

# **City Budget**

June 2018

Consultation Analysis

## Table of Content

1. Executive Summary .....	3
2. Background.....	3
3. Methodology .....	3
4. Outcome .....	4
6. Survey responses .....	5

## 1. Executive Summary

For the first time, the City released its draft capital works budget 2018/19 for community feedback before it formally goes to the Council's Budget meeting on 21 June 2018.

The City outlined the projects proposed as part its \$40.90 million capital works program, including the suggested allocations for roads, parks and the environment.

## 2. Background

Each year, Council approves an annual Budget in June to deliver the goods and services outlined in its Annual Business Plan to meet the community's needs.

Approval of the Budget coincides with the setting of rates for the year ahead.

This attempt to seek community feedback/input into the Budget is a starting point for the City, with the possibility of conducting earlier community consultation next year.

## 3. Methodology

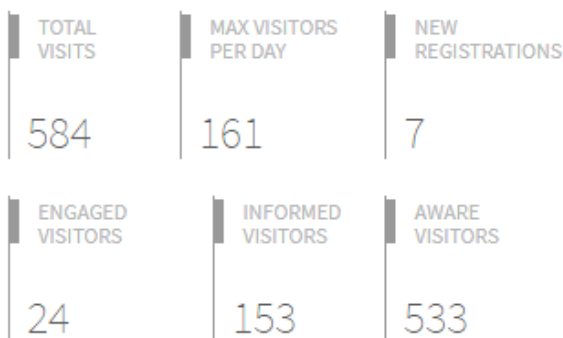
The City posted its draft capital works Budget on Comment on Cockburn and invited residents via email newsletter and Facebook to comment by 4pm Friday 15 June.

Residents could provide feedback via:

- Email to [comment@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:comment@cockburn.wa.gov.au)
- Completing an online survey
- Contacting the City's Community Engagement Officer on 9411 3444 during office hours

At the conclusion of the survey, the webpage had 584 visits and 24 residents making a comment. One participant provided comments but did not vote for or against the budget.

### Highlights



## 4. Outcome

The City received (hardcopy and online).

Having read the information here, please state whether you are generally supportive or not about the draft capital works Budget	
Supportive	13
Not supportive	8
No opinion	2
No response	1
Total	24

## 5. Engagement Strategy

### Engagement summary

We asked

Are you generally supportive or not about the draft capital works Budget?

Key points raised:

- Specific requests for road and park projects
- Concern about rates rise
- Support for Cosafe

You said:

“I also believe that it is important to redevelop the older areas of Cockburn and not just focus on the new areas.”

“I would like to see more funds invested in my suburb.”

You participated

Email newsletter and Facebook posts to City residents

Web hits: 584

Online survey and emails: 24

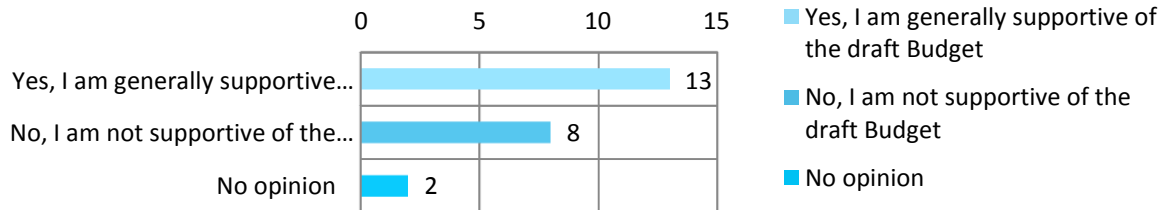
### Next steps

We are now reviewing all community input.

## 6. Survey responses

Responses from online and hardcopy survey.

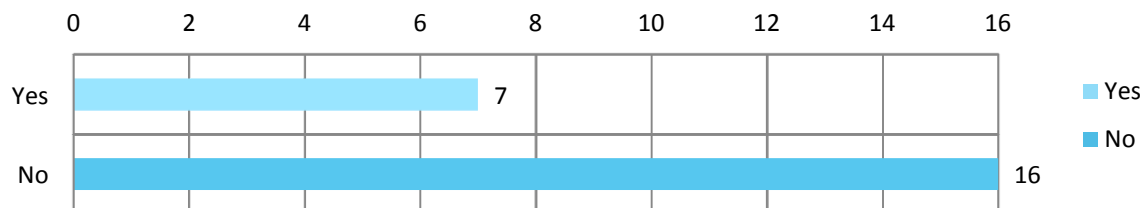
4. Having read the information here, please state whether you are generally supportive or not about the draft capital works Budget



6. I am aware that the City is proposing a 1.9 per cent rates increase in 2018/19 to fund the projects outlined in its Budget



7. I am aware that the State Government is increasing the Emergency Services Levy by 10 percent and this will show up on my rates notice



Comments – I am generally supportive of the draft capital works budget		Response
1	Seems like a good variety of areas to have money spent on	Noted, thank you
2	Would love to see some \$\$ directed to Owgan Park, Beeliar to protect the remnant bushland from the bikers who track through it diagonally and have dug their own bmx obstacle track. There are two well maintained pathways through the park - shouldn't that be enough for recreational riders? Maybe next year.	Noted, thank you Referred to City Parks for followup
3	I am hoping that the redevelopment to Rockingham Road was approved and is included in this budget.  I also believe that it is important to redevelop the older areas of Cockburn and not just focus on the new areas, I appreciate that this has been considered and included in the budget.  It would be great to see a City-wide consideration and thought behind using some of the rates payers money to roll out an under ground power line scheme, similar to what the City of Subiaco did with their residents. Thank you	Noted, thank you  Under the City's revitalization strategy, the next suburb is Yangebup.  The City is working with the State Government to provide underground power in a number of suburbs.
4	I'm a resident near the park on Karbuni Parade in Spearwood. There has been historical discussion regarding allocation of budget for a BBQ in the area near the shelter and picnic table. It would great to see this in the 2019 budget!  Shade sails over the kids' playground in this area would be great also!	The nearest power connection is 145 metres away, through vegetation. It would cost \$20,000 to bring power to the site, plus \$10,000 to replace the vegetation and \$6,000 for the barbecue. Another option, solar power would be less disruptive and cost about \$30,000 plus.
5	I personally would like to see more invested in my suburb of Hamilton Hill. I would have liked to have seen the proposed budgets when all the Cockburn Gateways area was being developed, you guys	Noted, thank you  Referred to City

	<p>have spent a fortune of my rates out that way. My street of Davilak Ave hasn't even got adequate street lighting and footpaths! Out in the further suburbs they have state of the art youth centres and libraries!</p> <p>I want to see verges revitalised and nicer footpaths and cycle ways to use. I would like to see a skate park at Dixon and other family friendly places around my suburb, start pumping my rates in Hamilton Hill please.</p> <p>What exactly are you doing to make Hamilton Hill more family friendly, safer and environmentally beautiful? I've lived here for 15 years and have yet to see much infrastructure happen to make me proud of living here. Hamilton Hill is a huge suburb as you know and my part is still very barren, neglected and unkempt. I'm on Davilak Ave.</p>	<p>Engineering for followup</p>
6	<p>I would like to see more funding for toilets at playgrounds.</p> <p>Also would love for the Council to support the kiss &amp; drop zone at Jandakot Primary School - as the area is growing it is getting dangerous at school drop off time. Every time the City of Cockburn has been contacted measures have been put in place that hinder drop off time - e.g. installed a path, don't allow parking on the verge opposite the school on Banning Avenue at school drop off and pick up times. I would like to see signs erected at the kiss and drop zone. I am sure it would be profitable to the City of Cockburn when the ranger fines cars parked in the kiss and drop zone.</p> <p>It is unfair to propose a raise in rates on top of the increase (emergency services levy). The rates are already a large expense and two raises will put homeowners under financial strain.</p>	<p>Noted, thank you</p> <p>Referred to City Engineering for followup</p>
7	<p>I would like further information on the proposed skate park and toilet at Radiata Park in Aubin Grove. This park is busy with primary school aged children everyday so I believe that age appropriate</p>	<p>Noted, yes consultation will occur.</p>

	<p>upgrades to the playground would be more beneficial to the local community than a skate park.</p> <p>There are over 1,000 primary school students within walking distance so it would be of no benefit to the community attracting older demographics from outside of the area with a skate park. Will the proposal be going to public consultation prior to planning?</p>	
8	<p>Just 4 things I would like to suggest:</p> <p>a) I would like to see landscaping improvement on Hammond road around Emmanuel Catholic College, between Beelias Drive to Branch Circus/Jubilee Avenue.</p> <p>b) From a safety perspective, the footpath along Hammond Road opposite of Emmanuel Catholic College, that runs along a park, the footpath is leveled with the road, no kerbing. Also, during heavy rain, water flowing from the road onto the path, causing the garden mulch to slide onto the path with minor flooding.</p> <p>c) The bus stop shelter on Hammond Road, opposite of Emmanuel Catholic college, it's old and falling apart.</p> <p>d) The Telstra phone booth on Hammond road, opposite of Emmanuel catholic college (next to park) gets flooded during heavy rain.</p>	<p>Noted, thank you</p> <p>Referred to Engineering</p>
<p><b>Comments – I am generally not supportive of the draft capital works budget</b></p>		
1	<p>I'm not supportive in so far as question 6 has just informed me that my rates will go up as a result of this budget. With the economic downturn of the last few years, I'm sure I'm not the only one who doesn't have any extra money to spare on non-essential things. I'm sure some items could be put off from the Parks and Environment section. Things look fine in this council. We don't need to spend so much money on park upgrades and revitalisation.</p> <p>If this budget includes any allocations to the Roe 8 reserve rehabilitation, I would like to see this</p>	<p>Noted, thank you</p> <p>The State Government is funding the rehabilitation</p>



	<p>scrapped, as it's a waste of money. The vegetation is already growing back, and will just have to get cleared again when the Liberals get back into government and build Roe 8.</p>	<p>of Roe 8</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>With all the housing developments happening around Lake Coogee can we please look at adding addition facilities, parks ovals etc</p> <p>This is the first time hearing about potential rate increases. This should be more readily available.</p>	<p>Noted, thank you</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>In my opinion, it appears that there is very little funding included in the budget for Yangebup. It appears the suburb which has traditionally missed out on investment is going to continue to miss out for the next budget. The suburb is a great area, with a strong community, however the increasing anti-social behaviour is not tolerable. Funding should be allocated to counteract this behaviour and make our community the safe area it once was.</p> <p>Furthermore, the upcoming Yangebup revitalisation strategy will inevitably result in additional private investment within the area, and it only makes sense that the public aspect would increase accordingly also.</p> <p>What funding for what projects will have a positive impact on the immediate Yangebup area?</p>	<p>The City is hosting forums with more than 200 Yangebup residents in late June to find out their thoughts and priorities for the suburb's revitalisation.</p> <p>Funds will be made available in future budgets to implement their ideas.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>I feel there is far too much being spent on roads and footpaths - in my opinion the roads are in very good condition, and was disappointed when the road I live on was resurfaced, when money was being taken from much more useful services - such as pre and post natal care (closure of The Bump). The resurfacing of my road made no changes to make it safer e.g cycle path, pedestrian crossing, speed cameras installed and I was informed that it was just done to ""spend the budget"" to ensure that the council were granted the same amount in future.</p> <p>I am pleased with the funding going to parks and Environment as these are what make the</p>	<p>Noted, thankyou.</p> <p>Annual surveys conducted for the City show that the top priority for residents is traffic management, hence the investment in roads.</p>

	<p>community a community and it is fantastic to have safe, and healthy places for everyone to enjoy.</p> <p>The Co-safe is a very good idea and if money were to be put towards this I would also be very happy.</p> <p>It would be good if you could provide a map and more detail of upcoming road works.</p>	<p>See the maps on our website at <a href="http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au">www.cockburn.wa.gov.au</a></p>
5	<p>Although there are some good items on the budget I do not agree with the Possum Bridge. I have never in 18 years seen a dead possum on the road (neither has anyone I speak to). I would much rather that money be spent on improving the terrible road conditions for people on Beeliar Drive.</p> <p>I have attended many accidents over the years on this road and witnessed countless near misses. I understand they are 2 separate issues but it seems like council is more concerned about the possums than the residents. If they can find money for this then surely something can be done about the road problems. The Grange and Dunraven are a nightmare to get out of at peak times and crossing Beeliar Drive by foot is very dangerous. Many people do not walk to school due to the danger of crossing Beeliar Drive. If this money has to be spent on environment issues then I would rather it be spent on something like rehabilitating the area as we have lost a lot of trees due to land clearing.</p> <p>I would also like to see Beeliar get a dog fence installed at the dog park which I was told was due to happen this year but cant see any mention of it. There is currently issues with people exercising their dogs off lead on the oval. The oval is used a lot for sport and having dogs off lead and people not picking up after the dogs is not great. An off lead area would give residents somewhere safe to exercise their dogs and keep the oval clean and safer for the kids. The current dog park is hardly used as it is dangerous as it is surrounded by roads.</p>	<p>Noted, thank you</p> <p>Referred to City Engineering for followup</p> <p>Fenced dog parks are planned for Briggs Street, South Lake and Durango Park, Aubin Grove.</p> <p>The City is drafting an animal management plan to look at such issues.</p>

	<p>My priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- plans to introduce traffic calming measures for Dunraven and the grange</li> <li>- safe crossing of Beeliar Drive for pedestrians</li> <li>- dog fence for Beeliar dog park</li> </ul>	
6	<p>I see very little in the way of upgrades to anything in Yangebup, except the \$50k to start developing a master plan. More can be done in the mean time to begin improvements to the area.</p> <p>I understand that you need to work on improving each part of Cockburn individually, but Yangebup is really starting to fall behind. Yangebup Rd was resurfaced recently and it was the most pointless waste of money as the road was perfectly acceptable already. We desperately need more lifestyle improvements: park upgrades, public spaces, cafes, restaurants; we need to get rid of ugly run down shops (IGA and the Chicken Treat/Bottle Shop/ Corner Store strip), and get new shops, cafes and public spaces; we need to reduce hoons and noise pollution by motorcyclists; it is dangerous and difficult to get around the "conventional" cul de sac layouts without foot paths; people use their front verge like rubbish tips. There is so much that needs to be done and it is just getting worse while we wait for the Master Plan.</p>	<p>Noted, thank you</p> <p>The City recognizes the need to spend money on Yangebup and has started the Master Plan process with more than 200 people providing input in June 2018.</p>
7	<p>Wondering when the spending will reflect the promised revitalisation of South Lake. Three playground upgrades does not cut it. This suburb is being left behind. It needs its council to reinvigorate the suburb and encourage new families and buisnesses to the area. We are sick and tired of feeling unsafe and unloved. This budget does nothing to change what really needs to happen in our suburb. South Lake is a suburb in a desperate state if even a store like IGA pulls out you guys need to pay attention and fix the problems. The lack of change the revitalisation program promised and yet has failed to deliver is overwhelming.</p>	<p>Noted, thank you.</p> <p>The City is preparing a suburb-by-suburb breakdown of what's in the Budget.</p>

	<p>Hamilton Hill and Coobelup have both had a fortune spent on them enough is enough share it around.</p>	
8	<p>Taking into consideration that there will be a rate increase the next financial year, a number the items included in this draft are totally unacceptable.</p> <p>Currently residents are struggling with a lower than average economy in WA , unemployment on the rise, increases in living costs (electricity, water, emergency services). The council also decides to increase rates and then uses the money in the budget to fund projects which are totally unnecessary. 600k for tree planting? 100k for mulching on wentworth parade? 150k Phoenix tree planting?</p> <p>These examples along with many others are superficial and add no value to those (ratepayers) who live within the council.</p> <p>The plan to spend \$2 million for phase 2 of the Operations Centre/Works Depot is not required if you are asking the residents to pay for it by rising the rates. The council should be looking into operating within its means and reallocate the money from these projects so that the council to do this. The draft budget activities are of poor substance especially if the council is flagging an increase in rates to pay for these activities.</p> <p>Does the council have a challenge session on the activities within the budget? Are business cases submitted? Cost, time resources and benefit analysis done on any of these activities? The addition of a number of new land developments over the last 3-4 years has meant there has been growth in the number of residences and potentially ratepayers. What has happened with the additional income from the rates received by the council by the addition of the residents to Cockburn? Why hasn't this income be used to fund these activities and therefore preventing the rate increase? The council is planning to spend \$2 million on stage 2 of the Operations Centre/Works Depot - is this really</p>	<p>Noted, thank you</p> <p>Yes, the Operations Centre and new pound opened last July. The project was staged. This is the second stage of the works.</p>

	<p>required especially due to the rate rise? Is Stage 1 operational? Does Stage 1 prevent works/operations being done that stage 2 will be required? One key issue that residents have is an increase in crime, with the closure of the Spearwood Police Station, the council is only committing to spend 170k on cctv in the budget. The council is planning to spend at least 3x this on tree planting and landscaping. What is the thought process for this? What is more important for residents?</p>	
<b>Comments - No opinion</b>		
1	<p>Unfortunately I can't form an opinion as there doesn't seem to be any information on the criteria used to determine the necessity, timing and priority of the projects.</p> <p>Nor is there information on the distribution of spending across the wards to demonstrate funds are being equitably distributed. This information should be provided. I am of the opinion however that council should be doing whatever it can too minimise or prevent rate increases and ensure the City's finances are managed in a sustainable way and rate payers are not unfairly burdened. Year on year rate increases should not be a preferred and spending should be equitably distributed across the city as best as possible.</p> <p>Will this years rate notice include a breakdown on how the total was calculated?</p> <p>Can you please confirm that the proposed shade structure for Spinnaker Park will only be over the existing playground equipment? I'd like reassurance that the shade structure will not interfere with the enjoyment of my property?</p>	<p>Noted, thank you</p> <p>Comprehensive information will be published on Budget night June 21.</p> <p>Referred to City's Parks.</p>
2	<p>My thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It would be good if the South Fremantle power station project could get started.</li> <li>• Repair potholes on the corner of Rockingham Road/Coleville Crescent.</li> </ul>	<p>Noted, thank you</p> <p>Referred to City</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road repair at Barrington Street/Stock Road where petrol station is.</li> <li>• Road resurfacing on Hamilton Road between Spearwood Avenue/Phoenix Road.</li> <li>• Road resurfacing on Beeliar Drive east, after Dunraven Road.</li> <li>• The intersection of Rockingham Road/Spearwood Avenue is dangerous. You cannot go through the intersection at 60km if you are on Spearwood Avenue as the road dips out. The road needs improvements.</li> <li>• I'm rather concerned about the lack of turning arrow at the intersection of Spearwood Avenue &amp; Stock Road Spearwood Avenue, Spearwood/Bibra Lake. There is no turning arrow from Spearwood Avenue onto Stock Road heading south. This intersection sees a great number of heavy vehicles turning from Spearwood Ave onto Stock Road heading north and when the arrow is red and the trucks are lining up to turn right on to Stock road, traffic on the opposite side (that do not currently have a right turning arrow) are unable to see the vehicles going straight through the lights and cars turning right from Spearwood Ave on to Stock Road heading south are stuck in the middle of the intersection trying to see with almost no visibility. Each of the other lights have turning arrows except this one. On several occasions I have seen near miss car accidents and it's only a matter of time until there will be a catastrophic accident at this intersection. I would like to see the traffic lights modified to include the turning arrow for traffic heading south on to Stock Road from Spearwood Avenue.</li> <li>• BBQ facility at park on Coromandel Park, North Coogee.</li> <li>• Footpath repair on Wanstead Street.</li> </ul>	<p>Engineering for followup</p>
--	---------------------------------

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fitness stations in the parks around Port Coogee</li></ul> |  |
|--|--|--|

**City of Cockburn**

9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood WA 6193

PO Box 1215, Bibra Lake DC Western Australia 6965

T: 08 9411 3888 F: 08 9411 3333

E: [comment@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:comment@cockburn.wa.gov.au)

[cockburn.gov.wa.au](http://cockburn.gov.wa.au)

