

City of Whittlesea

# Budget 2026–27



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Whittlesea**

# Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The City of Whittlesea recognises the rich Aboriginal heritage of this country and acknowledges the Wurundjeri Willum Clan and the Taungurung People as the Traditional Owners of lands within the City of Whittlesea.



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# Budget 2026-27

## Message from the Mayor and Acting CEO



Mayor,  
Cr Lawrie Cox



Acting CEO  
Debbie Wood

### We are pleased to present the Budget 2026-27 to the City of Whittlesea community.

This Budget outlines Council's commitment to investing in the essential services and infrastructure needed to support our growing community, while also ensuring long-term financial sustainability.

Developed through multiple rounds of consultation, community feedback has helped shape this Budget, with a focus on investing in the priorities that matter most to our community. These include community safety, roads, public transport and footpaths, services for older residents, community facilities and initiatives to support community wellbeing.

### Delivering the services our community needs

The Budget 2026-27 includes an operating budget of \$353 million, which will enable Council to continue to invest and deliver essential services to cater to our growing population. This includes kerbside bin collections, services for children and families such as maternal and child health and kindergartens, libraries, support for local businesses, as well as managing spaces and places for our community such as leisure centres, community facilities, playgrounds and sports fields.

The Budget also provides for programs that support our ageing population, including in-home services such as delivered meals, domestic assistance, personal care and respite, as well as supporting seniors clubs across the municipality. The ongoing delivery of our community grants program to support inclusive local events and programs, creating opportunities for connection is also included in this Budget.

### Building the infrastructure our community needs

More than \$116 million is allocated towards capital works projects that will continue to build the infrastructure needed in our community.

#### Key highlights include:

- the continued construction of the regional sports precinct in Mernda
- completing the construction of the West Wollert Community Centre, and
- the start of construction of the Edgars Creek Recreation Reserve Sporting Facility in Wollert, which will include a new AFL/cricket oval, four netball courts and a multipurpose pavilion, and the Ashley Park Recreation Reserve Sporting Facility in Doreen to include two new soccer pitches, a multipurpose pavilion and fitness equipment.

### Providing the support our community needs

Council is committed to supporting those in our community experiencing vulnerability, and will continue to subsidise State and Federal contracted services, such as Aged Care, ensuring these critical services remain accessible.

Council will also continue to offer support through its financial hardship program and this Budget also includes \$1.8 million in continued funding for community grants.

### Financial sustainability

This Budget responds to the increasing cost pressures and external influences such as inflation, interest rates and global uncertainty, while continuing to focus on delivering essential services and progressing key infrastructure investments for the community. Careful planning has been undertaken to ensure these commitments remain achievable and sustainable.

Our average rates in 2026-27 will increase by 2.75%, in line with the rate cap set by the Victoria Government under the Fair Go Rating System.

The cost of delivering waste services continues to increase due to a range of factors, including the Victorian Government's Landfill Levy and the transition to a four-bin collection system under the Recycling Victoria strategy. As a result, waste charges in 2026-27 will increase by \$6.95 per household to a total charge of \$416.90, with the landfill levy comprising \$106.70 for the average residential household. Despite this increase, our waste charges remain among the lowest when compared to neighbouring and growth councils, ensuring continued value and sustainability for our residents.

### Strong advocacy

While Council continues to navigate the financial challenges of increasing costs in a rate capped environment to be able to deliver a strong Budget, unprecedented demand for community infrastructure means that Council will need to rely on strong support from other levels of government to deliver some of the large infrastructure projects our community requires. This partnership approach will help meet the needs of a rapidly growing municipality.

We will continue to advocate strongly to the State and Federal Governments for funding to support Council in delivering key projects that will make a real difference to the people who choose to live, work and study here.

### Thank you

We thank everyone who shared their feedback over many months to help shape this Budget. We look forward to continuing to deliver for our community and ensuring the City of Whittlesea remains a great place for all.

# 2026-27 Budget Operating highlights

## Services and maintenance



**\$510.4m**  
Operating income/revenue



**\$352.7m**  
Operating expenditure



**\$157.7m**  
Operating surplus/  
deficit



**\$28.2m**  
Family, children, youth  
and aged services



**\$34.2m**  
Parks and open  
space maintenance



**\$41.1m**  
Resource recovery,  
waste management and  
climate change



**\$24.7m**  
Transport network  
improvements



**\$10.7m**  
Leisure, recreation  
and community  
facilities services



**\$7.8m**  
Public health, safety and  
emergency management



**\$7.4m**  
Libraries



**\$2m**  
Local businesses and  
communities



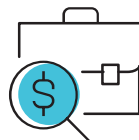
**\$1.8m**  
Community grants

## Capital works highlights

### Infrastructure investment



**\$116.6m**  
Capital works program



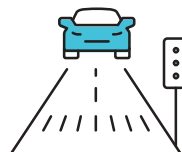
**\$49.5m**  
Investment in renewing  
and expanding assets



**\$67.1m**  
Investment in  
new assets



**\$23.8m**  
New and upgraded  
recreation, leisure and  
community facilities



**\$19.7m**  
Roads



**\$23.1m**  
Parks, open space and  
streetscape improvements

# Chief Financial Officer's Report

The City of Whittlesea's Budget 2026-27 sets a financially responsible path forward for the organisation to continue to deliver critical investment in services and key infrastructure to support our rapidly growing community.

The budget aims to continue Council's commitment to invest in services and infrastructure in a financially responsible way by balancing the needs of our community while achieving long-term financial sustainability.

In 2026-27, Council is budgeting for a full year operating surplus of \$157.67 million. This is largely driven by revenue received from non-monetary contributions of \$111.92 million, grants operating of \$36.28 million and other income of \$26.10 million.

## Operating Budget Snapshot

	Forecast 2025-26 \$'000	Budget 2026-27 \$'000
Total Income / Revenue	510,200	<b>510,385</b>
Total Expenses	345,002	<b>352,712</b>
<b>*Operating Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	165,198	<b>157,673</b>
<b>**Adjusted underlying surplus/(deficit)</b>	(14,570)	<b>7,145</b>

\*Whilst the operating surplus may appear large, it is calculated to comply with the requirements of Australian Accounting Standards and importantly does not equate to excess cash available for Council to spend. This is due to the fact that Council's surplus is largely made up of either non-cash items such as infrastructure contributions from developers or cash items that are restricted by legislation in how they can be used by Council in the future.

\*\*The calculation of the adjusted underlying result incorporates adjusted revenue and total expenses, including expenditure funded through Infrastructure Contributions Plans reserves. The primary factor driving an underlying operating deficit in 2025-26 financial year is the advance payment of the Financial Assistance Grant, which was paid in 2024-25 and recognised in accordance with the Accounting Standard. In addition, the planned reimbursement payments to developers for infrastructure works under the Infrastructure Contributions Plans contribute to the deficit; however, these payments are fully funded by the Infrastructure Contributions Plans reserve. The deficit is expected to be managed through careful financial oversight and strategic use of reserves, ensuring a return to a surplus position.

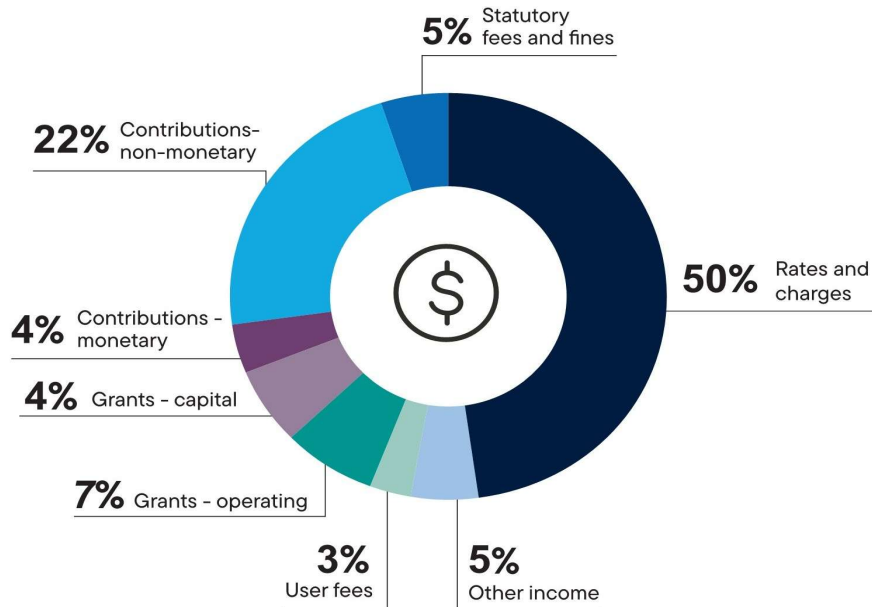
## Capital Works Budget Snapshot

	Forecast 2025-26 \$'000	Budget 2026-27 \$'000
<b>Total capital works expenditure</b>	95,465	<b>116,575</b>
<b>Represented by</b>		
New asset expenditure	56,363	<b>67,121</b>
Asset renewal expenditure	26,710	<b>27,872</b>
Asset upgrade expenditure	12,392	<b>21,557</b>
Asset expansion expenditure	-	<b>25</b>

### Where Council's money comes from

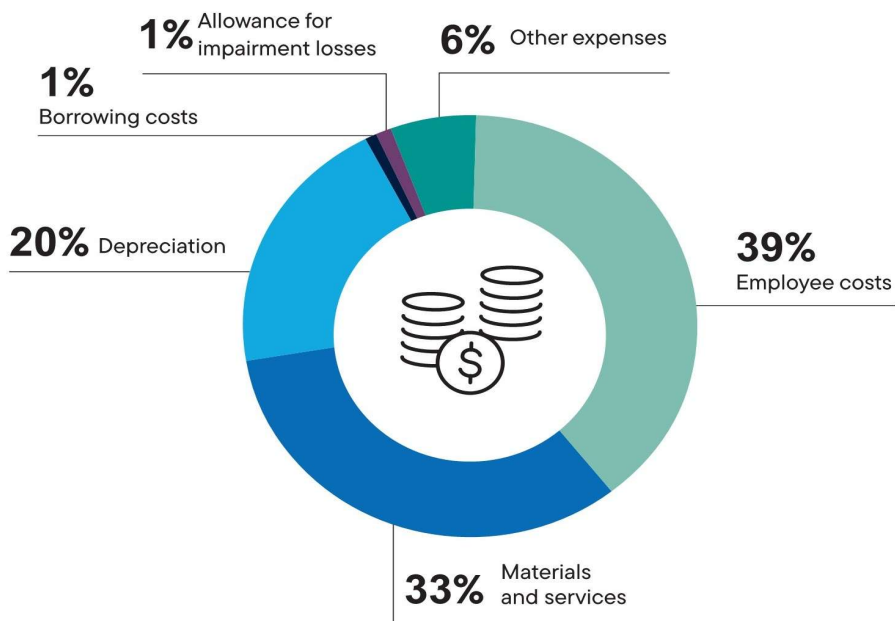
Council's income comes from a number of sources including:

- Rates and charges
- Statutory fees and fines
- Charging user fees for some of our services
- Operating grants funding from the Federal and State Government
- Capital grants funding from the Federal and State Government
- Monetary contributions from developers
- Non-monetary contributions from developers
- Net gain or loss from the sale or disposal of Council property, infrastructure, plant and equipment
- Share of net profits/(losses) of associates and joint ventures
- Other income.



### How Council's money is spent

Council uses the money it receives from rates and other sources to deliver services to our community, including providing new facilities and maintaining, renewing and upgrading our existing community infrastructure assets.



## Budget Highlights

Key highlights from Council's Budget 2026-27 include:

- Operating revenue of \$510.39 million (including 29.49% or \$150.53 million of total revenue relating to monetary contributions, non-monetary contributions and non-recurrent capital grants)
- Operating expenditure of \$352.71 million
- Adjusted underlying surplus of \$7.15 million excluding monetary contributions, non-monetary contributions and non-recurrent capital grants.
- Continue investing in essential services for our community such as:
  - Resource recovery, waste management and climate change with \$41.08 million
  - Family, children, youth and aged services with \$28.17 million
  - Leisure, recreation and community facilities services with \$10.73 million
  - Libraries with \$7.36 million
  - Parks and open space maintenance with \$34.22 million
  - Transport network improvements with \$24.71 million
  - Local businesses and communities with \$2.03 million.

## Capital Works Program Highlights

Our Budget delivers a focused \$116.58 million capital works program that reflects the ongoing growth and demand in infrastructure and asset renewal and ensures project readiness to maximise our opportunities for grant funding in future years.

Highlights include:

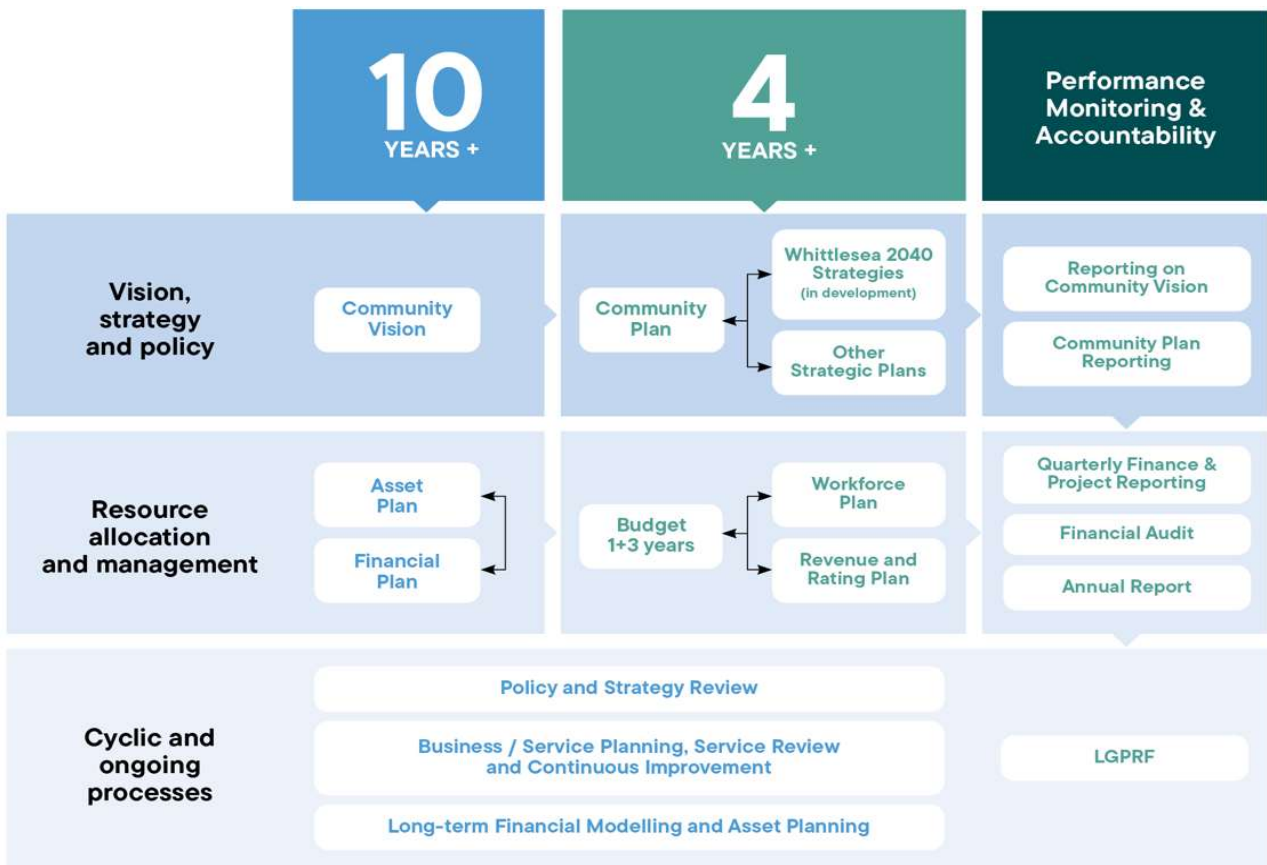
- Continue construction of Stage 2 of the Regional Sports Precinct, Mernda
- Complete construction of West Wollert Community Centre
- Commence construction of Derby Meadows Preschool & Children's Centre, Epping
- Continue construction of Yan Yean Pipe Track, Mill Park
- Complete the streetscape upgrade of The Boulevard, Thomastown
- Commence the intersection upgrade of Findon Road and The Great Eastern Way, South Morang
- Commence construction of Edgars Creek Recreation Reserve Sporting Facility, Wollert
- Commence construction of Ashley Park Recreation Reserve Sporting Facility, Doreen
- Delivery of local road restoration and resurfacing
- Ongoing programs to upgrade playgrounds and landscaping.

# 1. Link to the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

This section describes how the Budget links to the achievement of the Community Vision and Community Plan within an overall integrated strategic planning and reporting framework. This framework guides the Council in identifying community needs and aspirations over the long term (Community Vision, Financial Plan and Asset Plan), medium term (Community Plan, Workforce Plan, and Revenue and Rating Plan) and short term (Budget) and then holding itself accountable (Annual Report).

## 1.1 Legislative planning and accountability framework

The Budget is a rolling four-year plan that outlines the financial and non-financial resources that Council requires to achieve the strategic objectives described in the Community Plan. The diagram below depicts the integrated strategic planning and reporting framework that applies to local government in Victoria. At each stage of the integrated strategic planning and reporting framework there are opportunities for community and stakeholder input. This is important to ensure transparency and accountability to both residents and ratepayers.



The timing of each component of the integrated strategic planning and reporting framework is critical to the successful achievement of the planned outcomes.

### 1.1.1 Key planning considerations

#### Service level planning

Although councils have a legal obligation to provide some services, such as animal management, local roads, food safety and statutory planning, most council services are not legally mandated, including some services closely associated with councils, such as libraries and sporting facilities. Furthermore, over time, the needs and expectations of communities can change. Therefore councils need to have robust processes for service planning and review to ensure all services continue to provide value for money and are in line with community expectations. In doing so, councils should engage with communities to determine how to prioritise resources and balance service provision against other responsibilities such as asset maintenance and capital works. Community consultation needs to be in line with a councils adopted Community Engagement Policy and Public Transparency Policy.

## 1.2 Our purpose

### Our Vision

*Whittlesea 2040: A place for all*

The City of Whittlesea's vision guides our effort to keep pace with the rapid changes to and growth of our municipality over the next few years.

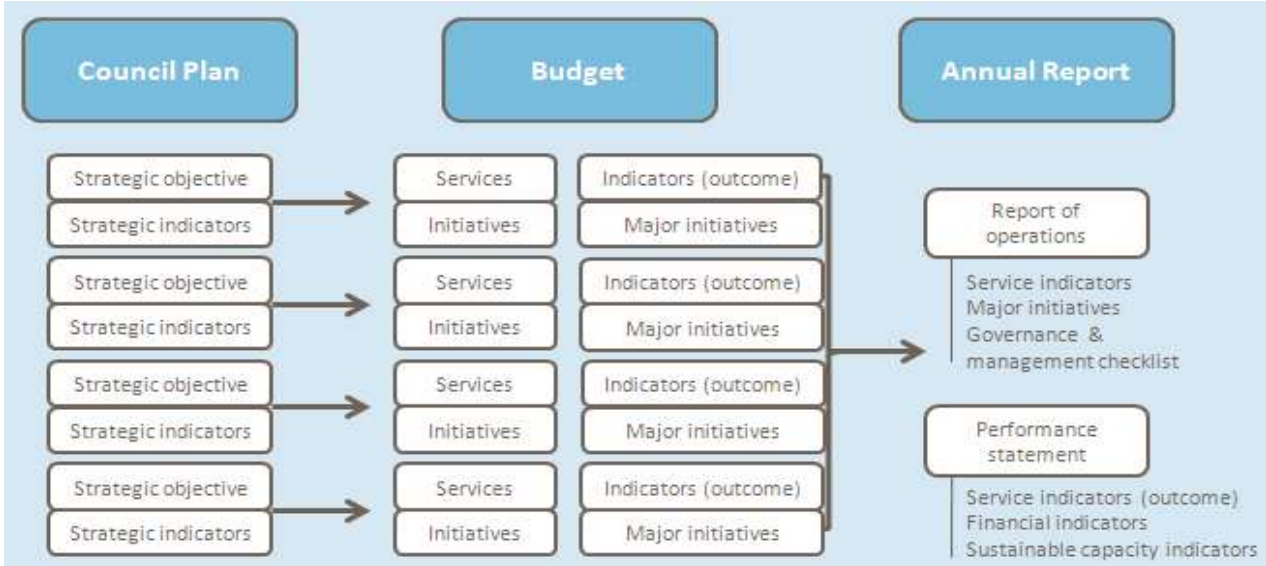
## 1.3 Strategic objectives

Council delivers services and initiatives under 27 major service groups. Each contributes to achieving Council's strategic objectives, which are grouped under five goals.

Goal	Description
Connected community	In 2040, the City of Whittlesea is a place that opens its arms to every resident, where all walks of life are celebrated and supported. Our community is compassionate and welcoming. We are healthy and can easily access the support services we need. People of all backgrounds, ages and abilities feel that they are an essential part of the community. We work together, making our community a better place for all.
Liveable neighbourhoods	In 2040, the City of Whittlesea is well-planned and beautiful. Our neighbourhoods and town centres are convenient and vibrant places to live, work and play. Everything we need is close by. We have a variety of quality housing that suits our life stages and circumstances. Every resident is able to get where they need to go with ease and can leave the car at home.
Strong local economy	In 2040, the City of Whittlesea is the smart choice for innovation, business growth and industry. People of all ages have opportunities to learn and develop skills locally. There are many opportunities to gain employment and build careers not too far from home. Residents support local business and we are renowned for our successful local economy.
Sustainable environment	In 2040, the City of Whittlesea's superb landscapes and natural environment are an enduring source of pride. Our iconic River Red Gums, local biodiversity and precious natural assets are protected for future generations. Locals and visitors enjoy spending time in our natural environments and our leafy suburbs. Together, we are working to reduce our impact on the environment and adapt to the changing climate.
High performing organisation	Council delivers a range of internal functions and activities enabling the delivery of efficient and effective services and initiatives. Council's goal is to be a high-performing organisation which delivers best value to the community.

## 2. Services and Service Performance Indicators

This section provides a description of the services and initiatives to be funded in the Budget for the 2026-27 year and how these will contribute to achieving the strategic objectives outlined in the Community Plan. It also describes several initiatives and service performance outcome indicators for key areas of Council's operations. Council is required by legislation to identify major initiatives, initiatives and service performance outcome indicators in the Budget and report against them in their Annual Report to support transparency and accountability. The relationship between these accountability requirements in the Community Plan (Council Plan), the Budget and the Annual Report is shown below.



Source: Department of Government Services

### Key actions

Following the adoption of the Community Plan 2025-29, Council is now progressing the endorsement of the Community Action Plan 2026-27, which represents the second annual action plan supplement. The Community Action Plan 2026-27 translates the long-term vision, priorities and outcomes of the Community Plan into a focused set of actions for delivery over the 2026-27 period, ensuring Council's work remains responsive to community needs and aligned with adopted strategic directions.

### 2.1 Connected community

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Service Group		Actual	Forecast	Budget
		2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000
<b>Aboriginal reconciliation</b>	Income	11	47	117
	Expense	774	1,162	1,292
	Surplus / (deficit)	(763)	(1,115)	(1,175)

We work in partnership with our Aboriginal residents to advance meaningful reconciliation. Together, we support services and infrastructure that are inclusive, welcoming, and respectful of cultural identity, while promoting social justice, health, and wellbeing outcomes. These services are delivered at the Aboriginal Gathering Place and across the municipality. We are committed to strengthening the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community by building strong relationships with organisations, stakeholders, and community members, particularly Traditional Owners within the City of Whittlesea. We also facilitate the Whittlesea Reconciliation Group and the Whittlesea Aboriginal Gathering Place Advisory Group. These groups help foster reconciliation, guide responsive programs and events, and increase understanding and respect for Aboriginal peoples and culture.

Service Group		Actual	Forecast	Budget
		2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000
<b>Ageing well</b>	Income	7,547	7,925	7,850
	Expense	10,574	11,591	12,148
	Surplus / (deficit)	(3,027)	(3,666)	(4,298)

We enable older adults to maintain their independence, wellbeing, and social connection through the delivery of a diverse range of accessible, inclusive, and high-quality in-home services, such as delivered meals, domestic assistance, personal care, and respite care. We empower people to lead fulfilling lives through active ageing, volunteerism, seniors' club support, positive ageing programs, engagement in age-friendly community initiatives, fostering connection, and health and wellbeing.

<b>Animal management</b>	Income	1,473	1,369	1,770
	Expense	2,862	3,402	3,436
	Surplus / (deficit)	(1,389)	(2,033)	(1,666)

We ensure people and their pets can live together harmoniously and safely in our community. We reunite lost pets with their owners, facilitate pet adoptions, operate the Wat djerring Animal Facility, investigate animal incidents and complaints, establish and monitor measures to mitigate the risks posed by dangerous and restricted-breed dogs, attend to wandering livestock, and audit animal related businesses to ensure standards are upheld. We keep a register of cats and dogs that live in the City of Whittlesea and promote responsible pet ownership through a range of strategic actions under Council's Domestic Animal Management Plan.

<b>Community facilities</b>	Income	1,400	1,401	1,178
	Expense	4,355	5,016	5,091
	Surplus / (deficit)	(2,955)	(3,615)	(3,913)

We plan, construct, manage, and maintain Council-owned and operated facilities to support valued community services, events, leisure activities, and community-run activities and groups. Specific Council services supported include maternal and child health, early childhood, and social support activities. External services supported include allied health and other community services.

<b>Community strengthening</b>	Income	924	1,202	1,309
	Expense	4,117	6,428	6,065
	Surplus / (deficit)	(3,193)	(5,226)	(4,756)

We build inclusive, empowered, and connected communities through the planning and delivery of evidence-based and place-based programs and services in partnership with relevant stakeholders.

<b>Creative communities</b>	Income	1,132	1,556	1,450
	Expense	3,349	4,440	4,454
	Surplus / (deficit)	(2,217)	(2,884)	(3,004)

We provide arts, culture, and events services to improve health and wellbeing, foster community pride, contribute to the local economy, and promote inclusion and social cohesion. Our creative services include festivals and events, arts engagement, creative projects, public and visual arts, Ziebell's Farmhouse Museum, and the Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre.

<b>Customer services and community communications</b>	Income	0	0	0
	Expense	13,492	12,268	12,088
	Surplus / (deficit)	(13,492)	(12,268)	(12,088)

We put customers and the community at the heart of how we deliver valued council services and civic events, and how we communicate, engage and consult with our community. We continue to invest in facilities, processes, people and systems to improve our services, and advocate to all levels of government to support our community now and into the future.

Service Group		Actual	Forecast	Budget
		2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000
<b>Children and family services</b>	Income	6,462	6,409	6,034
	Expense	12,253	13,966	14,646
	Surplus / (deficit)	(5,791)	(7,557)	(8,612)

We aim to improve health, social, and educational outcomes for children and families within the City of Whittlesea. We provide high-quality, evidence-based services, programs, and activities to strengthen family wellbeing, capacity, and connection. Key services include maternal and child health services, and early years management and support.

<b>Leisure and recreation</b>	Income	3,584	3,553	3,770
	Expense	4,732	6,665	5,639
	Surplus / (deficit)	(1,148)	(3,112)	(1,869)

We strategically plan and manage leisure and recreation facilities within the City of Whittlesea. We support individuals and groups to participate in sport and recreation activities, and support organisations using Council spaces. We liaise with sports clubs to support their development, community participation, and effective use of sports grounds, pavilions, and other facilities.

<b>Libraries</b>	Income	0	0	0
	Expense	6,403	6,775	7,358
	Surplus / (deficit)	(6,403)	(6,775)	(7,358)

We offer library services through Yarra Plenty Regional Library in partnership with Banyule and Nillumbik Councils. We seek to build a skilled community that has a sense of wellbeing, inclusion, and belonging through free access to relevant collections, public programs and welcoming, accessible spaces for learning.

<b>Public health and safety</b>	Income	10,484	11,962	12,800
	Expense	7,145	8,091	7,815
	Surplus / (deficit)	3,339	3,871	4,985

We safeguard and improve the health, safety, and wellbeing of our community by providing education, regulatory oversight, and targeted programs. Our services help residents understand their responsibilities in maintaining public health, ensure compliance with state and local legislation, and deliver evidence-based initiatives that address key health and wellbeing challenges within the community.

<b>Youth services</b>	Income	43	41	40
	Expense	1,375	1,333	1,378
	Surplus / (deficit)	(1,332)	(1,292)	(1,338)

Our Youth Services provide a range of programs, activities, and events for young people aged 7 to 25 years old and their families. Council also facilitates networks and advocates for inclusive social and physical infrastructure that supports all young people, and works closely with a range of external organisations.

**The 2026-27 proposed actions for the Connected Community goal are:**

1. Identify opportunities to enhance client feedback to support the continuous improvement of Council's Ageing Well services.
2. Deliver Year 3 of Council's Fair Access Policy Implementation Plan to increase inclusive access for women and girls in sport.
3. Partner with service providers, local employers and community organisations to strengthen and expand the Employment Readiness Program, increasing pathways to work and volunteering for young people with disability.
4. Support family and children service providers through Council's Best Start Program to further develop initiatives and strategies that improve access and participation for First Peoples.
5. Conduct initial planning to enable a long-term plan to rejuvenate the operations, services and creative offering at the Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre which will transform it into a thriving creative hub.
6. Partner with First Peoples organisations to support local programs that encourage social connection and self-determination.
7. Continue construction of Stage 2 of the regional sports precinct in Mernda including the indoor stadium and outdoor netball courts.
8. Complete detailed design of a new sports reserve in Wollert (Alkira Recreation Reserve).

9. Complete construction of the Huskisson Recreation Reserve sports facilities redevelopment in Lalor.
10. Commence construction of a sports oval and car park at Edgars Creek Recreation Reserve in Wollert.
11. Complete detailed design of Ashley Park Recreation Reserve in Doreen.
12. Partner and promote good practice in the delivery of healthy and affordable food systems for local communities.
13. Develop and deliver a strategic transition plan to align Council's Ageing Well services with the Commonwealth Home Support Program.
14. Complete the construction of the Stables Kindergarten redevelopment and expansion.
15. Develop a kindergarten plan that outlines Council's actions in the rollout of the Victorian Government Kindergarten Reform.
16. Advocate for funding to develop more youth-friendly spaces for young people that provide access to services, programs and support.
17. Complete the construction of the West Wollert Community Centre and commence operations of the new community facility including a library.
18. Support City of Whittlesea staff to understand the impacts of gambling harm as well as the supports available to the local community.
19. Explore ways to improve how those experiencing homelessness are connected to appropriate specialists services.
20. Improve access to Council facilities and spaces to further support community organisations to deliver preventative mental health services and programs.
21. Partner with leaders from diverse backgrounds to increase awareness on LGBTIQ+ violence.

#### Service Performance Outcome Indicators

Domain	Indicator	Actual 2024-25	Forecast 2025-26	Budget 2026-27
Community	Maternal and Child Health Services	77.72%	69.61%	73.48%
	Maternal and Child Health Services (Aboriginal)	91.80%	77.91%	81.86%
	Library Services	22.01%	23.46%	23.46%
Cost	Library Services	\$22.53	\$22.82	\$26.59
Responsiveness	Food Safety	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

\*Refer to table at end of section 2.5 for information on the calculation of Service Performance Outcome Indicators.

## 2.2 Liveable neighbourhoods

In 2040, the City of Whittlesea is well-planned and beautiful. Our neighbourhoods and town centres are convenient and vibrant places to live, work and play. Everything we need is close by. We have a variety of quality housing that suits our life stages and circumstances. Every resident is able to get where they need to go with ease and can leave the car at home.

### Services

Service Group		Actual	Forecast	Budget
		2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000
<b>Parks and open space</b>	Income	157	173	443
	Expense	25,232	32,366	34,219
	Surplus / (deficit)	(25,075)	(32,193)	(33,776)

We provide and manage Council's parks and open space assets such as parks, playgrounds, street trees and lawns. We also plan strategically for future parks and open space projects including any upgrades to existing open.

<b>Planning and building</b>	Income	4,628	3,759	3,953
	Expense	11,026	12,726	12,960
	Surplus / (deficit)	(6,398)	(8,967)	(9,007)

We administer and enforce building, planning, and subdivision legislation to ensure development is safe, compliant, and aligned with community expectations. Our department assesses building, planning, and subdivision applications, undertakes inspections, and manages compliance with the building, planning, and subdivision legislation. We also oversee the delivery of infrastructure and public realm outcomes associated with development, helping to create a safe, connected, and liveable community.

<b>Traffic operations and safety</b>	Income	6,583	7,306	7,293
	Expense	8,181	10,440	11,163
	Surplus / (deficit)	(1,598)	(3,134)	(3,870)

We work to maintain a safe, accessible, and efficient road network for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists. Our services include staffing supervised and unsupervised school crossings, monitoring and enforcing compliance with road rules, supporting equity and accessibility across the transport network, and delivering community education programs that promote safety, particularly around schools.

<b>Transport network improvements</b>	Income	4,931	3,740	4,213
	Expense	21,877	28,062	24,709
	Surplus / (deficit)	(16,946)	(24,322)	(20,496)

We plan, provide and manage accessible, functional, safe and well-connected local transport infrastructure within the municipality. We advocate with State agencies for better transport outcomes for upgrading existing and providing new transport infrastructure, and better public transport services.

#### The 2026-27 proposed actions for the Liveable neighbourhoods goal are:

22. Commence the delivery of the Yan Yean Pipe Track shared user path from Centenary Drive to Bush Boulevard in Mill Park.
23. Advocate for public transport investment in Epping to Wollert Rail and better bus services, as well as key road upgrades including Donnybrook Rd, Findon Rd, Craigieburn East Rd, Bridge Inn Rd, Epping Rd, Dalton Rd intersection upgrades and the future OMR/E6 Freeway.
24. Deliver shared path lighting on Edgars Creek trail in Thomastown.
25. Commence the development of the Bundoora Place Framework.
26. Commence the design of public space improvements to Mill Park Drive precinct including the Miller Community Centre, Mill Park shops, and Mill Park preschool.
27. Continue construction of The Boulevard shopping precinct upgrade in Thomastown.
28. Complete a review of the Whittlesea Planning Scheme and commence implementation to support high quality design and sustainable development outcomes.
29. Commence background research for a parking management plan, which will provide a framework to enable a balanced approach to meeting the parking needs of our growing community.
30. Continue to plan for the Darebin Creek Community Centre in Donnybrook, including the preparation of design plans.
31. Commence infrastructure upgrades along Laurel Street in Whittlesea Township including road pavement, stormwater drainage, car parking, and improving pedestrian safety.

32. Commence construction of Nick Ascenzo Reserve including upgrading the reserve with a new play space, upgraded picnic / barbecue areas, outdoor gathering spaces, forecourt plaza, public toilets, exercise and fitness equipment, multi-purpose hard court and car park.
33. Complete design of Garden View Estate Lalor (Downs Rd) residential development in Lalor, comprising of at least 25 homes, including affordable housing.
34. Complete construction of Ashline Street Affordable Housing Project in Wollert, partnering with a community housing organisation to provide 27 affordable homes.
35. Continue construction of the Johnsons Road residential development in Mernda, comprising 37 homes, including affordable housing and open spaces.

#### Service Performance Outcome Indicators

Domain	Indicator	Actual 2024-25	Forecast 2025-26	Budget 2026-27
Environment	Roads	92.05%	92.15%	93.70%
Responsiveness	Statutory Planning	68.39%	69.77%	70.00%

\*Refer to table at end of section 2.5 for information on the calculation of Service Performance Outcome Indicators.

### 2.3 Strong local economy

In 2040, the City of Whittlesea is the smart choice for innovation, business growth and industry investment.

People of all ages have opportunities to learn and develop skills locally. There are many opportunities to gain employment and build careers not too far from home. Residents support local business and we are renowned for our successful local economy.

#### Services

Service Group		Actual 2024-25 \$'000	Forecast 2025-26 \$'000	Budget 2026-27 \$'000
<b>Investment attraction and growth</b>	Income	0	0	0
	Expense	14	181	62
	<b>Surplus / (deficit)</b>	<b>(14)</b>	<b>(181)</b>	<b>(62)</b>

We encourage new investment and support reinvestment within the City of Whittlesea through networking, relationship management with stakeholders, and the promotion of opportunities and initiatives available.

<b>Local business support</b>	Income	56	12	8
	Expense	2,125	2,009	2,028
	<b>Surplus / (deficit)</b>	<b>(2,069)</b>	<b>(1,997)</b>	<b>(2,020)</b>

We support new and existing businesses by guiding them and making it easy for them to engage with Council through relationship and case management. We promote funding and grant opportunities, facilitate networking with complementary businesses, and deliver and promote initiatives to support business growth and efficiency.

<b>Pathways for employment and education</b>	Income	162	0	0
	Expense	489	502	227
	<b>Surplus / (deficit)</b>	<b>(327)</b>	<b>(502)</b>	<b>(227)</b>

We facilitate and encourage collaboration between educational institutions and industry to align skills, training offerings, and employment pathways with the current and future needs of the community.

#### The 2026-27 proposed actions for the Strong Local Economy goal are:

36. Advocate for community benefits including enhanced environmental outcomes, improvements to the road network diverse and employment opportunities as part of the planning process for the Beveridge Intermodal Precinct.
37. Increase community and business use across all life stages of the recently opened Murnong Community Centre.
38. Implement Business Friendly Council initiatives making it more efficient to do business in the City of Whittlesea.
39. Launch the Economic Growth Strategy and implement its first year actions.

## 2.4 Sustainable environment

In 2040, the City of Whittlesea's superb landscapes and natural environment are an enduring source of pride.

Our iconic River Red Gums, local biodiversity and precious natural assets are protected for future generations. Locals and visitors enjoy spending time in our natural environments and our leafy suburbs. Together, we are working to reduce our impact on the environment and adapt to the changing climate.

### Services

Service Group		Actual	Forecast	Budget
		2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000
<b>Biodiversity, land management, sustainable planning and design</b>	Income	168	230	249
	Expense	4,916	5,548	5,729
	Surplus / (deficit)	(4,748)	(5,318)	(5,480)

Through our role as a statutory authority, we play a crucial role in delivering an environmentally sustainable city. We facilitate sustainable land management and biodiversity conservation on public and private land across urban and rural areas. We educate and empower the community to undertake biodiversity conservation activities and sustainable land management.

<b>Climate change</b>	Income	0	0	0
	Expense	252	188	178
	Surplus / (deficit)	(252)	(188)	(178)

We provide services to support the community's adaptation and mitigation of climate change risks. We work to reduce the urban heat island effect and support urban greening, deliver walking and cycling paths supporting active travel for the community. We show leadership by avoiding, minimising and offsetting greenhouse gas emissions from our operations. We improve infrastructure, and help the community prepare for the unavoidable impacts of our changing climate, including increases in extreme weather events. We educate and empower the community to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

<b>Integrated water management</b>	Income	0	0	0
	Expense	1,240	1,342	1,267
	Surplus / (deficit)	(1,240)	(1,342)	(1,267)

We work alongside State Government agencies and utility providers to develop and deliver integrated water management services for our community, protecting and restoring our natural waterways. Council manages its water assets to ensure that they are planned, delivered, and maintained effectively. We are committed to ensuring water is used efficiently throughout our city. We support the community to understand and appreciate the water cycle and use water wisely.

<b>Resource recovery and waste management</b>	Income	2,736	2,660	2,234
	Expense	32,724	35,861	40,904
	Surplus / (deficit)	(29,988)	(33,201)	(38,670)

We provide sustainable solutions for the collection, disposal and recovery of waste materials generated within the community and through our own operations. We develop strategic policy, education programs and operational maintenance activities to avoid, minimise and recover waste and keep our city clean, healthy and safe. We undertake compliance and enforcement for illegal waste dumping in our municipality. We support and empower the community transition to a circular economy.

**The 2026-27 proposed actions for the Sustainable Environment goal are:**

- 40. Deliver the annual tree planting programs for main roads, residential streets, parks, creek corridors and conservation reserves.
- 41. Commence delivery of the AF Walker Recreation Reserve stormwater harvesting scheme in Whittlesea.
- 42. Launch an ongoing household energy efficiency program to support vulnerable residents.
- 43. Ensure that Council-led housing development projects deliver environmentally sustainable dwellings and neighbourhoods.
- 44. Investigate initiatives and programs that support businesses to reduce emissions across the municipality.
- 45. Deliver a feasibility study to develop local carbon drawdown opportunities with partners including the Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action.
- 46. Complete the "BehaviourWorks illegal dumping research" and review and implement the findings to reduce illegal dumping across the municipality.
- 47. Trial an expansion of kerbside recycling services to businesses at full cost recovery.
- 48. Increase the use of recycled materials in council and developer delivered infrastructure projects.

**Service Performance Outcome Indicators**

Domain	Indicator	Actual 2024-25	Forecast 2025-26	Budget 2026-27
Environment	Waste management (tonnes)	0.54	0.54	0.53
Cost	Waste management	\$114.98	\$133.51	\$136.18

\*Refer to table at end of section 2.5 for information on the calculation of Service Performance Outcome Indicators.

## 2.5 High-performing organisation

Council delivers a range of internal functions and activities enabling the delivery of efficient and effective services and initiatives. Council's goal is to be a high-performing organisation which delivers best value to the community.

### Services

Service Group		Actual	Forecast	Budget
		2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000
<b>Our finance and assets</b>	Income	9,604	7,255	6,860
	Expense	41,041	35,015	33,730
	Surplus / (deficit)	(31,437)	(27,760)	(26,870)

We ensure Council is managed in a financially sustainable, transparent, and accountable manner, enabling resources to be strategically allocated to support the delivery of Council's priorities and desired community outcomes. This includes long-term financial planning, rate setting and revenue management, responsible procurement, asset and capital financial stewardship, statutory financial reporting, and performance monitoring to support informed decision-making, value for money, and long-term organisational resilience.

<b>Our governance</b>	Income	382	801	721
	Expense	8,283	8,864	7,779
	Surplus / (deficit)	(7,901)	(8,063)	(7,058)

We ensure Council has adequate structures and processes in place to manage the business of local government with sound governance and transparent practices that leads to effective and compliant decision-making. This includes key strategic planning, communications, and monitoring/reporting activities to achieve Council's purpose of delivering the best outcome for the community.

<b>Our people</b>	Income	18	24	0
	Expense	7,050	8,121	7,556
	Surplus / (deficit)	(7,032)	(8,097)	(7,556)

We ensure the City of Whittlesea has adequate labour capacity (numbers) and capability (skills and knowledge) to provide services to our community now, and into the future in an efficient, effective, and sustainable manner. This includes employee relations, employee experience, learning and development, employee safety and payroll.

<b>Our systems and knowledge</b>	Income	0	0	0
	Expense	13,114	15,848	15,929
	Surplus / (deficit)	(13,114)	(15,848)	(15,929)

We ensure our users can rely on an effective working environment in terms of technology, applications, information management, research, insights, artificial intelligence and analytics. We provide the key platforms enabling service and infrastructure delivery across the organisation.

### The 2026-27 proposed actions for the High-Performing Organisation goal are:

49. Further enhance customer service using technology such as a chatbot on Council's website and a telephone system that support in-language communication with residents.
50. Partner with community organisations and advocacy groups to enable marginalised and at-risk groups to meaningfully participate in Council decision making processes.
51. Undertake structured reviews of Council services to ensure efficiencies and continuous improvement.
52. Strengthen asset data, risk-based prioritisation and renewal planning, ensuring future investment needs are integrated with long-term financial planning and the capital program.
53. Develop a framework that guides Council to prioritise the investment in new and renewal of Council's community facilities to maximise community benefit.

### Service Performance Outcome Indicators

Domain	Indicator	Actual	Forecast	Budget
		2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Governance	Community engagement	47	51	50
	Financial decisions	15.62%	17.82%	16.46%

\*Refer to table at end of section 2.5 for information on the calculation of Service Performance Outcome Indicators.

## Service Performance Outcome Indicators

Service	Indicator	Performance Measure	Computation
Governance	Consultation and engagement	Satisfaction with the opportunities offered by Council to be consulted on or engaged in Council decisions (community satisfaction rating out of 100 with the consultation and engagement efforts of Council)	Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how Council has performed on community consultation and engagement
	Total unpaid rates and charges	Total unpaid rates and charges (total unpaid rates and charges and unpaid interest on rates and charges for all financial years as a percentage of all rates and charges for the financial year)	[Sum of unpaid rates and charges and unpaid interest on rates and charges for all financial years / Sum of all rates and charges for the financial year] x 100
Community	Library services	Library membership (Percentage of the population that are registered library members)	[Number of registered library members / Population] x 100
	Maternal and child health	Participation in the MCH service (Percentage of children enrolled who participate in the MCH service)	[Number of children who attend the MCH service at least once (in the financial year) / Number of children enrolled in the MCH service] x 100
		Participation in the MCH service by Aboriginal children (Percentage of Aboriginal children enrolled who participate in the MCH service)	[Number of Aboriginal children who attend the MCH service at least once (in the financial year) / Number of Aboriginal children enrolled in the MCH service] x 100
Environment	Roads	Sealed local roads below the intervention level (percentage of sealed local roads that are below the renewal intervention level set by Council and not requiring renewal)	[Number of kilometres of sealed local roads below the renewal intervention level set by Council / Kilometres of sealed local roads] x 100
	Waste management	Kerbside collection waste to landfill per serviced property (amount of waste collected from kerbside waste collection services that is sent to landfill per serviced property)	Amount of waste in tonnes (t) collected from kerbside waste collection services that is sent to landfill / Number of serviced properties
Responsiveness	Food safety	Critical and major non-compliance outcome notifications. (Percentage of critical and major non-compliance outcome notifications that are followed up by Council)	[Number of critical non-compliance outcome notifications and major non-compliance outcome notifications about a food premises followed up / Number of critical non-compliance outcome notifications and major non-compliance outcome notifications about food premises] x 100
	Statutory planning	Planning applications decided within required timeframes (percentage of regular and VicSmart planning application decisions made within legislated timeframes)	[Number of planning application decisions made within 60 days for regular permits and 10 days for VicSmart permits / Number of planning application decisions made] x 100
Cost	Library services	Cost of library services (direct cost of library services per head of population)	Direct cost of library services / Population
	Waste management	Cost of kerbside waste collection services (direct cost of kerbside waste collection services per serviced property)	Direct cost of kerbside waste collection services / Number of serviced properties

## 2.6 Reconciliation with budgeted operating result

	Surplus/ (Deficit)	Expenses	Income/ Revenue
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Connected community	(45,088)	81,408	36,320
Liveable neighbourhoods	(67,150)	83,051	15,901
Strong local economy	(2,307)	2,316	9
Sustainable environment	(45,595)	48,078	2,483
High-performing organisation	(57,413)	64,994	7,581
<b>Total</b>	<b>(217,553)</b>	<b>279,847</b>	<b>62,294</b>
<b>Expenses added in:</b>			
Depreciation	(69,338)		
Amortisation - intangible assets	(31)		
Amortisation - right of use assets	(928)		
Borrowing costs	(2,489)		
Finance costs - leases	(79)		
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) before funding sources</b>	<b>(290,418)</b>		
<b>Funding sources added in:</b>			
Rates and charges	257,482		
Grants commission	21,320		
Contributions - monetary	19,050		
Contributions - non-monetary	111,916		
Non recurrent capital grants	19,562		
Interest received	18,761		
<b>Total funding sources</b>	<b>448,091</b>		
<b>*Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>	<b>157,673</b>		

\*This surplus reported, includes all revenue recognised in the financial period, including gifted subdivisional assets (non-monetary), developer contributions and grants towards capital works projects. It is important to note that the operating surplus is not a cash surplus; therefore, it does not convert to immediately available cash for Council. Significant amounts of the surplus are restricted by legislation and must be used for future infrastructure investment.

### 3. Financial Statements

This section presents information in regard to the Financial Statements and Statement of Human Resources. The budget information for the year 2026-27 has been supplemented with projections to 2029-30.

This section includes the following financial statements prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020.

**Comprehensive Income Statement**

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## Comprehensive Income Statement

For the four years ending 30 June 2030

	NOTES	Forecast	Budget	Projections		
		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Income / Revenue</b>						
Rates and charges	4.1.1	242,784	<b>257,482</b>	269,068	280,987	293,282
Statutory fees and fines	4.1.2	21,471	<b>23,427</b>	24,236	25,074	25,941
User fees	4.1.3	13,252	<b>13,613</b>	13,772	13,932	14,657
Grants - operating	4.1.4	26,180	<b>36,282</b>	35,994	36,894	37,816
Grants - capital	4.1.4	27,096	<b>22,057</b>	14,846	3,314	2,686
Contributions - monetary	4.1.5	29,650	<b>19,050</b>	16,050	17,050	14,050
Contributions - non-monetary	4.1.5	125,516	<b>111,916</b>	114,155	116,438	118,767
Net gain/(loss) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment		583	<b>260</b>	8,302	8,250	324
Share of net profits/(losses) of associates and joint ventures		200	<b>200</b>	200	200	200
Other income	4.1.6	23,468	<b>26,098</b>	24,706	23,070	19,127
<b>Total income / revenue</b>		<b>510,200</b>	<b>510,385</b>	<b>521,329</b>	<b>525,209</b>	<b>526,850</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Employee costs	4.1.7	130,064	<b>138,234</b>	142,150	146,963	151,926
Materials and services	4.1.8	123,566	<b>115,839</b>	122,547	132,422	136,017
Depreciation	4.1.9	65,494	<b>69,338</b>	72,293	76,679	80,127
Amortisation - intangible assets	4.1.10	71	<b>31</b>	23	16	2
Depreciation - right of use assets	4.1.11	918	<b>928</b>	890	869	870
Allowance for impairment losses		3,208	<b>3,811</b>	3,926	4,044	4,167
Borrowing costs		170	<b>2,489</b>	4,663	5,590	5,980
Finance costs - leases		104	<b>79</b>	70	283	260
Other expenses	4.1.12	21,407	<b>21,963</b>	22,658	23,381	24,132
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>345,002</b>	<b>352,712</b>	<b>369,220</b>	<b>390,247</b>	<b>403,481</b>
<b>*Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>		<b>165,198</b>	<b>157,673</b>	<b>152,109</b>	<b>134,962</b>	<b>123,369</b>
<b>Total comprehensive result</b>		<b>165,198</b>	<b>157,673</b>	<b>152,109</b>	<b>134,962</b>	<b>123,369</b>

\*This surplus reported, includes all revenue recognised in the financial period, including gifted subdivisional assets (non-monetary), developer contributions and grants towards capital works projects. It is important to note that the operating surplus is not a cash surplus; therefore, it does not convert to immediately available cash for Council. Significant amounts of the surplus are restricted by legislation and must be used for future infrastructure investment.

## Balance Sheet

For the four years ending 30 June 2030

	NOTES	Forecast	Budget	Projections		
		2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000	2029-30 \$'000
<b>Assets</b>						
<b>Current assets</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents		44,944	20,036	20,101	20,183	20,255
Trade and other receivables		64,530	65,218	65,669	66,132	66,631
Other financial assets		354,807	399,156	385,260	387,127	395,435
Inventories		48	48	48	48	48
Other assets		10,216	10,216	10,216	10,216	10,216
<b>Total current assets</b>	4.2.1	<b>474,545</b>	<b>494,674</b>	481,294	483,706	492,585
<b>Non-current assets</b>						
Other non-financial assets		22	22	22	22	22
Investments in associates, joint arrangement and subsidiaries		3,079	3,279	3,479	3,679	3,879
Property, infrastructure, plant & equipment		5,614,790	5,773,803	5,968,830	6,110,804	6,223,480
Right-of-use assets	4.2.4	2,132	1,204	652	5,441	4,583
Intangible assets		79	48	25	9	7
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	4.2.1	<b>5,620,102</b>	<b>5,778,356</b>	5,973,008	6,119,955	6,231,971
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>6,094,647</b>	<b>6,273,030</b>	6,454,302	6,603,661	6,724,556
<b>Liabilities</b>						
<b>Current liabilities</b>						
Trade and other payables		31,244	30,315	29,350	28,344	27,301
Trust funds and deposits		40,902	37,123	33,344	29,565	25,786
Contract and other liabilities		37,376	37,376	37,376	37,376	37,376
Provisions		24,894	26,458	27,208	28,129	29,079
Interest-bearing liabilities	4.2.3	1,308	3,369	6,723	12,060	13,744
Lease liabilities	4.2.4	957	929	508	773	804
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	4.2.2	<b>136,681</b>	<b>135,570</b>	134,509	136,247	134,090
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>						
Provisions		3,187	3,387	3,483	3,601	3,722
Interest bearing liabilities	4.2.3	27,594	50,144	80,442	88,335	88,689
Lease liabilities	4.2.4	1,099	170	-	4,648	3,856
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	4.2.2	<b>31,880</b>	<b>53,701</b>	83,925	96,584	96,267
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>168,561</b>	<b>189,271</b>	218,434	232,831	230,357
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>5,926,086</b>	<b>6,083,759</b>	6,235,868	6,370,830	6,494,199
<b>Equity</b>						
Accumulated surplus		3,415,790	3,556,453	3,725,549	3,864,566	3,989,677
Reserves		2,510,296	2,527,306	2,510,319	2,506,264	2,504,522
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>5,926,086</b>	<b>6,083,759</b>	6,235,868	6,370,830	6,494,199

## Statement of Changes in Equity

For the four years ending 30 June 2030

	NOTES	Total \$'000	Accumulated Surplus \$'000	Revaluation Reserve \$'000	Other Reserves \$'000
<b>2026 Forecast</b>					
Balance at beginning of the financial year		5,760,888	3,256,092	2,224,837	279,959
Impact of adoption of new accounting standards		-	-	-	-
Adjusted opening balance		5,760,888	3,256,092	2,224,837	279,959
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		165,198	165,198	-	-
Transfers to other reserves		-	(56,302)	-	56,302
Transfers from other reserves		-	50,802	-	(50,802)
<b>Balance at end of the financial year</b>		<b>5,926,086</b>	<b>3,415,790</b>	<b>2,224,837</b>	<b>285,459</b>
<b>2027 Budget</b>					
Balance at beginning of the financial year		<b>5,926,086</b>	<b>3,415,790</b>	<b>2,224,837</b>	<b>285,459</b>
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		<b>157,673</b>	<b>157,673</b>	-	-
Transfers to other reserves	4.3.1	-	<b>(37,929)</b>	-	<b>37,929</b>
Transfers from other reserves	4.3.1	-	<b>20,919</b>	-	<b>(20,919)</b>
<b>Balance at end of the financial year</b>	4.3.2	<b>6,083,759</b>	<b>3,556,453</b>	<b>2,224,837</b>	<b>302,469</b>
<b>2028</b>					
Balance at beginning of the financial year		6,083,759	3,556,453	2,224,837	302,469
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		152,109	152,109	-	-
Transfers to other reserves		-	(21,205)	-	21,205
Transfers from other reserves		-	38,192	-	(38,192)
<b>Balance at end of the financial year</b>		<b>6,235,868</b>	<b>3,725,549</b>	<b>2,224,837</b>	<b>285,482</b>
<b>2029</b>					
Balance at beginning of the financial year		6,235,868	3,725,549	2,224,837	285,482
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		134,962	134,962	-	-
Transfers to other reserves		-	(21,895)	-	21,895
Transfers from other reserves		-	25,950	-	(25,950)
<b>Balance at end of the financial year</b>		<b>6,370,830</b>	<b>3,864,566</b>	<b>2,224,837</b>	<b>281,427</b>
<b>2030</b>					
Balance at beginning of the financial year		6,370,830	3,864,566	2,224,837	281,427
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		123,369	123,369	-	-
Transfers to other reserves		-	(13,403)	-	13,403
Transfers from other reserves		-	15,145	-	(15,145)
<b>Balance at end of the financial year</b>		<b>6,494,199</b>	<b>3,989,677</b>	<b>2,224,837</b>	<b>279,685</b>

## Statement of Cash Flows

For the four years ending 30 June 2030

	NOTES	Forecast	Budget	Projections		
		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
		Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>						
Rates and charges		242,180	<b>257,041</b>	268,720	280,629	292,913
Statutory fees and fines		21,586	<b>19,381</b>	20,213	20,929	21,670
User fees		13,216	<b>13,600</b>	13,766	13,926	14,632
Grants - operating		26,180	<b>36,282</b>	35,994	36,894	37,816
Grants - capital		27,096	<b>22,057</b>	14,846	3,314	2,686
Contributions - monetary		29,650	<b>19,050</b>	16,050	17,050	14,050
Interest received		16,000	<b>18,760</b>	17,144	15,292	11,270
Trust funds and deposits taken		8,221	<b>8,221</b>	8,221	8,221	8,221
Other receipts		7,468	<b>7,338</b>	7,562	7,778	7,857
Employee costs		(128,978)	<b>(136,470)</b>	(141,304)	(145,924)	(150,855)
Materials and services		(123,566)	<b>(115,839)</b>	(122,547)	(132,422)	(136,017)
Short-term, low value and variable lease payments		(936)	<b>(928)</b>	(965)	(1,004)	(1,044)
Trust funds and deposits repaid		(12,000)	<b>(12,000)</b>	(12,000)	(12,000)	(12,000)
Other payments		(21,407)	<b>(21,963)</b>	(22,658)	(23,381)	(24,132)
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</b>	4.4.1	104,710	<b>114,530</b>	103,042	89,302	87,067
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>						
Payments for property, infrastructure, plant and equipment		(95,465)	<b>(116,575)</b>	(145,283)	(94,407)	(74,176)
Proceeds from sale of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment		834	<b>400</b>	420	442	464
(Payments)/Redemption of investments		(34,807)	<b>(44,349)</b>	13,896	(1,867)	(8,308)
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities</b>	4.4.2	(129,438)	<b>(160,524)</b>	(130,967)	(95,832)	(82,020)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>						
Finance costs		(170)	<b>(2,489)</b>	(4,663)	(5,590)	(5,980)
Proceeds from borrowings		22,870	<b>28,159</b>	40,056	21,589	15,255
Repayment of borrowings		(1,592)	<b>(3,548)</b>	(6,404)	(8,359)	(13,217)
Interest paid - lease liability		(104)	<b>(79)</b>	(70)	(283)	(260)
Repayment of lease liabilities		(919)	<b>(957)</b>	(929)	(745)	(773)
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities</b>	4.4.3	20,085	<b>21,086</b>	27,990	6,612	(4,975)
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash &amp; cash equivalents</b>		(4,643)	<b>(24,908)</b>	65	82	72
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		49,587	<b>44,944</b>	20,036	20,101	20,183
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year</b>		44,944	<b>20,036</b>	20,101	20,183	20,255

## Statement of Capital Works

For the four years ending 30 June 2030

	NOTES	Forecast	Budget	Projections		
		2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000	2029-30 \$'000
<b>Property</b>						
Land		560	5,000	2,699	-	-
<b>Total land</b>		560	5,000	2,699	-	-
Buildings		14,570	12,027	24,139	12,143	6,853
Building improvements		4,480	15,475	19,988	2,548	3,338
<b>Total buildings</b>		19,050	27,502	44,127	14,691	10,191
<b>Total property</b>		19,610	32,502	46,826	14,691	10,191
<b>Plant and equipment</b>						
Plant, machinery and equipment		2,002	2,982	3,182	1,992	2,551
Fixtures, fittings and furniture		150	321	171	94	96
Computers and telecommunications		649	950	1,135	988	1,034
<b>Total plant and equipment</b>		2,801	4,253	4,488	3,074	3,681
<b>Infrastructure</b>						
Roads		15,536	19,715	27,974	20,540	20,749
Bridges		298	300	307	420	429
Footpaths and cycleways		9,321	9,560	7,252	6,823	10,585
Drainage		1,018	600	1,640	1,471	1,669
Recreational, leisure and community facilities		14,823	23,787	29,558	23,059	3,069
Waste management		2,461	-	-	-	-
Parks, open space and streetscapes		25,046	23,064	24,597	21,585	19,326
Off street car parks		2,007	795	490	530	1,597
Other infrastructure		2,544	1,999	2,151	2,214	2,880
<b>Total infrastructure</b>		73,054	79,820	93,969	76,642	60,304
<b>Total capital works expenditure</b>	4.5.1	95,465	116,575	145,283	94,407	74,176
<b>Represented by:</b>						
New asset expenditure		56,363	67,121	86,271	55,033	30,120
Asset renewal expenditure		26,710	27,872	37,960	30,027	33,199
Asset expansion expenditure		-	25	-	-	-
Asset upgrade expenditure		12,392	21,557	21,052	9,347	10,857
<b>Total capital works expenditure</b>	4.5.1	95,465	116,575	145,283	94,407	74,176
<b>Funding sources represented by:</b>						
Proceeds from sales		783	400	420	442	464
External funding		27,096	22,057	14,846	3,314	2,686
Contributions		695	3,552	10,951	12,313	5,901
Council cash		30,746	50,863	55,731	51,100	44,545
Reserves		13,275	11,544	23,279	5,649	5,325
Borrowings		22,870	28,159	40,056	21,589	15,255
<b>Total capital works expenditure</b>	4.5.1	95,465	116,575	145,283	94,407	74,176

## Statement of Human Resources

For the four years ending 30 June 2030

	Forecast	Budget	Projections		
	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Staff expenditure</b>					
Employee costs - operating	126,121	<b>134,145</b>	137,962	142,680	147,547
Employee costs - capital	3,943	<b>4,089</b>	4,188	4,283	4,379
<b>Total staff expenditure</b>	<b>130,064</b>	<b>138,234</b>	<b>142,150</b>	<b>146,963</b>	<b>151,926</b>
	FTE	FTE	FTE	FTE	FTE
<b>Staff numbers</b>					
Employees	1,043.5	<b>1,031.4</b>	1,036.4	1,041.4	1,046.4
<b>Total staff numbers</b>	<b>1,043.5</b>	<b>1,031.4</b>	<b>1,036.4</b>	<b>1,041.4</b>	<b>1,046.4</b>

Note: Future year full-time equivalent (FTE) gender figures presented in this statement are projections based on current workforce gender composition. Council remains committed to promoting gender equality in all recruitment practices, consistent with the objectives outlined in our Gender Equality Action Plan.

A summary of human resources expenditure categorised according to the organisational structure of Council is included below:

Department	Budget 2026-27 \$'000	Comprises			
		Permanent		Casual \$'000	Temporary \$'000
		Full Time \$'000	Part time \$'000		
Office of the CEO	479	479	-	-	-
Executive	6,440	6,341	99	-	-
Community Wellbeing	38,351	19,773	18,578	765	1,040
Planning and Development	26,123	13,280	12,843	-	257
Infrastructure and Environment	33,388	32,357	1,031	-	1,038
Customer and Corporate Services	23,080	18,990	4,090	11	526
Shared Services	2,106	919	1,187	451	90
Total permanent staff expenditure	<b>129,967</b>	92,139	37,828	1,227	2,951
Other employee related expenditure	4,178				
Capitalised labour costs	4,089				
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>138,234</b>				

Employee costs include all labour related expenditure such as salaries, wages, allowances and on-costs such as leave entitlements, superannuation and workcover.

A summary of the number of full time equivalent (FTE) Council staff in relation to the above expenditure is included below:

Department	Budget 2026-27	Comprises			
		Permanent		Casual	Temporary
		Full Time	Part time		
Office of the CEO	1.0	1.0	-	-	-
Executive	43.5	43.0	0.5	-	-
Community Wellbeing	280.5	149.0	131.5	6.0	6.6
Planning and Development	202.8	151.9	50.9	-	2.1
Infrastructure and Environment	270.7	264.6	6.1	-	4.8
Customer and Corporate Services	161.7	137.2	24.5	0.1	3.6
Shared Services	15.8	7.0	8.8	4.1	0.4
Total permanent staff expenditure	<b>976.0</b>	753.7	222.3	10.3	17.5
Other employee related expenditure	27.8				
Capitalised labour FTE	27.6				
<b>Total staff</b>	<b>1,031.4</b>				

## Summary of Planned Human Resources Expenditure

For the four years ending 30 June 2030

	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000	2029-30 \$'000
<b>Office of the CEO</b>				
Permanent - Full time	479	491	506	521
Women	-	-	-	-
Men	479	491	506	521
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	-	-	-	-
New positions	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Office of the CEO</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>521</b>
<b>Executive</b>				
Permanent - Full time	6,341	6,495	6,690	6,891
Women	5,353	5,482	5,647	5,816
Men	486	498	513	528
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	503	515	530	546
New positions	-	-	-	-
Permanent - Part time	99	102	105	108
Women	-	-	-	-
Men	99	102	105	108
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	-	-	-	-
New positions	-	-	-	-
Temporary and other expenditure	-	-	-	-
Women	-	-	-	-
Men	-	-	-	-
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	-	-	-	-
New positions	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Executive</b>	<b>6,440</b>	<b>6,597</b>	<b>6,794</b>	<b>6,998</b>
<b>Community Wellbeing</b>				
Permanent - Full time	19,773	20,363	21,213	22,088
Women	14,104	14,526	14,948	15,384
Men	4,194	4,320	4,445	4,575
Persons of self-described gender	139	143	147	151
Vacant positions	1,081	1,114	1,146	1,179
New positions	254	260	526	798
Permanent - Part time	18,578	19,133	19,689	20,263
Women	15,598	16,065	16,531	17,013
Men	418	430	443	456
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	2,562	2,638	2,715	2,794
New positions	-	-	-	-
Temporary and other expenditure	1,040	1,071	1,103	1,135
Women	462	476	490	504
Men	-	-	-	-
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	578	596	613	631
New positions	-	-	-	-
Casuals	765	790	815	842
Women	81	84	86	89
Men	-	-	-	-
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	684	706	729	752
New positions	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Community Wellbeing</b>	<b>38,351</b>	<b>39,496</b>	<b>40,902</b>	<b>42,351</b>

	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Planning and Development</b>				
Permanent - Full time	13,280	13,687	14,278	14,886
Women	6,486	6,686	6,879	7,079
Men	5,781	5,958	6,131	6,310
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	823	848	873	898
New positions	191	195	395	599
Permanent - Part time	12,843	13,238	13,622	14,018
Women	6,743	6,951	7,152	7,360
Men	5,300	5,463	5,622	5,785
Persons of self-described gender	53	55	57	58
Vacant positions	746	769	791	814
New positions	-	-	-	-
Temporary and other expenditure	257	265	273	280
Women	70	72	74	76
Men	127	131	135	139
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	60	62	63	65
New positions	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Planning and Development</b>	<b>26,123</b>	<b>26,925</b>	<b>27,900</b>	<b>28,904</b>
<b>Infrastructure and Environment</b>				
Permanent - Full time	32,357	33,244	34,377	35,545
Women	8,642	8,878	9,144	9,418
Men	20,286	20,845	21,478	22,132
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	3,301	3,391	3,492	3,595
New positions	127	130	263	399
Permanent - Part time	1,031	1,059	1,090	1,123
Women	273	280	288	297
Men	395	406	418	430
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	364	374	385	396
New positions	-	-	-	-
Temporary and other expenditure	1,038	1,065	1,097	1,130
Women	430	441	454	468
Men	128	132	136	140
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	480	493	507	522
New positions	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Infrastructure and Environment</b>	<b>33,388</b>	<b>34,304</b>	<b>35,467</b>	<b>36,668</b>
<b>Customer and Corporate Services</b>				
Permanent - Full time	18,990	19,496	20,141	20,806
Women	10,158	10,430	10,742	11,064
Men	7,347	7,542	7,765	7,996
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	1,421	1,459	1,502	1,547
New positions	64	65	132	200
Permanent - Part time	4,090	4,199	4,324	4,451
Women	3,015	3,096	3,187	3,282
Men	853	876	902	929
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	222	228	235	242
New positions	-	-	-	-
Temporary and other expenditure	526	540	556	572
Women	-	-	-	-
Men	-	-	-	-
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	526	540	556	572
New positions	-	-	-	-
Casuals	11	12	12	12
Women	-	-	-	-
Men	-	-	-	-
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	11	12	12	12
New positions	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Customer and Corporate Services</b>	<b>23,080</b>	<b>23,695</b>	<b>24,465</b>	<b>25,257</b>

	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Shared Services</b>				
Permanent - Full time	919	940	967	997
Women	299	306	315	324
Men	140	143	147	152
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	480	491	505	520
New positions	-	-	-	-
Permanent - Part time	1,187	1,213	1,249	1,286
Women	915	936	963	992
Men	192	197	202	208
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	79	81	83	86
New positions	-	-	-	-
Temporary and other expenditure	90	92	95	98
Women	-	-	-	-
Men	-	-	-	-
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	90	92	95	98
New positions	-	-	-	-
Casuals	451	465	481	496
Women	212	219	226	233
Men	54	55	57	59
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	185	191	197	204
New positions	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Shared Services</b>	<b>2,105</b>	<b>2,154</b>	<b>2,216</b>	<b>2,283</b>
Permanent - Full time	92,139	94,717	98,171	101,733
Permanent - Part time	37,828	38,945	40,079	41,248
Temporary and other expenditure	2,951	3,033	3,123	3,215
Casuals	1,227	1,267	1,308	1,350
<b>Casuals, temporary and other expenditure</b>	<b>4,178</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>4,431</b>	<b>4,565</b>
<b>Capitalised labour costs</b>	<b>4,089</b>	<b>4,188</b>	<b>4,283</b>	<b>4,379</b>
<b>Total staff expenditure</b>	<b>138,234</b>	<b>142,150</b>	<b>146,963</b>	<b>151,926</b>

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	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
	FTE	FTE	FTE	FTE
<b>Office of the CEO</b>				
Permanent - Full time	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Women	-	-	-	-
Men	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	-	-	-	-
New positions	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Office of the CEO</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>Executive</b>				
Permanent - Full time	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0
Women	36.0	36.0	36.0	36.0
Men	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
New positions	-	-	-	-
Permanent - Part time	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Women	-	-	-	-
Men	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	-	-	-	-
New positions	-	-	-	-
Temporary and other expenditure	-	-	-	-
Women	-	-	-	-
Men	-	-	-	-
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	-	-	-	-
New positions	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Executive</b>	<b>43.5</b>	<b>43.5</b>	<b>43.5</b>	<b>43.5</b>
<b>Community Wellbeing</b>				
Permanent - Full time	149.0	151.0	153.0	155.0
Women	108.0	108.0	108.0	108.0
Men	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0
Persons of self-described gender	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Vacant positions	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
New positions	-	2.0	4.0	6.0
Permanent - Part time	131.5	131.5	131.5	131.5
Women	79.6	79.6	79.6	79.6
Men	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	49.3	49.3	49.3	49.3
New positions	-	-	-	-
Temporary and other expenditure	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6
Women	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Men	-	-	-	-
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
New positions	-	-	-	-
Casuals	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Women	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Men	-	-	-	-
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9
New positions	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Community Wellbeing</b>	<b>280.5</b>	<b>282.5</b>	<b>284.5</b>	<b>286.5</b>

	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
	FTE	FTE	FTE	FTE
<b>Planning and Development</b>				
Permanent - Full time	151.9	153.4	154.9	156.4
Women	77.0	77.0	77.0	77.0
Men	64.9	64.9	64.9	64.9
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
New positions	-	1.5	3.0	4.5
Permanent - Part time	50.9	50.9	50.9	50.9
Women	28.8	28.8	28.8	28.8
Men	18.8	18.8	18.8	18.8
Persons of self-described gender	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Vacant positions	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
New positions	-	-	-	-
Temporary and other expenditure	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Women	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Men	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
New positions	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Planning and Development</b>	<b>202.8</b>	<b>204.3</b>	<b>205.8</b>	<b>207.3</b>
<b>Infrastructure and Environment</b>				
Permanent - Full time	264.6	265.6	266.6	267.6
Women	63.9	63.9	63.9	63.9
Men	171.9	171.9	171.9	171.9
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	28.8	28.8	28.8	28.8
New positions	-	1.0	2.0	3.0
Permanent - Part time	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1
Women	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
Men	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
New positions	-	-	-	-
Temporary and other expenditure	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8
Women	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Men	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
New positions	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Infrastructure and Environment</b>	<b>270.7</b>	<b>271.7</b>	<b>272.7</b>	<b>273.7</b>
<b>Customer and Corporate Services</b>				
Permanent - Full time	137.2	137.7	138.2	138.7
Women	75.2	75.2	75.2	75.2
Men	49.0	49.0	49.0	49.0
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0
New positions	-	0.5	1.0	1.5
Permanent - Part time	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5
Women	17.9	17.9	17.9	17.9
Men	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
New positions	-	-	-	-
Temporary and other expenditure	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6
Women	-	-	-	-
Men	-	-	-	-
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6
New positions	-	-	-	-
Casuals	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Women	-	-	-	-
Men	-	-	-	-
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
New positions	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Customer and Corporate Services</b>	<b>161.7</b>	<b>162.2</b>	<b>162.7</b>	<b>163.2</b>

	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
	FTE	FTE	FTE	FTE
<b>Shared Services</b>				
Permanent - Full time	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
Women	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Men	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
New positions	-	-	-	-
Permanent - Part time	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8
Women	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9
Men	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
New positions	-	-	-	-
Temporary and other expenditure	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Women	-	-	-	-
Men	-	-	-	-
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
New positions	-	-	-	-
Casuals	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1
Women	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Men	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Persons of self-described gender	-	-	-	-
Vacant positions	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
New positions	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Shared Services</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>15.8</b>
Permanent - Full time	753.7	758.7	763.7	768.7
Permanent - Part time	222.3	222.3	222.3	222.3
Temporary and other expenditure	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5
Casuals	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.3
Permanent FTE	976.0	981.0	986.0	991.0
<b>Casuals and temporary staff</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>27.8</b>
<b>Capitalised labour</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>27.6</b>
<b>Total staff numbers</b>	<b>1,031.4</b>	<b>1,036.4</b>	<b>1,041.4</b>	<b>1,046.4</b>

Note: Future year full-time equivalent (FTE) gender figures presented in this statement are projections based on current workforce gender composition. Council remains committed to promoting gender equality in all recruitment practices, consistent with the objectives outlined in our Gender Equality Action Plan.

## 4. Notes to the Financial Statements

This section presents detailed information on material components of the financial statements. Council needs to assess which components are material, considering the dollar amounts and nature of these components.

### 4.1 Comprehensive Income Statement

#### 4.1.1 Rates and charges

Rates and charges are required by the Act and the Regulations to be disclosed in Council's budget.

As per the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council is required to have a Revenue and Rating Plan which is a four year plan for how Council will generate income to deliver the Council Plan, program and services and capital works commitments over a four-year period.

In developing the Budget, rates and charges were identified as an important source of revenue. Planning for future rate increases has therefore been an important component of the financial planning process. The Fair Go Rates System (FGRS) sets out the maximum amount councils may increase rates in a year. For 2026-27 the FGRS cap has been set at 2.75%. The cap applies to both general rates and municipal charges and is calculated on the basis of Council's average rates and charges.

The level of required rates and charges has been considered in this context, with reference to Council's other sources of income and the planned expenditure on services and works to be undertaken for the community.

To achieve these objectives while maintaining service levels and a strong capital expenditure program, the average general rate and the municipal charge will increase by 2.75% in line with the rate cap. This will raise total rates and charges for 2026-27 to \$257.48 million.

#### 4.1.1(a) The reconciliation of the total rates and charges to the Comprehensive Income Statement is as follows:

	Forecast 2025-26 \$'000	Budget 2026-27 \$'000	Change	
			\$'000	%
General Rates*	201,235	<b>211,330</b>	10,095	5.02%
Service rates and charges	36,062	<b>41,027</b>	4,965	13.77%
Special rates and charges	107	-	(107)	(100.00%)
Supplementary rates and rate adjustments	3,580	<b>3,125</b>	(455)	(12.71%)
Interest on rates and charges	1,800	<b>2,000</b>	200	11.11%
<b>Total rates and charges</b>	<b>242,784</b>	<b>257,482</b>	<b>14,698</b>	<b>6.05%</b>

\*These items are subject to the rate cap established under the Fair Go Rates System (FGRS)

#### 4.1.1(b) The rate in the dollar to be levied as general rates under section 158 of the Act for each type or class of land compared with the previous financial year

Type or class of land	2025-26 cents/\$NAV	2026-27 cents/\$NAV	Change %
General rate for residential properties <sup>2</sup>	0.047286800	<b>0.04599159</b>	(2.74%)
General rate for commercial properties <sup>2</sup>	0.047286800	<b>0.04599159</b>	(2.74%)
General rate for industrial properties <sup>2</sup>	0.047286800	<b>0.04599159</b>	(2.74%)
General rate for farm properties <sup>2</sup>	0.028372080	<b>0.02759495</b>	(2.74%)

<sup>2</sup>Subject to certified valuation data being received from the Valuer General Victoria.

#### 4.1.1(c) The estimated total amount to be raised by general rates in relation to each type or class of land, and the estimated total amount to be raised by general rates, compared with the previous financial year

Type or class of land	2025-26 \$	2026-27 \$	Change	
			\$	%
Residential <sup>3</sup>	164,209,862	<b>172,711,530</b>	8,501,668	5.18%
Commercial <sup>3</sup>	16,666,998	<b>17,286,168</b>	619,170	3.71%
Industrial <sup>3</sup>	19,249,149	<b>20,237,758</b>	988,609	5.14%
Farm <sup>3</sup>	1,108,816	<b>1,094,837</b>	(13,979)	(1.26%)
<b>Sub-total amount to be raised by general rates</b>	<b>201,234,825</b>	<b>211,330,293</b>	<b>10,095,468</b>	<b>5.02%</b>
Annualised 2025-26 supplementary rate revenue	4,439,426	-		
<b>Total amount to be raised by general rates</b>	<b>205,674,251</b>	<b>211,330,293</b>	<b>5,656,042</b>	<b>2.75%</b>

<sup>3</sup>Note the amount to be raised by general rates for 2026-27 is subject to the final certified valuations for 1 January 2026 being received from the Valuer General Victoria and the completion of the 2025-26 supplementary rates.

**4.1.1(d) The number of assessments in relation to each type or class of land, and the total number of assessments, compared with the previous financial year**

Type or class of land	2025-26	2026-27	Change	
	Number	Number	Number	%
Residential <sup>4</sup>	97,354	<b>100,028</b>	2,674	2.75%
Commercial <sup>4</sup>	3,093	<b>3,153</b>	60	1.94%
Industrial <sup>4</sup>	5,001	<b>5,113</b>	112	2.24%
Farm <sup>4</sup>	96	<b>134</b>	38	39.58%
<b>Total number of assessments</b>	<b>105,544</b>	<b>108,428</b>	<b>2,884</b>	<b>2.73%</b>

<sup>4</sup>Note the number of assessments for 2026-27 may change as further supplementary valuations are completed.

**4.1.1(e) The basis of valuation to be used is the Net Annual Value (NAV)**

**4.1.1(f) The estimated total value of each type or class of land, and the estimated total value of land, compared with the previous financial year**

Type or class of land	2025-26	2026-27	Change	
	\$	\$	\$	%
Residential <sup>5</sup>	3,472,636,371	<b>3,755,285,045</b>	282,648,674	8.14%
Commercial <sup>5</sup>	352,466,183	<b>375,854,975</b>	23,388,792	6.64%
Industrial <sup>5</sup>	407,072,360	<b>440,031,720</b>	32,959,360	8.10%
Farm <sup>5</sup>	39,081,250	<b>39,675,250</b>	594,000	1.52%
<b>Total value of land</b>	<b>4,271,256,164</b>	<b>4,610,846,990</b>	<b>339,590,826</b>	<b>7.95%</b>

<sup>5</sup>Note the value of land for 2026-27 is subject to the final certified valuations for 1 January 2026 being received from the Valuer General Victoria.

**4.1.1(g) The rate or unit amount to be levied for each type of service rate or charge under Section 162 of the Act compared with the previous financial year**

Type of Charge	Per Rateable Property	Per Rateable Property	Change	
	2025-26	2026-27	\$	%
	\$	\$	\$	%
Waste Kerbside Service Charge	208.80	<b>310.20</b>	101.40	48.56%
Commercial Waste Kerbside Service Charge	271.35	<b>276.80</b>	5.45	2.01%
Food and Green Waste*	95.30	-	(95.30)	(100.00%)
Landfill Levy - Waste Kerbside Service Charge	105.85	<b>106.70</b>	0.85	0.80%
Landfill Levy - Commercial Waste Kerbside Service Charge	166.60	<b>180.05</b>	13.45	8.07%
Landfill Levy - Other	15.45	<b>15.80</b>	0.35	2.27%

\*The charge for the Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) bin service is incorporated into the waste kerbside service charge from 2026-27 onwards.

**4.1.1(h) The estimated total amount to be raised by each type of service rate or charge, and the estimated total amount to be raised by service rates and charges, compared with the previous financial year**

Type of Charge	2025-26	2026-27	Change	
	\$	\$	\$	%
Waste Kerbside Service Charge	24,348,854	<b>29,123,440</b>	4,774,585	19.61%
Commercial Waste Kerbside Service Charge	1,199,966	<b>1,104,787</b>	(95,179)	(7.93%)
Landfill Levy - Waste Kerbside Service Charge	9,723,699	<b>9,948,708</b>	225,009	2.31%
Landfill Levy - Commercial Waste Kerbside Service Charge	651,739	<b>707,777</b>	56,037	8.60%
Landfill Levy - Other	137,814	<b>142,342</b>	4,528	3.29%
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,062,072</b>	<b>41,027,054</b>	<b>4,964,982</b>	<b>13.77%</b>

#### 4.1.1(i) The estimated total amount to be raised by all rates and charges compared with the previous financial year

	2025-26	2026-27	Change	
	\$	\$	\$	%
Residential	164,209,862	<b>172,711,530</b>	8,501,668	5.18%
Commercial	16,666,998	<b>17,286,168</b>	619,170	3.71%
Industrial	19,249,149	<b>20,237,758</b>	988,609	5.14%
Farm rate	1,108,816	<b>1,094,837</b>	(13,979)	(1.26%)
Waste Kerbside Service Charge	24,348,854	<b>29,123,440</b>	4,774,585	19.61%
Commercial Waste Kerbside Service Charge	1,199,966	<b>1,104,787</b>	(95,179)	(7.93%)
Landfill Levy - Waste Kerbside Service Charge	9,723,699	<b>9,948,708</b>	225,009	2.31%
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Landfill Levy - Other	137,814	<b>142,342</b>	4,528	3.29%
Supplementary rates and rate adjustments	3,580,000	<b>3,125,000</b>	(455,000)	(12.71%)
<b>Total Rates and charges</b>	<b>240,876,897</b>	<b>255,482,347</b>	<b>14,605,450</b>	<b>6.06%</b>

#### 4.1.1(j) Fair Go Rates System Compliance

The City of Whittlesea is required to comply with the State Government's FGRS. The table below details the budget assumptions consistent with the requirements of the Fair Go Rates System.

	2025-26	2026-27
Total Rates	\$ 201,234,825	<b>\$ 211,330,293</b>
Number of rateable properties	105,544	<b>108,428</b>
Base Average Rate	\$ 1,851.11	<b>\$ 1,896.87</b>
Maximum Rate Increase (set by the State Government)	3.00%	<b>2.75%</b>
Capped Average Rate	\$ 1,906.64	<b>\$ 1,949.03</b>
Maximum General Rates and Municipal Charges Revenue	\$ 201,234,825	<b>\$ 211,330,293</b>
Budgeted Supplementary Rates	\$ 3,700,000	<b>\$ 3,200,000</b>
Budgeted Total Rates and Municipal Charges Revenue	\$ 204,934,825	<b>\$ 214,530,293</b>

#### 4.1.1(k) Any significant changes that may affect the estimated amounts to be raised by rates and charges

There are no known significant changes which may affect the estimated amounts to be raised by rates and charges. However, the total amount to be raised by rates and charges may be affected by:

- The making of supplementary valuations (2026-27: estimated \$3,200,000 and 2025-26: \$3,700,000)
- The variation of returned levels of value (e.g. valuation appeals)
- Changes of use of land such that rateable land becomes non-rateable land and vice versa
- Changes of use of land such that residential land becomes business land and vice versa.

#### 4.1.1(l) Differential rates

The rate and amount of rates payable in relation to land in each category of differential are:

- rate of 0.04599159 in the NAV dollar in respect of residential, commercial and industrial use land (of a non-farm nature)
- rate of 0.02759495 in the NAV dollar in respect of farm land.

Each differential rate will be determined by multiplying the Net Annual Value of each rateable land (categorised by the characteristics described below) by the relevant percentages indicated above.

Council considers that each differential rate will contribute to the equitable and efficient carrying out of its functions. Details of the objectives of each differential rate, the types of classes of land, which are subject to each differential rate and the uses of each differential rate, are set out below.

#### General rate

The general rate for rateable residential, commercial and industrial properties applies to all properties which do not fall into the farm rate classification (see below).

### Farm rate

The farm rate may be applied to some properties within the Municipality which are classified by Council as Farm Land as defined in Section 2(1) of the *Valuation of Land Act 1960* which states, "farm land" means any rateable land:

- (a) that is not less than 2 hectares in area; and
- (b) that is used primarily for grazing (including agistment), dairying, pig-farming, poultry-farming, fish-farming, tree-farming, bee-keeping, viticulture, horticulture, fruit-growing or the growing of crops of any kind or for any combination of those activities; and
- (c) that is used by a business
  - (i) that has a significant and substantial commercial purpose or character; and
  - (ii) that seeks to make a profit on a continuous or repetitive basis from its activities on the land; and
  - (iii) that is making a profit from its activities on the land, or that has a reasonable prospect of making a profit from its activities on the land if it continues to operate in the way that it is operating.

The objective of Council's differential rates, is to ensure that Council has adequate funding to undertake its strategic, statutory, service provision and community services obligations and to ensure that the differential rate in the dollar declared for both "general" and "farm" properties is fair and equitable, having regard to the cost and the level of benefits derived from provision of Council services.

### 4.1.2 Statutory fees and fines

	Forecast	Budget	Change	
	2025-26	2026-27	\$'000	%
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
Infringements and costs	10,992	11,669	677	6.16%
Court recoveries	1,740	1,608	(132)	(7.59%)
Permit fees	6,426	7,638	1,212	18.86%
Certificates and regulatory service fees	2,313	2,512	199	8.60%
<b>Total statutory fees and fines</b>	<b>21,471</b>	<b>23,427</b>	<b>1,956</b>	<b>9.11%</b>

Statutory fees and fines relate mainly to fees and fines levied in accordance with legislation and include parking infringements, animal registrations, Health Act registrations, building control permits, statutory planning permits and subdivision supervision fees.

Statutory fee revenue is projected to exceed 2025-26 levels, primarily driven by higher regulatory and subdivision supervision fees resulting from increased construction activity across the municipality and the associated rise in fee volumes.

### 4.1.3 User fees

	Forecast	Budget	Change	
	2025-26	2026-27	\$'000	%
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
Aged and health services	985	1,118	133	13.50%
Family and children services	111	238	127	114.41%
Registrations	2,986	3,122	136	4.55%
Leisure centre fees	2,014	1,869	(145)	(7.20%)
Property leases and rentals	4,270	4,570	300	7.03%
Waste management services	1,800	1,336	(464)	(25.78%)
Other fees and charges	1,086	1,360	274	25.23%
<b>Total user fees</b>	<b>13,252</b>	<b>13,613</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>2.72%</b>

User fees relate to the recovery of service delivery costs through the charging of fees to users of services. These include fees for the use of leisure facilities, entertainment, equipment hire and other community facilities and the provision of human services such as family day care and home help services.

User fee revenue is projected to be higher than 2025-26, driven by increased animal management registration income reflecting a higher number of registrations, together with additional revenue from property leases and the rental of Council facilities, including sporting facilities.

#### 4.1.4 Grants

Grants are required by the Act and the Regulations to be disclosed in Council's budget.

	Forecast 2025-26 \$'000	Budget 2026-27 \$'000	Change	
			\$'000	%
<b>Grants were received in respect of the following:</b>				
Summary of grants				
Commonwealth funded grants	28,494	<b>38,646</b>	10,152	35.63%
State funded grants	24,782	<b>19,693</b>	(5,089)	(20.54%)
<b>Total grants received</b>	<b>53,276</b>	<b>58,339</b>	<b>5,063</b>	<b>9.50%</b>
<b>(a) Operating Grants</b>				
<b>Recurrent - Commonwealth Government</b>				
Financial assistance grants	10,223	<b>21,320</b>	11,097	108.55%
Aged care	6,163	<b>5,951</b>	(212)	(3.44%)
Kindergarten	30	<b>30</b>	-	0.00%
<b>Recurrent - State Government</b>				
Aged care	887	<b>930</b>	43	4.85%
School crossing supervisors	1,162	<b>1,146</b>	(16)	(1.38%)
Early years	369	<b>381</b>	12	3.25%
Kindergarten	260	<b>136</b>	(124)	(47.69%)
Family day care	410	<b>410</b>	-	0.00%
Maternal and child health	4,683	<b>4,138</b>	(545)	(11.64%)
Immunisation	124	<b>124</b>	-	0.00%
Public health	26	<b>6</b>	(20)	(76.92%)
Resilience and emergency management	60	<b>60</b>	-	0.00%
Youth services	35	<b>35</b>	-	0.00%
Community development	386	<b>448</b>	62	16.06%
<b>Total recurrent grants</b>	<b>24,818</b>	<b>35,115</b>	<b>10,297</b>	<b>41.49%</b>
<b>Non-recurrent - Commonwealth Government</b>				
Aged care	10	-	(10)	(100.00%)
Social policy	147	-	(147)	(100.00%)
<b>Non-recurrent - State Government</b>				
Social policy	159	-	(159)	(100.00%)
Maternal and child health	150	<b>490</b>	340	226.67%
Kindergarten	282	<b>266</b>	(16)	(5.67%)
Early years	33	-	(33)	(100.00%)
Resilience and emergency management	140	<b>140</b>	-	0.00%
Youth services	1	-	(1)	(100.00%)
Sustainability	240	<b>271</b>	31	12.92%
Roads and infrastructure	200	-	(200)	100.00%
<b>Total non-recurrent grants</b>	<b>1,362</b>	<b>1,167</b>	<b>(195)</b>	<b>(14.32%)</b>
<b>Total operating grants</b>	<b>26,180</b>	<b>36,282</b>	<b>10,102</b>	<b>38.59%</b>

	Forecast 2025-26 \$'000	Budget 2026-27 \$'000	Change	
			\$'000	%
<b>(b) Capital Grants</b>				
<b>Recurrent - Commonwealth Government</b>				
Roads and infrastructure	2,495	2,495	-	0.00%
<b>Total recurrent grants</b>	<b>2,495</b>	<b>2,495</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Non-recurrent - Commonwealth Government</b>				
Roads and Infrastructure	144	5,600	5,456	3788.89%
Recreational, leisure and community	8,725	450	(8,275)	(94.84%)
Parks, open space and streetscapes	557	2,800	2,243	402.69%
<b>Non-recurrent - State Government</b>				
Buildings	8,475	5,519	(2,956)	(34.88%)
Roads and infrastructure	650	2,100	1,450	223.08%
Footpaths and cycleways	1,025	75	(950)	(92.68%)
Recreational, leisure and community	4,425	2,000	(2,425)	(54.80%)
Parks, open space and streetscapes	600	1,018	418	69.67%
<b>Total non-recurrent grants</b>	<b>24,601</b>	<b>19,562</b>	<b>(5,039)</b>	<b>(20.48%)</b>
<b>Total capital grants</b>	<b>27,096</b>	<b>22,057</b>	<b>(5,039)</b>	<b>(18.60%)</b>
<b>Total grants</b>	<b>53,276</b>	<b>58,339</b>	<b>5,063</b>	<b>9.50%</b>

#### 4.1.5 Contributions

	Forecast 2025-26 \$'000	Budget 2026-27 \$'000	Change	
			\$'000	%
Monetary	29,650	19,050	(10,600)	(35.75%)
Non-monetary	125,516	111,916	(13,600)	(10.84%)
<b>Total contributions</b>	<b>155,166</b>	<b>130,966</b>	<b>(24,200)</b>	<b>(15.60%)</b>

Monetary contributions are those contributions from developers towards specific capital works projects as well as contributions and reimbursements from organisations such as sporting clubs for works carried out on their behalf. Non-monetary contributions are those assets that have been transferred to Council by developers.

The contributions are projected to decrease in line with anticipated growth of developments throughout the municipality.

#### 4.1.6 Other income

	Forecast 2025-26 \$'000	Budget 2026-27 \$'000	Change	
			\$'000	%
Sales	734	836	102	13.90%
Interest	16,000	18,760	2,760	17.25%
Reimbursements	6,688	6,502	(186)	(2.78%)
Other	46	-	(46)	(100.00%)
<b>Total other income</b>	<b>23,468</b>	<b>26,098</b>	<b>2,630</b>	<b>11.21%</b>

Other income comprises interest earned on term deposits, reimbursements from other Councils relating to the shared animal management facility, contract reimbursements associated with leisure centres, and various sales revenue including ticketing and related income generated through Council's Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre operations.

Other income is projected to increase compared to 2025-26, primarily due to higher interest earnings in line with Council's investment strategy and the level of cash available for investment. This is partially offset by bond proceeds retained and utilised in 2025-26 to complete works where developers did not fulfil their obligations, which were one-off in nature and will not continue into the following financial year.

#### 4.1.7 Employee costs

	Forecast	Budget	Change	
	2025-26	2026-27		
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
Wages and salaries	112,230	<b>120,220</b>	7,990	7.12%
Workcover	4,280	<b>4,000</b>	(280)	(6.54%)
Superannuation	13,414	<b>13,864</b>	450	3.35%
Fringe benefits tax	140	<b>150</b>	10	7.14%
<b>Total employee costs</b>	<b>130,064</b>	<b>138,234</b>	<b>8,170</b>	<b>6.28%</b>

Employee costs include all labour related expenditure such as salaries, wages, allowances and on-costs such as leave entitlements, superannuation and workcover.

Employee costs are higher in 2026-27 compared to 2025-26, mainly due to vacancies assumed in 2025-26 which are expected to be filled. The increase also reflects the normalisation of staffing levels, Enterprise Agreement and banding adjustments, higher superannuation contributions, and growth in employee entitlement provisions.

#### 4.1.8 Materials and services

	Forecast	Budget	Change	
	2025-26	2026-27		
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
External works (contractors)	90,240	<b>83,646</b>	(6,594)	(7.31%)
Support services	6,275	<b>5,466</b>	(809)	(12.89%)
Design work	16	<b>45</b>	29	181.25%
Facilities management	3,398	<b>3,679</b>	281	8.27%
Supplies and services	8,576	<b>7,593</b>	(983)	(11.46%)
Plant and fleet operations	2,208	<b>2,253</b>	45	2.04%
Computer services	9,467	<b>9,763</b>	296	3.13%
Communications	1,682	<b>1,765</b>	83	4.93%
Catering supplies and services	368	<b>373</b>	5	1.36%
Construction materials	1,080	<b>1,010</b>	(70)	(6.48%)
Travel and accommodation	76	<b>70</b>	(6)	(7.89%)
Consumable materials	180	<b>176</b>	(4)	(2.22%)
<b>Total materials and services</b>	<b>123,566</b>	<b>115,839</b>	<b>(7,727)</b>	<b>(6.25%)</b>

Materials and services include the purchase of supplies and consumables, payments for the provision of services, and fleet costs.

Materials and services is budgeted to decrease compared to forecast of 2025-26 mainly due to reimbursements associated with the provision by developers of land and construction projects that are funded through the levies collected under various Development Contribution Plans and Infrastructure Contribution Plans as well as one-off by-election costs incurred in 2025-26. This decrease is partially offset by the rollout of Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) services to all households.

#### 4.1.9 Depreciation

	Forecast	Budget	Change	
	2025-26	2026-27		
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
Property	7,861	<b>8,259</b>	398	5.06%
Plant & equipment	3,090	<b>3,578</b>	488	15.79%
Infrastructure	54,543	<b>57,501</b>	2,958	5.42%
<b>Total depreciation</b>	<b>65,494</b>	<b>69,338</b>	<b>3,844</b>	<b>5.87%</b>

Depreciation is an accounting measure to allocate the value of an asset over its useful life.

The depreciation is expected to increase compared to the 2025-26 forecast, due to the projected increase in the revaluation of Council's assets combined with the addition of gifted and constructed assets.

#### 4.1.10 Amortisation - Intangible assets

	Forecast	Budget	Change	
	2025-26	2026-27	\$'000	%
	\$'000	\$'000		
Intangible assets	71	31	(40)	(56.34%)
<b>Total amortisation - intangible assets</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>(40)</b>	<b>(56.34%)</b>

#### 4.1.11 Depreciation - Right of use assets

	Forecast	Budget	Change	
	2025-26	2026-27	\$'000	%
	\$'000	\$'000		
Property	506	516	10	1.98%
Vehicles	308	308	-	0.00%
Plant and equipment	104	104	-	0.00%
<b>Total depreciation - right of use assets</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1.09%</b>

#### 4.1.12 Other expenses

	Forecast	Budget	Change	
	2025-26	2026-27	\$'000	%
	\$'000	\$'000		
Contributions and donations	10,315	9,489	(826)	(8.01%)
Utilities	5,332	6,553	1,221	22.90%
Mayor and Councillors allowances	626	613	(13)	(2.08%)
Auditing	287	299	12	4.18%
Other costs	4,847	5,009	162	3.34%
<b>Total other expenses</b>	<b>21,407</b>	<b>21,963</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>2.60%</b>

Other expenses comprise contributions paid, utilities, insurance premiums, land tax obligations, and costs associated with the Mayor and Councillors. These costs reflect Council's ongoing operational commitments, including statutory charges, essential service usage and risk management requirements necessary to support service delivery and maintain Council's asset base.

Other expenses are budgeted to increase in 2026-27 compared to the 2025-26 forecast, primarily due to increase in utility costs. The is partially offset by the final contribution payment to Casa D'Abruzzo Club Inc. for facility upgrades being made in 2025-26 financial year, with the project expected to be completed and therefore not recurring in 2026-27.

## 4.2 Balance Sheet

### 4.2.1 Assets

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash and investments such as cash held in the bank and in petty cash and the value of investments in deposits or other highly liquid investments with short term maturities. Current assets are expected to increase by \$20.13 million during the year, primarily reflecting additional borrowings in 2026-27, effective cash flow management and higher interest earnings on investments.

The increase in non-current assets is the net result of the capital works program and transfer to Council of non-monetary assets \$111.92 million, partly offset by the depreciation of non-current assets \$69.34 million.

### 4.2.2 Liabilities

Current liabilities are expected to decrease as trust funds and deposits are being repaid. This is partially offset by an increase in interest bearing liabilities driven by new borrowings planned for 2026-27.

Trade and other payables (being the amounts that Council owes to suppliers) are expected to decrease in line with materials and services expenditure (see Comprehensive Income Statement) and short term lease repayments.

Non-current liabilities (that is, obligations Council must pay beyond the next financial year) will increase due to new borrowings planned to be taken out in 2026-27.

### 4.2.3 Borrowings

The table below shows information on borrowings specifically required by the Regulations.

	Forecast	Budget	Projections		
	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000	2029-30 \$'000
Amount borrowed as at 30 June of the prior year	7,624	28,902	53,513	87,165	100,395
Amount to be borrowed	22,870	28,159	40,056	21,589	15,255
Amount projected to be redeemed	(1,592)	(3,548)	(6,404)	(8,359)	(13,217)
<b>Amount of borrowings as at 30 June</b>	<b>28,902</b>	<b>53,513</b>	<b>87,165</b>	<b>100,395</b>	<b>102,433</b>

### 4.2.4 Leases by category

As a result of the introduction of AASB 16 Leases, right-of-use assets and lease liabilities have been recognised as outlined in the table below.

	Forecast 2025-26 \$'000	Budget 2026-27 \$'000
<b>Right-of-use assets</b>		
Property	1,475	582
Vehicles	615	308
Others	42	314
<b>Total right-of-use assets</b>	<b>2,132</b>	<b>1,204</b>
<b>Lease liabilities</b>		
<b>Current lease Liabilities</b>		
Property	534	547
Vehicles	347	277
Others	76	105
<b>Total current lease liabilities</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>929</b>
<b>Non-current lease liabilities</b>		
Property	781	-
Vehicles	318	7
Others	-	163
<b>Total non-current lease liabilities</b>	<b>1,099</b>	<b>170</b>
<b>Total lease liabilities</b>	<b>2,056</b>	<b>1,099</b>

Where the interest rate applicable to a lease is not expressed in the lease agreement, Council applies the average incremental borrowing rate in the calculation of lease liabilities. The current incremental borrowing rate is 4.63%.

## 4.3 Statement of Changes in Equity

### 4.3.1 Reserves

	Balance at beginning of reporting period	Transfers to Reserve	Transfers from Reserve	Balance at end of reporting period
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Asset revaluation reserve</b>	<b>2,224,836</b>	-	-	<b>2,224,836</b>
<b>Statutory or externally restricted reserves</b>				
Parklands contributions (open space) reserve	15,371	1,800	(680)	16,491
Infrastructure contributions plans reserves	203,204	16,755	(5,551)	214,408
Planning permits drainage reserve	2,481	60	(50)	2,491
Street tree contributions reserve	689	-	-	689
Traffic light construction reserve	974	-	-	974
Native vegetation offset developer contributions reserve	2,342	-	(273)	2,069
<b>Total statutory or externally restricted reserves</b>	<b>225,061</b>	<b>18,615</b>	<b>(6,554)</b>	<b>237,122</b>
<b>Discretionary reserves</b>				
Strategic investment reserve	45,804	14,314	(10,289)	49,829
Technology improvement fund reserve	7,946	5,000	(4,076)	8,870
Strategic properties reserve	5,187	-	-	5,187
Waste reserve	1,013	-	-	1,013
Resilience and emergency management	449	-	-	449
<b>Total discretionary reserves</b>	<b>60,399</b>	<b>19,314</b>	<b>(14,365)</b>	<b>65,348</b>
<b>Total reserves</b>	<b>2,510,296</b>	<b>37,929</b>	<b>(20,919)</b>	<b>2,527,306</b>

#### Statutory or externally restricted reserves

Externally restricted reserves are established and governed by legislation, regulations, or external funding conditions that require Council to set aside funds for a specific purpose. These reserves are not available for general use and must only be applied in accordance with the relevant statutory or external requirements. These reserves are required to be 100 per cent cash backed.

#### Discretionary reserves

Discretionary reserves are funds held by Council and separated from general cash reserves based on direction by Council. These funds are held for a specific purpose which is not governed by legislation or law. Discretionary reserves can vary from time to time and can be opened and closed to ensure they best meet the strategic requirements of Council. These reserves may not require full cash backing.

### 4.3.2 Equity

Total equity is expected to increase by \$157.67 million and made up of the following components:

- Asset Revaluation Reserve represents the difference between the previously recorded value of assets and their current valuations.
- Other Reserves are funds that Council has set aside to meet a specific purpose in the future and to which there is no existing liability. These amounts are transferred from the Accumulated Surplus of Council and are separately disclosed.
- Accumulated surplus, which is the value of all net assets less Reserves that have accumulated over time.

## 4.4 Statement of Cash Flows

This section analyses the expected cash flows from the operating, investing and financing activities of Council for the 2026-27 year. Budgeting cash flows assists in determining the balance between the level of cash available for investment in Council services and infrastructure, whilst ensuring long term financial sustainability of Council.

This analysis is based on three main categories of cash flows:

- Operating activities - Refers to the cash generated or used in the normal service delivery functions of Council. Cash remaining after paying for the provisions of services to the community may be available for investment in capital works, or repayment debt.
- Investing activities - Refers to the cash generated or used in the enhancement or creation of infrastructure and other assets. These activities also include the acquisition and sale of other assets such as vehicles, property and equipment.
- Financing activities - Refers to the cash generated or used in financing of Council functions and include borrowing from financial institutions and advancing of repayable loans to other organisations. These activities also include repayment of the principal component of loan repayment of the year.

### 4.4.1 Net cash flows provided by/used in operating activities

The increase in cash flow from operating activities is primarily attributed to higher rates and charges income, which rises by 2.75% in line with the State Government rate cap, along with increase in operating grant and a reduction in material and services costs due to reimbursements to developers for works-in-kind contributions. This is partially offset by decrease in monetary contributions income along with increase in employee costs. The net cash flows from the operating activities does not equal the operating result of the year as the expected revenues and expenses of Council include non-cash items which have been excluded from the Cash Flow Statement.

### 4.4.2 Net cash flows provided by/used in investing activities

The increase in payments for investing activities represents an increase in capital works expenditure of \$44.35 million over the 2025-26 forecast. Redemption/(payments) for investments (maturing later than 90 days) relate to financial assets which are cash investments (predominantly term deposits) that have a maturity date greater than 90 days. To improve Council's cash flow (and maximise interest revenue), investments are either redeemed or placed throughout the year depending on the receipt of revenue and the timing of expenditure.

### 4.4.3 Net cash flows provided by/used in financing activities

The increase in cash flow from financing activities is driven by increase in borrowings by \$5.29 million compared to 2025-26 financial year. Proceeds from borrowings relate to funding received under loan obligations that Council must pay beyond the next financial year. These funds are generally applied to fund capital projects undergone in the financial year the loan was obtained.

## 4.5 Capital Works program

This section presents a listing of the capital works projects that will be undertaken for the 2026-27 year, classified by expenditure type and funding source.

### 4.5.1 Summary

	Forecast	Budget	Change	
	2025-26	2026-27	\$'000	%
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
Property	19,610	<b>32,502</b>	12,892	65.74%
Plant and equipment	2,801	<b>4,253</b>	1,452	51.83%
Infrastructure	73,054	<b>79,820</b>	6,766	9.26%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,465</b>	<b>116,575</b>	<b>21,110</b>	<b>22.11%</b>

The capital works program for the 2026-27 year is expected to be \$116.58 million.

	Project Cost	Asset expenditure types				Summary of Funding Sources			
		New	Renewal	Upgrade	Expansion	External Funding	Contributions	Council Cash/Reserves	Borrowings
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Property	<b>32,502</b>	16,527	3,400	12,550	25	10,519	1,606	10,702	9,675
Plant and equipment	<b>4,253</b>	3,682	40	531	-	551	-	3,702	-
Infrastructure	<b>79,820</b>	46,912	24,432	8,476	-	11,387	1,944	48,005	18,484
<b>Total</b>	<b>116,575</b>	<b>67,121</b>	<b>27,872</b>	<b>21,557</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>22,457</b>	<b>3,551</b>	<b>62,409</b>	<b>28,159</b>

#### 4.5.2 Current Budget

Capital Works Area	Project Cost \$'000	Asset expenditure types				Summary of Funding Sources			
		New	Renewal	Upgrade	Expansion	External Funding	Contributions	Council Cash/Reserves	Borrowings
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Property</b>									
Johnsons Road Upgrade and Subdivision	5,000	5,000	-	-	-	5,000	-	-	-
<b>Total land</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	-	-	-	<b>5,000</b>	-	-	-
Edgars Creek Recreation Reserve, Wollert (Steen Avenue) - Sporting Facility	3,000	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,000
Redevelopment and expansion of the Stables Kindergarten	1,975	1,975	-	-	-	1,975	-	-	-
Construct community centre - West Wollert	4,200	4,200	-	-	-	3,544	656	-	-
Monakeeba Boulevard Community Centre	600	600	-	-	-	-	600	-	-
Energy Efficiency Program	500	-	-	500	-	-	-	500	-
Youth Services Relocation and Expansion	1,000	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	-
English Street, Donnybrook Early Years Infrastructure	752	752	-	-	-	-	350	402	-
<b>Total buildings</b>	<b>12,027</b>	<b>11,527</b>	-	<b>500</b>	-	<b>5,519</b>	<b>1,606</b>	<b>1,902</b>	<b>3,000</b>
Redevelopment of Dalton Road Kindergarten and MCH	4,500	-	-	4,500	-	-	-	4,500	-
Planned renewal (Minor works)	3,075	-	3,075	-	-	-	-	3,075	-
Disability Action Plan	150	-	-	150	-	-	-	150	-
Derby Meadows Preschool and Boori Childrens Centre	6,675	-	-	6,675	-	-	-	-	6,675
Office Refurbishment and Alterations	150	-	-	150	-	-	-	150	-
Kindergarten nappy change facilities and privacy stall doors	300	-	-	300	-	-	-	300	-
Plenty Ranges Arts & Convention Centre (PRACC) Redevelopment Project	125	-	75	25	25	-	-	125	-
Kelynack Recreation Reserve Fair Access Amenities Upgrade	500	-	250	250	-	-	-	500	-
<b>Total building improvements</b>	<b>15,475</b>	-	<b>3,400</b>	<b>12,050</b>	<b>25</b>	-	-	<b>8,800</b>	<b>6,675</b>
<b>Total property</b>	<b>32,502</b>	<b>16,527</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>12,550</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>10,519</b>	<b>1,606</b>	<b>10,702</b>	<b>9,675</b>
<b>Plant and equipment</b>									
Council Fleet Optimisation Program	2,582	2,582	-	-	-	400	-	2,182	-
PRACC Equipment and Infrastructure Program	200	20	40	140	-	-	-	200	-
Implementation of Signage Management Plan	200	200	-	-	-	-	-	200	-
<b>Total plant, machinery and equipment</b>	<b>2,982</b>	<b>2,802</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>140</b>	-	<b>400</b>	-	<b>2,582</b>	-
Public Art Acquisition Program	20	20	-	-	-	-	-	20	-
Public Art Commissioning Program	67	67	-	-	-	-	-	67	-
Wurundjeri woi-wurrung Mural bunjil ngangra (Quarry Hills) Parklands	40	40	-	-	-	-	-	40	-
Lalor Shopping Centre Precinct - Enliven Lalor Laneway	194	194	-	-	-	151	-	43	-
<b>Total fixtures, fittings and furniture</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>321</b>	-	-	-	<b>151</b>	-	<b>170</b>	-
Network Infrastructure Upgrade Program	115	69	-	46	-	-	-	115	-
Information and Communication Technology Hardware Replacement	525	210	-	315	-	-	-	525	-
Mobile Device Replacement Program	250	250	-	-	-	-	-	250	-
Audiovisual Equipment Upgrade Program	60	30	-	30	-	-	-	60	-
<b>Total computers and telecommunications</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>559</b>	-	<b>391</b>	-	-	-	<b>950</b>	-
<b>Total plant and equipment</b>	<b>4,253</b>	<b>3,682</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>531</b>	-	<b>551</b>	-	<b>3,702</b>	-

Capital Works Area	Project Cost \$'000	Asset expenditure types				Summary of Funding Sources			
		New	Renewal	Upgrade	Expansion	External Funding	Contributions	Council Cash/Reserves	Borrowings
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Infrastructure</b>									
Urbanisation of Laurel Street, Whittlesea	800	-	-	800	-	-	-	800	-
Intersection Safety - Roundabout Regent Street and Grafton Street, Mernda	80	80	-	-	-	-	-	80	-
Garden View Estate Development, Lalor	800	800	-	-	-	-	-	800	-
Barry Road Thomastown Road Safety and Shared Path	100	100	-	-	-	-	-	100	-
Local Road Resurfacing Works	2,750	-	2,750	-	-	2,495	-	255	-
Local Road Reconstruction / Rehabilitation Program	8,000	-	8,000	-	-	-	-	8,000	-
Traffic control devices	300	150	-	150	-	-	-	300	-
Collector Road traffic management	350	175	-	175	-	-	-	350	-
Roadside hazard protection	95	95	-	-	-	-	-	95	-
Masons Road Reconstruction	1,000	-	-	1,000	-	-	-	1,000	-
Findon Road Upgrade - Signalised Intersection at The Great Eastern Way, South Morang	1,750	1,750	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,750
Edgars Road Safety Upgrades - Pedestrian Operated Signals	400	400	-	-	-	-	-	400	-
Regional Sports Precinct - Plenty Road Secondary Access	100	100	-	-	-	100	-	-	-
Road Intersection Safety - Roundabout Ash Street and Cyprus Street, Lalor	303	303	-	-	-	303	-	-	-
Road Intersection Safety - Raised Pavements Northside Drive and The Parade, Wollert	29	29	-	-	-	29	-	-	-
Road Safety Improvement - Wombat Crossing Scholar Drive, Bundoora	269	269	-	-	-	269	-	-	-
Regent Street, Mernda - Road Safety Improvements	1,000	1,000	-	-	-	1,000	-	-	-
Road Safety Improvements - Oleander Drive, Mill Park	40	40	-	-	-	-	-	40	-
Road Safety Infrastructure Renewal - Barrier Reconstruction	300	-	300	-	-	-	-	300	-
Grants Road Reconstruction	1,250	-	1,250	-	-	-	-	1,250	-
<b>Total roads</b>	<b>19,716</b>	<b>5,291</b>	<b>12,300</b>	<b>2,125</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,196</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,770</b>	<b>1,750</b>
Boardwalk & bridges refurbishment	300	-	300	-	-	-	-	300	-
<b>Total bridges</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>-</b>
Dalton Road Shared Path (Wood Street & Parklands Drive)	500	500	-	-	-	-	-	500	-
High Street Shared Path (Keon Park to Epping Station)	100	100	-	-	-	-	-	100	-
Yan Yean Pipe Track Shared Path (Bridge Inn Road to Hazel Glen Drive)	1,750	1,750	-	-	-	-	-	1,750	-
Davison Street Shared Path (McDonalds Road to Cooper Street)	150	150	-	-	-	-	-	150	-
Edgars Creek Shared Path (Main Street to Kingsway Drive)	350	350	-	-	-	-	-	350	-
Yan Yean Pipe Track Shared Path (Childs Road to Bush Boulevard)	2,340	2,340	-	-	-	-	-	2,340	-
Improve disability access (DDA) to public transport	100	-	-	100	-	-	-	100	-
Bicycle facilities	200	160	-	40	-	-	-	200	-
Kerb Ramp DDA Upgrades	70	-	-	70	-	-	-	70	-
Safe Routes to Schools	300	150	-	150	-	-	-	300	-
Lighting of Shared User Paths Program	200	200	-	-	-	-	-	200	-
Missing Path Links Program	600	600	-	-	-	-	-	600	-
Footpath Reconstruction / Renewal	2,900	-	2,900	-	-	-	-	2,900	-
<b>Total footpaths and cycleways</b>	<b>9,560</b>	<b>6,300</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,560</b>	<b>-</b>
Drainage improvement works	250	105	145	-	-	-	-	250	-
WSUD (Water Sensitive Urban Design) Asset Renewal	350	-	350	-	-	-	-	350	-
<b>Total drainage</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>-</b>

Capital Works Area	Project Cost	Asset expenditure types				Summary of Funding Sources			
		New	Renewal	Upgrade	Expansion	External Funding	Contributions	Council Cash/Reserves	Borrowings
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Norris Bank Parkland Tennis Courts Renewal	800	-	800	-	-	-	800	-	
Ashley Park Recreation Reserve, Doreen (Orchard Road) - Sporting Facility	3,000	3,000	-	-	-	-	1,644	1,356	
Alkira Recreation Reserve, Wollert (Central Wollert SR03) - Sporting facility	300	300	-	-	-	-	300	-	
Sporting Net Upgrade and Installation	300	-	-	300	-	-	-	300	
Sports Ground Lighting Upgrade Program	250	-	-	250	-	-	-	250	
Regional Sports Precinct - Stage 2 (Stadium & Outdoor Courts)	18,437	18,437	-	-	-	2,450	-	12,248	
Public Toilet Amenity Plan Implementation	500	250	250	-	-	-	-	500	
Mosaic Recreation Reserve Subsidence Rectification	200	-	200	-	-	-	-	200	
<b>Total recreational, leisure &amp; community facilities</b>	<b>23,787</b>	<b>21,987</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,450</b>	<b>1,944</b>	<b>13,604</b>	
Huskisson Reserve - Multi Purpose Facility	3,200	-	-	3,200	-	70	-	3,130	
Local Area Traffic Management Improvements - Mill Park and South Morang	1,500	1,500	-	-	-	1,000	-	500	
Stormwater Harvesting Improvement - Laurimar Recreation Reserve	70	70	-	-	-	-	-	70	
Conservation Reserves Tree Planting Program	225	225	-	-	-	-	-	225	
Renewal of playgrounds and general landscape improvements program	2,500	-	2,000	500	-	-	-	2,500	
Vehicle Exclusion Fencing	100	75	25	-	-	-	-	100	
Residential Street Tree Planting Program	450	450	-	-	-	-	-	450	
Irrigation Network Improvements	120	-	120	-	-	-	-	120	
Mill Park Drive Precinct Streetscape and Public Realm Upgrade	150	-	150	-	-	-	-	150	
The Boulevard Shops, Thomastown	2,900	-	2,900	-	-	2,900	-	-	
VR Michael Reserve - Dog off leash area	630	630	-	-	-	75	-	555	
Nick Ascenzo Reserve Upgrade	2,700	2,025	675	-	-	-	-	2,700	
Conservation reserves fencing program	75	75	-	-	-	-	-	75	
Dr Harry Jenkins Park and Playground Redevelopment	500	250	-	250	-	-	-	500	
Redleap Reserve Stage 2 Landscape Improvements	383	191	-	191	-	-	-	383	
Creek Corridor Planting Program	250	250	-	-	-	-	-	250	
Project Management Fees	4,089	4,089	-	-	-	-	-	4,089	
Lowalde Recreation Reserve Master Plan Implementation	125	63	63	-	-	-	-	125	
Whittlesea Public Gardens Master plan Implementation - Stage 3 Lawn and paths	400	400	-	-	-	-	-	400	
Park and Open Space lighting, DDA and safety improvement program	300	225	-	75	-	-	-	300	
High Street Epping Precinct Streetscape Improvements	100	-	-	100	-	-	-	100	
Minor Parks and Open Space Renewal program	500	55	445	-	-	-	-	500	
Main Roads and High Profile Streetscapes Planting Program	350	350	-	-	-	-	-	350	
Parks Tree and Major Facilities Planting Program	750	750	-	-	-	-	-	750	
Community Safety Enhancement - Lighting & CCTV Election Commitment	697	697	-	-	-	697	-	-	
<b>Total parks, open space and streetscapes</b>	<b>23,064</b>	<b>12,370</b>	<b>6,377</b>	<b>4,316</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,742</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,192</b>	

Capital Works Area	Project Cost \$'000	Asset expenditure types				Summary of Funding Sources			
		New	Renewal	Upgrade	Expansion	External Funding	Contributions	Council Cash/Reserves	Borrowings
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Car Park Rehabilitation Program	270	-	270	-	-	-	-	270	-
Whittlesea Township Park Master Plan Implementation - Walnut St Car Park	125	-	-	125	-	-	-	125	-
bunjil nganga Parkland Entry Improvements - Gravier Way, South Morang	400	-	-	400	-	-	-	400	-
<b>Total off street car parks</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>-</b>
Install Smart City Water Devices	24	24	-	-	-	-	-	24	-
Installation bus shelters	50	10	40	-	-	-	-	50	-
Infrastructure Planning and Feasibility Studies for Future Projects	400	-	-	400	-	-	-	400	-
Stormwater Harvesting System - AF Walker Reserve	425	425	-	-	-	-	-	425	-
Public Lighting in Local Streets	200	-	-	200	-	-	-	200	-
Water Efficiency Program	250	250	-	-	-	-	-	250	-
Streetlight Bulk Replacement Program	500	-	500	-	-	-	-	500	-
Electric Vehicle Charging at Council Facilities	150	150	-	-	-	-	-	150	-
<b>Total other infrastructure</b>	<b>1,999</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,999</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total infrastructure</b>	<b>79,820</b>	<b>46,912</b>	<b>24,432</b>	<b>8,476</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,387</b>	<b>1,944</b>	<b>48,005</b>	<b>18,484</b>
<b>Total Capital Works</b>	<b>116,575</b>	<b>67,121</b>	<b>27,872</b>	<b>21,557</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>22,457</b>	<b>3,551</b>	<b>62,409</b>	<b>28,159</b>

## 4.6 Summary of Planned Capital Works Expenditure

For the years ending 30 June 2028, 2029 and 2030

2027-28	Asset Expenditure Types					Summary of Funding Sources				
	Total	New	Renewal	Expansion	Upgrade	Total	External Funding	Contributions	Council Cash/Reserves	Borrowings
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Property</b>										
Land	2,699	2,699	-	-	-	2,699	2,186	-	513	-
Land improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total land</b>	<b>2,699</b>	<b>2,699</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,699</b>	<b>2,186</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>-</b>
Buildings	24,139	23,626	-	-	513	24,139	-	8,251	3,588	12,300
Building improvements	19,988	-	10,174	-	9,814	19,988	-	-	15,196	4,792
<b>Total buildings</b>	<b>44,127</b>	<b>23,626</b>	<b>10,174</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,327</b>	<b>44,127</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,251</b>	<b>18,784</b>	<b>17,092</b>
<b>Total property</b>	<b>46,826</b>	<b>26,325</b>	<b>10,174</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,327</b>	<b>46,826</b>	<b>2,186</b>	<b>8,251</b>	<b>19,296</b>	<b>17,092</b>
<b>Plant and equipment</b>										
Plant, machinery and equipment	3,182	2,997	41	-	144	3,182	420	-	2,761	-
Fixtures, fittings and furniture	171	171	-	-	-	171	-	-	171	-
Computers and telecommunications	1,135	747	-	-	388	1,135	-	-	1,135	-
<b>Total plant and equipment</b>	<b>4,487</b>	<b>3,915</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>4,487</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,067</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Infrastructure</b>										
Roads	27,975	9,396	15,017	-	3,562	27,974	4,607	-	18,745	4,622
Bridges	307	-	307	-	-	307	-	-	307	-
Footpaths and cycleways	7,252	3,881	2,982	-	390	7,252	-	513	6,740	-
Drainage	1,640	620	507	-	513	1,640	-	-	1,640	-
Recreational, leisure and community facilities	29,558	26,816	2,178	-	564	29,558	8,000	2,187	4,367	15,004
Waste management	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parks, open space and streetscapes	24,597	14,335	5,865	-	4,397	24,597	53	-	21,207	3,338
Off street car parks	490	-	336	-	154	490	-	-	490	-
Other infrastructure	2,151	983	554	-	615	2,151	-	-	2,151	-
<b>Total infrastructure</b>	<b>93,971</b>	<b>56,031</b>	<b>27,747</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,194</b>	<b>93,970</b>	<b>12,660</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>55,647</b>	<b>22,964</b>
<b>Total Capital Works expenditure</b>	<b>145,284</b>	<b>86,272</b>	<b>37,961</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,052</b>	<b>145,284</b>	<b>15,266</b>	<b>10,951</b>	<b>79,010</b>	<b>40,056</b>

2028-29	Asset Expenditure Types					Summary of Funding Sources				
	Total	New	Renewal	Expansion	Upgrade	Total	External Funding	Contributions	Council Cash/Reserves	Borrowings
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Property</b>										
Land	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Land improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total land</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Buildings	12,143	11,618	-	-	525	12,143	-	2,723	1,576	7,844
Building improvements	2,548	-	2,233	-	315	2,548	-	-	2,548	-
<b>Total buildings</b>	<b>14,691</b>	<b>11,618</b>	<b>2,233</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>14,691</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,723</b>	<b>4,124</b>	<b>7,844</b>
<b>Total property</b>	<b>14,691</b>	<b>11,618</b>	<b>2,233</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>14,691</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,723</b>	<b>4,124</b>	<b>7,844</b>
<b>Plant and equipment</b>										
Plant, machinery and equipment	1,992	1,945	11	-	37	1,992	442	-	1,551	-
Fixtures, fittings and furniture	94	94	-	-	-	94	-	-	94	-
Computers and telecommunications	988	580	-	-	408	988	-	-	988	-
<b>Total plant and equipment</b>	<b>3,074</b>	<b>2,619</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>3,074</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,632</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Infrastructure</b>										
Roads	20,540	4,593	15,392	-	555	20,540	3,314	-	15,733	1,492
Bridges	420	-	420	-	-	420	-	-	420	-
Footpaths and cycleways	6,823	3,143	3,061	-	620	6,823	-	-	6,823	-
Drainage	1,471	658	551	-	263	1,471	-	-	1,471	-
Recreational, leisure and community facilities	23,059	19,724	594	-	2,742	23,059	-	9,590	3,467	10,002
Waste management	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parks, open space and streetscapes	21,585	11,664	6,670	-	3,252	21,585	-	-	19,484	2,101
Off street car parks	530	-	530	-	-	530	-	-	530	-
Other infrastructure	2,215	1,017	567	-	630	2,215	-	-	2,064	150
<b>Total infrastructure</b>	<b>76,643</b>	<b>40,798</b>	<b>27,784</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,061</b>	<b>76,643</b>	<b>3,314</b>	<b>9,590</b>	<b>49,993</b>	<b>13,745</b>
<b>Total Capital Works expenditure</b>	<b>94,407</b>	<b>55,034</b>	<b>30,027</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,347</b>	<b>94,407</b>	<b>3,756</b>	<b>12,313</b>	<b>56,749</b>	<b>21,589</b>

2029-30	Asset Expenditure Types					Summary of Funding Sources				
	Total	New	Renewal	Expansion	Upgrade	Total	External Funding	Contributions	Council Cash/Reserves	Borrowings
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Property</b>										
Land	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Land improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total land</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Buildings	6,853	6,315	-	-	538	6,853	-	5,901	538	414
Building improvements	3,338	-	3,015	-	323	3,338	-	-	3,338	-
<b>Total buildings</b>	<b>10,191</b>	<b>6,315</b>	<b>3,015</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>10,191</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,901</b>	<b>3,876</b>	<b>414</b>
<b>Total property</b>	<b>10,191</b>	<b>6,315</b>	<b>3,015</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>10,191</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,901</b>	<b>3,876</b>	<b>414</b>
<b>Plant and equipment</b>										
Plant, machinery and equipment	2,551	2,396	34	-	121	2,551	464	-	1,871	215
Fixtures, fittings and furniture	96	96	-	-	-	96	-	-	96	-
Computers and telecommunications	1,034	592	-	-	442	1,034	-	-	1,034	-
<b>Total plant and equipment</b>	<b>3,681</b>	<b>3,084</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>3,681</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,001</b>	<b>215</b>
<b>Infrastructure</b>										
Roads	20,749	4,398	15,776	-	575	20,749	2,686	-	14,670	3,392
Bridges	429	-	429	-	-	429	-	-	429	-
Footpaths and cycleways	10,585	4,360	4,630	-	1,595	10,585	-	-	6,600	3,984
Drainage	1,669	804	596	-	269	1,669	-	-	1,292	377
Recreational, leisure and community facilities	3,069	188	2,288	-	592	3,069	-	-	3,069	-
Waste management	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parks, open space and streetscapes	19,326	9,072	5,241	-	5,013	19,326	-	-	14,094	5,232
Off street car parks	1,597	248	607	-	743	1,597	-	-	1,597	-
Other infrastructure	2,879	1,651	582	-	646	2,879	-	-	1,240	1,640
<b>Total infrastructure</b>	<b>60,304</b>	<b>20,722</b>	<b>30,149</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,433</b>	<b>60,304</b>	<b>2,686</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,992</b>	<b>14,626</b>
<b>Total Capital Works expenditure</b>	<b>74,176</b>	<b>30,121</b>	<b>33,199</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,856</b>	<b>74,176</b>	<b>3,150</b>	<b>5,901</b>	<b>49,870</b>	<b>15,255</b>

## 4.7 Proposals to Lease Council Land

This section presents a summary of Council's proposals to lease council land to external parties in the 2026-27 financial year. Under the s.115(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council is required to include any proposal to lease land in a financial year in the budget, where the lease is for:

- (a) one year or more and -
  - i. the rent for any period of the lease is \$100,000 or more a year; or
  - ii. the current market rental value of the land is \$100,000 or more a year; or
- (b) 10 years or more.

Council proposes to offer new leases to the tenants listed below and subject to mutual agreement, the new tenancy arrangements are to be in place during the financial year 2026-27.

Street No.	Street	Suburb	Use of Property	Existing Lease	Council's Proposal
480	Cooper Street	Epping	Area 2, Area 3 and Area 5 (38 Companion Place)	Maximum lease term to 10 July 2041	Additional term from 11 July 2041 to 10 July 2051
480	Cooper Street	Epping	Area 1 and Area 4	Maximum lease term to 10 July 2041	Additional term from 11 July 2041 to 10 July 2051
335-355	O'Herns Road	Epping	Area 2 and Area 3	Maximum lease term to 10 July 2041	Additional term from 11 July 2041 to 10 July 2051
335-355	O'Herns Road	Epping	Area 1	Maximum lease term to 10 July 2041	Additional term from 11 July 2041 to 10 July 2051
335-355	O'Herns Road	Epping	Area 4 (eastern area)	Not currently leased	Additional term from 1 Jan 2027 to 10 July 2051
335W	O'Herns Road	Epping	Any part of the 2.0ha area northwest of Area 4	Not currently leased	Any number of tenancies and terms from 1 Jan 2027 to 30 June 2051
785	High Street	Epping	Whole Area	To 30 June 2026	Additional term from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2029
120T	Cravens Road	Mernda	57.6 sqm rectangle	Not currently leased	Maximum lease term of 20 years at a commencement rent of \$30,000 excl. GST
63W	Elation Boulevard	Doreen	30 sqm square – co-location on High Voltage Tower	Not currently leased	Maximum lease term of 20 years at a commencement rent of \$30,000 excl. GST
146-176	McDonalds Road	Epping	36 sqm square and 17.5 sqm rectangle	Not currently leased	Maximum lease term of 20 years at a commencement rent of \$30,000 excl. GST
1W	Farmview Walk	Wollert	Approximately 90 sqm rectangle	Not currently leased	Maximum lease term of 15 years at a market value rental
28T	Morang Drive	South Morang	40 sqm square – co-located on High Voltage Tower	Lease in overholding	Maximum lease term of 20 years at a commencement rent of \$15,000 excl. GST
30W	Fitzwilliam Drive	Doreen	100 sqm - Telecommunications Facility	Not currently leased.	Maximum lease term of 20 years at a commencing rent of \$31,000 pa excl. GST

## 5. Performance and Financial Indicators

The following table highlights Council's current and projected performance across eight targeted performance indicators selected by Council from the range of prescribed performance measures contained in the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020. These indicators provide a useful analysis of Council's intentions and performance and should be interpreted in the context of the organisation's objectives.

Results against these indicators and targets will be reported in Council's Performance Statement included in the Annual Report.

### 5. Targeted Performance Indicators (Council Selected)

Domain / Indicator	Measure	Notes	Actual 2024-25	Forecast 2025-26	Target 2026-27	Target Projections Projection 2027-28	Target Projections Projection 2028-29	Target Projections Projection 2029-30	Trend Trend +/-
<b>Environment</b>									
<b>Energy consumption</b> (Council's efforts to reduce environmental impact by monitoring changes in gas consumption over time)	<b>Gas usage</b> Total units of metered gas in gigajoules (GJ) purchased by Council / Population	1	0.17	0.16	<b>0.15</b>	0.14	0.13	0.12	-
<b>Community</b>									
<b>Maternal and Child Health (MCH)</b> (How actively the community engages with Council MCH services)	<b>Participation in MCH service</b> Number of children who attend the MCH service / Number of children enrolled in the MCH service	2	77.72%	73.48%	<b>77.00%</b>	78.00%	78.00%	79.00%	+
<b>Cost</b>									
<b>Library services</b> (How efficiently Council delivers library services)	<b>Cost of library services</b> Direct cost of library services / Population	3	\$22.53	\$22.82	<b>\$26.59</b>	\$26.40	\$26.22	\$26.07	+
<b>Responsiveness</b>									
<b>Food safety</b> (Responsiveness to action food complaints effectively)	<b>Time taken to action food complaints</b> Median number of days between receipt of a food complaint and the action to respond to the complaint	4	1.00	1.00	<b>1.00</b>	1.00	1.00	1.00	o

## 5. Targeted Performance Indicators (Council Selected) (cont.)

Domain / Indicator	Measure	Notes	Actual 2024-25	Forecast 2025-26	Target 2026-27	Target Projections Projection 2027-28	Target Projections Projection 2028-29	Target Projections Projection 2029-30	Trend Trend +/-
<b>Community</b>									
<b>Maternal and Child Health (MCH)</b> (Effectiveness of Aboriginal community participation in MCH services)	<b>Participation in MCH service by Aboriginal children</b> Number of Aboriginal children who attend the MCH service at least once / Number of Aboriginal children enrolled in the MCH service	5	80.71%	81.86%	<b>83.00%</b>	83.00%	84.00%	84.00%	+
<b>Financial forecasting</b>									
<b>Indebtedness</b> (Council ability to meet the long-term obligations)	<b>Non-current liabilities compared to own-source revenue</b> Non-current liabilities / Own-source revenue	6	3.77%	10.56%	<b>16.73%</b>	24.66%	27.48%	27.23%	+
<b>Financial management</b>									
<b>Expenditure and revenue level</b> Resources are used efficiently in the delivery of services)	<b>Average rate per property assessment</b> General rates and municipal charges / Number of property assessments	7	\$1,898.73	\$1,940.56	<b>\$1,977.86</b>	\$2,064.40	\$2,153.10	\$2,244.02	+
<b>Financial management</b>									
<b>Operating position</b> (Assessment of Council effectiveness to generate a surplus)	<b>Adjusted underlying surplus (or deficit)</b> Adjusted underlying surplus (or deficit) / Adjusted underlying revenue	8	6.41%	(4.41%)	<b>1.99%</b>	2.54%	0.20%	(2.40%)	-

Key to Target Trend:

- + increase in Council's overall targets
- o maintaining Council's overall targets
- decrease in Council's overall targets

## 5a. Targeted Performance Indicators (Mandatory)

The following tables highlight Council's current and projected performance across a selection of targeted service and financial performance indicators. These indicators provide a useful analysis of Council's intentions and performance and should be interpreted in the context of the organisation's objectives.

The targeted performance indicators below are the prescribed performance indicators contained in Schedule 4 of the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020. Results against these measures and targets will be reported in Council's Performance Statement included in the Annual Report.

### Targeted service performance indicators - Mandatory

Domain / Indicator	Measure	Notes	Actual 2024-25	Forecast 2025-26	Target 2026-27	Target Projections Projection 2027-28	Target Projections Projection 2028-29	Target Projections Projection 2029-30	Trend Trend +/-
<b>Governance</b>									
<b>Community engagement</b> (Council decisions made and implemented with community input)	<b>Satisfaction with the opportunities offered by Council to be consulted on or engaged in Council decisions</b> Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with the consultation and engagement efforts of Council	9	47	51	<b>50</b>	50	50	50	o
<b>Environment</b>									
<b>Roads</b> (Sealed local roads are maintained at the adopted condition standard)	<b>Sealed local roads below the intervention level</b> Number of kilometres of sealed local roads below the renewal intervention level set by Council / Kilometres of sealed local roads	10	92.05%	93.70%	<b>93.50%</b>	93.50%	93.50%	93.50%	o
<b>Responsiveness</b>									
<b>Statutory planning</b> (Councils decide on planning applications and fulfill their legislative duties in a timely manner)	<b>Planning applications decided within the relevant required time</b> Number of planning application decisions made within the relevant required time / Number of planning application decisions made	11	68.39%	70.00%	<b>70.00%</b>	70.00%	70.00%	70.00%	o

## 5a. Targeted Performance Indicators (Mandatory) (cont.)

### Targeted Financial Performance Indicators - Mandatory

Domain / Indicator	Measure	Notes	Actual 2024-25	Forecast 2025-26	Target 2026-27	Target Projections Projection 2027-28	Target Projections Projection 2028-29	Target Projections Projection 2029-30	Trend Trend +/-
<b>Environment</b>									
<b>Waste management</b> (Waste is minimised and sustainability promoted)	<b>Kerbside collection waste to landfill per serviced property</b> Waste in tonnage collected from kerbside waste collection services sent to landfill / Number of serviced properties	12	0.54	0.54	<b>0.53</b>	0.52	0.51	0.50	-
<b>Financial management</b>									
<b>Liquidity</b> (Sufficient working capital is available to pay bills as and when they fall due)	<b>Current assets compared to current liabilities</b> Current assets / Current liabilities	13	282.52%	347.19%	<b>364.88%</b>	357.82%	355.02%	367.35%	-
<b>Financial forecasting</b>									
<b>Asset renewal and upgrade</b> (Assets are renewed as planned)	<b>Asset renewal and upgrade compared to depreciation</b> Asset renewal and upgrade expense / Asset depreciation	14	57.84%	59.70%	<b>71.29%</b>	81.63%	51.35%	54.98%	-
<b>Financial management</b>									
<b>Rates concentration</b> (Revenue is generated from a range of sources)	<b>Rates compared to adjusted underlying revenue</b> Rate revenue / Adjusted underlying revenue	15	66.69%	73.47%	<b>71.55%</b>	71.03%	71.86%	74.43%	+
<b>Financial management</b>									
<b>Expenditure and revenue level</b> (Resources are used efficiently in the delivery of services)	<b>Expenses per property assessment</b> Total expenses / Number of property assessments	16	\$3,063.49	\$3,268.80	<b>\$3,252.96</b>	\$3,405.21	\$3,599.13	\$3,721.19	+

#### Key to Target Trend:

- + increase in Council's overall targets
- o maintaining Council's overall targets
- decrease in Council's overall targets

## 5b. Financial Performance Indicators

The following table highlights Council's current and projected performance across a range of key financial performance indicators. These indicators provide a useful analysis of Council's financial position and performance and should be interpreted in the context of the organisation's objectives.

The financial performance indicators below are the prescribed financial performance indicators contained in Part 2 of Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020. Results against these indicators will be reported in Council's Performance Statement included in the Annual Report.

Domain / Indicator	Measure	Notes	Actual 2024-25	Forecast 2025-26	Target 2026-27	Target Projections Projection 2027-28	Target Projections Projection 2028-29	Target Projections Projection 2029-30	Trend Trend +/-
<b>Financial forecasting</b>									
<b>Loans and borrowings</b> (Level of interest bearing loans and borrowings is appropriate to the size and nature of Council's activities)	<b>Loans and borrowings compared to own-source revenue</b>	17	3.42%	11.90%	<b>20.78%</b>	32.40%	35.73%	34.93%	-
	Interest bearing loans and borrowings / Own-source revenue								
	<b>Loans and borrowings repayments compared to own-source revenue</b>	18	0.74%	0.73%	<b>2.34%</b>	4.11%	4.96%	6.55%	-
	Interest and principal repayments on interest bearing loans and borrowings / Own-source revenue								
<b>Population</b> (Population is a key driver of a Council's ability to fund the delivery of services to the community)	<b>Expenses per head of population</b>	19	\$1,233.99	\$1,282.80	<b>\$1,274.77</b>	\$1,292.38	\$1,323.51	\$1,326.95	+
	Total expenses / Population								
	<b>Infrastructure per head of population</b>	20	\$13,993.95	\$13,609.36	<b>\$13,670.63</b>	\$13,799.91	\$13,740.58	\$13,584.38	+
	Value of infrastructure / Population								
<b>Revenue and grants</b> (Revenue is generated from a range of sources in order to fund the delivery of services to the community)	<b>Own-source revenue per head of population</b>	21	\$1,130.32	\$1,122.01	<b>\$1,160.44</b>	\$1,191.10	\$1,192.15	\$1,162.67	+
	Own source revenue / Population								
	<b>Recurrent grants per head of population</b>	22	\$182.65	\$101.56	<b>\$135.93</b>	\$134.94	\$134.01	\$133.20	-
	Recurrent grants / Population								

## 5b. Financial Performance Indicators (cont.)

Domain / Indicator	Measure	Notes	Actual 2024-25	Forecast 2025-26	Target 2026-27	Target Projections Projection 2027-28	Target Projections Projection 2028-29	Target Projections Projection 2029-30	Trend Trend +/-
<b>Financial forecasting</b>									
<b>Liquidity</b> (Sufficient working capital and cash is available to cover expenses)	<b>Cash compared to current liabilities</b> Cash / Current liabilities	23	35%	33%	<b>15%</b>	15%	15%	15%	o
<b>Rates effort</b> (Rating level is set based on the community's capacity to pay)	<b>Rates compared to property values</b> Rate revenue / Capital Improved Value (CIV) of rateable properties in the municipality	24	0.27%	0.29%	<b>0.29%</b>	0.29%	0.30%	0.30%	+
<b>Expenditure and revenue level</b> (Resources are used efficiently in the delivery of services)	<b>Average rate per property assessment</b> General rates and municipal charges / Number of property assessments	25	\$1,898.73	\$1,940.56	<b>\$1,977.86</b>	\$2,064.40	\$2,153.10	\$2,244.02	+

**Key to Forecast Trend:**

- + Forecasts improvement in Council's financial performance/financial position indicator
- o Forecasts that Council's financial performance/financial position indicator will be steady
- Forecasts deterioration in Council's financial performance/financial position indicator

## 5c. Additional Indicators

The following table presents additional indicators that are not prescribed indicators in the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020. These indicators are used by the Department of Treasury and Finance to conduct credit assessments of councils under the Treasury Corporation of Victoria (TCV) loans framework. Subject to these financial covenants being satisfied over the prior three years to the budget year, the budget year, and subsequent three projected financial years, a borrowing limit will be determined under the framework.

Indicator	Measure	Notes	Actual	Forecast	Target	Target Projections			Trend
			2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Projection 2027-28	Projection 2028-29	Projection 2029-30	Trend +/-
<b>TCV loans framework indicators</b>									
Interest bearing liabilities to own source revenue	Interest bearing liabilities / Own-source revenue	26	2.66%	9.58%	<b>16.67%</b>	25.62%	28.56%	28.97%	-
Interest Cover Ratio	EBITDA / Interest expense on borrowings	27	30:1	16:1	<b>2:1</b>	1:1	1:1	1:1	-

### Key to Forecast Trend:

- + Forecasts improvement in Council's financial performance/financial position indicator
- o Forecasts that Council's financial performance/financial position indicator will be steady
- Forecasts deterioration in Council's financial performance/financial position indicator

## Notes to measure

### 1. Gas usage

This indicator assesses how much gas the council uses across its buildings and facilities. Gas usage is continuing to decrease as Council improves efficiency and shifts towards cleaner energy, helping reduce costs and reduce environmental impacts.

### 2. Participation in MCH service

This indicator measures the proportion of families attending key age and stage visits. Participation is expected to continue increasing as Council improves services access, strengthen community engagement, and enhances early intervention support.

### 3. Cost of library services

This indicator measures the cost of library services to assess the degree to which Council delivers services in a cost-efficient manner. The cost of library is anticipated to remain stable.

### 4. Time taken to action food complaints

This indicator assesses the time taken to action food complaints and measures Council's responsiveness to community concerns. Council has consistently maintained a response time of one business day, and this result is expected to remain consistent.

### 5. Participation in MCH service by Aboriginal children

This indicator shows how well Council supports and encourages Aboriginal families to use MCH services. Participation among First Nations children and families continues to be strong, with a steady increase expected.

## Notes to measure (cont)

### **6. Non-current liabilities compared to own-source revenue**

This indicator measures Council's ability to meet its long-term obligations. This indicator continues to remain low, reflecting Council's strong ability to meet long term obligations. This indicator is projected to increase in future years as a result of planned borrowings.

### **7. Average rate per property assessment**

This indicator assesses whether Council resources are being used efficiently to deliver services to the community. This indicator is expected to increase in line with the rate increase applied as per the Victorian Government's fair go rates system.

### **8. Adjusted underlying surplus (or deficit)**

This indicator assesses Council's financial sustainability and its ability to fund services without relying on one-off or non-recurrent income. The adjusted underlying operating result excludes the impact of non-recurrent capital grants, non-monetary asset contributions and contributions from developers to fund capital expenditure. This indicator is forecast to decrease, reflecting a reduced operating result from recurrent income sources, however, this will be offset through the planned use of reserves.

### **9. Satisfaction with community consultation and engagement**

Council is committed to engaging with our diverse community to keep them informed, represented and involved in decision-making. We do this by implementing our Community Engagement Policy, which prioritises meaningful engagement with underrepresented groups and enhances deliberative practices. Our goal is to reduce barriers and create inclusive opportunities for our community to be involved in Council decision-making.

### **10. Sealed local roads below the intervention level**

Council's road renewal program is now stable, allowing consistent renewal of sealed local roads and supporting reliable network condition and service performance. Long term budget planning supported by the Asset Plan 2025–2035 provides a solid funding base for ongoing renewals. New roads expected over the next five years will arrive in good condition, helping keep overall network performance steady. Current condition assessments and modelling indicate sealed local roads will continue to meet the required standards close to the target.

### **11. Planning applications decided within the relevant required time**

We anticipate a consistent trend over the next few years as the current economic climate settles and we refine process and system improvements to reflect changes to planning legislation.

### **12. Kerbside collection waste to landfill**

The municipality-wide rollout of Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO), combined with enhanced kerbside diversion and contamination education, is expected to reduce the amount of kerbside waste sent to landfill.

### **13. Current assets compared to current liabilities**

The proportion of current liabilities represented by current assets. This indicator is forecast to decrease on average over the next four years, reflecting changes in current assets and liabilities, including movements in trust funds, deposits and term deposit balances.

## Notes to measure (cont)

### 14. Asset renewal and upgrade compared to depreciation

This indicator measures the extent of Council's renewal against its depreciation charge (an indication of the decline in value of its existing capital assets). A percentage greater than 100 indicates Council is maintaining its existing assets, while a percentage less than 100 means its assets are deteriorating faster than they are being renewed and future capital expenditure will be required to renew assets. The ratio is projected to decrease over the period, while remaining within Council's Asset Plan target range of 50% to 80%, indicating continued investment in asset renewal at a sustainable level.

### 15. Rates compared to adjusted underlying revenue

The indicator reflects the extent of reliance on rate revenues to fund all of Council's ongoing services. Trend indicates Council's rates concentration is expected to slightly increase over the future years. Rate revenue continues to be an important source of revenue for Council to be able to deliver services and renew its assets.

### 16. Expenses per property assessment

The indicator is projected to increase slightly over the period, reflecting gradual growth in the cost of service delivery across the municipality.

### 17. Loans and borrowings compared to own-source revenue

The indicator observes Council's ability to repay its debts using its key source of income, rates revenue. The indicator is projected to increase over the period, reflecting higher borrowings and the associated rise in debt servicing commitments.

### 18. Loans and borrowings repayments compared to own-source revenue

The indicator is projected to increase over the period, reflecting higher debt servicing commitments relative to Council's revenue base.

### 19. Expenses per head of population

Total expenses per head of population are projected to increase slightly each year, reflecting the ongoing costs of service delivery and maintaining infrastructure for the community.

### 20. Infrastructure per head of population

The indicator is projected to increase slightly over the next two years, reflecting ongoing investment in community assets, before decreasing marginally in subsequent years.

### 21. Own-source revenue per head of population

The indicator is projected to increase gradually over the coming years, reflecting steady growth in Council's own revenue streams, such as rates, fees, and charges, before dropping slightly in the final year due to lower interest received from investments.

### 22. Recurrent grants per head of population

The indicator is higher in 2026-27 compared to 2025-26 due to an advance payment received in the prior year from the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission. The indicator is forecast to decrease slightly over the forward period, reflecting modest changes in grant funding relative to population growth.

## Notes to measure (cont)

### **23. Cash compared to current liabilities**

The indicator is expected to decrease in 2026-27 due to the planned use of cash balances to fund capital works and services, before stabilising over the remaining years of the forecast period as cash balances are maintained. This reflects Council's ongoing management of liquidity and its capacity to meet short-term obligations as they fall due. It should be noted that this indicator excludes term deposits, which form a significant portion of Council's available funds.

### **24. Rates compared to property values**

Council rates have moved in a consistent proportion to property values and the indicator is forecast to increase slightly over the forward period, reflecting modest growth in rates and charges relative to changes in property valuations.

### **25. Average rate per property assessment**

The indicator has increased in line with the rates revenue and the same is expected to occur in future years to align with forecast rates increases.

### **26. Interest bearing liabilities to own source revenue**

The ratio of interest-bearing liabilities to own-source revenue is projected to increase over the period, reflecting rising borrowings relative to Council's revenue base.

### **27. Interest Cover Ratio**

The indicator is projected to decrease over the period, indicating that interest costs are growing relative to Council's operational earnings, which slightly reduces the capacity to cover debt servicing from core revenue.



# Fees and Charges Schedule 2026-27



**City of  
Whittlesea**

This appendix presents the fees and charges of a statutory/non-statutory nature which will be charged in respect to various goods and services during the 2026-27 Financial Year.

Note that this schedule only includes fees set by Council. There are other fees that are set by statute and charged by Council in addition to this listing. These are statutory fees, and are made in accordance with legislative requirements. These fees are updated as of 1 July 2026 and will be reflected on Council's website.

Fees and charges are based on information available at the time of publishing and may vary during the financial year subject to any changes in Council's policy or legislation.

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## Planning Services

### Planning Permits

Class 1	Per permit	N	\$1,496.10	\$1,537.00	2.73%	\$40.90	Statutory
Class 2	Per permit	N	\$226.90	\$233.10	2.73%	\$6.20	Statutory
Class 3	Per permit	N	\$714.40	\$734.00	2.74%	\$19.60	Statutory
Class 4	Per permit	N	\$1,462.50	\$1,502.50	2.74%	\$40.00	Statutory
Class 5	Per permit	N	\$1,580.10	\$1,623.40	2.74%	\$43.30	Statutory
Class 6	Per permit	N	\$1,697.80	\$1,744.30	2.74%	\$46.50	Statutory
Class 7	Per permit	N	\$226.90	\$233.10	2.73%	\$6.20	Statutory
Class 8	Per permit	N	\$487.50	\$500.80	2.73%	\$13.30	Statutory
Class 9	Per permit	N	\$226.90	\$233.10	2.73%	\$6.20	Statutory
Class 10	Per permit	N	\$226.90	\$233.10	2.73%	\$6.20	Statutory
Class 11	Per permit	N	\$1,302.80	\$1,338.40	2.73%	\$35.60	Statutory
Class 12	Per permit	N	\$1,756.60	\$1,804.70	2.74%	\$48.10	Statutory
Class 13	Per permit	N	\$3,874.70	\$3,980.70	2.74%	\$106.00	Statutory
Class 14	Per permit	N	\$9,875.90	\$10,146.10	2.74%	\$270.20	Statutory
Class 15	Per permit	N	\$29,123.30	\$29,920.30	2.74%	\$797.00	Statutory
Class 16	Per permit	N	\$65,458.10	\$67,249.40	2.74%	\$1,791.30	Statutory
Class 17	Per permit	N	\$1,496.10	\$1,537.00	2.73%	\$40.90	Statutory
Class 18	Per permit	N	\$1,496.10	\$1,537.00	2.73%	\$40.90	Statutory
Class 19	Per permit	N	\$1,496.10	\$1,537.00	2.73%	\$40.90	Statutory
Class 20	Per permit	N	\$1,496.10	\$1,537.00	2.73%	\$40.90	Statutory
Class 21	Per permit	N	\$1,496.10	\$1,537.00	2.73%	\$40.90	Statutory
Class 22	Per permit	N	\$1,496.10	\$1,537.00	2.73%	\$40.90	Statutory

### Planning Permits Amendments

Class 1	Per permit	N	\$1,496.10	\$1,537.00	2.73%	\$40.90	Statutory
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## Planning Applications

Public Notice on Site	Per notice	N	\$266.55	\$273.20	2.49%	\$6.65	Non-Statutory
Notice to Adjoining Owners/ Occupiers	Per letter	N	\$16.95	\$17.35	2.36%	\$0.40	Non-Statutory

## Planning Application – Amendments

Amend an Application for a Permit After Notice (Advertising) has been given but not yet determined for every Class of Application (other than Class 4 application where there is no fee) listed under Regulation 7	Per application	N	Statutory fee that is variable based on a percentage of the cost of development			Statutory
Amend an Application for a Permit After Notice of the Application has been given but not yet determined for every Class of Application (other than Class 5 Application where there is no fee) listed under Regulation 8B	Per application	N	Statutory fee that is variable based on a percentage of the cost of development			Statutory

## Planning Certificates

Certificates of Compliance – Section 97N	Per certificate	N	\$368.25	\$381.10	3.49%	\$12.85	Statutory
Satisfaction Matters	Per matter	N	\$368.25	\$381.10	3.49%	\$12.85	Statutory

## Planning Scheme – Amendments

Stage 1	Per amendment stage	N	\$3,462.90	\$3,584.10	3.50%	\$121.20	Statutory
Stage 2 – up to and including 10 Submissions	Per amendment stage	N	\$17,163.00	\$17,763.70	3.50%	\$600.70	Statutory
Stage 2 – 11 (and including) 20 Submissions	Per amendment stage	N	\$34,292.40	\$35,492.60	3.50%	\$1,200.20	Statutory
Stage 2 – exceed 20 Submissions	Per amendment stage	N	\$45,840.90	\$47,445.30	3.50%	\$1,604.40	Statutory
Stage 3	Per amendment stage	N	\$546.30	\$565.40	3.50%	\$19.10	Statutory
Stage 4	Per amendment stage	N	\$546.30	\$565.40	3.50%	\$19.10	Statutory

## Subdivision

Small Second Dwelling Street Addressing	Per application	N	\$92.65	\$94.95	2.48%	\$2.30	Non-Statutory
For Certification of a Plan of Subdivision	Per application	N	\$198.40	\$205.30	3.48%	\$6.90	Statutory
Resort & Recreation Open Space Contribution	Per application	N	Percentage of land value			Statutory	
Alteration of Plan Under Section 10(2) of the Act	Per application	N	\$126.10	\$130.50	3.49%	\$4.40	Statutory

Name	Unit	GST	2025-26 Fee (incl. GST)	2026-27 Fee (incl. GST)	Increase/ Decrease %	Increase/ Decrease \$	Basis of Fee
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## Subdivision [continued]

Amendment of Certified Plan Under Section 11(1) of the Act	Per application	N	\$159.70	\$165.25	3.48%	\$5.55	Statutory
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## Development Plans Amendments

Development Plan Fee (includes Amendment)	Per amendment	N	\$1,069.60	\$1,096.30	2.50%	\$26.70	Non-Statutory
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## Planning Fees

Extension of Time to a Planning Permit	Per permit	N	\$343.35	\$351.90	2.49%	\$8.55	Non-Statutory
Demolition Approvals (S29A Building Act)	Per approval	N	\$94.80	\$98.10	3.48%	\$3.30	Statutory
Planning Information Request	Per request	N	\$218.30	\$237.00	8.57%	\$18.70	Non-Statutory
Amend or End Sec 173 Agreement	Per amendment	N	\$744.85	\$770.90	3.50%	\$26.05	Statutory
File Retrieval Off-site	Per retrieval	N	\$112.55	\$115.35	2.49%	\$2.80	Non-Statutory
File Retrieval On-site	Per retrieval	N	\$67.45	\$69.10	2.45%	\$1.65	Non-Statutory
Title Search (Simple)	Per search	N	\$57.35	\$58.75	2.44%	\$1.40	Non-Statutory
Title Search (Complex)	Per search	N	\$74.25	\$76.10	2.49%	\$1.85	Non-Statutory
Secondary Consent - Single Dwellings	Per application	N	\$343.35	\$351.90	2.49%	\$8.55	Non-Statutory
Secondary Consent - Other	Per application	N	\$773.30	\$792.63	2.50%	\$19.33	Non-Statutory

## Planning Copy Fees

### Permit Fee (per Copy)

Electronic Copy of Permit (If Available)	Per permit	N	\$67.45	\$69.10	2.45%	\$1.65	Non-Statutory
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### Approved Plans (per Copy)

Electronic Copy of Plans (If Available)	Per permit	N	\$67.45	\$69.10	2.45%	\$1.65	Non-Statutory
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## Copy of Documentation

Copy of Planning Application Register (per Month)	Per retrieval	N	\$39.35	\$40.30	2.41%	\$0.95	Non-Statutory
Copy of Advertised Documentation (Plans and Reports)	Per retrieval	N	\$28.05	\$28.75	2.50%	\$0.70	Non-Statutory

## Building Services

### Residential Permits (Owner Builder)

Dwelling Extensions/Alterations (All) (includes Class 1b) over \$150,000	Per permit	Y	\$2,000.00	\$2,050.00	2.50%	\$50.00	Non-Statutory
Dwellings Extensions/Alterations (All) (includes Class 1b) (includes Brick Garages) up to \$150,000	Per permit	Y	\$1,888.80	\$1,936.00	2.50%	\$47.20	Non-Statutory
New Dwelling (Between \$300,000 and \$600,000 requiring more than 4 Inspections)	Per permit	Y				Price on Application	Non-Statutory

Name	Unit	GST	2025-26	2026-27	Increase/ Decrease %	Increase/ Decrease \$	Basis of Fee
			Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)			

### Residential Permits (Owner Builder) [continued]

New Dwelling (Between \$300,000 and \$600,000 up to 4 Inspections)	Per permit	Y	\$3,102.25	\$3,179.80	2.50%	\$77.55	Non-Statutory
New Dwelling (over \$600,000)	Per permit	Y	\$0.00	\$3,412.20	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
New Dwelling (up to \$300,000 up to 4 Inspections)	Per permit	Y	\$2,825.65	\$2,896.25	2.50%	\$70.60	Non-Statutory
Outbuildings, Steel Garages, Brick Garages, Carports, Verandas, Decks, Retaining Walls, Underpin, Fences and Sheds under 100m2 (does not include Re-Blocking or Re-Stumping)	Per permit	Y	\$847.00	\$868.20	2.50%	\$21.20	Non-Statutory
Re-Stumping or Re-Blocking	Per permit	Y			Price on Application		Non-Statutory
Sheds over 100m2	Per permit	Y	\$880.00	\$902.00	2.50%	\$22.00	Non-Statutory
Minor Dwelling Alterations (including Removal of Internal Wall, increasing a Window size)	Per permit	Y	\$990.00	\$1,014.75	2.50%	\$24.75	Non-Statutory
Demolitions (where Protection Work not required)	Per permit	Y	\$900.00	\$922.50	2.50%	\$22.50	Non-Statutory

### Residential Permits (Registered Builder)

Demolitions (where Protection Work Not Required)	Per permit	Y	\$900.00	\$922.50	2.50%	\$22.51	Non-Statutory
Dwelling Extensions/Alterations (All) (includes Class 1b) over \$150,000	Per permit	Y			Price on Application		Non-Statutory
Dwellings Extensions/Alterations (All) (includes Class 1b) (includes Brick Garages) up to \$150,000	Per permit	Y	\$1,717.00	\$1,759.90	2.50%	\$42.90	Non-Statutory
Minor Dwelling Alterations (including Removal of Internal Wall, Increasing a Window Size)	Per permit	Y	\$880.00	\$902.00	2.50%	\$22.00	Non-Statutory
New Dwelling (between \$300,000 and \$600,000 requiring more than 4 Inspections)	Per permit	Y			Price on Application		Non-Statutory
New Dwelling (between \$300,000 and \$600,000)	Per permit	Y	\$2,989.20	\$3,063.90	2.50%	\$74.70	Non-Statutory
New Dwelling (over \$600,000)	Per permit	Y	\$0.00	\$3,288.12	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
New Dwelling (up to \$300,000)	Per permit	Y	\$2,722.10	\$2,790.15	2.50%	\$68.05	Non-Statutory
Outbuildings, Steel Garages, Brick Garages, Carports, Verandas, Decks, Retaining Walls, Underpin, Fences and Sheds under 100m2 (does not include Re-Blocking or Re-Stumping)	Per permit	Y	\$816.20	\$836.61	2.50%	\$20.41	Non-Statutory
Protection Works Notices Hourly Fee (for more than 3 Hours Work)	Per application	Y	\$150.00	\$153.75	2.50%	\$3.75	Non-Statutory
Re-stumping or Re-blocking	Per permit	Y			Price on Application		Non-Statutory
Sheds over 100m2	Per permit	Y	\$880.00	\$902.00	2.50%	\$22.00	Non-Statutory
Volume Permits (20+) – Price on Application		Y			Price on Application		Non-Statutory
Multi Unit Development (Each Dwelling)	Per permit	Y	\$1,055.95	\$1,082.30	2.50%	\$26.35	Non-Statutory
Multi Unit Development (Over \$300,000 Each Unit)	Per permit	Y	\$1,885.25	\$1,932.35	2.50%	\$47.10	Non-Statutory

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## Residential Permits (Registered Builder) [continued]

Protection Work Notices (up to 3 Hours of Work)	Per permit	Y	\$435.45	\$446.30	2.49%	\$10.85	Non-Statutory
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## Swimming Pools & Safety Barriers

Form 23 - Certificate of Pool and Spa Barrier Compliance (Additional Inspection Fee)	Per application	Y	\$150.00	\$153.75	2.50%	\$3.75	Non-Statutory
Form 23 - Certificate of Pool and Spa Barrier Compliance (One Inspection Only)	Per application	Y	\$350.00	\$358.75	2.50%	\$8.75	Non-Statutory
Infringements Pools and Spas	Per compliance follow up	N	\$406.10	\$420.30	3.50%	\$14.20	Statutory
Lodgement Certificate of Compliance	Per certificate	N	\$23.10	\$23.90	3.46%	\$0.80	Statutory
Lodgement Certificate of Non-Compliance	Per certificate	N	\$436.50	\$451.75	3.49%	\$15.25	Statutory
Pool Registration	Per registration	N	\$36.00	\$37.25	3.47%	\$1.25	Statutory
Search Fee	Per search	N	\$53.50	\$55.35	3.46%	\$1.85	Statutory
Swimming Pools	Per inspection	Y	\$1,200.00	\$1,230.00	2.50%	\$30.00	Non-Statutory

## Commercial Works

All Commercial Works	Per inspection	Y				Price on Application	Non-Statutory
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## Building Fees

Additional Hoarding Inspections (greater than 4 inspections)	Per lodgement	N	\$124.55	\$127.65	2.49%	\$3.10	Non-Statutory
Alternate Solution	Per lodgement	Y	\$405.30	\$415.40	2.49%	\$10.10	Non-Statutory
Building Permit - External Application Fee on top of Project Fees	Per permit	Y	\$257.95	\$266.95	3.49%	\$9.00	Statutory
Easement Report (when Structure Built) - Non-Statutory Component	Per report	N	\$176.45	\$180.85	2.49%	\$4.40	Non-Statutory
Easement Report (when Structure Built) - Statutory Component	Per property	N	\$319.60	\$330.75	3.49%	\$11.15	Statutory
Hoarding – Weekly Occupation Fee/Charge	\$4 per sqm per week	N	\$4 per sqm per week Use of car bays (restricted) = \$70 per bay per day Use of car bay (unrestricted) = \$35 per bay per day				Non-Statutory
Hoarding Application - Reg 116	Per lodgement	N	\$333.10	\$344.75	3.50%	\$11.65	Statutory
Hoarding Permit Renewal	Per renewal	N	\$93.40	\$95.70	2.46%	\$2.30	Non-Statutory
Report and Consent Advertising Fee per Regulation	Per application	N	\$220.75	\$226.25	2.49%	\$5.50	Non-Statutory
Report and Consent Advertising per Property	Per application	N	\$330.85	\$339.10	2.49%	\$8.25	Non-Statutory
Section 137B Owner Builder Reports (Defect Reports)	Per property	Y	\$882.30	\$904.35	2.50%	\$22.05	Non-Statutory
Siting Report (when Structure Built) - Non-Statutory Component	Per property	N	\$225.00	\$230.00	2.22%	\$5.00	Non-Statutory

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## Building Fees [continued]

Siting Report (when Structure Built) - Statutory Component	Per property	N	\$459.45	\$475.50	3.49%	\$16.05	Statutory
Subdivision of Existing Buildings Report	Per application	Y	\$800 min or \$170 per unit for larger subdivisions				Non-Statutory
						Min. Fee: \$820.00	
Report & Consent (Siting)	Per application	N	\$459.45	\$475.50	3.49%	\$16.05	Statutory
Build Over Easement Consent or Flood Prone Land Consent	Per application	N	\$329.15	\$340.65	3.49%	\$11.50	Statutory
Stormwater Drainage Asset Information	Per retrieval	N	\$237.15	\$245.45	3.50%	\$8.30	Statutory
Property Information	Per retrieval	N	\$52.55	\$54.35	3.43%	\$1.80	Statutory
Lodgement Fee	Per lodgement	N	\$135.80	\$140.55	3.50%	\$4.75	Statutory
Combining of Essential Safety Measure Schedule Reg. 1206	Per application	N	Price on Application				Non-Statutory
Building Permit Extension of Time	Per permit	Y	\$300.00	\$307.50	2.50%	\$7.50	Non-Statutory
Amendment of Building Permit/Occupancy Permit/Warranty Certificate	Per permit	N	\$148.50	\$152.20	2.49%	\$3.70	Non-Statutory
Change of Use (Other)	Per application	N	Price on Application				Non-Statutory
Change of Use (Home Occupation)	Per application	N	\$1,000.00	\$1,025.00	2.50%	\$25.00	Non-Statutory
Report for the Purposes Liquor Licensing	Per report	N	\$700.00	\$717.50	2.50%	\$17.50	Non-Statutory
Section 29A Report and Consent	Per property	N	\$94.15	\$97.45	3.51%	\$3.30	Statutory
Additional Inspections Above Allowed by Building Permit	Per inspection	Y	\$200.00	\$205.00	2.50%	\$5.00	Non-Statutory
Weekend Inspections	Per inspection	Y	\$350.00	\$358.75	2.50%	\$8.75	Non-Statutory
Place of Public Entertainment (POPE) Base Fee (not including Temporary Structures)	Per structure	N	\$1,650.00	\$1,691.25	2.50%	\$41.25	Non-Statutory
Place of Public Entertainment (POPE) Per Structure (In Addition to Base Fee)	Per structure	N	\$900.00	\$922.50	2.50%	\$22.50	Non-Statutory
Place of Public Entertainment (POPE) Amendment Fee (After Issued)	Per structure	N	\$500.00	\$512.50	2.50%	\$12.50	Non-Statutory
Section 57 Prescribed Temporary Structure on Council Land Siting	Per structure	N	\$636.50	\$658.75	3.50%	\$22.25	Statutory

## Building Copy Fees

Any Search that Exceeds 1 Hour Will Incur an Additional Fee Per Hour or Part Thereof	Per search	N	\$28.05	\$28.75	2.50%	\$0.70	Non-Statutory
Copy of Residential Plans	Per plan	N	\$174.85	\$179.20	2.49%	\$4.35	Non-Statutory
Copy of Commercial Plans/Multi Unit Site (Search Fee Only) + Charges Per Copied Sheet	Per plan	N	\$280.00	\$287.00	2.50%	\$7.00	Non-Statutory
Copy of Building Permit or Occupancy Permit	Per permit	N	\$92.65	\$94.95	2.48%	\$2.30	Non-Statutory

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## Urban Design & Transport

### Parks and City Forest - Parks Access Permit to Undertake Works

Key Replacement	Per key	Y	\$291.35	\$298.60	2.49%	\$7.25	Non-Statutory
Park Access Permit/Admin Charges	Per application	N	\$291.35	\$298.60	2.49%	\$7.25	Non-Statutory

### Subdivision

Padlock Fees	Per unit	Y	\$198.00	\$298.30	50.66%	\$100.30	Non-Statutory
Engineering Plans Checking Fees – Landscape Works Plan	Each plan submission (usually stage based)	N	0.75% of landscape construction costs under the Subdivisions (Fees) Regulations 2016 - Regulation 9				Statutory
Engineering Surveillance Fees – Landscape Works	Each plan submission (usually stage based)	N	2.5% of landscape construction costs under the Subdivision (Fees) Regulations 2016 - Regulation 11				Statutory

### Street Trees

Tree Replacement Fee (New or Juvenile) less than 5 Metres	Per tree less than 5 metres	N	\$676.35	\$693.25	2.50%	\$16.90	Non-Statutory
Street Tree Replacement Fee (Other Trees) greater than 5 Metres	Per tree greater than 5 metres	N	Value (V) = Basic Value (\$) x Species (S) x Aesthetics (A) x Locality (L) x Condition (C) Min. Fee: \$675.00				Non-Statutory

### Subdivision

Supervision of Works	Per cost of works	N	2.5% of cost of works under the Subdivision Act 1988				Statutory
Checking of Engineering Plans	Per cost of works	N	0.75% of cost of works under the Subdivision Act 1988				Statutory

### Engineering Plans

Engineering Plans Assessment Fee – for Developments up to 2 Units	Per assessment	N	\$94.95	\$97.30	2.47%	\$2.35	Non-Statutory
Engineering Plans Assessment Fee – for Developments 3 to 10 Units	Per assessment	N	\$189.95	\$194.70	2.50%	\$4.75	Non-Statutory
Engineering Plans Assessment Fee – for more than 10 Units, Small Commercial/Industrial Developments	Per assessment	N	\$380.40	\$389.90	2.50%	\$9.50	Non-Statutory
Engineering Plans Assessment Fee – for Large Commercial/Industrial Developments	Per assessment	N	\$760.85	\$779.85	2.50%	\$19.00	Non-Statutory

## Conservation Management

### Native Vegetation Management Costs

Native Vegetation Offset Management Costs – per Hectare, per Year	Per hectare per year	N	\$8,240.05	\$8,446.05	2.50%	\$206.00	Non-Statutory
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## Asset Protection

DDA Tactile Tiles – less than 2 sqm	Per square metre	N	\$395.30	\$273.00	-30.94%	-\$122.30	Non-Statutory
Footpath Granitic Sand	Per square metre	N	\$129.00	\$260.00	101.55%	\$131.00	Non-Statutory
Footpath Asphalt	Per square metre	N	\$126.20	\$169.00	33.91%	\$42.80	Non-Statutory

## Asset Inspections

Re-inspection Fee	Per request	N	\$100.00	\$100.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Asset Inspection - Application Fee - Domestic	Per permit	N	\$487.40	\$499.55	2.49%	\$12.15	Non-Statutory
Permit Fee – Building Site Bins (Council Land)	Per permit	N	\$201.95	\$207.00	2.50%	\$5.05	Non-Statutory

## Asset Protection (Works in Road Reserve Permits)

Minor Works - Vehicle Crossing or Crossover Permit (Non-Refundable)	Per permit	N	\$156.30	\$161.75	3.49%	\$5.45	Statutory
Minor Works (Service Connection where Excavation is Limited to within Nature Strip)	Per permit	N	\$97.30	\$100.70	3.49%	\$3.40	Statutory
Nature Strip Modification Permit	Per permit	N	\$69.25	\$70.95	2.45%	\$1.70	Non-Statutory
Reinstatement of Nature Strip	Per square metre	N	Min. Fee: \$364.00				Cost recovery
Road Occupation Fees - Commercial, Industrial Property or Two or More Units	Per permit	N	\$10.60	\$10.95	3.30%	\$0.35	Statutory
Road Occupation Fees - Domestic, Private Single Dwelling or Local Shop Trader	Per permit	N	\$5.25	\$5.40	2.86%	\$0.15	Statutory
Traffic Management Plan Fee	Per permit	N	\$114.25	\$117.10	2.49%	\$2.85	Non-Statutory
Reinstatement of Concrete Footpaths & Vehicle Crossings	Per square metre	Y	Min. Fee: \$721.00				Non-Statutory
Reinstatement of Concrete Kerb & Channel as per Council's Standard	Per lineal metre	Y	Min. Fee: \$663.00				Non-Statutory
Reinstatement of Damaged Nature Strips and Garden Beds	Per square metre	Y	Min. Fee: \$598.00				Non-Statutory
Removal of Waste from Nature Strips or Other Council Public Areas	Per square metre	Y	Min. Fee: \$402.00				Non-Statutory
Removal of Non-Compliant Nature Strips and Reinstatement	Per square metre	Y	Min. Fee: \$803.00				Non-Statutory
Council Road where Speed Limit is greater than 50km/hr - Major Works (not Minor Works) on Roadway, Pathway or Shoulder	Per permit	N	\$724.50	\$744.30	2.73%	\$19.80	Statutory
Council Road where Speed Limit is 50km/hr or less - Major Works (not Minor Works) on Roadway, Pathway or Shoulder	Per permit	N	\$395.00	\$405.85	2.75%	\$10.85	Statutory
Council Road where Speed Limit is greater than 50km/hr - Major Works (not Minor Works) Not on Roadway, Pathway or Shoulder (i.e. Within Naturestrip)	Per permit	N	\$395.00	\$405.85	2.75%	\$10.85	Statutory

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### Asset Protection (Works in Road Reserve Permits) [continued]

Council Road where Speed Limit is 50km/hr or less - Major Works (not Minor Works) Not on Roadway, Pathway or Shoulder (i.e. Within Naturestrip)	Per permit	N	\$100.85	\$103.60	2.73%	\$2.75	Statutory
Council Road (All Speeds) - Minor Works on Roadway, Pathway or Shoulder	Per permit	N	\$156.30	\$160.60	2.75%	\$4.30	Statutory
Council Road (All Speeds) - Minor Works Not on Roadway, Pathway or Shoulder (i.e. Within Naturestrip)	Per permit	N	\$100.85	\$103.60	2.73%	\$2.75	Statutory

### Asset Protection - Commercial

Infrastructure Protection Fee (2-5 Residential Units)	Per permit	N	\$1,099.90	\$1,127.40	2.50%	\$27.50	Non-Statutory
Asset Inspection Permit Fee – Commercial \$500,000 to \$1,000,000	Per permit	N	\$2,641.70	\$2,707.70	2.50%	\$66.00	Non-Statutory
Asset Inspection Permit Fee – Commercial \$1,000,001 to \$10,000,000	Per permit	N	\$3,791.50	\$3,886.25	2.50%	\$94.75	Non-Statutory
Asset Inspection Permit Fee – Commercial \$10,000,001 plus	Per permit	N	\$5,496.95	\$5,634.35	2.50%	\$137.40	Non-Statutory

## Waste Management

### Food and Green Waste

240 Litre Food and Green Waste Charge*	Per bin	N	\$95.30	\$0.00	-100.00%	-\$95.30	Non-Statutory
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\*The Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) bin service charge is now included within the Waste Kerbside Service Charge.

### Additional Bin Charges

120 Litre Environmental Charge Garbage - Domestic	Per bin	N	\$319.85	\$326.25	2.00%	\$6.40	Non-Statutory
120 Litre Environmental Charge Garbage - Domestic - Delivery Fee	Per bin	N	\$62.75	\$64.00	1.99%	\$1.25	Non-Statutory
240 Litre Environmental Charge Garbage - Commercial	Per bin	N	\$778.80	\$794.40	2.00%	\$15.60	Non-Statutory
240 Litre Environmental Charge Garbage - Commercial - Delivery Fee	Per bin	N	\$68.15	\$69.50	1.98%	\$1.35	Non-Statutory
240 Litre Environmental Charge Recycle - Commercial	Per bin	N	\$126.65	\$129.20	2.01%	\$2.55	Non-Statutory
240 Litre Environmental Charge Recycle - Domestic	Per bin	N	\$126.65	\$129.20	2.01%	\$2.55	Non-Statutory
Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) - Domestic	Per bin	N	\$0.00	\$129.20	∞	∞	Non-Statutory

### Waste Kerbside Service Charge

120 Litre Garbage, 240 Litre Recycle and 120 Litre Glass Bins*	Per bin	N	\$208.80	\$310.20	48.56%	\$101.40	Non-Statutory
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\*The Waste Kerbside Service Charge now includes the Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) bin service.

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### Waste Kerbside Service Charge [continued]

Landfill Levy	Per landfill levy	N	\$105.85	\$106.70	0.80%	\$0.85	Non-Statutory
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### Commercial Waste Kerbside Service Charge

240 Litre Garbage and Recycle Bins	Per bin	N	\$271.35	\$276.80	2.01%	\$5.45	Non-Statutory
Landfill Levy	Per landfill levy	N	\$166.60	\$180.05	8.07%	\$13.45	Non-Statutory

### Other

Landfill Levy - No Bin Service	Per landfill levy	N	\$15.45	\$15.80	2.27%	\$0.35	Non-Statutory
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## Financial Services

### Revenue

Land Information Certificates per Property (Standard)	Per certificate	N	\$30.60	\$31.65	3.43%	\$1.05	Statutory
Land Information Certificates per Property (Urgency Fee)	Per certificate	N	\$46.15	\$47.75	3.47%	\$1.60	Non-Statutory
Duplicate Rate Notice per Property (Current year)	Per notice	N	\$17.20	\$17.80	3.49%	\$0.60	Non-Statutory
Duplicate Rate Notice per Property (per Non-Current Year)	Per notice	N	\$27.25	\$28.20	3.49%	\$0.95	Non-Statutory
Cheque Dishonour – Bank	Per dishonour	N	\$11.80	\$12.20	3.39%	\$0.40	Non-Statutory
Cheque Dishonour – Australia Post	Per dishonour	N	\$15.95	\$16.50	3.45%	\$0.55	Non-Statutory
Direct Debit Dishonour (Bank Account)	Per dishonour	N	\$39.05	\$40.40	3.46%	\$1.35	Non-Statutory
Rates Transaction Statement (per Property)	Per property	N	\$54.95	\$56.90	3.55%	\$1.95	Non-Statutory
Rates Search Fee – Per 0.5 hrs for Searching Archives per Property	Per property	N	\$74.00	\$76.60	3.51%	\$2.60	Non-Statutory
Processing Fee for Title Search per Property	Per property	N	\$82.25	\$85.15	3.53%	\$2.90	Non-Statutory

## Civic Administration

### Freedom of Information

Freedom of Information Application Fee	Per application	N	\$33.60	\$34.75	3.42%	\$1.15	Statutory
FOI – Charge for Search Time (per Hour or Part of an Hour)	Per hour	N	\$25.20	\$26.05	3.37%	\$0.85	Statutory
FOI – Charge for Supervision (per Quarter Hour or Part of a Quarter Hour)	Per quarter hour	N	\$6.30	\$6.50	3.17%	\$0.20	Statutory
FOI – Charge for Providing Black and White Photocopy (per A4 Page, Single Sided)	Per A4 page, single sided	N	\$0.20	\$0.20	0.00%	\$0.00	Statutory

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## Local Laws

### Local Laws

Filming Permit - Commercial Operator	Per permit	N	\$225.10	\$230.70	2.49%	\$5.60	Non-Statutory
Local Law - General Application or Permit Fee - Applies where No Fee is Prescribed	Per application or permit	N	\$100.00	\$102.50	2.50%	\$2.50	Non-Statutory
Misc. Contractor Costs	Cost Recovery	N	At external contractor's cost				Non-Statutory
Municipal Law Fines - per Penalty Unit (New Local Government Act)	1 State of Victoria penalty unit	N	1 State of Victoria Penalty Unit				Statutory
Release Fee – for Impounded Item	Per item	N	\$114.20	\$117.05	2.50%	\$2.85	Non-Statutory
Release Fee – for Impounded Vehicle	Per vehicle	N	\$428.20	\$438.90	2.50%	\$10.70	Non-Statutory
Infringement Courtesy Letter (Final Notice) Fee	Per notice	N	Penalty Fee as set by State of Victoria				Statutory

### Street Activities

A Frame/Tear Drop Signs - Annual Application Permit Fee	Per sign	N	\$97.85	\$100.30	2.50%	\$2.45	Non-Statutory
Clothing Bins	Per bin	N	\$228.45	\$234.15	2.50%	\$5.70	Non-Statutory
Domestic Skip Bin Permit - Public Land	Per bin	N	\$97.85	\$100.30	2.50%	\$2.45	Non-Statutory
Footpath Dining - Ancillary Items - per Item (eg Umbrellas, Outdoor Heaters and Portable Barriers)	Per item	N	No Fee				Non-Statutory
Footpath Trading - Dining & Display of Goods - Annual Fee per 1 sqm	Per annual permit	N	\$56.25	\$57.65	2.49%	\$1.40	Non-Statutory
Fundraising & Soliciting Permit - Application Fee	Per application	N	\$194.25	\$199.10	2.50%	\$4.85	Non-Statutory
Fundraising Permit - Registered Charity Organisations	Per permit	N	No Fee				Non-Statutory
Impound Holding Fee (After 14 Days) - per Day	Per day	N	\$32.00	\$32.80	2.50%	\$0.80	Non-Statutory
Real Estate Pointer Boards - per Real Estate Agency - Annual Fee	Per permit	N	\$417.10	\$427.50	2.49%	\$10.40	Non-Statutory
Roadside Trading Permit - 12 Months	Per permit	N	\$1,599.45	\$1,639.40	2.50%	\$39.95	Non-Statutory
Roadside Trading Permit - 3 Months	Per permit	N	\$399.55	\$409.50	2.49%	\$9.95	Non-Statutory
Roadside Trading Permit - 6 Months	Per permit	N	\$799.90	\$819.90	2.50%	\$20.00	Non-Statutory
Roadside Trading Permit - 9 Months	Per permit	N	\$1,199.85	\$1,229.85	2.50%	\$30.00	Non-Statutory
Shipping Container Permit - per Container	Per container	N	\$228.45	\$234.15	2.50%	\$5.70	Non-Statutory

### Animal Management

Domestic Animal Business Registration - Annual	Per annual registration	N	\$352.45	\$364.75	3.49%	\$12.30	Statutory
Excess Animal Permit Application Fee	Per application	N	\$114.20	\$117.05	2.50%	\$2.85	Non-Statutory

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## Animal Management [continued]

Replacement Animal Registration Tag Fee	Per tag	N	\$11.35	\$11.60	2.20%	\$0.25	Non-Statutory
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## Livestock

Livestock Transport	At contractor's cost	N				At contractor's cost	Non-Statutory
Release Fee	Per animal	N	\$110.35	\$113.10	2.49%	\$2.75	Non-Statutory
Keeping/Feeding Fee - Impounded Livestock	Per day, per animal	N	\$43.30	\$44.35	2.42%	\$1.05	Non-Statutory

## Animal Registration

### Dog

Restricted Breed, Dangerous Dog, Menacing Dog	Per dog	N	\$354.20	\$372.05	5.04%	\$17.85	Non-Statutory
Standard Registration Fee – Guard Dog/Protective Services	Per dog	N	\$177.10	\$190.50	7.57%	\$13.40	Non-Statutory
Standard Registration Fee – Dog Unsterilised	Per dog	N	\$176.60	\$190.00	7.59%	\$13.40	Non-Statutory
Standard Registration Fee – Dog Sterilised, or Trained by an Approved dog obedience training organisation.	Per dog	N	\$57.00	\$67.40	18.25%	\$10.40	Non-Statutory
Pensioner – Dog – Unsterilised	Per dog	N	\$87.90	\$95.00	8.08%	\$7.10	Statutory
Pensioner – Dog – Sterilised, Subject to Veterinary Advice (less than 12 months old), or Trained by an Approved Dog Obedience Training Organisation	Per dog	N	\$28.50	\$33.70	18.25%	\$5.20	Non-Statutory
Pro-Rata Registrations – less than 6 Months - 50% of Applicable Registration Fee	Per dog	N				50% of registration	Non-Statutory

### Cat

Standard Registration Fee – Cat Unsterilised	Per cat	N	\$102.65	\$114.20	11.25%	\$11.55	Non-Statutory
Standard Registration Fee – Cat Sterilised or Registered Member of Approved Feline Association	Per cat	N	\$29.60	\$39.30	32.77%	\$9.70	Non-Statutory
Pensioner – Cat – Unsterilised	Per cat	N	\$51.25	\$57.10	11.41%	\$5.85	Statutory
Pensioner – Cat – Sterilised or Registered Member of Approved Feline Association.	Per cat	N	\$14.75	\$19.65	33.22%	\$4.90	Non-Statutory
Pro-Rata Registrations – less than 6 Months - 50% of Applicable Registration Fee	Per cat	N				50% of registration	Non-Statutory

## Fire Prevention

Fire Prevention Administrative Fee - First Offence	Per subsequent fine	N	\$110.35	\$113.10	2.49%	\$2.75	Non-Statutory
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## Fire Prevention [continued]

Fire Prevention Administrative Fee - Subsequent Offences	Per subsequent fine	N	\$570.65	\$584.90	2.50%	\$14.25	Non-Statutory
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## Parking

Parking Infringement - Offence Codes 621,701-713	Per Infringement	N			0.5 Penalty units		Statutory
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Adoption Fee - Cat	Per animal	Y	\$50.00	\$51.20	2.40%	\$1.20	Non-Statutory
Adoption Fee - Dog	Per animal	Y	\$400.00	\$410.00	2.50%	\$10.00	Non-Statutory
Adoption Fee - Kitten (under 6 Months)	Per animal	Y	\$150.00	\$153.75	2.50%	\$3.75	Non-Statutory
Adoption Fee – Puppy	Per animal	Y	\$600.00	\$614.95	2.49%	\$14.95	Non-Statutory
Adoption Fee – Rabbits and Other Small Animals	Per animal	Y	\$50.00	\$51.20	2.40%	\$1.20	Non-Statutory
Cat Box	Each	Y	\$12.00	\$12.30	2.50%	\$0.30	Non-Statutory
Desexing - Cat (Female)	Per animal	Y	\$160.00	\$163.95	2.47%	\$3.95	Non-Statutory
Desexing - Cat (Male)	Per animal	Y	\$100.00	\$102.50	2.50%	\$2.50	Non-Statutory
Dog Collar	Each	Y	\$12.00	\$12.30	2.50%	\$0.30	Non-Statutory
Dog Lead	Each	Y	\$12.00	\$12.30	2.50%	\$0.30	Non-Statutory
Elizabethan Collar	Each	Y	\$10.37	\$10.63	2.51%	\$0.26	Cost recovery
Impounded Animals - Medical Fees & Other Disbursements	At cost	N			Cost Recovery		Non-Statutory
Keeping/Feeding Fee - Cats	Per cat, Per day	N	\$16.75	\$17.15	2.39%	\$0.40	Non-Statutory
Keeping/Feeding Fee - Dogs	Per dog, Per day	N	\$22.35	\$22.90	2.46%	\$0.55	Non-Statutory
Microchipping	Per animal	Y	\$38.55	\$39.50	2.46%	\$0.95	Non-Statutory
Release Fee - Unregistered Cat - Same Day Collection	Per cat	N	\$57.05	\$58.45	2.45%	\$1.40	Non-Statutory
Release Fee - Unregistered dog - Same Day Collection	Per dog	N	\$57.05	\$58.45	2.45%	\$1.40	Non-Statutory
Release Fee – Registered Cat – Same Day Collection	Per cat	N	\$27.55	\$28.20	2.36%	\$0.65	Non-Statutory
Release Fee – Registered Dog – Same Day Collection	Per dog	N	\$27.55	\$28.20	2.36%	\$0.65	Non-Statutory
Surrender for Euthanasia - Dog (greater than 20kg)	Per dog	Y	\$100.00	\$102.50	2.50%	\$2.50	Non-Statutory
Surrenders - Cat	Per animal	Y	\$55.00	\$56.35	2.45%	\$1.35	Non-Statutory
Surrenders - Dog (greater 20kg)	Per dog	Y	\$100.00	\$102.50	2.50%	\$2.50	Non-Statutory
Surrenders - Dog (less than 20kg)	Per animal	Y	\$55.00	\$56.35	2.45%	\$1.35	Non-Statutory
Surrenders for Euthanasia - Cat	Per cat	Y	\$50.00	\$51.20	2.40%	\$1.20	Non-Statutory
Surrenders for Euthanasia - Dog (less than 20kg)	Per dog	Y	\$75.00	\$76.85	2.47%	\$1.85	Non-Statutory
Vaccination	Per animal	Y	\$55.10	\$56.45	2.45%	\$1.35	Non-Statutory

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## Children and Families

### Family Services

#### Kindergarten

Kindergarten Applications (Combined 3 & 4 Year Olds)	Per application	N	Fully subsidised by the State Government Department of Education. (Subject to funding).				Non-Statutory
Kindergarten Applications	Per application	N	Fully subsidised by the State Government Department of Education. (Subject to funding).				Non-Statutory

#### Early Years

Early Years Services Property Lease	Per room fee	Y	\$153.00	\$157.55	2.97%	\$4.55	Non-Statutory
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#### Family Day Care

Annual Registration Fee	Per new child registration	N	\$34.70	\$35.55	2.45%	\$0.85	Non-Statutory
Administration Levy	Per hour of care per child	N	\$2.15	\$2.30	6.98%	\$0.15	Non-Statutory
Late Fee	Per late annual re-registration	N	\$51.35	\$52.60	2.43%	\$1.25	Non-Statutory

#### Playgroups

Rental of Community Space (per Group) for Carrington Children's Centre	Per hour	Y	\$7.85	\$8.05	2.55%	\$0.20	Non-Statutory
Rental of Community Space (per Group) for Laurel Street Portables Whittlesea	Per hour	Y	\$7.85	\$8.05	2.55%	\$0.20	Non-Statutory
Rental of Community Space (per Group) for Mill Park Drive Children's Centre	Per hour	Y	\$7.85	\$8.05	2.55%	\$0.20	Non-Statutory
Rental of Community Space (per Group) for Vasey Park Pre School	Per hour	Y	\$7.85	\$8.05	2.55%	\$0.20	Non-Statutory

#### Other Fees

Mental Health First Aid	Per unit	Y	\$13.75	\$14.05	2.18%	\$0.30	Non-Statutory
School Holiday Activities 1	Per unit	Y	\$5.50	\$5.60	1.82%	\$0.10	Non-Statutory
School Holiday Activities 2	Per unit	Y	\$8.80	\$9.00	2.27%	\$0.20	Non-Statutory
School Holiday Activities 3	Per unit	Y	\$16.50	\$16.90	2.42%	\$0.40	Non-Statutory

## Public Health

### Food Act

#### Registration

Add Fee for Each Staff Member in Excess of 5	Per registration	N	\$28.40	\$29.35	3.35%	\$0.95	Statutory
Follow Up Inspection	Per registration	N	\$163.30	\$169.00	3.49%	\$5.70	Statutory

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## Registration [continued]

Request Inspection Priority Fee (within 5 Working Days)	Per inspection	N	\$450.10	\$461.35	2.50%	\$11.25	Non-Statutory
Request Inspection Fee (within 10 Working Days)	Per inspection	N	\$326.30	\$334.45	2.50%	\$8.15	Non-Statutory
Plans Approval (Class 1, 2, 3 & 3A)	Per approval	N	\$226.10	\$231.75	2.50%	\$5.65	Non-Statutory
Food Sampling Analysis Recoup	Per registration	N	\$354.20	\$363.05	2.50%	\$8.85	Non-Statutory

## Food Safety Program

### Registration – Initial

Class 3A Premises	Per registration	N	\$545.30	\$564.35	3.49%	\$19.05	Statutory
Class 1 Premises	Per registration	N	\$1,091.60	\$1,129.80	3.50%	\$38.20	Statutory
Class 2 Premises	Per registration	N	\$781.85	\$809.20	3.50%	\$27.35	Statutory
Class 3 Premises	Per registration	N	\$545.30	\$564.35	3.49%	\$19.05	Statutory

### Registration – Renewal

Class 3A Premises	Per registration	N	\$393.60	\$407.35	3.49%	\$13.75	Statutory
Class 1 Premises	Per registration	N	\$932.45	\$965.05	3.50%	\$32.60	Statutory
Class 2 Premises	Per registration	N	\$635.45	\$657.65	3.49%	\$22.20	Statutory
Class 3 Premises	Per registration	N	\$393.60	\$407.35	3.49%	\$13.75	Statutory

## Public Health & Wellbeing Act

### Registration

Initial Registration Fee	Per registration	N	\$369.15	\$382.05	3.49%	\$12.90	Statutory
Renewal Registration Fee	Per registration	N	\$252.45	\$261.25	3.49%	\$8.80	Statutory
Hairdresser Registration Fee (One Off Fee)	One off fee	N	\$369.15	\$382.05	3.49%	\$12.90	Statutory
Accommodation Houses	Per registration	N	\$451.90	\$467.70	3.50%	\$15.80	Statutory
Plans Approval – General	Per approval	N	\$239.40	\$245.35	2.49%	\$5.95	Non-Statutory
Plans Approval – Accommodation	Per approval	N	\$380.15	\$389.65	2.50%	\$9.50	Non-Statutory
Request Inspection Priority Fee (within 4 Working Days)	Per inspection	N	\$307.90	\$315.60	2.50%	\$7.70	Non-Statutory
Request Inspection Fee (within 10 Working Days)	Per inspection	N	\$228.25	\$233.95	2.50%	\$5.70	Non-Statutory
Caravan Permit	Per permit	N	\$200.25	\$205.25	2.50%	\$5.00	Non-Statutory

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## Registration – Transfer

Transfer of Registration – General	Per registration	N	\$126.20	\$130.60	3.49%	\$4.40	Statutory
Transfer of Registration – Accommodation	Per registration	N	\$225.95	\$233.85	3.50%	\$7.90	Statutory

## Aquatic Fees

Additional Pool Fee (Each Pool greater than 1 Pool)	No. of additional pools	N	\$71.00	\$73.45	3.45%	\$2.45	Statutory
Base Aquatic Facility Fee (includes 1 Pool)	Per aquatic facility	N	\$240.80	\$249.20	3.49%	\$8.40	Statutory

## Sharps Containers

4 Litres	Per container	Y	\$28.55	\$29.25	2.45%	\$0.70	Non-Statutory
21 Litres	Per container	Y	\$45.65	\$46.75	2.41%	\$1.10	Non-Statutory

## Septic Tank

Onsite Wastewater Management System (OWMS) Amend a Permit Fee	10.38 fee units	N	Fees units are set according to state regulations, the value of a fee unit is independently set by the State each year				Statutory
Onsite Wastewater Management System (OWMS) Exemption Assessment Fee	14.67 fee units	N	Fees units are set according to state regulations, the value of a fee unit is independently set by the State each year				Statutory
Onsite Wastewater Management System (OWMS) Installation Additional hourly fee (greater than 8.2 hrs)	6.12 fee units	N	Fees units are set according to state regulations, the value of a fee unit is independently set by the State each year				Statutory
Onsite Wastewater Management System (OWMS) Installation Permit Fee	48.88 fee units	N	Fees units are set according to state regulations, the value of a fee unit is independently set by the State each year				Statutory
Onsite Wastewater Management System (OWMS) Minor Alteration Permit Fee	37.25 fee units	N	Fees units are set according to state regulations, the value of a fee unit is independently set by the State each year				Statutory
Onsite Wastewater Management System (OWMS) Renew a Permit Fee	8.31 fee units	N	Fees units are set according to state regulations, the value of a fee unit is independently set by the State each year				Statutory
Onsite Wastewater Management System (OWMS) Transfer a Permit Fee	9.93 fee units	N	Fees units are set according to state regulations, the value of a fee unit is independently set by the State each year				Statutory
Request for Information on a Septic Tank	Per request	N					Non-Statutory

## Immunisation

Chicken Pox Vaccine	Per injection	Y	\$70.00	\$72.00	2.86%	\$2.00	Non-Statutory
Influenza Vaccine	Per injection	Y	\$23.00	\$24.00	4.35%	\$1.00	Non-Statutory
Meningococcal B	Per injection	Y	\$140.00	\$143.50	2.50%	\$3.50	Non-Statutory
Hepatitis B (20 Years & Over)	Per injection	Y	\$32.00	\$33.00	3.13%	\$1.00	Non-Statutory
Combined Hepatitis A & B (20 Years and Over)	Per injection	Y	\$84.40	\$86.50	2.49%	\$2.10	Non-Statutory
Meningococcal ACWY	Per injection	Y	\$90.00	\$90.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory

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## Immunisation [continued]

Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (Boostrix)	Per injection	Y	\$54.00	\$56.00	3.70%	\$2.00	Non-Statutory
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## Immunisation Workplace Program

Workplace Influenza – Over 21 Employees	Per injection	Y	\$27.00	\$28.00	3.70%	\$1.00	Non-Statutory
Workplace Immunisation Extra Nurse Fee (per Hour) (1 Extra Nurse)	Per hour	Y	\$165.80	\$170.00	2.53%	\$4.20	Non-Statutory
Flat Fee for Workplace Vaccination Visit – Under 21 Employees	One off - flat fee	Y	\$533.00	\$536.00	0.56%	\$3.00	Non-Statutory

## Ageing Well

Allied Health	Per hour	N	\$0.00	\$20.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Centre Based Long Day Program	Per session	N	\$18.00	\$18.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Centre Based Program - Full Cost Recovery / Support at Home	Per day	N	\$0.00	\$100.00	∞	∞	Cost recovery
Centre Based Social Support Short Day Sessions	Per session	N	\$15.00	\$12.00	-20.00%	-\$3.00	Non-Statutory
Client In Service Kilometre	Per unit	N	\$1.60	\$1.60	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Domestic Assistance	Per hour	N	\$10.00	\$10.25	2.50%	\$0.25	Non-Statutory
Flexible Respite	Per hour	N	\$10.00	\$10.25	2.50%	\$0.25	Non-Statutory
Home Maintenance & Home Modifications Materials	Per materials	N	Cost of materials				Cost recovery
Home Modifications	Per hour	N	\$22.00	\$22.55	2.50%	\$0.55	Non-Statutory
Meals - Large/Premium	Per unit	N	\$10.00	\$10.25	2.50%	\$0.25	Non-Statutory
Meals - Small/Budget	Per unit	N	\$5.00	\$6.25	25.00%	\$1.25	Non-Statutory
Meals - Superior	Per unit	N	\$12.00	\$12.30	2.50%	\$0.30	Non-Statutory
Personal Care	Per hour	N	\$10.00	\$10.25	2.50%	\$0.25	Non-Statutory
Property Maintenance	Per hour	N	\$22.00	\$22.55	2.50%	\$0.55	Non-Statutory
Public Home Support Holiday Service	Per hour	N	\$20.00	\$20.50	2.50%	\$0.50	Non-Statutory
Social Support Individual	Per session	N	\$10.00	\$10.25	2.50%	\$0.25	Non-Statutory

## Leap Program

Exercise Programs CHSP	Per event	N	\$0.00	\$5.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Exercise Programs LEAP	Per event	N	\$0.00	\$7.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Expos - Site Fee - Commercial	Per event	N	\$0.00	\$100.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Expos - Site Fee - Community	Per event	N	\$0.00	\$50.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Festival/ Events Medium	Per event	Y	\$0.00	\$10.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Festival/ Events Small	Per event	Y	\$0.00	\$5.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Full Day Activity/ Outing/ Trips LEAP	Per event	N	\$60.00	\$61.50	2.50%	\$1.50	Non-Statutory
Full Day Activity/ Outing/Trips CHSP	Per session	N	\$40.00	\$41.00	2.50%	\$1.00	Non-Statutory
Generic high rate CHSP	Per session	N	\$25.00	\$25.60	2.40%	\$0.60	Non-Statutory
Generic high rate LEAP	Per event	N	\$45.00	\$46.10	2.44%	\$1.10	Non-Statutory
Generic low rate CHSP	Per event	N	\$0.00	\$5.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Generic low rate LEAP	Per event	N	\$0.00	\$8.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory

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## Leap Program [continued]

Generic medium rate CHSP	Per event	N	\$0.00	\$15.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Generic medium rate LEAP	Per event	N	\$0.00	\$20.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Local Bus Tours LEAP	Per event	N	\$0.00	\$10.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Low rate Court Sports CHSP	Per event	N	\$0.00	\$3.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Low rate Court Sports LEAP	Per event	N	\$0.00	\$5.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Morning Melodies CHSP	Per event	N	\$0.00	\$6.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Morning Melodies LEAP	Per event	N	\$0.00	\$12.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
LEAP Active Ageing Program - Special Event	Per person, per event	N	\$15.00	\$15.35	2.33%	\$0.35	Non-Statutory

## Community Strengthening

### Home and Community Care Program for Younger People (HACC PYP)

Client In Service Kilometre	Per unit	N	\$1.45	\$1.45	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Community Care - Low Fee	Per hour	N	\$6.20	\$8.00	29.03%	\$1.80	Non-Statutory
Community Care - Medium Fee	Per hour	N	\$0.00	\$10.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Meals - Low Fee	Per meal	N	\$6.20	\$7.50	20.97%	\$1.30	Non-Statutory
Meals - Medium Fee	Per meal	N	\$0.00	\$18.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Property Maintenance - Low Fee	Per hour	N	\$12.45	\$16.00	28.51%	\$3.55	Non-Statutory
Property Maintenance - Medium Fee	Per hour	N	\$0.00	\$20.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory

### Epping Community Services Hub (ECSH)

ECSH Standard Full Time Desk	Per desk	Y	\$9,134.65	\$9,363.00	2.50%	\$228.35	Non-Statutory
ECSH Discounted Full Time Desk	Per desk	Y	\$7,764.45	\$7,958.55	2.50%	\$194.10	Non-Statutory
ECSH Casual Desk	Per desk	Y	\$10,048.15	\$10,299.35	2.50%	\$251.20	Non-Statutory
ECSH Standard Car Park Fee	Per carpark	Y	\$425.65	\$436.25	2.49%	\$10.60	Non-Statutory
ECSH Discounted Car Park Fee	Per carpark	Y	\$361.85	\$370.85	2.49%	\$9.00	Non-Statutory

## Active Places and Communities

### Hall & Hall + Kitchen

Category A - Commercial Rate	Per hour	Y	\$0.00	\$145.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Category A - Community Rate	Per hour	Y	\$0.00	\$72.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Category B - Commercial Rate	Per hour	Y	\$0.00	\$70.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Category B - Community Rate	Per hour	Y	\$0.00	\$32.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Category C - Commercial Rate	Per hour	Y	\$0.00	\$54.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Category C - Community Rate	Per hour	Y	\$0.00	\$27.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Category D - Commercial Rate	Per hour	Y	\$0.00	\$44.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Category D - Community Rate	Per hour	Y	\$0.00	\$22.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory

The hire category for the space (hall, meeting room, community, activity, social, consultation or program room) is determined in accordance with the classifications outlined on Council's website: [Venues for hire](#)

### Meeting Room

Category A - Commercial Rate	Per hour	Y	\$0.00	\$34.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Category A - Community Rate	Per hour	Y	\$0.00	\$17.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Category B - Commercial Rate	Per hour	Y	\$0.00	\$22.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory

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			Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)			

### Meeting Room [continued]

Category B - Community Rate	Per hour	Y	\$0.00	\$11.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Category C - Commercial Rate	Per hour	Y	\$0.00	\$18.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Category C - Community Rate	Per hour	Y	\$0.00	\$9.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Category D - Commercial Rate	Per hour	Y	\$0.00	\$15.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Category D - Community Rate	Per hour	Y	\$0.00	\$8.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory

The hire category for the space (hall, meeting room, community, activity, social, consultation or program room) is determined in accordance with the classifications outlined on Council's website: [Venues for hire](#)

### Community, Activity or Social Room

Category A - Commercial Rate	Per hour	Y	\$0.00	\$49.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Category A - Community Rate	Per hour	Y	\$0.00	\$24.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Category B - Commercial Rate	Per hour	Y	\$0.00	\$41.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Category B - Community Rate	Per hour	Y	\$0.00	\$20.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Category C - Commercial Rate	Per hour	Y	\$0.00	\$36.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Category C - Community Rate	Per hour	Y	\$0.00	\$18.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Category D - Commercial Rate	Per hour	Y	\$0.00	\$31.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Category D - Community Rate	Per hour	Y	\$0.00	\$16.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory

The hire category for the space (hall, meeting room, community, activity, social, consultation or program room) is determined in accordance with the classifications outlined on Council's website: [Venues for hire](#)

### Consult or Program Room

Category A - Commercial Rate	Per hour	Y	\$0.00	\$22.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Category A - Community Rate	Per hour	Y	\$0.00	\$11.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Category B - Commercial Rate	Per hour	Y	\$0.00	\$18.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Category B - Community Rate	Per hour	Y	\$0.00	\$9.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Category C - Commercial Rate	Per hour	Y	\$0.00	\$14.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Category C - Community Rate	Per hour	Y	\$0.00	\$7.00	∞	∞	Non-Statutory

The hire category for the space (hall, meeting room, community, activity, social, consultation or program room) is determined in accordance with the classifications outlined on Council's website: [Venues for hire](#)

### Discover Bus Hire

Hourly	Per hour	Y	\$25.45	\$26.05	2.36%	\$0.60	Non-Statutory
Weekday	Per weekday (8 hours)	Y	\$133.25	\$136.55	2.48%	\$3.30	Non-Statutory
Weekend	Per weekend	Y	\$351.60	\$360.35	2.49%	\$8.75	Non-Statutory

### Venue Hire

Bond - High Risk	One off fee	N	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Bond - Low Risk	One off fee	N	\$100.00	\$100.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Bond - Standard	One off fee	N	\$500.00	\$500.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Playgroup 2 Hour Session (Conditions Apply)	Per 2 hour session	Y	\$20.00	\$20.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Seniors Group (Conditions Apply)	Per hour	Y	\$6.25	\$6.40	2.40%	\$0.15	Non-Statutory

Name	Unit	GST	2025-26	2026-27	Increase/ Decrease %	Increase/ Decrease \$	Basis of Fee
			Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)			

## Ancillaries

Utility Fee Night	Per hour	Y	\$15.85	\$16.25	2.52%	\$0.40	Non-Statutory
Cleaning Fee	Per training session	Y	\$30.15	\$30.90	2.49%	\$0.75	Non-Statutory
Cleaning Fee	Per match	Y	\$112.75	\$115.55	2.48%	\$2.80	Non-Statutory

## Sporting Fields

Harvest Home Road Recreation Reserve South - Class B	Per season	Y	\$1,468.30	\$1,505.00	2.50%	\$36.70	Non-Statutory
Harvest Home Road Recreation Reserve Synthetic - Class A	Per season	Y	\$1,836.85	\$1,882.75	2.50%	\$45.90	Non-Statutory
Harvest Home Road Recreation Reserve West - Class B	Per season	Y	\$1,468.30	\$1,505.00	2.50%	\$36.70	Non-Statutory
Mosaic Recreation Reserve Synthetic - Class A	Per season	Y	\$1,836.85	\$1,882.75	2.50%	\$45.90	Non-Statutory
Mosaic Recreation Reserve East - Class A	Per season	Y	\$1,836.85	\$1,882.75	2.50%	\$45.90	Non-Statutory
Olivine Recreation Reserve East - Class A	Per season	Y	\$0.00	\$1,882.75	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Olivine Recreation Reserve West - Class A	Per season	Y	\$0.00	\$1,882.75	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Painted Hills Recreation Reserve Synthetic - Class A	Per season	Y	\$1,836.85	\$1,882.75	2.50%	\$45.90	Non-Statutory
Painted Hills Recreation Reserve West - Class A	Per season	Y	\$1,836.85	\$1,882.75	2.50%	\$45.90	Non-Statutory
Casa D'Abruzzo (North) – Class B	Per season	Y	\$1,468.30	\$1,505.00	2.50%	\$36.70	Non-Statutory
Casa D'Abruzzo (South) – Class B	Per season	Y	\$1,468.30	\$1,505.00	2.50%	\$36.70	Non-Statutory
Duffy St Reserve, Epping – Class B	Per season	Y	\$1,468.30	\$1,505.00	2.50%	\$36.70	Non-Statutory
Epping Recreation Reserve East – Class A	Per season	Y	\$1,836.85	\$1,882.75	2.50%	\$45.90	Non-Statutory
Epping Recreation Reserve West – Class B	Per season	Y	\$1,468.30	\$1,505.00	2.50%	\$36.70	Non-Statutory
Findon Reserve (Cricket) – Class B	Per season	Y	\$1,468.30	\$1,505.00	2.50%	\$36.70	Non-Statutory
Findon Reserve North (Main Pitch) – Class B	Per season	Y	\$1,468.30	\$1,505.00	2.50%	\$36.70	Non-Statutory
Findon Reserve South East – Class C	Per season	Y	\$1,176.05	\$1,205.45	2.50%	\$29.40	Non-Statutory
Hillsview Reserve – West – Class A	Per season	Y	\$1,836.85	\$1,882.75	2.50%	\$45.90	Non-Statutory
Hillsview Reserve – East – Class B	Per season	Y	\$1,468.30	\$1,505.00	2.50%	\$36.70	Non-Statutory
HR Uren Reserve South – Class A	Per season	Y	\$1,836.85	\$1,882.75	2.50%	\$45.90	Non-Statutory
HR Uren Reserve North – Class A	Per season	Y	\$1,836.85	\$1,882.75	2.50%	\$45.90	Non-Statutory
Huskisson Reserve – Class B	Per season	Y	\$1,468.30	\$1,505.00	2.50%	\$36.70	Non-Statutory
Kelynack Reserve, Mill Park – Class B	Per season	Y	\$1,468.30	\$1,505.00	2.50%	\$36.70	Non-Statutory
Lalor Rec. Reserve – Class B	Per season	Y	\$1,468.30	\$1,505.00	2.50%	\$36.70	Non-Statutory
Laurimar East – Class B	Per season	Y	\$1,468.30	\$1,505.00	2.50%	\$36.70	Non-Statutory
Laurimar West – Class A	Per season	Y	\$1,836.85	\$1,882.75	2.50%	\$45.90	Non-Statutory
Lowalde Reserve, Epping – Class C	Per season	Y	\$1,176.05	\$1,205.45	2.50%	\$29.40	Non-Statutory
Main Street Reserve East – Class A	Per season	Y	\$1,836.85	\$1,882.75	2.50%	\$45.90	Non-Statutory
Main Street Reserve West – Class B	Per season	Y	\$1,468.30	\$1,505.00	2.50%	\$36.70	Non-Statutory
Meadowglen Reserve – Class C	Per season	Y	\$1,176.05	\$1,205.45	2.50%	\$29.40	Non-Statutory

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## Sporting Fields [continued]

Mernda Rec. Reserve, Mernda – Class C	Per season	Y	\$1,176.05	\$1,205.45	2.50%	\$29.40	Non-Statutory
Mill Park Lakes Reserve – East – Class A	Per season	Y	\$1,836.85	\$1,882.75	2.50%	\$45.90	Non-Statutory
Mill Park Lakes Reserve – West – Class B	Per season	Y	\$1,468.30	\$1,505.00	2.50%	\$36.70	Non-Statutory
Mill Park Reserve, Mill Park – Class A	Per season	Y	\$1,836.85	\$1,882.75	2.50%	\$45.90	Non-Statutory
Partridge Street Reserve West – Class A	Per season	Y	\$1,836.85	\$1,882.75	2.50%	\$45.90	Non-Statutory
Partridge Street Reserve East (Synthetic) – Class A	Per season	Y	\$1,836.85	\$1,882.75	2.50%	\$45.90	Non-Statutory
Partridge Street Reserve Rooball – Class B	Per season	Y	\$1,468.30	\$1,505.00	2.50%	\$36.70	Non-Statutory
Redleap Reserve – Class B	Per season	Y	\$1,468.30	\$1,505.00	2.50%	\$36.70	Non-Statutory
RGC Cook Reserve West – Class B	Per season	Y	\$1,468.30	\$1,505.00	2.50%	\$36.70	Non-Statutory
RGC Cook Reserve East – Class C	Per season	Y	\$1,176.05	\$1,205.45	2.50%	\$29.40	Non-Statutory
Sycamore Reserve North (Main) – Class A	Per season	Y	\$1,836.85	\$1,882.75	2.50%	\$45.90	Non-Statutory
Sycamore Reserve Central South – Class B	Per season	Y	\$1,468.30	\$1,505.00	2.50%	\$36.70	Non-Statutory
Thomas Street Reserve – Class B	Per season	Y	\$1,468.30	\$1,505.00	2.50%	\$36.70	Non-Statutory
Thomastown East Reserve North – Class B	Per season	Y	\$1,468.30	\$1,505.00	2.50%	\$36.70	Non-Statutory
Thomastown East Reserve South – Class B	Per season	Y	\$1,468.30	\$1,505.00	2.50%	\$36.70	Non-Statutory
W.A. Smith Reserve South – Class B	Per season	Y	\$1,468.30	\$1,505.00	2.50%	\$36.70	Non-Statutory
W.A. Smith Reserve North – Class C	Per season	Y	\$1,176.05	\$1,205.45	2.50%	\$29.40	Non-Statutory
Walker Reserve, Whittlesea – Class B	Per season	Y	\$1,468.30	\$1,505.00	2.50%	\$36.70	Non-Statutory
Waterview Recreation Reserve – Class A (Both Grounds)	Per season	Y	\$1,836.85	\$1,882.75	2.50%	\$45.90	Non-Statutory

## Sports Pavilions

Bond	One off fee	N	\$500.00	\$500.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Harvest Home Road - Class 1	Per season	Y	\$1,285.20	\$1,317.30	2.50%	\$32.10	Non-Statutory
Mosaic Recreation Reserve - Class 1	Per season	Y	\$1,285.20	\$1,317.30	2.50%	\$32.10	Non-Statutory
Olivine Recreation Reserve - Class 1	Per season	Y	\$0.00	\$1,317.30	∞	∞	Non-Statutory
Painted Hills Recreation Reserve - Class 1	Per season	Y	\$1,285.20	\$1,317.30	2.50%	\$32.10	Non-Statutory
Duffy St Reserve, Epping – Class 1	Per season	Y	\$1,285.20	\$1,317.30	2.50%	\$32.10	Non-Statutory
Epping Rec Reserve, Epping – Class 1	Per season	Y	\$1,285.20	\$1,317.30	2.50%	\$32.10	Non-Statutory
Findon Reserve – Class 1	Per season	Y	\$1,285.20	\$1,317.30	2.50%	\$32.10	Non-Statutory
Hillsview Reserve – Class 1	Per season	Y	\$1,285.20	\$1,317.30	2.50%	\$32.10	Non-Statutory
HR Uren Reserve South – Class 1	Per season	Y	\$1,285.20	\$1,317.30	2.50%	\$32.10	Non-Statutory
Huskisson Reserve – Class 2	Per season	Y	\$1,102.00	\$1,129.55	2.50%	\$27.55	Non-Statutory

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## Sports Pavilions [continued]

Kelynock Reserve, Mill Park – Class 2	Per season	Y	\$1,102.00	\$1,129.55	2.50%	\$27.55	Non-Statutory
Lalor Rec. Reserve – Class 1	Per season	Y	\$1,285.20	\$1,317.30	2.50%	\$32.10	Non-Statutory
Laurimar – Class 1	Per season	Y	\$1,285.20	\$1,317.30	2.50%	\$32.10	Non-Statutory
Main Street Reserve East – Class 1	Per season	Y	\$1,285.20	\$1,317.30	2.50%	\$32.10	Non-Statutory
Mernda Rec. Reserve, Mernda – Class 3	Per season	Y	\$881.40	\$903.40	2.50%	\$22.00	Non-Statutory
Mill Park Lakes Reserve – Class 1	Per season	Y	\$1,285.20	\$1,317.30	2.50%	\$32.10	Non-Statutory
Mill Park Reserve, Mill Park – Class 1	Per season	Y	\$1,285.20	\$1,317.30	2.50%	\$32.10	Non-Statutory
Partridge Street Reserve – Class 1	Per season	Y	\$1,285.20	\$1,317.30	2.50%	\$32.10	Non-Statutory
Redleap Reserve – Class 1	Per season	Y	\$1,285.20	\$1,317.30	2.50%	\$32.10	Non-Statutory
RGC Cook Reserve West – Class 1	Per season	Y	\$1,285.20	\$1,317.30	2.50%	\$32.10	Non-Statutory
Sycamore Reserve – Class 1	Per season	Y	\$1,285.20	\$1,317.30	2.50%	\$32.10	Non-Statutory
Thomas Street Reserve – Class 2	Per season	Y	\$1,102.00	\$1,129.55	2.50%	\$27.55	Non-Statutory
Thomastown East Reserve – Class 1	Per season	Y	\$1,285.20	\$1,317.30	2.50%	\$32.10	Non-Statutory
W.A. Smith Reserve – Class 1	Per season	Y	\$1,285.20	\$1,317.30	2.50%	\$32.10	Non-Statutory
Walker Reserve, Whittlesea – Class 2	Per season	Y	\$1,102.00	\$1,129.55	2.50%	\$27.55	Non-Statutory
Waterview Recreation Reserve – Class 1	Per season	Y	\$1,285.20	\$1,317.30	2.50%	\$32.10	Non-Statutory

## Sports – Casual

Charity Events	Per booking	Y	\$105.40	\$108.00	2.47%	\$2.60	Non-Statutory
Commercial Use	Per booking	Y	\$1,402.75	\$1,437.80	2.50%	\$35.05	Non-Statutory
Schools	Per booking	Y	\$196.35	\$201.25	2.50%	\$4.90	Non-Statutory
Community Groups	Per booking	Y	\$196.35	\$201.25	2.50%	\$4.90	Non-Statutory
Personal Trainers	Per booking	Y	\$196.35	\$201.25	2.50%	\$4.90	Non-Statutory
Pavilion Fees	Per hour	Y	\$42.35	\$43.40	2.48%	\$1.05	Non-Statutory
Pavilion Fees (Daily)	Per day	Y	\$196.35	\$201.25	2.50%	\$4.90	Non-Statutory
Line Marking Fee AFL	Per use	Y	\$533.40	\$546.70	2.49%	\$13.30	Non-Statutory
Line Marking Fee Cricket	Per use	Y	\$155.15	\$159.00	2.48%	\$3.85	Non-Statutory
Line Marking Fee Soccer	Per use	Y	\$225.45	\$231.05	2.48%	\$5.60	Non-Statutory

## Sports – Sole User per Year

### Epping Soccer Stadium

#### Bond

Bond Fee	One off fee	N	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
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#### Ground Hire

Training Session Ground Hire – Max 2 Hours Field Time	Per booking	Y	\$392.70	\$402.50	2.50%	\$9.80	Non-Statutory
Match Session Ground Hire – Max 3 Hours Field Time	Per booking	Y	\$841.35	\$862.35	2.50%	\$21.00	Non-Statutory

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### Lighting Charge

Lighting Fee	Per booking	Y	\$203.60	\$208.65	2.48%	\$5.05	Non-Statutory
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### Line Marking

Line Marking Fee	Per use	Y	\$225.45	\$231.05	2.48%	\$5.60	Non-Statutory
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### Miscellaneous

Installation and Removal of Nets	Per use	Y	\$225.45	\$231.05	2.48%	\$5.60	Non-Statutory
Installation & Removal of Portable Goals & Nets	Per use	Y	\$225.45	\$231.05	2.48%	\$5.60	Non-Statutory

### Cleaning

Pavilion Only	Per booking	Y	\$350.30	\$359.05	2.50%	\$8.75	Non-Statutory
Entire Facility	Per booking	Y	\$2,804.35	\$2,874.45	2.50%	\$70.10	Non-Statutory

## Hillview Synthetic Soccer Ground

### Synthetic Pitch – Training

Local Club	Per hour	Y	\$125.90	\$129.00	2.46%	\$3.10	Non-Statutory
Local School	Per hour	Y	\$125.90	\$129.00	2.46%	\$3.10	Non-Statutory
Non Local Club	Per hour	Y	\$161.20	\$165.20	2.48%	\$4.00	Non-Statutory
Non Local School	Per hour	Y	\$161.20	\$165.20	2.48%	\$4.00	Non-Statutory
Local Community Event/ Fundraising	Per hour	Y	\$125.90	\$129.00	2.46%	\$3.10	Non-Statutory
Commercial Use	Per hour	Y	\$209.65	\$214.85	2.48%	\$5.20	Non-Statutory
Local Club – Pre Season (3 Hour Session – No Lights)	Per 3 hour session	Y	\$119.85	\$122.80	2.46%	\$2.95	Non-Statutory

### Synthetic Pitch – Matches

Local Club	Per match	Y	\$244.85	\$250.95	2.49%	\$6.10	Non-Statutory
Local School	Per match	Y	\$244.85	\$250.95	2.49%	\$6.10	Non-Statutory
Non Local Club	Per match	Y	\$307.80	\$315.50	2.50%	\$7.70	Non-Statutory
Non Local School	Per match	Y	\$307.80	\$315.50	2.50%	\$7.70	Non-Statutory
Local Community Event/ Fundraising	Per match	Y	\$244.85	\$250.95	2.49%	\$6.10	Non-Statutory
Commercial Use	Per match	Y	\$420.55	\$431.05	2.50%	\$10.50	Non-Statutory
Commercial Night Use	Per match	Y	\$489.75	\$502.00	2.50%	\$12.25	Non-Statutory

## Mill Park Secondary College

### Synthetic Pitch – Training

Local Club	Per hour	Y	\$125.90	\$129.00	2.46%	\$3.10	Non-Statutory
Local School	Per hour	Y	\$125.90	\$129.00	2.46%	\$3.10	Non-Statutory
Non Local Club	Per hour	Y	\$167.25	\$171.40	2.48%	\$4.15	Non-Statutory
Non Local School	Per hour	Y	\$167.25	\$171.40	2.48%	\$4.15	Non-Statutory
Local Community Event/ Fundraising	Per hour	Y	\$125.90	\$129.00	2.46%	\$3.10	Non-Statutory
Commercial Use	Per hour	Y	\$209.65	\$214.85	2.48%	\$5.20	Non-Statutory

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### Synthetic Pitch – Training [continued]

Local Club – Pre Season (3 Hour session – No Lights)	Per 3 hour session	Y	\$125.90	\$129.00	2.46%	\$3.10	Non-Statutory
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### Synthetic Pitch – Matches

Local Club	Per match	Y	\$244.85	\$250.95	2.49%	\$6.10	Non-Statutory
Local School	Per match	Y	\$244.85	\$250.95	2.49%	\$6.10	Non-Statutory
Non Local Club	Per match	Y	\$307.80	\$315.50	2.50%	\$7.70	Non-Statutory
Non Local School	Per match	Y	\$307.80	\$315.50	2.50%	\$7.70	Non-Statutory
Local Community Event/ Fundraising	Per match	Y	\$244.85	\$250.95	2.49%	\$6.10	Non-Statutory
Commercial Use	Per match	Y	\$492.20	\$504.50	2.50%	\$12.30	Non-Statutory

### Tennis

#### Ground Hire

Tennis Court Fees	Per court	Y	\$299.30	\$306.75	2.49%	\$7.45	Non-Statutory
Tennis Pavilion Fees	Per pavilion	Y	\$346.70	\$355.35	2.49%	\$8.65	Non-Statutory

### Bocce

#### Ground Hire

Bocce	Per court	Y	\$145.35	\$148.95	2.48%	\$3.60	Non-Statutory
Bocce	Per pavilion	Y	\$335.85	\$344.25	2.50%	\$8.40	Non-Statutory

### Whittlesea Secondary College Basketball Stadium

#### Court Hire

Basketball Stadium Hire	Per court, Per hour	Y	\$34.20	\$35.05	2.49%	\$0.85	Non-Statutory
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### Meadowglen Athletics Track

Association Carnivals	Per carnival	Y	\$718.10	\$736.05	2.50%	\$17.95	Non-Statutory
Athletics Club Junior - Seasonal Fee	Per member	Y	\$15.15	\$15.50	2.31%	\$0.35	Non-Statutory
Athletics Club Senior - Seasonal Fee	Per member	Y	\$28.05	\$28.75	2.50%	\$0.70	Non-Statutory
Casual Track Hire Schools	Per hour	Y	\$35.30	\$36.15	2.41%	\$0.85	Non-Statutory
Casual Track Sporting Clubs	Per hour	Y	\$41.15	\$42.15	2.43%	\$1.00	Non-Statutory
CoW School Sports Day - Basic Equipment Hire	Per carnival	Y	\$553.25	\$567.05	2.49%	\$13.80	Non-Statutory
Non CoW School Sports Day - Basic Equipment Hire	Per carnival	Y	\$663.95	\$680.55	2.50%	\$16.60	Non-Statutory
Personal Trainers	Per hour	Y	\$57.60	\$59.00	2.43%	\$1.40	Non-Statutory
Stadium Lighting	Per hour	Y	\$15.65	\$16.00	2.24%	\$0.35	Non-Statutory

### Meadowglen Stadium Function Room

Bond	Per booking	N	\$300.00	\$300.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Commercial User - Full Day	Day hire	Y	\$634.65	\$650.50	2.50%	\$15.85	Non-Statutory

Name	Unit	GST	2025-26	2026-27	Increase/ Decrease %	Increase/ Decrease \$	Basis of Fee
			Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)			

### Meadowglen Stadium Function Room [continued]

Commercial User - Half Day (up to 4 Hours)	Half day hire	Y	\$519.25	\$532.20	2.49%	\$12.95	Non-Statutory
Community User - Full Day	Day hire	Y	\$529.65	\$542.85	2.49%	\$13.20	Non-Statutory
Community User - Half Day (up to 4 Hours)	Half day hire	Y	\$411.90	\$422.15	2.49%	\$10.25	Non-Statutory
Regular User - per Hour	Per hour	Y	\$43.60	\$44.65	2.41%	\$1.05	Non-Statutory
Regular User (Not-For-Profit - per Hour)	Per hour	Y	\$31.45	\$32.20	2.38%	\$0.75	Non-Statutory
School Carnival Hire	Per carnival	Y	\$147.10	\$150.75	2.48%	\$3.65	Non-Statutory

### Meadowglen Stadium Event Hire

Commercial - Full Day	Day hire	Y	\$2,942.80	\$3,016.35	2.50%	\$73.55	Non-Statutory
Commercial - Half Day (up to 4 Hours)	Half day hire	Y	\$1,471.35	\$1,508.10	2.50%	\$36.75	Non-Statutory
Community - Full Day	Day hire	Y	\$706.20	\$723.85	2.50%	\$17.65	Non-Statutory
Community - Half Day (up to 4 Hours)	Half day hire	Y	\$353.10	\$361.90	2.49%	\$8.80	Non-Statutory

### Edgars Creek Secondary College

#### Synthetic Pitch - Training

Commercial Use	Per hour	Y	\$209.65	\$214.85	2.48%	\$5.20	Non-Statutory
Local Club	Per hour	Y	\$126.00	\$129.15	2.50%	\$3.15	Non-Statutory
Local Club - Pre Season	Per 3 hour session	Y	\$126.00	\$129.15	2.50%	\$3.15	Non-Statutory
Local Community Event/ Fundraising	Per hour	Y	\$126.00	\$129.15	2.50%	\$3.15	Non-Statutory
Local School	Per hour	Y	\$126.00	\$129.15	2.50%	\$3.15	Non-Statutory
Non Local Club	Per hour	Y	\$167.25	\$171.40	2.48%	\$4.15	Non-Statutory
Non Local School	Per hour	Y	\$167.25	\$171.40	2.48%	\$4.15	Non-Statutory

#### Synthetic Pitch - Matches

Commercial Use	Per match	Y	\$492.20	\$504.50	2.50%	\$12.30	Non-Statutory
Local Club	Per match	Y	\$244.80	\$250.90	2.49%	\$6.10	Non-Statutory
Local Community Event/ Fundraising	Per match	Y	\$244.80	\$250.90	2.49%	\$6.10	Non-Statutory
Local School	Per match	Y	\$244.80	\$250.90	2.49%	\$6.10	Non-Statutory
Non Local Club	Per match	Y	\$307.80	\$315.50	2.50%	\$7.70	Non-Statutory
Non Local School	Per match	Y	\$307.80	\$315.50	2.50%	\$7.70	Non-Statutory

### Leisure Centres

#### Whittlesea Swim Centre

##### Aquatics

Spectator Casual Entry	Per entry	Y	\$2.20	\$2.25	2.27%	\$0.05	Non-Statutory
Adult Swim	Per entry	Y	\$7.50	\$7.75	3.33%	\$0.25	Non-Statutory
10 Pass Adult Swim	Per adult	Y	\$67.50	\$69.80	3.41%	\$2.30	Non-Statutory
Child Swim - Single Entry	Per entry	Y	\$4.90	\$5.05	3.06%	\$0.15	Non-Statutory

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## Aquatics [continued]

10 Pass Child Swim	Per child	Y	\$44.10	\$45.60	3.40%	\$1.50	Non-Statutory
Concession/Student Swim - Single Entry	Per entry	Y	\$5.90	\$6.10	3.39%	\$0.20	Non-Statutory
10 Pass Concession/Student Swim	Per concession	Y	\$53.10	\$54.90	3.39%	\$1.80	Non-Statutory
Family Swim - Single Entry	Per entry	Y	\$18.80	\$19.45	3.46%	\$0.65	Non-Statutory
10 Pass Family Swim	Per family pass	Y	\$169.20	\$175.00	3.43%	\$5.80	Non-Statutory
Season Pass (Start of Season)	Per season pass	Y	\$186.25	\$192.65	3.44%	\$6.40	Non-Statutory
Season Pass (from 1st February)	Per season pass	Y	\$93.20	\$96.40	3.43%	\$3.20	Non-Statutory
Season Pass – Concession (from 1st February)	Per season pass	Y	\$65.25	\$67.50	3.45%	\$2.25	Non-Statutory

## Swim Lessons

Primary, Preschool, Teen, Adult	Per swim lesson	N	\$9.80	\$10.10	3.06%	\$0.30	Non-Statutory
Private Lesson 1:1	Per swim lesson	N	\$45.55	\$47.10	3.40%	\$1.55	Non-Statutory
Access & Inclusion 1:1 Lesson	Per swim lesson	N	\$26.40	\$27.30	3.41%	\$0.90	Non-Statutory

## Schools Swim lessons

Schools Group Entry	Per entry	N	\$3.70	\$3.80	2.70%	\$0.10	Non-Statutory
School Carnival	Per booking	N	\$1,543.45	\$1,596.70	3.45%	\$53.25	Non-Statutory
School Lessons 1-10 Ratio - 45 Minutes	Per swim lesson	N	\$10.55	\$10.90	3.32%	\$0.35	Non-Statutory
School Lessons 1-7 Ratio - 45 Minutes	Per swim lesson	N	\$13.25	\$13.70	3.40%	\$0.45	Non-Statutory

## Group Exercise

Aqua Class- Single Entry	Per entry	Y	\$9.90	\$10.20	3.03%	\$0.30	Non-Statutory
10 Pass Group Fitness Class	Per adult	Y	\$89.10	\$92.15	3.42%	\$3.05	Non-Statutory

## Older Adult program

Access, LEAP Group Fitness Class	Per class	Y	\$8.50	\$8.80	3.53%	\$0.30	Non-Statutory
10 Visit Access LEAP Group Fitness Class	Per person	Y	\$76.40	\$79.00	3.40%	\$2.60	Non-Statutory

## Children's Programs

Birthday Party Un-catered	Per child	Y	\$22.65	\$23.40	3.31%	\$0.75	Non-Statutory
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## Facility Hire

Lane Hire	Per lane, per hour	Y	\$50.60	\$52.35	3.46%	\$1.75	Non-Statutory
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## Miscellaneous

Dive in Movie Single	Per single entry	Y	\$11.65	\$12.05	3.43%	\$0.40	Non-Statutory
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## Miscellaneous [continued]

Dive in Movie Family	Per family entry	Y	\$38.05	\$39.35	3.42%	\$1.30	Non-Statutory
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## Thomastown Recreation & Aquatic Centre & Mill Park Leisure

### Aquatics

20 Adult Swim, Spa and Sauna Pass	Per adult	Y	\$239.40	\$247.65	3.45%	\$8.25	Non-Statutory
20 Concession Swim, Spa and Sauna Pass	Per concession	Y	\$194.25	\$200.95	3.45%	\$6.70	Non-Statutory
20 Family Swim Pass	Per family	Y	\$369.00	\$381.70	3.44%	\$12.70	Non-Statutory
20 Swim - Adult	Per adult	Y	\$144.00	\$148.95	3.44%	\$4.95	Non-Statutory
20 Swim - Child	Per child	Y	\$113.40	\$117.30	3.44%	\$3.90	Non-Statutory
20 Swim - Concession	Per concession	Y	\$112.00	\$115.85	3.44%	\$3.85	Non-Statutory
Adult Swim - Women's Swimming Program	Per lesson	Y	\$6.25	\$6.45	3.20%	\$0.20	Non-Statutory
Spectator Casual Entry	Per entry	Y	\$2.20	\$2.25	2.27%	\$0.05	Non-Statutory
Adult Swim	Per entry	Y	\$8.00	\$8.25	3.13%	\$0.25	Non-Statutory
Child Swim	Per entry	Y	\$6.25	\$6.45	3.20%	\$0.20	Non-Statutory
Concession Swim	Per concession	Y	\$6.25	\$6.45	3.20%	\$0.20	Non-Statutory
Family Swim	Per entry	Y	\$20.50	\$21.20	3.41%	\$0.70	Non-Statutory
10 Pass Adult Swim	Per adult	Y	\$72.00	\$74.45	3.40%	\$2.45	Non-Statutory
10 Pass Child Swim	Per child	Y	\$56.50	\$58.45	3.45%	\$1.95	Non-Statutory
10 Pass Concession Swim	Per concession	Y	\$56.50	\$58.45	3.45%	\$1.95	Non-Statutory
10 Pass Family Swim	Per entry	Y	\$184.50	\$190.85	3.44%	\$6.35	Non-Statutory
Adult Swim, Spa and Sauna	Per entry	Y	\$13.30	\$13.75	3.38%	\$0.45	Non-Statutory
Concession Swim, Spa and Sauna	Per concession	Y	\$10.65	\$11.00	3.29%	\$0.35	Non-Statutory
10 Pass Adult Swim, Spa and Sauna	Per entry	Y	\$119.70	\$123.80	3.43%	\$4.10	Non-Statutory
10 Pass Concession Swim, Spa and Sauna	Per concession	Y	\$97.30	\$100.65	3.44%	\$3.35	Non-Statutory
Swim, Spa and Sauna After Class	Per entry	Y	\$6.15	\$6.35	3.25%	\$0.20	Non-Statutory

### Swim Lessons

Access 1-1 Ratio Lesson 30 Minutes Fortnightly Fee	Per lesson	N	\$57.60	\$59.55	3.39%	\$1.95	Non-Statutory
Child Swim Lesson – 30 Minutes	Per lesson	N	\$21.20	\$21.90	3.30%	\$0.70	Non-Statutory
Adult Swim Lesson – 45 Minutes	Per lesson	N	\$32.55	\$33.65	3.38%	\$1.10	Non-Statutory
Access & Inclusion 1-1 Ratio Lesson 30 Minutes	Per lesson	N	\$28.75	\$29.70	3.30%	\$0.95	Non-Statutory
Private Swim Lesson	Per lesson	N	\$60.80	\$62.90	3.45%	\$2.10	Non-Statutory

### Schools Swim lessons

25m Pool Carnival Hire	One off fee	Y	\$258.80	\$267.70	3.44%	\$8.90	Non-Statutory
25m Pool Carnival Hire After Hours	One off fee	Y	\$418.50	\$432.90	3.44%	\$14.40	Non-Statutory
Carnival/Group Booking Entry Fee	One off fee	Y	\$6.15	\$6.35	3.25%	\$0.20	Non-Statutory

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### Schools Swim lessons [continued]

School Fun Day Session	One off fee	Y	\$18.50	\$19.10	3.24%	\$0.60	Non-Statutory
Water Safety Session	Per lesson	N	\$18.50	\$19.10	3.24%	\$0.60	Non-Statutory
1-10 Ratio 45 Minutes - per Child	Per lesson	N	\$10.30	\$10.65	3.40%	\$0.35	Non-Statutory
1-7 Ratio 45 Minutes - per Child	Per lesson	N	\$13.00	\$13.45	3.46%	\$0.45	Non-Statutory
Additional child (If Less than 2 Hour Booking)	One off fee	N	\$4.45	\$4.60	3.37%	\$0.15	Non-Statutory

### Group Exercise

Reformer Pilates - Single Entry	Per entry	Y	\$27.95	\$28.90	3.40%	\$0.95	Non-Statutory
Reformer Pilates - Single Entry - Concession	Per concession	Y	\$19.55	\$20.20	3.32%	\$0.65	Non-Statutory
School Gym/Group Fitness Session	Per entry	Y	\$15.25	\$15.75	3.28%	\$0.50	Non-Statutory
Group Fitness – All Classes	Per entry	Y	\$17.45	\$18.05	3.44%	\$0.60	Non-Statutory
Group Fitness – All Classes Concession	Per entry	Y	\$14.05	\$14.50	3.20%	\$0.45	Non-Statutory
9 Pass Group Fitness	Per entry	Y	\$157.30	\$162.70	3.43%	\$5.40	Non-Statutory
9 Pass Group Fitness Concession	Per concession	Y	\$126.45	\$130.80	3.44%	\$4.35	Non-Statutory

### LEAP Program

LEAP Aqua / Movers / Gym	Per entry	Y	\$8.50	\$8.80	3.53%	\$0.30	Non-Statutory
10 Pass LEAP	Per entry	Y	\$76.40	\$79.00	3.40%	\$2.60	Non-Statutory
LEAP Gym Fitness Assessment and Program	Per entry	Y	\$44.65	\$46.15	3.36%	\$1.50	Non-Statutory

### Personal Training

Member - 1 x 30 Minutes Session	Per half hour	Y	\$48.05	\$49.70	3.43%	\$1.65	Non-Statutory
Non Member - 1 x 30 Minutes Session	Per half hour	Y	\$54.30	\$56.15	3.41%	\$1.85	Non-Statutory
Member - 10 x 30 Minutes Sessions	Per pass	Y	\$432.00	\$446.90	3.45%	\$14.90	Non-Statutory
Non Member - 10 x 30 Minutes Sessions	Per pass	Y	\$488.70	\$505.55	3.45%	\$16.85	Non-Statutory
Member - 1 x 60 Minutes Session	Per hour	Y	\$78.20	\$80.90	3.45%	\$2.70	Non-Statutory
Non Member - 1 x 60 Minutes Session	Per hour	Y	\$88.05	\$91.05	3.41%	\$3.00	Non-Statutory
Member - 10 x 60 Minutes Sessions	Per pass	Y	\$703.80	\$728.05	3.45%	\$24.25	Non-Statutory
Non Member - 10 x 60 Minutes Sessions	Per pass	Y	\$792.90	\$820.25	3.45%	\$27.35	Non-Statutory
Share 2 person – Member - 1 x 60 Minutes	Per hour	Y	\$95.20	\$98.45	3.41%	\$3.25	Non-Statutory
Share 2 person – Non Member - 1 x 60 Minutes	Per hour	Y	\$114.55	\$118.50	3.45%	\$3.95	Non-Statutory
Share 2 person – Member - 10 x 60 Minutes	Per pass	Y	\$856.80	\$886.35	3.45%	\$29.55	Non-Statutory
Share 2 person – Non Member - 10 x 60 Minutes	Per pass	Y	\$1,030.50	\$1,066.05	3.45%	\$35.55	Non-Statutory

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### Childrens' Programs

Additional Staff for 16 Children or more	One off fee	Y	\$80.60	\$83.35	3.41%	\$2.75	Non-Statutory
Birthday Party - Catered - per Child	Per child	Y	\$31.50	\$32.55	3.33%	\$1.05	Non-Statutory
Birthday Party Non-Catered (Standard 12-15 Children) per Child	Per child	Y	\$19.00	\$19.65	3.42%	\$0.65	Non-Statutory
School/Group Entry	One off fee	Y	\$13.35	\$13.80	3.37%	\$0.45	Non-Statutory

### Creche

1 Child per 1 Session	Per hour	Y	\$8.15	\$8.40	3.07%	\$0.25	Non-Statutory
2 Children per 1 Session	Per hour	Y	\$10.30	\$10.65	3.40%	\$0.35	Non-Statutory
3 or more Children per 1 Session	Per hour	Y	\$12.60	\$13.00	3.17%	\$0.40	Non-Statutory
10 Pass – 1 Child per 1 Session	Per pass	Y	\$72.90	\$75.40	3.43%	\$2.50	Non-Statutory
10 Pass – 2 Children per 1 Session	Per pass	Y	\$93.55	\$96.75	3.42%	\$3.20	Non-Statutory
10 Pass – 3 or more Children per 1 Session	Per pass	Y	\$114.05	\$117.95	3.42%	\$3.90	Non-Statutory

### Occasional Care

Per Child per Session	Per hour	Y	\$10.05	\$10.40	3.48%	\$0.35	Non-Statutory
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### Facility Hire

Court - Casual Use per Person	Per entry	Y	\$5.10	\$5.25	2.94%	\$0.15	Non-Statutory
Full Court – After 4pm Weekdays and Weekends	Per hour	Y	\$54.50	\$56.35	3.39%	\$1.85	Non-Statutory
Full Court – Before 4pm Weekdays	Per hour	Y	\$45.65	\$47.20	3.40%	\$1.55	Non-Statutory
Group Fitness Room Rental per Hour	Per hour	Y	\$48.00	\$49.65	3.44%	\$1.65	Non-Statutory
Meeting Room Hire (Next to Cafe)	Per hour	Y	\$48.05	\$49.70	3.43%	\$1.65	Non-Statutory
25m Pool Lane Hire – Permanent	Per lane, per hour	Y	\$32.60	\$33.70	3.37%	\$1.10	Non-Statutory
25m Pool Lane Hire – Casual	Per lane, per hour	Y	\$49.20	\$50.90	3.46%	\$1.70	Non-Statutory
Hydro Pool Hire (1/2 Pool)	Per hour	Y	\$94.90	\$98.15	3.42%	\$3.25	Non-Statutory
Hydro Pool Hire	Per hour	Y	\$189.05	\$195.55	3.44%	\$6.50	Non-Statutory

### Miscellaneous

Locker	Per locker	Y	\$2.75	\$2.80	1.82%	\$0.05	Non-Statutory
RFID Band	Per RFID band	Y	\$15.25	\$15.75	3.28%	\$0.50	Non-Statutory

### Club Memberships (New fee structure)

Active Whittlesea - Weekly Fee	Per week	Y	\$25.05	\$25.90	3.39%	\$0.85	Non-Statutory
Active Whittlesea Membership Concession	Per week concession	Y	\$17.50	\$18.10	3.43%	\$0.60	Non-Statutory
Bronze - Concession PIF 3 Months	Per quarter concession	Y	\$241.15	\$249.45	3.44%	\$8.30	Non-Statutory
Bronze - PIF 3 Months	Per quarter	Y	\$310.70	\$321.40	3.44%	\$10.70	Non-Statutory
Bronze - PIF Adult 12 Months	Per annum	Y	\$1,002.15	\$1,036.70	3.45%	\$34.55	Non-Statutory
Bronze - PIF Concession 12 Months	Per annum concession	Y	\$804.15	\$831.90	3.45%	\$27.75	Non-Statutory

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### Club Memberships (New fee structure) [continued]

Bronze - Weekly Fee	Per week	Y	\$18.50	\$19.10	3.24%	\$0.60	Non-Statutory
Bronze Concession - Weekly Fee	Per week	Y	\$12.60	\$13.00	3.17%	\$0.40	Non-Statutory
DPV - Casual Entry	Per entry concession	Y	\$6.15	\$6.35	3.25%	\$0.20	Non-Statutory
Gold - Health Club, Group Fitness & Aquatics - Adult PIF 3 Months	Per quarter	Y	\$388.75	\$402.15	3.45%	\$13.40	Non-Statutory
Gold - Health Club, Group Fitness & Aquatics - Concession PIF 3 Months	Per quarter concession	Y	\$271.65	\$281.00	3.44%	\$9.35	Non-Statutory
Gold - Health Club, Group Fitness & Aquatics PIF 12 Months	Per annum	Y	\$1,254.20	\$1,297.45	3.45%	\$43.25	Non-Statutory
Gold - Health Club, Group Fitness & Aquatics PIF 12 Months Concession	Per annum concession	Y	\$1,217.65	\$1,259.65	3.45%	\$42.00	Non-Statutory
Gold - Weekly Fee	Per week	Y	\$23.00	\$23.75	3.26%	\$0.75	Non-Statutory
Gold Concession - Weekly Fee	Per week	Y	\$16.00	\$16.55	3.44%	\$0.55	Non-Statutory
Health Club - Casual Entry	Per entry	Y	\$22.45	\$23.20	3.34%	\$0.75	Non-Statutory
Health Club - Casual Entry - Concession	Per entry concession	Y	\$15.65	\$16.15	3.19%	\$0.50	Non-Statutory
Platinum (Reformer Pilates) Membership - Weekly Fee	Per week	Y	\$37.30	\$39.95	7.10%	\$2.65	Non-Statutory
Platinum (Reformer Pilates) Membership - Weekly Fee - Concession	Per week	Y	\$27.95	\$29.95	7.16%	\$2.00	Non-Statutory
Silver - Weekly Fee	Per week	Y	\$20.60	\$21.30	3.40%	\$0.70	Non-Statutory
Silver- Weekly Fee Concession	Per week	Y	\$14.40	\$14.90	3.47%	\$0.50	Non-Statutory

## Plenty Ranges Arts & Convention Centre

### Room Hire

#### Eucalypt

##### 5 Hour Hire

Community Rate: Hourly Rate	Per booking	Y	\$257.40	\$265.00	2.95%	\$7.60	Non-Statutory
Hourly Rate	Per booking	Y	\$280.00	\$290.00	3.57%	\$10.00	Non-Statutory

#### Blue/Red Gum

##### 5 Hour Hire

Community Rate: Hourly Rate	Per booking	Y	\$128.70	\$133.00	3.34%	\$4.30	Non-Statutory
Hourly Rate	Per booking	Y	\$143.00	\$148.00	3.50%	\$5.00	Non-Statutory

#### Lakeview

##### 5 Hour Hire

Community Rates: Hourly Rate	Per booking	Y	\$33.30	\$34.00	2.10%	\$0.70	Non-Statutory
Hourly Rate	Per booking	Y	\$37.00	\$39.00	5.41%	\$2.00	Non-Statutory

#### Woodstock Theatre

Community Rate: Hourly Rate	Per hour	Y	\$112.50	\$116.00	3.11%	\$3.50	Non-Statutory
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### Woodstock Theatre [continued]

Community Rate: Performance Rate	Per hour	Y	\$135.00	\$139.00	2.96%	\$4.00	Non-Statutory
Dark Theatre	Per day	Y	\$625.00	\$644.00	3.04%	\$19.00	Non-Statutory
Hourly Rate	Per hour	Y	\$125.00	\$129.00	3.20%	\$4.00	Non-Statutory
Lighting Plot	Per hour	Y	\$95.00	\$98.00	3.16%	\$3.00	Non-Statutory
Penalty	Per hour	Y	\$156.70	\$161.00	2.74%	\$4.30	Non-Statutory
Performance Rate	Per hour	Y	\$150.00	\$154.00	2.67%	\$4.00	Non-Statutory

### Yan Yean Theatre

Community Rate: Hourly Rate	Per hour	Y	\$221.40	\$228.00	2.98%	\$6.60	Non-Statutory
Community Rate: Performance Rate	Per hour	Y	\$257.40	\$265.00	2.95%	\$7.60	Non-Statutory
Dark Theatre	Per day	Y	\$1,230.00	\$1,267.00	3.01%	\$37.00	Non-Statutory
Hourly Rate	Per hour	Y	\$246.00	\$253.00	2.85%	\$7.00	Non-Statutory
Lighting Plot	Per hour	Y	\$95.00	\$98.00	3.16%	\$3.00	Non-Statutory
Penalty	Per hour	Y	\$451.50	\$465.00	2.99%	\$13.50	Non-Statutory
Performance Rate	Per hour	Y	\$286.00	\$294.00	2.80%	\$8.00	Non-Statutory

### PRACC Staff

#### Commercial

Staff Penalty	Per hour	Y	\$110.00	\$113.00	2.73%	\$3.00	Non-Statutory
Venue Support, Staff Supervision and Compliance (Monday to Friday)	Per hour (minimum 3 hours)	Y	\$68.20	\$65.00	-4.69%	-\$3.20	Non-Statutory
Venue Support, Staff Supervision and Compliance (Saturday)	Per hour (minimum 3 hours)	Y	\$79.20	\$75.00	-5.30%	-\$4.20	Non-Statutory
Venue Support, Staff Supervision and Compliance (Sunday)	Per hour (minimum 3 hours)	Y	\$82.00	\$85.00	3.66%	\$3.00	Non-Statutory

#### Community

Staff Penalty	Per hour	Y	\$100.00	\$103.00	3.00%	\$3.00	Non-Statutory
Venue Support, Staff Supervision and Compliance (Monday to Friday)	Per hour (minimum 3 hours)	Y	\$53.00	\$55.00	3.77%	\$2.00	Non-Statutory
Venue Support, Staff Supervision and Compliance (Saturday)	Per hour (minimum 3 hours)	Y	\$63.00	\$65.00	3.17%	\$2.00	Non-Statutory
Venue Support, Staff Supervision and Compliance (Sunday)	Per hour (minimum 3 hours)	Y	\$73.00	\$75.00	2.74%	\$2.00	Non-Statutory

#### Ticketing

PRACC Performance Program Tickets	Per ticket	Y	Tickets range from \$5.00 incl. GST to \$100.00 incl. GST			Non-Statutory
					Min. Fee: \$4.55	

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## Commercial

Booking Fee (Visitor Fee)	Per ticket sold	Y	\$2.00	\$2.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Inside Charge (Hirer Fee)	Per ticket sold	Y	\$2.00	\$2.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory

## Community

Booking Fee (Visitor Fee)	Per ticket sold	Y	\$2.00	\$2.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Inside Charge (Hirer Fee)	Per ticket sold	Y	\$1.00	\$1.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory

## Equipment

Blinder	Per day	Y	\$50.00	\$52.00	4.00%	\$2.00	Non-Statutory
DI Box	Per day	Y	\$10.00	\$10.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Foldback Speaker	Per day	Y	\$100.00	\$100.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Haze Machine	Per day	Y	\$100.00	\$110.00	10.00%	\$10.00	Non-Statutory
Laptop	Per day	Y	\$150.00	\$150.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Lectern and Microphone	Per day	Y	\$80.00	\$80.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
LED UV Effect	Per day	Y	\$50.00	\$50.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Mic & Music Stands	Per day	Y	\$5.00	\$5.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Mirrorball	Per day	Y	\$50.00	\$52.00	4.00%	\$2.00	Non-Statutory
Moving Light (Wash)	Per day	Y	\$400.00	\$412.00	3.00%	\$12.00	Non-Statutory
Pinboard	Per day	Y	\$50.00	\$50.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Portable Staging Platform	Per day	Y	\$100.00	\$100.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Projection Cyclorama Screen	Per day	Y	\$100.00	\$100.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Projector with Media Server	Per day	Y	\$500.00	\$515.00	3.00%	\$15.00	Non-Statutory
Sling, Wire Dropper and Shackles Set	Per day	Y	\$5.00	\$0.00	-100.00%	-\$5.00	Non-Statutory
White Sharktooth Scrim	Per day	Y	\$100.00	\$100.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Whiteboard	Per day	Y	\$50.00	\$50.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Wired Microphone	Per day	Y	\$10.00	\$10.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Wireless Comms	Per day	Y	\$50.00	\$55.00	10.00%	\$5.00	Non-Statutory
Wireless Microphone	Per day	Y	\$85.00	\$90.00	5.88%	\$5.00	Non-Statutory

## Creative Communities

### Ziebell's Farmhouse Museum Entry Fee

Children Under 5 Years	Per entry	Y	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%	∞	Non-Statutory
Children 5 - 18 Years	Per entry	Y	\$5.00	\$5.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Adult	Per entry	Y	\$8.00	\$8.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Family (2 Adults; and up to 3 Children)	Per entry	Y	\$25.00	\$25.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
School Holiday Workshop	Per entry	Y	\$10.00	\$10.25	2.50%	\$0.25	Non-Statutory
Cultural Engagement Workshop	Per entry	Y	\$20.00	\$20.50	2.50%	\$0.50	Non-Statutory

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## Festival and Events Bonds

### Under 1,000 people

#### Moderate risk

Commercial Event - Municipal Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Commercial Event - Neighbourhood Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Community Event - Municipal Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$800.00	\$800.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Community Event - Neighbourhood Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$500.00	\$500.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Private Event - Municipal Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$500.00	\$500.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Private Event - Neighbourhood Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$300.00	\$300.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory

#### Major risk

Commercial Event - Municipal Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Commercial Event - Neighbourhood Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Community Event - Municipal Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Community Event - Neighbourhood Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Private Event - Municipal Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Private Event - Neighbourhood Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory

### 1,000 - 4,999 people

#### Low risk

Commercial Event - Municipal Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Commercial Event - Neighbourhood Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Community Event - Municipal Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$800.00	\$800.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Community Event - Neighbourhood Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$500.00	\$500.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Private Event - Municipal Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$800.00	\$800.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Private Event - Neighbourhood Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$500.00	\$500.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory

#### Moderate risk

Commercial Event - Municipal Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Commercial Event - State/Regional Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Community Event - Municipal Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$800.00	\$800.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory

Name	Unit	GST	2025-26 Fee (incl. GST)	2026-27 Fee (incl. GST)	Increase/ Decrease %	Increase/ Decrease \$	Basis of Fee
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#### Moderate risk [continued]

Community Event - State/Regional Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Private Event - Municipal Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$800.00	\$800.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Private Event - State/Regional Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory

#### Major risk

Commercial Event - Municipal Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Commercial Event - State/Regional Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Community Event - Municipal Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Community Event - State/Regional Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Private Event - Municipal Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Private Event - State/Regional Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory

### Over 5,000 people

#### Moderate risk

Commercial Event - Municipal Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Commercial Event - State/Regional Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Community Event - Municipal Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Community Event - State/Regional Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Private Event - Municipal Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Private Event - State/Regional Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory

#### Major risk

Commercial Event - Municipal Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Commercial Event - State/Regional Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Community Event - Municipal Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Community Event - State/Regional Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Private Event - Municipal Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory
Private Event - State/Regional Open Space	Per festival/ event	N	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	0.00%	\$0.00	Non-Statutory

Name	Unit	GST	2025-26 Fee (incl. GST)	2026-27 Fee (incl. GST)	Increase/ Decrease %	Increase/ Decrease \$	Basis of Fee
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## Festival and Events Market Stalls

### Site Fees Community

Market Stalls without Infrastructure	Per booking	N	\$120.00	\$123.00	2.50%	\$3.00	Non-Statutory
Food Stalls without Infrastructure	Per booking	N	\$120.00	\$123.00	2.50%	\$3.00	Non-Statutory

### Site Fees Commercial

Market Stalls without Infrastructure	Per booking	N	\$180.00	\$185.00	2.78%	\$5.00	Non-Statutory
Food Stalls without Infrastructure	Per booking	N	\$275.00	\$280.00	1.82%	\$5.00	Non-Statutory

### Carols by Candlelight

Site Fee with Power - Commercial	Per booking	N	\$275.00	\$280.00	1.82%	\$5.00	Non-Statutory
Site Fee with Power - Community	Per booking	N	\$100.00	\$103.00	3.00%	\$3.00	Non-Statutory





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25 Ferres Boulevard  
South Morang VIC 3752

#### **Opening hours**

Monday – Friday, 8.30am-5pm

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63 Church Street,  
Whittlesea VIC 3752

#### **Opening hours**

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