

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the City's annual report for 2005/ 2006. For the majority of the year the City operated under Commissioners appointed by the State Government. However, for the final 57 days, a democratically elected Council assumed responsibility of the City of Joondalup.

As Mayor, I am privileged and proud to lead the new team of Councillors who are all working extremely hard to rebuild community trust and move the City forward.

Your newly Elected Members have made a concerted effort to work in a cooperative and collegiate manner for the best interests of the residents and ratepayers of our great City.

It is apparent that the community is appreciative of the effort being made to restore good governance to the City - and this is also reflected in a new attitude towards the City by the State Government and other official bodies.

I know that I speak on behalf of all Elected Members in saying that we will always remember that it is the community who have chosen us and it is you the community that we serve.

My first priority as Mayor is to re-engage with the community, to rebuild bridges and ensure that the City of Joondalup provides the best attributes of local government.

Joondalup is the second biggest local government in Western Australia and we need to remember that what we have is special - from the pristine coastline stretching from Burns Beach to Marmion, to the wetlands of Lake Joondalup, the wonderful bushland areas and our marvellous community facilities.

We have in Joondalup itself, a regional capital - and we need to breathe life into the vision for a strong and vibrant regional centre. I am confident that with an elected body of fresh faces, a mix of experience and enthusiasm, we can achieve great things.

I place on record our thanks to Chairman John Paterson and the Commissioners – Deputy Peter Clough, Anne Fox, Steve Smith and Michael Anderson for their leadership during most of the 2005/2006 financial year. Highlights of the year, which are reflected in this Annual Report include:

- The major upgrade to the Craigie Leisure Centre;
- The decision to construct a new works depot;
- The completion of Stage 2 of the Sorrento Beach development; and
- The initiation of a CAT bus service for the Joondalup CBD.

I also thank Chief Executive Officer Garry Hunt and his staff for the support and efforts they have provided to the City during the past year.

While an Annual Report necessarily reflects on the past, the May elections marked a major step forward for the City of Joondalup. It is time for the City to progress - and move ahead under our new motto, 'Focussing on the Future'.

Troy Pickard
Mayor
City of Joondalup