

MEDIA STATEMENT



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Modest rate increase to sustain growth

The City of Bunbury intends to keep a rate increase for 2016/17 to a modest 4.5 per cent, which will include a one per cent levy for the upgrade and renewal of assets.

City of Bunbury Mayor Gary Brennan said the intended rate increase was part of a responsible budget that focussed on growth and achieving Council's strategic objectives.

A rate increase would be adopted as part of the City's 2016/17 Budget, which will be presented to Bunbury City Council next month.

"It is a key component of the 2016/17 Budget that sets out clear objectives while also including projects that will benefit the community," Mr Brennan said.

"A rate increase of 4.5 per cent is responsible, it is affordable and would provide for growth and future expenditure."

Mr Brennan said the one per cent rates levy, which is included in the overall 4.5 per cent, will be used for the upgrade and renewal of assets, such as roads, stormwater infrastructure and the city's path network.

"A recent asset management plan identified the key priorities for our City and this levy is a responsible way of addressing our ageing infrastructure," Mr Brennan said.

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