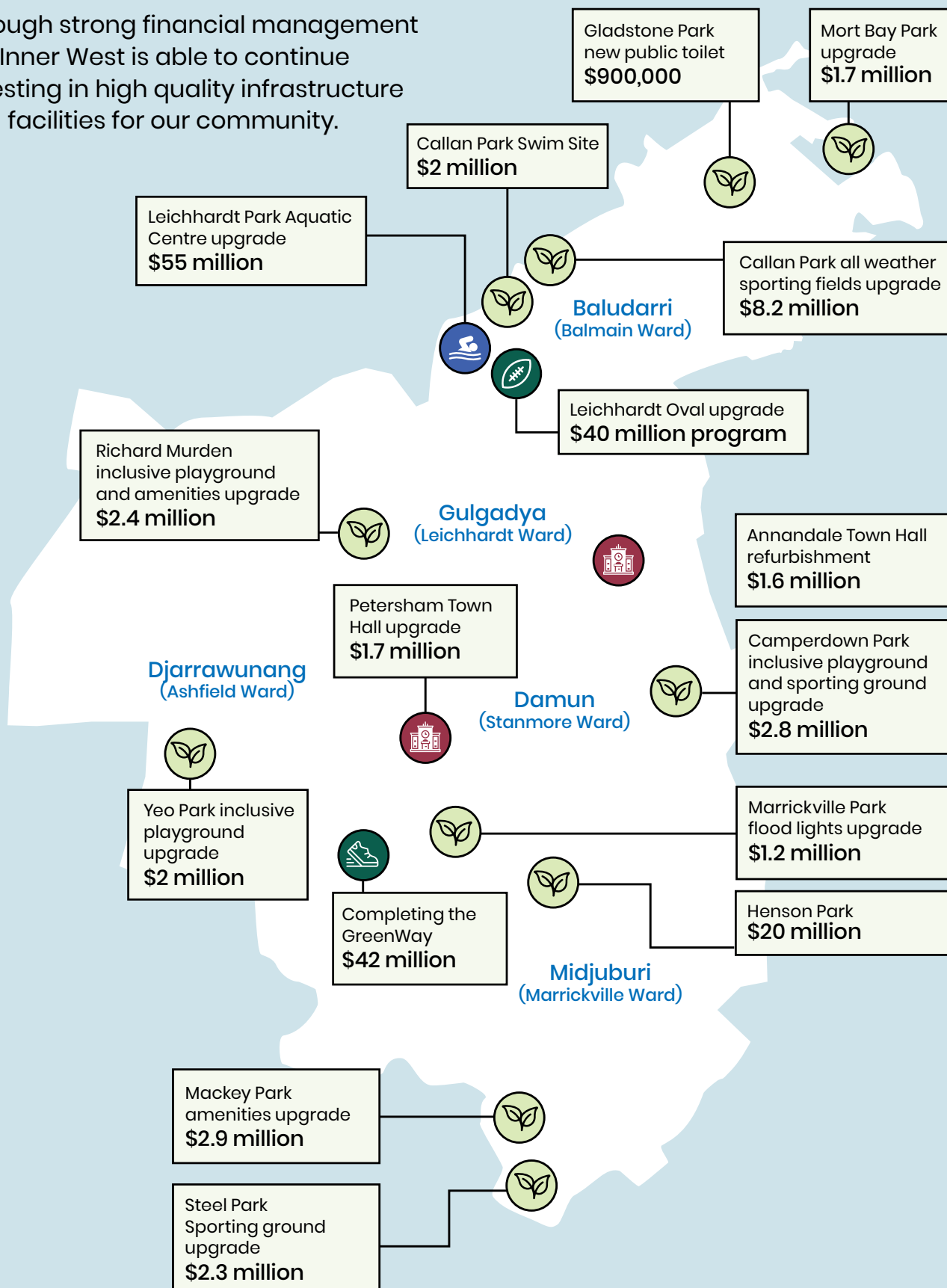


# Budget update

Through strong financial management the Inner West is able to continue investing in high quality infrastructure and facilities for our community.



## \$22.7 in making local roads and footpaths safer

We have committed \$22.7 million to improving local pedestrian crossings, traffic calming infrastructure, footpaths and roundabouts.

We will deliver over 80 projects across the Inner West this year to make our roads safer and our footpaths and pedestrian crossings more accessible and easier to navigate.

- Railway Parade, Annandale – kerb and gutter replacement, stormwater improvements and road renewal – Brennan St to Bayview Cres
- Denison Street, Rozelle – road renewal from Darling St to Burt St
- Yurulbin Park, Birchgrove – footpath upgrades
- Darling Street, Balmain – reconstruction of roundabout and installation of a new raised pedestrian crossings at Curtis Rd
- Holborow Street, Croydon – road renewal, footpath reconstruction and kerb improvement
- Beach Road, Dulwich Hill – road renewal from Hercules St to Wardell Rd
- Lilyfield Road, Lilyfield – kerb and gutter repairs and footpath reconstruction – Easton Park to Victoria Rd
- Wemyss Street, Marrickville – footpath and road reconstruction from Newington Rd to Addison Rd

- Palace Street, Petersham – road renewal from Parramatta Rd to South Ave
- Gannon Street, Tempe – road renewal from Unwins Bridge Rd to Princes Hwy
- Norton Street, Ashfield – traffic calming from Hugh St to A'Beckett Ave



Renewing local roads



Tempe Reserve floodlighting upgrade

## \$5.3 million to light up local sporting grounds

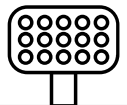
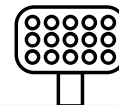
We have committed \$5.3 million to upgrade floodlighting at local sporting grounds.

This means our sporting grounds can be used for longer and are safer for local clubs and park users all year round.

In the next year, 7 local sports fields will get lighting upgrades including:

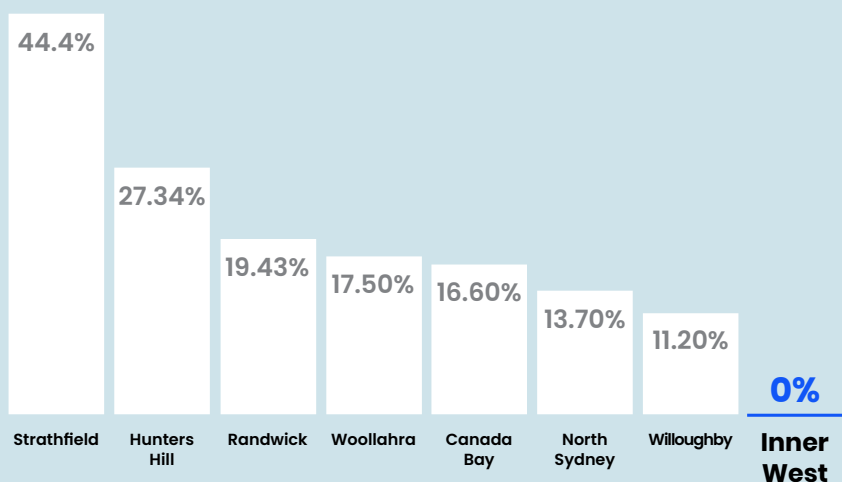
- Hammond Park, Ashfield
- Lambert Park, Leichhardt

- Marrickville Park
- Birchgrove Oval
- Leichhardt Oval No. 1
- Steel Park, Marrickville
- Richard Murden Reserve Netball Courts, Haberfield



We're keeping your rates as low as possible

Rate rises above indexation from 2016/17 – 2024/25



## \$4.9 million for better sports amenities

We are investing \$4.9 million to improve amenities at local sporting grounds.

This investment will deliver everything from accessible toilets, improved change rooms, kiosks and storage areas for local clubs.

In the next year, we will deliver 3 new and refurbished amenities buildings at local sporting grounds including:

- ▶ Hammond Park, Ashfield
- ▶ Leichhardt Oval No.3
- ▶ Pratten Park, Ashfield



Recently opened Tempe Reserve Amenities

## \$3.7 million to enhance local sports field playing surfaces

Our local sports fields are getting an upgrade. We have dedicated \$3.7 million deliver safer and more reliable playing surfaces for local players.

Sporting clubs will benefit from resurfaced playing fields with improved drainage, ensuring local grounds can be used year-round in all weather conditions.

In the next year, we will upgrade playing surfaces at 5 local sports fields including:

- ▶ Cohen Park, Annandale
- ▶ Leichhardt Oval No.3
- ▶ SSC Leichhardt
- ▶ Steel Park, Marrickville
- ▶ Hammond Park, Ashfield



Recently resurfaced King George Park

## Prudent financial management pays dividends

Unlike a lot of similar sized councils, we've committed to no rate rises above indexation over the term of this council. This has been achieved by prudent financial management and investment to keep your rates low and achieve better value.

We've delivered a balanced budget this year with an operating and income expenditure of \$310 million and projected surpluses into the future.

In the coming year, we will spend over \$119 million on capital works projects, with 40% on new infrastructure. 60% will be spent on once-in-a-generation projects to renew existing assets such as Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre, the completion of the \$42 million GreenWay, the \$40 million renovation of Leichhardt Oval and the \$20 million upgrade of Henson Park. Council has been able to fund these projects because of our healthy financial position and by partnering with State and Federal Governments.

All of these projects are designed to ensure we improve the liveability of the Inner West while striking the right balance between maintenance and growth.



## Budget highlights

Council has allocated \$119 million for capital works this year. Some highlights to look out for include:



**\$11.7 million**

Road renewal projects



**\$3.3 million**

Footpath improvements



**\$4.1 million**

Stormwater works



**\$2.3 million**

Pedestrian Access and  
Mobility Plan implementation



**\$4.6 million**

Cycleways



**\$3.8 million**

Traffic facilities

## \$4.1 million to reduce flooding and stormwater pollution

We are dedicating \$4.1 million to deliver stormwater improvements to help reduce flooding and water pollution.

This includes the delivery of 22 projects in flood affected areas over the next 12 months.

This investment will keep our stormwater systems in good shape, improve water quality and reduce local flooding across the Inner West.

## \$4.3 million to improve local playgrounds

We are investing \$4.3 million to deliver new and upgraded playgrounds.

This includes the delivery of our remaining flagship inclusive play spaces designed to ensure that children of all ages and abilities can experience the benefits of play together.

Over the next year, we will deliver 8 improved playgrounds including:

- ▶ Yeo Park, Ashfield Inclusive Playground, Ashfield
- ▶ Anthony St Reserve Playground, Croydon
- ▶ Hinsby Park Playground, Annandale
- ▶ J F Laxton Reserve, Dulwich Hill Playground
- ▶ 36th Battalion Park, Leichhardt Playground
- ▶ Norton Russell Reserve Playground, Newtown

## Bill smoothing

We have implemented a new payment system called Payble that allows you to pay your rates in smaller instalments if that suits you best.

This new service can help with bill smoothing and is very easy to use.

Look for the instructions on your rate notice for this new, easy-to-use service.



## How we spend your rates and other income

Every \$100 collected will be distributed as follows across a range of services



Capital and major projects

\$26



Resource recovery  
planning and operations

\$13



Parks and streetscapes operations

\$9



Children's services

\$9



Civil maintenance

\$8



Sports and recreation

\$7



Libraries, history,  
community venues and centres

\$5



Parking and ranger services

\$4



Strategic planning and  
economic development

\$3



Events, living arts, community wellbeing,  
social and cultural planning

\$3



Facilities management

\$3



Engineering services

\$2



Development assessment

\$2



Building certification, environmental  
health, and building regulation

\$2



Urban ecology and sustainability

\$2



Urban forest

\$1



Traffic and transport planning

\$1