CITY VIEWS *Budget & Rates*

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A Message from the Mayor

Although Western Australia has been comparatively lucky, this year COVID-19 has caused significant disruptions to employment and the broader economy. The City of Armadale Council understands that many people have been feeling anxious and are possibly uncertain about their financial security in the months ahead and we are acutely aware of the impact on ratepayers when making budgeting decisions.

Earlier this year, Council committed to a freeze on rate revenue, to ensure that no ratepayer would pay more than last year. As a result of Council action, 20,879 residents will receive a decrease and 16,311 residents who would otherwise have had an increase will be granted a concession to keep their rates the same as last year.

Rates fund critical community infrastructure and allow us to deliver the services and programs which make the City of Armadale a great place to live. The City has been able to pay for the rates freeze concession (worth $1.87m) through cuts to services and works programs during the lock down and subsequent savings in the 2019/2020 budget.

The City will continue to deliver services and key projects, as well as bringing forward millions of dollars' worth of capital projects to support economic recovery and continued employment opportunities.

We believe Council has delivered a budget that balances the need to minimise costs for ratepayers with the long-term needs of the wider Armadale community.

To find out more about our Financial Hardship Policy or to discuss your rate notices, please contact **info@armadale.wa.gov.au** or phone **(08) 9394 5000**.

Yours sincerely,

Cr Ruth Butterfield
Mayor, City of Armadale