



# BUDGET NEWS 2019/20

Dear Vincent community,



**You may not know that Vincent ratepayers experience one of the lowest rates in the metro area.**

Last financial year, we ranked fourth lowest out of all 29 metropolitan Councils, and this budget will see us continue this trend.

At the City of Vincent, we are working hard to ensure strong and prudent financial management: investing in core services like footpaths, roads and drainage, looking after our ageing buildings and continuing to deliver quality community services.

Debt reduction, a 10 per cent cut in power costs through solar, and savings towards a Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) three bin system are part of our future thinking.

Our ongoing commitment to greening Vincent will see 350 more trees planted and an increase in Adopt-a-Verges delivered free to residents.

Economic times remain challenging for business in Vincent, so it is critical to keep economic activation strong, including a jump start for Beaufort Street.

***We will bring people into our town centres, fill vacant shop fronts and activate our meeting places – like Leederville Village Square and North Perth Common – to help businesses survive and thrive.***

Our service to you will be convenient and personalised, with a new centralised Community Hub. We will bring our Rangers back to the heart of Leederville, with more presence on our streets and a stronger community safety focus.

Parks and play are a priority, including nature play at Banks Reserve and Pop Up Play across our neighbourhoods.

A big thank you to our community once again for your budget ideas. This year, we are funding many of your proposals, with a focus on green space – including a bike trail and pump track, fencing and pathways to meander through our beautiful reserves.

We look forward to delivering you great service, economic activation, better parks and green space, and vibrant, safer streets.

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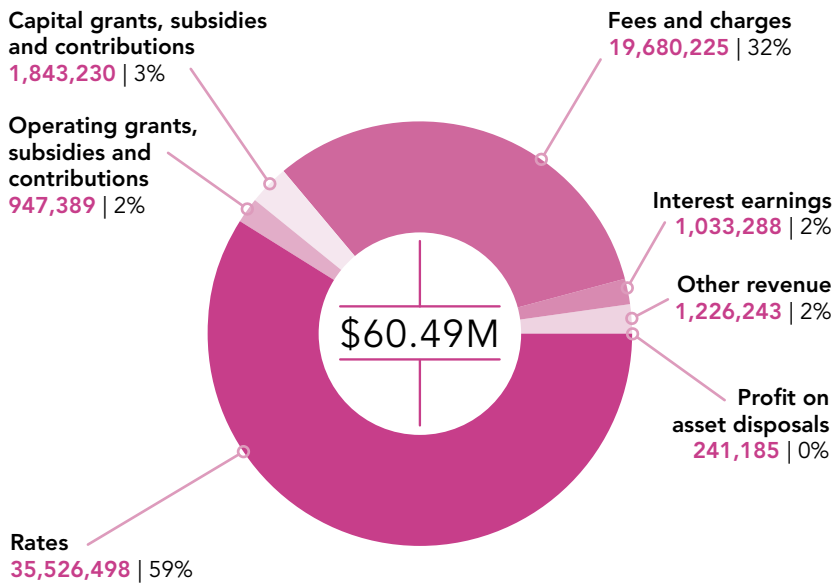
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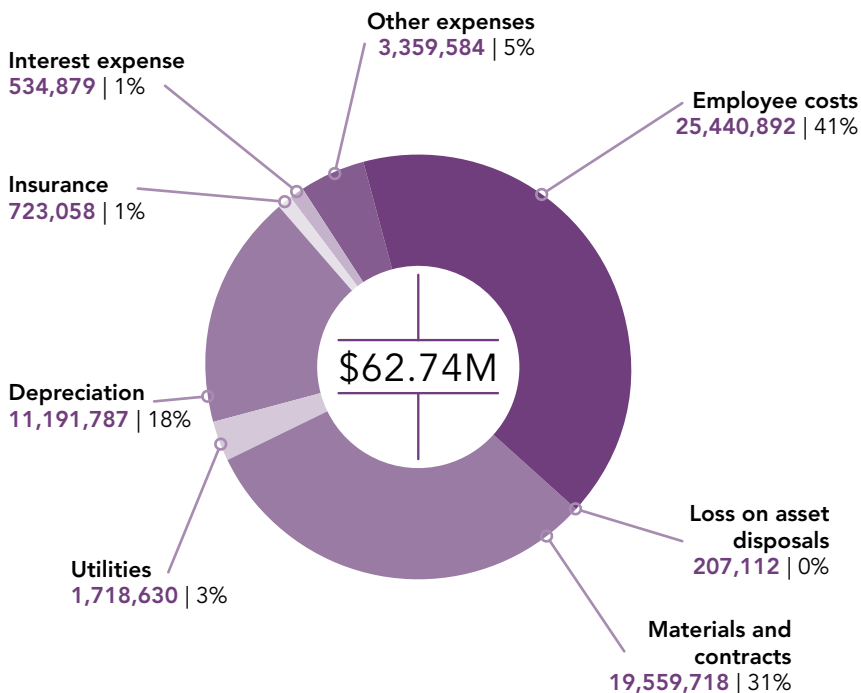
# BUDGET OVERVIEW

Your rates enable the City of Vincent to deliver high quality services, maintain facilities, provide new infrastructure, meet the needs of our growing population and encourage economic development across Vincent.

## OPERATING REVENUE



## OPERATING EXPENDITURE



The 2019/20 budget will achieve a small surplus of \$6,000. The gap between operating revenue and operating expenditure above is predominantly attributed to opening balance funding.

This is a picture of where your rates will go, offset by grants, fees and charges and other revenue:



**Capital Expenditure**  
21%



**Roads and Paths**  
19%



**Waste Management**  
13%



**Urban Design and Development**  
12%



**Recreation and Community Facilities**  
11%



**Administration and Council**  
8%



**Library and Local History Centre**  
5%



**Reserve/Loan Repayments**  
4%



**Parks and Open Space**  
3%



**Health Compliance**  
3%



**Beatty Park Leisure Centre**  
1%



## INNOVATIVE AND ACCOUNTABLE

### Delivery of a responsible budget

by paying down debt by \$4.2 million, keeping fees and charges low and streamlining Administration by moving from a 4 to 3 Directorate structure and a reduction in Executive staff.

### Investment in sustainable projects

for our future to ease costs, such as FOGO to reduce waste to landfill, and a 10% reduction in power bills through solar panels on City owned buildings.

**Continued reform in the way we serve our community** through streamlined customer service, online development applications and easier ways to engage with us.

### Looking after our ageing buildings including:

Beatty Park Leisure Centre	<b>\$540,000</b>
Loftus Recreation Centre	<b>\$184,000</b>
Leederville Oval	<b>\$375,000</b>
Mt Hawthorn Main Hall	<b>\$175,000</b>
Menzies Park	<b>\$61,000</b>



## THRIVING PLACES

**Continued investment in economic activation** of our town centres, including regular events in North Perth Common and Leederville Village Square.

**Beaufort Street revival** of \$330,000 through filling vacant shop fronts, street upgrades, a pedestrian-friendly environment and innovative events.

**Economic development and activation plans** for all of our town centres to attract visitors, vibrancy and to support our local business, including a strong Support Local campaign.



**Support for small business** by reducing red tape, streamlining change of use applications and making development approvals smoother.



## CONNECTED COMMUNITY

**\$170,000** towards our residents' Community Budget submissions, including better park facilities, pedestrian friendly neighbourhoods, youth programs and playgroup support.

Continue to **bring our community together** through events and workshops, hands-on support for neighbourhood street parties and Love Your Laneway – an initiative to encourage residents to use and beautify their laneways.

**Enhance community safety** by bringing Rangers back to the heart of Leederville to have greater presence on our streets, graffiti removal within 48 hours of being reported, enhanced street and laneway lighting and CCTV in 'hot spot' areas.

Continue to **support our town teams, sporting clubs and community groups to thrive** through grant funding, in kind assistance and access to facilities.

**\$40,000** to help our seniors through events, outings, information sessions and assistance.





## ENHANCED ENVIRONMENT

**\$300,000 for the City's Greening Plan** to plant **350 more trees**, deliver 15% more Adopt-a-Verge gardens which are available free to residents, and eco-zone our parks with native plants.

**\$280,000 towards our parks and open spaces**, including opening up underused areas to become green space, upgrading the eastern Hyde Park public toilet, better change rooms, equipment, fencing and seating.

Introduce **more public recycling bins** and ban single use plastics at Vincent funded and sponsored events.

Deliver stage one of the **Banks Reserve Master Plan with \$457,000** for a new nature playground, multi-use court, parking improvements and 4,000 native plants.



## ACCESSIBLE CITY

**\$2.29 million on maintaining roads and making them safer**, including converting William Street to two way between Newcastle and Brisbane, and Brisbane between William and Beaufort Street.

**\$705,000 for footpaths**, including a safer pathway on Ellesmere Street connecting to Mount Hawthorn Primary School.

**\$150,000 grant for Bike Network upgrade to Florence and Carr Street**, with the balance from cash in lieu of parking contributions, creating better connections to key public places, like Beatty Park.

Addressing parking, traffic and advocating for better public transport through an action-oriented Transport Plan, **\$252,000 towards traffic management works** and our ongoing 40km/h speed zone trial.

**Support for a signalled pedestrian crossing on Charles Street**

near Kyilla Primary School, in partnership with the State Government.



## SENSITIVE DESIGN

**A bold plan for Leederville** by delivering a comprehensive planning framework in consultation with the community to guide future development of our biggest town centre.

Create an urban design concept to **connect the two halves of North Perth Town Centre** through the View Street carpark, linking through North Perth Common.

Undertake a **Character Retention Area** demonstration project within a neighbourhood rich with character homes, where residents have nominated their own streets and wish to participate.





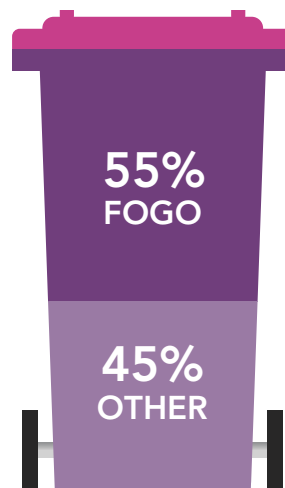
## COMMUNITY HUB & RANGERS HQ

Investing **\$225,000** in a new **Community Hub precinct** beside the Library and Local History Centre, providing a convenient, face-to-face and central customer service experience for our residents and ratepayers. The Hub will also be a base for our Rangers, providing a fresh approach to delivering community safety and greater opportunity for eyes on the streets of Vincent.

## REDUCING WASTE – FOGO 3 BIN SYSTEM

55% of rubbish in our green topped bins is organic – food and garden waste. The introduction of FOGO – a third bin for these organics – by October 2020 will have a major impact on diverting our waste from landfill. In this budget, we have set aside savings of \$500,000 towards this \$1.3 million project.

This significant investment meets the requirement of the State Government's Waste Strategy for local governments to implement FOGO by 2025. It also helps us to work towards our target of zero waste to landfill by 2028 and will reduce landfilling costs.



## BEAUFORT STREET JUMP START

Bringing the heart of Mount Lawley/Highgate back to life is a priority, with **\$330,000** worth of exciting initiatives for Beaufort Street. This includes the Vacancy Project to fill the vacant shop fronts with a mix of unique offerings, new creative lighting on the street, making the environment more pedestrian friendly and more events and activities for people to come, stay and enjoy.

## PARKS & PLAY

Our parks, reserves and leafy streets are an important part of life in Vincent. Investment in our green spaces remains a priority, with a new nature playground and multi-use court for beautiful Banks Reserve by the river. Many parks will be upgraded as a result of the ideas presented to us through Community Budget Submissions, including a pump track and bike trail. Older kids and teens will be a focus as we continue to trial a range of more challenging, creative and free play through our Pop Up Play initiative.







## RATES INFORMATION

In 2018/19, the City of Vincent had the fourth lowest rates of all 29 metropolitan Councils.

In 2019/20 Vincent ratepayers in residential and other categories will continue to have one of the lowest levels of rating across the Perth metropolitan area, with a 2.7% increase on residential and 1.5% for commercial (other category) and vacant commercial properties, along with the same increase to minimum rates.

For residents this financial year, 1.4% of the rate increase is investment towards FOGO – which will reduce our waste to landfill and result in lower landfilling costs.

Our objectives are to make sure rates are kept to a responsible level, are applied across the community fairly and focus on sustainable investment for our future.

In setting rates for 2019/20, the City of Vincent has considered the Strategic Community Plan and Council Priorities, the current economic climate, community feedback and priority needs and the importance of maintaining and improving our community infrastructure and assets.

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