

# Proposed Budget 2021/2022

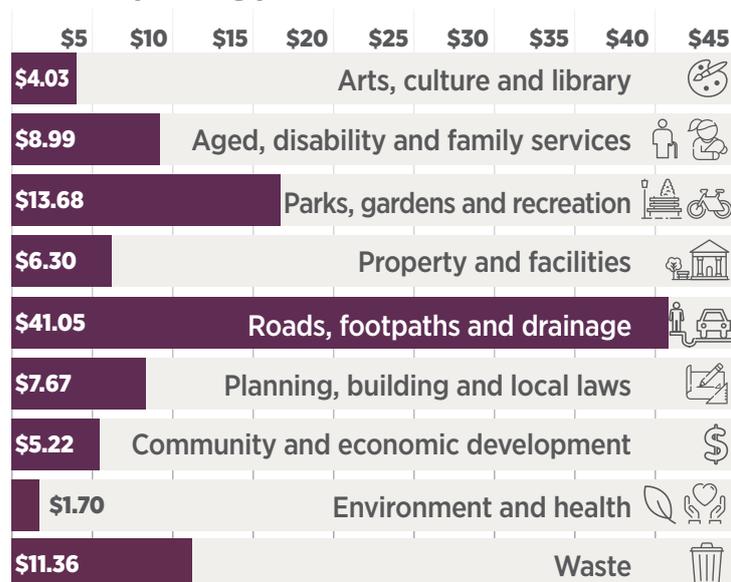
## Budget summary

Council has prepared a \$39.61 million budget for 2021/2022. The increase in total rate revenue collected across the shire will be capped at 1.5% in line with the cap set by the Victorian Government. Rate changes for individual properties may be higher or lower than 1.5%, due to annual property revaluations. Kerbside bin collection charges will be frozen at last year's levels.

## Your rates at work

This summary outlines how Council will maintain and improve infrastructure and deliver projects and services valued by our community. It includes costs to manage and maintain local foot and cycling paths, roads, bridges and drains, rubbish and recycling collection, delivering maternal and child health care programs, aged care and disability services, youth programs, emergency relief and recovery, animal control, planning, tourism services, the maintenance and improvement of play spaces, public gardens and more.

### Council spending per \$100



## Highlights

**Indigenous recognition** - Welcome to Country Dja Dja Wurrung Country cultural project in the historic Market Building in Castlemaine **\$400K**.

**Waste** - Capping and rehabilitating the Castlemaine landfill **\$1.5M**.

**Climate change** - A new online platform to monitor Council's carbon output and energy savings **\$9.9K**, two new electric vehicle chargers for the Council fleet **\$20K** and two new electric vehicles.

**Heritage protection** - A shopfront study in Maldon as part of the Maldon Streetscape revitalisation project **\$40K**.

**Economy** - Hosting the Mount Alexander Shire Business Awards **\$15K**.

**Roads** - Making Fogarty's Gap Road safer between Woodbrook and Leversha Roads, subject to receiving funds from the Federal Government.

## Capital works

\$10.21 million for capital works includes:

**Roads - \$3.26M** includes, \$421K to design Diamond Gully Rd intersections at McKenzie Hill, \$560K to reseal local roads and \$680K to resheet gravel roads plus more for design and minor works.

**Walking and cycling - \$650K** includes a new footpath along part of Campbells Creek Fryers Rd.

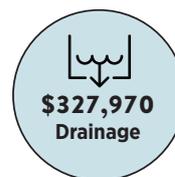
**Plant, equipment and technology - \$1.25M** including a Welcome to Country installation at the historic Market Building, two new electric vehicles (EV) and two EV charging stations.

**Parks and recreation facilities - \$0.89M** includes replacing lights at the Newstead Recreation Reserve, progressing the Camp Reserve Master Plan and designing female friendly change facilities at the Bill Woodfull Reserve in Maldon.

**Flood Protection and drainage - \$242K** Castlemaine and Campbells Creek levee works.

**Town streetscapes - Maldon revitalisation and streetscapes in Taradale, Elphinstone and Campbells Creek \$2.49M.**

## Major capital works



## Have your say

At a meeting on Tuesday 20 April, Council resolved to exhibit the proposed budget for public comment. You are encouraged to review it and make a submission.

View the proposed budget and a summary during office hours at Castlemaine's Civic Centre or on Council's website. Copies are also at the Castlemaine Library.

Submissions in writing must be lodged by 5.00pm on Wednesday 19 May 2021.

Please address submissions titled 2021/2022 Budget to the Chief Executive Officer, Mount Alexander Shire Council, PO Box 185, Castlemaine, VIC 3450 or email to [info@mountalexander.gov.au](mailto:info@mountalexander.gov.au).

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