunda.wa.gov.au to find out more.

Scott Reserve Improvements To Start Rolling Out

As part of the City's economic stimulus package to provide unisex changerooms for female sports participants across the City, a transportable unisex changeroom has been installed at Scott Reserve.

The transportable changeroom will assist the High Wycombe Amateur Football Club, High Wycombe Junior Football Club and High Wycombe Cricket Club in providing for their players.

Focus now switches to providing a permanent facility with the State Government recently pledging a total of \$2 million towards the Scott Reserve Masterplan. This funding will assist in delivering one of the major aspects identified in the Scott Reserve Master Plans. The City will continue to advocate for additional funding to move the project forward to meet the needs of the local community.

Big Smiles At Elmore Way Dog Park

Cuteness overload!

It is all paws on deck at the City's first fully fenced dog park at Elmore Way, High Wycombe.

The dog park features two fully fenced areas for small and large dogs with each containing dog agility equipment, sand play and dig areas. Each area has two gates to slow dogs down and avoid potential conflict.

In addition, the park upgrades include new footpaths, seating, picnic shelters, drink fountains with a tippable dog bowl and extensive mature tree planting.

If you're keen to check out the park here's a few things to consider:

- Although the park is for everyone, dogs that are not very social and/or have aggressive tendencies should

avoid the enclosures - these doggos walk to the beat of their own drum and don't need other dogs in their face or space!

- Does your doggo come back when called? If not, spend some time practising recall before hitting the dog park - good voice control means you and your furry pal will have the best time when exploring the park and you won't have to worry about your four-legged mate ignoring you!
- Make sure you pick up after your doggo - especially when visiting the park. Bags and bins are provided.
- Make sure your dog is microchipped and registered with the City.
- Report any incidents to the City's Community Safety team on 9257 9999.

Roe Highway Roadworks

The City will be liaising closely with Main Roads WA as the finishing touches are put on the Roe Highway/Kalamunda Road Interchange project. The City has spent a lot of time overseeing traffic management plans, given the extensive detours needed to help reduce impacts to residents and City visitors.

Works started mid-June on the nearby new roundabout at the Maida Vale Road-Roe Highway off ramp. Project completion is expected by end-September and will include new pavement treatments on all approaches along with drainage and street-lighting upgrades.

Kalamunda Road (Roe Hwy to Cyril Rd) Design Only

Funds have been allocated in the 2021-2022 Budget to undertake community consultation and design of the first stage of the Kalamunda Road improvement plan between Roe Highway to Cyril Road.

Initial project scoping was carried out in 2019-2020 which identified a number of opportunities to improve both functionality and road safety for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists.

Gladys Newton Reserve Upgrade To Delight All Abilities

The City has earmarked \$150,000 in the 2021/2022 Budget for a new playground and amenity improvements at Gladys Newton Reserve.

The improvements will complement the adjacent aged care facility and meet the ongoing community desire for a vibrant, multi-purpose space that connects park users with the surrounding natural environment while providing contemporary facilities for all.

Concept drawings for the park improvements focus on nature play elements to connect with the community's environmental values and a new playground for a better experience and quality of play for all abilities.

Works are planned to kick off later this year. Keep up to date via kalamunda.wa.gov.au.



Planning Today To Meet Future Traffic Needs

The City is working with the 'Greater Connect Alliance' team, comprising Main Roads WA with Laing O'Rourke, AECOM and Arcadis to ensure future traffic needs for the area are understood.

This alliance will undertake design and build of a project that includes two significant changes for the City.

The first is the Abernethy Road upgrade to deliver a four lane road north of Grogan Road to the City's northern boundary at Adelaide Street. Part funded through the Federal Government, this upgrade is needed to meet future traffic demand to accommodate local freight and logistics.

The second change will see Adelaide Street connected from Abernethy Road to Stirling Crescent, and built to Restricted Access Vehicle standards to provide for traffic from the Hazelmere area.

The timing of works inside the City's boundaries will be determined by the Greater Connect Alliance team in consideration of the overall scope of the project.

Construction on the Great Eastern Highway Bypass Interchange Project is planned to kick off later this year/early 2022. Funded through both State and Federal governments, planned works will see the upgrade of two major interchanges on Great Eastern Highway Bypass at Roe Highway and Abernethy Road.

Project enquiries should be directed to Main Roads WA on 138 138, or online via mainroads.wa.gov.au.



High Wycombe Train Station

Track laying for Metronet's Airport Line is more than 95 per cent complete.

On the ground, the road network in and around the new station is moving ahead and crews have started work on the concrete garden beds and forecourt paving.

Fixed furniture and carpentry installation within the Station buildings are complete, and all lighting on the outside of the buildings is in place.

With construction on the home stretch, the next phase is testing and commissioning, as well as driver training. The line is expected to open around Easter 2022. For latest news visit forrestfieldairportlink.wa.gov.au.



Making Recycling Easier

The City has made recycling easier for residents with the installation of two new recycle stations High Wycombe Library and High Wycombe Village Shopping Centre.

The new stations complement existing recycling hubs currently in place at Hawaiian's Forrestfield and the City's Administration Building. Find out more about the City's waste management and other local recycling initiatives via kalamunda.wa.gov.au.

City Working To Finalise Transit Oriented Development Plan

The City is continuing to work with consultants, Element, to fine tune the draft Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Precinct Activity Centre Structure Plan (ACSP), for the area east of the train station to Milner Road.

To help move this along, the City meets regularly with teams from both METRONET and DevelopmentWA to ensure alignment between the ACSP, the draft Redevelopment Scheme, Strategy, and Precinct Design Guidelines being prepared by DevelopmentWA.

Next steps: The City anticipates the Structural Plan will go to public advertising later this year.

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Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

The City is constantly looking for ways to reduce its environmental footprint and one easy solution is to reuse materials when ever possible.

With this in mind, the City has been working on a number of park upgrades in recent months which have benefitted from approximately 55 tons of locally salvaged rocks and logs.

Here's the breakdown:

Elmore Way, High Wycombe: Some 20 tons of locally salvaged rocks and logs were used in the two doggy sand play areas (below).



Lincoln Reserve, Forrestfield: About 20 tons of locally salvaged rocks and logs used for the flying fox mound nature play area (below).



Meloway Reserve, Maida Vale: Around 15 tons of locally salvaged rocks and logs used for the playground's softfall boundary.

Want to know more about the City's projects and planned amenity improvements head to kalamunda.wa.gov.au.



Local Volunteers Help Make National Tree Planting Day A Great Success

The City's Environment Team braved the rain and cold weather for the 25th Planet Ark National Tree Planting Day at Jorgenson Park.

The team was joined by 17 local Friends Group members and other community volunteers.

Mayor Margaret Thomas said more than 1500 native plants were planted in just over 90 minutes before the rain set in.

"Special thanks to Kalamunda Toyota for donating their BBQ trailer and supplying the sausages and buns as a thank you to volunteers," Cr Thomas said.

"These community events are always popular with people keen to improve habitat values for local wildlife, their efforts make a real difference."

Started in 1996, National Tree Planting Day has grown into Australia's largest community tree planting and nature protection event which aims to plant one million new trees, shrubs and grasses each year with about 300,000 people

volunteering their time across Australia.

The City has a long history of showcasing significant regard for the environment and continues to champion environmental protection and enhancement of City managed assets.

Working closely with the Kalamunda Environmental Advisory Committee, the City has progressed and developed four key environmental oriented strategies - Environmental Land Use Planning Strategy, Local Environment Strategy, Draft Biodiversity Strategy and the Draft Urban Forrest Strategy - each offering an array of actions that seek to protect, expand and enhance the City's natural environment.

In addition, over the last 22 years the City has given away more than 220,000 plants through its Plants for Residents program.

For more information on the City's commitment to the environment including how to join your local Friends Group visit kalamunda.wa.gov.au or call 9257 9999.

Library's Sustainable Energy Solution

As part of the City's ongoing commitment to investing in sustainable infrastructure, we recently installed solar panels at the Kalamunda Library.

Mayor Margaret Thomas said the new solar panels will offset a substantial amount of the power required to run the library, reducing the City's carbon emissions and electricity costs.

"Based on current offset calculations, the City will reduce its carbon footprint by 42 tonnes every year through this project alone," Cr Thomas said.

In addition, the solar panels will provide savings of more than \$15,000 on the City's annual power bill.



Image supplied by DNX Energy.

Environment Focus: Protecting and Enhancing

The City is continuing to focus on the following activities and programs to positively impact on the environment. All are underpinned by the ongoing rollout of our Kalamunda Clean and Green Local Environment Strategy 2019-2029.

- ✓ Environment Land Use Planning Strategy implemented
- ✓ Planting more street trees
- ✓ More drought tolerant plant species for parks and reserves and via our plants for residents program



Cool local areas and act as carbon sinks

- ✓ Ongoing large scale solar farm investigation
- ✓ Roll out of solar PV panels on Council-run facilities and policy to provide funding support for lessees of community buildings to implement solar PV panels and battery storage on their buildings



Reduced demand for greenhouse gas generating electricity supply

- ✓ Low energy fitouts in new community facilities
- ✓ Commencing conversion of 6,800+ streetlights from high energy gas discharge lamps to lower energy LED lamps



Reduced demand for greenhouse gas generating electricity supply

- ✓ Development of programs to reduce reliance on drinking water for irrigation



Watercorp Accredited Waterwise Council 10+ years in recognition of our efforts to conserve drinking water in response to much lower supply

- ✓ Kerbside landfill waste diverted to a purpose built waste-to-energy plant
- ✓ Implementation of Bushfire Mitigation practices
- ✓ Development of planning schemes and policies that recognise, in part, the impacts that climate change may have



1. Reduction of methane and other global warming gases
2. Reduction of fire risk and impact on community
3. Improved liveability and amenity

Yellow Bin Sticker Reminder

Are you unsure of what items should be placed in your yellow-lid recycle bin?

Fear not, we've got you covered!

Recycle bin stickers are available to place on your recycle bin.

You can now collect a sticker from one of the following locations:

- City of Kalamunda Administration
- Kalamunda Library
- Forrestfield Library
- Lesmurdie Library
- High Wycombe Library



The City of Kalamunda is committed to providing our community members with opportunities to be informed, participate, engage and contribute to issues affecting you and your City.

Register to join the conversation at engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au

New Resources Help Animal Owners Better Prepare for Emergencies

The City has created two mixed-media videos detailing ways to keep pets and livestock safe in emergency situations. The informative videos are aimed at reducing the likelihood of people finding themselves in an emergency without a plan for their animals.

After personal and family safety, pets and livestock are of highest concern in an emergency.

Evidence from recent emergency events shows a lot of people will put themselves at risk to rescue their animals.

With this in mind, we have created these resources to better prepare owners and ensure their four-legged, feathered or slithering friends are part of their emergency planning.

The short videos star cartoon animals – a pet dog and a large horse – in real settings with each highlighting specific things people need to consider or think about when preparing for an emergency depending on their animal's size.

Most of what's discussed is common sense but thinking ahead will ensure you have everything you need to keep your animal safe and comfortable.

The videos includes prompts like gathering food, carry cages, water bowls, medications and bedding along with vaccination and registration certificates, microchip papers and photos and asks owners to think about what they will do if there's time and what happens if there's not.

The two videos are available online via: youtube.com/cityofkalamunda.





Make Someone's Day Leave The Bay

Whether it's stopping to pick up kids, grabbing a quick coffee or ducking into the shops for five minutes - misuse by people parking in ACROD bays without a permit happens all too often.

But beware - illegally parking in an ACROD bay comes with a \$500 on the spot fine! So avoid the fine and park right, day and night and keep the ACROD parking bays clear for those that really need it. Doing the right thing helps make everyone's day brighter.

Could You Be Our Next Youth and Community Assistant?

Each year the City recruits a recent school leaver to join our Youth Services team for a one-year, part time, paid opportunity.

The successful candidate will learn what it's like to work in a professional environment, assist in the development of programs and events, and share their knowledge of current youth trends and opportunities to keep the team connected with the local community.

Applications open in October 2021. If you want to know more - call the Youth Services Team on 9257 9968 or email youth@kalamunda.wa.gov.au.



Nominate a LOCAL HERO today

Celebrate those people within our community who give so much to help others!

engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/local-heroes



2021 Young Artist Awards

These awards offer young, up-and-coming artists aged 11 - 25 the opportunity to feature in a professional exhibition at the Zig Zag Gallery!

This year's theme is 'Our Stories' and entries close Friday 20 August 2021. Those selected for the exhibition, go in the running to share in over \$1300 of awards/prizes!

Want to know more? Call the Youth Services Team on 9257 9968 or email youth@kalamunda.wa.gov.au.



Zig Zag Early Years Partnership

Did you know the City assists this group of passionate community members, early childhood educators, service providers and health practitioners in supporting families by hosting early years (0-8) information sessions and events like Pop Up Play?

Want to know more or join the partnership? Call the Youth Services Team on 9257 9968 or email youth@kalamunda.wa.gov.au.



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.

Would you like to gift your knowledge, skills, talents and experiences in a meaningful way? Kalamunda WayFairers connects the Kalamunda community and helps end social isolation.

If you or anyone you know would like to get involved and become a WayFairer, call the Community Development Team on 9257 9999.

Stay Healthy, Stay Local - Hartfield Park Recreation Centre

Ladies Social Netball

The Semester 2 Ladies Social Netball Competition at Hartfield Park Recreation Centre is now open for team and individual nominations! Got a little one at home? Get in quick - the Friday morning competition has a free creche option for participants! Want to know more? Call 9359 1700 or visit kalamunda.wa.gov.au/recreation.



Another focus is learning breathing and relaxation exercises while bonding with bub! Ready to get started? Call 9359 1700 or visit kalamunda.wa.gov.au/recreation.

Movers & Groovers

Movers & Groovers is a fantastic new Junior Program at Hartfield Park Recreation Centre that gets young children dancing! The program starts at 9:15am every Friday during the school term and is for kids aged 18months to 5 years! Ready to get moving? Call 9359 1700 or visit kalamunda.wa.gov.au/recreation.



Mums & Bubs Yoga

Hartfield Park Recreation Centre's Mums & Bubs Yoga program offers a gentle yoga

class for new mothers to assist them regain core strength and strengthen pelvic floor muscles.

Volleyball

Local volleyball participation is at an all-time high! The Junior Volleyball



program at Hartfield Park Recreation Centre consistently sees more than 25 participants every Thursday! Due to its popularity, an additional Junior Volleyball program will be introduced in Term 3, 2021. Interested? Call 9359 1700 or visit kalamunda.wa.gov.au/recreation.

Jump Start

Hartfield Park Recreation Centre's Hart-Fit studio now has a unique 10-week progressive youth fitness program that matches the school term for youth in high school (years 7 to 11). As well as learning lifelong fitness and strength skills, participants learn how to use weights and kettle bells along with boxing and suspension training techniques plus loads more! If you want to know more - call 9359 1700 or visit kalamunda.wa.gov.au/recreation.



Your Feedback Needed

Have Your Say
the City of Kalamunda has released the Draft Business Case for a New Aquatic Facility for public comment.

Comments close: 5pm, Friday 8 October 2021

In 2019, the City engaged consultants to work with the community, stakeholders and visitors to better understand current and emerging needs for a modern aquatic facility in the region.

The consultation recognised the City's existing aquatic facility - Kalamunda Water Park - has been an iconic and much-loved venue for more than 50 years but posed the question - what's next?

More than 600 people provided feedback on location, amenities and accessibility via targeted community workshops, meetings and surveys. This engagement has resulted in the creation of a Draft Business Case For a New Aquatic Facility which identifies two preferred options:

- » Kalamunda Water Park (Option 1A)
- » A new Foothills Aquatic Facility, located adjacent to the High Wycombe Train Station.

PLEASE NOTE: The Business Case acknowledges that if two facilities are not feasible then only the Foothills Aquatic Facility should be developed.

YOUR VIEWS WILL HELP SHAPE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

To have your say - please read the Draft Business Case for a New Aquatic Facility - downloadable from engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au or hard copies are available at our Administration Building and Libraries.

For more information, to obtain hard copies of the survey or to make a submission, contact:

Phone: (08) 9257 9999 **Email** enquiries@kalamunda.wa.gov.au

Post: PO Box 42, Kalamunda WA 6926 **In Person** 2 Railway Road Kalamunda WA 6076

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Rates Explained



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**Have you ever wondered how your Rates are calculated?
Here's a list of Frequently Asked Questions**

How are Rates calculated?

The rates paid on residential property are calculated based on the operating requirements of the Local Government. The rates you pay are a proportionate share of what is needed by the Local Government to provide local services and facilities. That is, if your home has greater potential rental return than your neighbours, you will pay a higher share of the total rates budgeted by Council.

How are Rates applied?

The Local Government applies a rate in the dollar that is multiplied by the valuation to obtain the rate amount for each property. Please note that a Gross Rental Valuation (GRV) is applied generally in town sites and suburbs and an Unimproved Valuation (UV) is applied in rural areas.

What can make Rates go up?

Rates can also increase if your property increases in potential rental value faster than others in your area. For example, if you make improvements to your home that increase its rental value then your share of rates will increase. However, changes to property values that affect the whole market – such as times of boom and recession – do not directly affect rates as the comparative value between neighbouring properties remains the same.

Your rates can increase if the Local Government requires more funds to provide local services and facilities. For example increases to wages and materials costs or if it builds new facilities or adds new services. Local Governments budgets and consequently funds required through rates are also affected by changes to charges by other sectors of Government such as electricity pricing.

Why don't Rates go down when there is a drop in the property market?

This is because your rates are not directly linked to movements in the property market – only the value of your property in comparison with your neighbours. If rates were directly linked to the property market then rates would be far greater than currently. Using each Local Government's budget as the starting point for setting the amount of rates required, protects ratepayers from increases that are not directly aligned with the provision of services.

What if I disagree with my Rates?

There are two options to object or appeal your rates:

- » Under the Local Government Act 1995 you have 42 days from the time the rates notice is issued to appeal your rates if you believe there is an error with the rate record. If you do decide to query your rates you must still pay the full amount while it is being reviewed.
- » You can also appeal how the value of your property was calculated. This against the Gross Rental Value (GRV), generally for suburbs or town sites, or the Unimproved Value (UV) for rural properties, determined by the Valuer General and as mentioned previously sets your share of what the Council requires. Your annual valuation is included on the rates notice. If you believe this is too high you can challenge this, for further information, visit the Landgate website.

What is the Emergency Services Levy?

The State Government requires Councils to collect the Emergency Services Levy from ratepayers. The funds raised go to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services. The funds do not go to Councils and the rate charged is not set by Councils.

Do pensioners get a discount on Rates?

Pensioners with a valid seniors' or concession card are entitled to rates reductions depending on their status on Council rates, water charges and the Emergency Services Levy. The State Government caps the rebate to pensioners at 50% of their rates up to \$750.

Do I have to pay my Rates all at once?

Councils understand that sometimes people experience financial hardship which makes it difficult to meet all of their financial commitments when they are due. Please contact a Council Rates Officer to arrange a suitable payment arrangement to settle the rates debt by the end of the financial year.

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