Annual budget 2020-21
From the Chair Commissioner

For Perth city, its residents, workers and visitors, financial year 2019-20 has been unlike any other. As we enter 2020-21 we can reflect on how we, as the City of Perth, have delivered on our promises while also responding to the community’s changing needs during the COVID-19 pandemic. With this in mind, we can enter 2020-21 with clear focus and direction.

In the coming year, we will continue our efforts to grow Perth as an iconic, global city that is positioned for future prosperity. To do this we will invest:

- $63.6 million in major capital projects including, but not limited to, revitalize and redevelop Wellington Square and the East End
- $14.2 million in city activation including arts, culture and heritage and major events such as Skye works
- $13.1 million in community safety, including security and ranger services
- $11.5 million in maintaining green spaces, including parks and gardens
- $14.8 million in community services including the City of Perth Library, Citiplace Childcare Centre and Rest Centre

Focusing on a strong return to economic performance following the fallout of COVID-19, the City will invest an additional $20 million through its COVID-19 Economic Rebound Strategy.

As part of this strategy, the City has committed to a rates yield freeze and no increases to fees and charges, including sanitation and waste charges. While this doesn’t necessarily mean the amount of rates payable by individuals will remain the same, it does mean that the City has committed to generate the same total amount of rates in 2020-21 as it did in 2019-20. The City uses a different ‘rate in the dollar’ for each property category (such as residential, commercial, hotel, retail and office) to more equitably share the rating effort among our ratepayers.

The way councils calculate rates can be confusing, for a full explanation read the back page of this brochure.

The 2020-21 Annual Budget was developed within the City’s freshly implemented Integrated Strategic Reporting and Planning Framework and feeds into the City’s Corporate Business Plan and Long-Term Financial Plan.

Inside this publication you can see further detail on our diversified 2020-21 revenue stream, along with the major expenditures we expect to undertake. Even with the $20 million COVID-19 Rebound Investment, the total operating costs are still $4 million less than last year. These initiatives are essential to deliver the community’s aspiration for Perth to be vibrant, connected and progressive.

As this will be Commissioners’ final rates brochure before an elected Council joins to lead the City of Perth, I would like to touch on the organisation’s transformation since 2018 – when the previous Council was suspended.

Since the appointment of Commissioners and new executive leadership, there has been significant focus on restoring faith in the City of Perth. Corporate recovery actions to date have been wide ranging. The organisation has established an Alliance structure with more collaborative Executive and Managerial Leadership Teams. In addition, Commissioners have adopted a new Strategic Community Plan, Corporate Business Plan and Long-term Financial Plan. With this work complete, Commissioners are confident that we can hand a solid foundation to the future Council to make more informed, strategic financial decisions.

With that said, now is the time to get engaged in the future of your Council. With elections set to take place on 17 October 2020, I urge you to enrol to vote and have your say. Simply visit perth.wa.gov.au to find out how.

On behalf of my fellow Commissioners, I’d like to say that it has been a pleasure to represent you during our tenure. Perth holds a special place in our hearts and we will continue to support Perth and take a great interest in its progress.

All the best,

Chair Commissioner
Andrew Hammond
### City of Perth Rate Notice

#### General Rates
- **Amount:** $17,160<br>  - **Rate:** 0.0645<br>  - **Total:** $1,106.80

#### Residential - Basic Service
- **Amount:** $0.00<br>  - **Rate:** 240lt<br>  - **Total:** $318.00

#### Emergency Services Levy (ESL)
- **Amount:** $0.00<br>  - **Rate:** $17,160 x 0.014839<br>  - **Total:** $254.65

#### Total
- **Amount:** $1,679.45

Any payments received after 13 August 2020 will not be included on this notice.

#### Contact Information
- **General Enquiries:** (08) 9461 3333
- **Account Enquiries:** (08) 9461 3296
- **Facsimile:** (08) 9461 3069

#### Cashier Hours
- **8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Monday to Friday**

#### Personal Details
- **Name:** Mr Sam Sample
- **Address:** 123 Sample St, SAMPLETOWN WA 9999
- **Assessment No:** 9999999

#### Rateable Valuation
- **Valuation:** $17,160

#### Rates Year
- **Financial Year:** 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

#### Payment Options

**Full Payment**
- **Due Date:** 18 Sep 20
- **Amount:** $1,679.45

**Pay by 2 Instalments**
- **Due Date:** 18 Sep 20
- **Amount:** $859.90
- **Due Date:** 20 Nov 20
- **Amount:** $859.80

**Pay by 4 Instalments**
- **Due Date:** 18 Sep 20
- **Amount:** $432.70
- **Due Date:** 20 Nov 20
- **Amount:** $432.50
- **Due Date:** 22 Jan 21
- **Amount:** $432.50
- **Due Date:** 26 Mar 21
- **Amount:** $432.50

To be eligible for Payment Option 2 or 3, the first payment MUST be received by the first due date.

#### Back Page
The back of your Rate Notice contains important information that may be relevant to you, including payment options and Pensioner Rebates.

### EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP?
If you are having financial difficulties, please email your concerns to rates@cityofperth.wa.gov.au or call on (08) 9461 3296 as soon as you receive your rate notice to find out options available to assist you.

### Register for rates via email
Register to receive your rate notices via email. It's quick and easy to do. Visit erateswa.com/Perth in your web browser to sign up.

### Enrol to vote
City of Perth elections take place in October — enrol to vote by August 28 to have a say in who will represent you in Council. Simply visit perth.wa.gov.au to find out how.

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**Options to Pay**
- **Full Payment**
- **Pay by 2 Instalments**
- **Pay by 4 Instalments**

**Due Date**
- You must pay by this date. If you are having difficulty with repayments, see Alternative Payment Arrangements on the back of your Rate Notice.

**Assessment Number**
- You need your assessment number to pay your rates.

**Rateable Valuation**
- This is the valuation provided to Council to calculate your rates levy. This year it is a new valuation and is effective from 1 July, 2020.

**Amount Due**
- This is the full amount you need to pay. This includes the levy collected by the City on behalf of the State Government.
Budget Snapshot

Where the funds come from

$305M

- Rates: $50.7M
- Interest revenue: $19.3M
- Fees and charges: $1.6M
- Fines and associated costs: $3.6M
- Parking fees: $5.1M
- Other revenue: $0.6M
- Capital grants and contributions: $5.4M
- Borrowings: $10.0M
- Reserve funds used: $73.2M
- Opening balance/accrual funding: $98.3M

Where the funds are spent

$305M

- Employee costs: $75.5M
- Materials and contracts: $50.8M
- Utilities and insurances: $4.7M
- Interest expense: $17.3M
- Parking levy: $7.8M
- Other expenses: $6.5M
- COVID-19 rebound: $4.7M
- Debt principle repayment: $22.3M
- Capital – renewals: $41.3M
- Capital – other projects: $9.5M
- Reserves funded: $22.3M
- Closing balance: $6.5M

Major projects

- Wellington Square: $12.7 million
- East End Revitalisation: $12.3 million
Many Councils are adopting a rates freeze this year and will only collect the same amount of rates revenue as last year.

However, your rates may still go up or down as a result of the valuation process undertaken by the State Valuer General.

Your rates are calculated by:

**Step 1**
Total rates required to run the Local Government

**Cost of running the Local Government**

**Minus**
non-rate revenue (grants, fees & charges, other)

**To calculate rates revenue required**

**Step 2**
Rate in dollar calculated

Divide the rates revenue required

**By the combined rental value of all rateable properties**

**To calculate the rate in the dollar**

**Step 3**
What you pay

Multiply the rate in the dollar

**By your property’s value as set by the Valuer General – either Gross Rental Value (GRV) or Unimproved Value (UV)**

**To calculate your rates for the year**

To find out more, visit www.walga.asn.au/rates

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