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City Budget Supported by Council

The City of Albany Council last night unanimously adopted a balanced budget for the 2013-2014 financial year.

City of Albany Mayor Dennis Wellington said the Council welcomed the new balanced budget.

“The 2013-2014 Annual Budget is the start of an increasing focus on long term strategic management by the City of Albany.

“The budget provides a sound base for achieving a safe, liveable, active and supportive community whilst maintaining a focus on the long term financial sustainability of Albany,” said Mayor Wellington.

The budget details the specific capital projects to be undertaken during 2013-2014, as well as funding the many services provided by the City of Albany.

The City of Albany has aligned this budget to the newly adopted “Community Strategic Plan Albany 2023”.

Some of the highlights include:

- Airport Upgrade \$3.71m
- Bridge Works \$3.39m
- Drainage \$2.46m
- Pathway Works Program \$1.89m
- Recreation & Culture Projects \$ 18.73m
- Road Works Program \$4.85m
- Waste - Construction & Compliance \$ 950,000

The budget was prepared in accordance with key themes developed during the Integrated Planning process and is the first year of the City’s ten year financial strategy which aims for long term financial stability and balanced budgets.

The Key Themes:

- Smart, Prosperous and Growing;
- Clean, Green and Sustainable;

- A connected Built Environment;
- A Sense of Community; and
- Civic Leadership.

City of Albany Mayor said that this will deliver true value for money for ratepayers, while keeping the City's financial position secure into the future.

"Council approved the budget with an average rate increase of 4.5% for 2013-2014. Based on comparisons with other local government we continue to levy at a comparable rate. This is a good result for Council and enables us to go ahead with our plans," said Mayor Wellington.

For more information about the City of Albany's 2013-2014 go to the City of Albany website: www.albany.wa.gov.au or view a copy at the City of Albany Administration offices, 102 North Rd Albany.

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