

Proposed Budget 2020/2021










Council will consider its Proposed Budget at a Council meeting on 18 August 2020. The \$45.9 million budget will maintain and improve infrastructure, and deliver important projects and services. This year we have incorporated a range of projects to specifically help respond to the impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Our budget includes an increase to the average rates income of 2% under the Victorian Government's Fair Go Rates System, as we continue to review processes to work more efficiently and advocate for funding. Kerbside bin collection charges will increase by an average of 3% per property. This equates to about a \$13 increase for small bins and a \$19 increase for larger bins.

What the budget includes

Our budget includes provision for more than 100 essential services. These include the management of local roads, bridges and drains; collection of rubbish and recycling; delivery of maternal and child health programs; the provision of aged care, disability services and youth programs; maintenance and improvement of play spaces and public parks and gardens; and so much more. The budget also includes a small number of new initiatives and a mix of capital works.

Council spending per \$100

\$5	\$10	\$15	\$20	\$25	\$30	\$35	\$40	\$45
\$4.15	Arts, culture and library 							
\$7.82	Aged, disability and family services 							
\$16.11	Parks, gardens and recreation 							
\$6.03	Property and facilities 							
\$42.92	Roads, footpaths and drainage 							
\$6.37	Planning, building and local laws 							
\$4.01	Community and economic development 							
\$1.43	Environment and health 							
\$11.16	Waste 							

Key projects and programs

The proposed budget also includes a number of new and continuing initiatives to help fulfil our vision of an innovative, creative and connected community such as:

Delivery of the **supported playgroups** program (**\$67,300**), delivery of programs for **young people** and quality **aged care** and **disability services** (**\$2.4 million**). We're also investing in **community lunches** in Maldon, Newstead and Castlemaine (**\$20,000**) and supporting Section 86 Committees to help them maintain **community sporting reserves and facilities** (**\$100,000**). We'll also start stage one of the rejuvenation of the **Maldon town centre**, thanks to a State Government grant (**\$3.0 million**).

Our response to COVID-19

Among a number of initiatives, we will increase our investment in tourism marketing and promotion, waive a number of registration and permit fees for businesses, develop an online platform for our creative and artistic industries, and implement a Social and Economic Recovery Plan and COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy.

Capital works

We have allocated \$11.74 million towards capital projects. Major projects include:

Roads - \$2.95 million includes stage 1 of works on the Muckleford-Castlemaine Road, along with road resealing and gravel road resheeting.

Bridges - \$2.12 million for design and construction of several bridges and culverts which includes the Eagles Road bridge at Harcourt and the Campbells Creek-Fryers Road bridge.

Walking and cycling - \$895,000 towards footpaths throughout the shire, along with a road crossing in Chewton town centre.

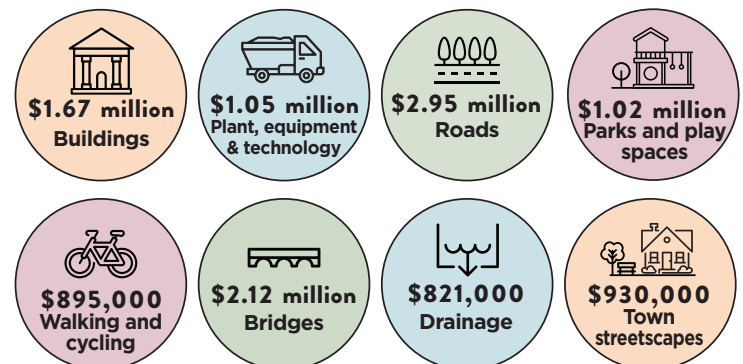
Drains - \$821,000 to improve drainage at Saint Street in Castlemaine and funds to finalise designs and approvals for the Campbells Creek and Castlemaine levee bank project.

Parks and play spaces - \$1.02 million includes revitalisation of Norwood Hill Recreation Reserve in Castlemaine and the Stanley Park North play space in Harcourt.

Buildings - \$1.67 million to improve community facilities, which includes female friendly change facilities at the Harcourt Recreation Reserve and funds to increase accessibility at Baringhup Hall and renew recreation facilities in Guildford, Taradale and Castlemaine.

Streetscapes - \$930,000 which includes streetscape works in Taradale, Elphinstone and Campbells Creek (subject to \$300,000 government funding).

Major capital works



Read the adopted budget at www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/budget.

How to read your rates notice

Amount overdue – any overdue payment will be listed here. Overdue payments accrue 10% interest per annum.

Instalment – we will issue instalment notices at least 14 days before each instalment is due.

Capital Improved Value (CIV) – this is the valuation on which your rates are calculated. It is the total market value of the land plus buildings and improvements.

Rates cap – only Council charges are subject to the 2.0% rates cap.

Fire Services Property Levy (FSPL) – a property based levy from the Victorian Government collected and transferred to the Victorian Government. For more information visit www.sro.vic.gov.au or call 13 21 61.

Waste charges – your contribution towards the cost to collect and process general waste and recyclables from your household. Also factors in the EPA landfill levy, environmental management costs and the cost to maintain and operate Maldon and Castlemaine waste transfer stations.

Pension concession – eligible pensioners and veterans receive a government rebate.

Australian Valuation Property – Classification Code (AVPCC) allocated to each property according to the use of the land, which determines the rating code.

FSPL classification – the Fire Service Property Levy category allocated to your property, dependent on the AVPCC (see above).

Differential rating code – the property type on which your rates are calculated.

Payment options – payments can be made via a number of methods including online, phone and in person.

Did you know?

You can receive an electronic copy of your rates notice through online banking. For further information, look for Bpay View next time you bank online. Signing up is easy and you will receive email reminders when your bills are due.

Valuation, rates and charges notice

For period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

ABN: 12 966 477 062



The ratepayer
Street address
CASTLEMAINE VIC 3450

EXAMPLE ONLY

Issue Date: XX/XX/2020
Property ID: 12345
Land Valuation Date: 01/01/2020
Site Value: \$119,000
Capital Improved Value: \$410,000
Net Annual Value: \$20,500

Description and location of property:

Street address
CASTLEMAINE VIC 3450

Council rates and waste charges	Victorian Government Fire Services Property Levy	Pensioner concession	Total amount due
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How your 2020/2021 rates are calculated		Overdue Please PAY NOW	
-credit or +arrears	+/- \$		
Capital Improved Value (CIV)	\$		
Rate in dollar	x \$		
Council charges	= \$		
Fire Services Property Levy	+ \$		
Waste charge	+ \$		
Pensioner concession - Rates	- \$		
Pensioner concession - FSPL	- \$		
Total due			

Instalment 1 30/09/2020	
Instalment 2 30/11/2020	
Instalment 3 28/02/2020	
Instalment 4 31/05/2020	

Legal description of property:

AVPCC:
FSPL classification:
Differential rating code:

Account ID

HOW TO PAY YOUR ACCOUNT

Please see reverse for further payment options

Property ID: 12345

Total Due:



Biller Code: 41749
Ref No:



Australia Post
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