

MEDIA STATEMENT



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City adopts Budget for economic times

Bunbury City Council on Tuesday evening agreed to adopt the 2018-19 Budget including a rate increase of 2.9 per cent.

The City's total budget for 2018-19 is \$67.7 million which comprises \$16.2 million in capital works, \$49.3 million in operating expenditure and \$2.2 million for debt reduction.

Key focuses include a \$1 million contribution to events, a \$4.3 million contribution to sport and recreation, \$1.4 million to arts and culture as well as \$725,000 to go towards grants and subsidies to community and cultural organisations.

A major project for the next financial year will see \$1.9 million budgeted for the redevelopment of the Stirling Street Arts Centre – an important community asset.

Other projects include upgrades and improvements to Hay Park, new cycle lanes throughout the City, a City greening strategy and funding for entry statements and landscaping to enhance entry points into Bunbury.

The Budget aligns closely with the themes of the City's Strategic Community Plan of Our Community and Culture, Our Economy, Our Places and Spaces and Our City.

Bunbury Mayor Gary Brennan said the Budget was appropriate for the current economic climate.

"The focus for the 2018-19 Budget is to deliver services and facilities to our community whilst laying the foundations for the future," Mayor Brennan said.

"It includes an affordable and modest rate increase 2.9 per cent which encompasses an allocation of one per cent for the renewal and upgrade of existing infrastructure.

"The City will continue to allocate funding to ensure our envied lifestyle continues to improve."

For detailed information please visit bunbury.wa.gov.au and search 2018-19 Budget.

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