



BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Ernest Johnson Reserve upgrade
\$8.885 million is allocated in this budget for the continuation of the development and implementation of the Ernest Johnson Reserve upgrade, a key initiative in the City's Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Plan.

Stage one is under way and on track for completion by the end of 2017. This stage sees the construction of a purpose built, integrated facility providing a modern home for multiple users including community groups such as Scouts, Girl Guides and playgroups as well as sporting clubs and other groups.

Stage two will commence in early 2018 and include new irrigation, the relocation of cricket practice wickets, Little Athletics throwing circles and long jump pit, new synthetic cricket pitches, new playground and a social area. Tree planting will commence during this stage, providing additional shade for the new facility, playground, seating and picnic areas.

Connect South
The recent opening of Elizabeth Quay on the northern foreshore of the river has linked the Perth Central Business District to the Swan River. The Connect South project presents a similar opportunity through the development of an accessible and highly attractive gateway to Mends Street, the Perth Zoo and greater South Perth.

Connect South is a \$7.5 million major project to enhance and invigorate the Mends Street precinct and foreshore area by creating a positive environment, both economically and socially. The project has grown from the South Perth Foreshore Strategy and Management Plan which identifies Node 1: Mends Street as a key area to redevelop. It is focused on improving public amenity via place activation, improved wayfinding and access to transport.

In October 2016, the City successfully secured \$2.5 million in Federal funding from the National Stronger Regions Fund (NSRF) to match the City's contribution of \$5 million over two financial years.

\$864,520 is allocated in the 2017/2018 budget for stage one; Mends Street, the Piazza and the Esplanade. The City will work with local traders, Perth Zoo and the wider community, taking into account the outcomes of the recent South Perth Station Precinct Place and Design Forum, to inform the design concept for stage one.

South Perth Station Precinct
The South Perth Station Precinct Plan aims to create a vibrant, attractive business location featuring a rich choice of employment, public transport options, pedestrian friendly tree-lined streets, with reminders of South Perth's heritage.

The City has been working on a place and design study for the South Perth Station Precinct, in collaboration with community members and other stakeholders, the outcomes of which are presented in the South Perth Peninsula Place + Design Report.

\$350,000 has been budgeted in the 2017/2018 financial year towards the implementation of recommendations from this report, central to which is the preparation of an Activity Centre Plan for the Precinct and immediate surrounding area. The Activity Centre Plan will comprehensively address built form, public realm, place management, economic, traffic and infrastructure issues.

Salter Point and Waterford masterplan and lagoon study
\$120,000 is allocated this year to the Salter Point and Waterford Foreshore Management Plan which aims to balance the recreational uses and development of the foreshore areas from Salter Point to Waterford with the need for environmental protection. These estuarine wetlands are an important place of habitat for native fauna, containing many species of vegetation.

An additional \$21,000 will fund the lagoon study to gain a greater understanding of the Salter Point lagoon and the algal blooms experienced in recent years.



Catchment 106 - Ley Street & Downey Drive
This \$500,000 project aims to increase the capacity of the existing drainage network within Catchment 106 to mitigate frequent localised flooding on the north east corner of the intersection of Ley Street and Downey Drive in Manning.



Important information for pensioners and seniors

The WA state government has recently changed the way that pensioner and seniors rate rebates are calculated.

- To be eligible for a concession, an applicant must be
- the owner and reside in the property on 1 July of the rates year; and
 - in receipt of a pension or hold a valid Pensioner Concession Card or State Concession Card; or
 - in receipt of a valid Senior's Card or Commonwealth Seniors Health Care Card.

From 1 July 2016, the rates rebate available to eligible pensioners was capped at a maximum of \$750. Pensioners may apply to defer those rates.

From 1 July 2017, the rebates for Seniors Card holders on local government rates will be capped at \$100 per household.

This is not a decision of our local government. The City does not administer the laws in regards to pensioner concessions.

Visit the City's website and check out our Rates section.



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Payment in person at the City of South Perth Civic Centre
Present this notice INTACT to the cashier at the City of South Perth Administration Centre, cnr Sandgate St & South Tce, South Perth, WA 6151

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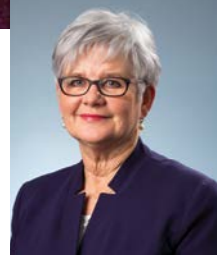
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CITY OF SOUTH PERTH BUDGET 2017-2018.





MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



THE 2017/2018 BUDGET is the result of a sustainable approach to financial management that will allow us to deliver on the themes identified through our community visioning and strategic planning process, reflecting the priorities and aspirations of the community. It ensures accountability for the use of our financial resources as well as delivering maximum community benefit from each dollar spent.

This budget provides funding for responsible governance, an extensive range of community services and capital initiatives that maintain and improve the City's infrastructure, community buildings and parklands.

Economically we face a test. The state government is implementing tough measures to repair the state's finances and this only adds to the pressure faced by those who live and work in the City.

With an allocated capital expenditure of \$19.6m, this is a fair budget which will bring some great initiatives and programmes to complement the work already commenced over the last few years.

Projects include the Ernest Johnson Reserve upgrade, the Connect South project, the South Perth Peninsula Activity Centre Plan and the Salter Point and Waterford masterplan and lagoon study. This is just a small taste of what the 2017/2018 budget will deliver.

Increases in rates over the last 20 years have been largely driven by increases in property valuations and Gross Rental Values (GRV). The rate increase for an average property in the City of South Perth for 2017/2018 is 3%.

Standard domestic rubbish service charges will increase from \$272 to \$280, which is one of the lowest of all metropolitan local governments. The charge includes weekly rubbish pick-up, fortnightly recycling collection, and two green waste and one hard waste kerbside collections a year.

The principles of business excellence continue to guide the work of the administration and Council in the 2017/2018 year. On behalf of the Council, I am proud to present the 2017/2018 Budget to our community and we look forward to working with you to make our vision for the City of South Perth a reality. ■

Sue Doherty
Sue Doherty, Mayor

How my rates are calculated

Rates for properties in the City are based on the Gross Rental Value (GRV) of the property. GRV is an independent determination of the likely annual return on a property after the deduction of rates and land taxes. Your property's GRV is supplied to the City by the State Valuer General through Landgate.

Every property within the City is valued at a date set by the Valuer General and this is referred to as the Date of Valuation. Rating valuations are therefore assessed at a 'snapshot in time' reflecting the property market for the City at this date. The GRV is calculated every three years.

GRV revaluations often result in a rate change that is higher or lower than the Council's adopted increase.

Landgate used data from 1 August 2015 to determine the 1 July 2017 valuations. GRV may be different to that which could be achieved in the current market. However, the City is required to use these values to establish the 2017/2018 rates.

A property owner may lodge an objection against the valuation of a property within 60 days of the date of issue of a rate notice. Please go to the Landgate website at www.landgate.wa.gov.au or call them on 9273 7373 for more information.

The rates are determined by applying a nominated rate in the dollar (6.5563 cents) to the GRV of each property to set the rates payable.

Rubbish Service Levy

The Rubbish Service Levy provides for weekly rubbish and fortnightly recycling services. This is supplemented by two green waste kerbside collections, one hard waste kerbside collection and three free entries to the City's Recycling Centre for all resident ratepayers per year.

Emergency Services Levy

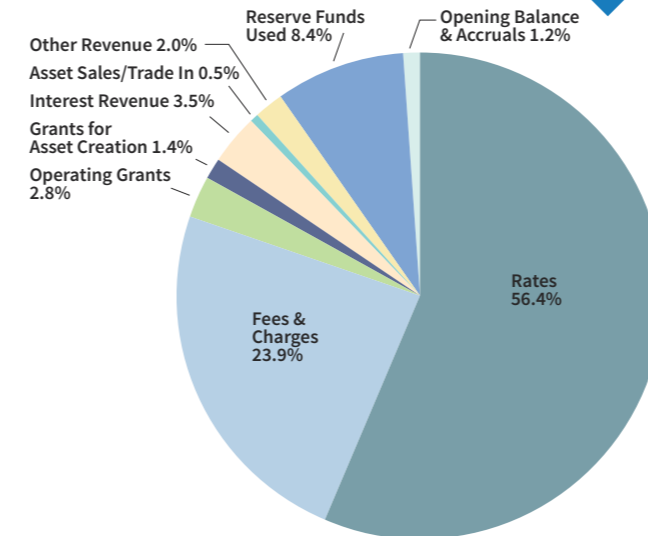
The Emergency Services Levy (ESL) is a compulsory charge for all property owners, issued by the State Government.

The ESL funds WA's fire and emergency services including fire stations, volunteer fire brigades, State Emergency Service (SES) units, the Volunteer Marine Rescue Service and the Volunteer Emergency Service units.

Local governments are required to include the levy in their rates accounts and collect it on behalf of Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

For more information contact DFES at dfes.wa.gov.au

WHERE THE FUNDS COME FROM



Where the money is spent

We believe that it is important that the community understand how their rates are being spent.

In addition to the many services and facilities that we provide, the City also advocates on your behalf to state and federal governments to secure their support and funding for larger initiatives such as a railway station, major transit routes, river walls and other essential community infrastructure.

2017/2018 ANNUAL BUDGET – WHERE THE FUNDS ARE SPENT

