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Community Newsletter

As one of your City of Bayswater councillors, I wanted to provide you with an update on what I've been working on since I was elected to represent you in late 2015.

In addition to being open and accessible to help with issues residents and business-owners face in dealing with the City, my three key priorities have been:

1. Keeping the administration accountable by calling out wasteful spending and rejecting budgets with high rate increases,
2. Fighting hard to see that your local council remains focused on its traditional roles, by defending common sense and not backing down on politically correct issues, and
3. Ensuring my promises made to you in my campaign are given full consideration by Council.

Hopefully this newsletter provides some information you find useful. If there's anything you want to discuss further, please get in contact with me by calling 0406 681 432 or by emailing brent.fleeton@bayswater.wa.gov.au

You can also keep up to date with what's happening on your Council by checking out my Facebook page and my website (www.brentfleeton.com)



GREAT NEWS FOR PENSIONERS & SENIORS!

Last month your Council decided to take an in-depth look at how we can provide more relief for the many thousands of pensioners and seniors paying rates in Bayswater. After recent attacks on pensioners and seniors from the State and Federal governments, we need to do all we can to help with the cost of living.

Getting this issue front and centre with your local council was one of my main election promises in 2015. We're a step away from this being reality. During the final budget process in June we'll see a decision made on the amount and details. Stay tuned!

Lots of credit has to go to my fellow Councillors willing to prioritise those doing it tough in our community.

Great news for dog owners!

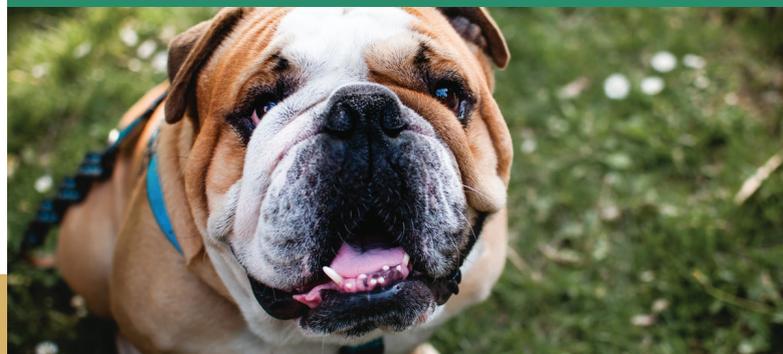
With the support of Council which backed me on this project, we allocated a further \$20,000 in the 2017/18 Budget to provide additional drinking fountains with dog bowls at the following reserves (these will be installed by April 2018):

- Abinger Reserve
- Hampton Square Reserve
- Upper Bardon Park Reserve

- Shearn Memorial Park
- Noranda Sporting Complex

These are in addition to the drink fountains with dog bowls which were installed at the following sites recently:

- Arbor Park
- Claughton Reserve
- Broun Park
- Strutt Reserve
- Weld Square



My approach to the Council Budget

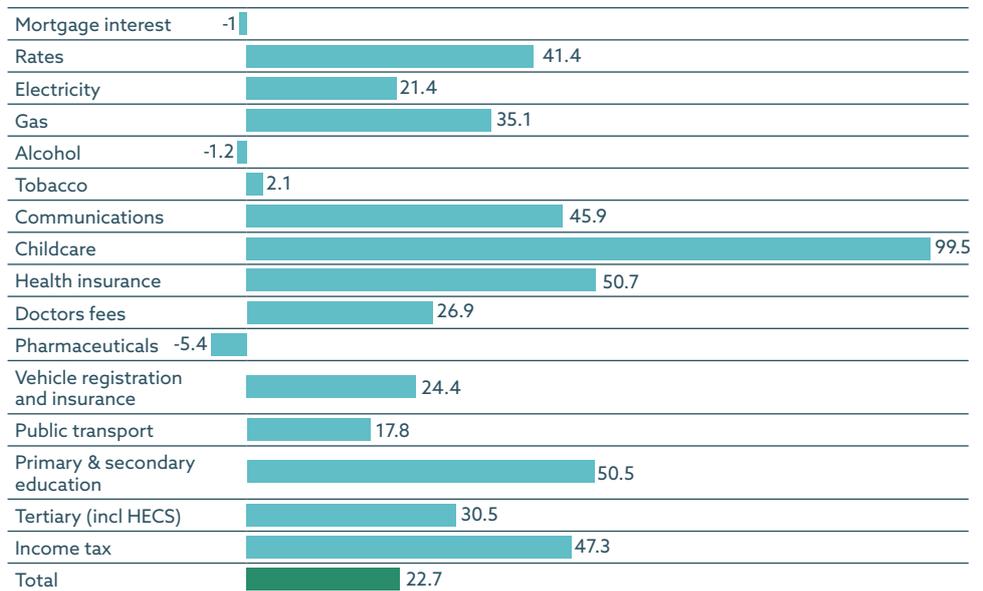
At every opportunity I try to come up with constructive and innovative ways to reduce spending so rates and charges can come down. Ideas such as reducing the number of Councillors and administration staff, scrapping outdated allowances for Councillors' clothing, limiting travel, lowering donation budgets and making Councillors pay for their own meals are just some of the things we should be doing to reduce costs.

As you can see from this chart, households have copped huge increases in a range of costs over the past few years. Your Council should be acutely aware of this and concentrate solely on efficient delivery of basic services to reduce costs at every opportunity. Unfortunately I've had to vote against the first two

HOUSEHOLD SPENDING GOODS AND SERVICES

Prices influenced by public sector (% change 2010-2016)

Source: ABS



budgets since I was elected because the high rate increases were simply not necessary.

I write regularly on Council finances, including how CPI is the most relevant benchmark in judging what households can afford to pay for, so please check out my Facebook page if you're interested in discussing further.

BAYSWATER'S EFFICIENCY DRIVE

Your Council has an appetite for changing the way we do things. Old excuses for not getting things done are a thing of the past. Our new CEO, Mr Andrew Brien, has a huge task in front of him. Under Andrew's direction, the City is currently undergoing a 12 month bottom-to-top review of all services and programmes with a single focus: **to make the City of Bayswater more efficient.**

The savings we find through this process will help us lower the burden Council places on you each year through rate increases.



\$150,000 for new CCTV cameras in Noranda



During the last Federal Election I advocated strongly for the Coalition Government to invest funds to pay for 22 new CCTV cameras at the Noranda Sporting Complex and at Robert Thompson Reserve. You'll soon see these installed and in operation. These assets will be a huge help in our ongoing fight against crime and anti-social behaviour. Please remember to always contact Security on 1300 360 333 to report anything untoward in addition to calling Police for more urgent assistance.

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