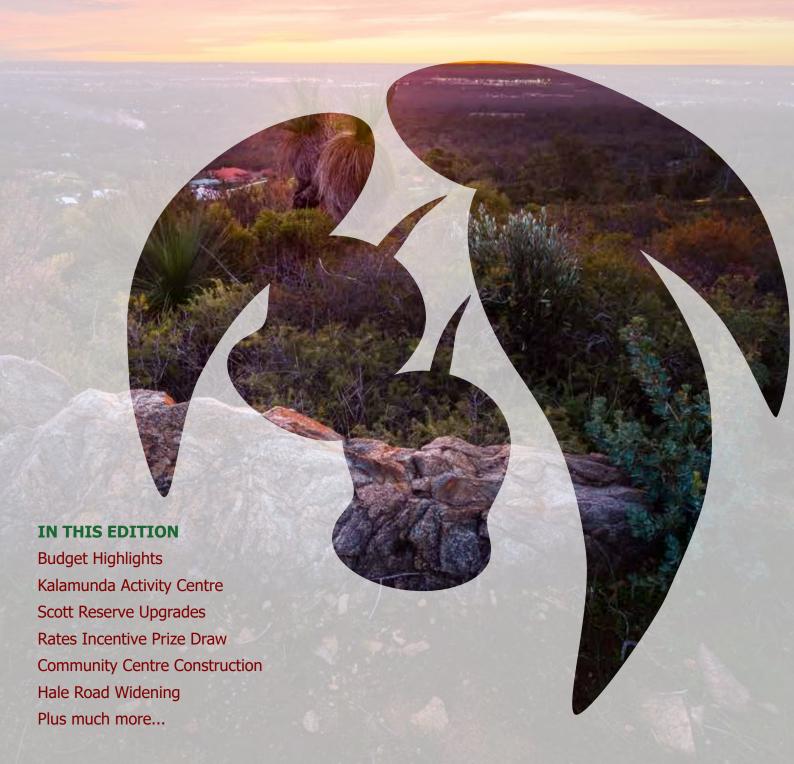
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Message from the Mayor

The City of Kalamunda's Annual Budget enables the City to deliver core services to our residents as well as planning for the future and improving key infrastructure including roads and community facilities.

The development of the Annual Budget involved comprehensive review of the City's services, facilities, economic conditions and community expectations. In setting the budget, the City utilised benchmarking against other local governments and based its budget around financial sustainability.

In setting the Budget, the City reviewed a number of economic indicators, in particular, the Local Government Cost Index (LGCI), CPI forecast Inflation Rates, interest rates and unemployment levels. The primary guide in developing the Budget was the LGCI which was reported at 1.8% for the 2019/2020 year. As a comparison the forecast CPI rate for 2019/2020 was 1.75% according to WA Treasury. The LGCI index includes:

- Road and bridge construction;
- Non-residential building costs;
- Machinery and equipment; and
- Electricity and street lighting.

The current economic climate is challenging and despite delivering a record Capital Works program of approximately \$30 Million, we managed to keep rate increases to 1.8%. In terms of the Capital Works program the City is investing \$16.2 Million in infrastructure assets, \$9.7 Million in Community Assets and \$4.1 Million in Plant, Equipment and Furniture.

Looking beyond the current year, the City is sharpening its focus on our future. With a growing population and increasing community expectations, the City is positioning itself so it can provide the facilities and



infrastructure required to support a growing community.

Innovation and improving efficiency remain core elements of the City's financial strategy. Your City will continue to strive for improved efficiency in business processes and services delivered to the community. Building on highly innovative projects such as the Managed Aquifer Recharge Project which will save the City in excess of \$300K per year. The City will continue to find new and creative ways to service our community.

Over the past few years the City has been working on improving it's financial sustainability. To this end, each local government entity is assigned a financial health index (FHI) score as determined by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, which is based on a series of financial ratios calculated on the entity's externally audited financial statements. The FHI is a score between 0 and 100, with a score above 70 indicating

a sound financial health. The City of Kalamunda has steadily improved its FHI from a low of 63 in 2012/2013 to more than 80 over the period of the long-term financial plan.



John Giardina Mayor



BUDGET EXPENDITURE 2019/2020

Areas of Expenditure for every \$100 Council receives









\$26



















CAPITAL WORKS EXPENDITURE 2019/2020



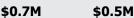
CAR PARKS & OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE \$4.0M



DRAINAGE



FOOTPATHS





FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT **\$0.9M**



LAND & BUILDINGS **\$8.3M**



PARKS & OVALS **\$1.4M**



PLANT & EQUIPMENT **\$3.3M**



ROADS

\$10.9M

MAJOR PROJECTS

PROJECT	VALUE
ROADS	Y
Mundaring Weir Road Road Widening and Sealing of Shoulders	\$1.8m
Kalamunda Road Drainage Improvements and Road Resurfacing	\$1.0m
Patterson Road Road Widening	\$0.5m
Hale Road Medians & Footpaths Welshpool Road to Tonkin Highway	\$1.0m
Maida Vale Road Roe Highway Off Ramp Roundabout	\$0.4m
Hale Road – Woolworths Drive – Hanover Street Roundabouts	\$1.0m
Other Roads In City Resurfacing, Rebuilding & Repairs	\$5.9m
Forrestfield Industrial Area New Roads	\$1.5m
DRAINAGE	
Improvements to Drainage Systems in City	\$0.7m
SPECIAL PROJECTS	$\stackrel{\wedge}{\Longrightarrow}$
Haynes Street Design & Commence Construction of Streetscape Enhancement	\$0.6m
Streetscape Enhancements Master Plans and Street Trees	\$0.3m
CYCLING PATHS & INFRASTRUCTURE	<u>@√</u> @
New Cycle Paths Wattle Grove and High Wycombe	\$0.6m
BUILDINGS	ŢŢ
Kalamunda Community Centre Commencement of Construction	\$5.5m
Various Community Buildings Facilities Improvements	\$1.5m
SPORTS, PARKS & RESERVES	000
Ray Owen Reserve & Facilities	\$0.2m
Woodlupine Brook Open Space Improvements	\$0.1m
Woodlupine Brook Living Stream Stage 3	\$0.1m
Stirk Park Master Plan Implementation: Stage 1	\$0.2m Kalai

Kalamunda Adopts Art Strategy



The City of Kalamunda has committed to enhancing community wellbeing through social and cultural opportunities with the adoption of a new Arts Strategy.

The Strategy, adopted in late June, drives activation of cultural facilities, participation in the arts, economic diversification and improvement of visual amenity in shared spaces.

Mayor John Giardina said, "Our community is passionate about culture and creativity, which is why this Strategy is so important. It's also why our community have been so heavily involved in its development. I would like to thank the Kalamunda Arts Advisory Committee, a group of dedicated community members who have led

this project and have been integral to its success."

"I would also like to thank the City of Kalamunda community, who took the time to get involved and provide input during the consultation process, ensuring we ended up with a Strategy reflecting the vision and values of our community as a whole."

The vision of the Arts
Strategy is to nurture and
grow involvement by the
community as spectators,
motivators and creators of
uplifting and transforming
activities through arts
events and experiences.
Each of these will add to
the City's visual appeal,
strengthen sense-of-place,
diversify the economy and
elevate arts practice that is
accessible, challenging and
engaging.

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North West Ward

Cr Almond Cr O'Connor Cr Lohmeyer







Scott Reserve Floodlighting to be Upgraded

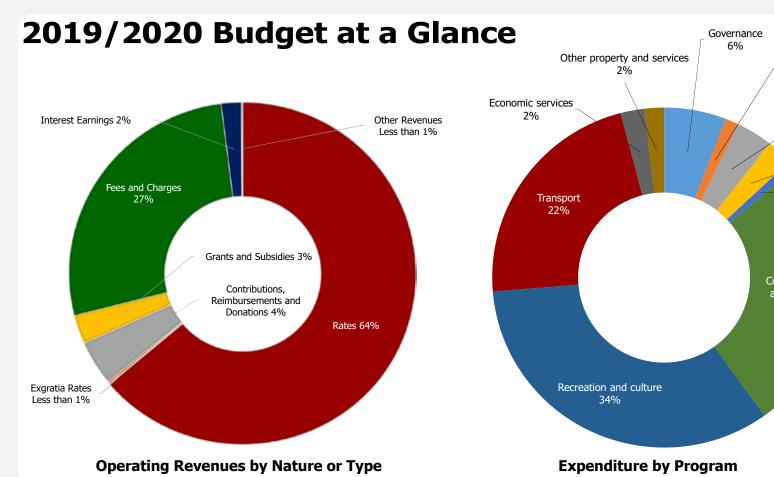


The City of Kalamunda will be upgrading the sports floodlighting on the northern playing fields at Scott Reserve.

The project will involve upgrading the main AFL playing field to enable the sporting clubs to host night matches, while the remaining area of the oval will be upgraded to training standards. The City and High Wycombe Junior Football Club were successful in securing external funding for the project including a Sport Australia grant from the federal Government, funding from the Forrestfield and High Wycombe Community Bank Branches of the Bendigo Bank, the West Australian Football Commission and High Wycombe Junior Football Club, High Wycombe Amateur Football

Club and High Wycombe Cricket Club.

The upgrades will reduce the wear and tear on the playing field by being able to spread the training load across the entire area. The project will be delivered by the City of Kalamunda and will take place this financial year.



Improved Bicycle Paths for High Wycombe

The City has received grant funding under the WA Bike Network program (from the Department of Transport), to design and deliver improved bicycle routes in the south western corner of High Wycombe.

The routes were identified in the City's Bicycle Plan, adopted in 2017. In the Plan, a series of paths and on-road cycling facilities were proposed, connecting Kiandra Way, Newburn Road and Palmer Crescent, ultimately to connect to Maida Vale Road and the new train station.

This is an exciting project for the City and the community, as it includes a proposed Safe Active Street. The City will undertake extensive community consultation on this idea before any decision is made.

Safe Active Streets are a new concept for Western Australia



although they are more common in Europe and USA where they are known as Bike Boulevards.

Safe Active Streets are designed to create a very low speed environment for normal vehicles. This means it becomes much safer for people riding bicycles to ride along the street and leads to closer and more active communities, a safer road environment and

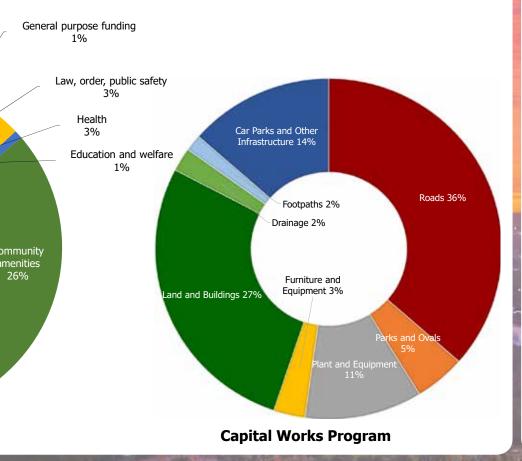
environmental benefits. Examples of this can be seen in Shakespeare Street Mount Hawthorn, Jenkins Avenue Nedlands, and Leake Street Bayswater.

Concepts will be released for the community to provide feedback later in 2019. To stay up to date visit www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au

Infrastructure Improvements

More than \$200,000 worth of footpath upgrades will be undertaken in the City of Kalamunda, including upgrades to Ollie Worrell and Larwood Crescent in High Wycombe. We will also see \$200,000 in road improvements at Hawkevale Road, with the asphalt works to be undertaken this financial year.

Wheels are in motion to improve road user safety at the Roe Highway off-ramp to Maida Vale Road. Over \$300,000 in funding has been allocated through the State Black Spot Program. Improvements will include the installation of a roundabout, which is expected to reduce the likelihood and severity of collisions. Detailed design is underway, with construction expected to commence mid-2020.



North Ward

Cr Thomas
Cr Blair
Cr Ritchie







Kalamunda Activity Centre Plan

The City of Kalamunda is inviting comment on the draft vision for the future of the Kalamunda Town Centre, outlined in the Kalamunda Activity Centre Plan (KACP).

The City is progressing an Activity Centre Plan for Kalamunda to ensure any new subdivision or development aligns with the envisaged design framework and character of development for the area and to assist the City with coordinating improvements over the next 10 years.

The activity centre planning process explores the needs of the diverse range of people interacting with the Town Centre in different ways, as well as various policy and planning requirements.

The draft 'Place Vision' in the plan states, "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.

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."

Comments close Thursday 8 August 2019.

For more information go to engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au.

Aquatic Facility Study

In the 2019/2020 financial year the City of Kalamunda will be undertaking an investigation into the provision of a future aquatic facility within the City.

The existing Kalamunda Water Park has served the wider community well for over 50 years. With the main pool shell nearing its end of life, it is timely to undertake a needs assessment.

The study will involve extensive community consultation and the City encourages the community to provide feedback to ensure all needs are accurately identified and understood to inform both the study and future plans.



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Kalamunda Community Centre to Commence in 2020



Construction on the \$6.6 million multi-purpose Kalamunda
Community Centre at Jorgensen
Park is set to commence early
next year. The Centre, funded by
Federal and State Governments
and the Kalamunda Community
Learning Centre, will replace the
Jorgensen Park Pavilion, which has
reached its end of life.

Council adopted the centre's design in June 2019, following

Maida Vale Netball Centre Court Renewal

In the 2019/2020 financial year the City of Kalamunda will be undertaking the resurfacing of four netball courts at Maida Vale Netball Centre.

The resurfacing of the courts will allow for the teams to continue training at the site in a safer manner. The project will also involve replacing the existing netball poles.



The award winning Zig Zag Gallery, located at 50 Railway Road, Kalamunda, will play host to some inspiring exhibitions over the coming months. With John Baldock - the Artist, followed by Jessica Holliday, Wild Symphony. Open daily. Entry is free.

extensive consultation with the Kalamunda Community Learning Centre and Community Reference Group.

Mayor John Giardina said, "We are excited to confirm completion of the Centre's design and look forward to delivering this much needed facility for our community by 2021. I would like to thank the Kalamunda Community Learning Centre and Community Reference

Group for their involvement and valued contribution to this project over the last couple of years."

Key features of the design 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 is currently out for tender.

Playground Design Underway



Community members will soon be able to have their say on a new playground design for Stirk Park in Kalamunda.

The detailed design, currently under development, is being rolled out as part of the Stirk Park Master Plan.

The Master Plan is a long term vision for the Park, put together based on feedback from the community.

Feedback during the development of the Master Plan showed strong support for a playground revamp. The draft detailed design of the playground is expected to be complete in the second half 2019. Community feedback will be sought via the City's online engagement portal - engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au.

To sign up for project updates, register via the portal or contact the City of Kalamunda for assistance.

South West Ward

Cr Boyd Cr Morton Cr O'Donnell







Hale Road Widening and Improvement

The first of \$6.4 million of upgrades to Hale Road will commence this financial year, with modifications to power lines.

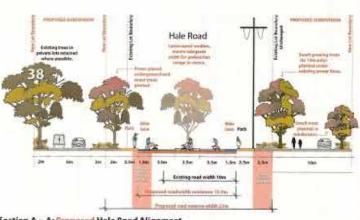
Overhead Western Power infrastructure on the northern side of Hale Road, the same side as the Wattle Grove Shopping Precinct, will be relocated underground.

Once complete, works to widen Hale Road between Tonkin Highway and Welshpool Road East will be carried out.

The widening works are designed to create a boulevard, in

accordance with the Cell Nine project vision.

Works are being funded through the Cell Nine Developer Contribution Scheme and will provide an enhanced road environment through controlled traffic movement.



Section A - A; Proposed Hale Road Alignment

Forrestfield Library Refurbishment



Forrestfield Library will have a new lease on life this financial year, with \$35,000 in improvements. Works will include a fresh coat of paint, carpets, vinyl and paving improvements. Forrestfield Library is home to many local events and

community groups and provides services for hundreds of residents every week. The refresh will enable patrons to continue use of the library in a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment.

Woodlupine Living Stream

The City of Kalamunda is set to start the third and final stage of the Woodlupine Living Stream Development in Wattle Grove.

Stage three involves converting the existing Water Corporation Drain, a steep sided linear drain, into a living stream meandering within the public open space, forming part of The Promenade Reserve. The design takes a water-wise approach, in which no irrigation is required.

The Woodlupine Living Stream
Development forms part of the
Cell Nine Project, funded by
developer contributions. The
Cell Nine Project has two other
components, including the
Woodlupine Pedestrian Bridge and
Wimbridge Road Extension, both
of which are complete.



Need a hand with your smartphone? Would you like to read or listen to books on your tablet? Or send a text, use social media or download an App?

Call in to Forrestfield Library with your mobile device between 2pm to 4pm on Thursdays for free advice on all things 'tech', and enjoy some afternoon tea on us! To find out more call Forrestfield Library on 9257 9975. Bookings not necessary.

Drainage Works

Over the coming months the City will be undertaking a number of upgrades to drainage in the area. More than \$150,000 worth of improvements will be undertaken. Works will take place on Dawson Avenue, Berberis Way and Sultana East Road in Forrestfield and Courtney Place in Wattle Grove. To find out more contact the City on 9257 9999.

Hartfield Park Master Plan Update

Throughout the 2019/2020 financial year the City of Kalamunda will be updating the 2010 Hartfield Park Master Plan to reflect the significant works progressed over the last 10 years and to meet the changing needs of the different individuals and groups who use the Reserve.

Stage two of the Master Plan involves developing a facilities collocation strategy for a number of the single use sporting pavilions on the site, as well as providing an overall future development plan for the site.

Master Plans are important documents that help guide the City's future development of the relevent reserve.

The implementation of Master Plans are generally considered long term as they rely on the attraction



of additional external funding. The City has successfully obtained a federal election commitment \$2 Million towards a Hartfield Park Development Fund, which will assist in leveraging other external funding sources and implementing Stage 2 of the Master Plan.

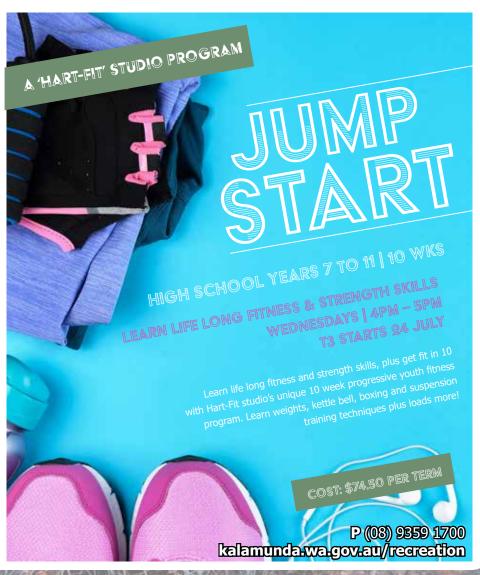
Share Your Skills

The City of Kalamunda, in partnership with Inclusion Solutions, is rolling out a new project to link the knowledge and skills of older adults (50 +) to help strengthen local community groups.

The project hopes to connect the many skilled, knowledgeable and work seasoned older adults now retired in the Kalamunda community to community groups looking for expertise.

The project aims to create meaningful volunteering experiences for seniors who are looking to share their valuable skills and help enhance local community activity and participation.

Interested seniors and community groups are invited to contact the City of Kalamaunda on 9257 9999 or visit the website - www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au.



South East Ward

Cr Stallard Cr Giardina Cr Fernie





Break the Boundary Off Road Hub

Break the Boundary is developing a first-of-its-kind off-road trail hub for people with mobility challenges located at the Calamunda Camel Farm in Kalamunda.

The new facility will be the keystone of an Australian-first disability-access 'Hub' that will enable people with disabilities in the community to access specialised adaptive all-terrain cycles and wheelchairs for use around the Perth Hills extensive off-road trail network.

Break the Boundary founder Andrew Liddawi says the Hub will help people with disabilities live healthier, happier and safer lives by allowing them to more easily connect with both the outdoors and the wider community.

"The Hub will give people with disabilities a way to access the outdoors and nature. It will be a 'one-stop-shop' where people with and without a disability can view and try out a variety of adaptive



cycles and off-road wheelchairs. This will allow them to access public trails previously inaccessible due to their mobility limitations.

A 'Donate-a-brick' program, where donations will be accepted by the local and greater community for a brick engraved with a custom message from the donor, is in place to help fund maintenance of the Hub and its contents. Messages will forever mark the starting point of something huge for Australia. The Hub is scheduled to be complete by September 2019.

For more information go to breaktheboundary.com.au.



City Seeks Vision for Community Space

The City of Kalamunda is asking the community to put forward their vision for a vacant site on the corner of Pomeroy and Canning Roads.

The State Government owned site, located on the borders of Lesmurdie, Walliston and Carmel, is an old orchard and was alo formerly used by Water Corporation.

Mayor John Giardina said, "The City is committed to creating spaces that can be used and enjoyed by everyone in our community. We've identified this site as one location we can potentially transform, so it meets the needs of every generation."



The City has established an online survey, where residents can submit their thoughts on how the reserve could be enhanced. The survey is also available in hard copy at all City locations.

Visit engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au for more information or phone the City of Kalamunda on 9257 9999.

Safety Priority for Works Program

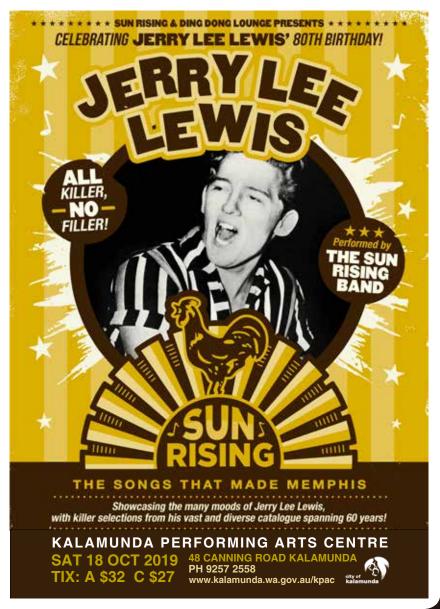
Welshpool Road East and Canning Road junction will have \$250,000 of road rehabilitation and safety improvements. This combined with \$1 Million for road resurfacing on Welshpool Road East will have a significant benefit for the local community and visitors to the region.

Falls Road and Grove Road in Lesmurdie will both benefit from new footpaths this financial year, reflecting the large amount of foot traffic.

Patterson Road in Pickering Brook will have \$475,000 spent over the coming year, as widening takes place on this stretch, to ensure it is safe for vehicle and cycle movements. This location was identified in the City's Bicycle Plan.

Sanderson Road Enhancements

The City will spend \$70K in streetscape enhancements near the Sanderson Road Shopping Centre. Works will include improved landscaping with the planting of street trees.



New Tourism Strategy Adopted



The City of Kalamunda has adopted its inaugural Tourism Development Strategy in June 2019, a document designed to assist in achieving full tourism potential.

Adoption of the Strategy marks a major milestone for the City, who have long been advocating the potential of the Region as a tourism hub.

Mayor John Giardina said, "Being only 30 minutes from the Perth CBD, Kalamunda, as part of Perth Hills, is increasing in popularity as a tourist attr. From wineries to waterfalls, the region has so much to offer, and we're excited to continue sharing that with visitors from near and far. I would like to thank the Tourism Reference Group and our community for their invaluable contribution to the Strategy."

The Strategy was developed based on the input of local business

and tourism operators, residents, industry bodies, and visitors. A Tourism Community Reference Group was formed to engage interested community members and operators and help guide the direction of the Strategy.

The document specifies how the City can best allocate its resources to support greater tourism opportunities, fostering further investment and growth.

The Strategy focuses on five priority areas including facilities to enjoy the natural and built environment, leveraging the area's natural beauty to grow appeal, developing social and cultural opportunities to generate investment and community spirit, enhancing the Kalamunda tourism brand and supporting local businesses.

Mayor John Giardina said a thriving tourism sector would have flow on benefits to the community.

"Tourism will help to boost the local economy, facilitating direct and indirect economic benefits through the level of expenditure and creation of jobs in the local area. It's great for our local operated businesses, it's great for families and seniors who will have access to improved facilities, it's great for young people looking for employment close to home and creating community spirit."

The value of tourism to the City of Kalamunda economy is \$112.4 Million with an estimated 523 jobs created across industry sectors such as retail, accommodation, cafes/restaurants, cultural and recreational services.

For more informtion on the visitor opportunities, things to see and do in the Perth Hills visit experienceperthhills.com.au



Have Your Say on Sustainability

Making small changes to the way you live can have a big impact on the environment.

Being environmentally conscious means something different to all of us. It is a broad term that describes many different behaviours, guidelines, and laws that exist to reduce, minimise or even eradicate negative environmental impact. What does environmental sustainability mean to you?

The City of Kalamunda would like your feedback with regards to your views and opinions on environmental sustainability.

Once, we've received and collated the feedback from this survey we'll be announcing the findings to the community and will continue to engage with you on the development of these ideas.

Have your say today at online at engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au. Comments close 5pm July 31, 2019.

Clubs 4 Life Helping Local Clubs



The City of Kalamunda's Clubs 4 Life Program works on delivering a range of initiatives, events and strategies designed to engage, support and develop sustainable local sport and recreation clubs.

To find out more contact the City on 9257 9999 or email sport@kalamunda.wa.gov.au.



Rates Incentive Prizes 2019/2020



PAY YOUR RATES IN FULL BY 9 AUGUST 2019 FOR A CHANCE TO WIN:

» 1 x Cash Prize of \$5,000 donated by the City of Kalamunda

PAY YOUR RATES INSTALMENT BY 9 AUGUST 2019 FOR A CHANCE TO WIN:

- » 1 of 3 x prizes of \$1,000 donated by the City of Kalamunda towards the outstanding rates
- » 1 of 2 x Double Passes to a WASO Concert

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- » 2 x Apple Watches Series 4
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What's On - In brief

For full details go to www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au

Morning Music

1st Wednesday of every month Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/KPAC

Kalamunda Artisan Market

1st Saturday of every month Central Mall, Kalamunda kalamundaartisanmarket.com.au

Youth Action Kalamunda

Fortnightly meetings at Kalamunda Library. Ph: 9257 9999.

Kalamunda Night Market

October – April 6pm-9pm Third Friday in each month. Central Mall & Haynes Street kalamundanightmarket.com.au

Kalamunda Farmers Market

Every Sunday morning 8am – 12noon Central Mall, Kalamunda kalamundafarmersmarket.com

The Artist

John Baldock Exhibition Official Opening with Lezette East Sunday 4 August 2019 2pm ww.zzcc.com.au/art-gallery

QUIT Targa West Rally

9 August 2019 11am – 4pm Railway Road, Zig Zag Scenic Drive and Mundaring Weir Road www.targawest.com.au

Kalamunda Garden Festival

11 August 2019 8am-12pm Town Square Gardens Kalamunda kalamundagardenfestival.com.au

Masters Athletics Cross Country

11 August 2019 Jorgensen Park Kalamunda www.mastersathleticswa.org

Wild Symphony

Jessica Holliday Exhibition Opening Sat 17 August 6:30pm www.zzcc.com.au/art-gallery

Bush Skills of the Hills

Saturday 17 August; 10am-2pm Woodlupine Brook, Wattle Grove

All About YOUth Health Expo

22 August 2019 Mundaring Arena

Womens Crafting Workshops

6, 13 & 20 Sept and 4 October 10am-1pm Location: TBC Zig Zag Community Arts

S&R Orchards Blossom Festival

7 – 30 September 2019 S&R Orchards Walliston www.srorchard.com

Dome Barista Workshops

9 September and 18 Nov 2019 www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au

I Am Spring In the Hills

Gem Camera Club Exhibition Opening 6pm 19 September www.zzcc.com.au/art-gallery

Valerie Forrest Exhibition

Australian Diversity Opening 3 October 2019 6pm www.zzcc.com.au/art-gallery

Grab a Gladdie

Saturday 12 October 9am-12pm Maida Vale Reserve environment@kalamunda.gov.au

Perth Hills Spring Festival

11 October – 11 November Spring up to Kalamunda for wine, food, music, family fun and entertainment for all ages! www.experienceperthhills.com.au

Stitched & Bound Exhibition

Opening 12 October 2019 2pm www.zzcc.com.au/art-gallery

Kalamunda Railway Run

20 October 2019 Bibbulmun Track Terminus www.mastersathleticswa.org

Zig Zag Community Arts Youth Concert

25 October 2019

Freedom Fairies Annual Picnic

2 November 2019 Stirk Park Kalamunda www.freedomfairies.com.au

Judy Nunn Author Talk

4 November 2019 6pm-7.30pm Kalamunda Library. Ph 9257 9969

Pickering Brook Heritage Group 25 Year Anniversary Celebration

10 November 2019 10am-7pm pickeringbrookheritagegroup.com

Seniors Week

10 – 17 November 2019 City of Kalamunda Seniors Week Celebrations at Various locations within the City www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/seniors

Re-imagined Exhibition

Opening 2pm 12 November 2019 www.zzcc.com.au/art-gallery

Falls Road Primary Moonlight Markets

15 November 5pm-9pm www.fallsroadps.wa.edu.au

Opera at Twilight

16 November 2019 Stirk Park Kalamunda www.rotarydistrict9455.org

Out on a Limb Exhibition

Opening 16 November 6:30 www.zzcc.com.au/art-gallery

Kids Artz in the Park

24 November 2019 Stirk Park, Kalamunda

City Christmas Events

8 – 20 December 2019 Various locations. www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au

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Rates Frequently Asked Questions

What are differential rates and why do we have them?

Differential rates mean there is a different rate for different property types eq: residential, commercial and industrial. In 2009 differential rates were introduced by the City as a result of the State Valuer General determining that residential property values in the area had increased differently to commercial and industrial land in the City. Local government rates are tied to the State Valuer General's determination. Without the introduction of differential rates the necessary rates increase would have burdened residents significantly more.

Why have rates increased?

The current economic climate is challenging and as the City's population grows, so does the demand for services, higher usage of our roads, parks and public buildings - which leads to more maintenance and service, however despite delivering a record Capital Works program of approximately \$30 Million, we managed to keep rate increases to 1.8%. We have a vision to provide for Connected Communities, Valuing Nature and Creating our future together, by delivering exceptional services and we need to build our capacity and resources to do that.

In terms of the Capital Works program the City is investing \$ 16.2 Million in infrastructure assets, \$ 9.7 Million in Community Assets and \$4.1 Million in Plant, Equipment and Furniture.

What does the 1.8% increase mean to you?

For a property with a Gross Rental Value of \$20,000 the increase would be \$21.30 which equates to approximately 40 cents per week. Costs of utilities and services such as energy costs, vehicle registration are passed onto the city.

The City's General Rate is

historically lower than most of our immediate neighbours and a number of other metropolitan local governments with the minimum rate being appreciably lower and there has no increase on the 2018/2019 minimum rate. The raising of rates will enable the City to maintain sustainable operations, deliver on capital works programs and provide the services required by the community.

How are my rates calculated?

Rate (cents in \$ set by the City) X Valuation (set by the Valuer General) = Yearly Fees

Rate - The City charges a differential rate across properties in the Region. The rates are calculated to provide income to fund the next year's budget which also takes into account other sources of income the City has. Valuation – Every three years the Valuer General assesses all rateable properties within the City. The valuation is a fair and independent assessment of the rental earning potential for the property. The property is therefore rated by its current earning potential, rather than its resale value. For further information about the valuation of your property, contact the Valuer General's office on 9237 7373. Yearly fees – Yearly fees are clearly marked on your rates notice and include the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) – charged to all property owners in WA to fund fire and emergency services. The City collects this levy on behalf of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) who then redistribute the money to emergency services throughout the State. For more information go to dfes.wa.gov.au or freecall 1300 136 099.

The City also collects the following levies:

 WARR Levy – A small charge imposed on all properties in the City. Funds raised from this

- levy are used to rehabilitate contaminated sites around the City such as old land fill sites and areas contaminated with asbestos.
- Refuse Charges Waste charges are applied to most properties around the City and depend on the level of service being received by each property. These charges include the cost of disposing of waste and recycling for each property, maintenance of the Walliston Transfer Station and the cost of illegal dumping.
- Pool Inspection Fee A charge applied to properties that have a pool on site. Pool inspections are performed once every three years however the fee is split across the three years to ease the burden on ratepayers.

Are there any additional costs I may incur?

Paying by instalments will incur an administration fee as shown on your rate notice. An administration fee will also be incurred for Direct Debit arrangements. Payments received after the due date will incur late payment penalty interest. Pensioners do not pay any fees or interest on instalments or late fees.

A Credit Card surcharge of 0.46% applies to all Credit Card and Paypass transactions with the City. Late payment = 11% per annum Administration fee (instalments) \$8 per instalment Instalment interest 5.5% - This

is calculated and shown on your notice as part of the cost of instalments.

How can I update my details?

If you have moved please contact the City to update your details, the changes are required to be in writing: City of Kalamunda, PO Box 42, KALAMUNDA WA 6926 enquiries@kalamunda.wa.qov.au



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