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Infrastructure improvements continue to be focus in 2013–14 budget

The City of Subiaco's 2013–14 budget, which was adopted at last night's council meeting, has a continued focus on infrastructure improvements.

CEO Stephen Tindale said the city was prioritising its drainage improvement program, the completion of underground power and road renewal improvements.

"While projects included in the budget support the continuation, extension and enhancement of a broad range of services, the priority for the 2013–14 budget is infrastructure," Mr Tindale said.

"Increased funds have been allocated to projects such as drainage improvements in the Nicholson Road area, and road improvements, including streetscape and lighting upgrades".

"These projects will ensure the community's well-being and safety are maintained.

"A total of \$4.5 million has been allocated to the completion of underground power, which will be a great achievement for the city.

"The city will also fund around \$2.4 million towards park renewal and upgrades," he said.

Mayor Heather Henderson said that although the city was continuing to focus on infrastructure in the 2013–14 budget, there were funds allocated to continue community programs and event, including the *sunday@subi* and *sunset@subi* concert series.

"Subiaco residents enjoy a high standard of services and facilities, and the city will continue to provide these as part of the budget," Mayor Henderson said.

"Improvements to playground equipment totalling over \$414 000 will be made over the coming twelve months.

"With parking in Subiaco a priority for both residents and businesses, over \$640 000 has been placed into a car park improvement program," she said.

To fund the city's activities, council approved a rate increase of 6.235 per cent, with a minimum rate of \$707.

Waste service charges have increased to maintain the current level of service and provide for Western Metropolitan Regional Council charges.

The 2013–14 budget was developed to progress the city's *Corporate Business Plan*, community aspirations identified in the *Strategic Community Plan* and the *Strategic Financial Plan*, which provides the framework for achieving long-term sustainability.

Detailed budget documents are available at the city's Administration Centre, Subiaco Library and on the city's website www.subiaco.wa.gov.au

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