

Ordinary Meeting of Council Agenda

**to be held on Tuesday 6 June 2017 at 7.00pm
Richmond Town Hall**

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Order of business

- 1. Statement of recognition of Wurundjeri Land**
- 2. Attendance, apologies and requests for leave of absence**
- 3. Declarations of conflict of interest (Councillors and staff)**
- 4. Confidential business reports**
- 5. Confirmation of minutes**
- 6. Petitions and joint letters**
- 7. Public question time**
- 8. General business**
- 9. Delegates' reports**
- 10. Questions without notice**
- 11. Council business reports**
- 12. Notices of motion**
- 13. Urgent business**

1. Statement of Recognition of Wurundjeri Land

"Welcome to the City of Yarra."

"Yarra City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri as the Traditional Owners of this country, pays tribute to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Yarra and gives respect to the Elders past and present."

2. Attendance, apologies and requests for leave of absence

Anticipated attendees:

Councillors

- Cr Amanda Stone (Mayor)
- Cr Danae Bosler
- Cr Mi-Lin Chen Yi Mei
- Cr Misha Coleman
- Cr Stephen Jolly
- Cr Mike McEvoy
- Cr Daniel Nguyen
- Cr James Searle

Council officers

- Vijaya Vaidyanath (Chief Executive Officer)
- Ivan Gilbert (Group Manager - CEO's Office)
- Andrew Day (Director - Corporate, Business and Finance)
- Chris Leivers (Director - Community Wellbeing)
- Brooke Colbert (Acting Director - Advocacy and Engagement)
- Jane Waldock (Acting Director - Planning and Place Making)
- Guy Wilson-Browne (Director - City Works and Assets)
- Fred Warner (Group Manager – People, Culture and Community)
- Mel Nikou (Governance Officer)

Leave of absence

- Cr Jackie Fristacky

3. Declarations of conflict of interest (Councillors and staff)

4. Confidential business reports

Item

- 4.1 Contractual matters
- 4.2 Contractual matters
- 4.3 Contractual matters
- 4.4 Contractual matters
- 4.5 Matters prejudicial to Council and/or any person
- 4.6 Matters prejudicial to Council and/or any person
- 4.7 Contractual matters; AND Matters relating to legal advice
- 4.8 Matters prejudicial to Council and/or any person

Confidential business reports

The following items were deemed by the Chief Executive Officer to be suitable for consideration in closed session in accordance with section 89 (2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*. In accordance with that Act, Council may resolve to consider these issues in open or closed session.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the meeting be closed to members of the public, in accordance with section 89 (2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, to allow consideration of:
 - (a) Contractual matters;
 - (b) Matters prejudicial to Council and/or any person; and
 - (c) Matters relating to legal advice.
2. That all information contained within the Confidential Business Reports section of this agenda and reproduced as Council Minutes be treated as being and remaining strictly confidential in accordance with the provisions of sections 77 and 89 of the *Local Government Act 1989* until Council resolves otherwise.

5. Confirmation of minutes

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16 May 2017 be confirmed.

That the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17 May 2017 be confirmed.

6. Petitions and joint letters

7. Public question time

Yarra City Council welcomes questions from members of the community.

Public question time is an opportunity to ask questions, not to make statements or engage in debate.

Questions should not relate to items listed on the agenda. (Council will consider submissions on these items separately.)

Members of the public who wish to participate are to:

- (a) state their name clearly for the record;
- (b) direct their questions to the chairperson;
- (c) ask a maximum of two questions;
- (d) speak for a maximum of five minutes;
- (e) refrain from repeating questions that have been asked previously by themselves or others; and
- (f) remain silent following their question unless called upon by the chairperson to make further comment.

8. General business

9. Delegates' reports

10. Questions without notice

11. Council business reports

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Public submissions procedure

The public submission period is an opportunity to provide information to Council, not to ask questions or engage in debate.

When the chairperson invites verbal submissions from the gallery, members of the public who wish to participate are to:

- (a) state their name clearly for the record;
- (b) direct their submission to the chairperson;
- (c) speak for a maximum of five minutes;
- (d) confine their remarks to the matter under consideration;
- (e) refrain from repeating information already provided by previous submitters; and
- (f) remain silent following their submission unless called upon by the chairperson to make further comment.

12. Notices of motion

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11.1 Safer Travel Speeds Program - External Funding

Trim Record Number: D17/66350

Responsible Officer: Manager Traffic and Special Projects

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a major external funding opportunity for local area traffic management and place-making works in Yarra via the VicRoads Safe Travel Speeds in Local Streets Program.

Background

2. Since early March 2017, officers have been working closely with the VicRoads Safe System Road Infrastructure Program team to help develop the Safe Travel Speeds in Local Streets Program.
3. As part of the State Government Towards Zero Strategy and Action Plan (2016-2020), \$50 million has been allocated for safer travel speeds on local streets. The key objective of this funding is to reduce vehicle speeds on local roads to Safe System Speeds.
4. VicRoads are in the later stages of developing the Safe Travel Speeds in Local Streets Program. A total of \$35 million has been allocated to this Program from the overall \$50 million.
5. VicRoads recognise that effective traffic management projects can take some time to deliver due to development and community engagement requirements and also due to ability to secure funding.
6. As such, the VicRoads Safe Travel Speeds in Local Streets Program is to be delivered over a three year timeframe (2017/18 - 2019/20).
7. Unlike typical State Government funded infrastructure projects, no Benefit to Cost Ratio assessment is required to support projects delivered with VicRoads Safe Travel Speeds in Local Streets Program funding. The Program's objective is to provide safe and liveable environment with respect to travel speeds for our communities.
8. VicRoads has previously indicated a preference for an area wide approach to providing traffic management and that Yarra's Local Area Place Making (LAPM) projects strongly meet the funding criteria.
9. It is noted that VicRoads is open for funds to be used for the study and consultation process associated with the pre-planning of traffic management projects.
10. It is understood that further funds (in addition to the \$35million allocated to the Program) will be available to innovative treatments and trials (e.g. Yarra's 30km/h trial), which will be assessed on a case by case basis. The conditions relating to the additional funding is not known at this stage.
11. The funding options and conditions presented in this report were provided by VicRoads to officers on 26 April 2017. The funding options have been subsequently discussed with Council's Capital Works Planning Group and Council's Executive Team.
12. A map of LAPM precincts in Yarra is included as Attachment 1.
The proposal and Council's requested commitment
13. The Program provides the opportunity for each metropolitan council to receive up to \$1million in external funds for local area traffic management projects on a 50/50 basis (i.e. total achievable project costs of \$2 million) over the three year project lifecycle.
14. Given the timeframes in delivering traffic management works and securing funding, VicRoads recognise that in most cases the majority of funds would be spent in the later part of the program (i.e. financial years 2 and 3 being 2018/2019 and 2019/2020).

15. However, VicRoads also recognise that some projects can be delivered next financial year that currently do not have funding. Delivery of infrastructure in the first year is VicRoads preference to ensure that projects are delivered in each year over the 3 years.
16. VicRoads are seeking a commitment on which option would be Council's preference, should Council take up this opportunity for significant external funding, and confirmation that Council could meet the 50/50 contribution.
17. The proposal(s) put forward by VicRoads is shown in the below table. It is noted that under Option 2 and Option 3 there is zero funding required by Council in the first year.

Safer Travel Speeds on Local Streets Funding Options						
	Option 1 (\$1000's)		Option 2 (\$1000's)		Option 3 (\$1000's)	
	VicRoads	Council	VicRoads	Council	VicRoads	Council
2017-18	100	100	200	0	200	0
2018-19	400	400	500	300	400	500
2019-20	500	500	300	700	400	500
Total 3 years	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000

How Yarra would deliver this project

18. Within Council's Long Term Financial Strategy (LTFS), there is indicative funding to deliver committed LAPM works already endorsed by Council in the Princes Hill Precinct (LAPM 1), Rose Precinct Fitzroy (LAPM 9) and Gold Precinct Collingwood (LAPM 10) to the extent of \$749,300 in 2018/19 and \$177,000 in 2019/20. This totals \$926,300 over these two years.
19. A comparison of funding included in the LTFS to the options suggested by VicRoads indicates that there is a match with either Option 2 or Option 3.
20. A grant of \$200,000 for 2017/18 from VicRoads would enable works approved by Council in the Gold Precinct Collingwood (LAPM 10) to be completed. These works can be designed and delivered within this timeframe.
21. Based on Option 3 that leaves \$726,300 of Council approved works in the Princes Hill Precinct (LAPM 1) and Rose Precinct Fitzroy (LAPM 9) that could be completed in years 2018/19 and 2019/20, for which there would be total available funding of \$1.8m.
22. Accordingly, to fulfil the obligations of the grant Program, works to the value of \$1.074m would need to be identified through new LAPM studies.
23. Therefore in 2017/18 it is recommended that 3 LAPM studies be undertaken. This should include one LAPM study in each Council ward in accordance with the LAPM Priority Listing provided to Councillors in December 2016 (refer [Attachment 2](#)) as part of the Budget preparation process.
24. Hence LAPM studies for the Scotchmer Precinct North Fitzroy (LAPM 3), Abbotsford Precinct (LAPM 13) and Bendigo Precinct Richmond (LAPM 19) would be completed during 2017/18, with a view to delivering the full \$1.8 million of available budget during 2018/19 and 2019/20.

Alternative funding options

25. Discussions with VicRoads have indicated that Council does not have to take up the full funding option (i.e. up to \$1 million) to receive funding.
26. Funding may be requested on a project by project basis, or a lesser overall amount of funding can be requested.
27. However any funding will only be provided on a 50/50 basis.

External Consultation

28. Officers have been working closely with the VicRoads team to help develop the Program options.

29. The external consultation for LAPM works currently endorsed by Council has been undertaken in line with Council's LAPM Policy.
30. The external consultation for future LAPM studies will be undertaken during each respective study in line with Council's LAPM policy during 2017/18.

Internal Consultation (One Yarra)

31. The options presented in this report were discussed at the Capital Works Planning Group meeting on 16 May 2017.
32. The options presented in this report were discussed at the Executive Team meeting on 24 May 2017. The Executive Team support the proposal in principle provided that any funding required by Council is consistent with the draft 2017/18 Budget and the LTFS.
33. The required interdepartmental consultation for LAPM works currently endorsed by Council has been undertaken in line with Council's LAPM Policy.
34. The required interdepartmental consultation for the proposed future LAPM studies will be undertaken in line with Council's LAPM Policy during 2017/18.

Financial Implications

35. The funding option recommended by officers is Option 3 put forward by VicRoads (as per the below table).

	Option 3 (\$1000's)	
	VicRoads	Council
2017/18	200	0
2018/19	400	500
2019/20	400	500
Total 3 years	1000	1000

36. The proposal requires zero funding from Council in 2017/18.
37. The proposal requires Council to allocate \$500,000 funding in the 2018/19 budget and \$500,000 in the 2019/20 budget as part of Council's overall Roads Program.
38. The required funding amounts for 2018/19 and 2019/20 are consistent with Council's Long Term Financial Strategy.

Economic Implications

39. There are no economic issues arising from the recommendations in this report.

Sustainability Implications

40. There are no sustainability issues arising from the recommendations in this report.

Social Implications

41. The Traffic Management Plan(s) (TMP) for Rose Precinct Fitzroy (LAPM 9) and Gold Precinct Collingwood (LAPM 10) were endorsed in June 2015 and March 2015 respectively.
42. There is a community expectation regarding the delivery of the agreed treatments in these precincts particularly given the length of time since the adoption of the endorsed TMP.
43. The TMP for Princes Hill Precinct (LAPM 1) was endorsed by Council in February 2016. At the start of 2017/18 financial year it will be approximately 18 months since the endorsed TMP with no treatments delivered in LAPM1.
44. There is community support for the priority LAPM projects (including approximately 40 public submissions to the draft 2017/18 Budget process) including the new LAPM studies.

Human Rights Implications

45. There are no human rights issues arising from the recommendations in this report.

Communications with CALD Communities Implications

46. A language advisory panel will be included in any future correspondence with residents and owner non-occupiers. This will include contact details and a reference number to access Council's interpreter service.

Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

47. The preferred funding option is consistent with the Council Plan commitment to enhance community safety and Council's adopted Safe Travel Strategy 2016 and LAPM Policy.

Legal Implications

48. Should Council proceed with the recommendations in this report, there will be a requirement to enter contractual arrangements with the State Government to ensure that any funding provided by the State Government is matched by Council on a 50/50 basis.

Other Issues

49. There are no other issues arising from the recommendations in this report.

Options

50. Council has three options on the position it could take regarding the external funding opportunity proposed by SSRIP.

Option 1: Proceed with the officer recommended Option 3 funding

51. This option will allow Council to deliver substantial traffic management works between 2017/18 and 2019/20. This would include:
- (a) delivering outstanding works in Gold Precinct Collingwood (LAPM 10) in 2017/2018 and undertake LAPM studies in 2017/18 for Scotchmer Precinct North Fitzroy (LAPM 3), Abbotsford Precinct (LAPM 13) and Bendigo Precinct Richmond (LAPM 19);
 - (b) delivering outstanding Princes Hill Precinct (LAPM 1) and Rose Precinct Fitzroy (LAPM 9) works put forward in Council's Long Term Financial Plan for 2018/19 and 2019/20 during these financial years; and
 - (c) delivering to the available budget the works put forward by the 2017/18 studies in Scotchmer Precinct North Fitzroy (LAPM 3), Abbotsford Precinct (LAPM 13) and Bendigo Precinct Richmond (LAPM 19) for 2018/19 and 2019/20 during these financial years.
52. The Option 3 funding proposal will assist Council in meeting community expectations regarding the delivery of committed works from previous LAPM studies.
53. The Option 3 funding proposal will assist Council in meeting community expectations regarding the reactivation of the LAPM process and undertaking new LAPM studies.
54. The Option 3 funding proposal requires zero funding from Council in 2017/18.
55. The Option 3 funding proposal requires Council to allocate \$500,000 funding in the 2018/19 budget and \$500,000 in the 2019/20 budget as part of Council's overall Roads Program and as per funding provided by the LTFS.
56. The required funding amounts for 2018/19 and 2019/20 are consistent with Council's Long Term Financial Strategy.

Option 2: Proceed with a lower funding option

57. Council does not have to take up the full funding option (i.e. up to \$1 million) to receive funding from VicRoads.

58. Council could to determine the level of funding under a lower funding option, noting that any funding will only be provided on a 50/50 basis e.g. a Council commitment of \$500,000 over 3 years and receive matching funding of \$500,000 from VicRoads rather than the \$1M that Council would receive under option 3.
59. A lower level of funding will make it more difficult to meet community expectations regarding the delivery of committed works from previous LAPM studies or undertaking new LAPM studies (or achieve both).

Option 3: Not proceed with the external funding proposal

60. Council is not required to proceed with the external funding proposal put forward by VicRoads.
61. This would require Council to fully fund committed LAPM works from previous LAPM studies and any future LAPM studies.
62. There is currently no budget allocated to deliver committed LAPM works or undertake new LAPM studies in the draft 2017/18 budget.

Conclusion

63. The recommended funding proposal put forward by VicRoads and Council officers (as per the below table) is Option 3, noting that this requires zero funding from Council in 2017/18 and that the amounts for 2018/19 and 2019/20 are consistent with Council's Long Term Financial Strategy.

	Option 3 (\$1000's)	
	VicRoads	Council
2017-18	200	0
2018-19	400	500
2019-20	400	500
Total	1000	1000

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) authorises officers to accept VicRoad's offer of \$1million grant funding over 3 years to fund the following local area traffic and place-making projects:
 - (i) delivering outstanding works in Gold Precinct Collingwood (LAPM 10) in 2017/18 and undertake LAPM studies in 2017/18 for Scotchmer Precinct North Fitzroy (LAPM 3), Abbotsford Precinct (LAPM 13) and Bendigo Precinct Richmond (LAPM 19);
 - (ii) delivering outstanding Princes Hill Precinct (LAPM 1) and Rose Precinct Fitzroy (LAPM 9) works put forward in Council's Long Term Financial Plan for 2018/19 and 2019/20 during these financial years; and
 - (iii) delivering the works identified by the 2017/18 studies in Scotchmer Precinct North Fitzroy (LAPM 3), Abbotsford Precinct (LAPM 13) and Bendigo Precinct Richmond (LAPM 19) during 2018/19 and 2019/20; and
 - (b) allocates \$500,000 funding in the 2018/19 budget and \$500,000 in the 2019/20 budget for the above projects as part of Council's overall Roads Program; and
 - (c) Notes that the above funding is consistent with the funding allocated for local area traffic management and place-making in Council's Long Term Financial Strategy.

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Attachments

- 1** Yarra LAPM Precinct Map
- 2** LAPM Priority List

Attachment 1 - Yarra LAPM Precinct Map

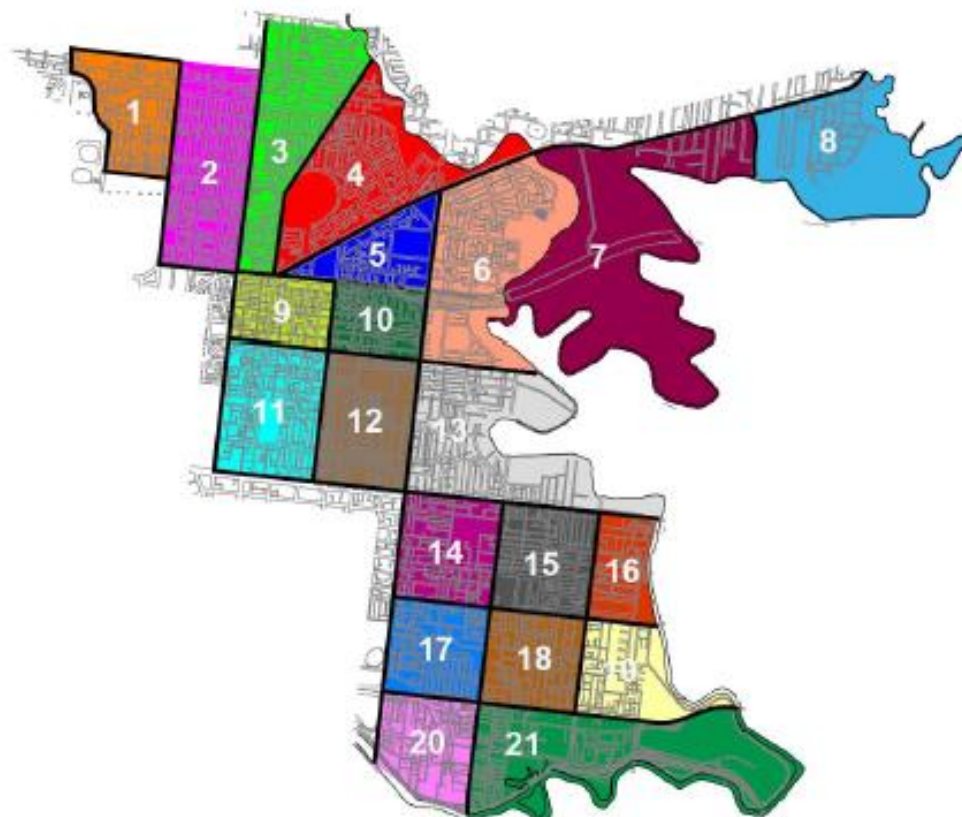


Figure 1 – Layout of LAPM Precincts

No.	Precinct
1	Princes Hill
2	North Carlton
3	Scotchmer (North Fitzroy)
4	North Fitzroy
5	West Clifton Hill
6	East Clifton Hill
7	Coate
8	Alphington
9	Rose
10	Gold
11	Fitzroy
12	Collingwood
13	Abbotsford
14	North Richmond
15	Highett
16	Victoria
17	Richmond
18	Coppin
19	Bendigo
20	Balmain
21	Barkly

Attachment 2 - LAPM Priority List**LAPM Priority Ranking List**

Rank in November 2016 Priority Ranking Assessment	Yarra Local Area Place Making (LAPM) Area	
	LAPM Number	LAPM Name
1	LAPM 3	Scotchmer Precinct North Fitzroy
2	LAPM 13	Abbotsford Precinct
3	LAPM 2	North Carlton Precinct
4	LAPM 19	Bendigo Precinct Richmond
5	LAPM 6	East Clifton Hill Precinct
6	LAPM 18	Coppin Precinct Richmond
7	LAPM 5	West Clifton Hill Precinct
8	LAPM 15	Highett Precinct Richmond
9	LAPM 8	Alphington Precinct
10	LAPM 14	North Richmond Precinct
11	LAPM 7	Coate Precinct Fairfield
12	LAPM 12	Collingwood Precinct
13	LAPM 11	Fitzroy Precinct
14	LAPM 4	North Fitzroy Precinct
15	LAPM 9	Rose Precinct Fitzroy
16	LAPM 20	Balmain Precinct Richmond
17	LAPM 17	Richmond Precinct
18	LAPM 21	Barkly Precinct Richmond
19	LAPM 16	Victoria Precinct Richmond
20	LAPM 10	Gold Precinct Collingwood
21	LAPM 1	Princes Hill Precinct

11.2 Proposed 2017/18 Budget and Long Term Financial Strategy and Council Plan 2017-21 Adoption

Trim Record Number: D17/68914

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate, Business and Finance

Purpose

1. In relation to the Proposed Council Plan 2017-21, 2017/18 Budget, and 2017/18 - 2026/27 Long Term Financial Strategy (LTFS), Council having considered public submissions and other information contained in this report, must resolve on whether to:
 - (a) adopt the advertised Council Plan, Budget, and LTFS following public notice and inspection in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act* 1989 (the Act) and Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014 (the Regulations); and
 - (b) declare the amount which the Council intends to raise by general rates and charges for the 2017/18 rating year;

or

 - (c) adopt in principle:
 - (i) an alternate Budget with no waste service charge;
 - (ii) re-advertise for a further 28 days; and
 - (iii) defer the adoption of the advertised Council Plan until the adopted Budget is known.

Background

2. On 21 February 2017, Council resolved that the draft Budget be prepared on the basis of a separate waste and environmental service charge.
3. On 4 April 2017, Council resolved to adopt in principle the current draft 2017-2021 Council Plan and draft 2017/18 Budget and LTFS inclusive of a waste service charge in addition to general rates for the purpose of community consultation.
4. On 16 May 2017, Council resolved:

“That officers prepare an alternate Budget 2017-2018 and Long Term Financial Strategy that does not include a new waste service charge, to present to Council, in addition to the advertised budget, on 6 June.”
5. On 17 May 2017, Council held a Special Council Meeting to hear verbal submissions on the advertised Council Plan, Budget, and LTFS.
6. Officers have delivered on each of Council's budget resolutions.

Consultation

7. The proposed 2017-21 Council Plan and 2017/18 draft Budget & LTFS were publicised via:
 - (a) a formal notice in The Age on Thursday 6 April 2017;
 - (b) a double page advertisement in the Melbourne Weekly Times;
 - (c) a double page spread in Yarra News, delivered to some 47,000 Yarra households and commercial properties;
 - (d) extensive information (including questions and answers) on Council's website, hot topics, and Council's dedicated online engagement portal;
 - (e) a detailed letter (including an additional question and answers fact sheet) mailed to all non-resident ratepayers;

- (f) communications via Council's social media channels (Facebook and Twitter) and Council's customer service centres and libraries;
- (g) e-news with links to members of our 14 advisory committees and registered members of our online engagement portal;
- (h) advertisements on community radio including non-English speaking radio programs and in community non-English speaking newspapers;
- (i) the proposed Council Plan and Budget were available for public inspection for 35 days, from 6 April – 11 May 2017;
- (j) five open community information sessions were held at the following times and locations:
 - (i) Wednesday 19 April, Edinburgh Gardens Community Centre, Fitzroy 6.00pm – 8.00pm;
 - (ii) Friday 21 April, Studio 1 GTV 9, Richmond 12.00pm - 2.00pm;
 - (iii) Thursday 27 April, Fitzroy Town Hall, 6.00pm – 8.00pm;
 - (iv) Saturday 29 April, Collingwood Senior Citizens Centre 10.00 am – 12.00pm; and
 - (v) Thursday 4 May, Richmond Town Hall 6.00pm – 8.00pm;
- (k) full copies of submissions were provided to Council and verbal submissions heard by Council at its special meeting on Wednesday 17 May 2017;
- (l) the consultation feedback and submissions received have influenced Council to request an additional alternate budget to be prepared for consideration; and
- (m) should Council resolve to adopt in principle the alternate budget, submissions received from the first consultation process will be considered together with any submissions from the second consultation process.

Financial Implications

8. The Council Plan and Budget process is guided by legislation and has major financial implications for Council's current and future operations and financial direction into the future.
9. The following financial implications arise depending on the Budget that is adopted:
 - (i) Current Advertised Budget - \$8.5M waste service charge in addition to general rates
 Council will have the capability to:
 - (a) repay debt with cash
 - (b) respond to unanticipated financial pressures (e.g. defined benefit calls)
 - (c) respond to community priorities
 - (ii) Alternate Budget – No waste service charge introduced
 Council will have to:
 - (a) refinance debt commitments
 Council will have limited capacity to:
 - (b) respond to unanticipated financial pressures
 - (c) respond to community priorities unless it reviews the capital works, and operating budget or alters service levels.
10. The Financial Statements, Victorian Auditor-General Office sustainability indicators, and the rates declarations for the alternate budget option is attached as summary information. If an alternate budget is adopted in principle, the full versions of the Budget, SRP, and LTFS will be statutorily advertised for consultation.

11. It should be noted that if Council chooses to put an alternative budget out for future consultation it will not be adopted until the 2017/2018 financial year has commenced. This will result in the delayed application of any new fees and will require reforecasting in the first quarter of 2017/2018.

Economic Implications

12. The proposed budget will enable Council to maintain its existing services and works programs in 2017/2018 which in turn continue to support and contribute to economic activity in the municipality. Council's budget has wide-ranging economic implications for Yarra's citizens, particularly those reliant on Council infrastructure, services and funding, as well as those that benefit from Council's strategic advocacy role.

Sustainability Implications

13. The draft Council Plan, Budget, & LTFS support Council's environmental sustainability strategies as outlined in the Council Plan and is prepared on the basis of achieving long-term financial sustainability of Council.

Social Implications

14. The social implications of these documents hold Council's strategic objectives which include supporting the community, liveability and sustainability.

Human Rights Implications

15. Human Rights have been considered, and there are no human rights implications.

Communications with CALD Communities Implications

16. Translation service assistance is available via Council's website for members of the CALD community and this service extended to the Council Plan and Budget process.

Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

17. In accordance with Section 125 of the Act, Council has also prepared a Council Plan 2017-2021. The Draft Budget and Strategic Resource Plan (SRP) complement the Council Plan 2017-2021. In accordance with Section 125(7) of the Act, the Council Plan has been reviewed.
18. The Strategic Resource Plan is essentially Council's four year Budget. As the SRP forms part of the Council Plan, if Council adopts an alternate Budget, the SRP will need to be readvertised for the statutory requirement of 28 days. The current Council Plan adoption would then be deferred until this consultation process has concluded.

Legal Implications

19. Adoption of Council's proposed Council Plan, Budget, and LTFS process is as prescribed in the Act and all requirements have been addressed.

Other Issues

20. Council has received 1006 submissions identifying 1113 issues. (This is a substantial increase compared to a total of 135 submissions received during last year's budget consultation and 52 submissions received in 2013).
21. A summary of submission issues is contained in Attachment 4. Councillors have been provided with full details of all submissions and officer responses.
22. The Waste Service Charge attracted the most number of submissions (798 in total with 727 in opposition including 343 adding support for council to reduce expenditure or seek alternate revenue streams, 41 in support with the balance of submissions either requesting further information or not stating a position).
23. Other popular issues included:
 - (a) request for Council to provide funding to redevelop the Peterson Oval Cricket Pitches (46 submissions);

- (b) request for Council to provide funding to redevelop the Carlton bocce court as a community garden (33 submissions);
 - (c) request for Council to provide funding for LAPMS work especially in Princes Hill (19 submissions) and Scotchmer (21 submissions);
 - (d) request for Council to continue funding Neighbourhood Houses (18 submissions);
 - (e) request for Council to increase funding for sustainable transport alternatives (14 submissions);
 - (f) request for Council to become a member of the Leadership Group of Councils with the Alliance for gambling reform (12 submissions); and
 - (g) request for Council to cut expenditure (11 submissions).
24. The community continued to provide submissions and general feedback to Councillors after the closing date for submissions. Full details of all late submissions have been provided to Councillors as information.

Options

25. Following a detailed review of these submissions, Officers are not recommending any changes to the proposed Budget or LTFS, however are recommending the following revisions to the proposed Council Plan 2017-21 (The Council Plan is included as Attachment 1).
26. Officers are recommending the following changes to be made to the proposed Council Plan as a result of public submissions received:
- (a) include additional heritage indicators:
 - (i) complete the Heritage Strategy 2015-2018 and develop a new or continuing Heritage Strategy 2018-2021;
 - (ii) the number of heritage buildings (individually significant or contributory to heritage precincts) demolished each year be recorded for Council with a zero target;
 - (b) include additional health and wellbeing indicators:
 - (i) Satisfaction with parks, gardens and open space (Annual Customer Satisfaction Survey and ParkScape Survey);
 - (ii) Gaming machine losses per adult (Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation);
 - (iii) Percentage of adults who feel valued by society (Victorian Population Health Survey);
 - (iv) Percentage of adults who report high or very high psychological distress (Victorian Population Health Survey);
 - (v) Percentage of children who are developmentally on track (Australian Early Development Census);
 - (vi) Perceptions of safety, day and night (Annual Customer Satisfaction Survey);
 - (vii) Percentage of adults consuming recommended intake of vegetables (Victorian Population Health Survey);
 - (viii) Percentage of adults who undertook adequate physical activity (Victorian Population Health Survey);
 - (ix) Report on alcohol and drug harm minimisation initiatives delivered;
 - (x) Percentage of adults with increased risk of short term alcohol-related harm (Victorian Population Health Survey);
 - (xi) Report on delivered advocacy and health and wellbeing activities; and
 - (xii) Deliver the Social and Affordable Housing Strategy.

- (c) refine and add strategies, indicators and initiatives relating to women's health
 - (i) under strategy "Promote environments that support safe and respectful sexual practices and reproductive choices" include the following Strategic Indicators:
 - number of programs and initiatives focused on improving sexual and reproductive health outcomes;
 - a reduction in rates of chlamydia and teenage pregnancy;
 - (iii) under strategy "Promote environments that support safe and respectful sexual practices and reproductive choices" include the following Initiative:
 - develop partnerships with local and regional organisations committed to improving sexual and reproductive health outcomes;
 - (iv) add new Strategy "Promote a gender equitable, safe and respectful community" including new Strategic Indicator:
 - number of community activities and programs supported and developed; and new Initiatives;
 - work with local and regional partners to lead work to advance gender equity, prevent violence against women and promote respectful relationships; and
 - continue to take a leadership role by implementing Gender Equity Strategy 2016-2021.

27. Officers are recommending the following changes be made to the Council Plan as a result of feedback received from staff:

- (a) initiative 2.1.1 from:

"Support community groups and Yarra's existing advisory committees to participate in consultations, connect with each other and build community connectedness and resilience" to

"Support community groups and Yarra's existing advisory committees to participate in consultations and civic life, connect with each other and build community connectedness and resilience";
- (b) update indicators under Strategy 6.4 from

Remove "Number of advocacy initiatives to state government on improving public transport"

Add "Monitor progress on improving public transport accessibility and report on any advocacy initiatives" and

"Satisfaction with Council's advocacy efforts" (ACSS);
- (c) update indicators under Strategy 6.6

Remove "Number of advocacy campaigns to state government on improving public transport and reducing road congestion."

Add "Report on advocacy initiatives related to unsatisfactory public transport services"

- (d) remove Initiative “Encourage community involvement in consultation engagements” under Strategy 7.3 Maintain a culture of transparency, governance, ethical practice and management of risks that instils a high level of community respect and confidence in Council decision-making as it doesn’t relate to the Strategy;
- (e) add Initiative “Design and deliver planned engagement processes to encourage community involvement in Council decision making, in line with the Community Engagement Policy” under Strategy 7.6 “Provide the community with meaningful and genuine opportunities to contribute to and participate in Council planning and decision making processes with a focus on hard to reach communities”;
- (f) replace Initiative “Develop and implement a robust Information Services Strategy to support Council’s service to the community” under Strategy 7.9 “Continue a ‘customer centric’ approach to all service planning and delivery” with:
“Continue to implement strategies that enhance customer and community experience with Council across services.” and
- (g) replace Initiative “Continue to implement engagement capacity building programs and strategies in line with the Community Engagement Policy” under Strategy 7.10 “Advocate for the best interests of our community” with:
“Continue Council’s strategic advocacy program, advocating to other levels of government and stakeholders in the best interests of the Yarra community.”

- 28. Other minor administrative and grammatical changes have been made where necessary.
- 29. The Department of Health have proposed changes to ensure compliance with their requirements to incorporate the Health Plan in the Council Plan. These changes will be made as recommended by the Department.
- 30. Minor corrections and updates to the fees and charges schedule are proposed as follows:

Fees and Charges Description	2016-17 Adopted Fee	2017-18 Proposed Fee	Comments
Parking signs - sign changes	\$185.00	\$185.00	This fee was inadvertently missed in the original draft budget
Land information certificates*	\$24.80	\$25.90	Statutory Fee change

- 31. The adopted Budget will include the final results of any supplementary valuations of properties in the municipality which will then determine the final ‘rate in the \$’ to be used to generate general rate income. It is not anticipated to differ materially from the adopted in principle rate.

Conclusion

- 32. Council’s Proposed Council Plan 2017-21 and 2017/18 Proposed Budget & LTFS process commenced in December 2016 and involved several Councillor and Officer meetings conducted over the past six months.
- 33. The formal public consultation phase of this process commenced in April 2017 with five community information sessions. The public submission process generated substantial interest and input from the community, culminating in 1006 submissions on the draft documents.
- 34. All submissions have been reviewed and assessed (refer Attachment 4). Officers will respond to all submitters in writing.
- 35. Council has satisfied the legislative requirements of the process and is now in a position to adopt the advertised Council Plan 2017-21, 2017/18 Budget and 2017/18 – 2026/27 LTFS.

36. Any further changes resulting from Council Plan and Budget deliberation and resolution will be incorporated in the final version of the documents.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1:

1. That Council:

- (a) having received and considered all submissions under Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act), resolves to adopt the 2017-21 proposed Council Plan, 2017/18 Budget and the 2017/18 – 2026/27 LTFS as the final adopted documents of Council and as amended for final valuation figures for the 2017-18 financial year;
- (b) makes copies of the adopted documents available at Council offices, libraries and on the Council website;
- (c) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to give public notice of the decision to adopt the documents and submit a copy to the Minister for Local Government, in accordance with Section 130 of the Act;
- (d) notifies in writing the persons who have made a submission regarding the documents and of Council's decision, in accordance with Section 223 of the Act.
- (e) declares rates and charges as per pages 58 – 60 of the budget document, in summary, an amount of \$113,839,000 (or such greater amount as is lawfully levied as a consequence of this resolution) as the amount which Council intends to raise by General Rates and other charges, which is calculated as follows:

General Rates	\$ 104,058,000
Special Rates Schemes	\$ 181,000
Service Charges	\$ 8,500,000
Supplementary Rates	\$1,100,000
Total Rates and Charges	\$ 113,839,000

- (f) advises in respect to General Rates:
 - (i) a general rate be declared in respect of and for the entire duration of the 2017/18 financial year;
 - (ii) it further be declared that the general rate be raised by application of a uniform rate;
 - (iii) a percentage of 0.040911 be specified as the percentage of the uniform rate which may be alternatively expressed as \$0.040911 cents in the NAV dollar;
 - (iv) it be confirmed that no amount is fixed as the minimum amount payable by way of a general rate in respect of each rateable property within the municipality; and
 - (v) the Council funded Pensioner Rate Rebate be declared at \$178.50 for 2017/18;
- (g) declares annual service charges of:
 - (i) 80 litre bin service (residential) - \$165.00 per annum;
 - (ii) 120 litre bin service (residential) - \$247.50 per annum;
 - (iii) 240 litre bin service (residential) - \$800 per annum;
 - (iv) 80 litre bin service (commercial) - \$165.00 per annum + GST if applicable;
 - (v) 120 litre bin service (commercial) - \$247.50 per annum + GST if applicable;
 - (vi) 240 litre bin service (commercial) - \$800 per annum + GST if applicable;

- (vii) a 50% rebate of the waste service charge for pensioners and health care card holders relevant to their bin size service for the first year only, and to be reviewed each year as part of the Budget process;
- (h) declares no Municipal Charge in respect of the 2017/18 financial year; and
- (i) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to effect minor administrative and wording changes to the Council Plan, Budget, and LTFS, which may be required.

Option 2:

- 2. Adopts in principle an alternate 2017/18 Budget, SRP, and 2017/18 – 2026/27 LTFS with no waste service charge; and
 - (a) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:
 - (i) give public notice of the preparation of the draft alternate Budget, in accordance with sections 129(1) and 223 of the Act and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014; and
 - (ii) make the draft alternate Budget, SRP, & LTFS available for public inspection in accordance with sections 129 and 223 of the Act;
 - (b) considers:
 - (i) any submissions received on the draft alternate Budget (together with submissions received from the first consultation process), at a Special Council Meeting to be held Wednesday 19 July pursuant to Section 223 of the Act; and
 - (ii) resolves to consider for adoption the alternate Budget, with or without modification, at the Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 1 August 2017;
 - (c) defers the adoption of the advertised Council Plan until the adopted Budget is known.

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Attachments

- 1 Draft Council Plan 2017-2021
- 2 2017-18 City of Yarra Budget Waste \$8.5m - Adoption Final 01.06.2017
- 3 Long Term Financial Strategy 2017-18 to 2026-27 Adopted Final 01.06.2017
- 4 Submissions Summary
- 5 Alternate Budget - No Waste Service Charge included

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Our Yarra

A vibrant, liveable and sustainable inner city that the community can be proud of

A place where

Everyone is welcome,
People inspire, create and get involved,
Council champions fairness, equity, health and wellbeing and sustainable living,
Communities are passionate about arts, culture and diversity,
Neighbourhoods value heritage, open space and natural environments,
Spaces and places encourage active, healthy and connected lifestyles,
We embrace the contribution of many voices and cultures.

Acknowledgement

Yarra City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri as the Traditional Owners of this country, pays tribute to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Yarra and gives respect to Elders past and present.

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Your Councillors

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Councillors were elected in October 2016 for a four-year term.

Langridge Ward

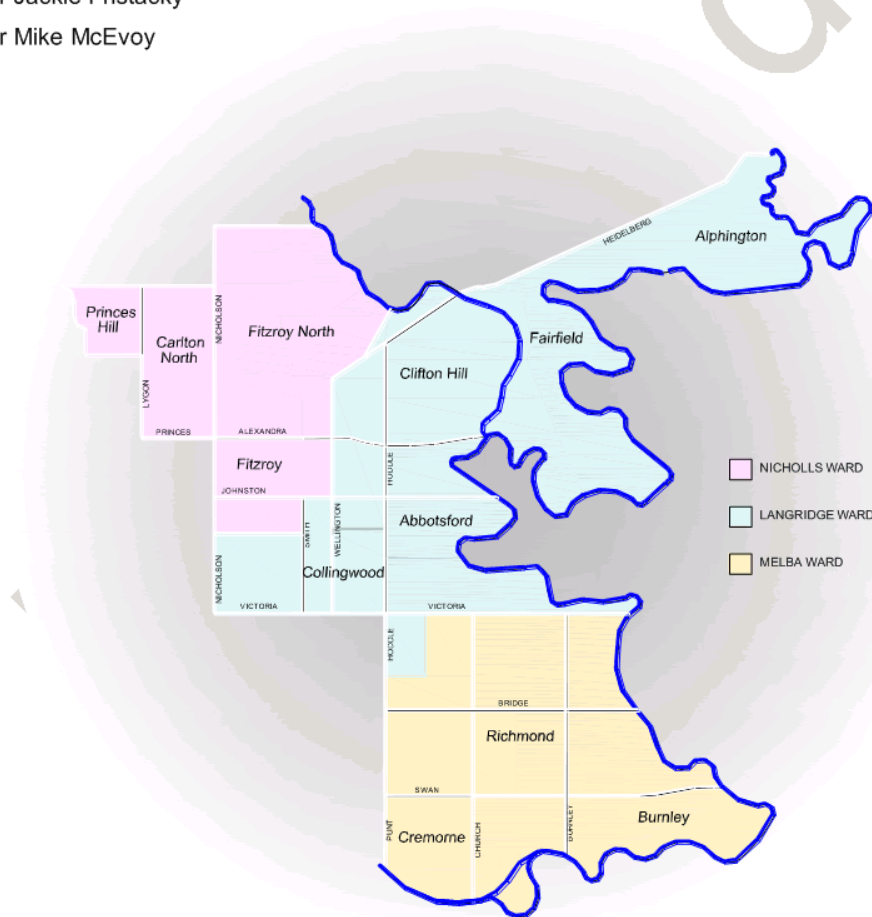
Cr Danae Bosler
Cr Stephen Jolly
Cr Amanda Stone (Mayor)

Melba Ward

Cr Mi-Lin Chen Yi Mei
Cr Daniel Nguyen
Cr James Searle

Nicholls Ward

Cr Misha Coleman
Cr Jackie Fristacky
Cr Mike McEvoy



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Message from Mayor

The Council Plan represents our vision for the City of Yarra. Informed by the community, it will guide some of our most important projects and programs over the next four years and help us respond to emerging opportunities and challenges. The Council Plan enables us to measure our progress and – importantly – to report back to the community in a timely and transparent fashion.

The City of Yarra is experiencing a period of considerable growth, with the population set to increase by 33% over the next two decades. The Council Plan builds on our past achievements in providing highly valued community services, leading local government in sustainability and responding to climate change, and identifying and preserving those qualities that are uniquely Yarra.

The new Plan positions us to respond to an increased demand on services and infrastructure. It will help us preserve the unique qualities of Yarra while taking advantage of the cultural and economic opportunities that come with growth. It will ensure we continue to take a leading role in responding to the challenges faced through a changing climate which will impact on our most vulnerable citizens.

The Council Plan has been informed by extensive community engagement. The issues and priorities identified were in line with those raised through our recent Liveable Yarra process. Our Liveable Yarra 'People's Panel' stated a willingness to accommodate growth and change, but wanted Council to manage this with the same focus on multiculturalism, political activism and environmental consciousness that they are very proud of.

With that in mind, our high level aspirations in this Plan are expressed through the following strategic objectives:

- Community health, safety and wellbeing are a focus in everything we do
- Inclusion, diversity and uniqueness are welcomed, respected and celebrated
- Council leads on sustainability and protects and enhances its natural environment
- Development and growth are managed to maintain and enhance the character and heritage of the city
- Local businesses prosper and creative and knowledge industries thrive
- Connectivity and travel options are environmentally sustainable, integrated and well-designed
- Transparency, performance and community participation drive the way we operate

The Council Plan is the culmination of more than six months of community consultation. We received feedback from hundreds of community members passionate about both the future of their city and the role that their local Council can play in preserving and enhancing it. It was informed by thousands of community-generated ideas and critiques.

Allow me to formally record our gratitude to everyone who participated in the consultation process. The Council Plan has benefited enormously from the local knowledge and expertise of our wonderfully engaged community, and we have an exciting four years ahead of us.

Councillor Amanda Stone
Mayor, Yarra City Council

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Welcome to the Council Plan

Yarra City Council's Council Plan sets out our priorities and direction for the next four years. We undertook an in-depth discussion with our community to inform the development of the Plan and ensure that it reflects and responds to what's important to you.

In a first for Yarra, the Council Plan incorporates our Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan. Bringing these two plans together in one document acknowledges that community health and wellbeing is a core responsibility of Council, and is part of everything we aspire to achieve.

What is a Council Plan?

A Council Plan is developed every four years after the election of a new Council.

Under the *Local Government Act 1989* the plan must include:

- The strategic objectives of the Council
- Strategies for achieving the objectives for at least the next 4 years
- Indicators for monitoring the achievement of the objectives
- A Strategic Resource Plan that outlines how the strategies will be financed.

The Council Plan 2017-21 sets out Council's vision and goals under the following headings:

- Objectives – vision statements for what Yarra will look like in the future
- Strategies – how Council will work towards achieving these visions
- Initiatives – actions Council will undertake over the next four years

How is it developed?

We invited our community to help shape the Council Plan, undertaking an extensive program of engagement and communications activities to inform and involve local residents, businesses and community groups from all backgrounds.

More than 1100 community members participated in the consultation across a number of platforms, including:

- Online – On the Your Say Yarra website
- In person – We held five listening posts across Richmond, Fitzroy, North Fitzroy and Clifton Hill
- Targeted workshops – We spoke to community groups from a diverse range of backgrounds
- Advisory Committee Workshop – Bringing together members of Council's established advisory committees
- Social media – Facebook and Twitter posts
- Written submissions - via post and email

Engagement activities, both online and in person, were predominately through an ideas generation process, seeking responses to four questions:

What do you love about Yarra?

Thinking about your current experience of living, working or enjoying Yarra, what do you love about this city?

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What would make Yarra even better?

Thinking about Yarra in the future, what would make Yarra a better place to live in four years' time, by 2021?

What do you want your Council to do over the next 4 years?

Thinking about the many decisions the newly elected Council needs to make, what do you want them to focus on?

How can Council improve community health?

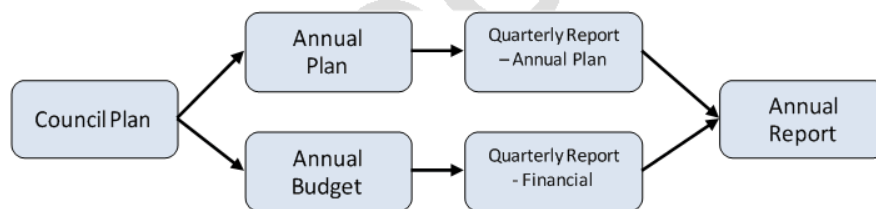
Thinking about the range of health needs in the community, what can Council do over the next four years?

Speaking with and listening to our community helped us develop a Council Plan that reflects your needs and aspirations. The ideas and feedback we collected shaped the Objectives and Strategies within the Plan, and enabled us to develop Initiatives that respond to community priorities.

How is it delivered and reported?

The Council Plan is a strategic document, reflecting medium- to long-range thinking and direction rather than detailed instructions or a map of what Council will do.

It is delivered through the Annual Plan and Annual Budget processes. Some, but not all, Initiatives from the Council Plan will feature in the Annual Plan. Progress is reported to Council and our community through quarterly reports and finally an Annual Report. This reporting ensures key actions and projects are delivered on time and within budget, with any variations clearly explained.



Why incorporate the Health and Wellbeing Plan?

Council works across a range of areas that influence community health and wellbeing, enabling us to play a key role in contributing to positive health and wellbeing outcomes for our community.

Public health is what we, as a society, do collectively to assure the conditions in which people can be healthy. Public health focuses on prevention, promotion and protection rather than on treatment, on population rather than individuals, and on the factors and behaviour that cause illness and injury¹

Social determinants of health are the economic and social conditions that influence the ability of people and communities to achieve good health, examples include, income,

¹ Victorian Health Priorities Framework 2012-2022

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employment, access to education and access to health care. Factors influencing health and wellbeing include the conditions of birth, grow, work, life, and age, and the broader set of political, social, cultural and environmental forces and systems shaping daily life.

The development of the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan) has had regard to the Victorian public health and wellbeing plan 2015–2019 which includes the following six priorities:

- Healthier eating and active living
- Tobacco free living
- Reducing harmful alcohol and drug use
- Improving mental health
- Preventing violence and injury
- Improving sexual and reproductive health

Over the 4 years, the priorities will be addressed by Council via existing plans and strategies as well as with new initiatives. They will also drive new partnerships and continuing to work with those already established. Council along with key stakeholders have a commitment to improving health outcomes through a variety of measures and a collaborative approach to achieving the plans vision. .

Under the *Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*, local government is required to develop a Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan (MPHWP) every four years.

Incorporating the MPHWP into the Council Plan:

- Demonstrates Council's commitment to working in partnership with service providers and the community for optimal health and wellbeing
- Strengthens our accountability in achieving health and wellbeing objectives
- Increases effectiveness by avoiding the duplication that can occur across separate plans
- Acknowledges that community health and wellbeing is part of everything we aspire to achieve

As part of the community engagement for the Council Plan, we asked the community what Council should do over the next four years to improve community health. The feedback received has informed many of the health and wellbeing strategies and initiatives outlined in the Council Plan.

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Role of Local Government

The primary objective of a Council is to endeavour to achieve the best outcomes for the local community having regard to the long term and cumulative effects of decisions.

Local Government Act 1989

We strive to achieve the best outcomes for our community by providing high quality services, programs and support across the full spectrum of Council service areas.

Significant Council roles include:

- Local service delivery (e.g. maternal and child health, aged and disability, libraries, childcare, waste collection and recycling)
- Infrastructure provision, improvement and maintenance (e.g. roads, footpaths, streetscape improvements, open space, community centres, recreation facilities, public toilets)
- Strategic planning including for activity centres (e.g. land use)
- Regulation and enforcement (e.g. local laws, permits, food premises inspections),
- Facilitation (e.g. economic development, strategic planning, arts and culture events),
- Representation and advocacy (e.g. social justice issues, health outcomes, gender equity, lobbying for better public transport, working with other tiers of government and organisations)
- Community development (e.g. supporting neighbourhood houses, community grants program)
- Partnerships and funding agreements (e.g. working with service providers to assist new migrants).

Local government is required to deliver a wide range of services under Victorian legislation or funding agreements with state and federal governments. Council also needs to act consistently with state, Commonwealth and international legislation such as the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*, the *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities*, and United Nations human rights conventions that Australia is party to.

For more information about local government see the Victorian Government's Guide to Local Government or visit these websites of local government peak bodies and centres:

Australian Centre for Excellence in Local Government: www.acelg.org.au

Australian Local Government Association: www.alga.asn.au

Local Government Victoria: www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/localgovernment

Municipal Association of Victoria: www.mav.asn.au

Victorian Local Governance Association: www.vlga.org.au

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A Brief History of Yarra

The Wurundjeri people are the cultural custodians of the land now known as the City of Yarra.

They cared for the land for many thousands of years before being displaced by European settlers from the 1830s. Council acknowledges the profound impacts of these changes and today celebrates the rich and enduring culture of Yarra's Traditional Owners.

Colonial settlement intensified with the gold rush of the 1850s and Yarra soon became one of the major population centres of the Victorian era. Business and industry boomed over the next century, with Australian icons such as Heinz, Rosella and Fosters operating in the area. In the latter half of the 20th century, people from Greece, Italy and Vietnam arrived and made major contributions to Yarra's culture and economy.

The City of Yarra was established in June 1994 following the Victorian Government's restructure of Local Government. It unites the suburbs of Abbotsford, Burnley, Clifton Hill, Collingwood, Cremorne, Fitzroy, North Carlton, North Fitzroy, Princes Hill and Richmond, as well as parts of Alphington and Fairfield. Each of these neighbourhoods retains their own unique heritage and character.

Yarra Today

Yarra's natural beauty, heritage qualities, cultural attractions and community facilities have made it one of the most sought-after areas to live, work, study and visit².

An abundance of sustainable transport options (including trains, trams and shared pathways) provide easy access to Melbourne's central business district, as well as to the many parks and gardens throughout Yarra.

Residents and visitors have access to quality Council facilities, including five libraries and three leisure centres, a range of kindergartens, childcare centres, and community meeting spaces. Other attractions include Yarra's famous shopping and dining strips, and some of Victoria's most celebrated cultural festivals.

Who we are

Over the past 70 years, Yarra has welcomed large numbers of immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers from Europe, Asia and (more recently) Africa. Today about 19% of Yarra residents were born in non-English speaking countries and 23% speak a language other than English at home. Each group of new arrivals has diversified and strengthened the culture and economy of Yarra.

Overall Yarra is evolving into a more educated and affluent community, with 45% of residents holding tertiary qualifications (compared to the Greater Melbourne average of 24%) and 58% working in management or the professions (compared to the Greater Melbourne average of 37%).

The median age for Yarra residents is 33.7, with a far greater proportion of residents aged in the 25 to 34 age range than in greater Melbourne' 24.5% of the Yarra population are 50+ years of age.

² The information on these pages has been derived from statistics and projections available at profile.id.com.au/yarra and economicprofile.com.au/yarra or in Council's Economic Development Strategy 2015-20.

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How we live

Yarra is a municipality of economic and social extremes. While a third of households earn over \$2,500 per week, and 58% of workers are in managerial and professional occupations, more than one quarter earn less than \$400 per week and many are living with economic hardship and social disadvantage.

The two largest education demographics in Yarra are those who have a Bachelor degree or higher (44.7%) and those with no qualification at all (29.1%).

There are pockets where this split is particularly evident, such as the Richmond-Burnley growth area where highly educated, high-earning young adults are moving into new developments alongside large housing estates in traditionally industrial areas of unskilled labour. In neighbourhoods such as Collingwood, the percentages of people who have a qualification versus those who do not are almost equivalent, whereas in Clifton Hill and Carlton North, there are considerably more people with a tertiary education.

Yarra's housing is denser than greater Melbourne with 37% of us living in apartments (greater Melbourne 15%) and 22% in terraces, semi-detached or town houses (greater Melbourne 53%).

Yarra residents are more likely to travel by foot or bike than other municipalities, with nearly a half of all journeys to and from work using sustainable methods. Yarra has more than double the number of carless households (20%) than greater Melbourne (9%).

A survey conducted in 2009³ indicated that 15% of Yarra's population has a disability. In the 2011 census, approximately 2,800 people in Yarra identified as having a need for assistance with core activities such as personal care, mobility, communication, with the majority of these being over the age of 50.

Place

Yarra is renowned for its dynamic mix of retail, hospitality and entertainment precincts, attracting locals, visitors and tourists alike. our 235 hectares of parkland and open space offer a welcome buffer to high density living, and our heritage buildings are central to Yarra's character. Three-quarters of Yarra's buildings are covered by a Heritage Overlay.

Yarra has an identity as a creative place, built upon the legacy of the students, artists and activists who moved to the inner suburbs in the 1970s and 80s. Yarra's cultural assets include 60 art galleries, numerous artist studios, over 50 live music venues, the Wurundjeri Tribe and Land Council and other key Aboriginal organisations, three community radio stations and a growing creative industry.

Yarra has a thriving local economy employing nearly 70,000 people. The largest employer is the health sector, which accounts for over a fifth of all jobs, closely followed by the retail food and accommodation sector. Most of Yarra's workers (86%) live outside the municipality.

³ ABS National Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers

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What's important to our community

Council Plan community consultation

The top issues identified by the community in the Council Plan community engagement process are:

1. Sustainable transport
2. Drugs and alcohol/community safety
3. Open space
4. Growth and change
5. Social connectedness

The consultation also identified what you love about Yarra:

1. Social connectedness
2. Open space
3. Sustainable transport
4. Recreation and leisure
5. Vibrant activity centres
6. Diverse/inclusive

These issues and priorities have been used to form the seven Objectives that define the framework for our Strategies and Initiatives.

Under the theme '*City of Yarra, a place where*' our seven objectives can be summed up as follows:

1. Community health, safety and wellbeing are a focus in everything we do
2. Inclusion, diversity and uniqueness are welcomed, respected and celebrated
3. Council leads on sustainability and protects and enhances its natural environment
4. Development and growth are managed to maintain and enhance the character and heritage of the city
5. Local businesses prosper and creative and knowledge industries thrive
6. Connectivity and travel options are environmentally sustainable, integrated and well-designed
7. Transparency, performance and community participation drive the way we operate

Liveable Yarra Project

These objectives align with those identified through the Liveable Yarra project conducted in 2015 which was an extensive consultation and engagement process that captured community values, ideas and aspirations to help inform the re-write of the Yarra Planning Scheme.

The Liveable Yarra project identified the following top six neighbourhood characteristics that are important to Yarra residents:

1. Proximity to public transport
2. Plentiful parks and open spaces
3. The variety of shops, cafes and restaurants
4. Ability to walk or cycle to meet daily needs
5. Character of the buildings
6. Access to health and social services

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The preferred improvements in the next two years identified in the Liveable Yarra community survey were:

1. Car parking
2. Bikes and walking tracks and facilities
3. Traffic management
4. Parks, gardens and open space

Annual Customer Satisfaction Survey

Council has commissioned an annual Customer Satisfaction Survey since 2009.

The latest study (conducted by Metropolis Research in September and October 2017) considers the views of more than 800 randomly selected households from 10 local neighbourhoods.

Satisfaction with Council's performance remains high in 2017 in line with the preceding years.

Average satisfaction with the 27 Council services and facilities surveyed was in the 'good' category.

Highlights include improved satisfaction with Yarra's governance and leadership, environmental responsibilities, planning and housing development.

High-scoring services included Council's weekly waste and recycling collection, pet registration services, arts and cultural activities, and operation of leisure centres in Collingwood, Fitzroy and Richmond.

Survey respondents also nominated areas for improvement, including car, traffic management and cycling/walking tracks.

The top issues (in order of priority below) identified by the community in the Annual Community Satisfaction Survey 2017:

1. Car parking
2. Building, planning, housing and development
3. Traffic management
4. Parks, gardens and open space
5. Provision and maintenance of cycling and walking tracks
6. Drugs, alcohol and cigarettes
7. Safety policy and crime

All these engagements echo common themes which have been used in framing our Strategic Objectives and the focus for our Strategies.

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Objective 1: *City of Yarra, a place where ...* Community health, safety and wellbeing are a focus in everything we do

Council plays a key role in contributing to our community's health and wellbeing. From delivering maternal and child health services to ensuring access to open space, enforcing noise regulations to supporting community and cultural initiatives, community health, safety and wellbeing is central to everything we do.

Community wellbeing is the combination of social, economic, environmental, cultural, and political conditions that enable people to flourish and fulfil their potential. Council delivers a wide range of services and programs to maintain and improve community wellbeing and provides the infrastructure and facilities required to support it, including:

- Maternal and child health, childcare, youth services, aged and disability services and partnerships, family support, libraries, and neighbourhood houses
- Recreation facilities such as leisure centres, active aging programs, parks and open space, trails, venues and meeting spaces
- Construction and maintenance of roads and footpaths, drainage, street cleaning, waste collection, public realm improvements, and building inspections
- Support of community-driven health and wellbeing initiatives through the Annual Grants Program, and other specific purpose grant programs
- Support for community groups such as neighbourhood houses, seniors groups, play groups, sporting clubs and facilities
- Sustainability projects including community gardens
- Arts and cultural initiatives, such as exhibitions, festivals and events
- Water and food sampling, immunisation, needle and syringe disposal, provision of public toilets, enforcement of noise controls, food premises inspections, and animal management

Council also:

- Provides a significant amount of funding to the community in the form of community grants, many of which are awarded for projects that aim to enhance health and wellbeing.
- Advocates on behalf of the community in a range of areas that influence health and wellbeing where it does not have primary responsibility for implementation.
- Works closely with a range of stakeholders in order to support and coordinate the delivery of community health and wellbeing initiatives across the City of Yarra.

Yarra's health and wellbeing status

Council's *Health and Wellbeing Status Report 2016* examines a range of health and wellbeing indicators in the following areas:

- Healthy eating and active living
- Alcohol, tobacco and other drugs
- Mental health
- Community safety

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- Sexual and reproductive health
- Health and wellbeing through the life stages (early childhood to later years)

The data highlights that while Yarra's health and wellbeing is generally good at the population level, there are key issues impacting on the health and wellbeing of the community. Parts of the community are vulnerable to poorer health and wellbeing outcomes, such as those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage, who suffer disproportionately from ill health and have a higher burden of disease. Maintaining open space networks that meet diverse community needs can offer the community and more vulnerable people opportunities to participate in community life and improve wellbeing outcomes.

Key issues identified include higher rates of drug and alcohol abuse, lower perceptions of safety in some parts of Yarra, homelessness, mental health issues, family violence and gambling.

Alcohol, tobacco and other drugs

Overall, Yarra compares less favourably with other Victorian rates in the vast majority of alcohol-related indicators examined including emergency department rates, hospital admissions, ambulance attendances and treatment episodes. Yarra also compares less favourably for most of the illicit drug indicators. The drug trade and associated health behaviours and outcomes affect the community from both a community safety perspective and a health and wellbeing perspective.

Homelessness and housing stress

Due to a complex set of structural, social and economic issues, Yarra has four times the state average rate of homelessness. This leads to people sleeping rough, squatting or living in rooming houses and is an increasing issue for women and families. There is a growing number of households experiencing housing stress, paying more than 30% of their income on housing.

This situation is likely to continue while there is a severe shortage of appropriate and affordable housing in Melbourne and in Yarra. Council will continue to advocate for resources and quality services to ensure affordable housing is available. We will also work to ensure that new developments are encouraged to allocate a proportion of their housing to accredited housing agencies to deliver community housing.

Mental health

The proportion of the Yarra community that have sought help for a mental health problem during 2010-11 was higher compared to the state average. While hospitals admissions rates for mental health related conditions do not exceed state rates, rates are notably higher for women in Yarra compared to men.

Family violence

Incidents of family violence have substantially increased since 2013 and while rates in Yarra are lower than that for Victoria, it is probable that such incidents are underreported, and therefore figures are likely to underestimate the full extent of this issue.

Gambling

Yarra has a lower number of gaming machines compared to other local government areas, and while the losses per adult were also lower than the Victorian average, this still averaged \$419 per Yarra adult for the 2015-2016 period and commonly affects those already experiencing socio-economic disadvantage.

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Strategies and Initiatives

Strategies	Strategic Indicators	Initiatives
1.1 Maintain and enhance Yarra's open space network to meet the diverse range of community uses.	Number of new open space projects planned or completed	<p>1.1.1 Increase the amount and quality of green open space through the strategic acquisition of land, the conversion of urban land to open space and/or the creation of pocket parks in high density areas</p> <p>1.1.2 Develop an open space strategy to ensure Yarra's public open space is managed as a functional network that encourages shared use and active living</p> <p>1.1.3 Undertake community education to promote understanding and greater acceptance of multiple use infrastructure including open space</p>
1.2 Promote a community that is inclusive, resilient, connected and enjoys strong mental and physical health and wellbeing.	<p>Yarra residents feel a part of their community (VicHealth Indicator Survey)</p> <p>Number of National Aged and Disability Care reforms implemented</p> <p>Community participation in Maternal and Child Health service (LGPRF Annual Report)⁴</p> <p>Victorian Health Indicators Report results</p>	<p>1.2.1 Participate in the Alliance for Gambling Reform initiative and strive to be a pokie free municipality through advocacy to state government</p> <p>1.2.2 Continue to provide a range services and work collaboratively with external groups to improve the health and wellbeing of the Yarra community.</p> <p>1.2.3 Continue to implement the National Aged and Disability Care reforms and develop new strategic directions for support of older people and people with disability</p>

⁴ Local Government Performance Reporting Framework, Know Your Council website

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Strategies	Strategic Indicators	Initiatives
1.3 Provide health promoting environments that encourage healthy eating and active living	Satisfaction with Council's Leisure facilities Proportion of registered premises that are inspected annually in accordance with the Food Act 1984 Number of community garden initiatives implemented Victorian Health Indicators Report results	1.3.1 Advocate to state government for an indoor sports stadium at 433 Smith Street redevelopment 1.3.2 Investigate a Leisure Centres Master Plan
1.4 Assist to reduce the harms from alcohol and drugs on individuals and the community in partnership with State Agencies and key service providers,	Number of alcohol and drug harm minimisation initiatives delivered Victorian Health Indicators Report results	1.4.1 Advocate to the state government for a medically supervised injecting facility and other harm minimisation measures in the Victoria Street precinct 1.4.2 Work with local partners and agencies to increase health and education, community partnerships and harm minimisation from the abuse of drugs and alcohol
1.5 Promote environments that support safe and respectful sexual practices, reproductive choices and gender equity	Number of advocacy and promotional campaigns Victorian Health Indicators Report results	1.5.1 Work with local and regional partners for greater awareness and intervention to prevent family violence and elder abuse 1.5.2 Promote gender equity through community organisations and local groups
1.6 Promote an effective and compassionate approach to rough sleeping and advocate for affordable, appropriate housing	Number of requests for homelessness assistance responded to by Council	1.6.1 Continue to collaborate with other inner-city municipalities to find compassionate responses to people experiencing primary homelessness
1.7 Provide opportunities for people to be involved in and connect with their community	Number and breadth of community activities/programs supported	1.7.1 Continue to deliver and support a range of community activities, events and festivals 1.7.2 Continue to support community led activities through provision of community grants and in kind support

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Strategies	Strategic Indicators	Initiatives
		1.7.3 Encourage volunteering through community organisations, council's libraries and other services

Key Strategies / Plans that support this objective

- Access and Inclusion Plan
- Domestic Animal Management Plan
- Early Years Strategy
- Graffiti Management Framework
- Gender Equity Strategy 2016-2021
- Master plan for Victoria Street
- Middle Years Strategy
- Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan
- Night Time Economy Strategy 2014-2018
- Partnership Strategy, to be reviewed including revision of the Neighbourhood House Memorandums Of Understanding
- Playground Strategy
- Public Toilet Strategy
- River of Life Positive Aging Strategy, to be reviewed
- Strategic Advocacy Framework
- Yarra Gambling Policy
- Yarra Libraries Strategy
- Yarra Leisure Services - Leisure Plan
- Yarra Open Space Strategy
- Youth Policy
- Yarra Safe Travel Strategy and action plan 2016-2026

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Objective 2: *City of Yarra, a place where...* Inclusion, diversity and uniqueness are welcomed, respected and celebrated

Identity was a passionate and recurring theme throughout community consultation for the Council Plan. Our community values its diversity. Creating a safe place where people of all ages, genders, sexualities, abilities, cultures and backgrounds feel welcome and connected is a priority for Council.

Council has a strong commitment to achieving social justice and will continue to work with the community and all levels of government to challenge discrimination and address disadvantage.

Council is actively working to reduce barriers so that all residents can participate in community and access services regardless of age, gender, sexuality, income, education, cultural background, language skills or disability.

The *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*, alongside other state and federal legislation such as the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* provide clear values and processes to guide Council and the community.

Aboriginal community

Yarra is deeply proud of its connection to the Aboriginal community and acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the true sovereigns, caretakers and custodians of the land now known as Yarra. Fitzroy and Collingwood are areas of special significance to Aboriginal people – as the cradle of Aboriginal affairs in Victoria, the birthplace of important Aboriginal organisations, the centre of political activism and as a meeting place for Aboriginal people to link-in with family, community and services.

Community activism

Yarra has a proud and long history of labour, social, environmental and political activism. Yarra's residents have always been part of shaping both Melbourne and the nation. Examples of this include the Fitzroy Legal Service, the first free community legal service in Australia, the 2002 'Let Them Stay' campaign for East Timorese asylum seekers to stay in Australia, 15 years of advocacy through the Yarra Drug and Health Forum for a harm-reduction approach to injecting drug use, and more recently, the community campaign to stop the East-West Link.

Cultural diversity

Cultural diversity has been a key feature of Yarra's evolution. Successive waves of refugees and migrants have made Yarra home, beginning in the post-war era with our Greek and Italian communities, our Vietnamese community in the 1970s, followed by Chinese and East Timorese communities and in the last 15 years, by our east-African community.

Public housing residents

Public housing residents are fundamental to Yarra's unique social fabric. Yarra is home to Victoria's largest public housing community with over 8,000 people – 11% of our population – living in public housing as well as residents living in community housing and other supported accommodation. Yarra's public housing comprises three large estates at Collingwood, Fitzroy and North Richmond, and many smaller blocks across the municipality.

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Strategies and Initiatives

Strategies	Strategic Indicators	Initiatives
2.1 Build resilience by providing opportunities and places for people to meet, be involved in and connect with their community	Adoption of the Volunteer Strategy Number and diversity of community events held	2.1.1 Support community groups and Yarra's existing advisory committees to participate in consultations, connect with each other and build community connectedness and resilience 2.1.2 Implement policies and procedures that enable community groups to conduct events and activities. 2.1.3 Develop and adopt a Volunteer Strategy
2.2 Remain a highly inclusive Municipality, proactive in advancing and advocating for the rights and interests of minority groups and community issues	Adoption of the Access and Inclusion Plan	2.2.1 Work with the community and other levels of government and advocate to challenge discrimination, and address disadvantage, whether based on income, age, gender, sexuality, cultural background, religion or abilities 2.2.2 Investigate developing a Council social justice/human rights charter to better articulate council's commitment 2.2.3 Advocate to support social justice and community issues including preventing family violence, LGBTIQ, pride and refugees

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Strategies	Strategic Indicators	Initiatives
2.3 Continue to be a local government leader and innovator in acknowledging and celebrating Aboriginal history and culture in partnership with Traditional Owners	Completion of the Stolen Generations Marker Number of Aboriginal cultural activities and events delivered	2.3.1 Complete the Stolen Generations Marker project in partnership with the local aboriginal community 2.3.2 Develop a program of activities and events in partnership with Traditional Owners
2.4 Acknowledge and celebrate our diversity and people from all cultural backgrounds	Number of cultural festivals and events delivered by Council	2.4.1 Continue to support cultural festivals and events
2.5 Support community initiatives that promote diversity and inclusion	Number of initiatives supported to promote diversity	2.5.1 Support community initiatives via grants, partnerships, in-kind support networks and advocacy

Key Strategies / Plans that support this objective

- Aboriginal Partnerships Plan
- Access and Inclusion Strategy, to be reviewed
- Multicultural Partnerships Plan

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Objective 3: *City of Yarra, a place where ...* Council leads on sustainability and protects and enhances its natural environment

As Victoria's first carbon-neutral council, we are proud of our commitment to sustainability. Protecting our natural environment and supporting our community to reduce its environmental footprint will continue to be a priority for Council.

Yarra is a compact, vibrant inner city municipality with a rich and varied history, reflected in the municipality's built form, natural environment and diverse community. It is a city where current and future populations enjoy a high quality of life.

Environment

Council has made significant inroads in reducing our environmental footprint. We need to continue this while supporting and empowering our community through education, advocacy and partnerships to increase sustainability to reduce its ecological footprint.

Yarra has a responsibility to protect its natural environmental assets from the impacts of urban densification. Urban consolidation has gained support in Melbourne as a principle for containing urban sprawl, protecting green wedges and urban agriculture, and making better use of existing services and infrastructure. It also creates significant pressures on remaining natural environments.

Minimising waste and increasing recycling and reuse are important environmental priorities for Council. In particular, Council is working to reduce the amount of food waste going to land fill.

Council continues to advocate for legislative change to influence key actions beyond its jurisdiction.

Carbon neutral

In 2012 Yarra became the first Victorian Council to be certified carbon neutral and it remains carbon neutral today. This reflects our commitment to reducing the City's environmental footprint – the resources we use to live – such as minimising the use of potable water and energy, as well as decreasing the amount of waste going to landfill.

Award-winning

In 2016 City of Yarra was recognised as the Sustainable City of the Year by Keep Victoria Beautiful. This win was based on 15 Yarra projects, all of which were described "of an excellent standard". Yarra also won three of eight category awards including the Community Action and Leadership Award for our innovative Roads to Parks program which previously won a national award.

Organised by Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria, the prestigious award recognises Yarra's role in leading the local government sector in sustainability, demonstrating our ongoing commitment to the values and aspirations of the Yarra community.

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Strategies and Initiatives

Strategies	Strategic Indicators	Initiatives
3.1 Investigate strategies and initiatives to better manage the long term effects of climate change and improve biodiversity	Adoption of the Biodiversity Strategy	<p>3.1.1 Develop a Biodiversity Strategy</p> <p>3.1.2 Utilise findings contained in the biodiversity health survey to inform future planning across the City</p> <p>3.1.3 Improve integration across environmental and sustainability policies and strategies</p>
3.2 Lead in sustainable energy policy and deliver programs to promote carbon neutral initiatives for the municipality and maintain Council as a carbon neutral organisation	<p>Retain Council carbon neutral status for Council operations and reduce Council's carbon emissions (before offsets)</p> <p>Complete review of the Environment Strategy</p>	3.2.1 Continue to invest in initiatives to reduce energy use and emissions
3.3 Reduce the amount of waste-to-landfill with a focus on improved recycling and organic waste disposal.	Increase in overall kerbside collection waste diverted from landfill and recycled (LGPRF Annual Report) ⁵	3.3.1 Investigate, implement and promote initiatives to divert organic waste from landfill
3.4 Promote responsible water usage and practices	Review the Environmental Strategy to include responsible water usage practices	3.4.1 Continue to implement and promote evidence based water conservation initiatives
3.5 Promote and facilitate urban agriculture	Number of urban agriculture community initiatives supported and promoted	3.5.1 Showcase urban agriculture and support community initiatives in sustainable practices
3.6 Reduce the urban heat island effect and promote the further greening of the city	Number of Urban Forest Strategy initiatives implemented	<p>3.6.1 Implement recommendations contained in the Urban Forest Strategy to achieve social and environmental outcomes</p> <p>3.6.1 Investigate feasibility of replacing road and paved space with permeable surfaces</p>

⁵ Local Government Performance Reporting Framework, Know Your Council website

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Key Strategies / Plans that support this objective

- Environmental Strategy, to be reviewed
- Urban Agriculture Strategy to be reviewed
- Urban Forest Strategy
- Urban Wildlife Management Plan, to be reviewed
- Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy, to be reviewed

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Objective 4: *City of Yarra, a place where ...* Development and growth are managed to maintain and enhance the character and heritage of the city

With demand for inner city housing increasing, Council is mindful of the importance of balancing the needs of new and existing residents, and ensuring that development does not encroach on the amenity or heritage of our city

During the life of our previous Council Plan Yarra's population increased by approximately 9,000 people (approximately 10%) taking it to 92,610. It is anticipated our population will increase to 122,022 by 2031 (approximately 33%) requiring an estimated additional 13,431 dwellings, almost half again of the present number of dwellings.

The proposed development of the AMCOR site in Alphington alone will contribute an additional 2,500 homes for 5,000 new residents. Development is also occurring along major activity centres including Victoria Street, Cremorne and Collingwood.

Council needs to plan for projected population and housing growth. This includes:

- determining the appropriate mix of uses for various locations
- identifying the range of housing needs to support a diverse community
- leveraging as much community benefit as possible from new developments
- protecting Yarra's heritage and ensuring a 'human scale' to the size of development
- minimising the impact of development on neighbouring residents
- minimising the environmental impact of development
- ensuring community-wide access to open space and community activity space

In areas that are the focus for development there is a need to ensure growth contributes positively to neighbourhoods and there is appropriate access to community infrastructure and open space. The shared use of open space and flexible multipurpose community infrastructure is a means to manage community needs and future growth.

Business benefits

Growth and development contributes to local economic growth. Increasing social interaction in neighbourhoods is achieved by providing new places for people to meet and connect, more choice of cafes, bars, restaurants and services, activating place making and improving public realm. Increased development in Yarra contributes significantly to the sustainability of Melbourne through reduced fringe development and reduced travel.

Yarra Planning Scheme

One of the key activities taking place during the life of this Plan is the re-write of the Yarra Planning Scheme. Yarra's Planning Scheme sets out the objectives, policies and planning controls for the use, development and protection of land and heritage in the City of Yarra. It is the key statutory policy for regulating the use, level and types of appropriate development of land.

Heritage and history

An ongoing focus for Council is how to keep a sense of history and place, as reflected by streetscapes, shops and houses, as well as how to pay tribute to the lived history

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and heritage, connecting with the stories and experiences of those who came before us and shaped the character of Yarra.

Yarra has a high proportion of heritage-listed buildings and Council actively defends this heritage from inappropriate development. Yarra's heritage buildings are not only significant examples of changing architectural styles, but also an important record of economic and social change as later factories and warehouses replaced earlier houses. Around 28,000 of Yarra's 35,000 properties are protected by heritage overlays in the Yarra Planning Scheme. Yarra's residential areas are covered by planning controls that only enable small scale development and change and seek to protect heritage

Strategies and Initiatives

Strategies	Strategic Indicators	Initiatives
4.1 Protect Yarra's heritage and neighbourhood character	Condition of Council owned heritage assets	4.1.1 Develop improved mechanisms to protect Yarra's heritage through the planning scheme, education, and resource provision
4.2 Actively plan for Yarra's projected growth and development and advocate for an increase in social and affordable housing	<p>Completion of the Yarra Planning Scheme re-write</p> <p>Satisfaction with aspects of planning and housing development. (Yarra City Council Annual Customer Satisfaction Survey)⁶</p> <p>Adoption of the Housing Strategy</p>	<p>4.2.1 Prepare a Housing Strategy to manage residential growth</p> <p>4.2.2 Progress a Planning Scheme amendment to implement a Development Contribution Plan</p> <p>4.2.3 Seek permanent Development and Design Overlay controls for Queens Parade as part of the Planning Scheme re-write</p> <p>4.2.4 Prepare strategies for hospital and education precincts and urban renewal areas identified in Plan Melbourne 2017-2050</p> <p>4.2.5 Advocate to federal and state governments through Yarra IMAP. MAV, ISMMF, VLGA on affordable and community housing⁷</p>

⁶ Annual Customer Satisfaction Survey Yarra City Council website

⁷ Inner Melbourne Action Plan, Municipal Association of Victoria, Inner South Melbourne Mayors Forum, Victorian Local Government Association

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Strategies	Strategic Indicators	Initiatives
		4.2.6 Campaign for appropriate joint use agreements for shared use community facilities as part of the Richmond High School project
4.3 Plan, promote and provide built form and open space that is accessible to all ages and abilities	All of new open space and urban design projects provided that are accessible to all ages and abilities	4.3.1 Prepare a built form analysis in major activity centres
4.4 Protect Council assets through effective proactive construction management	Percentage of projects in adopted capital works program completed Percentage of capital works program budget expended	4.4.1 Deliver a capital works program that caters for current and future needs
4.5 Encourage and promote environmentally sustainable building, urban design, place-making and public realm outcomes	Council planning decisions upheld at VCAT (LGPRF Annual Report) ⁸	4.5.1 Implement the 2016 approved development plan for the former Alphington Paper Mill (AMCOR) site
4.6 Provide direction and improve decision making on infrastructure projects through the application of the Strategic Community Infrastructure Framework	Number of major projects that demonstrate consideration of the Infrastructure Planning Framework	4.6.1 Embed and integrate the Strategic Community Infrastructure Planning Framework in Council planning and decision making
4.7 Ensure that changes in Yarra's built form involves Encourage engagement with the community when developments are proposed	Community education initiative delivered explaining Council's role and limitations in delivering planning and development outcomes	4.7.1 Encourage pre-application engagements between developers and the community on major projects 4.7.2 Facilitate community dialogue to assist the community's understanding of Council's role and limitations in delivering planning and

⁸ Local Government Performance Reporting Framework, Know Your Council website

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Strategies	Strategic Indicators	Initiatives
		development outcomes

Key Strategies / Plans that support this objective

- Activity Centre and Streetscape Master Plans
- Environmental Strategy
- Environmentally Sustainable Building Design Policy
- Strategic Community Infrastructure Framework
- Urban Design Strategy
- Yarra Heritage Strategy
- Yarra Planning Scheme, to be reviewed

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Objective 5: *City of Yarra, a place where ...*Local businesses prosper and creative and knowledge industries thrive

Yarra is a great place to do business and to work. Supporting local businesses and creative industries not only contributes to Yarra's economy, but also increases local employment opportunities, enhances street life and fosters community connectedness

Our proximity to the Yarra River, the Central Business District as well as its accessibility by public transport makes Yarra a desirable place to live, work, study and play. From artists and craftspeople, with their studios across the municipality, to the traders on our shopping strips through to the increasing number of creative enterprises and technology businesses that call Cremorne home, our municipality has much to offer business, Yarra's 13,000 current businesses form an integral part of our community.

Economic development

Economic development is a primary focus for Council, fostering greater investment and jobs growth in the municipality. Our Economic Development Strategy is intended to provide an achievable, evidence based plan for the future while responding to the challenges and opportunities presented by the local economic context.

Yarra's economy will continue to grow, with job numbers expected to double in the next 15 years. This growth will be in health and education, advanced manufacturing, professional services and the creative industries. The medical profession is a major employer within St Vincent's and Epworth hospitals and the range of neighbouring medical and consulting services that support them.

Tourism is also a major component of Yarra's local economy with visitors attracted to its iconic precincts for their unique mix of retail strips, bustling night-life, heritage, arts and cultural activities.

Creative and knowledge industries

Yarra is host to a wide range of arts and cultural venues, including live music venues, artist studios and over 60 galleries, all of which contribute to the character and identity of our neighbourhoods. Council is committed to supporting our local arts industries and developing the potential of new artists. This helps create a thriving and creative local culture, as well as future employment opportunities for residents.

There are many small to medium businesses working in media, design, technology and education, and the many professionals and consultants based in Yarra, providing thousands of jobs for local residents and those in neighbouring municipalities.

Community space

There is a variety of community meeting places across the municipality that contribute to our creative city. We have nine neighbourhood houses, five libraries, three town halls, numerous community venues and community meeting rooms on public housing estates as well as many parks and open spaces. These support residents and visitors meeting to celebrate, enjoy cultural events or meet up with friends, neighbours and family.

Our newest meeting space is the North Fitzroy Community Hub, named Bargoonga Nganjin. This building is a state-of-the-art community facility which will incorporate a

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library, maternal and child health centre, Council customer service area, community meeting spaces and a rooftop terrace.

Social enterprises

Yarra has a number of social enterprises, social enterprises are led by economic, social, cultural or environmental missions consistent with a public or community benefit. Purchasing from a social enterprise also supports the social or environmental purpose behind the enterprise.

Strategies and Initiatives

Strategies	Strategic Indicators	Initiatives
5.1 Maintain and strengthen the vibrancy and local identity of retail and commercial precincts	Implementation of Master plans for shopping strips	<p>5.1.1 Undertake at least three streetscape Master plans for retail shopping strips based on Place Making principles</p> <p>5.1.2 Promote the benefits of doing business locally including the benefit of access by walking and cycling</p> <p>5.1.3 Engage with local traders, leasing agents and property owners to strengthen the viability of Yarra's activity centres such as Bridge Road including the activation of empty spaces</p> <p>5.1.4 Continue to develop structure plans which build on the unique character of each precinct</p>
5.2 Strengthen and monitor land use change and economic growth including new and emerging economic clusters	Complete the review of Economic Development Strategy	5.2.1 Provide strategic justification for zoning retention to changes in employment precincts to retain opportunities for business clusters

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Strategies	Strategic Indicators	Initiatives
5.3 Create local employment opportunities by providing targeted and relevant assistance to facilitate business growth, especially for small and medium size enterprises and entrepreneurs through the attraction and retention of businesses	Complete the review of Economic Development Strategy	5.3.1 Promote local employment and facilitate initiatives to assist small business to enter the local market
5.4 Develop Innovative Smart City solutions in collaboration with government, industry and community that use technology to embrace a connected, informed and sustainable future	Adoption of the Open Data Policy	5.4.1 Implement an innovation hub ⁹ to bring people together to focus on creative solutions, enabling a culture of continuous improvement, innovation and collaboration 5.4.2 Develop an Open Data Policy which provides open access for appropriate data sets to businesses and community organisations
5.5 Facilitate and promote creative endeavour and opportunities for the community to participate in a broad range of arts and cultural activities	Increased participation in arts and cultural activities in Yarra Delivery of the Arts and Culture annual grants program	5.5.1 Continue to recognise and support live music in Yarra through advocacy, grants, funding and partnerships. 5.5.2 Continue to support a broad range of community festivals and events.
5.6 Attract and retain creative and knowledge industries in Yarra	Number of grants provided by the Room to Create fund	5.6.1 Continue to promote and grow the Room to Create charitable fund 5.6.2 Implement initiatives that will protect affordable and appropriate creative infrastructure including Council owned spaces for arts purposes 5.6.3 Identify opportunities to support retain and expand the arts sector as a viable and thriving industry in Yarra

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Strategies	Strategic Indicators	Initiatives
5.7 Ensure libraries and neighbourhood houses, support lifelong learning, wellbeing and social inclusion.	Active library members (LGPRF Annual Report) ¹⁰ Standard of Library collection (LGPRF Annual Report) ¹¹	5.7.1 Run targeted events and programs promoting health, life-skills and life-issues 5.7.2 Provide spaces, expertise and practical supports to encourage creative uses in Libraries

Key Strategies / Plans that support this objective

- Arts and Culture Strategy
- Economic Development Strategy (to be reviewed)
- Inner Melbourne Action Plan
- Night Time Economy Strategy
- Spatial Economic and Employment Strategy
- Yarra Libraries Strategy

¹⁰ Local Government Performance Reporting Framework, Know Your Council website

¹¹ Local Government Performance Reporting Framework, Know Your Council website

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Objective 6: *City of Yarra, a place where ...*Connectivity and travel options are environmentally sustainable, integrated and well-designed

Council is committed to creating a city that is accessible to all irrespective of levels of personal mobility, to support a fulfilling life without the need for a car.

With our municipal population expected to grow by 33% by 2031, improving sustainable transport capacity to accommodate our growing population is a priority'

To encourage using public transport, walking or cycling as the first choice of transport for all ages for short to medium trips (less than five kilometres), Council is working to provide an effective, interconnected and well maintained pedestrian and bicycle network that both inexperienced and experienced users feel safe and comfortable using.

Sustainable transport capacity is important to growing Yarra's local economy and employment. We will work on major improvements to cycling and walking infrastructure to provide integrated and connected travel options and local area place making infrastructure works to improve traffic management.

Congestion

Approximately 1000 buses and 90,000 vehicles journey daily along the busiest part of Hoddle Street. While Council is not responsible for major arterial roads, congestion impacts on our local road network as cars seek alternative routes to avoid the heavy traffic areas.

Council will continue to advocate to state and federal governments on behalf of the community to significantly improve public transport infrastructure and capacity, and will develop local area place-making infrastructure works to improve traffic management.

Competing needs

Council manages 313 kilometres of local roads. Increasing road traffic and local parking pressures continue to be a focus in our maintenance and works program. We are planning for the future to balance the needs and limited road space for parking for residents, workers, people with disabilities and visitors to Yarra.

Strategies and Initiatives

Strategies	Strategic Indicators	Initiatives
6.1 Manage traffic movement and promote road safety within local roads	<p>Number of successful grant applications relating to road safety</p> <p>Satisfaction with sealed local roads (LGPRF Annual Report)¹²</p>	<p>6.1.1 Transition Local Area Traffic Management program to Local Area Place Making programs</p> <p>6.1.2 Monitor and manage traffic, road safety and parking and advocate to the State Government for improvement to tram stops</p>

¹² Local Government Performance Reporting Framework, Know Your Council website

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Strategies	Strategic Indicators	Initiatives
		and pedestrian safety measures around schools such as the Richmond High School development 6.1.3 Continue to provide low speed environments and community education for pedestrians, cyclists, motor-cyclists and vehicle drivers and passengers
6.2 Work in partnership with Vicroads and influence traffic management and road safety on main roads	Reduction in the number of road fatalities and serious accidents	6.2.1 Investigate and apply for appropriate funding opportunities relating to road safety, innovation and streetscape improvements
6.3 Investigate and implement effective parking management options	Endorsement of the new parking permit policy	6.3.1 Continue to utilise data, technology and community consultation to inform the management of parking
6.4 Improve accessibility to public transport for people with mobility needs and older people	Number of advocacy campaigns to state government on improving public transport	6.4.1 Advocate to the state government for improved accessibility to public transport services 6.4.2 Continue to facilitate the upgrade of local tram stops to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act to support both access and viability of activity centres
6.5 Develop and promote pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure that encourages alternate modes of transport, improves safety and connectedness	Community satisfaction ratings of levels of local road safety (Yarra City Council Annual Customer Satisfaction Survey) ¹³ Percentage of Bicycle works completed Progress of Wellington Street Bike Lane construction	6.5.1 Complete construction of the Wellington Street Bike (Copenhagen style) Lane to Johnston street 6.5.2 Improve bike parking, road signage and streetscapes to better protect cyclists and pedestrians

¹³ Yarra City Council website

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Strategies	Strategic Indicators	Initiatives
6.6 Advocate for increased performance of public transport across Melbourne	Number of advocacy campaigns to state government on improving public transport and reducing road congestion.	<p>6.6.1 Work with the Resilient Melbourne Project to improve the quality and connectedness of the metropolitan transport networks</p> <p>6.6.2 Advocate to the state government for improved public transport services to meet population growth including Chandler Highway north-south bus route, Doncaster Rail, Hoddle Street Study, Airport Rail and Alexandra Parade</p> <p>6.6.3 Develop the opportunity to trial an electric bus scheme</p>

Key Strategies / Plans that support this objective

- Bicycle Strategy
- Parking Management Strategy
- Strategic Transport Statement and Action Plan
- Yarra Safe Travel Strategy and action plan

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Objective 7: *City of Yarra, a place where...* Transparency, performance and community participation drive the way we operate

Council is committed to change through an energised, cohesive team of professionals, recognised for our leadership, innovation and service.

We are working to ensure services meet the changing needs and preferences of our community with the emphasis on efficiency and effectiveness.

A changing and divergent community requires an agile and responsive organisation. To maximise value to our community and deliver the outcomes they want, it is critical that Council continue to engage with, and build understanding of our community and ensure our services are relevant and appropriate.

Council recognises the need for responsible fiscal policy and long-term financial planning as the keys to ensuring financial sustainability with the ability to remain agile and responsive to changing needs. Our 10-year Financial Plan has been developed to ensure the continued long-term financial sustainability of Council while providing sufficient funding for future services and infrastructure for the community.

Involving our community in decision making is fundamental to the way Council functions, our approach to advocacy and engagement is based on achieving the best outcomes for our community. This is achieved through our on-going communication, consultation and partnerships with our community.

These consultations and partnerships assist Council in adopting a customer centric approach to service planning and delivery ensuring our services are of high standards and service users know what to expect and Council meets those expectations.

One of the aspirations for Council is transitioning Yarra into Victoria's leading recognised Smart City to drive our economic and social prosperity through the use of technology that will enhance the connections between our residents, business and visitors.

Strategies and Initiatives

Strategies	Strategic Indicators	Initiatives
7.1 Ensure Council's assets and financial resources are managed responsibly to deliver financial sustainability	Council remains financially sustainable and receives a 'Low Risk' rating from the VAGO assessment conducted annually	<p>7.1.1 Regularly review and update long-term financial planning to guide our budget decisions to ensure they are responsible and sustainable</p> <p>7.1.2 Review Council's asset portfolio, with a focus on buildings, to ensure that maximum community benefit is being realised</p>

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Strategies	Strategic Indicators	Initiatives
7.2 Continue to develop a culture of continuous improvement and innovation	Number of staff trained in continuous improvement methodology	7.2.1 Continue to train staff in the application of appropriate continuous improvement methodologies
7.3 Maintain a culture of transparency, governance, ethical practice and management of risks that instils a high level of community respect and confidence in Council decision-making	Satisfaction with Council decisions (Yarra City Council Annual Customer Satisfaction Survey) ¹⁴	7.3.1 Encourage community involvement in consultation engagements 7.3.2 Provide training and re-enforcement of good governance practices
7.4 Ensure Council services are efficient, well-planned, accessible and meet community needs	Overall satisfaction with Council performance (Yarra City Council Annual Customer Satisfaction Survey) ¹⁵ Adoption of the Services Policy	7.4.1 Continue to implement the service review program 7.4.2 Develop a Services Policy and establish performance standards and service levels
7.5 Ensure a safe workplace for staff, contractors and visitors.	Reduction in reportable incidents and accidents	7.5.1 Improve management of workcover
7.6 Provide the community with meaningful and genuine opportunities to contribute to and participate in Council planning and decision making processes with a focus on hard to reach communities	Community consultation and engagement indicator (Annual Community Satisfaction Survey) ¹⁶	7.6.1 Promote programs to educate and encourage young people in decision making and participation in their local community 7.6.2 Encourage implementation of Council's guidelines on how to make public meetings and events accessible to people of all abilities
7.7 Enable greater transparency and access to the conduct of Council Meetings	Implementation of Council Meeting broadcast system	7.7.1 Implement a cost effective system to broadcast Council meetings

¹⁴ Annual Customer Satisfaction Survey Yarra City Council website¹⁵ Annual Customer Satisfaction Survey Yarra City Council website¹⁶ Annual Customer Satisfaction Survey Yarra City Council website

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Strategies	Strategic Indicators	Initiatives
7.8 Develop Innovative Smart City solutions in collaboration with Government, Industry and Community which will use open data technology	Adoption of the Digital Direction strategy	7.8.1 Establish the digital direction for the next 10 years with actions aimed to support customer experience, economic competitiveness, accelerate innovation and deepen engagement with the community to transition Yarra into a nationally recognised digital economy.
7.9 Continue a 'customer centric' approach to all service planning and delivery	Responsiveness to community needs indicator (Annual Community Satisfaction Survey) ¹⁷	7.9.1 Develop and implement a robust Information Services Strategy to support Council's service to the community
7.10 Advocate for the best interests of our community	Satisfaction with community consultation and engagement (Yarra City Council Annual Customer Satisfaction Survey) ¹⁸	7.10.1 Continue to implement engagement capacity building programs and strategies in line with the Community Engagement Policy

Key Strategies / Plans that support this objective

- Asset Management Strategy and Plans
- Community Engagement Policy
- Long Term Financial Strategy
- Service Review Framework
- Strategic Advocacy Framework

¹⁷ Annual Customer Satisfaction Survey Yarra City Council website

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Strategic Resource Plan

The Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) requires council to prepare a Strategic Resource Plan. The Plan prepared in conjunction with the Council Plan, is a rolling four year plan that outlines the financial and non-financial resources required over the next four years to achieve the strategic objectives in the Council Plan. The purpose of the Strategic Resource Plan is to express the Council Plan strategic objectives and strategies in financial terms to ensure adequate resources are available to maintain services at levels established by the Council and in order to implement the Council Plan priorities.

The Strategic Resource Plan is updated each year as part of Council's budget process. Council has a Long Term Financial Plan to guide Council's financial decisions over a 10 year period which sets targets for Council to achieve in terms of financial sustainability.

The key objectives in this Strategic Resource Plan are:

- Maintain the scope and standard of ongoing services provided to the Yarra community and being flexible to address changing community needs with innovative services and facilities.
- Focusing on managing and renewing community assets such as roads, footpaths, open space and buildings to ensure they are maintained at an appropriate standard and ensure the best outcome for current and future populations.

Financial management

Yarra City Council, through this plan, seeks to deliver on our strategies by managing our financial resources in an equitable, sustainable and responsible manner.

In order to achieve this, it is proposed to introduce a waste service charge in order to improve Council's short to medium term financial sustainability, and to enable Council to be able to respond to emerging priorities from our community in the longer term. If the waste service charge is not implemented, Council will be required to reduce services and/or service levels, or reduce the capital expenditure program in the next budget cycle.

A focus on financial sustainability will create a financial position capable of meeting long-term service and infrastructure levels and standards, acceptable to the community. This will be achieved with reasonable and targeted increases in costs and seeking out revenue opportunities such as grants and donations, whilst avoiding the need for radical cuts to services.

Council's long-term sustainability is dependent on ensuring that, on average over time, Yarra's operating expenses are less than associated revenues and support building reserves to create future opportunities.

Council has a long term financial strategy linked with Yarra's objectives, goals and desired outcomes. Our goal is to be financially sustainable at the end of each year by achieving a reasonable operating surplus, whereby operating income just exceeds operating expenditure. This will enable reinvestment over time to renew and build community infrastructure.

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Council's human resource programs continue to benefit the community through the achievement of value for money services, including continuous improvement, performance enhancement and ongoing commitment to staff learning and development. Council is committed to:

- Encourage a culture of innovation.
- Encourage a culture that values community engagement and value added customer service.
- Ensure that in all Council actions, human rights are protected.
- Developing and maintaining a workplace culture that attracts and retains highly skilled employees.
- Ensure policies and practices support the wellbeing and reasonable work/life balance of our employees.
- Promote a workplace of equal employment opportunity where all people are treated equally and are provided opportunities that encourage and support their professional development, growth and leadership.

Asset management

Council owns and manages \$1.97 Billion in land, property and infrastructure assets such as roads, footpaths, community halls and parks so that Council can deliver services to the community. In order to sustainably and responsibly manage these assets for present and future generations Council has developed an Asset Management Strategy.

Council will provide well-maintained community assets fit for their purpose and that provide best possible community benefit. Council's budget and long-term strategy will commit, with specific budget provision, an appropriate level of expenditure to ensure ongoing asset maintenance and renewal. Accurate asset data and condition assessments will be drawn upon to inform the annual budgeting and works programs.

The separate asset renewal component of total capital works expenditure will be based on needs identified in asset management plans that will include amounts sufficient to fund renewal of our assets to agreed standards as established in the asset management plans. Each asset renewal obligation will be determined by the asset renewal provision based on the replacement cost and remaining useful life of the asset to meet minimum community standards established through the asset management plans and asset condition audits.

Council will seek the most effective community outcome from the application of asset renewal funds. That may not necessarily result in the replication of existing facilities, but could involve the adaptive re-use of an asset or, in some cases disposal. In such circumstances, asset renewal funds will complement new and upgrade of funding as appropriate.

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Council continues to achieve risk management audit results that are among the best in the State by ensuring that all Council departments comply with our risk management policies and processes. These policies and processes cover the maintenance of Council's infrastructure, including parks and gardens, trees, roads, footpaths, playgrounds and facilities. Our risk management policies and processes will continue to be regularly reviewed and updated with ongoing training provided to staff to ensure our community has access to excellent quality infrastructure. Occupational health and safety, the human resource strategic safety program, underpinned by Council's Occupational Health and Safety Management System, will seek to maintain annual reductions in incidents that result in staff injuries and lost work time.

Emergency management

Council's role in emergency management has been expanding markedly since the Victoria's 'Black Saturday' bushfires of 2009. Climate change, extreme weather and emergency events all impact on our community. Emergency management legislation and statutory guidelines are in a period of review; so too are the role and responsibilities of Council in this space. Council's current level of emergency preparedness and planning activities position the municipality as a leader in the practice of municipal emergency management. A key challenge will be for the organisation to effectively balance the continuity of key day-to-day services alongside immediate and increased operational activity to support emergency services and emergency-affected community members (e.g. through a storm or power outage). Council provides information on emergency management to residents and visitors through a variety of channels including local newspapers, events and workshops, emergency exercises, community meetings and via the Yarra City Council website.

Project Management

Council has a commitment to delivering well planned and effectively managed projects in order to deliver maximum value from the investment made by the Yarra Community. Council will continue to develop its Project Management processes, systems and technology throughout the life of this plan. It is recognised that key to effective project management is the training and support of staff. Therefore Council will continue to invest in training and recruiting the best possible staff to effectively manage our key projects.

Revenue

In 2015, the Victorian government established the 'Fair Go Rates System', which limits annual increase in local government rates and municipal charges. Under the Fair Go Rates System, local councils will not be able to increase average ratepayer rates and municipal charge by more than the average rate cap (unless they successfully apply to the Essential Services Commission for a higher rate cap). The Victorian government sets the average rate cap each year based on changes in the consumer price index over the financial year, plus or minus any adjustment, which may take into account factors such as wage pressures or efficiency dividends.

It is recognised that in addition to effectively managing expenditure, Council has a requirement to raise enough revenue to fund the services and infrastructure expected by the Yarra community. In consultation with the community, Council will continue to review revenue opportunities, work to seek grants and lobby other tiers of government to appropriately fund services and infrastructure.

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Comprehensive Income Statement

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	Forecast Actual	Budget	Strategic Resource Plan Projections		
	2016-17 \$'000	2017-18 \$'000	2018-19 \$'000	2019-20 \$'000	2020-21 \$'000
Income					
Rates and charges	101,989	113,658	117,711	121,852	126,083
Statutory fees and fines	27,393	28,534	28,819	29,395	29,984
User fees	26,830	27,064	27,334	27,881	28,439
Reimbursements	1,844	1,640	1,699	1,819	1,942
Grants - Operating	10,930	12,023	13,225	14,548	16,003
Grants - Capital	3,036	1,195	1,207	1,231	1,256
Contributions - monetary	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300
Contributions - non-monetary	-	-	-	-	-
Net gain/(loss) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	705	300	197	192	187
Fair value adjustments for investment property	-	-	-	-	-
Share of net profits/(losses) of associates and joint ventures	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	1,400	1,707	1,794	1,845	1,918
Total income	178,427	190,421	196,286	203,063	210,112
Expenses					
Employee costs	77,873	80,639	82,252	83,897	85,575
Materials and services	67,391	69,085	69,754	71,110	72,493
Bad and doubtful debts	2,040	2,010	1,980	1,950	1,920
Depreciation and amortisation	20,230	20,664	22,432	22,881	23,338
Borrowing costs	1,511	2,139	2,088	2,035	1,980
Other expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenses	169,045	174,537	178,506	181,873	185,306
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	9,382	15,884	17,780	21,190	24,806
Other comprehensive income					
Items that will not be reclassified to surplus or deficit in future periods					
Net asset revaluation increment /(decrement)	-	50,339	-	52,204	-
Share of other comprehensive income of associates and joint ventures	-	-	-	-	-
Items that may be reclassified to surplus or deficit in future periods (detail as appropriate)	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive result	9,382	66,223	17,780	73,394	24,806

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Balance Sheet

For the four years ending 30 June 2021

	Forecast	Budget	Strategic Resource Plan		
	Actual		Projections		
	2016-17 \$'000	2017-18 \$'000	2018-19 \$'000	2019-20 \$'000	2020-21 \$'000
Assets					
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	30,877	26,747	26,124	28,081	31,293
Trade and other receivables	14,734	15,778	16,466	17,245	18,118
Other financial assets	-	-	-	-	-
Inventories	130	130	130	130	130
Non-current assets classified as held for sale	696	696	696	696	696
Other assets	-	-	-	-	-
Total current assets	46,437	43,351	43,416	46,152	50,237
Non-current assets					
Trade and other receivables	255	255	255	255	255
Investments in associates and joint ventures	-	-	-	-	-
Property, infrastructure, plant & equipment	1,686,699	1,748,914	1,758,842	1,821,330	1,833,485
Investment property	-	-	-	-	-
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-
Total non-current assets	1,686,954	1,749,169	1,759,097	1,821,585	1,833,740
Total assets	1,733,391	1,792,520	1,802,513	1,867,737	1,883,977
Liabilities					
Current liabilities					
Trade and other payables	17,534	17,534	17,534	17,534	17,534
Trust funds and deposits	6,195	6,195	6,195	6,195	6,195
Provisions	14,718	15,215	15,409	15,629	15,874
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	1,091	1,142	1,195	1,250	5,713
Total current liabilities	39,538	40,086	40,333	40,608	45,316
Non-current liabilities					
Provisions	1,416	1,416	1,416	1,416	1,416
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	44,909	37,267	29,233	20,788	7,514
Other Liabilities	585	585	585	585	585
Total non-current liabilities	46,910	39,268	31,234	22,789	9,515
Total liabilities	86,448	79,354	71,567	63,397	54,831
Net assets	1,646,943	1,713,166	1,730,946	1,804,340	1,829,146
Equity					
Accumulated surplus	591,130	607,014	624,794	645,984	670,790
Reserves	1,055,813	1,106,152	1,106,152	1,158,356	1,158,356
Total equity	1,646,943	1,713,166	1,730,946	1,804,340	1,829,146

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Statement of Changes in Equity
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	Total	Accumulated	Revaluation	Other
	\$'000	Surplus	Reserve	Reserves
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
2016/2017 Forecast				
Balance at beginning of the financial year	1,637,561	581,748	1,035,634	20,179
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	9,382	9,382	-	-
Net asset revaluation increment/(decrement)	-	-	-	-
Transfer to other reserves	-	(4,000)	-	4,000
Transfer from other reserves	-	4,000	-	(4,000)
Balance at end of the financial year	1,646,943	591,130	1,035,634	20,179
2017/2018 Budget				
Balance at beginning of the financial year	1,646,943	591,130	1,035,634	20,179
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	15,884	15,884	-	-
Net asset revaluation increment/(decrement)	50,339	-	50,339	-
Transfer to other reserves	-	(4,000)	-	4,000
Transfer from other reserves	-	4,000	-	(4,000)
Balance at end of the financial year	1,713,166	607,014	1,085,973	20,179
2018/2019 Strategic Resource Plan				
Balance at beginning of the financial year	1,713,166	607,014	1,085,973	20,179
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	17,780	17,780	-	-
Net asset revaluation increment/(decrement)	-	-	-	-
Transfer to other reserves	-	(6,000)	-	6,000
Transfer from other reserves	-	6,000	-	(6,000)
Balance at end of the financial year	1,730,946	624,794	1,085,973	20,179
2019-2020 Strategic Resource Plan				
Balance at beginning of the financial year	1,730,946	624,794	1,085,973	20,179
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	21,190	21,190	-	-
Net asset revaluation increment/(decrement)	52,204	-	52,204	-
Transfer to other reserves	-	(4,300)	-	4,300
Transfer from other reserves	-	4,300	-	(4,300)
Balance at end of the financial year	1,804,340	645,984	1,138,177	20,179
2020/2021 Strategic Resource Plan				
Balance at beginning of the financial year	1,804,340	645,984	1,138,177	20,179
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	24,806	24,806	-	-
Net asset revaluation increment/(decrement)	-	-	-	-
Transfer to other reserves	-	(4,300)	-	4,300
Transfer from other reserves	-	4,300	-	(4,300)
Balance at end of the financial year	1,829,146	670,790	1,138,177	20,179

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Statement of Cash Flow - For the four years ending 30 June 2021

	Forecast	Budget	Strategic Resource Plan		
	Actual		Projections		
	2016-17 \$'000	2017-18 \$'000	2018-19 \$'000	2019-20 \$'000	2020-21 \$'000
	Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)
Cash flows from operating activities					
Rates and charges	101,479	112,708	117,166	121,289	125,500
Statutory fees and fines	26,023	27,107	27,378	27,926	28,484
User fees	26,159	26,387	26,651	27,184	27,728
Grants - operating	10,930	12,023	13,225	14,548	16,003
Grants - capital	3,036	1,195	1,207	1,231	1,256
Contributions - monetary	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300
Reimbursements	1,844	1,640	1,699	1,819	1,942
Interest received	469	500	500	500	500
Dividends received	-	-	-	-	-
Trust funds and deposits taken	-	-	-	-	-
Other receipts	931	1,207	1,294	1,345	1,418
Net GST refund / payment	-	-	-	-	-
Employee costs	(75,926)	(80,142)	(82,058)	(83,677)	(85,330)
Materials and services	(67,391)	(69,085)	(69,754)	(71,110)	(72,493)
Trust funds and deposits repaid	-	-	-	-	-
Other payments	-	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	31,854	37,840	41,608	45,355	49,308
Cash flows from investing activities					
Payments for property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	(36,715)	(33,040)	(32,858)	(33,666)	(35,992)
Proceeds from sale of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	1,205	800	697	692	687
Payments for investments					
Proceeds from sale of investments					
Loan and advances made					
Payments of loans and advances					
Net cash provided by/ (used in) investing activities	(35,510)	(32,240)	(32,161)	(32,974)	(35,305)
Cash flows from financing activities					
Finance costs	(1,511)	(2,139)	(2,088)	(2,035)	(1,980)
Proceeds from borrowings	13,500	-	-	-	-
Repayment of borrowings	-	(7,591)	(7,982)	(8,389)	(8,811)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	11,989	(9,730)	(10,070)	(10,424)	(10,791)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents	8,333	(4,130)	(623)	1,957	3,212
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	22,544	30,877	26,747	26,124	28,081
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	30,877	26,747	26,124	28,081	31,293

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Budgeted Standard Capital Works Statement

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	Forecast \$'000	Budget 2017-18 \$'000	Strategic Resource Plan Projections			
			2018-19 \$'000	2019-20 \$'000	2020-21 \$'000	
Property						
Buildings	17,806	6,824	9,438	11,228	14,343	
Total buildings	17,806	6,824	9,438	11,228	14,343	
Total property	17,806	6,824	9,438	11,228	14,343	
Plant and equipment						
Heritage plant and equipment	-	-	-	-	-	
Plant, machinery and equipment	2,178	2,457	2,144	2,278	2,652	
Fixtures, fittings and furniture						
Computers and telecommunications	3,678	3,207	3,057	1,757	992	
Library books						
Total plant and equipment	5,856	5,664	5,201	4,035	3,644	
Infrastructure						
Roads	7,564	8,396	8,456	8,443	8,858	
Bridges	50	-	210	200	80	
Lanes	891	842	973	1,014	1,050	
Transport	2,792	872	2,129	892	1,005	
Waste management	60	60	60	75	70	
Drainage						
Recreational, leisure and community facilities						
Parks, open space and streetscapes	7,670	7,841	3,751	4,152	4,278	
Street Furniture	75	330	330	330	330	
Aerodromes						
Retail Strips	430	730	2,310	3,297	2,334	
Priority Projects	-	506				
Provisional Carry Forwards	-	975	-	-	-	
Total infrastructure	19,532	20,552	18,219	18,403	18,005	
Total capital works expenditure	43,194	33,040	32,858	33,666	35,992	
Represented by:						
New asset expenditure	15,419	6,666	820	200	1,461	
Asset renewal expenditure	25,002	25,835	25,814	25,559	23,666	
Asset expansion expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	
Asset upgrade expenditure	2,773	539	6,224	7,907	10,865	
Total capital works expenditure	43,194	33,040	32,858	33,666	35,992	

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Statement of Human Resources

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	Forecast Actual	Budget	Strategic Resource Plan Projections		
	2016/17 \$'000	2017/18 \$'000	2018/19 \$'000	2019/20 \$'000	2020/21 \$'000
Staff expenditure					
Employee costs - operating	76,587	79,528	81,119	82,741	84,396
Employee costs - capital	1,286	1,111	1,133	1,156	1,179
Total staff expenditure	77,873	80,639	82,252	83,897	85,575
	EFT	EFT	EFT	EFT	EFT
Staff numbers					
Employees	839.0	839.0	839.0	839.0	839.0
Total staff numbers	839.0	839.0	839.0	839.0	839.0

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

Department	Budget 2017/18 \$'000	Comprises	
		Permanent Full Time \$'000	Permanent Part Time \$'000
CEO Division	8,084	6,438	1,646
Corporate, Business & Financial Services	20,006	15,355	4,651
Community Wellbeing	22,212	14,970	7,242
City Works & Assets	12,523	11,934	589
Planning & Placemaking	10,316	8,766	1,550
Total permanent staff expenditure	73,141	57,463	15,678
Casuals and other expenditure	6,387		
Capitalised labour costs	1,111		
Total expenditure	80,639		

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

Department	Budget FTE	Comprises	
		Permanent Full Time	Permanent Part Time
CEO Division	74.0	56.0	18.0
Corporate, Business & Financial Services	214.0	142.0	72.0
Community Wellbeing	252.0	166.0	86.0
City Works & Assets	123.0	117.0	6.0
Planning & Placemaking	93.0	79.0	14.0
Total	756.0	560.0	196.0
Casuals and other	72.0		
Capitalised labour costs	11.0		
Total staff	839.0		

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Customer Service Centres

Richmond Town Hall – 333 Bridge Road, Richmond
Collingwood Town Hall – 140 Hoddle Street, Abbotsford
Bargoonga Nganjin, North Fitzroy Library - 182 St Georges Road, North Fitzroy
Connie Benn Centre - 160 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

Council's standard opening hours are 8.30am - 5pm, Monday to Friday.

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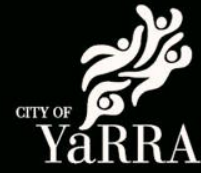
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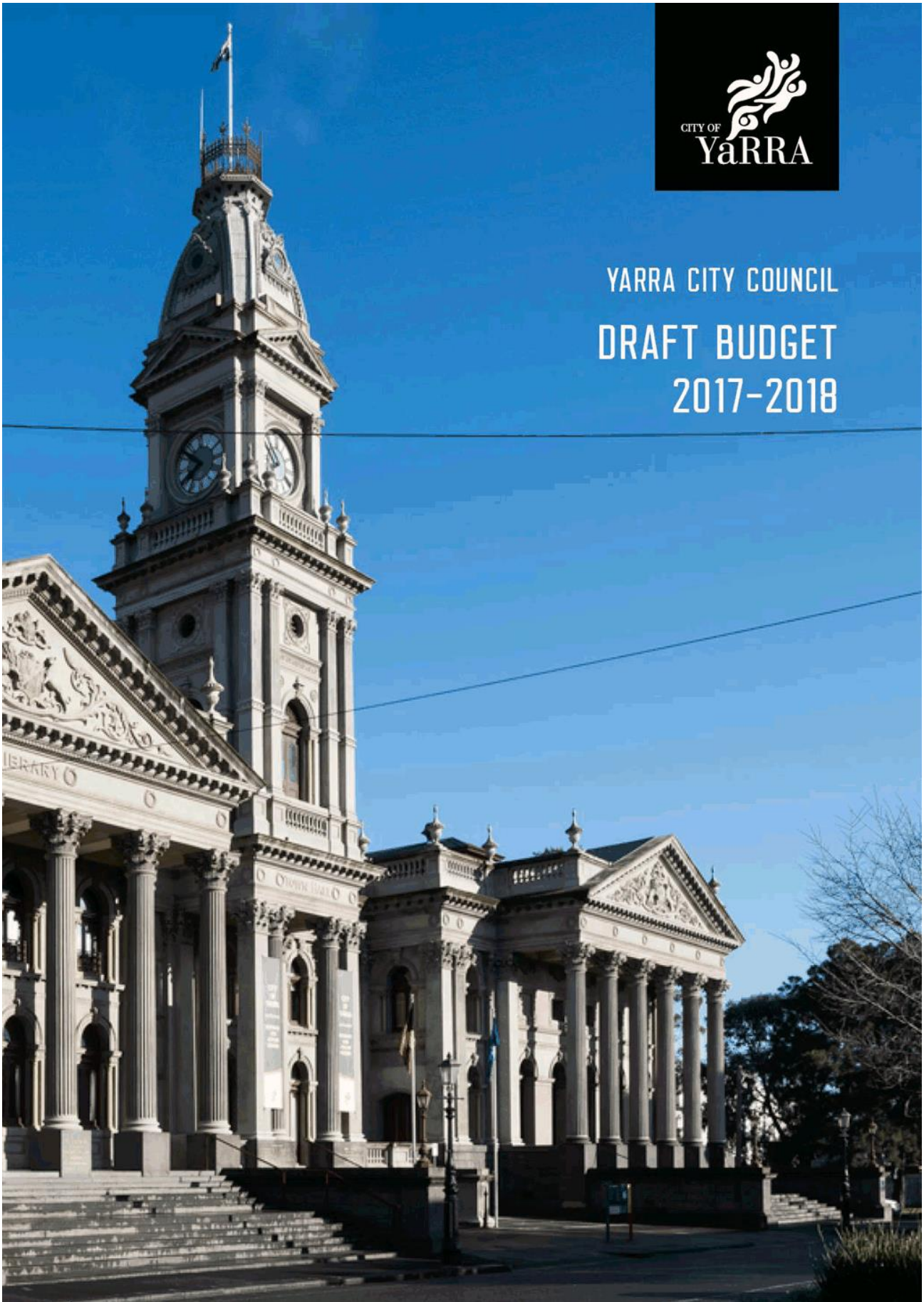
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YARRA CITY COUNCIL
DRAFT BUDGET
2017-2018



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The draft 2017-2018 Budget details the resources required over the next year to fund the large range of services Yarra Council provides to the community. It also includes details of proposed capital expenditure allocations to improve and renew the City's physical infrastructure, buildings and operational assets.

The draft Budget proposes a general rate increase of 2.0 per cent. This is in line with the Fair Go Rates System (FGRS) which has capped rate increases by Victorian Councils.

A number of looming budgetary challenges have been identified such as the need to 'cash back' reserves (approximately \$20 million), as well as creating working capital for debt redemption or refinancing of Council's \$32.5 million in approximately 3 years' time.

In order to address these challenges, this budget proposes to introduce a separate waste service charge in 2017-18. The waste charge is being introduced to fully cost recover the cost for Council to deliver this service, in order to address the financial challenges outlined above, and is permitted within the Local Government Act and the Fair Go Rates System. It will also bring Yarra City Council in line with 73 other Victorian Councils who currently have a separate waste service charge. It is proposed that rebates or waivers on the proposed waste service charge will apply for pensioners and health care card holders.

It is proposed to introduce the waste service charge in order to improve Council's short to medium term financial sustainability, and to enable Council to be able to respond to emerging priorities from our community in the longer term. If the waste service charge is not implemented, Council will be required to reduce services and/or service levels, or reduce the capital expenditure program in the next budget cycle.

There will be community sessions held during the Budget advertising period – at least 28 days – to discuss this initiative further, provide additional explanation of the proposed implementation and answer any queries raised by ratepayers.

Community feedback strongly supports the maintenance of existing service levels. For these to be continue to be sustainably funded, a mix of rates revenue, user charges, and the introduction of a new waste service charge is required. Council will continue to focus on the identification of sustainable cost reductions as well as other revenue opportunities. We will also explore new approaches for providing services to our community in a tighter fiscal environment and ensure that we engage with you on any planned changes.

Budget at a glance

- \$174 million total operating expenditure Budget.
- \$30 million for new capital projects and other new initiatives.
- \$2 million for community grants and contributions.
- 2.0 per cent increase in general rates, in line with the State Government's Fair Go Rates System
- 2.0 per cent increase in the City's rate rebate for pensioners (from \$175 to \$178.50 per annum).
- Introduction of a new waste service charge, with rebates applied for pensioners & health care card holders.

Capital works highlights

Allocated \$30.04 million in capital works expenditure, including:

- Road renewals (\$8.4 million) – including reconstructions, roads to recovery projects, road resheeting;
- Building renewals (\$6.8 million) – including refurbishments, replacement of plant, and roof replacements;
- Laneways renewal (\$0.84 million) – including bluestone laneway reconstructions and kerb & channel improvements;

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- Parks, open space and streetscapes renewals (\$3.95 million) – including playground constructions and equipment, irrigation systems, and athletics track resurfacing;
- Plant and equipment renewals (\$4.6 million) – including information technology, library materials and scheduled replacement of Council's fleet.

New and major initiatives

Allocated \$5.4 million for new and upgrade capital works, as well as new initiatives including:

- Stage 2 of Wellington St bicycle lanes \$500k;
- Food waste recycling trial \$171k; and
- A new local park in Abbotsford \$450k

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Executive Summary

Council has prepared a draft Budget for 2017-18 which is aligned to the vision in the proposed Council Plan 2017-21. It seeks to maintain services and infrastructure as well as deliver projects and services that are valued by our community, and to do this within the rate increase mandated by the State Government, and with the addition of a new waste service charge.

This draft Budget projects a surplus of \$15.9 million for 2017-18, however, it should be noted that the adjusted underlying result is a surplus of \$10.0 million after adjusting for capital grants and contributions (refer Sections 5 and 10.1).

1. Key things we are funding

- 1) Ongoing delivery of services to the Yarra City community funded by an operating expenditure Budget of \$174.5 million. These services are summarised in Section 2.
- 2) Continued investment in Infrastructure assets (\$30.4 million) for renewal / upgrade / new works. This includes roads (\$8.4 million); buildings (\$6.8 million); parks, open space and streetscapes (\$3.95 million); laneways (\$0.84 million) and plant and equipment (\$4.6 million). The Statement of Capital Works can be found in Section 3 and further details on the capital works Budget can be found in Sections 6 and 12.

Strategic Objective 1: Community health, safety and wellbeing are a focus in everything we do

- 1) Construction of a new local park at Charles and Mollison Streets, Abbotsford;
- 2) Continued funding to the Community Grants program (\$1.9 million net cost).
- 3) The Draft Budget includes ongoing funding for family, youth and children's services, recreation and open space, aged and disability services, leisure services, compliance, social policy and research.

Strategic Objective 2: Inclusion, diversity and uniqueness are welcomed, respected and celebrated

- 1) Stolen Generations Marker (\$0.1 million)
- 2) The draft budget includes ongoing funding for community partnerships, with key services across equity and diversity, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer (GLBTIQ), community centres, neighbourhood houses.

Strategic Objective 3: Council leads on sustainability and protects and enhances its natural environment

- 1) Trial for an innovative solution for food waste recycling (\$0.1 million);
- 2) Planning for implementation of the Urban Forest Strategy (\$0.04 million);
- 3) Ongoing funding for sustainable services, waste and water management.

Strategic Objective 4: Development and growth are managed to maintain and enhance the character and heritage of the city

- 1) Developer Contribution Plan (DCP) introduction.

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- 2) Other services funded in this area are: Statutory Planning, City Strategy and Construction Management.

Strategic Objective 5: Local businesses prosper and creative and knowledge industries thrive

- 1) Our commitment to economic development and businesses in our city remains a focus as is supporting creative and knowledge industries in our Budget by funding library services and the arts, culture and venues service.
- 2) Urban Design - Activity Centres Design (\$0.23 million)

Strategic Objective 6: Connectivity and travel options are environmentally sustainable, integrated and well-designed

- 1) Wellington Street bicycle lane (\$0.5 million).
- 2) Spot Safety program (\$0.15 million)
- 3) Other services include Parking, Traffic and Special Projects, Strategic Transport and Road Services.

Strategic Objective 7: Transparency, performance and community participation drive the way we operate

- 1) Council operates in a highly legislative environment and performs its functions of administration in a transparent, performance driven and consultative manner. Services included here are the CEO's office, Finance, Governance, Advocacy and Engagement, Information and Communication Technologies, Innovation, People and Culture, Building Assets and Property Services, Risk Audit and Procurement, and Corporate Performance.

2. The Rate Rise

- a. The average rate will rise by 2.0% in line with the order by the Minister for Local Government on 16 December 2016 under the Fair Go Rates System.
- b. Key drivers
 - i. To fund ongoing service delivery – business as usual (balanced with greater service demands from residents)
 - ii. To fund renewal of infrastructure and community assets
 - iii. To cope with growth in the population of Yarra residents (2.2% in the last year)
 - iv. To cope with cost shifting from the State Government.
- c. This is not a revaluation year. Valuations will be as per the General Revaluation dated 1 January 2016 (as amended by supplementary valuations).
- d. The waste service charge incorporating kerbside collection and recycling will be introduced in 2017-18.
- e. Refer Section 7 for further Rates and Charges details.

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3. Key Statistics

- Total Revenue: \$190.4m (2016-17 = \$178.4m)
- Total Expenditure: \$174.5m (2016-17 = \$169.0m)
- Accounting Result: \$15.9m Surplus (2016-17 = \$9.4m Surplus)
(Refer Income Statement in Section 3)
- Underlying operating result: \$10.0m Surplus (2016-17 = \$2.0m Surplus)

(Refer Analysis of operating Budget in Section 10.1)

(Note: Underlying operating result is an important measure of financial sustainability as it excludes income which is to be used for capital from being allocated to cover operating expenses)

- Cash at end of year: \$26.7m (2016-17 = \$30.9m)

(Refer Statement of Cash Flows in Section 3)

This is the cash balance after considering the funding requirements to meet loan principal repayments and the reserve transfers.

- Total Capital Works Program of \$30.04m (2016-17 = \$43.19m)
 - \$23.745m from Council operations (rates funded)
 - \$0.8m from asset sales
 - \$1.195m from external grants
 - \$4.3m from external contributions.

4. Budget Influences

External Influences

The preparation of the Budget is influenced by the following external factors:

- The Victorian State Government has introduced a cap on rate increases from 2016-17. The cap for 2017-18 has been set at 2.0% (2016/2017: 2.5%).
- CPI for Victoria is forecast to be 2.0% for the 2017-18 year (Victorian Department of Treasury & Finance, 2016-17 Budget Update).
- Anticipated increases of 2.0% (or \$1.24 per tonne) in the levy payable to the State Government upon disposal of waste into landfill, resulting in additional EPA Levy costs of \$0.020 million. The levy has increased from \$9 per tonne in 2008/2009 to a forecast \$63.27 per tonne in 2017/2018 (703% increase in 9 years) and has added \$1.84 million to Council's costs. The levy has increased from \$9 per tonne in 2008/2009 to a forecast \$63.27 per tonne in 2017-18. The increase from 2016-17 to 2017-18 is approximately 2%.
- Ongoing cost shifting. This occurs where Local Government provides a service to the community on behalf of the State and Federal Government. Over time the funds received by local governments do not increase in line with real cost increases. School crossing supervisors are an example of this.
- Councils across Australia raise approximately 3.5% of the total taxation collected by all levels of Government in Australia. In addition Councils are entrusted with the maintenance of more than 30% of the all Australian public assets including roads, bridges, parks, footpaths and public buildings. This means that a large proportion of Council's income must be allocated to the maintenance and replacement of these valuable public assets in order to ensure the quality of public infrastructure is maintained at satisfactory levels.
- The Fire Services Property Levy will continue to be collected by Council on behalf of the State Government with the introduction of the *Fire Services Property Levy Act 2012*.

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Internal Influences

As well as external influences, there are also a number of internal influences which are expected to have a significant impact on the preparation of the 2017-18 Budget.

- Council must renegotiate a new Collective Agreement during the 2016-17 year for commencement on 1 July 2017.
- Council is considering the implementation of a separate waste service charge as part of the Budget process. Council is currently one of six Victorian municipalities that do not separately charge for waste services. There are guidelines available under the Fair Go Rates System monitored by the Essential Services Commission for introducing new charges in the rate capping environment which Council will observe and consult extensively with our community on.

5. Cost Shifting

Cost shifting occurs when Commonwealth and State programs transfer responsibilities to local government with insufficient funding or grants which don't keep pace with delivery costs.

Type 1: Cost Shifting for Specific Services

1. Home and Community Care (HACC) - \$3.7m from 2012-13 to 2016-17.
2. Library Services - \$9.9m from 2012-13 to 2016-17.
3. School Crossing Supervision - \$0.92m from 2012-13 to 2016-17. The State Government has recently announced it will start to honour the existing agreement to pay 50% of the costs for school crossing supervision. It acknowledges that payments to Councils in the past have not covered the agreed 50% of the cost. While this announcement is welcomed the details of the level of payments in future have not yet been provided.

Type 2: Loss of funding in General

4. A freeze on indexation of the federal financial assistance grants. The Commonwealth announced in its 2014-15 Budget that it would pause indexation of the total national pool of financial assistance grants to local government for three years (2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17).

Type 3: Statutory fee that prohibits full cost recovery

5. After freezing planning fees since 2009 the State Government in October 2016 increased the allowable fee that Council may charge for these services. While this belated action is welcomed the new fees still do not cover the full cost of providing the service hence rate payers are still forced to subsidise the activities of development across the city.

Type 4: Levies

6. State Government landfill levy - The levy has increased from \$9 per tonne in 2008/2009 to a forecast \$63.27 per tonne in 2017-18. The increase from 2016-17 to 2017-18 is approximately 2%. Landfill gate fees are expected to increase by 4.15% for 2017/2018.

6. Population Growth

Council's population is forecast to grow from 89,151 in 2015 to 95,911 by 2021 and to 117,036 by 2036.

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Budget Reports

The following reports include all statutory disclosures of information and are supported by the analysis contained in sections 8 to 16 of this report.

This section includes the following reports and statements in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989 and the Local Government Model Financial Report.

- 1 Links to Council Plan
- 2 Services and service indicators
- 3 Financial statements
- 4 Financial performance indicators
- 5 Grants and borrowings
- 6 Detailed list of capital works
- 7 Rates and charges

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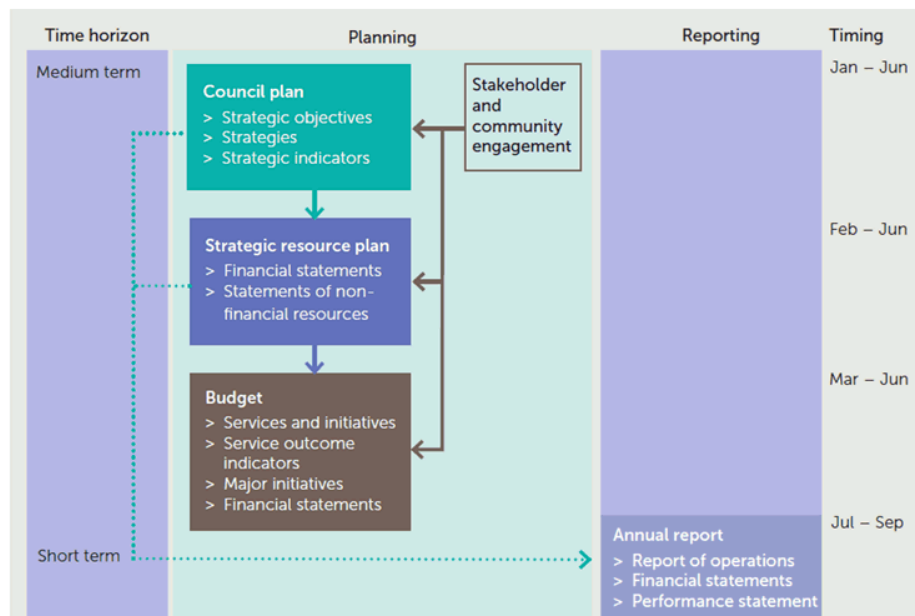
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1. Link to the Council Plan

This section describes how the Annual Budget links to the achievement of the Council Plan within an overall planning and reporting framework. This framework guides the Council in identifying community needs and aspirations over the medium term (Council Plan) and short term (Annual Budget) and then holding itself accountable (Annual Report).

Planning and accountability framework

The Strategic Resource Plan, part of and prepared in conjunction with the Council Plan, 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 Council Plan. The Annual Budget is framed within the Strategic Resource Plan, taking into account the services and initiatives which contribute to achieving the strategic objectives specified in the Council Plan. The diagram below depicts the planning and accountability framework that applies to local government in Victoria.



Source: Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (formerly Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure)

The timing of each component of the planning framework is critical to the successful achievement of the planned outcomes. The Council Plan, including the Strategic Resource Plan, is required to be completed by 30 June following a general election and is reviewed each year in advance of the commencement of the Annual Budget process.

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Our Values

We aim to achieve the greatest outcomes for the community through delivering our Council Plan and working with, and for, all in Yarra. Our values guide our conduct and working relationships with colleagues and the community.

INTEGRITY

Honesty. Fairness. Transparency.

We communicate clearly and apply policies and procedures with discretion, judgement and sensitivity for equitable outcomes.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Ownership. Leadership. Initiative

We take responsibility for our actions and welcome feedback. We follow through on obligations and commitments promptly, and willingly achieve agreed goals and standards.

TEAMWORK

Support. Collaboration. Encouragement.

We acknowledge we are one organisation in which every person plays an important role. We build positive working relationships across all teams and groups and in our interactions with the wider community. We engage our colleagues, value their experiences and share our resources.

RESPECT

Understanding. Empathy. Courtesy.

We celebrate diversity and value different opinions, views and working styles. We seek to understand expectations and differing needs then respond appropriately.

INNOVATION

Lead. Learn. Improve.

We tackle challenges and try new things. We strive for a learning culture. We embrace change and are not hampered by fear. We learn from our actions and experiences. We seek and provide feedback. We further develop our knowledge and skills.

SUSTAINABILITY

Environmental. Economic. Social. Cultural.

Our long-term vision guides our investment in the future to promote the health and resilience of our organisation and our community.

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Strategic objectives

Council delivers services and initiatives across a number of Branches and Business Units. Each contributes to the achievement of one of the seven proposed Strategic Objectives as set out in the Council Plan for the years 2017-21. The following table lists the seven Strategic Objectives as described in the Council Plan.

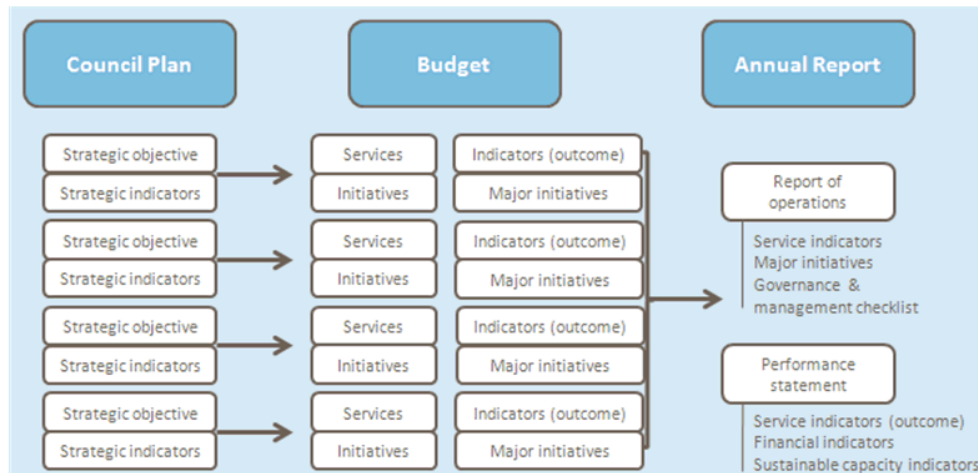
Proposed Strategic Objective	Description
Community health, safety and wellbeing are a focus in everything we do	Council plays a key role in contributing to our community's health and wellbeing. From delivering maternal and child health services to ensuring access to open space, enforcing noise regulations to supporting community and cultural initiatives, community health, safety and wellbeing is central to everything we do.
Inclusion, diversity and uniqueness are welcomed, respected and celebrated	Identity was a passionate and recurring theme throughout the community consultation for the Council Plan. Our community values its diversity. Creating a safe place where people of all ages, genders, sexualities, abilities, cultures and backgrounds feel welcome and connected is a priority for Council.
Council leads on sustainability and enhances its natural environment	As Victoria's first carbon-neutral council, we are proud of our commitment to sustainability. Protecting our natural environment and supporting our community to reduce its environmental footprint will continue to be a priority for Council.
Development and growth are managed to maintain and enhance the character and heritage of the city	With demand for inner city housing increasing, Council is mindful of the importance of balancing the needs of new and existing residents, and ensuring that development does not encroach on the amenity or heritage of our city.
Local businesses prosper and creative and knowledge industries thrive	Council is committed to creating a city that is accessible to everyone irrespective of levels of personal mobility, where a fulfilling life can be had without the need for a car.
Connectivity and travel options are environmentally sustainable, integrated and well-designed	Yarra is a great place to do business and to work. Supporting local businesses and creative industries not only contributes to Yarra's economy, but also increases local employment opportunities, enhances street life and fosters community connectedness.
Transparency, performance and community participation drive the way we operate	Council is committed to change through an energised, cohesive team of professionals, recognised for our leadership, innovation and service.

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2. Services and service performance indicators

This section provides a description of the services and initiatives to be funded in the Budget for the 2017-18 year and how these will contribute to achieving the strategic objectives outlined in the Council Plan. It also describes a number of major initiatives, 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 Council Plan, the Budget and the Annual Report is shown below.



Source: Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (formerly Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure)

Services for which there are prescribed performance indicators to be reported on in accordance with the Regulations are shown in **bold** and underlined in the following sections.

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Proposed Strategic Objective 1:**Community health, safety and wellbeing are a focus in everything we do**

Council plays a key role in contributing to our community's health and wellbeing. From delivering maternal and child health services to ensuring access to open space, enforcing noise regulations to supporting community and cultural initiatives, community health, safety and wellbeing is central to everything we do.

Services

Service area	Description of services provided	Expenditure (Revenue) Net Cost \$'000
Family, Youth and Children's Services	<p>Family, Youth and Children's Services provides direct services for children, young people and their families and is also responsible for municipal wide planning for children and young people. The Branch is structured into five service units: Children's Services, Family Services, Youth and Middle Years Services, Connie Benn Centre and Service Planning and Development.</p> <p>Key services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and Care / Children's Services • Maternal & Child Health • Family Support • Youth & Middle Years 	<p>16,856</p> <p>(9,102)</p> <hr/> <p>7,754</p>
Recreation and Open Space	<p>Recreation and Open Space is responsible for maintaining the publicly owned open spaces within the City of Yarra - areas include parks and gardens. Protection and enhancement of the open space and streetscape network and management of the City's trees.</p> <p>The branch also manages and provides accessible recreation opportunities, services and facilities and open space.</p> <p>Key Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open space planning and design • Capital works planning and implementation • Maintenance of open space, streetscape and ecological restoration sites • Recreation planning, club development and sports field allocation • Capital and infill street tree planting 	<p>9,591</p> <p>(282)</p> <hr/> <p>9,309</p>
Aged and Disability Services	<p>Aged and Disability Services provides a range of services to assist older adults and people with disabilities to live independently in their homes in partnership with the State and Federal Government. The services include home care, personal care, home maintenance, meals and social support to older people, younger people with disability and their carers.</p> <p>The Branch carries out community development and strategic planning roles to support the inclusion of older adults and people with disability in community life, including resourcing Council's Disability Advisory Committee and the Active Ageing Advisory Group.</p>	<p>6,875</p> <p>(3,627)</p> <hr/> <p>3,248</p>

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Service area	Description of services provided	Expenditure (Revenue) Net Cost \$'000
	Key Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivering community care services Community Development Support for Older Persons Groups TRAAC Program Disability, Access & Inclusion Metro Access Community Transport Contract Management 	
Leisure Services	Leisure Services operates three major leisure and aquatic facilities, a public golf course and a community gymnasium and provides a range of high quality facilities and programs that encourage participation from a broad cross section of the community. Our service manages and provides diverse recreational and leisure opportunities that have a positive impact on the community's wellbeing, whilst maintaining facilities that are safe, clean and fit-for-purpose. Key Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Collingwood Leisure Centre</u> <u>Richmond Recreation Centre</u> <u>Fitzroy Swimming Pool</u> Burnley Golf Course 	9,791 (10,420) (629)
Compliance Services	Compliance Services is responsible for a range of statutory enforcement services to maximise the health, safety and harmony of the City. Key Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Animal Management</u> Local Laws Enforcement School Crossing Management Temporary Liquor Licensing referrals Local Law permits Litter Enforcement Planning Enforcement <u>Health Protection (including Food Safety and Immunisation)</u> 	6,237 (4,406) 1,831
Social Policy and Research	Social Policy and Research has responsibility for managing the organisation's response to Community Safety, Health planning including Alcohol and Other Drug Issues, policy and research and the night time economy. Key Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake social research Undertaking strategic research, plans and policies Health Planning 	463 - 463

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Major Initiatives

1. Construction of a new local park at Charles and Mollison Streets, Abbotsford (\$0.45 million)

Council will construct a new park in Abbotsford through partial road closure at the intersection of Charles and Mollison Streets. This project supports the Yarra Open Space Strategy that identified the precinct as lacking in open space.

2. Victoria Street Masterplan – Lennox and Nicholson Street upgrade (\$0.4 million) and Shopfront Improvement Grants pilot (\$0.04 million)

Council is undertaking a project to improve the amenity, safety and public realm in Victoria Street at the intersection of Lennox and Nicholson Streets. The new spaces will provide safe, attractive, green and accessible public spaces for residents and visitors. This includes repaving of footpaths, new street crossing points, street furniture and bicycle parking, lighting, public art and street tree planting. Council has received a \$200K grant to contribute this project.

In addition, Council will run a pilot program to improve the character, amenity and safety of Victoria Street via a grant co-funding scheme to assist shop owners to remove roller shutters and refurbish shopfronts.

Initiatives

3. Update of the Yarra Open Space Strategy (\$0.06 million)

Council will commence the preparation of a new Open Space Strategy which will result in a renewed direction for the provision and enhancement of the open space in Yarra, including responding to changes and developments in community needs since the last strategy was developed.

4. Citizens Park Jack Dyer Pavilion – Design (\$0.05 million)

Design for the redevelopment of the Jack Dyer Pavilion at Citizen's Park will be undertaken this year.

The upgraded facility, when constructed, will provide for increased participation in sport by women and juniors and will also improve the accessibility and environmental performance of the facility.

5. Fitzroy Adventure Playground (Cubbies) operational support (\$0.1 million)

Council has allocated \$100K for funding support to Fitzroy Adventure Playground (Cubbies) operated by Save The Children Australia, which provides a safe place for children to play, enjoy friendships and develop.

Service Performance Outcome Indicators

Service	Indicator	Performance Measure	Computation
Home and Community Care	Participation	Participation in HACC service (Percentage of the municipal target population who receive a HACC service)	[Number of people that received a HACC service / Municipal target population for HACC services] x100

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		Participation in HACC service by CALD people (Percentage of the municipal target population in relation to CALD people who receive a HACC service)	[Number of CALD people who receive a HACC service / Municipal target population in relation to CALD people for HACC services] x100
Maternal and Child Health	Participation	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 year) / Number of children enrolled in the MCH service] x100
		Participation in 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 year) / Number of Aboriginal children enrolled in the MCH service] x100
Animal Management	Health and safety	Animal management prosecutions (Number of successful animal management prosecutions)	Number of successful animal management prosecutions
Food safety	Health and safety	Critical and major non-compliance notifications (Percentage of critical and major non-compliance notifications that are followed up by Council)	[Number of critical non-compliance notifications and major non-compliance notifications about a food premises followed up / Number of critical non-compliance notifications and major non-compliance notifications about food premises] x100
Aquatic Facilities	Utilisation	Number of visits to aquatic facilities (Number of visits to aquatic facilities per head of municipal population)	[Number of visits to aquatic facilities / Municipal population]

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Identity was a passionate and recurring theme throughout the community consultation for the Council Plan. Our community values its diversity. Creating a safe place where people of all ages, genders, sexualities, abilities, cultures and backgrounds feel welcome and connected is a priority for Council.

Services

Service area	Description of services provided	Expenditure (Revenue) Net Cost \$'000
Community Partnerships	Community Partnerships leads community development in Yarra to support Council's strategic objectives through strengthening civic participation, championing social inclusion and cohesion and supporting community groups and organisations.	3,565 -
	Key Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equity and Diversity • GLBTIQ Working Group • Community Centres • Neighbourhood Houses • Manage Needle and Syringe contract • Community Grants Program • Aboriginal Partnerships Plan • Social Housing and Homelessness • Multicultural Affairs 	3,565

Major Initiatives**1. Stolen Generations Marker (\$0.1 million)**

Council will work with the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to develop a Stolen Generations Marker as a tribute to the Stolen Generations and their families and to stand as a reminder of the ongoing impacts of past government policies on the Aboriginal community today.

Initiatives**2. Installation of civic flagpoles (\$0.02 million)**

Council will install civic flagpoles in locations near to town halls, which will be used to fly community flags in acknowledgement of Yarra's rich community diversity.

3. Small Project Grants (\$0.07 million)

The Small Project Grants respond to funding requests throughout the year, providing an opportunity for new applicants to engage with Council and gain an understanding of the grants process. The grants allow not-for-profit organisations and individual artists to access small amounts of funding quickly. The purpose of these grants are to promote: social involvement; community connectedness; environmental sustainability; health; well-being; and cultural diversity.

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Proposed Strategic Objective 3:**Council leads on sustainability and enhances its natural environment**

As Victoria's first carbon-neutral council, we are proud of our commitment to sustainability. Protecting our natural environment and supporting our community to reduce its environmental footprint will continue to be a priority for Council.

Services

Service areas	Description of services provided	Expenditure (Revenue) Net Cost \$'000
Sustainability Services	Sustainability Services focusses on the advocacy and policy areas of environment, waste minimisation and urban agriculture.	3,241
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		3,241
	Key Services	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing Yarra's greenhouse gas emissions/ energy consumption Reducing Council's waste to Landfill Increasing Urban Agriculture throughout the municipality 	
Waste Services	Waste Services oversees the delivery of all waste services and waste minimisation.	16,956
		(616)
		16,340
	Key Services:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste Services Waste Minimisation Street Cleaning 	
Water Management Services	Water Management plans for Council to be an active participant in whole of water cycle management and seek all available opportunities to reduce the reliance on potable water by working with water corporations to achieve cost efficient access to alternative water including, treated, and re-using stormwater, recycled water and rainwater.	49
		-
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	Key Services:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water Management 	

Major Initiatives**1. Trial an innovative solution for food waste recycling in Yarra (\$0.17 million)**

Council will conduct and evaluate a trial of an innovative solution for diverting food waste from landfill. This will include establishing an appropriate collection service, food waste receptacles for households, education/engagement processes and waste processing technology.

Initiatives**2. Planning for implementation of Urban Forest Strategy (\$0.04 million)**

Council will undertake planning work to create localised tree planting plans consistent with the development of the Urban Forest Strategy. This will ensure street tree planting funded within the capital asset renewal program aligns with the strategy.

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Service Performance Outcome Indicators

Service	Indicator	Performance Measure	Computation
Waste collection	Waste diversion	Kerbside collection waste diverted from landfill (Percentage of garbage, recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins that is diverted from landfill)	[Weight of recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins / Weight of garbage, recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins] x100

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Proposed Strategic Objective 4:

Development and growth are managed to maintain and enhance the character and heritage of the city

With demand for inner city housing increasing, Council is mindful of the importance of balancing the needs of new and existing residents, and ensuring that development does not encroach on the amenity or heritage of our City.

Services

Service area	Description of services provided	Expenditure (Revenue) Net Cost \$'000
Statutory Planning	Statutory Planning is responsible for analysing, processing and assessing planning applications to ensure that the use and development of land which gives effect to state and local planning policies, are based on clear procedures, appropriate public participation and coordination with other Branches of Council. Key Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Applications • VCAT and Panel Hearings • Advice on planning and specialist heritage and environmental sustainability issues • Subdivision compliance 	4,100 (6,026) (1,926)
City Strategy	City Strategy provides strategic research, planning policy and urban design advice on sustainable land use and development in the municipality through policy development, strategic plans and the development of appropriate planning controls through the Yarra Planning Scheme. Key Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring and reviewing the Yarra Planning Scheme • Preparing and assessing Planning Scheme Amendments • Improving the public realm in activity centres and key public spaces • Preparing urban design frameworks and master plans 	2,047 - 2,047
Construction Management	Construction Management is responsible for ensuring that development/works being undertaken in the municipality meet agreed statutory and/or permit requirements and that developments have minimum impact on the amenity of residents, businesses and Council infrastructure.	5,212 (6,695) (1,483)

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Service area	Description of services provided	Expenditure (Revenue) Net Cost \$'000
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Key services:

- Management of Construction Management Plans
- Issue of Building Permits
- Permits to address public safety at events
- Permits to occupy Council land
- Provide 24/7 emergency call out for building matters
- Review and respond to Essential Safety Measure matters

Initiatives

1. Developer Contribution Plan implementation and administration (\$0.08 million)

This initiative comprises staffing and IT system changes to support the introduction of Developer Contribution Plan (DCP) to the Yarra Planning Scheme. The DCP will ensure that new residential development growth being experienced by Yarra contributes in an equitable way to provision of infrastructure and community facilities.

Service Performance Outcome Indicators

Service	Indicator	Performance Measure	Computation
Statutory Planning	Decision making	Council planning decisions upheld at VCAT (Percentage of planning application decisions subject to review by VCAT and that were upheld in favour of the Council)	[Number of VCAT decisions that did not set aside Council's decision in relation to a planning application / Number of VCAT decisions in relation to planning applications] x100

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Proposed Strategic Objective 5:

Local businesses prosper and creative and knowledge industries thrive

Yarra is a great place to do business and to work. Supporting local businesses and creative industries not only contributes to Yarra's economy, but also increases local employment opportunities, enhances street life and fosters community connectedness.

Services

Service areas	Description of services provided	Expenditure (Revenue) Net Cost \$'000
Economic Development	Economic Development is responsible for developing programs to support Yarra's economy and promoting local businesses and key retail precincts. It also responsible for Urban Design providing designs for improving the quality of the public domain in Yarra's activity centres and undertaking design projects for key public spaces in the municipality. Key Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Development • Providing advice, support and services to local businesses • Undertaking tourism and marketing programs 	720 (10) 710
Library Services	Yarra Libraries develops and maintains integrated, coordinated Library Services comprised of accessible and responsive practices that are connected to, and informed by our community and are delivered by professional staff working within a supportive learning culture. Key Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five Library locations across Yarra • Free core public library services • Authoritative, accessible information services • Collections and services to support individual and collective quality of life • Development and delivery of activities and events to support reader development and social inclusion • Quality service which we develop and evaluate to pursue excellence • Places and spaces for the community to come together – both real and virtual. 	5,572 (635) 4,937
Arts, Culture and Venues	Arts, Culture and Venues comprises two business units: Arts and Cultural Services, and Venues and Events. It is responsible for producing and commissioning of works; facilitating projects between external stakeholders and advocacy and managing the use of Council's civic and community buildings, as well our parks and open spaces. Key services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venues bookings • Service delivery for the operation of three civic buildings and community spaces. 	3,409 (774) 2,635

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- Events permits
 - Parks and open spaces bookings
 - Arts development
 - Community arts
 - Festivals and events
 - Art and heritage collections
 - Public Art
 - Room to Create (creative spaces support) program
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Service Performance Outcome Indicators

Service	Indicator	Performance Measure	Computation
Economic Development	Economic activity	Change in number of businesses (Percentage change in the number of businesses with an ABN in the municipality)	[Number of businesses with an ABN in the municipality at the end of the financial year / Number of businesses with an ABN in the municipality at the start of the financial year] x100
Libraries	Participation	Active Library members (Percentage change of the municipal population that are Library members)	[Number of active Library members / Municipal population]

Major Initiatives

1. Urban Design – Activity Centres design (\$0.23 million)

Council will fund urban design work with a placemaking focus in the key activity centres of Brunswick Street, Bridge Road and Victoria Street. The designs will aim to ensure accessible, safe and quality public domain and public spaces in Yarra's activity centres so that they remain attractive to the local community, visitors and tourists.

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Proposed Strategic Objective 6:

Connectivity and travel options are environmentally sustainable, integrated and well-designed

Council is committed to creating a city that is accessible to everyone irrespective of levels of personal mobility, where a fulfilling life can be had without the need for a car.

Services

Service areas	Description of services provided	Expenditure (Revenue) Net Cost \$'000
Parking Services	<p>Parking Services is responsible for a range of statutory enforcement services to maximise the safety, compliance and harmony of the City and for the management of limited parking resources.</p> <p>Key Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking Enforcement Program • Processing Parking Infringements • Parking Permit Scheme • Prosecutions 	<p>8,008</p> <p>(26,856)</p> <p>(18,848)</p>
Traffic and Special Projects	<p>Traffic and Special Projects provides, maintains, improves and manages Yarra's Infrastructure with a focus on creating an efficient, effective and safe traffic environment.</p> <p>Key Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic Services • Local Area Traffic Management Studies (LATMS) 	<p>1,135</p> <p>-</p> <p>1,135</p>
Strategic Transport	<p>Strategic Transport focuses on advocacy and policy and delivers cycling infrastructure.</p> <p>Key Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocating for improved public transport services • Improving bicycle infrastructure • Supporting/ increasing number of cyclists • Delivering road safety projects for cyclists and pedestrians 	<p>821</p> <p>-</p> <p>821</p>
Road Services and Fleet Management	<p>Road Services and Fleet Management manages and maintains Council's road and footpath infrastructure, fleet, plant and equipment.</p> <p>Key Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graffiti Management • <u>Yarra Roads Services</u> • Fleet Management • Emergency Management 	<p>4,734</p> <p>(85)</p> <p>4,649</p>

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Service areas	Description of services provided	Expenditure (Revenue) Net Cost \$'000
Engineering and Asset Management	Engineering and Asset Management provides policy, strategy, processes and procedures and systems that produce an integrated and multidisciplinary approach to asset management. Key Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Asset Management • Capital Works planning, development, monitoring and reporting • Road Infrastructure Capital Works Program • Assessment of referred development applications • Implementation of Road Management Act 	1,888 (200) 1,688

Major Initiatives**1. Wellington Street Copenhagen bicycle lane stage 2 (\$0.5 million)**

Council will commence construction of the second stage of the Wellington Street Bicycle Lane between Gipps Street and Johnston Street. This is a Copenhagen-style lane and the project aims to provide improved safety and comfort for cyclists, encourage new cyclists and calm existing traffic flows on Wellington Street.

2. Spot safety program (\$0.15 million)

Council monitors the local road network and accident records to identify locations with a significant accident frequency which may require remedial action. The Spot Safety Program improves road safety, reduces vehicle speeds and traffic volumes and improves residential amenity, walkability and cycling.

Initiatives**3. Bicycle network program and bicycle parking (\$0.09 million)**

Council will continue to develop bicycle related infrastructure as proposed in the Bicycle Strategy, including an allocation for additional bicycle parking racks and pole vaults to be installed particularly around shopping strips, activity centres and Council facilities.

4. Pedestrian program (\$0.08 million)

Council will continue to make improvements to pedestrian amenity and safety as proposed in the Encouraging and Increasing Walking Strategy.

5. 30 km/h trial Rose precinct, Fitzroy (\$0.025 million)

Council will trial a 30 km/h speed limit in the LATM 9 Rose Precinct in Fitzroy. This allocation will fund infrastructure required to undertake the trial (changes in speed limit signs and road markings) and traffic conditions monitoring during the trial.

6. Upgrade of signalised crossings to comply with Disability Discrimination Act guidelines (\$0.03 million)

Council will commence a program to improve pedestrian signals within Yarra to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act. This will include installation of Tactile Ground Surface Indicators and Variable Audio Tactile to assist with access for vision impaired pedestrians.

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Service	Indicator	Performance Measure	Computation
Roads	Satisfaction	Satisfaction with sealed local roads (Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how Council has performed on the condition of sealed local roads)	Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how Council has performed on the condition of sealed local roads.

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Proposed Strategic Objective 7:**Transparency, performance and community participation drive the way we operate**

Council is committed to change through an energised, cohesive team of professionals, recognised for our leadership, innovation and service.

Services

Service areas	Description of services provided	Expenditure (Revenue) Net Cost \$'000
CEO Office	<p>The CEO Office includes the Governance and Support Office, Office of Mayor and Councillors and the Property Management Unit. It is responsible for a range of professional services to internal and external clients, with an emphasis on governance related issues including compliance, regulation, transparency and probity.</p> <p>Key Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council agendas and minutes • Freedom of Information • Internal ombudsman • <u>Mayor and Councillors Office</u> • Place naming • Public Registers • Records Management • Management of Legal Services 	<p>5,074</p> <p>(1)</p> <hr/> <p>5,073</p>
People and Culture	<p>People and Culture promotes accountability and enhances competency, effectiveness and wellbeing as a shared responsibility of the organisation and its people and strives to generate a positive and productive work and learning environment.</p> <p>Key Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture change and the development of the organisation • Performance planning and assessment • Employee Relations • Workforce planning, recruitment and selection • HR administration • Occupational Health, Safety and Risk 	<p>1,918</p> <p>-</p> <hr/> <p>1,918</p>
Advocacy and Engagement	<p>The Advocacy and Engagement provides Council with three customer service locations, a telephone call centre, communications, issues and media management, consultation and engagement, strategic advocacy, publications, digital communications including website and social media, and civic events.</p> <p>Key Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer Service • Consultation and engagement • Public relations / public affairs 	<p>4,268</p> <p>-</p> <hr/> <p>4,268</p>

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Service areas	Description of services provided	Expenditure (Revenue) Net Cost \$'000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Media relations, monitoring and advertising Digital and social media Civic events, festival presence, speeches Major Campaigns Issues Management 	
Finance	<p>The Finance Branch delivers financial accounting, management accounting, revenue management, valuations and payroll services to the organisation. It also develops financial strategies that will ensure the City of Yarra is a viable organisation able to continue provision of quality services into the future.</p> <p>Key Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management Accounting Revenue Management Valuation Services Financial Accounting Payroll 	4,291 (2,980) 1,311
Corporate Planning and Performance	<p>The Corporate Planning and Performance Branch ensures services and projects are strategically aligned, deliver value for money and are accountable to staff, Councillors and the community.</p> <p>Key Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Planning and reporting Service Planning and Service Reviews Project Management Office Community Infrastructure Planning 	828 - 828
Risk, Audit and Procurement	<p>The Risk, Audit and Procurement Unit ensures the organisation has policies and procedures in place to manage its risks and engender confidence in our corporate governance. It is responsible for oversight of the organisation's Internal Audit Program and provides the Secretariat function for Council's Audit Committee.</p> <p>The Contracts and Procurement Unit is responsible for ensuring that procurement processes are compliant with Council policies and procedures that all legislative requirements imposed on Council are met; and that probity is observed in tendering and purchasing systems.</p>	2,964 - 2,964

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Service areas	Description of services provided	Expenditure (Revenue) Net Cost \$'000
	Key Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk Management • Business Continuity • Emergency Management • Contracts and Procurement • Audit Committee • Internal Audit program • Insurance 	
Building Assets and Property Services	Building Assets manages, maintains and develops the Council's building and land assets in order to maximise their ability to support delivery of services to the community. Property Services is responsible for managing Councils property portfolio including leases, licences and management agreements. Key services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Services and Facilities Maintenance • Building Projects • Property Management 	6,738 (1,502) 5,236
Information and Communication Technology	Information and Communication Technology facilitates the acquisition, maintenance, retirement and usage of all information systems maintained or used by the operations and staff of the City of Yarra including fixed and mobile hardware, installed and cloud sourced software and telecommunications equipment. Key Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Analysis • Support of business applications and process improvements • Administration and maintenance of the IS Infrastructure • GIS Administration 	7,163 - 7,163
Innovation	The Innovation and Information Services Branch offers support to areas undertaking new innovative projects, giving advice on the appropriate tools, barriers and considerations for the situation, strengthening the business case, connecting innovators with possible sponsors, and providing links to others who may have encountered similar issues or problems in their own innovation processes. Key Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Management of innovation projects • Project and Process Innovation 	775 - 775

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Council will continue to engage with peer organisations through the Resilient Melbourne forum, which seeks to develop a collaborative approach to ensure greater metropolitan Melbourne is able to cope, adapt and thrive in an environment of increasing complexity and uncertainty.

Service Performance Outcome Indicators

Service	Indicator	Performance Measure	Computation
Governance	Satisfaction	Satisfaction with Council decisions (Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how Council has performed in making decisions in the interests of the community)	Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how Council has performed in making decisions in the interests of the community

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Performance Statement

The service performance indicators detailed in the preceding pages will be reported on within the Performance Statement which is prepared at the end of the year as required by section 132 of the Act and included in the 2017-18 Annual Report. The Performance Statement will also include reporting on prescribed indicators of financial performance (outlined in Section 8) and sustainable capacity, which are not included in this budget report. The prescribed performance indicators contained in the Performance Statement are audited each year by the Victorian Auditor-General who issues an audit opinion on the Performance Statement. The major initiatives detailed in the preceding pages will be reported in the Annual Report in the form of a statement of progress in the Report of Operations.

Reconciliation with Budgeted Surplus/(Deficit)*

	Net Expenditure/ (Revenue) \$'000	Expenditure \$'000	Revenue \$'000
Community health, safety and wellbeing is a focus in everything we do	21,976	49,813	(27,837)
Inclusion, diversity and uniqueness are welcomed, respected and celebrated	3,565	3,565	-
Council leads on sustainability and enhances its environment	19,630	20,246	(616)
Development and growth are managed to maintain and enhance the character of the city	(1,362)	11,359	(12,721)
Connectivity and travel options are environmentally sustainable, integrated, and well-designed	(10,555)	16,586	(27,141)
Local businesses prosper and creative and knowledge industries thrive	8,282	9,701	(1,419)
Transparency, performance and community participation drive the way we operate	29,536	34,019	(4,483)
Total services and initiatives	71,072	145,289	(74,217)
Other non-attributable	27,897		
Net deficit before funding sources	98,969		
Funding sources:			
Rates & charges	113,658		
Capital grants	1,195		
Total funding sources	114,853		
Surplus for the year*	15,884		

*It is important to note this is not a cash surplus. It is the accounting result represented in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards. It includes non-cash items such as depreciation, and excludes other significant cash outflows of Council such as capital works funding and repayment of debt. Please refer to the Cash Flow Statement on page 35 for the projected cash position for 2017-18.

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3. Financial statements

This section presents information in regard to the Financial Statements and Statement of Human Resources. The Budget information for the years 2017-18 to 2020-21 has been extracted from the Strategic Resource Plan.

This section includes the following financial statements in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989 and the Local Government Model Financial Report:

- 3.1 Comprehensive Income Statement
- 3.2 Balance Sheet
- 3.3 Statement of Changes in Equity
- 3.4 Statement of Cash Flows
- 3.5 Statement of Capital Works
- 3.6 Statement of Human Resources

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Comprehensive Income Statement

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	Forecast	Budget	Strategic Resource Plan		
	Actual		Projections		
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Income					
Rates and charges	101,989	113,658	117,711	121,852	126,083
Statutory fees and fines	27,393	28,534	28,819	29,395	29,984
User fees	26,830	27,064	27,334	27,881	28,439
Reimbursements	1,844	1,640	1,699	1,819	1,942
Grants - Operating	10,930	12,023	13,225	14,548	16,003
Grants - Capital	3,036	1,195	1,207	1,231	1,256
Contributions - monetary	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300
Net gain/(loss) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	705	300	197	192	187
Other income	1,400	1,707	1,794	1,845	1,918
Total income	178,427	190,421	196,286	203,063	210,112
Expenses					
Employee costs	77,873	80,639	82,252	83,897	85,575
Materials and services	67,391	69,085	69,754	71,110	72,493
Bad and doubtful debts	2,040	2,010	1,980	1,950	1,920
Depreciation and amortisation	20,230	20,664	22,432	22,881	23,338
Borrowing costs	1,511	2,139	2,088	2,035	1,980
Total expenses	169,045	174,537	178,506	181,873	185,306
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	9,382	15,884	17,780	21,190	24,806
Other comprehensive income					
Items that will not be reclassified to surplus or deficit in future periods					
Net asset revaluation increment /(decrement)	-	50,339	-	52,204	-
Total comprehensive result	9,382	66,223	17,780	73,394	24,806

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Balance Sheet

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	Forecast	Budget	Strategic Resource Plan		
	Actual		Projections		
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Assets					
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	30,877	26,747	26,124	28,081	31,293
Trade and other receivables	14,734	15,778	16,466	17,245	18,118
Inventories	130	130	130	130	130
Non-current assets classified as held for sale	696	696	696	696	696
Total current assets	46,437	43,351	43,416	46,152	50,237
Non-current assets					
Trade and other receivables	255	255	255	255	255
Property, infrastructure, plant & equipment	1,686,699	1,748,914	1,758,842	1,821,330	1,833,485
Total non-current assets	1,686,954	1,749,169	1,759,097	1,821,585	1,833,740
Total assets	1,733,391	1,792,520	1,802,513	1,867,737	1,883,977
Liabilities					
Current liabilities					
Trade and other payables	17,534	17,534	17,534	17,534	17,534
Trust funds and deposits	6,195	6,195	6,195	6,195	6,195
Provisions	14,718	15,215	15,409	15,629	15,874
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	1,091	1,142	1,195	1,250	5,713
Total current liabilities	39,538	40,086	40,333	40,608	45,316
Non-current liabilities					
Provisions	1,416	1,416	1,416	1,416	1,416
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	44,909	37,267	29,233	20,788	7,514
Other Liabilities	585	585	585	585	585
Total non-current liabilities	46,910	39,268	31,234	22,789	9,515
Total liabilities	86,448	79,354	71,567	63,397	54,831
Net assets	1,646,943	1,713,166	1,730,946	1,804,340	1,829,146
Equity					
Accumulated surplus	591,130	607,014	624,794	645,984	670,790
Reserves	1,055,813	1,106,152	1,106,152	1,158,356	1,158,356
Total equity	1,646,943	1,713,166	1,730,946	1,804,340	1,829,146

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Statement of Changes in Equity

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	Total \$'000	Accumulated Surplus \$'000	Revaluation Reserve \$'000	Other Reserves \$'000
2016/2017 Forecast				
Balance at beginning of the financial year	1,637,561	581,748	1,035,634	20,179
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	9,382	9,382	-	-
Net asset revaluation increment/(decrement)	-	-	-	-
Transfer to other reserves	-	(4,000)	-	4,000
Transfer from other reserves	-	4,000	-	(4,000)
Balance at end of the financial year	1,646,943	591,130	1,035,634	20,179
2017/2018 Budget				
Balance at beginning of the financial year	1,646,943	591,130	1,035,634	20,179
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	15,884	15,884	-	-
Net asset revaluation increment/(decrement)	50,339	-	50,339	-
Transfer to other reserves	-	(4,000)	-	4,000
Transfer from other reserves	-	4,000	-	(4,000)
Balance at end of the financial year	1,713,166	607,014	1,085,973	20,179
2018/2019 Strategic Resource Plan				
Balance at beginning of the financial year	1,713,166	607,014	1,085,973	20,179
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	17,780	17,780	-	-
Net asset revaluation increment/(decrement)	-	-	-	-
Transfer to other reserves	-	(4,000)	-	4,000
Transfer from other reserves	-	4,000	-	(4,000)
Balance at end of the financial year	1,730,946	624,794	1,085,973	20,179
2019-2020 Strategic Resource Plan				
Balance at beginning of the financial year	1,730,946	624,794	1,085,973	20,179
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	21,190	21,190	-	-
Net asset revaluation increment/(decrement)	52,204	-	52,204	-
Transfer to other reserves	-	(4,000)	-	4,000
Transfer from other reserves	-	4,000	-	(4,000)
Balance at end of the financial year	1,804,340	645,984	1,138,177	20,179
2020/2021 Strategic Resource Plan				
Balance at beginning of the financial year	1,804,340	645,984	1,138,177	20,179
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	24,806	24,806	-	-
Net asset revaluation increment/(decrement)	-	-	-	-
Transfer to other reserves	-	(4,000)	-	4,000
Transfer from other reserves	-	4,000	-	(4,000)
Balance at end of the financial year	1,829,146	670,790	1,138,177	20,179

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Statement of Cash Flows

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	Forecast	Budget	Strategic Resource Plan		
	Actual		Projections		
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
	Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)
Cash flows from operating activities					
Rates and charges	101,479	112,708	117,166	121,289	125,500
Statutory fees and fines	26,023	27,107	27,378	27,926	28,484
User fees	26,159	26,387	26,651	27,184	27,728
Grants - operating	10,930	12,023	13,225	14,548	16,003
Grants - capital	3,036	1,195	1,207	1,231	1,256
Contributions - monetary	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300
Reimbursements	1,844	1,640	1,699	1,819	1,942
Interest received	469	500	500	500	500
Other receipts	931	1,207	1,294	1,345	1,418
Employee costs	(75,926)	(80,142)	(82,058)	(83,677)	(85,330)
Materials and services	(67,391)	(69,085)	(69,754)	(71,110)	(72,493)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	31,854	37,840	41,608	45,355	49,308
Cash flows from investing activities					
Payments for property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	(36,715)	(33,040)	(32,858)	(33,666)	(35,992)
Proceeds from sale of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	1,205	800	697	692	687
Net cash provided by/ (used in) investing activities	(35,510)	(32,240)	(32,161)	(32,974)	(35,305)
Cash flows from financing activities					
Finance costs	(1,511)	(2,139)	(2,088)	(2,035)	(1,980)
Proceeds from borrowings	13,500	-	-	-	-
Repayment of borrowings	-	(7,591)	(7,982)	(8,389)	(8,811)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	11,989	(9,730)	(10,070)	(10,424)	(10,791)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents	8,333	(4,130)	(623)	1,957	3,212
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	22,544	30,877	26,747	26,124	28,081
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	30,877	26,747	26,124	28,081	31,293

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Statement of Capital Works

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	Forecast	Budget	Strategic Resource Plan		
	Actual		Projections		
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Property					
Buildings	17,806	6,824	9,438	11,228	14,343
Total buildings	17,806	6,824	9,438	11,228	14,343
Total property	17,806	6,824	9,438	11,228	14,343
Plant and equipment					
Plant, machinery and equipment	2,178	2,457	2,144	2,278	2,652
Computers and telecommunications	3,678	3,207	3,057	1,757	992
Total plant and equipment	5,856	5,664	5,201	4,035	3,644
Infrastructure					
Roads	7,564	8,396	8,456	8,443	8,858
Bridges	50	-	210	200	80
Lanes	891	842	973	1,014	1,050
Transport	2,792	872	2,129	892	1,005
Waste management	60	60	60	75	70
Parks, open space and streetscapes	7,670	7,841	3,751	4,152	4,278
Street Furniture	75	330	330	330	330
Retail Strips	430	730	2,310	3,297	2,334
Priority Projects	-	506			
Provisional Carry Forwards	-	975	-	-	-
Total infrastructure	19,532	20,552	18,219	18,403	18,005
Total capital works expenditure	43,194	33,040	32,858	33,666	35,992
Represented by:					
New asset expenditure	15,419	6,666	820	200	1,461
Asset renewal expenditure	25,002	25,835	25,814	25,559	23,666
Asset expansion expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Asset upgrade expenditure	2,773	539	6,224	7,907	10,865
Total capital works expenditure	43,194	33,040	32,858	33,666	35,992

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Statement of Human Resources

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	Forecast	Budget	Strategic Resource Plan		
	Actual		Projections		
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Staff expenditure					
Employee costs - operating	76,587	79,528	81,119	82,741	84,396
Employee costs - capital	1,286	1,111	1,133	1,156	1,179
Total staff expenditure	77,873	80,639	82,252	83,897	85,575
	EFT	EFT	EFT	EFT	EFT
Staff numbers					
Employees	839.0	839.0	839.0	839.0	839.0
Total staff numbers	839.0	839.0	839.0	839.0	839.0

A summary of human resources expenditure categorised according to the organisational structure of Council is included below. The table is reflective of Council's structure as at the third quarter of the 2016-17 financial year.

Department	Budget 2017-18 \$'000	Comprises	
		Permanent	Permanent
		Full Time \$'000	Part Time \$'000
CEO Division	8,084	6,438	1,646
Corporate, Business & Financial Services	20,006	15,355	4,651
Community Wellbeing	22,212	14,970	7,242
City Works & Assets	12,523	11,934	589
Planning & Placemaking	10,316	8,766	1,550
Total permanent staff expenditure	73,141	57,463	15,678
Casuals and other expenditure	6,387		
Capitalised labour costs	1,111		
Total expenditure	80,639		

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

Department	Budget FTE	Comprises	
		Permanent	Permanent
		Full Time	Part Time
CEO Division	74.0	56.0	18.0
Corporate, Business & Financial Services	214.0	142.0	72.0
Community Wellbeing	252.0	166.0	86.0
City Works & Assets	123.0	117.0	6.0
Planning & Placemaking	93.0	79.0	14.0
Total	756.0	560.0	196.0
Casuals and other	72.0		
Capitalised labour costs	11.0		
Total staff	839.0		

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4. 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.

Indicator	Measure	Notes	Forecast	Budget	Strategic Resource Plan Projections			Trend
			2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	+/-
Operating position								
Adjusted underlying result	Adjusted underlying surplus (deficit) / Adjusted underlying revenue	1	1.2%	5.6%	6.3%	7.9%	9.4%	+
Liquidity								
Working Capital	Current assets / current liabilities	2	117.4%	108.1%	107.6%	113.7%	110.9%	o
Unrestricted cash	Unrestricted cash / current liabilities		62.4%	51.3%	49.4%	53.9%	55.4%	o
Obligations								
Loans and borrowings	Interest bearing loans and borrowings / rate revenue	3	45.1%	33.8%	25.8%	18.1%	10.5%	+
Loans and borrowings	Interest and principal repayments on interest bearing loans and borrowings / rate revenue		1.5%	8.6%	8.6%	8.6%	8.6%	+
Indebtedness	Non-current liabilities / own source revenue		29.8%	23.0%	17.8%	12.6%	5.1%	+
Asset renewal	Asset renewal expenditure / depreciation	4	123.6%	125.0%	115.1%	111.7%	101.4%	-
Stability								
Rates concentration	Rate revenue / adjusted underlying revenue	5	59.6%	61.5%	61.7%	61.7%	61.6%	o
Rates effort	Rate revenue / CIV of rateable properties in the municipality		0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	o
Efficiency								
Expenditure level	Total expenditure / no. of property assessments		\$3,130	\$3,203	\$3,246	\$3,277	\$3,309	+
Revenue level	Residential rate revenue / No. of residential property assessments		\$1,571	\$1,594	\$1,616	\$1,638	\$1,659	+
Workforce turnover	No. of permanent staff resignations & terminations / average no. of permanent staff for the financial year		13.5%	13.3%	13.3%	13.3%	13.3%	+

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 indicators

1 Adjusted underlying result – This is an indicator of the sustainable operating result required to enable Council to continue to provide core services and meet its objectives. Improvement in financial performance is expected over the period, although continued losses would mean reliance on Council's cash reserves or increased debt to maintain services. Council's result indicates an improving trend.

2 Working Capital – The proportion of current liabilities represented by current assets. The trend in later years is to remain steady at an acceptable level.

3 Debt compared to rates - Trend indicates Council's reducing reliance on debt against its annual rate revenue through redemption of long term debt.

4 Asset renewal - This percentage indicates the extent of Council's renewal of assets 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. Council's trend is decreasing which indicates additional investment in renewal will be required at some stage.

5 Rates concentration - Reflects extent of reliance on rate revenues to fund all of Council's on-going services. Trend indicates Council will become stable on reliance of rate revenue compared to all other revenue sources, if the waste service charge is introduced.

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5. Other Budget information (required by the Regulations)

This section presents other Budget related information required by the Regulations

This section includes the following statements and reports:

- 5.1.1 Grants operating
- 5.1.2 Grants capital
- 5.1.3 Statement of borrowings

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5.1.1 Grants - operating (\$1.09 million increase)

Operating grants include all monies received from State and Federal sources for the purposes of funding the delivery of Council's services to ratepayers. Overall, the level of operating grants is projected to increase by 10% or \$1.09 million compared to 2016-17. A list of operating grants by type and source, classified into recurrent and non-recurrent, is included below.

	Forecast Actual 2016-17 \$'000	Budget 2017-18 \$'000	Variance Inc/(Dec) \$'000
Grants - operating			
Recurrent - Commonwealth Government			
Victorian Grants Commission	1,795	2,189	394
Family day care	619	642	23
General home care	1,773	1,875	102
Recurrent - State Government			
Primary care partnerships	4,675	5,449	774
Aged care	478	448	(30)
School crossing supervisors	215	218	3
Libraries	590	576	(14)
Maternal and child health	536	536	-
Health Protection	105	90	(15)
Community safety	80	-	(80)
Total recurrent grants	10,866	12,023	1,157
Non-recurrent - Commonwealth Government			
Facilities	41	-	(41)
Environmental planning	23	-	(23)
Total non-recurrent grants	64	-	(64)
Total operating grants	10,930	12,023	1,093

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5.1.2 Grants - capital (\$1.84 million decrease)

Capital grants include all monies received from State, Federal and community sources for the purposes of funding the capital works program. Overall the level of capital grants will decrease by 61% or \$1.84 million compared to 2016-17 due mainly to additional roads to recovery and 'black spot' funding received in 2016-17. Section 6. "Analysis of Capital Budget" includes a more detailed analysis of the grants and contributions expected to be received during the 2017-18 year. A list of capital grants by type and source, classified into recurrent and non-recurrent, is included below.

	Forecast		
Grants - capital	Actual 2016-17 \$'000	Budget 2017-18 \$'000	Variance Inc/(Dec) \$'000
Recurrent - Commonwealth Government			
Victorian Grants Commission	400	414	14
Roads to Recovery	621	620	(1)
Recurrent - State Government			
Total recurrent grants	1,021	1,034	13
Non-recurrent - Commonwealth Government			
Roads	1,860	-	(1,860)
Non-recurrent - State Government			
Buildings	50	-	(50)
Community Learning and Partnerships	-	150	150
Recreation	95	-	(95)
Other	10	11	1
Total non-recurrent grants	2,015	161	(1,854)
Total capital grants	3,036	1,195	(1,841)

5.1.3 Statement of Borrowings

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

	2016-17 \$'000	2017-18 \$'000
Total amount borrowed as at 30 June of the prior year	32,500	46,000
Total amount proposed to be borrowed	13,500	-
Total amount projected to be redeemed	-	(7,591)
Total amount of borrowings as at 30 June	46,000	38,409

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6. Detailed list of Capital Works

This section presents a listing of the capital works projects that will be undertaken for the 2017-18 year.

The capital works projects are grouped by class and include the following:

- New works for 2017-18
- Works carried forward from the 2016-17 year.

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Capital works program

For the year ending 30 June 2018

6.1 New works

Capital Works Area	Project cost \$'000	Asset expenditure type				Summary of funding sources			
		New \$'000	Renewal \$'000	Upgrade \$'000	Expansion \$'000	Grants \$'000	Contributions \$'000	Council cash \$'000	Borrowings \$'000
BUILDINGS									
Abbotsford Senior Citizens/Willowview Centre	75	-	75	-	-	-	-	75	-
All buildings - General Regulation Compliance	80	-	80	-	-	-	-	80	-
Building Condition Audits	25	-	25	-	-	-	-	25	-
Burnley Golf Course Administration, Residence and Shed	11	-	11	-	-	-	-	11	-
Burnley Golf Course Equipment Shed	30	-	30	-	-	-	-	30	-
Citizens Park Public Toilet	30	-	30	-	-	-	-	30	-
Collingwood Depot Workshop / Admin	283	-	283	-	-	-	-	283	-
Collingwood Leisure Centre	230	-	230	-	-	-	-	230	-
Collingwood Town Hall & Precinct	718	-	718	-	-	-	-	718	-
Dancehouse	40	-	40	-	-	-	-	40	-
Dight Falls - Public Toilets	235	-	235	-	-	-	-	235	-
Docker Street Public Toilets	40	-	40	-	-	-	-	40	-
Fairfield Park Boathouse & Tearooms	60	-	60	-	-	-	-	60	-
Fitzroy Pool - Gym and Spa	276	-	276	-	-	-	-	276	-
Fitzroy Town Hall	2,080	-	2,080	-	-	-	-	2,080	-
Johnston Pavilion - Kevin Bartlett Reserve	20	-	20	-	-	-	-	20	-
Keele Street Child Care Centre	90	-	90	-	-	-	-	90	-

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Capital Works Area	Project cost \$'000	Asset expenditure type				Summary of funding sources			
		New \$'000	Renewal \$'000	Upgrade \$'000	Expansion \$'000	Grants \$'000	Contributions \$'000	Council cash \$'000	Borrowings \$'000
Lord Street Neighbourhood House	80	-	80	-	-	-	-	80	-
Mark Street Hall (Inner Circle Linear Park)	142	-	142	-	-	-	-	142	-
Minor urgent works - Various Buildings	425	-	425	-	-	-	-	425	-
North Fitzroy MCHC - Emely Baker Infant Welfare Centre	50	-	50	-	-	-	-	50	-
North Fitzroy Neighbourhood House	25	-	25	-	-	-	-	25	-
Preliminary Building Investigations	300	-	300	-	-	-	-	300	-
Ray Coverdale Pavilion - Knott Reserve	15	-	15	-	-	-	-	15	-
Richmond Library (incl MCH, Historical Society)	150	-	150	-	-	-	-	150	-
Richmond Recreation Centre	260	-	260	-	-	-	-	260	-
Richmond Senior Citizens Centre	25	-	25	-	-	-	-	25	-
Richmond Town Hall	715	-	715	-	-	-	-	715	-
Richmond Town Hall Toilets (off ROW)	40	-	40	-	-	-	-	40	-
Signage replacement program	25	-	25	-	-	-	-	25	-
Victoria Park - Sherrin Stand	25	-	25	-	-	-	-	25	-
Yarra Community Youth Centre	54	-	54	-	-	-	-	54	-
Yarraberg Child Care Centre	120	-	120	-	-	-	-	120	-
Air Raid / Jack Dyer Pavilion - Citizens Park	50	-	-	50	-	-	-	50	-
TOTAL BUILDINGS	6,824	-	6,774	50	-	-	-	6,824	-
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT									
Buses	150	-	150	-	-	-	-	150	-
Cycles	15	-	15	-	-	-	-	15	-
Furniture	200	-	200	-	-	-	-	200	-

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Capital Works Area	Project cost \$'000	Asset expenditure type				Summary of funding sources			
		New \$'000	Renewal \$'000	Upgrade \$'000	Expansion \$'000	Grants \$'000	Contributions \$'000	Council cash \$'000	Borrowings \$'000
Leisure Centre Equipment	164	-	164	-	-	-	-	164	-
Library Resources	590	-	590	-	-	161	-	429	-
Mechanical (Roads)	40	-	40	-	-	-	-	40	-
Miscellaneous	100	-	100	-	-	-	-	100	-
Passenger Cars	703	-	703	-	-	-	-	703	-
Trucks	270	-	270	-	-	-	-	270	-
Whitegoods	25	-	25	-	-	-	-	25	-
TOTAL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	2,257	-	2,257	-	-	161	-	2,096	-
COMPUTERS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS									
Asset Management Mobile Computing	42	-	42	-	-	-	-	42	-
Asset Management System	600	-	600	-	-	-	-	600	-
CAD software	15	-	15	-	-	-	-	15	-
Copier/printer	55	-	55	-	-	-	-	55	-
Customer Request System	275	-	275	-	-	-	-	275	-
Enterprise Record Management System	200	-	200	-	-	-	-	200	-
Laptop/tablet Replacement Program	100	-	100	-	-	-	-	100	-
Mobile Devices	100	-	100	-	-	-	-	100	-
Network Infrastructure	300	-	300	-	-	-	-	300	-
Other	50	-	50	-	-	-	-	50	-
PC Replacement Program	450	-	450	-	-	-	-	450	-
Property and Rating	200	-	200	-	-	-	-	200	-
TOTAL COMPUTERS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS	2,387	-	2,387	-	-	-	-	2,387	-

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Capital Works Area	Project cost \$'000	Asset expenditure type				Summary of funding sources			
		New \$'000	Renewal \$'000	Upgrade \$'000	Expansion \$'000	Grants \$'000	Contributions \$'000	Council cash \$'000	Borrowings \$'000
ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE									
Abbotsford St (Nicholson St to Hunter St)	120	-	120	-	-	-	-	120	-
Abbotsford St(Paterson St to Clarke St)	60	-	60	-	-	-	-	60	-
Abbott St (Lulie St to Trenerry Cres)	230	-	230	-	-	-	-	230	-
Alfred Cr (St Georges Rd to Best St)	85	-	85	-	-	-	-	85	-
Argyle St (Fitzroy St to Brunswick St)	180	-	180	-	-	-	-	180	-
Barkly St (Dean St to Melville St)	20	-	20	-	-	-	-	20	-
Barkly St (Rae St to Dean St)	40	-	40	-	-	-	-	40	-
Bedford St (Otter St to End Of Street)	70	-	70	-	-	-	-	70	-
Bendigo St (Hotham St to Alexandra Pde)	100	-	100	-	-	-	-	100	-
Bennett St (Park St to Scotchmer St)	155	-	155	-	-	-	-	155	-
Blanche St (Hotham St to Mater St)	85	-	85	-	-	-	-	85	-
Brighton St (Barkly Ave to Albert St)	30	-	30	-	-	-	-	30	-
Campbell St (Vere St to Gipps St)	125	-	125	-	-	-	-	125	-
Carroll St (Swan St to Gipps St)	100	-	100	-	-	-	-	100	-
Cecil St (Gore St to Smith St)	20	-	20	-	-	-	-	20	-
Clifton St (Swan St to Gipps St)	100	-	100	-	-	-	-	100	-
Council St (Reeves St to Smith St)	10	-	10	-	-	-	-	10	-
Council St (Wellington St to Reeves St)	10	-	10	-	-	-	-	10	-
Drummond St (Macpherson St to Richardson St)	150	-	150	-	-	-	-	150	-
Edmund St (Little Edmund St to Walker St)	30	-	30	-	-	-	-	30	-
Fairchild St (Victoria St to Nelson St)	25	-	25	-	-	-	-	25	-

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Capital Works Area	Project cost \$'000	Asset expenditure type				Summary of funding sources			
		New \$'000	Renewal \$'000	Upgrade \$'000	Expansion \$'000	Grants \$'000	Contributions \$'000	Council cash \$'000	Borrowings \$'000
Federation La (Trenerry Cres to Lulie St)	90	-	90	-	-	-	-	90	-
Fenwick St (Wright St to Spensley St)	50	-	50	-	-	-	-	50	-
Fergie St (Alfred Cr to Scotchmer St)	80	-	80	-	-	-	-	80	-
Garton St (Lang St to Gallagher Reserve)	40	-	40	-	-	-	-	40	-
Garton St (Pigdon St to Paterson St)	65	-	65	-	-	-	-	65	-
Gibdon St (Madden Gr to Twickenham Cres)	120	-	120	-	-	-	-	120	-
Gipps St (Park St to Nicholson St)	30	-	30	-	-	-	-	30	-
Glass St (Beissel St to Newry St)	80	-	80	-	-	-	-	80	-
Highbett Pl (Greeves St to End Of Street)	30	-	30	-	-	-	-	30	-
Hunter St (Bridge Rd to Corsair St)	130	-	130	-	-	-	-	130	-
Islington St (Hood St to Gipps St)	30	-	30	-	-	-	-	30	-
Johnston St (Gold St to Hoddle St)	40	-	40	-	-	-	-	40	-
Johnston St (Wellington St to Gold St)	40	-	40	-	-	-	-	40	-
Keele St (Budd St to Wellington St)	20	-	20	-	-	-	-	20	-
Keele St (Smith St to Budd St)	35	-	35	-	-	-	-	35	-
Kerr St (George St to Gore St)	25	-	25	-	-	-	-	25	-
Kerr St (Gore St to Smith St)	25	-	25	-	-	-	-	25	-
King William St (Fitzroy St to Brunswick St)	20	-	20	-	-	-	-	20	-
Kneen St (Falconer St to Rushall Cres)	15	-	15	-	-	-	-	15	-
Laity St (Lambert St to Church St)	20	-	20	-	-	-	-	20	-
Langridge St (Rokeby St to Rupert St)	70	-	70	-	-	-	-	70	-

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Langridge St (Wellington St to Rokeby St)	90	-	90	-	-	-	-	90	-
Lithgow St (Mollison St to Victoria St)	85	-	85	-	-	-	-	85	-
Little Turner St (Lulie St to Rich St)	70	-	70	-	-	-	-	70	-
Lord St (Bridge Rd to Abinger St)	20	-	20	-	-	-	-	20	-
Lulie St (Johnston St to Turner St)	230	-	230	-	-	140	-	90	-
Lygon St (Park St to Holtom St East)	45	-	45	-	-	-	-	45	-
Madden Gr (Burnley St to Stawell St)	80	-	80	-	-	-	-	80	-
Madden Gr (Stawell St to Gibdon St)	60	-	60	-	-	-	-	60	-
Mary St (Madden Gr to Barkly Ave)	50	-	50	-	-	-	-	50	-
Mary St (Swan St to Madden Gr)	15	-	15	-	-	-	-	15	-
Nicholson St (Harper St to Gipps St)	150	-	150	-	-	-	-	150	-
Noone St (Wellington St to Gold St)	100	-	100	-	-	-	-	100	-
Park St (Garton St to Lang St)	25	-	25	-	-	-	-	25	-
Park St (Station St to Nicholson St)	35	-	35	-	-	-	-	35	-
Pigdon St (Amess St to Canning St)	98	-	98	-	-	-	-	98	-
Pigdon St (Canning St to Station St)	53	-	53	-	-	-	-	53	-
Pigdon St (Drummond St to Rathdowne St)	35	-	35	-	-	-	-	35	-
Pigdon St (Lygon St to Drummond St)	35	-	35	-	-	-	-	35	-
Pilkington St (Holden St to Barkly St)	50	-	50	-	-	-	-	50	-
Rae St (Newry St to York St)	40	-	40	-	-	-	-	40	-
Rae St (York St to Alexandra Pde)	40	-	40	-	-	-	-	40	-
Rathdowne St (Mary St to Pigdon St)	100	-	100	-	-	89	-	11	-
Rathdowne St (Park St to Mary St)	100	-	100	-	-	100	-	-	-

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Rathdowne St (Pigdon St to Richardson St)	225	-	225	-	-	225	-	-	-
Rathdowne St (Richardson St to Macpherson St)	130	-	130	-	-	-	-	130	-
Rowena Pde (Punt Rd to Rotherwood St)	60	-	60	-	-	-	-	60	-
Rushall Cres (Falconer St to Woodside St)	95	-	95	-	-	95	-	-	-
Rushall Cres (Rowe St to Mckean St)	83	-	83	-	-	83	-	-	-
Rushall Cres (Woodside St to Rowe St)	65	-	65	-	-	12	-	53	-
Sackville St (Gold St to Hoddle St)	40	-	40	-	-	-	-	40	-
Sackville St (Wellington St to Gold St)	25	-	25	-	-	-	-	25	-
Scotchmer St (Woodhead St to Falconer St)	45	-	45	-	-	-	-	45	-
Singleton St (Wellington St to Dight St)	50	-	50	-	-	-	-	50	-
Smith St (Charles St to Webb St)	95	-	95	-	-	-	-	95	-
Smith St (Condell St to Charles St)	50	-	50	-	-	-	-	50	-
Smith St (Moor St to Condell St)	51	-	51	-	-	-	-	51	-
Smith St (Webb St to Gertrude St)	243	-	243	-	-	-	-	243	-
Somerset St (Davison St to Burnley St)	145	-	145	-	-	90	-	55	-
Spensley St (John St to Berry St)	60	-	60	-	-	-	-	60	-
Stephenson St (Balmain St to Kelso St)	40	-	40	-	-	-	-	40	-
Stephenson St (Kelso St to Dunn St)	100	-	100	-	-	-	-	100	-
Traffic Treatment Works	200	-	200	-	-	-	-	200	-

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		New \$'000	Renewal \$'000	Upgrade \$'000	Expansion \$'000	Grants \$'000	Contributions \$'000	Council cash \$'000	Borrowings \$'000
Trenerry Cres (Turner St to Johnston St)	35	-	35	-	-	-	-	35	-
Turner St (Trenerry Cres to End Of Street)	30	-	30	-	-	-	-	30	-
Victoria St (Brunswick St to Young St)	70	-	70	-	-	-	-	70	-
Victoria St (Nicholson St to Fitzroy St)	40	-	40	-	-	-	-	40	-
Westgarth St (Fitzroy St to Brunswick St)	138	-	138	-	-	-	-	138	-
Westgarth St (Nicholson St to Fitzroy St)	205	-	205	-	-	-	-	205	-
William St (Victoria St to Mollison St)	80	-	80	-	-	-	-	80	-
Wright St (Fenwick St to Dwyer St)	120	-	120	-	-	-	-	120	-
Yorkshire St (Brighton St to Mary St)	140	-	140	-	-	-	-	140	-
DDA Projects	150	-	150	-	-	-	-	150	-
Designs For Future Works	180	-	180	-	-	-	-	180	-
Drainage Other Works	300	-	300	-	-	-	-	300	-
Pavement Bicycle Lanes	30	-	30	-	-	-	-	30	-
Risk Mitigation Works	370	-	370	-	-	-	-	370	-
Condition Audits	150	-	150	-	-	-	-	150	-
Miscellaneous Development Works	150	-	150	-	-	-	-	150	-
TOTAL ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE	8,396	-	8,396	-	-	834	-	7,562	-
LANES									
Right of Way - 1008	25	-	25	-	-	-	-	25	-
Right of Way - 1167	45	-	45	-	-	-	-	45	-
Right of Way - 1168	27	-	27	-	-	-	-	27	-
Right of Way - 1181	30	-	30	-	-	-	-	30	-
Right of Way - 123.1	50	-	50	-	-	-	-	50	-

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Right of Way - 123.2	80	-	80	-	-	-	-	80	-
Right of Way - 123.3	50	-	50	-	-	-	-	50	-
Right of Way - 1386	140	-	140	-	-	-	-	140	-
Right of Way - 1889	15	-	15	-	-	-	-	15	-
Right of Way - 2156	120	-	120	-	-	-	-	120	-
Right of Way - 2214	100	-	100	-	-	-	-	100	-
Right of Way - 298	25	-	25	-	-	-	-	25	-
Right of Way - 3071	25	-	25	-	-	-	-	25	-
Right of Way - 325	60	-	60	-	-	-	-	60	-
Right of Way - 77.1	50	-	50	-	-	-	-	50	-
TOTAL LANES	842	-	842	-	-	-	-	842	-
TRANSPORT									
30km/hr trial Rose Precinct Fitzroy	25	25	-	-	-	-	-	25	-
Bicycle Network	60	-	-	60	-	-	-	60	-
Pedestrian Provisions	79	-	-	79	-	-	-	79	-
Provision of Bicycle Parking within Yarra	28	28	-	-	-	-	-	28	-
Spot Safety	150	-	-	150	-	-	-	150	-
Upgrading Signalised Crossings to comply with Disability Discrimination Act Guidelines	30	30	-	-	-	-	-	30	-
Wellington Street Copenhagen Bicycle Lanes (Gipps to Johnston Street) - Stage 2	500	500	-	-	-	-	-	500	-
TOTAL TRANSPORT	872	583	-	289	-	-	-	872	-

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		New \$'000	Renewal \$'000	Upgrade \$'000	Expansion \$'000	Grants \$'000	Contributions \$'000	Council cash \$'000	Borrowings \$'000
WASTE MANAGEMENT									
Waste Management	60	-	60	-	-	-	-	60	-
TOTAL WASTE MANAGEMENT	60	-	60	-	-	-	-	60	-
PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND STREETSCAPES									
Alphington Park	18	-	18	-	-	-	-	18	-
Citizens Park Oval	30	-	30	-	-	-	-	30	-
Clarke Street Reserve	65	-	65	-	-	-	-	65	-
Coulson Reserve	14	-	14	-	-	-	-	14	-
Curtain Square	50	-	50	-	-	-	-	50	-
Darling Gardens	616	-	616	-	-	-	530	86	-
Edinburgh Gardens	400	-	400	-	-	-	-	400	-
George Knott Reserve	735	-	735	-	-	-	735	-	-
Merri Ck Parklands - Bundara St Reserve	266	-	266	-	-	-	-	266	-
Merri Ck Parklands - Hall Reserve	13	-	13	-	-	-	-	13	-
Minor Works Assets	203	-	203	-	-	-	-	203	-
Open Space Children Services	30	-	30	-	-	-	-	30	-
Open Spaces Condition Audits	25	-	25	-	-	-	-	25	-
Open Spaces Signage Renewal Program	65	-	65	-	-	-	-	65	-
Victoria Park And Surrounds	33	-	33	-	-	-	-	33	-
Wangaratta St / Stewart St Reserve	100	-	100	-	-	-	-	100	-
Yambla St Soccer	266	-	266	-	-	-	-	266	-
Yarra River Parklands-Flockhart Reserve	100	-	100	-	-	-	-	100	-

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		New \$'000	Renewal \$'000	Upgrade \$'000	Expansion \$'000	Grants \$'000	Contributions \$'000	Council cash \$'000	Borrowings \$'000
Construction of new local park in Abbotsford, through partial road closure at Charles and Mollison Street	450	450	-	-	-	-	-	450	-
Installation of Civic Flagpoles	20	20	-	-	-	-	-	20	-
Stolen Generations Marker	102	102	-	-	-	-	-	102	-
Open Space Reserve	3,235	3,235	-	-	-	200	3,035	-	-
TOTAL PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND STREETSCAPES	6,836	3,807	3,029	-	-	200	4,300	2,336	-
STREET FURNITURE									
Furniture	30	-	30	-	-	-	-	30	-
Signs	25	-	25	-	-	-	-	25	-
Street Lights	25	-	25	-	-	-	-	25	-
Ticket/parking machines	250	-	250	-	-	-	-	250	-
TOTAL STREET FURNITURE	330	-	330	-	-	-	-	330	-
RETAIL STRIPS									
Smith St (Condell St to Charles St)	45	-	45	-	-	-	-	45	-
Smith St (Moor St to Condell St)	55	-	55	-	-	-	-	55	-
Activity Centres Design Program	230	-	230	-	-	-	-	230	-
Victoria St (Lennox St to Church St)	200	-	200	-	-	-	-	200	-
Victoria street Activity Centre	200	-	-	200	-	-	-	200	-
TOTAL RETAIL STRIPS	730	-	530	200	-	-	-	730	-
PRIORTY PROJECTS									
Cubbies Operational support - Funding support	100	100	-	-	-	-	-	100	-
Developer Contribution Plan (implementation and administration)	80	80	-	-	-	-	-	80	-

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		New \$'000	Renewal \$'000	Upgrade \$'000	Expansion \$'000	Grants \$'000	Contributions \$'000	Council cash \$'000	Borrowings \$'000
Implementation of Urban Forest strategy - Planning	40	40	-	-	-	-	-	40	-
Resilient Melbourne - funding request	15	15	-	-	-	-	-	15	-
Trial innovation solutions for food waste recycling in Yarra	171	171	-	-	-	-	-	171	-
Victoria street Masterplan - Shopfront improvement grants pilot	40	40	-	-	-	-	-	40	-
Yarra Open Space strategy	60	60	-	-	-	-	-	60	-
TOTAL PRIORITY PROJECTS	506	506	-	-	-	-	-	506	-
TOTAL NEW CAPITAL WORKS 2017-18	30,040	4,896	24,605	539	-	1,195	4,300	24,545	-

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6.2 Works carried forward from the 2016-17 year

Capital Works Area	Project cost \$'000	Asset expenditure type				Summary of funding sources			
		New \$'000	Renewal \$'000	Upgrade \$'000	Expansion \$'000	Grants \$'000	Contributions \$'000	Council cash \$'000	Borrowings \$'000
PLANT & EQUIPMENT									
Ticket Machines	200	-	200	-	-	-	-	200	-
Total Plant & Equipment	200	-	200	-	-	-	-	200	-
OPEN SPACE INFRASTRUCTURE									
Rushall Reserve	545	545	-	-	-	-	-	545	-
Darling Gardens Playground	210	-	210	-	-	-	-	210	-
Merri Creek Trail -Coulson Reserve Path	250	250	-	-	-	-	-	250	-
Total Open Space Infrastructure	1,005	795	210	-	-	-	-	1,005	-
INFORMATION SYSTEMS									
Enterprise Record Management System	60	-	60	-	-	-	-	60	-
Asset Software System	220	-	220	-	-	-	-	220	-
Unified Communications	200	-	200	-	-	-	-	200	-
GIS	340	-	340	-	-	-	-	340	-
Total Information Systems	820	-	820	-	-	-	-	820	-
PROVISIONAL CARRY FORWARDS									
Provision for additional carry forward capital works	975	975	-	-	-	-	-	975	-
Total Provisional Carry Forwards	975	975	-	-	-	-	-	975	-
TOTAL CARRIED FWD WORKS 2016-17	3,000	1,770	1,230	-	-	-	-	3,000	-

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6.3 Summary (including Carry Forward Projects)

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		New \$'000	Renewal \$'000	Upgrade \$'000	Expansion \$'000	Grants \$'000	Contributions \$'000	Council cash \$'000	Borrowings \$'000
Buildings	6,824	-	6,774	50	-	-	-	6,824	-
Plant and Equipment	2,457	-	2,457	-	-	161	-	2,296	-
Computers and Telecommunications	3,207	-	3,207	-	-	-	-	3,207	-
Road Infrastructure	8,396	-	8,396	-	-	834	-	7,562	-
Lanes	842	-	842	-	-	-	-	842	-
Transport	872	583	-	289	-	-	-	872	-
Waste Management	60	-	60	-	-	-	-	60	-
Parks, Open Space and Streetscapes	7,841	4,602	3,239	-	-	200	4,300	3,341	-
Street Furniture	330	-	330	-	-	-	-	330	-
Retail Strips	730	-	530	200	-	-	-	730	-
Priority Projects	506	506	-	-	-	-	-	506	-
Provisional Carry Forwards	975	975	-	-	-	-	-	975	-
TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS	33,040	6,666	25,835	539	-	1,195	4,300	27,545	-

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7. Rates and charges

This section presents information about rates and charges which the Act and the Regulations require to be disclosed in the Council's annual Budget.

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7. Rates and charges

In developing the Strategic Resource Plan (referred to in Section 14.), rates and charges were identified as an important source of revenue, accounting for 59.7% of the total revenue received by Council annually. Planning for future rate increases has therefore been an important component of the Strategic Resource Planning process. The State Government have introduced the *Fair Go Rates System (FGRS)* which sets out the maximum amount councils may increase rates in a year. For 2017-18 the FGRS cap has been set at 2.0%. There is no indication from the State Government as to what the cap will be in future years. This makes financial planning for the medium to long term very difficult for Council. The cap applies to both general rates and municipal charges and is calculated on the basis of Council's average rates and charges. The City of Yarra does not have a municipal charge.

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 Yarra community.

In order to achieve these objectives while maintaining service levels and a strong capital expenditure program, the average general rate will increase by 2.0% in line with the rate cap. This will raise total rates and charges for 2017-18 of \$113.66 million, including \$1.1 million generated from supplementary rates and \$8.50 million from the proposed waste services charge.

7.1 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	2016-17	2017-18	Change
	cents/\$CIV	cents/\$CIV	
General rates	0.040109	0.040911	2.0%

7.2 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 (excluding the annualised supplementary rates from 2016-17)

Type or class of land	2016-17	2017-18	Change
	\$'000	\$'000	
Residential	72,790	75,277	3.4%
Commercial	21,473	22,206	3.4%
Industrial	6,357	6,574	3.4%
Total amount to be raised by general rates	100,620	104,057	3.4%

7.3 The estimated total amount to be raised by general rates (including annualised supplementary rates from 2016-17)

Type or class of land	2016-17	2017-18	Change
	\$'000	\$'000	
Residential	74,557	75,277	1.0%
Commercial	20,938	22,206	6.0%
Industrial	6,523	6,574	0.8%
Total amount to be raised by general rates	102,018	104,057	2.0%

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- 7.4 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	2016-17 Number	2017-18 Number	Change
Residential	43,807	45,528	3.9%
Commercial	6,232	6,377	2.3%
Industrial	1,399	1,456	4.0%
Total number of assessments	51,438	53,361	3.7%

- 7.5 The basis of valuation to be used is the Net Annual Value (NAV)

- 7.6 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	2016-17 \$'000	2017-18 \$'000	Change
Residential	1,814,810	1,858,856	2.4%
Commercial	535,359	522,007	-2.5%
Industrial	158,500	162,638	2.6%
Total value of land	2,508,669	2,543,501	1.4%

- 7.7 There will be no municipal charge in 2017-18 (2016-17 – Nil).

- 7.8 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 2016-17 \$	Per Rateable Property 2017-18 \$	Change
Non Rateable Garbage Charge	348.00	-	No Longer Applicable
Bridge Road Charge 100	132.00	137.00	4%
Bridge Road Charge 150	203.00	211.00	4%
Bridge Road Charge 200	337.00	350.00	4%
Waste Charge (Residential – 80ltr)	-	165.00	New Charge
Waste Charge (Residential – 120ltr)	-	247.50	New Charge
Waste Charge (Residential – 240ltr)	-	800.00	New Charge
Waste Charge (Commercial – 80ltr)*	-	165.00	New Charge
Waste Charge (Commercial – 120ltr)*	-	247.50	New Charge
Waste Charge (Commercial – 240ltr)*	-	800.00	New Charge

* Plus GST if applicable

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7.9 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	2016-17 \$	2017-18 \$	Change
Non Rateable Garbage Charge	56,724	0	No Longer Applicable
Bridge Road Charge 100	8,712	9,179	5%
Bridge Road Charge 150	11,977	12,449	4%
Bridge Road Charge 200	155,020	160,300	3%
Waste Charge (Residential – 80ltr)	-	7,191,625	New Charge
Waste Charge (Residential – 120ltr)	-	12,375	New Charge
Waste Charge (Residential – 240ltr)	-	16,000	New Charge
Waste Charge (Commercial – 80ltr)	-	3,300	New Charge
Waste Charge (Commercial – 120ltr)	-	2,475	New Charge
Waste Charge (Commercial – 240ltr)	-	1,274,225	New Charge
Total	232,433	8,681,928	

If the waste service charge is introduced, it is proposed that a 50% rebate/waiver of the waste service charge for eligible pensioners and eligible health care card holders relevant to their bin size service is applied (for the first year only, and then reviewed annually as part of the Budget process). This will reduce the total amount proposed to be raised from the waste service charge.

7.10 The estimated total amount to be raised by all rates and charges (including annualised supplementary rates) compared with the previous financial year

	2016-17 \$'000	2017-18 \$'000	Change
General rates	100,621	104,058	3%
Supplementary Rates	1,397	1,100	-21%
Waste Charge	0	8,500	New Charge
General Rates and Charges	102,018	113,658	
Bridge Road Charge 100	9	9	5%
Bridge Road Charge 150	12	12	4%
Bridge Road Charge 200	155	160	3.4%
Non Rateable Garbage Charge	57	0	No Longer Applicable
Special Rates and Charges	233	181	
Total Rates and charges	102,251	113,839	

7.11 Council will also apply the Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963 in relation to the rating of certain lands used for cultural recreational sporting and similar purposes.

7.12 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 annualisation of supplementary valuations (2017-18: estimated \$1,600,000 and 2016-17: \$1,343,000);
- 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.

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Yarra City Council is fully compliant with the State Government's Fair Go Rates System.

Base Average Rates (2016/2017)	\$ 1,911.83
Maximum Rate Increase (set by the State Government)	2.00%
Capped Average Rate (2017/2018)	\$ 1,950.07
Maximum General Rates and Municipal Charges Revenue	\$ 104,058,000
Budgeted General Rates and Municipal Charges Revenue	\$ 104,058,000

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Budget Analysis

The following reports provide detailed analysis to support and explain the Budget reports in the previous section.

This section includes the following analysis and information:

- 8 Summary of financial position
- 9 Budget influences
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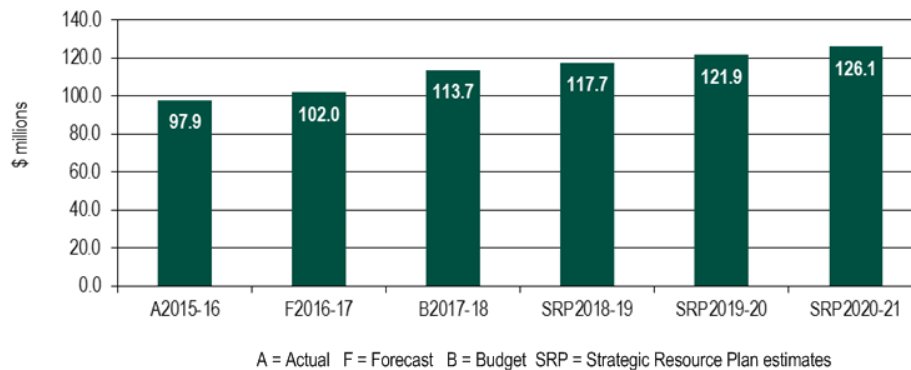
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8. Summary of financial position

Council has prepared a draft Budget for the 2017-18 financial year which seeks to balance the demand for services and infrastructure with the community's capacity to pay. Key Budget information is provided below about the rate increase, operating result, services, cash and investments, capital works, financial position, financial sustainability and strategic objectives of the Council.

8.1 Total rates and charges



It is proposed that the average rate increase by 2.0% for the 2017-18 year, raising total rates of \$113.66 million, including \$1.1 million generated from supplementary rates and \$8.5 million with the proposed introduction of a separate waste charge. The increase in revenue will go toward maintaining service levels and ensuring Council is financially sustainable into the future, in addition to funding:

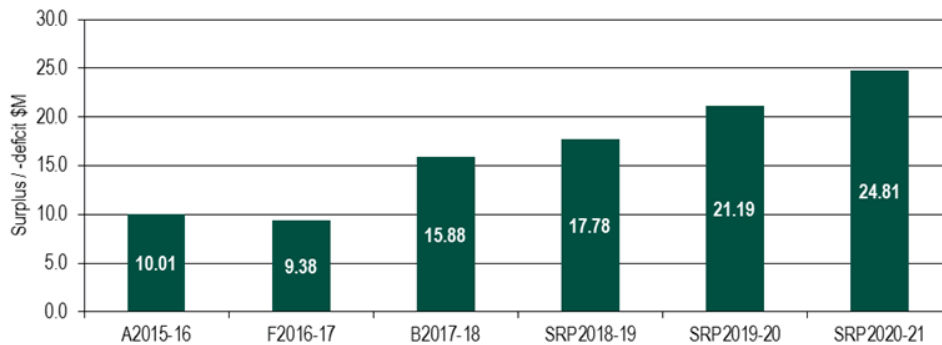
- Additional costs imposed by other layers of Government (such as Landfill Levy; Fire Services Property Administration; fees and charges for various services such as VicRoads data for parking enforcement activities);
- Higher costs of materials and services;
- Maintenance costs associated with existing Council infrastructure; and
- EBA negotiated wage increases.

This general rate increase is in line with rate cap set by the Minister for Local Government. (The rate increase for the 2016-17 year was 2.5% - also in line with the rate cap for that year). Refer also Sections 7 and 10 for more information.

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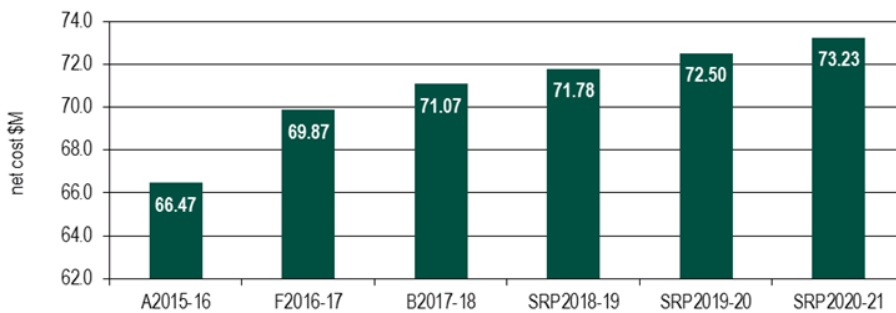
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8.2 Operating result



The expected operating result for the 2017-18 year is a surplus of \$15.88 million (excluding the net asset revaluation increment), which is an increase of \$6.5 million from 2016-17. The improved operating result is due mainly to the proposed introduction of the waste service charge in 2017-18. The adjusted underlying result, which excludes items such as non-recurrent capital grants and non-cash contributions is a surplus of \$10.39 million, which is an increase of \$8.34 million from 2016-17. (The forecast operating result for the 2016-17 year is a surplus of \$9.38 million).

8.3 Services



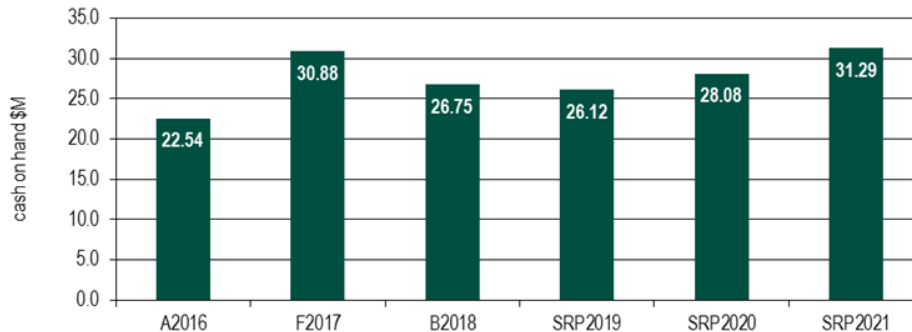
The net cost of services delivered to the community for the 2017-18 year is expected to be \$71.07 million which is an increase of \$1.2 million from 2016-17. For the 2017-18 year, service levels have been maintained and a number of new initiatives proposed. (The forecast net cost for the 2016-17 year is \$69.87 million).

Refer Section 2 for a list of services.

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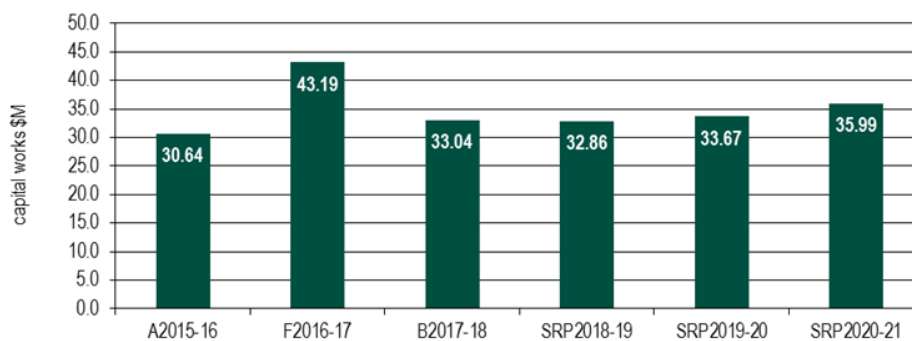
8.4 Cash and investments



Cash and investments are expected to decrease by \$4.1 million during the year to \$26.75 million as at 30 June 2018. This is due mainly to the proposed additional waste revenue being utilised to repay debt. (Cash and investments are forecast to be \$30.88 million as at 30 June 2017).

Refer also Section 4 for the Statement of Cash Flows and Section 11 for an analysis of the cash position.

8.5 Capital works



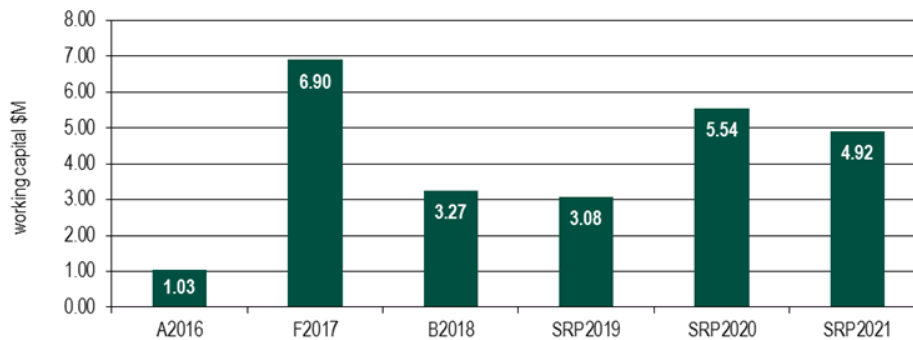
The capital works program for the 2017-18 year is expected to be \$33.04 million of which \$3 million relates to projects which will be carried forward from the 2016-17 year. Of the \$30.04 million of capital funding required, \$1.2 million will come from external grants, and \$4.3 million from monetary contributions, with the balance of \$27.55 million from Council cash. (Capital works is forecast to be \$43.19 million for the 2016-17 year).

Refer also Section 4 for the Statement of Capital Works and Section 12 for an analysis of the capital Budget.

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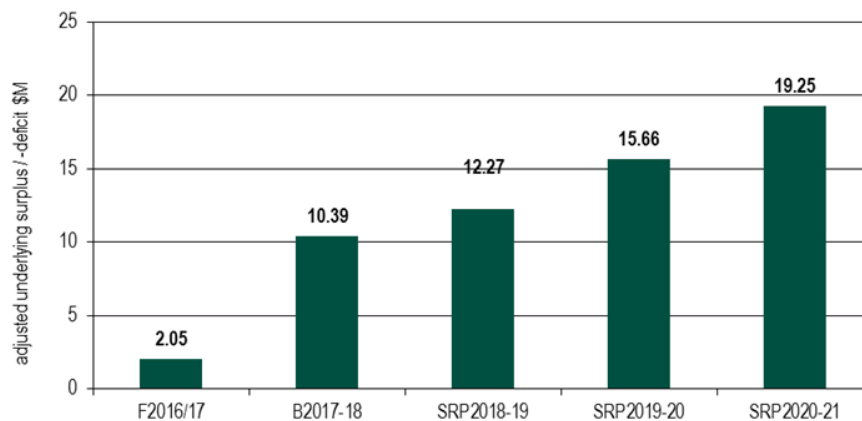
8.6 Liquidity



Council's liquidity position relies on the introduction of the proposed waste service charge. The high forecast position is due to loan funds of \$13.5 million being borrowed late in the financial year.

Refer also Section 3 for the Balance Sheet and Section 13 for an analysis of the Budgeted financial position.

8.7 Adjusted Underlying Result



A high level Strategic Resource Plan for the years 2017-18 to 2020-21 has been developed to assist Council in adopting a draft Budget within a longer term prudent financial framework. The key objective of the Plan is financial sustainability in the medium to long term, while still achieving the Council's strategic objectives as specified in the Council Plan. The adjusted underlying result, which is a measure of financial sustainability, shows an increasing surplus over the four year period.

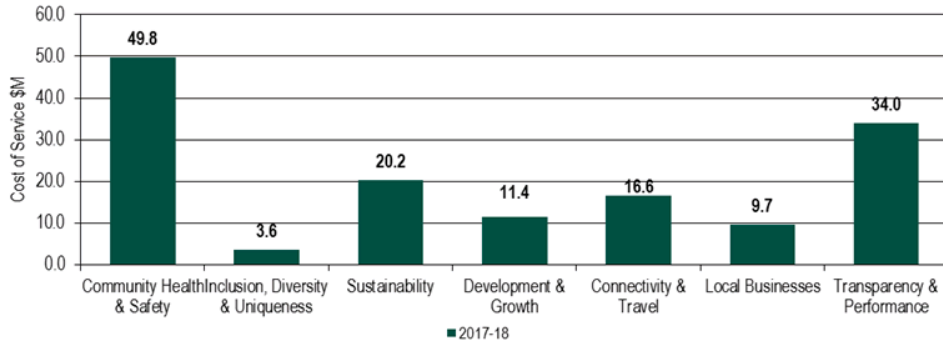
Again, this result is reliant on the proposed waste service charge being introduced.

Refer Section 14 for more information on the Strategic Resource Plan.

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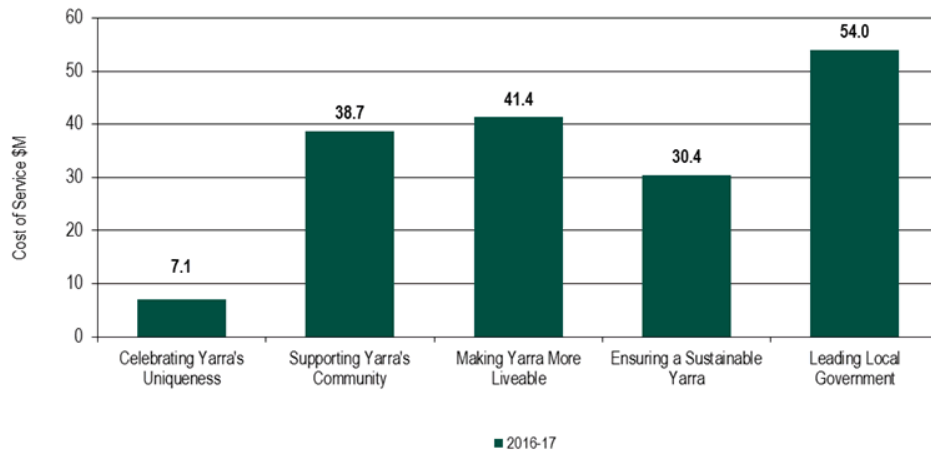
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8.8 Strategic objectives



The Annual Budget includes a range of services and initiatives to be funded that will contribute to achieving the strategic objectives specified in the Council Plan. The above graph shows the level of funding allocated in the Budget to achieve the strategic objectives as set out in the Council Plan for the 2017-18 year. The services were subject to review during 2016-17 in conjunction with the new Annual Plan.

The level of funding allocated to the 2016-17 services is shown below.

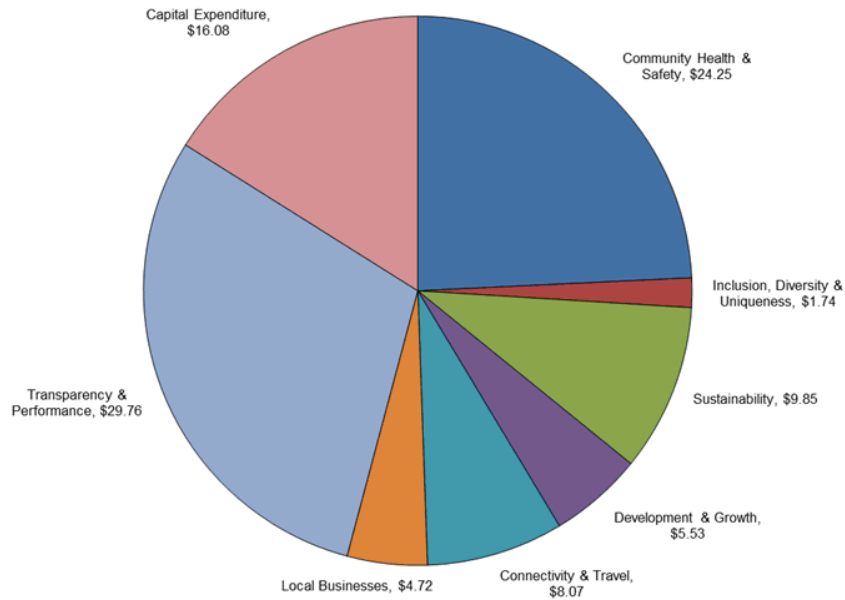


The services that contribute to these objectives are set out in Section 2.

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8.9 Council expenditure allocations



The above chart provides an indication of how Council allocates its expenditure across the main services that it delivers. It shows how much is allocated to each service area for every \$100 that Council spends.

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9. Budget influences

This section sets out the key Budget influences arising from the internal and external environment within which the Council operates.

Snapshot of Yarra

The City of Yarra is an inner metropolitan municipality which is home to a diverse community of people. Yarra is one of Australia's smallest inner city municipalities at 19.5 square kilometres, and features lively arts and entertainment precincts, vibrant shopping and café strips, and numerous sports and recreational facilities.

The City of Yarra was created in June 1994. The new municipality merged the former municipalities of: Collingwood; Richmond; Fitzroy; (including the annexed part of Carlton North); Northcote (Alphington & Fairfield: South of Heidelberg Road only).

Yarra is made up of three wards - Langridge Ward, Melba Ward and Nicholls Ward. Each ward has three Councillors who are democratically elected for a four-year term. Council is responsible for maintaining essential community infrastructure and delivers a wide range of services, including street cleaning, maintenance of parks and gardens, and home and community care to a diverse and eclectic community.

Population

Yarra has a population of 89,151 (at 30 June 2015) and a diverse community profile. Over the previous decade, the City's population had been growing at an average rate of 2.2%. Yarra's forecast population growth is about 1.58% each year over the next 18 years, predicted to reach an estimated population of 117,036 by 2036.

Cultural diversity

Yarra is a culturally and linguistically diverse municipality. Many different cultural groups live in Yarra and many different languages are spoken at home by residents.

Housing

Most Yarra residents (52%) live in medium density housing, while 26% occupy high density dwellings and 21% live in detached houses. House prices in Yarra have risen dramatically in recent years.

Yarra also has a significant amount of public housing, with 33% of Victoria's high-rise public housing located in Yarra in 2011. There are just under 5,000 public housing dwellings in the city and these make up 11% of Yarra's households, and 6% of all of Victoria's public housing stock.

Education and occupation

Overall, Yarra has a well-educated population. More Yarra residents hold a degree or higher qualification (45% of those 15 years or older) than the Greater Melbourne average (24%).

Employment rates among Yarra residents are relatively high, with at least 69% of residents aged 15 years and over (45,198 people) in the labour force. The main employment groups are professionals (43%), managers (15%) and clerical and administrative roles (12%).

Council Assets

Council manages approximately \$1,687 million worth of assets. Road and infrastructure includes 260 kilometres of road pavement, 491 kilometres of footpaths, 491 kilometres of kerb and channel, 170 kilometres of storm water pipes and 85 kilometres of laneways.

Council's community and recreation services requires for the management and upkeep of 161 buildings and structures. There are 3 Town Halls, 5 Libraries, 3 Swimming Pools & Recreation Centres, 3 neighbourhood houses, 10 childcare centres, 230 hectares of open space, 35 playgrounds and 15 sporting fields maintained annually.

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Budget implications

As a result of Yarra's demographic profile there a number of Budget implications in the short and long term:

- Over time, the changing demographics of Yarra will continue to result in demand for different services and service levels. The long term Budgetary planning process needs to factor in these changes, particularly when considering capital infrastructure (like, for example: North Fitzroy Community Hub, GTV 9 community centre, new parks and open space, etc.) to support service delivery;
- The constant stream of higher density development in Yarra results in the need to replace infrastructure such as drains, pathways and other community facilities to cater for the higher density. These costs are generally funded from rates, while some are borne by developers. However, the income received from new dwellings does not fully offset the significant net infrastructure costs into the future; and
- More than 6% of ratepayers are entitled to the pensioner rebate. As pensioners are often asset rich but income poor, the adoption of significant rate increases has a real impact on the disposable income of a significant proportion of our community. Council has hardship provisions in place but these can impact on cash balances when large volumes of ratepayers are involved. In addition, Council provides services to older people such as 'Home Help' and 'Delivered Meals' which are subsidised.

External influences

In preparing the 2017-18 Budget, a number of external influences have been taken into consideration, because they are likely to impact significantly on the services delivered by Council in the Budget period. These include:

- Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases on goods and services of 2% per annum;
- Administration of the Fire Services Property Levy which will continue to be collected by Council on behalf of the State Government;
- Cost Shifting occurs where Local Government provides a service to the community on behalf of the State and Federal Government. Over time the funds received by local governments do not increase in line with real cost increases. Examples of services that are subject to Cost Shifting include school crossing supervision, Library services and Home and Community Care for aged residents. In all these services the level of payment received by Council from the State Government does not reflect the real cost of providing the service to the community;
- Introduction of the *Fair Go Rates* system which caps rate increases at 2% for 2017-18.
- Other state government imposed levies, including the Landfill Levy, which impost on Council.

Internal influences

As well as external influences, there are also a number of internal influences that are expected to have a significant impact on the preparation of the 2017-18 Budget. These matters are set out below:

- Council must renegotiate a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement during 2016-17 which is due for commencement on 1 July 2017;
- Council's obligations in regard to servicing debt funding under the current arrangement (Local Government Funding Vehicle) and modelling repayment levels over a longer term to support cash flow requirements in earlier years ensuring appropriate liquidity levels,
- Maintaining and improving existing services to meet competing demands;
- Appropriate staffing levels to support services;
- Above CPI increases in the cost of raw materials and some contract expenditures; and
- The costs of upgrading and maintaining Council infrastructure to meet community expectations.

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Budget principles

In response to the external and internal influences, guidelines were prepared and distributed to all Council officers with Budget responsibilities. The guidelines set out the key Budget principles upon which the officers were to prepare their Budgets. The principles included:

- Existing fees and charges to be increased in line with CPI, market level or service cost increases, concession fees to be maintained;
- Grants to be based on confirmed funding levels;
- New revenue sources to be identified where possible;
- Service levels to be maintained at 2016-17 levels with an emphasis on innovation, efficiency and continuous improvement;
- Salaries and wages to be increased in line with the wage cost index;
- Construction and material costs to increase in line with, or in some instances higher than, CPI;
- New initiatives or new employee proposals which are not cost neutral to be justified through a business case;
- Life-cycle costs arising from completed 2016-17 capital projects to be included.

Long term strategies

The Budget includes consideration of a number of long term strategies and contextual information to assist Council to prepare the Budget in a proper financial management context. These include:

- A Strategic Resource Plan for 2017-18 to 2020-21 (section 14);
- Rating Information (section 15); and

Other Strategies (section 16) including borrowings and asset management.

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10. Analysis of operating Budget

This section analyses the operating Budget including expected income and expenses of the Council for the 2017-18 year.

10.1 Budgeted income statement

		Forecast		
		Actual	Budget	Variance
	Ref	2016-17	2017-18	
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total income	10.2	178,427	190,421	11,994
Total expenses	10.3	(169,045)	(174,537)	(5,492)
Surplus (deficit) for the year		9,382	15,884	6,502
Grants – capital non-recurrent	10.2.6	(3,036)	(1,195)	1,841
Capital contributions - other sources	10.2.4	(4,300)	(4,300)	-
Adjusted underlying surplus (deficit)	10.1.1	2,046	10,389	8,343

10.1.1 Adjusted underlying surplus (\$8.34 million increase)

The adjusted underlying result is the net surplus or deficit for the year adjusted for non-recurrent capital grants, non-monetary asset contributions, and capital contributions from other sources. It is a measure of financial sustainability and Council's ability to achieve its service delivery objectives as it is not impacted by capital income items which can often mask the operating result. The adjusted underlying result for the 2017-18 year is a surplus of \$10.39 million which is an increase of \$8.34 million from the 2016-17 year. In calculating the adjusted underlying result, Council has excluded grants received for capital purposes which are non-recurrent and capital contributions from other sources. Contributions of non-monetary assets are excluded as the value of assets assumed by Council is dependent on the level of development activity each year.

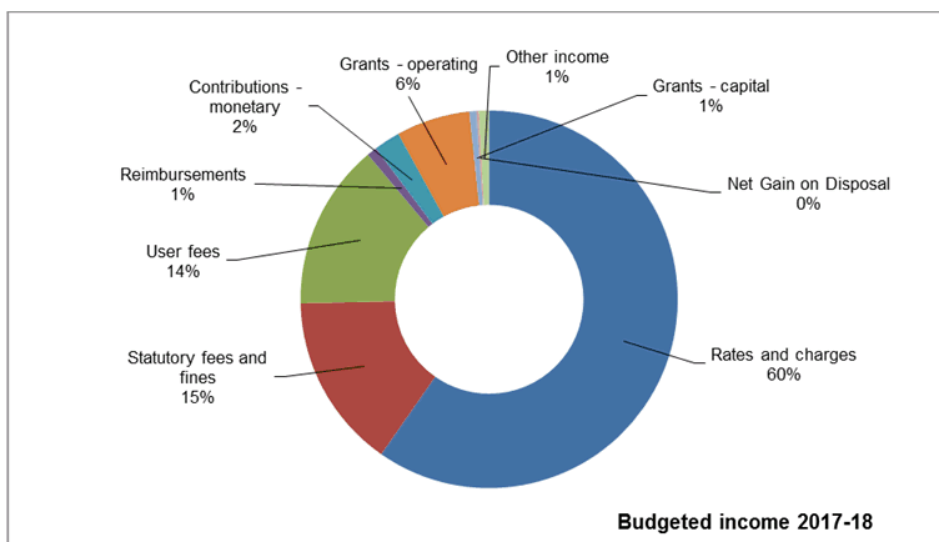
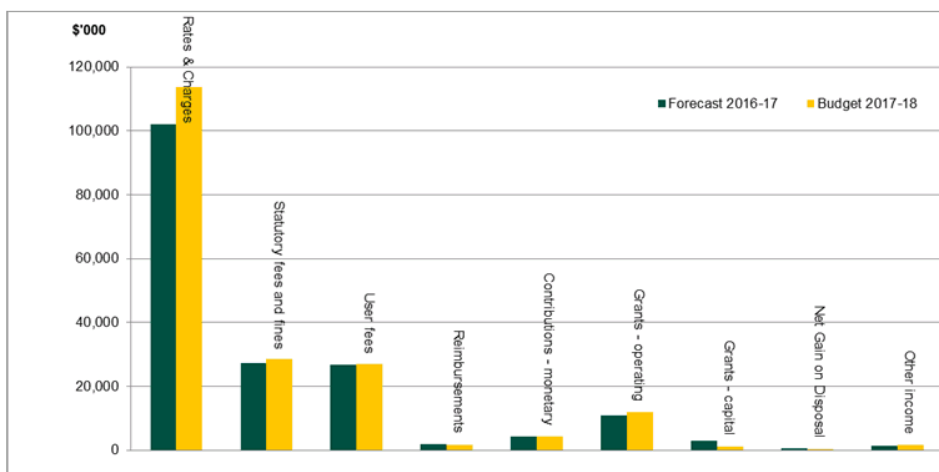
The surplus has increased due to the proposed waste service charge, which is anticipated to generate an additional \$8.5 million of revenue.

10.2 Income

		Forecast		
		Actual	Budget	Variance
Income Types	Ref	2016-17	2017-18	Fav/(UnFav)
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Rates and charges	10.2.1	101,989	113,658	11,669
Statutory fees and fines	10.2.2	27,393	28,534	1,141
User fees	10.2.3	26,830	27,064	234
Reimbursements	10.2.4	1,844	1,640	(204)
Contributions - monetary	10.2.5	4,300	4,300	-
Grants - operating	5.1.1	10,930	12,023	1,093
Grants - capital	5.1.2	3,036	1,195	(1,841)
Net gain on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant & equipment	10.2.6	705	300	(405)
Other income	10.2.7	1,400	1,707	307
Total income		178,427	190,421	11,994

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10.2.1 Rates and charges (\$11.67 million increase)

It is proposed that income raised by all rates and charges be increased by \$11.67 million to \$113.66 million. This includes an increase in general rates of 2.0% and forecast supplementary rates of \$1.1 million. A proposed new waste charge has also been included to reflect the full cost recovery of the service. This would generate an additional \$8.5 million of revenue for Council to ensure Council's long term financial sustainability.

Section 7 – Rates and Charges - includes a more detailed analysis of the rates and charges to be levied for 2017-18 and the rates and charges information specifically required by the Regulations.

10.2.2 Statutory fees and fines (\$1.14 million increase)

Statutory fees relate mainly to fees and fines levied in accordance with legislation and include animal registrations, *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* registrations and parking fines. Increases in statutory fees are made in accordance with legislative requirements.

Statutory fees are forecast to increase by \$1.14 million compared with 2016-17.

A detailed listing of statutory fees is included in Appendix B.

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User charges relate mainly to the recovery of service delivery costs through the charging of fees to users of Council's services. These include separate rating schemes, use of leisure, entertainment and other community facilities and the provision of human services such as family day care and home help services. In setting the Budget, the key principle of determining the level of user charges has been to ensure that increases are reflective of the increase in service costs.

User charges are projected to increase by \$0.23 million over 2016-17. The main area contributing to the increase is leisure services (\$0.25 million) due to expected increased patronage of Council facilities. In addition, Council plans to ensure that user charges for all areas are in line with expected inflationary trends over the Budget period to maintain parity between user charges and the costs of service delivery.

A detailed listing of fees and charges is included in Appendix B.

10.2.4 Reimbursements (\$0.20 million decrease)

Reimbursements relate to payments made to Council for items such as reinstatement works, cleaning, legal costs and other items and is forecast to be \$1.64 million for 2017-18. This is a decrease of \$0.20 million compared with 2016-17.

10.2.5 Contributions - monetary (no change)

Contributions relate to monies paid by developers in regard to public resort and recreation, drainage and car parking in accordance with planning permits issued for property development.

Contributions are projected to remain the same as the 2016-17 financial year.

10.2.6 Net gain on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment (\$0.41 million decrease)

The net gain from the disposal of Council assets is forecast to be \$0.30 million for 2017-18 and relate mainly to the planned cyclical replacement of part of the plant and vehicle fleet

10.2.7 Other income (\$0.31 million increase)

Other income relates to a range of items such as private works, cost recoups and other miscellaneous income items. It also includes interest revenue on investments and rate arrears.

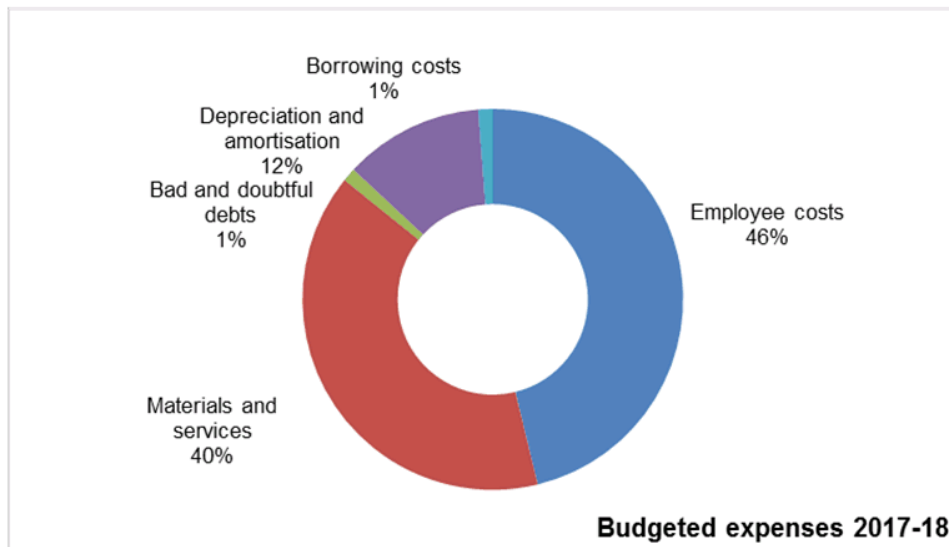
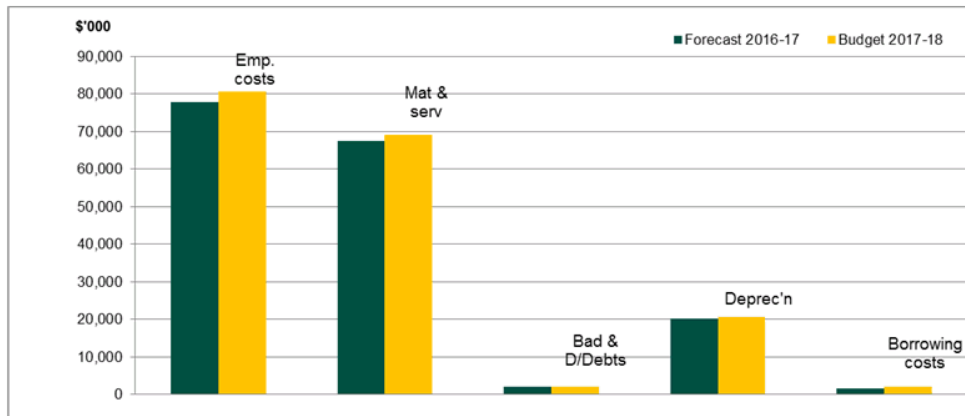
Other income is forecast to increase by \$0.31 million compared with 2016-17. This is mainly due to additional interest that is expected on investments.

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10.3 Expenses

Expense Types	Ref	Forecast Actual 2016-17 \$'000	Budget 2017-18 \$'000	Variance Fav/(Unfav) \$'000
Employee costs	10.3.1	77,873	80,639	2,766
Materials and services	10.3.2	67,391	69,085	1,694
Bad and doubtful debts	10.3.3	2,040	2,010	(30)
Depreciation and amortisation	10.3.4	20,230	20,664	434
Borrowing costs	10.3.5	1,511	2,139	628
Total expenses		169,045	174,537	5,492



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10.3.1 Employee costs (\$2.77 million increase)

Employee costs include all labour related expenditure such as wages and salaries and on-costs such as allowances, leave entitlements, employer superannuation, rostered days off, etc.

Employee costs are forecast to increase by 3.6% or \$2.77 million compared with 2016-17. This increase relates to three key factors:

- Renegotiation of Council's Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA);
- Anticipated non EBA wages growth due mainly to small increases in staff in response to increased community demand for Council services.

A summary of human resource expenditure categorised according to the organisational structure of Council is outlined in the Statement of Human Resources in Section 3.

10.3.2 Materials and services (\$1.69 million increase)

Materials and services include the purchases of consumables, payments to contractors for the provision of services and utility costs. Materials and services are forecast to increase by \$1.69 million compared with 2016-17.

The increase is mainly due to contract increases in line with CPI as well as other small increases for service provision.

A new initiative for Council will be the electronic transmission of Council meetings commencing during 2017-18.

10.3.3 Bad and doubtful debts (\$0.03 million decrease)

Bad and doubtful debts is projected decrease slightly by \$0.03 million compared with 2016-17. This is due to increased debt recovery within Council.

10.3.4 Depreciation and amortisation (\$0.43 million increase)

Depreciation is an accounting measure which attempts to allocate the consumption of an asset over its useful life for Council's property, plant and equipment including infrastructure assets such as roads and drains. The increase of \$0.43 million for 2017-18 is due mainly to the completion of the 2016-17 capital works program and the full year effect of depreciation on the 2016-17 capital works program. Refer to Section 6. 'Analysis of Capital Budget' for a more detailed analysis of Council's capital works program for the 2017-18 year.

10.3.5 Borrowing costs (\$0.63 million increase)

Borrowing costs relate to interest charged by financial institutions on funds borrowed. The increase in borrowing costs results from the existing borrowings of \$46 million.

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This section analyses the expected cash flows from the operating, investing and financing activities of Council for the 2017-18 year. Budgeting cash flows for Council is a key factor in setting the level of rates and providing a guide to the level of capital expenditure that can be sustained with or without using existing cash reserves.

The 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 provision of services to the community may be available for investment in capital works, or repayment of debt
- **Investing activities** - Refers to 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 cash generated or used in the financing of Council functions and include borrowings from financial institutions and advancing of repayable loans to other organisations. These activities also include repayment of the principal component of loan repayments for the year.

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11.1 Budgeted cash flow statement

	Ref	Forecast		Variance
		Actual 2016-17 \$'000	Budget 2017-18 \$'000	
Cash flows from operating activities	11.1.1			
<i>Receipts</i>				
Rates and charges		101,479	112,708	11,229
User fees and fines		52,182	53,494	1,312
Grants - operating		10,930	12,023	1,093
Grants - capital		3,036	1,195	(1,841)
Interest		469	500	31
Other receipts		7,075	7,147	72
		175,171	187,067	11,896
<i>Payments</i>				
Employee costs		(75,926)	(80,142)	(4,216)
Other payments		(67,391)	(69,085)	(1,694)
		(143,317)	(149,227)	(5,910)
Net cash provided by operating activities		31,854	37,840	5,986
Cash flows from investing activities	11.1.2			
Payments for property, infrastructure, plant & equip.		(36,715)	(33,040)	3,675
Proceeds from sale of property, infrastructure, plant & equipment		1,205	800	(405)
Net cash used in investing activities		(35,510)	(32,240)	3,270
Cash flows from financing activities	11.1.3			
Finance costs		(1,511)	(2,139)	(628)
Proceeds from borrowings		13,500	-	(13,500)
Repayment of borrowings		-	(7,591)	(7,591)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities		11,989	(9,730)	(21,719)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		8,333	(4,130)	(12,463)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		22,544	30,877	8,333
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	11.1.4	30,877	26,747	(4,130)

11.1.1 Operating activities (\$5.99 million increase)

The increase in cash inflows from operating activities is due mainly to the increase in rates and charges including the proposed waste charges to be received when compared with 2016-17.

The net cash flows from operating activities does not equal the surplus (deficit) for the year as the expected revenues and expenses of the Council include non-cash items which have been excluded from the Cash Flow Statement.

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The Budgeted operating result is reconciled to Budgeted cash flows available from operating activities as set out in the following table.

	Forecast		Variance
	Actual 2016-2017	Budget 2017-2018	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Surplus (deficit) for the year	9,382	15,884	6,502
Depreciation	20,230	20,664	434
Loss (gain) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant & equipment	(705)	(300)	405
Finance costs	1,511	2,139	628
Net movement in current assets and liabilities	1,436	(547)	(1,983)
Cash flows available from operating activities	31,854	37,840	5,986

11.1.2 Investing activities (\$3.27 million decrease)

The decrease in payments for investing activities represents the planned decrease in capital works expenditure disclosed in Section 10 of this Budget report. Proceeds from sale of assets are also forecast to decrease by \$0.41 million for reduced sale of vehicles throughout 2017-18 from 2016-17.

11.1.3 Financing activities (\$21.72 million decrease)

The large decrease is due to the receipt of loan funds in 2016-17 and not additional loan funds in 2017-18, as well as the repayment of borrowings in 2017-18. This was reflected in Council's Strategic Plan.

11.1.4 Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year (\$4.13 million decrease)

Overall, total cash and investments is forecast to decrease by \$4.13 million to \$26.75 million as at 30 June 2018, reflecting Council's strategy of principal debt reduction.

11.2 Restricted and unrestricted cash and investments

Cash and cash equivalents held by Council are restricted in part, and not fully available for Council's operations. The Budgeted cash flow statement above indicates that Council is estimating at 30 June 2018 it will have cash and investments of \$26.75 million, which has been restricted as shown in the following table.

	Ref	Forecast	Budget 2017-18	Variance
		Actual 2016-17		
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total cash and investments		30,877	26,747	(4,130)
Restricted cash and investments				
- Cash held to fund carry forward capital works	11.2.1	(6,325)	(3,000)	3,325
- Trust funds and deposits		(2,000)	(2,000)	-
Unrestricted cash and investments	11.2.2	22,552	21,747	(805)
- Discretionary reserves	11.2.3	(20,179)	(20,179)	-
Unrestricted cash adjusted for discretionary reserves	11.2.4	2,373	1,568	(805)

11.2.1 Cash held to fund carry forward capital works (\$3 million)

There is \$3 million cash held to fund carry forward works at 30 June 2016, as the 2017-18 capital works Budget includes \$3 million for carry-forward capital works projects. Section 6.2 contains further details on capital works funding.

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11.2.2 Unrestricted cash and investments (\$21.75 million)

The amount shown is in accordance with the definition of unrestricted cash included in the Regulations. These funds are free of statutory reserve funds and cash to be used to fund capital works expenditure from the previous financial year.

11.2.3 Discretionary reserves (\$20.18 million)

These funds are shown as discretionary reserves as, although not restricted by a statutory purpose, has a requirement to fund projects from these reserves. At the present time, these reserves are not cash backed.

11.2.4 Unrestricted cash adjusted for discretionary reserves (\$1.57 million)

These funds are free of all specific Council commitments and represent funds available to meet daily cash flow requirements, unexpected short term needs and any Budget commitments which will be expended in the following year such as grants and contributions.

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12. Analysis of Capital Budget

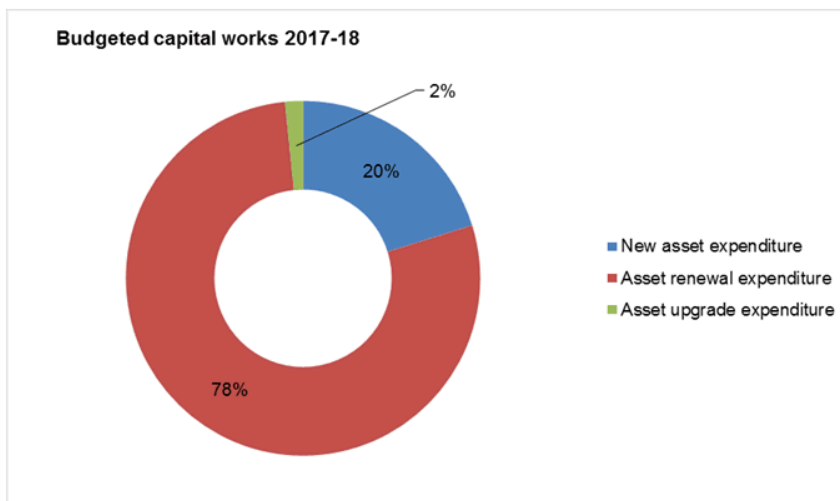
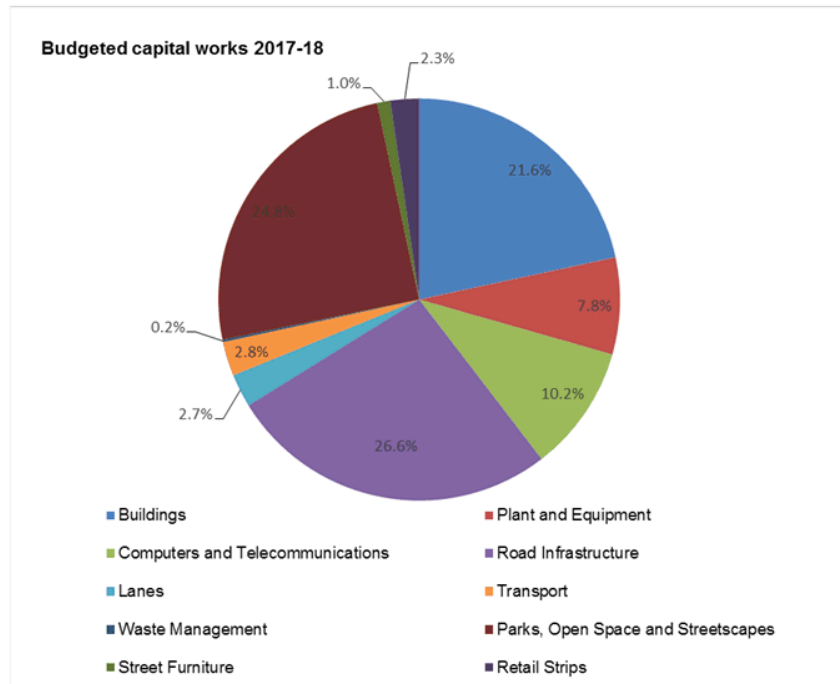
This section analyses the proposed capital works expenditure Budget for the 2017-18 year and the sources of funding for the capital Budget. Further detail on the capital works program can be found in Section 6.

12.1 Capital works expenditure

Capital Works Areas	Ref	Forecast Actual 2016-17 \$'000	Budget 2017-18 \$'000	Variance \$'000
Works carried forward	12.1.1			
Property				
Buildings		4,780	-	(4,780)
Total buildings		4,780	-	(4,780)
Total property		4,780	-	(4,780)
Plant and equipment				
Plant, machinery and equipment		-	200	200
Computers and telecommunications		290	820	530
Total plant and equipment		290	1,020	730
Infrastructure				
Parks, open space and streetscapes		1,255	1,005	(250)
Total infrastructure		1,255	1,005	(250)
Provisional Carry Forwards				
Provisional Carry Forwards		-	975	975
Total provisional carry forwards		-	975	975
Total works carried forward		6,325	3,000	(3,325)
2017-18 Program				
Property	12.1.2			
Buildings		13,026	6,824	(6,202)
Total buildings		13,026	6,824	(6,202)
Total property		13,026	6,824	(6,202)
Plant and equipment	12.1.3			
Plant, machinery and equipment		2,178	2,257	79
Computers and telecommunications		3,388	2,387	(1,001)
Total plant and equipment		5,566	4,644	(922)
Infrastructure	12.1.4			
Roads		7,564	8,396	832
Bridges		50	-	(50)
Lanes		891	842	(49)
Transport		2,792	872	(1,920)
Waste management		60	60	-
Parks, open space and streetscapes		6,415	6,836	421
Street Furniture		75	330	255
Retail Strips		430	730	300
Priority Projects		-	506	506
Total infrastructure		18,277	18,572	295
Total 2017-18 Program		36,869	30,040	(6,829)
Total capital works expenditure		43,194	33,040	(10,154)
Represented by:				
New asset expenditure	12.1.5	15,419	6,666	(8,753)
Asset renewal expenditure	12.1.5	25,002	25,835	833
Asset upgrade expenditure	12.1.5	2,773	539	(2,234)
Total capital works expenditure		43,194	33,040	(10,154)

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Source: Section 3. A more detailed listing of the capital works program is included in Section 6.

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12.1.1 Carried forward works (\$3 million)

At the end of each financial year there are projects which are either incomplete or not commenced due to factors including planning issues, weather delays and extended consultation. For the 2016-17 year it is forecast that \$3 million of capital works will be incomplete and be carried forward into the 2017-18 year. The more significant projects include Rushall Reserve, the Merri Creek Trail – Coulson Reserve Park and the Asset Software System.

12.1.2 Property (\$6.82 million)

The property class comprises buildings and building improvements including community facilities, municipal offices, sports facilities and pavilions.

For the 2017-18 year, \$6.82 million will be expended on building and building improvement projects. The more significant projects include roof replacement and other works at the Fitzroy Town Hall (\$2.08 million), roof works at the Collingwood Town Hall (\$0.72 million) and compliance works for disability access and other works at the Richmond Town Hall (\$0.72 million).

12.1.3 Plant and equipment (\$4.64 million)

Plant and equipment includes plant, machinery and equipment, computers and telecommunications, and library books.

For the 2017-18 year, \$4.64 million will be expended on plant, equipment and other projects. The more significant projects include ongoing cyclical replacement of the plant and vehicle fleet (\$1.14 million), upgrade and replacement of information technology (\$2.39 million) and library material purchases (\$0.59 million).

12.1.4 Infrastructure (\$18.57 million)

Infrastructure includes roads, bridges, lanes, transport, recreation, leisure and community facilities, parks, open space and streetscapes, and other structures.

For the 2017-18 year, \$8.4 million will be expended on road projects. The more significant projects include road resheeting works (\$4.23 million), footpath works (\$1.38 million), kerb and channel works (\$1.37 million), and drainage (\$0.86 million).

\$0.84 million will be expended on lanes. This involves renewal works on a number of right of ways within the City.

\$0.87 million will be expended on transport. The more significant of these include spot safety works (\$0.15 million) and the installation of Copenhagen bicycle lanes in Wellington Street (\$0.5 million).

\$6.84 million will be expended on parks, open space and streetscapes, including \$3.24 million for the open space reserve, \$0.74 million for the renewal of the athletics track at the George Knott Reserve, \$0.62 million for irrigation works at Darling Gardens, \$0.45 million for construction of a new local park in Abbotsford, and \$0.4 million for a playground at Edinburgh Gardens.

Other infrastructure expenditure includes \$0.6 million on waste management and \$0.33 million on street furniture, and \$0.73 million retail strips (including Activity Centres Design program and the Victoria Street Activity Centre), and \$0.5 million of priority projects.

12.1.5 Asset renewal (\$25.83 million), new assets (\$6.67 million), and upgrade (\$0.539 million)

A distinction is made between expenditure on new assets, asset renewal, upgrade and expansion. Expenditure on asset renewal is expenditure on an existing asset, or on replacing an existing asset that returns the service of the asset to its original capability. Expenditure on new assets does not have any element of expansion or upgrade of existing assets but will result in an additional burden for future operation, maintenance and capital renewal.

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12.2 Funding sources

Sources of funding	Ref	Forecast Actual 2016-17 \$'000	Budget 2017-18 \$'000	Variance \$'000
Works carried forward				
Current year funding				
Council cash		6,325	3,000	(3,325)
Total works carried forward	12.2.1	6,325	3,000	(3,325)
New works				
Current year funding				
Grants	12.2.2	3,036	1,195	(1,841)
Contributions		4,300	4,300	-
Borrowings		13,500	-	(13,500)
Council cash	12.2.3	16,033	24,545	8,512
Total new works		36,869	30,040	(6,829)
Total funding sources		43,194	33,040	(10,154)

Source: Section 6

12.2.1 Carried forward works (\$3 million)

At the end of each financial year there are projects which are either incomplete or not commenced due to factors including planning issues, weather delays and extended consultation. For the 2016-17 year it is forecast that \$3 million of capital works will be incomplete and be carried forward into the 2017-18 year. The more significant projects include Rushall Reserve, the Merri Creek Trail – Coulson Reserve Park and the Asset Software System.

12.2.2 Grants - capital (\$1.2 million)

Capital grants include all monies received from State and Federal sources for the purposes of funding the capital works program. Significant grants and contributions are Budgeted to be received for the Roads to Recovery projects (\$0.62 million), and for local roads (\$0.41 million).

12.2.3 Council cash - operations (\$24.55 million)

Council generates cash from its operating activities, which is used as a funding source for the capital works program. It is forecast that \$24.55 million will be generated from operations to fund the 2017-18 capital works program.

12.2.4 Council cash - proceeds from sale of assets (\$0.80 million)

Proceeds from sale of assets include motor vehicle sales in accordance with Council's fleet renewal policy of \$0.80 million.

12.2.5 Council cash - reserve cash and investments (\$4.3 million)

Council is budgeting to receive \$4.3 million in open space contributions during 2017-18. These will be used to fund \$4.3 million of open space projects during the year.

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13. Analysis of Budgeted financial position

This section analyses the movements in assets, liabilities and equity between 2016-17 and 2017-18. It also considers a number of key financial performance indicators.

13.1 Budgeted balance sheet

	Ref	Forecast Actual 2017 \$'000	Budget 2018 \$'000	Variance \$'000
Current assets	13.1.1			
Cash and cash equivalents		30,877	26,747	(4,130)
Trade and other receivables		14,734	15,778	1,044
Other assets		826	826	-
Total current assets		46,437	43,351	(3,086)
Non-current assets	13.1.1			
Trade and other receivables		255	255	-
Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment		1,686,699	1,748,914	62,215
Total non-current assets		1,686,954	1,749,169	62,215
Total assets		1,733,391	1,792,520	59,129
Current liabilities	13.1.2			
Trade and other payables		17,534	17,534	-
Trust funds and deposits		6,195	6,195	-
Provisions		14,718	15,215	(497)
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings		1,091	1,142	(51)
Total current liabilities		39,538	40,086	(548)
Non-current liabilities	13.1.2			
Provisions		1,416	1,416	-
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings		44,909	37,267	7,642
Other Liabilities		585	585	-
Total non-current liabilities		46,910	39,268	7,642
Total liabilities		86,448	79,354	7,094
Net assets		1,646,943	1,713,166	66,223
Equity	13.1.4			
Accumulated surplus		591,130	607,014	15,884
Reserves		1,055,813	1,106,152	50,339
Total equity		1,646,943	1,713,166	66,223

13.1.1 Current Assets (\$3.1 million decrease) and Non-Current Assets (\$62.2 million increase)

Cash and cash equivalents include 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 of three months or less. These balances are projected to decrease by \$4.1 million during the year mainly to fund the capital works program during the year and to repay debt.

Trade and other receivables are monies owed to Council by ratepayers and others. Short term debtors are expected to increase based on assumptions used to predict debtor balances by the end of year.

Other assets includes items such as prepayments for expenses that Council has paid in advance of service delivery, inventories or stocks held for sale or consumption in Council's services and other revenues due to be received in the next 12 months.

Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment is the largest component of Council's worth and represents the value of all the land, buildings, roads, vehicles, equipment, etc which has been built up by Council over many

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years. The \$62.2 million increase in this balance is attributable to the net result of the capital works program (\$30.04 million of new assets), less depreciation of assets (\$21 million) and plus the revaluation of Council assets which occurs by the end of the financial year (\$50.339 million).

13.1.2 Current Liabilities (\$0.5 million increase) and Non-Current Liabilities (\$7.6 million decrease)

Trade and other payables are those to whom Council owes money as at 30 June. These liabilities are budgeted to reduce marginally on 2016-17 levels.

Provisions include accrued long service leave, annual leave and rostered days off owing to employees. These employee entitlements are only expected to increase marginally due to more active management of entitlements despite factoring in an increase for Collective Agreement outcomes.

Interest-bearing loans and borrowings are borrowings of Council. Council is budgeting to repay loan principal of \$7.6 million over the year.

13.1.3 Working Capital (\$3.6 million decrease)

Working capital is the excess of current assets above current liabilities. This calculation recognises that although Council has current assets, some of those assets are already committed to the future settlement of liabilities in the following 12 months, and are therefore not available for discretionary spending.

Some of Council's cash assets are restricted in that they are required by legislation to be held in reserve for specific purposes or are held to fund carry forward capital works from the previous financial year.

	Forecast		
	Actual	Budget	Variance
	2017	2018	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Current assets	46,437	43,351	(3,086)
Current liabilities	39,538	40,086	(548)
Working capital	6,899	3,265	(3,634)
Restricted cash and investment current assets			
- Statutory reserves	-	-	-
- Cash used to fund carry forward capital works	(6,325)	(3,000)	3,325
- Trust funds and deposits	(2,000)	(2,000)	-
Unrestricted working capital	(1,426)	(1,735)	(309)

In addition to the restricted cash shown above, Council is also projecting to hold \$20.2 million in discretionary reserves at 30 June 2018. Although not restricted by a statutory purpose, Council has not yet made decisions regarding the future use of these funds as they are not currently cash backed.

13.1.4 Equity (\$66.2 million increase)

Total equity always equals net assets and is made up of the following components:

- Asset revaluation reserve which represents the difference between the previously recorded value of assets and their current valuations
- Other reserves that are funds that Council wishes to separately identify as being 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 the Council to be separately disclosed.
- Accumulated surplus which is the value of all net assets less Reserves that have accumulated over time.

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13.2 Key assumptions

In preparing the Balance Sheet for the year ending 30 June 2018 it was necessary to make a number of assumptions about assets, liabilities and equity balances. The key assumptions are as follows:

- A total of 99% of total rates and charges raised will be collected in the 2017-18 year (2016-17: 99% forecast actual)
- Debtors and creditors to remain consistent with 2016-17 levels
- Employee entitlements to be increased by the anticipated Collective Agreement outcome offset by the impact of more active management of leave entitlements of staff
- Repayment of loan principal to be \$7.6 million
- Total capital expenditure to be \$30 million

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Long Term Strategies

This section includes the following analysis and information

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- 15 Rating information
- 16 Other long term strategies

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14. Strategic resource plan

This section includes an extract of the adopted Strategic Resource Plan (SRP) to provide information on the long term financial projections of the Council.

14.1 Plan development

The Act requires a SRP to be prepared describing both financial and non-financial resources (including human resources) for at least the next four financial years to achieve the strategic objectives in the Council Plan. In preparing the SRP, Council must take into account all other plans and strategies in regard to services and initiatives which commit financial and non-financial resources for the period of the SRP.

Council has prepared a SRP for the four years 2017-18 to 2020-21 as part of its ongoing financial planning to assist in adopting a Budget within a longer term framework. The SRP takes the strategic objectives and strategies as specified in the Council Plan and expresses them in financial terms for the next four years.

The key objective, which underlines the development of the SRP, is financial sustainability in the medium to long term, while still achieving Council's strategic objectives as specified in the Council Plan. The key financial objectives, which underpin the SRP, are:

- Maintain existing service levels
- Achieve consistent operating surpluses over the next 4 years
- Maintain a capital expenditure program of at least \$30 million per annum
- Achieve a balanced Budget on a cash basis
- Reduce debt
- Build cash to cash back reserves.

In preparing the SRP, Council has also been mindful of the need to comply with the following Principles of Sound Financial Management as contained in the Act:

- Prudently manage financial risks relating to debt, assets and liabilities
- Provide reasonable stability in the level of rate burden
- Consider the financial effects of Council decisions on future generations
- Provide full, accurate and timely disclosure of financial information.

The SRP is updated annually through a rigorous process of consultation with Council service providers followed by a detailed sensitivity analysis to achieve the key financial objectives

14.2 Financial resources

The following table summarises the key financial results for the next four years as set out in the SRP for years 2017-18 to 2020-21. Section 3 includes a more detailed analysis of the financial resources to be used over the four year period.

Indicator	Forecast	Budget	Strategic Resource Plan			Trend
	Actual		Projections			
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	+/-
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	9,382	15,884	17,780	21,190	24,806	+
Adjusted underlying result	2,046	10,389	12,273	15,659	19,250	+
Cash and investments balance	30,877	26,747	26,124	28,081	31,293	+
Cash flows from operations	31,854	37,840	41,608	45,355	49,308	+
Capital works expenditure	43,194	33,040	32,858	33,666	35,992	+

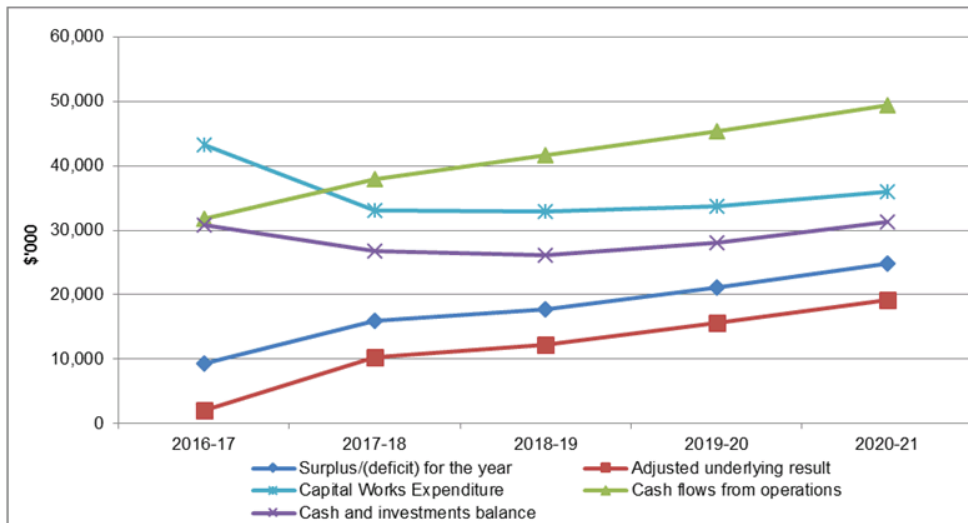
Key to Forecast Trend:

- + 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

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The following graph shows the general financial indicators over the four year period.



The key outcomes of the SRP are as follows:

- **Financial sustainability (Section 11)** - Cash and investments is forecast to increase over the four year period from \$26.7 million to \$31.3 million, which indicates a favourable Budget on a cash basis in each year.
- **Rating levels (Section 15)** – Modest rate increases are forecast over the four years at an average of 2.0%. A waste service charge is also proposed to be introduced.
- **Service delivery strategy (Section 16)** – Service levels have been maintained throughout the four year period. Operating surpluses are forecast in each of the 4 years of the SRP and, excluding the effects of capital items such as capital grants and contributions, the adjusted underlying result is also an increasing surplus over the four year period. The underlying result is a measure of financial sustainability and is an important measure as once-off capital items can often mask the operating result.
- **Borrowing strategy (Section 16)** – Borrowings are forecast to reduce from \$46.0 million to \$13.2 million over the four year period. No additional borrowings are planned over the 4 years. Council has a \$32.5 million interest only loan due to be repaid in 2020-21.
- **Infrastructure strategy (Section 16)** - Capital expenditure over the four year period will total \$135.56 million at an average of \$33.89 million per year.

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This section contains information on Council's past and foreshadowed rating levels along with Council's rating structure and the impact of changes in property valuations. This section should be read in conjunction with Council's Rating Strategy and proposed waste service charge policy which is available in Appendix A.

Rating context

In developing the Strategic Resource Plan (referred to in Section 14.), rates and charges were identified as an important source of revenue, accounting for 59.7% of the total revenue received by Council annually. Planning for future rate increases has therefore been an important component of the Strategic Resource Planning process. 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 Yarra community.

Future Rates and Charges

The following table sets out future proposed increases in revenue from rates and charges and the total rates to be raised, based on the forecast financial position of Council as at 30 June 2017, and the forecast rate increase used for financial planning purposes

Year	General Rate Increase	Proposed Garbage Charge Increase	Total Rates and Charges Raised
	%	%	\$'000
2016-17	2.50	0.00	101,989
2017-18	2.00	Introduced	113,658
2018-19	2.00	4.00	117,711
2019-20	2.00	4.00	121,852
2020-21	2.00	4.00	126,083

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Council has established a rating structure which is comprised of two key elements. These are:

- Property values, which form the central basis of rating under the Local Government Act 1989;
- A 'user pays' component to reflect usage of certain services provided by Council, such as waste services.

Council applies the Net Annual Value (NAV) basis for rating which provides an equitable distribution of the rate burden for an inner-urban municipality such as Yarra, which has a high incidence of rental property.

Adoption of an alternative valuation/rating basis would require major re-education and potentially result in a significant redistribution of the rate burden, and undesirable implications for the community.

The rating strategy is premised on the utilisation of social equity mechanisms such as rebates and concessions as the most appropriate method of addressing the income-based issues of individual ratepayers.

The following table summarises the rates to be determined for the 2017-18 year. A more detailed analysis of the rates to be raised is contained in Section 7 'Statutory Disclosures'.

Rate type	How applied	2016-17	2017-18	Total Raised \$000	Change
General rates	Cents in \$ of NAV	0.040109	0.040911	104,058	2%
Proposed Waste service charge:					
(Residential – 80ltr)	\$ per property	\$0	\$165.00	7,220	Proposed New Charge
(Residential – 120ltr)	\$ per property	\$0	\$247.50	\$12	Proposed New Charge
(Residential – 240ltr)	\$ per property	\$0	\$800.00	\$16	Proposed New Charge
(Commercial – 80ltr)*	\$ per property	\$0	\$165.00	\$3	Proposed New Charge
(Commercial – 120ltr)*	\$ per property	\$0	\$247.50	\$3	Proposed New Charge
(Commercial – 240ltr)*	\$ per property	\$0	\$800.00	1,280	Proposed New Charge
Bridge Road Charge 100	\$ per property	132	\$137.00	9	4%
Bridge Road Charge 150	\$ per property	203	\$211.00	12	4%
Bridge Road Charge 250	\$ per property	337	\$350.00	160	4%

*Plus GST if applicable

Council has included a draft Rating Strategy and proposed Waste Service Charge Policy that contains expanded information on Council's rating structure and the reasons behind its choices in applying the rating mechanisms it has used. This is available in Appendix A.

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This section sets out summaries of the strategies that have been developed and incorporated into the Strategic Resource Plan including borrowings, infrastructure and service delivery.

16.1 Borrowings

In the past, Council has borrowed to finance large infrastructure projects which include the North Fitzroy Library and Community Hub project and acquisition of 345 Bridge Road premises. The focus going forward is to look at debt reduction and no further loan borrowings are planned over the next 4 years of the SRP.

For the 2017-18 year, Council has decided not to take out any new borrowings to fund the capital works program and therefore, after making loan repayments of \$7.6 million, will reduce its total borrowings to \$38.4 million as at 30 June 2018. The following table sets out future proposed borrowings, based on the forecast financial position of Council as at 30 June 2017.

Year	New Borrowings \$'000	Principal Paid \$'000	Interest Paid \$'000	Balance 30 June \$'000
2016-17	13,500	-	1,511	46,000
2017-18	-	7,591	2,139	38,409
2018-19	-	7,982	2,088	30,427
2019-20	-	8,389	2,035	22,038
2020-21	-	8,811	1,980	13,227

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

	2016-17 \$'000	2017-18 \$'000
Total amount borrowed as at 30 June of the prior year	32,500	46,000
Total amount proposed to be borrowed	13,500	-
Total amount projected to be redeemed	-	(7,591)
Total amount of borrowings as at 30 June	46,000	38,409

16.2 Infrastructure

The Council has developed an Infrastructure Strategy based on the knowledge provided by various Asset Management Plans, which sets out the capital expenditure requirements of Council for the next 10 years by class of asset, and is a key input to the SRP. It predicts infrastructure consumption, renewal needs and considers infrastructure needs to meet future community service expectations. The Strategy has been developed through a rigorous process of consultation and evaluation. The key aspects of the process are as follows:

- Long term capital planning process which integrates with the Council Plan, Strategic Resource Plan and Annual Budget processes
- Identification of capital projects through the preparation of asset management plans
- Prioritisation of capital projects within classes on the basis of evaluation criteria
- Methodology for allocating annual funding to classes of capital projects
- Business Case template for officers to document capital project submissions.

A key objective of the Infrastructure Strategy is to maintain or renew Council's existing assets at desired condition levels. If sufficient funds are not allocated to asset renewal then Council's investment in those assets will reduce, along with the capacity to deliver services to the community.

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In updating the Infrastructure Strategy for the 2017-18 year, the following influences have had a significant impact:

- Reduction in the amount of cash and investment reserves to fund future capital expenditure programs
- Availability of significant State and Federal funding for upgrade of assets.

The following table summarises Council's forward outlook on capital expenditure including funding sources for the next four years.

Year	Total Capital Program \$'000	Grants \$'000	Summary of funding sources		
			Contributions	Council Cash	Borrowings
			\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
2016-17	43,194	3,036	4,300	22,358	13,500
2017-18	33,040	1,195	4,300	27,545	-
2018-19	32,858	1,207	4,300	27,351	-
2019-20	33,666	1,231	4,300	28,135	-
2020-21	35,992	1,256	4,300	30,436	-

16.3 Service delivery

The key objectives in Council's Strategic Resource Plan (referred to in Section 14.) which directly impact the future service delivery strategy are to maintain existing service levels and to achieve a breakeven operating result each year. The Rating Information (see Section 15.) also refers to modest rate increases into the future and the proposed introduction of a waste service charge. With these key objectives as a basis, a number of internal and external influences have been identified through discussions with management which will have a significant impact on the scope and level of services to be provided over the next four years.

The general influences affecting all operating revenue and expenditure include the following:

	2017-18 %	2018-19 %	2019-20 %	2020-21 %
Consumer Price Index	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Rate increases	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Government funding	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Statutory fees	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Investment return	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00

The service delivery outcomes measured in financial terms are shown in the following table.

Year	Surplus (Deficit) for the year \$'000	Adjusted Underlying Surplus (Deficit) \$'000	Net Service (Cost) \$'000
2016-17	9,382	2,046	69,869
2017-18	15,884	10,389	71,072
2018-19	17,780	12,273	71,783
2019-20	21,190	15,659	72,501
2020-21	24,806	19,250	73,226

Service levels have been maintained throughout the four year period with operating surpluses forecast in years 2017-18 to 2020-21 and excluding the effects of items such as capital contributions, the adjusted underlying result is also an increasing surplus over the four year period. The net cost of the services provided to the community increases from \$71.01 million to \$73.2 million over the four year period

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17. Budget Timelines

This section lists the Budget processes to be undertaken in order to adopt the Budget in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) and *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014* (the Regulations).

Under the Act, Council is required to prepare and adopt an annual Budget for each financial year. The Budget is required to include certain information about the rates and charges that Council intends to levy as well as a range of other information required by the Regulations which support the Act.

The Draft 2017-18 Budget is for the year 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 and is prepared in accordance with the Act and Regulations. The Budget includes financial statements being a Comprehensive Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows and Statement of Capital Works. These statements have been prepared for the year ending 30 June 2018 in accordance with the Act and Regulations, and consistent with the annual financial statements which are prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Local Government Model Accounts. The Budget also includes information about the rates and charges to be levied, the capital works program to be undertaken, the human resources required, and other financial information Council requires in order to make an informed decision about the adoption of the Budget.

A draft Budget is prepared in accordance with the Act and submitted to Council in April for approval in principle. Council is then required to give public notice that it intends to adopt the Budget. It must give 28 days notice of its intention to adopt the draft Budget and make the Budget available for inspection at its offices and on its web site. A person has a right to make a submission on any proposal contained in the Budget and any submission must be considered before adoption of the Budget by Council.

The final step is for Council to adopt the Budget after receiving and considering any submissions from interested parties. The Budget is required to be adopted by 30 June and a copy submitted to the Minister within 28 days after adoption. The key dates for the Budget process are summarised below:

Budget process	Timing
1. Minister of Local Government announces maximum rate increase	Dec
2. Officers update Council's long term financial projections	
3. Officers engage with Councillors on Council Plan and key Budget principles	Dec-Mar
4. Draft Budget(s) submitted to Council for approval to advertise	Apr
5. Public notice advising draft Budget prepared	Apr
6. Budget available for public inspection and comment	Apr
7. Public submission process undertaken	May
8. Submissions period closes (28 days)	May
9. Submissions considered by Council/Committee	May
10. Budget and submissions presented to Council for adoption	Jun
11. Copy of adopted Budget submitted to the Minister	Jul

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Appendix A – Draft Rating Strategy & Draft Waste Policy

This appendix contains the Draft Rating Strategy and Waste Service Charge Policy for the City of Yarra for 2017-18.

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Draft Rating Strategy and Draft Waste Service Charge Policy

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Purpose

Rates are an integral part of Council's available revenue streams. The rating strategy determines the most appropriate, affordable rating strategy which, in conjunction with other income sources, will adequately finance the objectives in the Council Plan. The additional purpose of this strategy is to make transparent to the community the principles by which rates are set.

A limited range of choices exist for how rates revenue is raised by Councils. The Rating Strategy outlines the principles which guide the City of Yarra to levy rates revenue, in particular how to distribute the rates burden on the community fairly.

In publishing the Rating Strategy, the City of Yarra has the following aims:

- improving community understanding of our rating system
- articulating the City of Yarra's strategy for distributing the rates burden on the community fairly.

The Rating Strategy is reviewed every two years and the principles in the Rating Strategy are also outlined annually during the City of Yarra's planning and budgeting cycle. This provides the community an opportunity to improve its understanding of rating in local government and provide input to the rate setting process.

1.2. Strategic links

Council's Rating Strategy enables Council to deliver on its Council Plan, and forms a key part of the Annual Budget, the four year Strategic Resource Plan (SRP – which is essentially Council's four year Budget), and Council's Long Term Financial Strategy (Council's 10 year Budget).

1.3. What are rates and who pays them?

Council rates are the contribution that ratepayers make towards the community services and community infrastructure that Councils deliver. Rates are a form of property tax, with each ratepayer contributing based on the value of the property they own. This principle is based on the legislative requirements within the Local Government Act.

There is no connection between the amount of rates paid by a property and the level of council services received.

It is intended by the legislation that the rates contribution made by each ratepayer reflects the capacity of the property owner to pay for a share of Council's costs. Using property values as a basis for calculating Council rates supports the following outcomes:

- ratepayers with similar property values are treated similarly
- ratepayers with higher value property pay relatively more rates.

It is acknowledged that the raising of rates based on the value of property is imperfect. The major limitation of property value based rates is that ownership of property does not necessarily equate to capacity to pay. However, it is considered to be the fairest way to fund community services for public benefit within the legislative framework that Councils operate.

The limited options available to Councils to raise rates revenue are explored in this Rating Strategy. The method for collecting rates impacts the share of total rates revenue contributions received from each ratepayer. This is distinct from the total rates revenue collected by Council, which is set by Council's annual budget.

The City of Yarra's obligation is to ensure a fair (or 'equitable') distribution of the rates burden it imposes on the community. The Rating Strategy, together with other Council policy initiatives, must consider the possibility that rates may become unaffordable for particular groups in the community.

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Rebates and other measures are provided for those sectors of the community that have limited capacity to pay rates. There are also some property owners that are exempted from rates, such as schools, charitable organisations, religious organisations, mining & forestry organisations, and properties owned by public bodies (Crown land).

The City of Yarra uses special rates to fund initiatives that benefit specific sections of the community. These special rates are developed in direct consultation with affected parties. An example of special rates schemes used at the City of Yarra are to fund promotion activities for trader groups.

1.4. Calculation of rates

Rates are calculated using the total value of property in the municipality (based on a General Valuation every two years) and the City of Yarra's annual budget requirements. General rates are increased in line with the rate cap, which is set by the Minister for Local Government each year.

Council determines how much revenue it needs to deliver its community services through its annual budget process. It then divides the total revenue by the municipality's aggregate Net Annual Value (NAV) (for residential properties, this is 5% of the total value of capital improved property). This calculates a 'rate in the dollar' which is then applied to each individual property's NAV.

For example, if a Council requires \$100 million in rates revenue and the total NAV of capital improved property in the municipality is \$2,000 million, then residential properties would pay 5.0 cents for every dollar of the property's NAV (across the municipality, this is 5.0 cents multiplied by \$2,000 million, which equals the \$100 million).

It is important to note that Councils do not receive a windfall gain when property values increase after undertaking a General Valuation. Revaluations in property result in a *redistribution* of the rate burden across all properties in the municipality. Any increase to total valuations of the municipality is offset by a reduction to the rate in dollar used to calculate the rate for each property. Total income is fixed each year as part of the Council budget process.

1.5. Government and legislative context

Section 3C of the *Local Government Act 1989* (LGA) outlines that the primary objective of Councils is to endeavour to achieve the best outcomes for the local community. In seeking to do this, Council must 'ensure the equitable imposition of rates and charges'.

The legislative framework for the setting of rates and other charges is provided within the LGA. This includes the setting of:

- general rates as discussed above
- differential rates which are rates that are set at different levels for different classes of ratepayers (for example ratepayers who own residential, commercial, industrial, cultural and recreational land)
- special rates that are used for funding initiatives that benefit specific sections of the community
- service charges that are used to fund the collection and disposal of refuse and any other prescribed service; and
- municipal charges which are effectively a fixed charge for each property to cover Council administrative costs.

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The Rating Strategy will canvass the limited range of rating options available to Council under the LGA, including, but not limited to, the:

- choice of which property valuation base should be utilised
- consideration of uniform rating versus the application of differential rates (where possible)
- consideration of fixed service charges for the areas of waste collection and municipal administration
- hardship being taken into consideration through rebates, deferments or waivers.

These are examined in more detail in this document.

2. RATING EQUITY, EFFICIENCY AND SIMPLICITY

2.1. How should rates be set?

To deliver a fair outcome to its community and meet its legislative obligations, the City of Yarra must 'ensure the equitable imposition of rates and charges'. Councils must ensure, to the extent possible, that the distribution of the rates burden on the community is equitable, efficient and simple to understand.

The rating system is one of the most sensitive issues on which Council makes decisions. In getting to this point it is important to have an understanding of the following key principles involved, which are outlined below.

2.2. Equitable rating outcomes

Equity is a subjective concept that is difficult to define. What is considered fair for one person may be considered unfair for another. There are two main equity concepts used to guide the development of rating strategies (and taxation more generally):

horizontal equity – ratepayers in similar situations should pay similar amounts (ensured mainly by accurate property valuations undertaken in a consistent manner, their classification into homogenous property classes and the right of appeal against valuation)

vertical equity – those who are better off should pay more than those worse off (the rationale applies for the use of progressive and proportional income taxation. It implies a "relativity" dimension to the fairness of the tax burden).

Rates are essentially a "wealth tax", determined on the value of property. A pure "wealth tax" approach implies that the rates paid relate directly to the value of a ratepayer's real property. The tests of horizontal and vertical equity are solely based on a property's value. There is frequent debate surrounding the characteristics of property owners that may impinge on the application of an equity principle. The three main ways in which positions can vary are:

- the benefit or user pays principle – some ratepayers have more access to, make more use of, and benefit more from the council services paid for by rates
- the capacity to pay principle – some ratepayers have more ability to pay rates than do others with similarly valued properties
- the incentive or encouragement principle – some ratepayers may be doing more towards achieving council goals than others in areas such as environmental or heritage protection.

Concepts such as "user pays" and "capacity to pay" often conflict. Depending on your viewpoint the equitable outcome may be the one where individuals pay more, or less, or exactly in proportion to, their level of consumption of services.

A difficulty arises where services are fully or partially public goods and it is either difficult or impossible to quantify use or access. For practical reasons equity considerations become focused on how the costs of some universally available basket of services should be shared between ratepayers.

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In summary, equity is the concept of fairness in the amount that each ratepayer contributes to the total rates burden of the community, in return for the benefit that Councils provide. There are a number of different aspects to rating equity, including the following considerations:

- where appropriate, rates burdens should reflect the benefits ratepayers receive
- ratepayers with similar property values should be treated similarly
- ratepayers with a higher 'ability to pay' (based on property values) should contribute relatively more rates.
- ratepayers who are financially disadvantaged should be supported.

2.3. Efficient rating outcomes

Economic efficiency is measured by the extent to which production and consumption decisions by people are affected by a tax. Setting aside taxes explicitly intended to change behaviour (such as high taxes on cigarettes), a perfectly efficient tax would be one, which did not distort behaviour.

Of course, there is no such tax – all taxes affect behaviour to some extent. However, economic efficiency in revenue collection is maximised when the degree of this distortion is minimised.

Price is the major mechanism through which taxation efficiency may be achieved and for services where users are price sensitive, direct charging can influence demand and thus lead to greater efficiency. Conversely, the funding of services through rates (or via subsidies from other services) may result in an inflated demand for services and additional costs for councils to meet this demand. As a result, a mix of user charges and rates revenue funds a variety of council services.

The efficiency of a tax is also related to the cost of administration. Administration costs include the issuing of assessments, collection of rates (including maintaining and improving collection systems), monitoring outcomes, educating and informing ratepayers, and enforcement and debt recovery.

In summary, the distribution of Council rates is economically efficient if it minimises its impact on decisions made within the economy. That is to say, ratepayer's decisions (for example, whether to sub-divide a property) within the City of Yarra should not be unduly impacted on based on the *distribution* of rates.

2.4. Simplicity

Wherever possible, the rating practices implemented by Councils should be coherent and easily understood by ratepayers and the community. This can often be difficult given the legislative framework Councils work within.

The taxation principle of simplicity revolves around how easily a system can be understood by the public, namely ratepayers. This can conflict with the principles of equity and efficiency.

A simple rating scheme would have a limited number of rating classifications, even using a uniform rate. Other features of a simple rating scheme may be practicality and ease of administration. Rates in general are quite simple to administer in that they rely on a clear information source (property values) and they place a levy on something that is impossible to conceal (land).

Public understanding is another consideration for a council in striving for simplicity. A simple system should be easier for the public to understand as should the explanation of it by a council.

The efficacy of using rates to provide incentive or encouragement for ratepayers to act in a certain way to achieve corporate goals (e.g. environmental) should be evaluated critically against other approaches in terms of likely effectiveness.

2.5. Benefit principle

A popular complaint levelled at councils is that "the rates I pay have no correlation with the services I consume or the benefits I receive". This argument is based on the benefit principle (the opposite of the "wealth tax" principle) that argues there should be a clear nexus between consumption/benefit and the rate burden. A user pays system is closely reflective of the benefit principle.

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Application of the benefit principle to rates is difficult in practice because of the impossibility of measuring the relative levels of access and consumption across the full range of council services. While it might be quite obvious that certain geographic areas may not get access to specific services, it is the level of benefit across the full range of rates-funded services that is important in determining the amount of rates that should be paid. Clearly, the exercise is not clear cut.

The analysis of benefit is often reduced to arguments of what services are consumed by town v. country, businesses v. residences and between different towns and suburbs. Such a simplistic determination of rates based on where services are located ignores the facts that:

- many services are not location specific
- access is not synonymous with consumption
- residents can travel or use technology to access some services
- (perhaps more significantly for many councils) services provided in different locations within a municipality have different costs.

In some ways the arguing of the benefit principle with respect to council rates is like trying to do the same for Commonwealth income tax that is used to fund a wide range of universally accessed services. It is likely to be quite costly to regularly undertake in-depth analyses on service access, consumption patterns and costs in order to attempt to review the level of benefit. In any event many subjective assumptions will have to be introduced that is unlikely to produce a fair result.

Other pricing instruments such as user charges, special rates and charges, and service rates and charges better lend themselves to dealing with the issue of benefit.

2.6. Capacity to pay

Councils may decide that capacity to pay is fundamentally reflected by property value or that the application of the “wealth tax” and benefit principles should be moderated for groups of ratepayers because of capacity to pay considerations.

As rates are levied on unrealised wealth in the form of property, their nexus with ratepayers’ capacity to pay may be tenuous – ratepayers may be asset rich but cash poor or vice versa.

Councils have been provided with a number of rating instruments that allow them to address the capacity to pay issue to varying degrees, including differential rates, waivers and deferrals.

One of the major issues councils face in assessing “capacity to pay” relates to the landlord-tenant relationship and the fundamental distinction between who is legally liable to pay rates and the economic incidence of rates. The economic incidence of rates reflects who ultimately bears the cost of rates through higher prices, lower wages or lower returns on assets. Liability for rates typically rests with property owners. Hence a council is required to assess fundamentally the capacity to pay of the property owner and not the tenant, although council may legitimately have concerns for the latter. Property owners are not just individuals but individual investors represented by firms, superannuation funds, insurance companies, property trusts and banks.

Two issues are pertinent here. First, changes to property taxes have marginal effects on the rents (return) that properties can earn because rent is determined by the demand of actual and potential users against a fixed land supply. The theory goes that even if taxes are passed on to the renters the increase in rents will cause rents to fall as demand for rental premises declines. In response to this it could be argued that there are a number of reasons to think that rate rises may be passed onto tenants. For example rental markets may be tight or slow to adjust and there are often logistic and other factors why businesses are committed to particular premises. In some commercial arrangements, a tenant can be liable for the rates as a result of a contractual agreement.

Councils therefore need to determine whether they should have regard to, and how best to address, the issue of the economic incidence of rates. Given the assumption that landlords will generally (but not always) have a greater capacity to pay rates than tenants, councils may wish to consider whether they can discriminate between properties on this basis. In practice, there is no simple means of

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identifying the properties that are rentals and therefore additional council resources would be required to do this.

Historically, councils have used the capacity to pay principle as a primary argument in the setting of differential rates. There has, however, been a lack of transparency concerning the basis for the views held about capacity to pay and their translation into a hierarchy of rates. More often than not substantive and evidence-based reasons are not provided why the rate in the dollar on one type of property is higher/lower than another (or for that matter why a uniform rate system exists) or to explain the basis for the difference.

On equity and good public policy grounds, it is appropriate that the meaning and assessment of capacity to pay is agreed, at least from a practical point of view, and that decisions are influenced by a strong understanding of the factors relevant to particular property classes in order to make informed, albeit, generalised observations about their capacity to pay rates.

3. RATING PRINCIPLES

With consideration to all of the principles outlined in Section 2 above, the various elements of the City of Yarra's Rating Strategy can be summarised as:

3.1. General Rating Objective

The City of Yarra will ensure the responsible collection of rate revenue as a means of paying for the provision of valued community services. In doing so, it will seek to ensure the equitable distribution of the rate burden. Rates will be applied in a way that seeks to maintain the diversity within the municipality, not displacing those of a lower socio-economic status, the aged, or those who are not property owners.

3.2. Rating Principles

1. The City of Yarra will levy rates as measured by the Net Annual Value of property owned within the municipality.
2. The City of Yarra will not implement a municipal charge, as such a charge increases the rates burden on ratepayers who have a lower ability to pay.
3. The City of Yarra will use service charges where private benefit exists for specific services and where this is consistent with its broader funding principles. Service charges may also be used as a means of influencing community behaviour and ensuring equitable outcomes in the community.

Waste service charges are proposed to be introduced and commencing in 2017-18, and will be based on full recovery of the cost to deliver the waste services, as outlined in the draft Waste Service Charge Policy section of this strategy.

4. Special rates and charges will be used where a specific benefit or service can be identified for ratepayers and only following consultation with the affected ratepayers.

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5. The City of Yarra is committed to providing targeted support for the financially disadvantaged in the community through:
 - Deferred payments (otherwise referred to as 'hardship provisions')
 - Pensioner rebates (including a supplementary City of Yarra sponsored rate rebate)
 - A compassionate approach to debt management.
6. Non-rateable properties will be required to contribute to services provided by the City of Yarra through the payment of service charges.
7. Properties provided for under the *Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963* will be required to pay a different level of rates. Discounts will be structured to provide greatest support to those organisations that do not rely on liquor sales or gaming revenue.
8. The City of Yarra Rating Strategy will be reviewed at least every two years.

4. RATES BASED ON PROPERTY VALUATION

4.1. Property valuation methods

There are three valuation methods available for Councils to value properties for the purposes of raising rates. These are site value (SV), net annual value (NAV) or capital improved value (CIV).

Yarra uses the NAV method for rating purposes.

The valuation base used for rating purposes does not affect the total level of revenue the Council raises through rates. The total level of rate revenue to be raised by the Council is determined as part of the Council's annual budget setting exercise.

The CIV method refers to the total market value of the land plus the improved value of the property including the house, other buildings and landscaping.

Under the CIV method, Councils can set differential rates for residential, commercial and industrial ratepayers. CIV is the most commonly used rating method in Victoria.

The SV method values only the unimproved market value of the land. It is not used by any Victorian Councils.

The NAV Method is calculated two ways: It is either 5% of the CIV for residential properties or the EAV for non-residential properties. EAV means the rent at which the land might be expected to be let from year to year free of all usual tenant's rates and taxes less the cost of landlord expenses such as insurance, maintenance and land tax or 5% of the CIV (whichever is the greater). The EAV (NAV) for industrial properties typically equates to between 5% and 7% of CIV. Rents for commercial and retail properties have crept below 5% as interest rates remain at their current low levels. Properties with rents below 5% have their NAV pegged at 5%. The NAV method is commonly used by Melbourne Metropolitan Councils.

4.2. Advantages and disadvantages of valuation methods

No property valuation methodology raises more rates than the others. The choice of valuation method relates to the equity (or distribution) of the rates burden impact on the community.

The NAV method uses the value of a property's market rent (for non-residential properties) to determine the share of rates. The minimum the NAV can be for any property is 5% of its CIV. Given that market rent for non-residential properties is pegged at 5% or can be higher than 5%, the NAV

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method results in a higher relative percentage of the rates burden being met by commercial and industrial properties, based on information from the rental market.

The advantage of the NAV method is that it recognises the end use of properties and the share of the rates burden is set by transparently based market rentals (for which there are many transactions). The higher market rentals and the 5% pegging for non-residential properties create an 'in-built' differential for these types of ratepayers.

The CIV method uses the value of recent market sales to determine the value of the share of rates contribution. This includes consideration of the value of land, buildings and landscaping. The CIV method also allows for the use of differential rates, where rates can be set differently for different classes of ratepayers.

The key advantage of the CIV method is that the consideration of capital improvements is a better reflection of ratepayer's investment, therefore *may* be a better reflection of ratepayer's ability to pay rates.

The disadvantage of the CIV method is that it requires more frequent data maintenance with respect to keeping track of property improvements. In addition, a move away from the NAV method to CIV may result in a significant increase in the proportion of total rates paid by residential ratepayers, with a corresponding reduction in the proportion paid by commercial and industrial ratepayers, if there was no differential rate applied.

While offering Councils flexibility in rate setting, differential rates need to be appropriately justified. There are Ministerial Guidelines for Differential Rating which Councils need to comply with if differential rates are used.

The SV method is based on the value of the land portion of any property and is therefore influenced by location, view and aspect. The method is a relatively poor reflection of a ratepayer's ability to pay rates, compared to NAV and CIV.

4.3. Property valuation method adopted

Based on the relative merits of the respective valuation methods, the City of Yarra deems that the NAV is the most appropriate valuation method to use as a basis for the distribution of rates in the municipality.

Rating Principle 1

The City of Yarra will levy rates as measured by the Net Annual Value of property owned within the municipality.

4.4. Valuation and supplementary valuation process

Councils undertake independent valuations according to the provisions of the *Valuation of Land Act 1960* and administered in accordance with Land Victoria's best practice guidelines. Properties are valued as part of a General Valuation every two years. Ratepayers have rights under the *Valuation of Land Act 1960* to object to the valuation of their property, however must do so within two months after the notice of valuation is given.

Valuations are also important because other rating authorities, such as the State Revenue Office (land tax) and water authorities (water and sewage charges), use municipal property valuations for the purpose of levying State rates or taxes.

In addition to the General Valuation, all properties that undergo improvement or change are subject to a Supplementary Valuation. Supplementary Valuations are applied to properties between the biennial

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General Valuations if they have changed markedly in value as a result of physical changes such as subdivision, building improvements and additions. The circumstances where a Supplementary Valuation may occur are outlined in the *Valuation of Land Act 1960*.

The City of Yarra undertakes its Supplementary Valuations through its contract Valuer on a monthly basis.

5. OTHER RATES AND CHARGES**5.1. Municipal charge**

Councils may elect to recover the costs of providing municipal services through a fixed charge, also referred to as a 'municipal charge'. This charge is intended to cover fixed administrative and governance costs such as the cost of valuations and administration of the rate system. This charge recovers a portion of the Council rates requirement (which replaces general rates revenue and does not add to it). The City of Yarra has no municipal charge.

The income from the municipal charge may not exceed 20% of the combined income from the municipal charge and from general rates. Municipal charges are levied as a flat or uniform sum per service or property.

The advantage of a municipal charge is that it reflects the fixed costs of Councils. The disadvantage is that it has a greater impact on ratepayers that have a lower capacity to pay.

Rating Principle 2

The City of Yarra will not implement a municipal charge.

5.2. Service charges

Councils may elect to recover a service charge to fund the collection and disposal of refuse and any other prescribed service. The service rate or service charge may be declared on the basis of any criteria specified by Councils in developing the rate or charge.

With the Minister for Local Government introducing rate capping, Yarra has been required to explore additional revenue opportunities, in order to ensure its long term financial sustainability.

From 2017-18 Yarra is proposing to introduce a waste service charge to cover the costs of landfill, recycling, green, and hard waste.

The City of Yarra is one of only six Councils who do not currently separately charge for their waste services. To enable Council to continue to deliver the high levels of service the community values, this is a necessary change to ensure revenue keeps pace with expenditure.

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The City of Yarra will use service charges where private benefit exists for specific services and where this is consistent with its broader funding principles. Service charges will also be used as a means of influencing community behaviour and ensuring equitable outcomes in the community.

Waste service charges will be based on full recovery of the cost to deliver the service, as outlined in the Waste Service Charge Policy section of this strategy.

5.3. Special rates and charges

Councils can declare a special rate or a special charge for the 'performance of a function or the exercise of a power'. As such, the special rate or charge can be used to fund the cost of providing services 'of special benefit' to the people paying the special rate or charge. Special rates and charges can be used to fund the sealing of a previously unsealed road, providing drainage where drainage was not previously provided, building car parks in shopping centres, promotional or security services for strip shopping centres.

The City of Yarra consults with the affected segment of the community before instituting special rates and charges. Councils have the power to set the criteria and duration of any special rates or charges (for example, area or properties affected, mode of calculation). Where non-rateable properties lie within the special charge area and they will benefit from the works subject to the special charge, they also contribute to the special charge.

Rating Principle 4

Special rates and charges will be used where a specific benefit or service can be identified for ratepayers and only following consultation with the affected ratepayers.

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Provision exists for the rates to be made 'a charge on the property' and remain so until the property is sold. Councils have generally used this power to apply compassionate considerations for elderly people, especially those who might be characterised as 'asset rich but income poor'. For example, a person may have acquired a house during their working life but may have insufficient income for their retirement. Instead of pursuing legal action to recover the unpaid rates, the rates (plus a prescribed rate of interest) can be recouped when the property is sold.

6.2. Deferred payment

Frequently referred to as 'hardship provisions', a Council can defer the payment of rates should a ratepayer apply and meet the relevant conditions. This has generally been applied in circumstances of financial hardship and arrangements have been made by the individual ratepayer for the payment of rates over a period of time. The result of the Council allowing a deferral is generally an 'arrangement to pay', that is, an agreed timeframe or schedule for rate payments.

A Council can change the arrangement if the ratepayer's circumstances change or if the relevant property is sold.

6.3. Waivers

Councils can waive rates and charges or interest where a person suffers financial hardship. The City of Yarra waives no rates except as a procedural tool for enabling pensioner rebates.

6.4. Pensioner rebates

Pensioner rebates are a waiver of the whole or part of any rates, charges or interest obligation for eligible recipients under the *State Concessions Act 2004* (which include pensioners and residents of retirement villages). In a process administered by the State Government, a concession on municipal rates is available to assist eligible low income ratepayers afford rates on their place of residence. Where only part of a property is being used as a place of residence, each part of the property is to be rated separately.

In order to support its policy objectives, the City of Yarra also provides a supplementary rebate to eligible pensioners in addition to the State Government rebate.

To be eligible for the municipal rate concession, the ratepayer must be the holder of an eligible:

- Pensioner Concession Card issued by Centrelink or Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), or
- DVA Gold Card - Totally and Permanently Incapacitated
- DVA Gold Card - War Widow.

Applications for municipal rates concessions are made directly to the City of Yarra. Where a rate rebate was recognised the previous year and where the ratepayer remains eligible, no further application is required.

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6.5. A compassionate approach to debt management

The City of Yarra applies a compassionate approach to those ratepayers who cannot readily meet their rates debt. All options available within this rating strategy are proactively explored with ratepayers before debt collection measures are escalated.

Rating Principle 5

The City of Yarra is committed to providing targeted support for the financially disadvantaged in the community through:

- Rates charged to the property
- Deferred payments (otherwise referred to as 'hardship provisions')
- Pensioner rebates (including a supplementary City of Yarra sponsored rate rebate)
- A compassionate approach to debt management.

7. NON-RATEABLE PROPERTIES AND OTHER RATE REDUCTIONS

7.1. Non-Rateable Properties

The LGA requires Council to grant a rate exemption to those properties that meet the rate exemption requirements. Basically there are four main rate exempt groups:

- Public Purpose (Government, Municipal and Crown Land)
- Charitable Land
- Religious Land
- Service Clubs

The test of rateability is the use of the land. For a property to be rate exempt it must "be used exclusively" for the exempt purpose, therefore the test is use, not ownership. Exemptions are not granted unless the use has the appropriate planning approval.

The LGA has specific provisions regarding charging exempt properties services charges including; waste collection, street construction and special rates and charges.

Yarra has approximately 300 rate exempt properties within the Municipality. A number of major properties are rate exempt, including St Vincent's Hospital, Australian Catholic University and Epworth Hospital.

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Rating Principle 6

Non-rateable properties will be required to contribute to services provided by the City of Yarra through the payment of service charges.

7.2. Cultural and Recreational Properties

The provisions of the *Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963* modify the way in which the users of 'recreational lands' are rated. The *Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963* has two principal criteria:

- the land must be owned by the body providing the service or must be on land rented from the Government or Council (that is, it does not apply to land rented from private landowners)
- it must be for an outdoor recreational or cultural activity.

The *Cultural and Recreational Land Act 1963* enables Councils to levy as rates on recreational lands an amount that it thinks reasonable taking into account the services provided on land and the benefits the community derives from it.

Facilities where profits are paid as a dividend to members are specifically excluded from any discount.

The City of Yarra applies a percentage discount from the general rate to reflect the community benefit the land creates. This is consistent with the practice across the Victorian local government sector. This is reviewed by the City of Yarra on a regular basis with suitable supporting data provided by benefiting organisations.

The discounts are calculated with a preference for organisations without a liquor or gaming licence.

Rating Principle 7

Properties provided for under the *Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963* will be required to pay different levels of rates. Discounts will be structured to provide greatest support to those organisations that do not rely on liquor sales or gaming revenue.

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8. THE IMPACT OF THIS RATING STRATEGY

8.1. Rates supporting Council policy

The City of Yarra actively seeks to retain and enhance the diversity within the municipality. This diversity encompasses socio-economic advantage as well as other characteristic such as home ownership, ethnicity, age and family status (among others).

The Rating Strategy has been developed to support the conditions that allow our communities to experience and enjoy diversity of values, beliefs and aspirations and which provide the financial basis that our residents have access to effective and appropriate services and resources.

A major priority of the City of Yarra is to support those members of the community that are financially disadvantaged or vulnerable.

8.2. The impact of rating principles

Rates are a form of property tax based on the valuation of each property. It is intended that the rates levied represent a fair measure of the benefit of the services to each property and reflect the capacity of the property owner to meet a share of the overall community costs.

Rates should be set so that the distribution of the rates burden on the community is equitable, efficient and simple to understand. These goals can come into conflict and there is no 'one size fits all' approach.

Importantly, the LGA provides a limited range of options for Councils to develop rating systems, which are outlined in this strategy.

Within the legislative framework the City of Yarra operates, the Rating Strategy best supports the following outcomes:

- **Equitable:** The distribution of rates based on the NAV property valuation method, with targeted support for the financially disadvantaged, achieves outcomes that are fair and equitable. Rating on the basis of the NAV method provides for an 'in-built' differential which determines the share of rates borne by different segments of ratepayers based on market information.
- **Efficient:** The Rating Strategy aims to use the market (as represented in the Net Annual Value method) to distribute rates in the municipality. This will limit any unintended consequences of rates within the economy. An exception is where rates are set in such a way to deliberately influence community behaviour, for example the rates funding of waste collection costs, which ensures both desirable community behaviour with regards to waste and equitable funding of this service.
- **Simple to understand:** The development of this Rating Strategy aims to make transparent the key principles on which the City of Yarra bases its Rating Strategy and the legislative framework it operates within. While some of the rating concepts used by Councils are inherently complicated, the City of Yarra is committed to making available to the public the basis on which rating decisions are made.

8.3. Review of Rating Strategy

The City of Yarra is committed to communicating to ratepayers the way in which rates are set and implemented, to reviewing the Rating Strategy periodically and to publish and inform the community of its decisions in respect to the Rating Strategy.

Rating Principle 8

The City of Yarra Rating Strategy will be reviewed at least every two years.

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9. Draft Waste Service Charge Policy

Background

In June 2016, Council's adopted Long Term Financial Strategy reflected the intention to introduce a waste and environmental service charge in 2017-18.

As part of the 2017-18 Budget consultation with Councillors in February 2017, Council resolved to prepare the draft 2017-18 Budget on the basis of separate waste & environmental service charges being introduced. As part of the resolution, Officers were requested to develop a draft policy defining what services are included in each proposed service charge and that consultation on this draft policy occur in conjunction with the draft 2017-18 Budget.

In March 2017, Council sought further advice in relation to the waste service charge and the environmental charge. The advice supported a waste service charge however advised Council against introducing an environmental charge as proposed.

Officers have therefore prepared the draft 2017-18 Budget based on the introduction of a waste service charge only, removing the environmental service elements.

Council is proposing to introduce this separate waste service charge in 2017-18. The waste charge is being introduced to fully recover the cost for Council to deliver this service and is permitted within the Local Government Act and the Fair Go Rates System. It is proposed to introduce this charge in 2017-18 as this is a non-revaluation year. This will mean it will be much clearer for rate payers to determine the dollar change year on year on their rate notices. It will also ensure it will not be as big a percentage increase for some ratepayers who may experience large general rate increases in a revaluation year.

The charge will bring Yarra City Council in line with 73 other Victorian Councils who currently have a separate waste service charge.

It is proposed that rebates on the proposed waste service charge will apply for pensioners and health care card holders.

Proposed Waste Service Charge components

It is proposed that the waste service charge is based on full recovery of the cost to deliver the landfill waste, recycling, and green and hard waste services to the community.

Proposed Waste Service Charges

It is proposed that the introduction of a separate waste service charge in 2017-18 for the following bin size services will be:

- (i) 80 litre bin service (residential) - \$165.00 per annum
- (ii) 120 litre bin service (residential) - \$247.50 per annum
- (iii) 240 litre bin service (residential) - \$800 per annum
- (iv) 80 litre bin service (commercial) - \$165.00 per annum + GST if applicable
- (v) 120 litre bin service (commercial) - \$247.50 per annum + GST if applicable
- (vi) 240 litre bin service (commercial) - \$800 per annum + GST if applicable

Proposed Waste Service Charge Rebates

It is also proposed that a 50% rebate/waiver of the waste service charge for pensioners and health care card holders relevant to their bin size service is applied (for the first year only), and is reviewed annually as part of the Budget process.

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Appendix B - Fees and Charges Schedule

This appendix presents the fees and charges of a statutory and non-statutory nature which will be charged in respect to various goods and services provided during the 2017-18 year.

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* Indicates a Statutory Fee and is not set by Council

Fees and Charges Description	GST Status	2016-17 Adopted Fee	2017-18 Proposed Fee
A credit card surcharge fee of 0.5% will apply to payments made via VISA or MasterCard.			
PROPERTY & RATING FEES			
Land information certificates*	GST Free	\$24.80	\$25.90
Land information certificates - 24 hour turnaround (online application only)	GST Free	\$64.80	\$67.00
Garbage Charge - Properties exempt from Rates	GST Free	\$359.00	Discontinued
Waste Charge (Residential - 80ltr)	GST Free	Possible New Fee	\$165.00
Waste Charge (Residential - 120ltr)	GST Free	Possible New Fee	\$247.00
Waste Charge (Residential - 240ltr)	GST Free	Possible New Fee	\$800.00
Waste Charge (Commercial - 80ltr)	Taxable	Possible New Fee	\$165.00
Waste Charge (Commercial - 120ltr)	Taxable	Possible New Fee	\$247.00
Waste Charge (Commercial - 240ltr)	Taxable	Possible New Fee	\$800.00
Valuation Certificate	Taxable	\$20.00	\$20.50
Retrospective Valuation Certificate	Taxable	\$91.50	\$94.00
Payment Arrangement fee (Rates – Referred for Legal Action)	Taxable	\$5.50 per month	\$5.60 per month
GOVERNANCE SUPPORT			
Freedom of information requests*	GST Free	\$27.90	Adopt Statutory Fee
LIBRARIES			
Overdue Items	GST Free	\$0.20 per day	\$0.20 per day
Damaged Books	Taxable	Cost + \$11.50	Cost + \$11.50
Damaged Magazines	Taxable	Cost + \$3.50	Cost + \$3.50
Lost Item	Taxable	Cost + \$11.50	Cost + \$11.50
Lost Card	Taxable	\$3.70	\$3.80
Inter Library Loans	Taxable	\$17.20	\$17.70
Reservations	GST Free	No Charge	No Charge
Word Processing	Taxable	No Charge	No Charge
Internet Access	Taxable	No Charge	No Charge
Printing from Computers	Taxable	\$0.20 per page	\$0.20 per page

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Library Bags	Taxable	\$2.60	\$2.70
Photocopies			
Photocopies A4	Taxable	\$0.20	\$0.20
Photocopies A3	Taxable	\$0.40	\$0.40
Photocopies A4 (colour)	Taxable	\$1.00	\$1.00
Photocopies A3 (colour)	Taxable	\$2.00	\$2.00
Book Sales			
Hardbacks	Taxable	\$2.50	\$2.50
Paperbacks	Taxable	\$1.50	\$1.50
Magazines	Taxable	\$0.50	\$0.50
Finance			
Dishonoured Cheque Administration Fee	Taxable	\$33.30	\$34.10
Dishonoured Direct Debt Administration Fee	Taxable	\$33.30	\$34.10
AGED & DISABILITY SERVICES			
Home Care, Personal Care and Respite Care			
Home Care General Low Fee Range			
Home Care General Low fee range - Single Up to \$26,933	GST Free	\$3.85	\$3.95
Home Care General Low fee range - Single \$26,933 to \$36,972	GST Free	\$5.95	\$6.10
Home Care General Low fee range - Couple Up to \$56,589	GST Free	\$6.00	\$6.15
Home Care General Low fee range - Family Up to \$62,693	GST Free	\$6.00	\$6.15
Home Care General Medium Fee Range			
Home Care General Medium fee range - Single \$36,972 to \$51,712	GST Free	\$8.55	\$8.75
Home Care General Medium fee range - Single \$51,712 to \$66,452	GST Free	\$11.00	\$11.30
Home Care General Medium fee range - Single \$66,452 to \$81,192	GST Free	\$13.50	\$13.85
Home Care General Medium fee range - Couple \$56,589 to \$73,907	GST Free	\$10.00	\$10.25
Home Care General Medium fee range - Couple \$73,907 to \$91,225	GST Free	\$12.70	\$13.00
Home Care General Medium fee range - Couple \$91,225 to \$108,543	GST Free	\$15.00	\$15.40
Home Care General Medium fee range - Family \$62,693 to \$79,109	GST Free	\$10.00	\$10.25
Home Care General Medium fee range - Family \$79,109 to \$95,525	GST Free	\$12.70	\$13.00
Home Care General Medium fee range - Family \$95,525 to \$111,941	GST Free	\$15.00	\$15.40
Home Care General High Fee Range			
Home Care General High Range - Single Above \$81,194	GST Free	\$32.80	\$33.60
Home Care General High Range - Couple Above \$108,543	GST Free	\$32.80	\$33.60
Home Care General High Range - Family Above \$111,941	GST Free	\$32.80	\$33.60
Personal Care			
Personal Care Low Fee Range			

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Personal Care Low fee range - Single Up to \$26,933	GST Free	\$3.75	\$3.85
Personal Care Low fee range - Single \$26,933 to \$36,972	GST Free	\$4.50	\$4.60
Personal Care Low fee range - Couple Up to \$41,730	GST Free	\$3.75	\$3.85
Personal Care Low fee range - Couple \$41,730 to \$56,589	GST Free	\$4.50	\$4.60
Personal Care Low fee range - Family Up to \$47,844	GST Free	\$3.75	\$3.85
Personal Care Low fee range - Family \$47,844 to \$62,693	GST Free	\$4.50	\$4.60
Personal Care Medium Fee Range			
Personal Care General Medium fee range - Single \$36,972 to \$51,712	GST Free	\$7.00	\$7.20
Personal Care General Medium fee range - Single \$51,712 to \$66,452	GST Free	\$7.40	\$7.60
Personal Care General Medium fee range - Single \$66,452 to \$81,192	GST Free	\$8.10	\$8.30
Personal Care General Medium fee range - Couple \$56,589 to \$73,907	GST Free	\$7.00	\$7.20
Personal Care General Medium fee range - Couple \$73,907 to \$91,225	GST Free	\$7.40	\$7.60
Personal Care General Medium fee range - Couple \$91,225 to \$108,543	GST Free	\$8.10	\$8.30
Personal Care General Medium fee range - Family \$62,693 to \$79,109	GST Free	\$7.00	\$7.20
Personal Care General Medium fee range - Family \$79,109 to \$95,525	GST Free	\$7.40	\$7.60
Personal Care General Medium fee range - Family \$95,525 to \$111,941	GST Free	\$8.10	\$8.30
Personal Care High Fee Range			
Personal Care General High Range - Single Above \$81,194	GST Free	\$36.70	\$37.60
Personal Care General High Range - Couple Above \$108,543	GST Free	\$36.70	\$37.60
Personal Care General High Range - Family Above \$111,941	GST Free	\$36.70	\$37.60
Respite Care			
Respite Care Low Fee Range			
Respite Care Low fee range - Single Up to \$26,933	GST Free	\$2.60	\$2.65
Respite Care Low fee range - Single \$26,933 to \$36,972	GST Free	\$3.00	\$3.10
Respite Care Low fee range - Couple Up to \$41,740	GST Free	\$2.60	\$2.65
Respite Care Low fee range - Couple \$41,740 to \$56,589	GST Free	\$3.00	\$3.10
Respite Care Low fee range - Family Up to \$47,844	GST Free	\$2.60	\$2.65
Respite Care Low fee range - Family \$47,844 to \$62,693	GST Free	\$3.00	\$3.10
Respite Care Medium Fee Range			
Respite Care General Medium fee range - Single \$36,972 to \$51,712	GST Free	\$3.45	\$3.55
Respite Care General Medium fee range - Single \$51,712 to \$66,452	GST Free	\$4.30	\$4.40
Respite Care General Medium fee range - Single \$66,452 to \$81,192	GST Free	\$4.40	\$4.50

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Respite Care General Medium fee range - Couple \$56,589 to \$73,907	GST Free	\$3.45	\$3.55
Respite Care General Medium fee range - Couple \$73,907 to \$91,225	GST Free	\$4.30	\$4.40
Respite Care General Medium fee range - Couple \$91,225 to \$108,543	GST Free	\$4.40	\$4.50
Respite Care General Medium fee range - Family \$62,693 to \$79,109	GST Free	\$3.45	\$3.55
Respite Care General Medium fee range - Family \$79,109 to \$95,525	GST Free	\$4.30	\$4.40
Respite Care General Medium fee range - Family \$95,525 to \$111,941	GST Free	\$4.40	\$4.50
Respite Care High Fee Range			
Respite Care General High Range - Single Above \$81,192	GST Free	\$33.80	\$34.65
Respite Care General High Range - Couple Above \$108,543	GST Free	\$33.80	\$34.65
Respite Care General High Range - Family Above \$111,941	GST Free	\$33.80	\$34.65
Home Maintenance			
Home Maintenance Low Fee Range			
Home Maintenance Low fee range - Single Up to \$26,933	GST Free	\$4.25	\$4.35
Home Maintenance Low fee range - Single \$26,933 to \$36,972	GST Free	\$6.65	\$6.80
Home Maintenance Low fee range - Couple Up to \$41,740	GST Free	\$4.25	\$4.35
Home Maintenance Low fee range - Couple \$41,740 to \$56,589	GST Free	\$7.80	\$8.00
Home Maintenance Low fee range - Family Up to \$47,844	GST Free	\$4.25	\$4.35
Home Maintenance Low fee range - Family \$47,844 to \$62,693	GST Free	\$7.80	\$8.00
Home Maintenance - Medium Fee Range			
Home Maintenance Medium Fee Range Single - \$36,972 to \$81,194	GST Free	\$16.40	\$16.80
Home Maintenance Medium Fee Range Couple - \$56,589 to \$108,543	GST Free	\$16.40	\$16.80
Home Maintenance Medium Fee Range Family - \$62,693 to \$111,941	GST Free	\$16.40	\$16.80
Home Maintenance - High Fee Range			
Home Maintenance High Range - Single Above \$81,192	GST Free	\$47.30	\$48.50
Home Maintenance High Range - Couple Above \$108,543	GST Free	\$47.30	\$48.50
Home Maintenance - Family Above \$111,941	GST Free	\$47.30	\$48.50
Delivered / Centre Meals			
Delivered / Centre Meals -Low Fee Range			
Delivered / Centre Meals Single up to \$36,972	GST Free	\$6.20	\$6.35
Delivered / Centre Meals Couple Up to \$56,589	GST Free	\$6.20	\$6.35
Delivered / Centre Meals Family Up to \$62,693	GST Free	\$6.20	\$6.35
Delivered / Centre Meals - Medium Fee Range			
Delivered / Centre Meals Single - \$36,438 to \$81,192	GST Free	\$8.00	\$8.20
Delivered / Centre Meals Couple - \$56,589 to \$108,543	GST Free	\$8.00	\$8.20

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Delivered / Centre Meals Family - \$62,693 to \$111,941	GST Free	\$8.00	\$8.20
Delivered / Centre Meals - High Fee Range			
Delivered / Centre Meals- Single Above \$81,192	GST Free	\$20.90	\$21.40
Delivered / Centre Meals - Couple Above \$108,543	GST Free	\$20.90	\$21.40
Delivered / Centre Meals - Family Above \$111,941	GST Free	\$20.90	\$21.40
Willowview			
Willowview - High Care			
Willowview - Outing Group			
Willowview - Low Fee Range Single up to \$36,972	GST Free	\$7.70	\$7.90
Willowview - Low Fee Range Couple Up to \$56,589	GST Free	\$7.70	\$7.90
Willowview - Low Fee Range Family Up to \$62,693	GST Free	\$7.70	\$7.90
Willowview - Medium Fee Range Single - \$36,972 to \$81,194	GST Free	\$7.70	\$7.90
Willowview - Medium Fee Range Couple - \$56,589 to \$105,543	GST Free	\$7.70	\$7.90
Willowview - Medium Fee Range Family - \$62,693 to \$111,941	GST Free	\$7.70	\$7.90
Willowview - High Fee Range - Single Above \$81,192	GST Free	\$19.45	\$19.95
Willowview - High Fee Range - Couple Above \$108,543	GST Free	\$19.45	\$19.95
Willowview - High Fee Range - Family Above \$111,941	GST Free	\$19.45	\$19.95
Additional charge applies to Willowview Outing Group only if meal provided by the service	GST Free	\$4.80	\$4.90
Home Care Packages (HCP)			
<i>Rates negotiable in special circumstances. Refer Aged & Disability Services - Home Care Packages Policy</i>			
Linkage Program- Monthly Case Management Fee	Taxable	0-\$258 per month	TBA
<i>Based upon HACC services used and other services as negotiated</i>			
All Meals	Taxable	\$19.35	\$19.85
Home/Personal/Respite Care (8.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday)	Taxable	\$45.00	\$46.15
Home/Personal/Respite Care (6.00pm to 8.00am Monday to Friday)	Taxable	\$95.60	\$98.00
Home/Personal/Respite Care (6.00pm Friday to 8.00am Monday)	Taxable	\$95.60	\$98.00
Adult Day Care	Taxable	\$33.20	\$34.05
PARKING SERVICES			
Parking Fees - meters/ticket machines (per hour)	Taxable	\$4.00	\$4.00
All Day Parking (various locations)	Taxable	\$11.00 per day	\$12.00
Night parking rate	Taxable	New Fee	\$12.00
Occupation of parking bays - parking meter/first day- Non Commercial Street	Taxable	\$55.00	\$60.00
Occupation of parking bays - parking meter/subsequent day- Non Commercial Street	Taxable	\$27.00	\$30.00

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Occupation of parking bays - parking meter/first day- Commercial Street	Taxable	New Fee	\$100.00
Occupation of parking bays - parking meter/subsequent day- Commercial street	Taxable	New Fee	\$50.00
Parking Permits - 1st Resident permit	GST Free	\$36.00	\$37.00
Parking Permits - 2nd Resident permits	GST Free	\$91.00	\$93.00
Parking Permits - 3rd Resident permits	GST Free	\$171.00	\$175.00
Parking Permits - Business - 1st permit	Taxable	\$124.00	\$127.00
Parking Permits - Business - 2nd and subsequent permits	Taxable	\$230.00	\$236.00
Parking Permits - Disabled	GST Free	No Charge	No charge
Parking Permits - 1st Visitor permit	GST Free	\$36.00	\$37.00
Parking Permits - 2nd Visitor permits	GST Free	\$91.00	\$93.00
Parking Permits - 3rd Visitor permits	GST Free	\$171.00	\$175.00
Vehicle tow-away - impounding fee	Taxable	\$403.00	\$415.00
Derelict vehicles/pound fee - abandoned/unregistered vehicle	Taxable	\$403.00	\$415.00
Installation of Loading Zone	Taxable	New Fee	\$200.00
LOCAL LAWS/LEGISLATIVE SERVICES			
Footpath Trading -Application/ Inspection fee (Non-refundable)	GST free	\$50.00	\$52.00
Footpath heaters	GST free	\$100.00	\$103.00
Footpath awning fee	GST free	\$200.00	\$205.00
Local laws Permit refund fee	GST free	\$100.00	\$103.00
Planter Box/Tubs (Excludes Tables & Chairs) Footpath trading only	GST free	\$50.00	\$52.00
Footpath/nature strip garden permit fee	GST free	New Fee	\$20.00
Footpath/nature strip planter box yearly rental fee	GST free	New Fee	\$55.00
Additional miscellaneous item Footpath trading	GST free	\$50.00	\$52.00
Mobile Food Vans - Normal Rate	GST free	\$2,400.00	\$2,460.00
Mobile Food Vans - Concession Rate (Yarra Resident Only)	GST free	\$1,700.00	\$1,745.00
Mobile food van - small private events permit 1 day or less	GST Free	New fee	\$100.00
Mobile food van- Charity or Non for profit event.	GST Free	New Fee	\$0.00
Significant tree Application fee(Non-refundable)	GST free	\$130.00	\$140.00
Significant Tree Permit- Removal	GST free	\$200.00	\$205.00
Significant Tree Permit- Pruning only	GST free	\$100.00	\$103.00
Excess Animal Permit- Application Fee (Non Refundable)	GST free	\$50.00	\$52.00
Cat trap- rental per week	GST free	\$20.00	\$21.00
Commercial dog walking permit (annual permit)	GST free	\$100.00	\$103.00
Excess Animal Permit-Fee	GST free	\$50.00	\$52.00
Temporary Public Space Licences up to 7 days	GST free	\$62.00	\$64.00
Local law permit application fee(As required)	GST free	\$50.00	\$52.00
Busking Permit (Monthly charge)	GST free	\$13.00	\$13.50
Planter box/tubs- Laneway garden permit fee	GST free	\$50.00	\$52.00

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General Local Law Permit	GST free	\$314.00	\$322.00
Temporary Public space permit- Promotional Short Term (1) 0- 3 days	GST free	\$100.00	\$103.00
Temporary Public space permit- Promotional Short Term (2) 3- 7 days where admin/detailed review required	GST free	\$160.50	\$165.00
Local Laws permit Inspection fee- After hours	GST free	\$100.00	\$150.00
Miscellaneous / Impound release Fee	GST free	\$102.00	\$105.00
Shopping Trolley Release fees	GST free	\$60.00	\$62.00
Public Space Licences			
Items on Footpath:			
Advertising Sign - per sign (licensed)	GST Free	\$165.00	\$170.00
Advertising Sign - per sign (unlicensed)	GST Free	\$112.00	\$115.00
Goods Display	GST Free	\$382.00	\$395.00
Tables & Chairs:			
Licensed premises - per table over 800mm(Including benches)	GST free	\$85.00	\$87.00
Licensed Premises - per table up to 800mm	GST Free	\$74.00	\$76.00
Licensed Premises - per chair (600mm =1 Chair)	GST Free	\$68.00	\$70.00
Unlicensed Premises - per table over 800mm (including benches)	GST Free	\$85.00	\$87.00
Unlicensed Premises - per table up to 800mm	GST Free	\$74.00	\$76.00
Unlicensed Premises - per chair (600mm = 1 Chair)	GST Free	\$20.00	\$21.00
Real Estate Sign License	GST Free	\$740.00	\$760.00
Mobile Food Van public land (Once off day rate)	GST Free	\$314.00	\$320.00
Local Laws application and permit fee- Political parties (Election caretaker periods only)		\$0.00	\$0.00
Local Law application and permit fee- charity/non for profit		\$0.00	\$0.00
Kerb Market			
Gleadell Street Market (per stall)	Taxable	\$82.00	\$84.00
Other			
Miscellaneous / Impound Fee	Taxable	\$102.00	\$105.00
Planning Enforcement			
Liquor Licensing Advice Requests	Taxable	\$150.00	\$155.00
ANIMAL CONTROL			
COMMUNITY AMENITY - (Local Laws and Animal Control)			
Dog Registration			
Standard Maximum Fee	GST Free	\$188.00	\$194.00
Standard Reduced Fee	GST Free	\$60.00	\$62.00
Concessional Maximum Fee	GST Free	\$94.00	\$97.00
Concessional Reduced Fee	GST Free	\$17.00	\$18.00
Registration – Declared menacing, dangerous & restricted breed dogs	GST Free	\$320.00	\$330.00
Cat Registration			
Standard Maximum Fee	GST Free	\$105.00	\$108.00

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Standard Reduced Fee	GST Free	\$35.00	\$36.00
Concessional Maximum Fee	GST Free	\$52.00	\$54.00
Concessional Reduced Fee	GST Free	\$12.50	\$13.00
Animal Registration refund	GST Free	New Fee	50% refund until 1 Oct. After that date no refunds
Replacement Animal Registration tag	Taxable	\$5.00	\$5.00
Animal Pound Release fees			
Release fee - Dog	Taxable	\$90.00	\$95.00
Release fee - Cat	Taxable	\$35.00	\$36.00
Livestock (small)	Taxable	\$55.00	\$57.00
Livestock (large)	Taxable	\$200.00	\$205.00
Registration of Domestic Animal Business			
Annual Registration Fee	Taxable	\$380.00	\$390.00
Domestic Animal Business registration refund	GST Free	New Fee	50% refund until 1 Oct. After that date no refunds
Transfer Fee	Taxable	\$27.00	\$28.00
Request for copy of dog/cat registration certificate (per entry)	Taxable	\$98.00	\$100.00
Service Requests - Animal Control	Taxable	\$72.00	\$74.00
Inspection of Dog/Cat register (per entry)	GST Free	\$20.00	\$21.00
Deposit Cat trap(Refundable)	GST Free	\$100.00	\$103.00
FOOD PREMISES			
Class 1 or Class 2 Premises			
Renewals	GST Free	\$540.00	\$560.00
Additional fee for each employee over 10.	GST Free	\$27.00	\$28.00
New Registrations			
Application fee	GST Free	\$270.00	\$280.00
Registration fee	GST Free	Pro-rata of renewal fee	Pro-rata of renewal fee
Transfer Fee	GST Free	\$270.00	\$280.00
Re-inspection Fee	GST Free	\$135.00	\$140.00
Additional Assessment Fee (Section 19H)	GST Free	\$270.00	\$280.00
Class 3 and Not for Profit Class 1 and 2 Food Premises			
Renewals	GST Free	\$270.00	\$280.00
Additional fee for each employee over 10.	GST Free	\$13.50	\$14.00
New Registrations	GST Free		
Application fee	GST Free	\$135.00	\$140.00

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Registration fee	GST Free	Pro-rata of renewal fee	Pro-rata of renewal fee
Transfer Fee	GST Free	\$135.00	\$140.00
Re-inspection Fee	GST Free	\$67.50	\$70.00
Additional Inspection Fee Under 19(H)	GST Free	\$135.00	\$140.00
Not for Profit Class 3 Food Premises			
Renewals	GST Free	\$135.00	\$140.00
Additional fee for each employee over 10.	GST Free	\$6.75	\$7.00
New Registrations			
Application fee	GST Free	\$67.50	\$70.00
Registration fee	GST Free	Pro-rata of renewal fee	Pro-rata of renewal fee
Transfer Fee	GST Free	\$67.50	\$70.00
Re-inspection Fee	GST Free	\$67.50	\$70.00
Additional Inspection Fee Under 19(H)	GST Free	\$135.00	\$140.00
TEMPORARY AND MOBILE FOOD PREMISES (registered via "Stretrader") and SHORT TERM REGISTRATIONS OF FOOD PREMISES (on request of proprietor).			
Once-off events (no more than two consecutive days operation) and component/s (per component) attached to a fixed registered (not Class 4) premises.			
Class 1 and 2.	GST Free	\$67.50	\$70.00
Class 3.	GST Free	\$33.75	\$35.00
Not for profit organisations - all classes.		No Charge	No charge
Short term registrations (less than 12 months - Note new approval fee does not apply), temporary and mobile food premises that are not "once off" events or components of a fixed registered premises, components of notified (Class 4) premises.			
Registrations for a period of up to 3 months.	GST Free	1/4 annual renewal fee	1/4 annual renewal fee
Registrations for a period of 3 to 6 months.	GST Free	1/2 annual renewal fee	1/2 annual renewal fee
Registrations for a period of more than 6 months will be treated as a 12 month registration.	GST Free	Full annual renewal fee	Full annual renewal fee
Re-inspection Fee (temp and mobile food premises).	GST Free	\$67.50	\$70.00
PRESCRIBED ACCOMMODATION PREMISES			
Commercial			
Renewals			
Premises accommodating not more than 5 persons	GST Free	\$250.00	\$260.00
Additional fee for each additional person than can be accommodated in excess of 5	GST Free	\$12.50	\$13.00

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New Registrations			
Application fee	GST Free	\$125.00	\$130.00
Registration fee	GST Free	Pro-rata of renewal fee	Pro-rata of renewal fee
Transfers	GST Free	\$125.00	\$130.00
Not For Profit			
Renewals			
Premises accommodating not more than 5 persons	GST Free	\$125.00	\$130.00
Additional fee for each additional person than can be accommodated in excess of 5	GST Free	\$6.25	\$6.50
New Registrations			
Application fee	GST Free	\$62.50	\$65.00
Registration fee	GST Free	Pro-rata of renewal fee	Pro-rata of renewal fee
Transfers	GST Free	\$62.50	\$65.00
PREMISES PROVIDING PERSONAL SERVICES (Hairdressers, Beauty Salons, Ear Piercing, Tattooing, Skin Penetration)			
Renewals	GST Free	\$172.00	\$178.00
New Registrations			
Application fee	GST Free	\$86.00	\$89.00
Registration fee	GST Free	Pro-rata of renewal fee excluding low risk premises where the full renewal fee applies as registration is not subject to renewal.	Pro-rata of renewal fee excluding low risk premises where the full renewal fee applies as registration is not subject to renewal.
Transfer Fee	GST Free	\$86.00	\$89.00
<i>If proprietor is a not for profit/charitable organisations above will be discounted by 50%. No current applicant are NFP</i>			
OTHER FEES			
Overdue Registration Renewal Fee	GST Free	\$135.00	\$140.00
Waste Water System Approval	GST Free	\$258.00	\$265.00

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Refund of annual renewal of registration fee for registered premises that closes before expiry date		Business closes: in first quarter of annual period – refund half of renewal fee,	Business closes: in first quarter of annual period – refund half of renewal fee,
		in second quarter of year – refund one quarter of renewal fee, in second half of year – no refund.	in second quarter of year – refund one quarter of renewal fee, in second half of year – no refund.
Information/Service Fees			
Copy of Certificate of Analysis for person from whom sample obtained	Taxable	No Charge	No charge
Copy of Registration Certificate - Only available to current proprietor	Taxable	\$48.00	\$50.00
Extract of premises register	GST Free	No Charge	No Charge
Professional services (EHO) as requested			
Rate per hour	Taxable	\$136.00	\$140.00
RECREATION			
Multi-purpose Sporting Facilities - Casual Fees			
Victoria Park			
Commercial per hour	Taxable	\$260.00	\$270.00
Concession 1 per hour	Taxable	\$78.00	\$80.00
Concession 2 per hour	Taxable	\$36.00	\$37.00
Concession 3 per hour	Taxable	No Charge	No charge
Victoria Park Sherrin Stand Change Rooms (per session 3 hr maximum)			
Commercial	Taxable	\$260.00	\$268.00
Concession 1	Taxable	\$82.00	\$84.00
Concession 2	Taxable	\$36.00	\$37.00
Concession 3	Taxable	No Charge	No charge
Casual Sports Ground Hire - Bastow Reserve No1, Fletcher Reserve 1, Yambula Reserve, Ramsden Street Reserve, Fairfield Park Reserve, Burnley Oval, W.T. Peterson, Loughnan Oval, Citizens Oval, Alphington Park Oval - per session, maximum of 3 hours			
Commercial	Taxable	\$315.00	\$325.00
Concession 1	Taxable	\$78.00	\$80.00
Concession 2	Taxable	\$28.00	\$29.00

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Concession 3	Taxable	No Charge	No charge
Casual Sports Ground Hire - Bastow Reserve No 2, Fletcher Reserve 2, Coulson Reserve, Alfred Crescent Oval, Walker Street, Alain Bain Reserve - per session, minimum 3 hours			
Commercial	Taxable	\$160.00	\$165.00
Concession 1	Taxable	\$45.00	\$46.00
Concession 2	Taxable	\$15.00	\$15.50
Concession 3	Taxable	No Charge	No charge
Casual Pavilion Hire - Alfred Crescent, Alphington, Burnley, Coulson, Fairfield, Gillon, Graham, Johnson, Ramsden - New Fee			
Commercial fee - per hour	Taxable	\$105.00	\$108.00
Concession 2 - per hour	Taxable	\$18.00	\$18.50
Casual Hire - Stanton Street Hall (Table Tennis) - New Fee			
Commercial fee - per hour	Taxable	\$105.00	\$108.00
Concession 1 - per hour	Taxable	\$31.00	\$32.00
Concession 2 - per hour	Taxable	\$25.00	\$25.60
Concession 3 - per hour	Taxable	\$19.00	\$19.50
Key Bond for all sporting facilities - Casual	GST Free	\$95.00	\$100.00
Key Bond for all sporting facilities - Seasonal	GST Free	\$426.00	\$436.00
Note: Concession 1 = Non Yarra Based -Not For Profit Community Organisations & Yarra Based Private Schools			
Concession 2 = Registered Not for profit Yarra Community Groups and sporting clubs			
Concession 3 = Yarra based State and Catholic primary schools			
Pavilions - Seasonal Fee Per Team			
Category A: Graham, Johnson, Coulson, Ramsden, Fairfield, Burnley, Alfred Cres, Fitzroy Grandstand, and Gillon			
Senior Team	Taxable	\$416.00	\$426.00
Junior Team	Taxable	\$308.00	\$315.00
Category B: Yambla, Citizens, Bain and Alphington, George Knott			
Senior Team	Taxable	\$208.00	\$214.00
Junior Team	Taxable	\$154.00	\$158.00
Sportsgrounds - Seasonal Fee Per Team			
Turf Cricket: Loughnan, Citizens (Summer Turf Wicket)			
Senior Team	Taxable	\$3,156.00	\$3,240.00
Cricket Synthetic			
Senior Team	Taxable	\$1,274.00	\$1,300.00
Junior Team	Taxable	\$338.00	\$346.00
Football			
Senior Team	Taxable	\$1,070.00	\$1,096.00

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Junior Team	Taxable	\$582.00	\$596.00
Soccer			
Senior Professional Team	Taxable	\$4,180.00	\$4,290.00
Senior Team	Taxable	\$748.00	\$766.00
Junior Team	Taxable	\$291.00	\$298.00
Permit to hire Park for Commercial Fitness Trainers			
Annual Licence Fee	GST Free	\$289.00	\$296.00
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SUPPORT UNIT			
Counter Fast Track Assessment Fee	GST Free	\$50.00	\$70.00
Out of Hours Permit	GST Free	\$166.90	\$171.90
Out of Hours Inspection - minimum fee	Taxable	\$426.40	\$439.20
Asset Protection Permit			
Works up to \$10k			no fee
Works between \$10,001 and \$500K Application Fee	Taxable	\$228.80	\$235.70
Works more than \$501K Application Fee	Taxable	\$688.50	\$709.20
Local Law Vehicle Crossing Permit			
Private Single Dwelling Vehicle Crossing	GST Free	\$426.40	\$439.20
Commercial/Industrial Vehicle Crossing	GST Free	\$630.00	\$648.90
Profile Design Service	Taxable	\$244.40	\$344.00
Local Law Road Occupation Permit			
Permit	GST Free	\$77.00	\$79.30
Inspection (Mon - Fri)	Taxable	\$140.40	\$144.60
Inspection (Weekends) - Minimum	Taxable	\$426.40	\$439.20
Private Single Dwelling and local shop trader Occupancy per sq. metre per week	Taxable	\$4.68	\$4.80
Commercial License/Occupancy per sq. metre per week	Taxable	\$8.50	\$8.75
Plant and Equipment - Permits – Private single dwelling and local shop traders.	GST Free	\$147.70	\$152.10
Plant and Equipment Permit - Commercial – Local road Lane closure, footpath occupation, laneway closure	Taxable	\$250.00	\$257.50
Plant and Equipment Permit - Commercial – Local road Full road closure	Taxable	\$350.00	\$360.50
Plant & Equipment Permits – Commercial Collector Road or Arterial Road Lane closure, footpath occupation	Taxable	\$350.00	\$360.50
Plant & Equipment Permit – Commercial Collector road Full road closure	Taxable	\$500.00	\$515.00
Plant & Equipment Permit - House Module	Taxable	\$500.00	\$515.00
Plant & Equipment - Inspections (Mon to Fri) Private single dwelling and local shop traders.	Taxable	\$140.40	\$144.60

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Plant & Equipment - Inspections (Mon to Fri) Commercial – includes house modules.	Taxable	\$250.00	\$257.50
Plant & Equipment – Inspections (all out of hours)- Minimum	Taxable	\$426.40	\$439.20
Skip placement - per day unmetered	GST Free	\$21.80	\$22.50
Skip placement - per day metered	GST Free	\$59.30	\$61.00
Container Permit - (20') per day	GST Free	\$126.90	\$130.70
Container Permit - (40') per day	GST Free	\$252.70	\$260.30
Filming in municipality/commercial still photography (per film):			
Commercial Profit Making-Film/Ad Producers-Major impact: Permit	Taxable	\$1,158.60	\$1,193.40
Filming (incl ads/still photography) inspection (Mon to Fri)	Taxable	\$140.40	\$144.60
Filming (incl ads/still photography) inspection (Weekends)	Taxable	\$426.40	\$439.20
Small Budget productions (incl films & ads)- Minor impact: Permit	Taxable	\$387.90	\$399.50
Student Filming (including still photography)	GST Free	No Charge	No Charge
Non Profit Making Filming (including still photography)	GST Free	No Charge	No Charge
Road / Footpath Openings			
Consent (RMA 2004)			
Permit – minimum*	GST Free	\$77.00	Adopt Statutory fee
Inspection (Mon - Fri)	Taxable	\$140.40	\$144.60
Inspection (Weekends) – Minimum	Taxable	\$426.40	\$439.20
Road reinstatement (See notes)			
Road - deep lift asphalt/concrete/bluestone (per square metre) (minimum charge \$800)	GST Free	\$286.00	\$300.00
Road - asphalt/concrete <100mm (per square metre) (minimum charge \$500)	GST Free	\$179.90	\$200.00
Footpath - residential - asphalt (as per YSD33 RAF) less than 60mm (per square metre) (minimum charge \$500)	GST Free	\$142.50	\$180.00
Footpath - industrial - asphalt / concrete (as per YSD33 IAF & CF) greater than 60mm & less than equal to 100mm (per square metre) (minimum charge \$800)	GST Free	\$208.00	\$250.00
Footpath - industrial - concrete with asphalt surface (as per YSD33 ICAF) <=170mm (per square metre) (minimum charge \$800)	GST Free	\$254.80	\$280.00
Traffic Management	GST Free	New Fee	\$500.00
Parking sensor removal/reinstatement (up to 10)	Taxable	New Fee	\$1,000.00
Additional sensors greater than 10	Taxable	New Fee	\$100 per sensor
50% surcharge applies for a 48 hour response time			
Replacement of Damaged Sensor Unit	GST Free	New Fee	\$900.00

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Notes:			
[^] Areas greater than 40m ² or greater than 30 lineal metres Council may consider a reduced charge			
* In accordance with the Road Management Act 2004			
CHILD CARE			
Late Fee- Children's Services			
Late Fee for Vac Care, ASC, LDC, Kinder.	GST Free	New Fee	\$25.00
		New Fee	1.30 per minute
Outside School Hours Care			
After School Care Fee - Regular	GST Free	\$16.00 Jul-Dec 2016	\$17.00 Jul - Dec 2017
After School Care Fee - Regular	GST Free	\$17.00 Jan - June 2017	\$18.00 Jan - Jun 2018
After School Care Fee - Casual	GST Free	\$19.00 Jul-Dec 2016	\$20.00 Jul - Dec 2017
After School Care Fee - Casual	GST Free	\$20.00 Jan - June 2017	\$20.50 Jan - Jun 2018
After School Care Fee - Curriculum Day	GST Free	\$45.00 Jul-Dec 2016	\$47.00 Jul - Dec 2017
After School Care Fee - Curriculum Day	GST Free	\$47.00 Jan - June 2017	\$48.20 Jan - Jun 2018
After School Care Fee - Curriculum Half Day	GST Free	\$26.00 Jul-Dec 2016	\$27.00 Jul - Dec 2017
After School Care Fee - Curriculum Half Day	GST Free	\$27.00 Jan - June 2017	\$27.70 Jan - Jun 2018
After School Care Fee - End of Term	GST Free	\$22.00 Jul-Dec 2016	\$23.00 Jul - Dec 2018 2017
After School Care Fee - End of Term	GST Free	\$23.00 Jan - June 2017	\$23.60 Jan - Jun 2018
After School Care Fee - End of Year	GST Free	\$25.00 Jul-Dec 2016	\$26.00 Jul - Dec 2017
After School Care Fee - End of Year	GST Free	\$26.00 Jan-Jun 2017	\$26.70 Jan - Jun 2018
Vacation Care Fee - All Day	GST Free	\$50.00 Jul-Dec 2016	\$52.00 Jul - Dec 2017
Vacation Care Fee - All Day	GST Free	\$52.00 Jan-Jun 2017	\$53.50 Jan-Jun 2018
Vacation Care Excursion Fee - All Day	GST Free	\$60.00 Jul-Dec 2016	\$62.50 Jul - Dec 2017
Vacation Care Excursion Fee - All Day	GST Free	\$62.50 Jan - Jun 2017	\$66.00 Jan - Jun 2018

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Long Day Care			
One to Four Days (per Day)	GST Free	\$109.00 Jul- Dec 2016	\$113.50 Jul - Dec 2017
One to Four Days (per Day)	GST Free	\$113.50 Jan - Jun 2017	\$116.5 Jan - Jun 2018
Pre School 3 Year Olds			
1 Session per Term	GST Free	\$240.00 Jul – Dec 2016	\$249.50 Jul - Dec 2017
1 Session per Term	GST Free	\$249.50 Jan - Jun 2017	\$394.50 Jan - Jun 2018
Health Care Card Holders			
Health Care 1 session per term	GST Free	\$122.00	\$125.10
Pre School 4 Year Olds			
July to December	GST Free	\$357.80	
January to June 2017	GST Free	\$372.00	\$381.50
Occasional child care			
OCC Casual	GST Free	\$10.00	\$11.00
OCC Member	GST Free	\$6.50	\$7.00
Concession	GST Free	\$3.20	\$4.20
10 OCC sessions	GST Free	\$74.00	\$76.00
Occasional Care Connie Benn	GST Free	\$18.00	\$28.00
Occasional Care Connie Benn Concession	GST Free	\$9.00	\$10.00
Youth Services			
Teenage Holiday Programs	Taxable	\$19.00	\$19.50
Teenage Holiday Programs - Concession	Taxable	\$3.20	\$3.50
Hire of Meeting Rooms - Connie Benn Centre			
Concessional Rate Half Day	Taxable	\$30.00	\$30.75
Concessional Rate Full Day	Taxable	\$50.00	\$51.25
Commercial Rate Half Day	Taxable	\$100.00	\$102.50
Commercial Rate Full Day	Taxable	\$180.00	\$184.50
Community Kitchen			
Concessional Rate Half Day	Taxable	\$40.00	\$41.00
Concessional Rate Full Day	Taxable	\$70.00	\$71.75
Commercial Rate Half Day	Taxable	\$100.00	\$102.50
Commercial Rate Full Day	Taxable	\$180.00	\$184.50
Training Room			
Concessional Rate Half Day	Taxable	\$50.00	\$51.25
Concessional Rate Full Day	Taxable	\$100.00	\$102.50
Commercial Rate Half Day	Taxable	\$100.00	\$102.50
Commercial Rate Full Day	Taxable	\$180.00	\$184.50

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Consultation Room			
Concessional Rate per hour	Taxable	\$30.00	\$30.75
Concessional Rate Full Day	Taxable	\$80.00	\$82.00
Commercial Rate per hour	Taxable	\$40.00	\$41.00
Commercial Rate Full Day	Taxable	\$150.00	\$153.75
Playgroup Room 2			
Concessional Rate per 2 hour session	Taxable	\$40.00	\$41.00
Commercial Rate per hour	Taxable	\$30.00	\$30.75
Commercial Rate Full Day	Taxable	\$150.00	\$153.75
Front Room			
Concessional Rate Half Day	Taxable	\$20.00	\$20.50
Concessional Rate Full Day	Taxable	\$50.00	\$51.25
Commercial Rate Half Day	Taxable	\$30.00	\$30.75
Commercial Rate Full Day	Taxable	\$100.00	\$102.50
Foyer Room (evening and weekend hire only)			
Concessional Rate Half Day	Taxable	\$60.00	\$61.50
Concessional Rate Full Day	Taxable	\$100.00	\$102.50
Commercial Rate Half Day	Taxable	\$80.00	\$82.00
Commercial Rate Full Day	Taxable	\$150.00	\$153.75
Groups auspiced by Council business units	GST Free	No Charge	No charge
MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH			
Vaccine			
Immunisation - vaccinations	GST Free	Fee varies with Vaccine	Fee varies with Vaccine
Vaccine			
Immunisation - alternative vaccinations	GST Free	Fee varies with Vaccine	Fee varies with Vaccine
Vaccine			
Infant screening program 0 to 4 years	GST Free	No Charge	No Charge
New/Existing Mothers Screening program (Infants 0 to 4 years)	GST Free	No Charge	No Charge
General parenting advice & support	GST Free	No Charge	No Charge
Assessment & referral service	GST Free	No Charge	No Charge
Outreach for geographically isolated young mothers	GST Free	No Charge	No Charge
Outreach for young mothers of Koori/different ethnic backgrounds	GST Free	No Charge	No Charge

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PLANNING/SUBDIVISION			
Amendments to Planning Scheme*			
Request to amend planning scheme - a) considering a request to amend a planning scheme; and b) taking action required by Division 1 of Part 3 of the Act; and c) considering any submissions which do not seek a change to the amendment; and d) if applicable, abandoning the amendment	GST Free	\$798.00	\$2,871.60
Consideration of submissions to Amendment and reference to panel*:	GST Free	\$798.00	refer below
a) up to and including 10 submissions which seek a change to an amendment and where necessary referring the submissions to a panel;	GST Free	N/A	\$14,232.70
b) 11 to (and including) 20 submissions which seek a change to an amendment and where necessary referring the submissions to a panel	GST Free	N/A	\$28,437.60
c) Submissions that exceed 20 submissions which seek a change to an amendment, and where necessary referring the submissions to a panel	GST Free	N/A	\$38,014.40
Adoption of an Amendment	GST Free	\$524.00	\$453.10
Approval of an Amendment	GST Free	\$798.00	\$453.10
Amendments under 20A	GST Free	\$798.00	\$906.10
Amendments under 20(4)	GST Free		\$3,763.80
Under section 96A(4)(a) of the Act: The sum of the highest of the fees which would have applied if separate applications were made and 50% of each of the other fees which would have applied if separate applications			variable
For an agreement to a proposal to amend or end an agreement under section 173 of the Act			\$620.30
For the first 12 months from commencement of the regulations (13 October 2016), the fees for planning scheme amendments will be charged at 50% of the fees set out in regulations			
Applications for permits under s.47 of the Act*			
Class 1 Application for use only and Car Parking	GST Free	\$502.00	\$1,240.70
Residential & 1 Dwelling on a lot*			
Class 2 ≤ \$10,000	GST Free	\$239.00	\$188.20
Class 3 >\$10,001 - \$100,000	GST Free	New Fee	\$592.50
Class 4 >\$100,001 - \$500,00	GST Free	New Fee	\$1,212.80
Class 5 >\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	GST Free	New Fee	\$1,310.40
Class 6 > \$1,000,001 - \$2,000,000	GST Free	New Fee	\$1,407.90
VICSMART Applications*			
Class 7 ≤ \$10,000	GST Free	New Fee	\$188.20
Class 8 >\$10,000	GST Free	New Fee	\$404.30
Class 9 VICSMART application to subdivide or consolidate land	GST Free	New Fee	\$188.20

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Multi Development & Commercial Use*			
Class 10 ≤ \$100,000	GST Free	102 (category range change)	\$1,080.40
Class 11 >\$100,001 - \$1,000,000	GST Free	815 (category range change)	\$1,456.70
Class 12 > \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	GST Free	1153 (category range change)	\$3,213.20
Class 13 > \$5,000,001 - \$15,000,000	GST Free	4837 (category range change)	\$8,189.80
Class 14 > \$15,000,001 - \$50,000,000	GST Free	8064 (Category range change)	\$24,151.10
Class 15 >\$50,000,001 - up until 12 October 2017	GST Free		\$27,141.20
Class 15 >\$50,000,001 - from 13 October 2017	GST Free	\$16,130.00	\$54,282.40
Subdivision*			
Class 16 Subdivide an existing building	GST Free	\$386.00	\$1,240.70
Class 18 Subdivide land into 2 lots	GST Free	\$386.00	\$1,240.70
Class 18 To effect a realignment of a common boundary between lots or to consolidate two or more lots	GST Free	\$386.00	\$1,240.70
Class 19 Subdivide land (per 100 lots created)	GST Free	\$781.00	\$1,240.70
Class 20 To: a) create, vary a restriction within the meaning or the Subdivision Act 1988, or b) Create or remove a right of way; or c) Create, vary or remove an easement other than a right of way; or d) Vary or remove a condition in the nature of an easement (other than right of way) in a Crown grant	GST Free	\$249.00	\$1,240.70
Class 21 A permit not otherwise provided for in the regulation	GST Free	New Fee	\$1,240.70
Fees to amend applications*			
Request to amend an application for permit	GST Free	\$102.00	40% of new applicable fee
Applications for amendments to permit under s.72 of the Act*			
Class 1. To change permitted use	GST Free	\$502.00	\$1,240.70
Class 2. To change what the permit allows, change conditions, etc.	GST Free	\$502.00	\$1,240.70
Single Dwelling amendment (Class 2 - 6)*			
Class 3 - Class 2 Permit	GST Free	\$239.00	\$188.20
Class 4 - Class 3 Permit	GST Free	New Fee	\$592.50
Class 5 - Class 4 Permit	GST Free	New Fee	\$1,212.80
Class 6 - Class 5 or 6 Permit	GST Free	New Fee	\$1,310.40

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VICSMART Amendment (Class 7 - 9)*			
Class 7 - Class7 Permit	GST Free	New Fee	\$188.20
Class 8 - Class 8 Permit	GST Free	New Fee	\$404.30
Class 9 - To subdivide or consolidate land	GST Free	New Fee	\$188.20
Commercial and Multi development (Class 10-15)*			
Class 10 - Class 10 Permit	GST Free	Category range change	\$1,080.20
Class 11 - Class 11 Permit	GST Free	Category range change	\$1,456.70
Class 12 - Class 12, 13, 14, 15 Permit	GST Free	Category range change	\$3,213.20
Subdivision (Class 16 - 20) *			
Class 13. To subdivide an existing building (other than a class 9 permit)	GST Free	New Fee	\$1,240.70
Class 14. To subdivide land into 2 lots (other than a class 9 or class 16 permit)	GST Free	New Fee	\$1,240.70
Class 15. To effect a realignment of a common boundary between lots or consolidate 2 or more lots (other than a class 9 permit)	GST Free	New Fee	\$1,240.70
Class 16. Subdivide land (other than a class 9, class 16, class17 or class 18 permit)	GST Free	New Fee	\$1240.70 per 100 lots created
Class 17 To: a) create, vary a restriction within the meaning or the Subdivision Act 1988, or b) Create or remove a right of way; or c) Create, vary or remove an easement other than a right of way; or d) Vary or remove a condition in the nature of an easement (other than right of way) in a Crown grant	GST Free	New Fee	\$1,240.70
Class 18. A permit not otherwise provided for in the regulation.	GST Free	New Fee	\$1,240.70
Other Fees			
Application for Certificate of Compliance*	GST Free	\$147.00	\$306.70
Application for planning certificate*	GST Free	\$18.20	\$20.90 (hard copy) or \$7.00 (Electronic).
Determination whether anything is to Council's satisfaction*	GST Free	\$102.00	\$306.70
Request to extend expiry date of a permit	Taxable	\$400.00	\$420.00
Request to amend a permit / plans (other than under s.72)	Taxable	\$475.00	\$500.00
Property enquiry	Taxable	\$230.00	\$250.00
Advertising Letters and Notices (5 or more notices)	Taxable	\$5.50 per notice	\$5.60
On site notices	Taxable	\$55.00	\$60.00
Notice in a Newspaper	Taxable	\$1,161.60	\$1,161.60
Plans to comply with Condition 1 of the permit. Second and subsequent assessments.	Taxable	\$150.00	\$175.00

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Public Photocopier (per copy)	GST Free	\$0.50	Standard Fee
Plan photocopying (larger than A3)	taxable	\$16.00	Standard Fee
<i>*Denotes Statutory Charges regulated by State Government and cannot be increased</i>			
BUILDING CONTROL/REGULATION			
Lodgement Fees (building work permit)			
Value \$5,000 and greater*	GST Free	Adopt Statutory fee	Adopt Statutory fee
Building permit levy for a Building greater than \$10,000 (statutory fee) - Residential Only*	GST Free	cost x 0.00128	cost x 0.00128
Certificate S327 (incl. Flood Certificate)*	GST Free	Adopt Statutory fee	Adopt Statutory fee
Property information request (incl Solicitor 's request fee) (statutory fee) (incl inspections owner/builder projects)*	GST Free	Adopt Statutory fee	Adopt Statutory fee
BUILDING PERMIT FEES			
Class 1 & 10			
Demolish - detached dwelling	Taxable	\$1,120.10	\$1,153.70
Demolish - attached dwelling	Taxable	\$1,460.20	\$1,504.00
Demolish - commercial building	Taxable	\$1195.00 min \$748/floor	\$1230.90 min \$770/floor
Swimming Pools	Taxable	\$1,033.80	\$1,064.80
Fences (Class 10 Structure)	Taxable	\$811.20	\$835.50
Carports, Garages, Shed etc. (Class 10 Structure)	Taxable	\$1,048.30	\$1,079.70
Alterations & Additions - Up to \$10,000	Taxable	\$1,102.40	\$1,135.50
Alterations & Additions - \$10,001 - \$20,000	Taxable	\$1,378.00	\$1,419.30
Alterations & Additions - \$20,001 - \$50,000	Taxable	\$1,892.80	\$1,949.60
Alterations & Additions - \$50,001- \$150,000	Taxable	\$2,480.40	\$2,554.80
Alterations & Additions - \$150,001- \$230,000	Taxable	\$2,755.00	\$2,837.70
Alterations & Additions - \$230,001- \$300,000	Taxable	\$3,168.90	\$3,264.00
Alterations & Additions - \$300,001-\$400,000	Taxable	\$3,250.00	\$3,347.50
New dwellings : single	Taxable	\$2,851.70	\$2,937.30
New dwellings : 2 attached	Taxable	\$4,393.00	\$4,524.80
New Multiple Class 1 developments (Quotation)	Taxable	\$1,940/unit	\$1998.20/unit
Class 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9			
Miscellaneous commercial work e.g. remove hydrant hose	Taxable	\$915.20	\$942.70
Up to \$30,000	Taxable	\$1,267.80	\$1,305.80
\$30,001 - \$50,000	Taxable	\$1,625.50	\$1,674.30
\$50,001 - \$100,000	Taxable	\$2,425.30	\$2,498.00
\$100,001 - \$300,000	Taxable	\$3,292.60	\$3,391.40

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\$300,001 - \$500,000	Taxable	\$4,160.00	\$4,284.80
Class 2 (Residential fit outs)	Taxable	\$1,422.70	\$1,465.40
Over \$500,000 (quotation based on consulting building surveyors schedule)	Taxable	Quotation + 10%	Quotation + 10%
Extension of permit/application 3 /6/ 12 months	Taxable	\$550/\$650/\$790	\$566/\$670/\$814
Miscellaneous			
Building Record search Class 1 & 10	GST Free	\$92.60	\$95.40
Building Record search Class 2 - 9	GST Free	\$156.00	\$160.70
Consent & Report applications (other than demolition)*	GST Free	Adopt Statutory fee	Adopt Statutory fee
Consent and Report applications (demolition)*	GST Free	Adopt Statutory fee	Adopt Statutory fee
Consent and Report for Legal Point of Discharge*	GST Free	Adopt Statutory fee	Adopt Statutory fee
Report and consent advertising*	Taxable	\$93.80	\$96.60
Consulting charge out rate p/hr i.e. dilapidation surveys	Taxable	\$193.40	\$199.20
Inspection within City of Yarra	Taxable	\$193.40	\$199.20
Inspection outside City of Yarra	Taxable	Quotation + 10%	Quotation + 10%
Variation to Building Permit (change of details)	Taxable	\$456.60	\$470.30
Variation to Building Permit (amended documentation)	Taxable	\$660.00 (minimum)	\$679.80 min
Additional Occupancy Permits	Taxable	\$133.10	\$137.10
Siting Approval Public Entertainment – 1 Structure	Taxable	\$405.60	\$417.80
Siting Approval Public Entertainment – 1 Structure <10 business days prior	Taxable	New Fee	\$690.00
Siting Approval Public Entertainment – 2-5 Structures	Taxable	\$598.00	\$616.00
Siting Approval Public Entertainment – 2-5 Structures <10 business days prior	Taxable	New Fee	\$1,016.00
Siting Approval Public Entertainment – 6-9 Structures	Taxable	\$811.20	\$835.50
Siting Approval Public Entertainment – 6-9 Structures <10 business days prior	Taxable	New Fee	\$1,378.00
Siting Approval Public Entertainment – 10+ Structures	Taxable	\$1,092.00	\$1,124.80
Siting Approval Public Entertainment – 10+ Structures Late fee <10 business days prior	Taxable	New Fee	\$1,856.00
Public Entertainment Permits (temporary) Site up to 1,000m ² (Max. 5 structures 200 sq.m ea.)	Taxable	\$1,407.10	\$1,449.30
Public Entertainment Permits (temp) Site up to 1,000m ² (Max. 5 structures 200m ² ea.) <10 bus days prior	Taxable	New Fee	\$2,390.00
Public Entertainment Permits (temporary) Site 1,001 m ² to 5,000m ² (Max. 5 structures 200 sq.m ea.)	Taxable	\$1,549.60	\$1,596.00
Public Entertainment Permits (temp) Site 1,001 m ² to 5,000m ² (Max. 5 structures 200m ² ea.) <10 bus days prior	Taxable		\$2,632.00

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Public Entertainment Permits (temporary) Site 5,001 m ² to 10,000m ² (Max. 5 structures 200 sq.m ea.)	Taxable	\$2,340.00	\$2,457.20
Public Entertainment Permits (temp) Site 5,001 m ² to 10,000m ² (Max. 5 structures 200m2 ea.) <10 bus days prior	Taxable		\$3,977.00
Public Entertainment Permits (temporary) Site 10,001m ² + (Max.10 structures 200 sq.m ea.)	Taxable	\$3,380.00	\$4,500.00
Public Entertainment Permits (temp) Site 10,001m ² + (Max.10 structures 200m2 ea.) <10 bus days prior	Taxable		\$6,750.00
Public Entertainment Permits (temporary) additional structures over limit (per additional structure)	Taxable	\$114.40	\$117.80
Liquor Licence Reports (desktop check from scale drawings supplied by applicant - up to 500m2 of building)	Taxable	\$800.80	\$824.80
Liquor Licence Reports (site check and measure up to 500m2 of building)	Taxable	\$1,144.00	\$1,178.30
Change of Use/Combined Allotment Statements	Taxable	\$717.60	\$739.10
A1 Copies - per copy	Taxable	\$15.60	\$16.00
A3 Copies - per copy	Taxable	\$1.80	\$1.85
A4 Copies - per copy	Taxable	\$0.80	\$0.82
Emergency work/cost recovery	Taxable	Cost + 20%	Cost + 20%
Additional Consulting Services re Building Permits	Taxable	Quotation + 10%	Quotation + 10%
Final Inspection - (Class 1 & 10) Lapsed Building Permit - No Works	Taxable	\$370.20	\$381.30
Final Inspection - (Class 2 - 9) Lapsed Building Permit - No Works	Taxable	\$511.70	\$527.00
Additional Mandatory Inspections (weekdays)	Taxable	\$186.50	\$192.10
Mandatory inspections (weekend)	Taxable	\$385.00	\$396.60
Computation checking	Taxable	Quotation + 10%	Quotation + 10%
Certification fee	Taxable	Building Permit fee x 350% with a minimum fee of \$3,700.00 - Refer C.O.W	Building Permit fee x 350% with a minimum fee of \$3,811.00 - Refer C.O.W
Adjoining Property Owners Details (3 or more/search)	Taxable	\$50.00	\$51.50
Alternative Solution/ Dispensation/ Change of Use determination	Taxable	\$660.00 for first determination + \$66.00 per additional item	\$679.00 for first determination + \$68.00 per additional item

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HIRE OF TOWN HALLS			
4 HOUR TOWN HALL BOOKINGS (Mon to Thurs) - FULL	Taxable	\$665.00	\$875.00
4 HOUR TOWN HALL BOOKINGS (Mon to Thurs) - CONCESSION	Taxable	\$532.00	\$545.00
Additional hourly commercial hire (Mon to Thurs) - FULL	Taxable	\$180.00	\$220.00
Additional hourly concession hire (Mon to Thurs) - CONCESSION	Taxable	\$108.00	\$110.00
8 HOUR TOWN HALL BOOKINGS (Fri to Sun & Public Holidays) - FULL	Taxable	\$2,200.00	\$2,260.00
8 HOUR TOWN HALL BOOKINGS (Fri to Sun & Public Holidays) - CONCESSION	Taxable	\$1,320.00	\$1,350.00
Additional hourly hire (Fri to Sun & Public Holidays) - FULL	Taxable	\$180.00	\$220.00
Additional hourly hire (Fri to Sun & Public Holidays) - CONCESSION	Taxable	\$108.00	\$110.00
Kitchen Use Only - per hour	Taxable	\$150 for 4 hours	N/A
Kitchen Use Only - per day	Taxable	\$250.00	\$260.00
Balcony	Taxable	\$400.00	\$415.00
Security Deposit	GST Free	minimum of \$1000	minimum of \$1000
Town Hall PLI Insurance Community	Taxable	\$79.00	\$80.00
Late Booking Fee	Taxable	\$45.00	\$45.00
Late Booking Change Administration Fee	Taxable	N/A	\$20.00
Sound Technician (per hour)	Taxable	N/A	\$45.00
Hire of Sound System * requires sound technician	Taxable	\$200.00	\$200.00
Hire of Inbuilt Projector	Taxable	\$150.00	\$150.00
Hire of Portable Projector	Taxable	\$50.00	\$50.00
Hire of Piano	Taxable	N/A	\$150.00
COMMUNITY HALLS			
Small Community Spaces (library meeting rooms, Williams Reserve Community Room, Hugo Wertheim Room, Radio Room)			
First 3 hours - FULL	Taxable	\$90.00	\$92.00
Additional hours (per hour) - FULL	Taxable	\$30.00	\$30.00
First 3 hours - CONCESSION	Taxable	\$15.00	\$16.00
Additional hours (per hour) - CONCESSION	Taxable	\$5.00	\$5.00
Groups auspiced by Council business units	Taxable	NO CHARGE	NO CHARGE
Security Deposit	Taxable	minimum of \$100	minimum of \$100
Community Hall PLI Insurance	Taxable	\$27.00	\$30.00
Medium Sized Community Spaces (Loughnan Hall, Mark Street Hall, Richmond Senior Citizens Centre, The Stables, Richmond Family Centre)			
First 3 hours - FULL	Taxable	\$165.00	\$169.00
Additional hours (per hour) - FULL	Taxable	\$55.00	\$56.00
First 3 hours - CONCESSION	Taxable	\$54.00	\$55.00

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Additional hours (per hour) - CONCESSION	Taxable	\$18.00	\$18.00
Groups auspiced by Council business units	GST Free	NO CHARGE	NO CHARGE
Security Deposit	GST Free	minimum of \$100	minimum of \$100
Community Hall PLI Insurance Community	Taxable	\$27.00	\$30.00
Large Community Spaces (Collingwood Senior Citizens Centre, Edinburgh Gardens Community Room, Studio 1, Community Space at Bargoonga Nganjin)			
First 3 hours - FULL	Taxable	\$187.50	\$193.00
Additional hours (per hour) - FULL	Taxable	\$62.50	\$64.00
First 3 hours - CONCESSION	Taxable	\$66.00	\$67.00
Additional hours (per hour) - CONCESSION	Taxable	\$22.00	\$22.00
Groups auspiced by Council business units	Taxable	NO CHARGE	NO CHARGE
Security Deposit	GST Free	minimum of \$100	minimum of \$100
Community Hall PLI Insurance Community	Taxable	\$27.00	\$30.00
Performance Spaces (Richmond Theatre)			
Day Rate- FULL	Taxable	N/A	\$1,000.00
Day Rate - CONCESSION	Taxable	N/A	\$550.00
7 Day Rate- FULL	Taxable	N/A	\$5,000.00
7 Day Rate - CONCESSION	Taxable	N/A	\$2,500.00
Security Deposit	GST Free	\$200.00	minimum of \$200
Community Hall PLI Insurance	Taxable	\$27.00	\$30.00
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE			
SITE FEES, OCCUPATION CHARGES & OTHER USAGE CHARGES			
Site fee for use of Parks, Reserve or Rotunda - Full	Taxable	\$150.00	\$155.00
Site fee for use of Parks, Reserve or Rotunda - Concession	N/A	NO CHARGE	NO CHARGE
Occupation of public land (roads, footpaths etc) for events - Full	Taxable	\$2 for every 5m2	\$3.50 for every 5m2
Occupation of public land (roads, footpaths etc) for events - Concession	Taxable	\$0.8 for every 5m2	\$0.9 for every 5m2
Power (per day)	Taxable	\$90.00	\$100.00
Open Space PLI Insurance Community	Taxable	\$29.00	\$30.00
Fairfield Amphitheatre			
Day Rate - Full	Taxable	\$300.00	\$350.00
Day Rate - Concession	Taxable	\$100.00	\$110.00
Power	Taxable	\$90.00	\$100.00
Kiosk	Taxable	\$90.00	\$90.00
Change Rooms	Taxable	\$90.00	\$90.00
Bond	GST Free	From \$100	From \$100
Burnley Circus Site			

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Day Rate - Full (performance/event day)	Taxable	\$900.00	\$950.00
Day Rate - Full (non-performance/event day)	Taxable	\$150.00	\$150.00
Day Rate - Concession	Taxable	NO CHARGE	NO CHARGE
Power (per day)	Taxable	N/A	\$100.00
Bond	GST Free	UP TO \$4,000	UP TO \$4,000
PERMITS			
Event Application Fee	Taxable	\$50.00	\$60.00
Market Permit (One Off fee) - Full	Taxable	\$350.00	\$400.00
Market Permit (One Off fee) - CONCESSION	Taxable	\$140.00	\$160.00
Minor Sound Permit	Taxable	N/A	\$50.00
Event Permit - Up to 100 persons with no structures and minimum risks			
Small Event Permit (per event day) - FULL	Taxable	\$100.00	\$105.00
Small Event Permit (per event day) - CONCESSION	GST Free	NO CHARGE	NO CHARGE
Event Permit - 100 persons 500 or with minimal structures and risks			
Medium Event Permit (per event day) - FULL	Taxable	\$250.00	\$260.00
Medium Event Permit (per event day) - CONCESSION	Taxable	\$100.00	\$105.00
Event Permit - 500 or more persons or with significant structures or risks, as assessed by council officer			
Major Event Permit (per event day) - FULL	Taxable	\$350.00	\$450.00
Major Event Permit (per event day) - CONCESSION	Taxable	\$100.00	\$110.00
YARRA LEISURE CENTRES			
Casual Entry			
Adult Swim	Taxable	\$6.50	\$6.70
Concession Swim	Taxable	\$3.30	\$3.70
Child Swim	Taxable	\$3.30	\$3.40
Family Swim	Taxable	\$15.00	\$15.40
Adult Swim, Spa & Sauna	Taxable	\$12.50	\$12.80
Swim Upgrade to S/S/S	Taxable	\$6.00	\$6.20
Swim Upgrade to S/S/S Concession	Taxable	\$3.00	\$3.40
Swim, Spa & Sauna (concession)	Taxable	\$6.30	\$7.00
Locker	Taxable	\$2.00	\$3.00
10 x Locker	Taxable	New Fee	\$27.00
City of Yarra Pensioner Swim	GST Free	No Charge	No Charge
Spectator	GST Free	\$2.00	\$2.00
Bulk Tickets			
10 Adult Swims	Taxable	\$58.50	\$60.00
10 Concession Swim	Taxable	\$29.30	\$33.00
25 Adult Swims	Taxable	\$130.00	\$133.30
25 Adult Swims Concession	Taxable	\$65.00	\$73.30

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Fees and Charges Description	GST Status	2016-17 Adopted Fee	2017-18 Proposed Fee
10 Child Swims	Taxable	\$29.30	\$30.40
25 Child Swims	Taxable	\$65.00	\$67.70
10 Swim, Spa, Sauna & Steam Concession	Taxable	\$56.30	\$62.60
25 Swim, Spa, Sauna & Steam Concession	Taxable	\$125.00	\$139.00
10 Group Fitness	Taxable	\$144.00	\$147.60
10 Group Fitness Concession	Taxable	\$72.00	\$81.20
25 Group Fitness	Taxable	\$320.00	\$328.00
25 Group Fitness Concession	Taxable	\$160.00	\$180.40
Lane Hire			
Commercial Lane Hire 25 metres	Taxable	\$46.00	\$47.00
Community Groups 25 Metres	Taxable	\$36.00	\$37.00
Commercial Lane Hire 50 metres	Taxable	\$60.00	\$62.00
Community Healthy Programs (Yarra Residents)	Taxable	No Charge	No Charge
Monthly Debit Fees			
Joining Fee	Taxable	\$99.00	\$99.00
Full (fortnightly)	Taxable	\$44.95	\$46.00
Full Concession (fortnightly)	Taxable	\$22.50	\$25.30
Full Student (fortnightly)	Taxable	\$41.80	\$42.80
Off Peak (fortnightly)	Taxable	\$40.40	\$41.40
Off Peak Concession (fortnightly)	Taxable	\$20.20	\$22.80
Off Peak Student (fortnightly)	Taxable	\$36.40	\$37.30
Aquatic (fortnightly)	Taxable	\$30.20	\$31.00
Aquatic Concession (fortnightly)	Taxable	\$15.10	\$17.00
Aquatic Student (fortnightly)	Taxable	\$24.90	\$25.50
Family 2 people (fortnightly)	Taxable	\$81.60	\$83.60
Family 3 people (fortnightly)	Taxable	\$92.60	\$94.90
Family 4 people (fortnightly)	Taxable	\$103.00	\$105.60
Family 2 people Concession (fortnightly)	Taxable	\$40.80	\$46.00
Family 3 people Concession (fortnightly)	Taxable	\$46.30	\$52.20
Family 4 people Concession (fortnightly)	Taxable	\$51.50	\$58.10
Full 50 plus (fortnightly)	Taxable	\$40.50	\$41.50
Multi-Sport (fortnightly)	Taxable	\$54.00	\$55.00
Multi-Sport Concession (fortnightly)	Taxable	\$27.00	\$30.30
Multi-Sport Student (fortnightly)	Taxable	\$47.10	\$48.00
Corporate (fortnightly)	Taxable	\$40.50	\$41.50
Junior Gym (fortnightly)	Taxable	\$21.70	\$22.20
Two Week Trial	Taxable	\$64.50	\$66.10
Program Classes			
Group Fitness	Taxable	\$16.00	\$16.40
Group Fitness (Concession)	Taxable	\$8.00	\$9.00

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Gym			
Gym, Swim, Spa, Sauna & Steam	Taxable	\$24.40	\$25.00
Gym Concession	Taxable	\$12.20	\$13.80
LLLS Casual Fee	Taxable	\$7.50	\$8.00
10 x LLLS Casual Fee Concession	Taxable	\$37.50	\$44.00
25 x LLLS Casual	Taxable	\$187.50	\$192.20
LLLS Joining Fee	Taxable	\$43.00	\$44.10
Gym over 60's	Taxable	\$5.20	\$5.30
Personal Training			
½ hr (Casual)	Taxable	\$56.20	\$57.60
1 hr (Member)	Taxable	\$72.80	\$74.60
10 Visit Pass Member – ½ Hr	Taxable	\$442.10	\$453.20
10 Visit Pass Member – 1 Hr	Taxable	\$655.20	\$671.60
Tennis Courts (Per Hour)			
Peak	Taxable	\$27.90	\$28.60
Off Peak	Taxable	\$23.40	\$24.00
Peak Concession	Taxable	\$13.95	\$15.70
Off Peak Concession	Taxable	\$11.70	\$13.20
Member Peak (Member)	Taxable	\$21.30	\$21.80
Member Off Peak (Member)	Taxable	\$15.90	\$16.30
Swim Lessons			
NEW: Start Up Fee (All Aquatic Programs)	Taxable	\$30.00	\$30.00
Swim Lessons Child - per lesson	GST Free	\$15.50	\$17.00
Child - Concession per lesson	GST Free	\$7.80	\$9.40
One on One Lessons	Taxable	\$50.00	\$50.00
NEW: Two on One Lessons	Taxable	\$90.00	\$90.00
Swim Lesson Child Fortnightly Debit	GST Free	\$24.50	\$26.80
Swim Lesson Child - Concession Fortnightly Debit	GST Free	\$12.30	\$14.70
School Lessons	GST Free	\$8.00	\$8.20
School Lessons Concession	GST Free	\$4.00	\$4.50
School Lane Hire	Taxable	\$49.00	\$50.00
District Squad (fortnightly)	GST Free	\$26.20	\$28.50
Pre-State Squad (fortnightly)	GST Free	\$38.20	\$41.60
State Squad (fortnightly)	GST Free	\$49.10	\$53.50
National Squad (fortnightly)	GST Free	\$56.70	\$64.00
District Squad Concession (fortnightly)	GST Free	\$13.10	\$15.70
Pre-State Squad Concession (fortnightly)	GST Free	\$19.10	\$22.90
State Squad Concession (fortnightly)	GST Free	\$24.60	\$29.40
Programs - Myotherapy			
½ hr (Member)	Taxable	\$47.80	\$49.00
½ hr (Casual)	Taxable	\$57.20	\$58.60

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1 hr (Member)	Taxable	\$86.30	\$88.50
1 hr (Casual)	Taxable	\$98.80	\$101.30
Multi-Sport Programs			
Squads	Taxable	\$16.00	\$17.00
Squads - Concession	Taxable	\$8.00	\$9.40
10 x Squads	Taxable	\$144.00	\$153.00
10 x Squads – Concession	Taxable	\$72.00	\$84.20
Two Week Trial	Taxable	\$77.10	\$79.00
Two Week Trial HD Concession	Taxable	\$38.60	\$43.50
Miscellaneous			
Replacement Card	Taxable	No Charge	No Charge
Lost Locker Key	Taxable	\$10.00	\$10.30
Shower	Taxable	\$3.50	\$3.60
BURNLEY GOLF COURSE			
9 Holes - Adult	Taxable	\$19.20	\$20.00
9 Holes - Concession/Junior	Taxable	\$14.10	\$15.00
18 Holes - Adult	Taxable	\$24.90	\$25.50
18 Holes - Concession/Junior	Taxable	\$18.90	\$19.50
9 Holes - Weekend	Taxable		\$21.00
18 Holes Weekend	Taxable		\$27.00
1 Hour Lesson	Taxable	\$113.00	\$115.80
1/2 Hour Lesson	Taxable	\$55.80	\$57.20
6 Lesson Voucher	Taxable	\$278.50	\$285.50
Clinic	Taxable	\$113.00	\$115.80
Mini Clinic	Taxable	\$20.00	\$20.50
Twilight	Taxable	\$0.00	\$0.00
Buggy Hire	Taxable	\$5.00	\$5.10
9 Hole Cart Hire	Taxable	\$25.90	\$26.50
9 Hole Single Cart Hire	Taxable	\$17.70	\$18.10
18 Hole Cart Hire	Taxable	\$43.00	\$44.10
18 Hole Single Cart Hire	Taxable	\$29.10	\$29.80
Practice Fees	Taxable	\$3.60	\$3.70
Competition Fees	Taxable	\$4.00	\$4.10
Hire Set	Taxable	\$14.20	\$14.60
ENGINEERING PLANNING			
Traffic Surveys (counts) - classified counts	GST Free	\$105.00	\$250.00
Parking signs - sign changes	Taxable	\$185.00	\$185.00
Drainage Fees (Levy)			
Area of Development:			
0 - 400m ²	GST Free	\$11.50	\$11.80
401 - 500m ²	GST Free	\$15.00	\$15.40

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501 - 600m ²	GST Free	\$19.00	\$19.50
601 - 700m ²	GST Free	\$20.50	\$21.00
701 - 800m ²	GST Free	\$22.50	\$23.10
801 - 900m ²	GST Free	\$24.00	\$24.60
901 - 1000m ²	GST Free	\$25.00	\$25.60
1001m ² + (negotiable fee)	GST Free	\$25.00	\$25.60
WASTE MANAGEMENT			
Compost Bins 220lt BMW	Taxable	\$31.00	\$35.00
Hungry Bin	Taxable	\$270.00	\$280.00
Worm Farms RELN	Taxable	\$79.00	\$85.00
Worm Farms BMW	Taxable	\$48.00	\$50.00
Garbage 80lt MGB	GST Free	\$105.00	\$110.00
Garbage 120lt MGB	GST Free	\$140.00	\$145.00
Garbage 240lt MGB	GST Free	\$255.00	\$260.00
Residential (and Multi-Unit Developments per unit/apartment) MRB 120lt plus 80lt MGB	GST Free	\$175.00	\$180.00
Commercial Mobile Recycling Bin 120lt	GST Free	\$105.00	\$110.00
Commercial Mobile Recycling Bin 240lt	GST Free	\$105.00	\$110.00
Relocation of Street Litter Bins	Taxable	\$450.00	\$465.00
Commercial Mobile Recycling Bin 240lt plus 240lt Waste Bin	GST Free	\$255.00	\$265.00
Green Mobile Garbage Bin (GMGB)	GST Free	\$104.00	\$110.00

* Indicates a Statutory Fee and is not set by Council

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2017-18 to 2026-27

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1. INTRODUCTION

This Long Term Financial Strategy (LTFS) has been developed and updates the strategy adopted by Council in 2016-17. The scenario presented is considered the most achievable option for Council to support Council's financial sustainability into the future.

The main scenario parameters are detailed below:

- Rate increase at the ESC rate cap level (2%) for the life of the LTFS;
- Full cost recovery of waste services via a new proposed waste service charge
- Debt redemption as a first priority
- Cash backing reserves as a second priority
- Efficiency target of \$500k recurrent expenditure savings built into each year

The scenario relies on the proposed waste service charge being introduced. It is proposed to introduce the waste service charge in order to improve Council's short to medium term financial sustainability, and to enable Council to be able to respond to emerging priorities from our community in the longer term. If the waste service charge is not implemented, Council will be required to reduce services and/or service levels, or reduce the capital expenditure program in the next budget cycle.

The LTFS is a living document subject to ongoing review.

2. OBJECTIVE

Council prepares a Long Term Financial Strategy (LTFS) over a 10 year period to provide financial management and guidance to support service delivery and the capital works program. This document outlines the key assumptions and provides an overview of each key element of the LTFS.

Strong financial management will be evidenced by Council fully renewing its assets as required and generating cash liquidity to meet operational requirements. The Operating Budget will also deliver sufficient cash surplus to enable timely asset renewal and a reasonable level of funding to be available for New/ Upgrade Capital Works and New Initiatives in Operations.

3. MANAGEMENT OF THE LTFS

The LTFS is managed within a framework of key financial indicators together with profiled cash management. These items are drawn together to provide a strategy for the long term sustainability and solvency of Council's operation.

The key lead indicators are:

- Liquidity
- Unrestricted Cash
- Net Result
- Indebtedness

Other indicators are:

- Debt Commitment
- Self-Financing
- Renewal Gap
- Capital Replacement

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Descriptions of each of these indicators together with the target range sought is provided in Appendix 1 – Key Financial Indicators Described (Page 17).

The framework also includes key assumptions that underpin the financial analysis. The assumptions are outlined in Appendix 2 – Cashflow Parameter Assumptions (Page 19).

Historical assumptions have been reviewed and a number of amendments have been required particularly in the management of liquidity. The changes made reflect the changing operating environment at Yarra for example rate capping has significantly reduced Council's revenue over the life of the LTFS and Council has less control via rates to respond to financial shocks. Council also has a \$32.5m loan due to be repaid in 2020-21.

A critical element of the assumptions is the allocated expenditure to the Capital Works Program. This assumes 100% of the capital program will be delivered in cash terms over the long term.

This LTFS also proposes to establish a set of financial principles that provide advice on Council's financial strategy. These are detailed in Appendix 3.

4. FINANCIAL POSITION BACKGROUND

Council's current financial position (predicted 30 June 2017) is constrained and cash management is very tight. In general, Council is performing satisfactorily against benchmark ratio levels established by the Auditor General with the exception of cash related ratios. The Unrestricted Cash ratio is currently low, however this improves significantly by the end of the LTFS. The Liquidity ratio is also low in early years, however improves in the latter half of the LTFS.

Council is faced with a myriad of requests from community and it has very limited capacity in discretionary funds to respond to these needs, unless the proposed waste service charge is introduced. If the proposed waste service charge is not introduced Council will be required to reduce services and/or service levels, or reduce capital expenditure.

Council is adequately meeting its asset renewal obligations within the LTFS.

Council borrowed funds in November 2014 via the MAV Local Government Funding Vehicle Bond sponsored by the MAV. This seven year loan of \$32.5 million provided funding for payment of the Defined Benefit Superannuation debt, purchase of 345 Bridge Rd, purchase of the Connie Benn Centre and an energy performance contract. This loan is an interest only fixed term loan. A major strategy in this current LTFS is to redeem this debt when it is due. An additional loan of \$13.5 million is due to be drawn down in 2016-17. This loan is funded on a principal and interest basis and will be repaid by the end of the LTFS.

5. 2017-18 BUDGET POSITION

The 2017-18 Operating Budget provides for a cash surplus that is used to fund Council's Capital Works Program. The Operating Budget supports more than 100 services to the community and the Capital Works Program is critical to Council's ability to maintain, enhance and build assets to also service community need.

Despite a deliberate plan to grow overall cash holdings in recent years, Council had insufficient cash to balance the budget due to a range of external factors. In 2017-18 a new waste service charge is proposed, bringing in an additional \$8.5 million in 2017-18, and \$102 million across the LTFS. This is essentially a measure to restore the 10 year LTFS to its original position prior to rate capping being introduced, which had a \$98m impact of foregone revenue over the life of the 10 year plan. This additional revenue will support the repayment of borrowings, as well as the ongoing provision of services. It will improve Council's short to medium term financial sustainability, and enable Council to

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be able to respond to emerging priorities from our community in the longer term. The end of year cash position at 30 June 2018 is expected to be \$26.75 million (assuming 100% of the capital budget is spent).

The Open Space Reserve has been fully acquitted during 2015-16 with funds being applied to a general reserve, however these are not fully cash backed.

5.1 CASH HOLDINGS

Council's total cash holding at 30 June 2016 was \$22.5 million with \$20.18 million applicable for general reserve obligations.

5.1.1 WORKING CAPITAL

At 30 June 2017, it is estimated that Council requires around \$50 million in cash at the end of each financial year to manage its working capital ratio. This balance needs to be higher if the general reserve (currently \$20 million) is to be cash backed.

5.1.2 OPEN SPACE RESERVE

The Open Space Reserve was fully acquitted as at 2015-16 (as reflected in the 2015-16 Annual Report). The change to policy has resulted in the Open Space Reserve being fully acquitted and any remaining funds were transferred to a general reserve, however this is not fully cash backed. The balance of the General Reserve is \$20 million.

6. STRATEGIC ACTIONS

In drafting this LTFS a number of strategies have been implemented to seek to build a more complete picture of Council's financial position and to provide better alignment with Council's goals.

6.1 IMPROVING COUNCIL'S WORKING CAPITAL

With the proposed introduction of the waste service charge, Council will redress the shortfall in the cash balance to ensure minimum operating cash is available.

6.2 RELEASE OF GENERAL RESERVE FUNDS

Council has a stated goal of seeking to acquire open space and the 2016-17 LTFS aligned the acquisition of strategic open space assets with rationalisation of existing Council assets and asset sales income. This is still a goal in the medium to long term.

A further update to the Open Space Policy will provide Council with an effective funding source for development of its existing open space. It is anticipated that this expenditure will be equal to the income raised. There will be no increase in the obligation and therefore the financial obligation to the Reserve will not grow. If Open Space contributions exceed capital expenditure than the Reserve, additional funds will need to be added to the Reserve balance.

6.3 RATE CAPPING

In 2016-17 rate capping was introduced with details of the scheme provided by the Essential Services Commission. An allowance has been made for rate increases as foreshadowed by the ESC together with an allowance for growth via Supplementary Rates and the proposed Waste Services charge.

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The Minister for Local Government, The Hon. Natalie Hutchins, announced the rate capping level for 2017-18 on 16 December 2016 at 2%.

Predicted future rate increases are outlined below.

Table 1 PREDICTED ESC RATE INCREASES

LTFS	Year 1 2017-18	Year 2 2018-19	Year 3 2019-20	Year 4 2020-21	Year 5 2021-22	Year 6 2022-23	Year 7 2023-24	Year 8 2024-25	Year 9 2025-26	Year 10 2026-27
Predicted Rate Cap	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%

If the rate cap increases are less than predicted, Council will be required to reduce services and/or service levels and/or reduce the capital works program, if additional revenue sources are not available.

6.4 PROPOSED WASTE SERVICE CHARGE

The City of Yarra is one of six Councils in Victoria that does not levy separate waste/recycling charge. However many councils do levy garbage/recycling charges which are included on the rates notice. The level of these charges must be linked to the cost of service. The Local Government Act excludes garbage/recycling charges from the rate cap, at the moment. This may not always be the case, with the Local Government Act currently under review.

Growth in multi-unit development is resulting in above average increases in the waste area. In the last 12 months there has been a 4.54% increase in average waste collection numbers and 6.05% for recycling. Waste tipping fees are predicted to grow by 6.33% (Landfill Levy 8.15% and Gate Fees by 3.25%).

Council provides a range of services which could be charged for including the weekly kerbside garbage and recycling collections, commercial (domestic type), waste and recycling collection and the 'at call' hard and green waste collections. All residential properties receive the garbage and recycling service with approximately 1,600 (out of a total of 7,558) of commercial industrial properties receiving the service.

This LTFS includes the proposed introduction of a waste services charge as part of the 2017-18 budget. This provides \$102 million over the LTFS. The charge is expected to increase by 4% per annum from a base rate of \$8.5 million.

This LTFS has been developed on the assumption that a proposed Waste Charge is introduced in Year 1 (2017-18). Given the significant movement in waste costs predicted over time it will be critical from a financial perspective to isolate these costs from the rate cap.

6.5 LOAN BORROWINGS

The introduction of rate capping and debt requiring to be repaid in the short term has had a significant impact on the LTFS and greatly exacerbated Council's already tight financial position. Existing debt is serviced by a \$32.5 million interest only loan, due to be repaid in 2020-21 and a \$13.5 million principal and interest loan due to be repaid by the end of this 10 year LTFS.

The Victorian Auditor-General has indicated through its recommendation on financial ratios that Indebtedness (Non-current liabilities/Own sourced revenue) above 40% places Council in the medium risk category and 60% in the high risk category.

The LTFS includes a significant principal repayment starting from Year 1 for the interest only loan. It is anticipated that all debt will be paid by the end of 2026-27. This is dependent upon the proposed waste charge being introduced.

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The indebtedness ratio is 22.2% at 30 June 2018.

Debt Commitment ratio remains low risk for the life of the LTFS as a result of moving to a principal and interest approach to debt financing, and is a crucial strategy should borrowings be required in the future.

Further borrowing may need to occur to provide Council with a capacity to access contingency funds should the need arise e.g. a further call on the Defined Benefit Superannuation obligation, and especially so if the proposed waste charge is not introduced.

6.6 LEASING AND RATIONALISATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE AND UTILITY FLEET

Council's motor vehicle and utility fleet is currently partially purchased and managed directly by Council, and partially leased. As a result an annual capital allocation is required to pay for the changeover cost of some of these vehicles. In the 2016-17 Budget the net capital allocation was \$0.5 million.

Additional leasing will be further considered during 2017-18 as a possible cost reduction model.

6.7 DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS ASSETS AND ENHANCING RETURNS

A more pro-active and entrepreneurial approach to disposal of redundant laneways, investigation of increasing returns and potential for disposal of some assets needs to be pursued. Disposal of some assets to fund new requirements is considered appropriate and the most effective use of community resources. In addition to the receipt of a cash injection from the sale a saving is also made on maintenance and asset renewal costs.

It is also recommended that assets surplus to requirements be carefully considered as opportunities for open space creation where relevant or disposal to fund the purchase of other assets.

Opportunities to seek improved returns from building assets that are not fully applied for community use are currently being investigated. It is anticipated that improved financial returns can be achieved from a number of buildings by being more entrepreneurial in property management and improve the use of assets. This will assist Council's overall financial position.

A further separate report on the Property Strategy will be presented to Council in 2017-18.

6.8 FEES AND CHARGES POLICY

It is proposed that Council adopt a strong fees and charges policy that provides a variety of categories of fees and charges from full costing to part subsidy/investment in services. The calculation of fees would mirror the cost of service provision and only where appropriate and in compliance with competitive neutrality the fee would be subsidised.

In general, fees should follow the trend in labour costs so that the ratio of subsidy from rates is maintained. There will be circumstances where movement of fees above or below the trend figure is justified. Individual fees should consider cost recovery, competition and ability to generate return on investment. The fees and charges policy would guide the preparation of the Schedule of Fees and Charges.

This LTFS assumes Fees and Charges are generally increased in line with the movement in labour costs based on the principle of cost recovery where appropriate and practical.

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6.9 NEW SERVICES

Council is committed to the introduction of the following new service:

- *North Fitzroy Hub* will operate from partway through 2016-17 and with a full year operation from 2017-18. It is anticipated that an additional \$800K for a full year operation will be required and this has been allowed for in the LTFS.

6.10 NEW POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Yarra is experiencing a significant increase in new property and population.

Residential dwelling growth is expected to be around 2% pa from 2016 through to 2021 and then decline slightly with growth increasing by about 1.6%.

Table 2 Forecast population, households and dwellings

City of Yarra	Forecast year				
Summary	2016	2021	2026	2031	2036
Population	88,120	95,911	103,191	110,512	117,036
Change in population (5yrs)	9,107	7,790	7,280	7,321	6,524
Average annual change	2.21	1.71	1.47	1.38	1.15
Households	39,431	43,178	46,741	50,267	53,452
Average household size	2.19	2.18	2.17	2.17	2.16
Population in non-private dwellings	1,604	1,604	1,604	1,604	1,604
Dwellings	41,921	46,103	49,981	53,757	57,166
Dwelling occupancy rate	94.06	93.66	93.52	93.51	93.50

Population and household forecasts, 2011 to 2036, prepared by .id the population experts, August 2013.
<http://www.id.com.au>

The LTFS provides for no net growth in labour costs to accommodate the increased population and dwellings being serviced. Requirements to fulfil statutory obligations or increased customer demand must be sourced from within the existing workforce allocation.

6.11 ENHANCED DEBT MANAGEMENT

A significant task to improve debt management is being driven by the organisation. This involves the review of historical debt across all aspects of Council's operations.

Further key initiatives are the establishment of four instalment rate payments (removing the annual payment option) as the minimum standard of payment and the introduction of a credit card surcharge fee.

These two debt management initiatives have been incorporated into this LTFS.

6.12 LEGAL CASES

An allocation has been made within the LTFS to accommodate estimated legal fees (at the same funding level as 2016-17), however no allocation has been made for potential settlement costs.

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6.13 INTRODUCTION OF ENHANCED PARKING ENFORCEMENT

Two key recommendations from the Parking Service Review were for Council to consider the introduction of enhanced enforcement on Sundays for key locations across the City and to introduce consistent signage given that some activity centres have inconsistent signage deriving from pre-amalgamation. Parking is at a premium in the City and both these measures will assist with parking management. Parking revenue continues to be an important source of income for Council.

6.14 LEISURE CENTRES IMPROVED RETURNS

An extensive Service Review has been undertaken into the operation of Council's Leisure Centres. A number of strategic opportunities exist to improve Council's overall financial return from these operations while also enhancing services to the community. However some of these initiatives will require capital funding to achieve improved returns.

6.15 ASSET RENEWAL AND NEW AND UPGRADE EXPENDITURE

Information from the Asset Management Plans inform Council's capital expenditure priorities.

As part of the preparation of this LTFS the cost of renewal works has been indexed to reflect the future cost of works in years 2-10 of the LTFS.

New assets are being driven by a number of regular programs derived from Strategies and Plans. These include water sensitive urban design, reduction in potable water e.g. Edinburgh Gardens, Activity Centre enhancements generating new road works, public toilets and LATMs. These types of assets also create an additional maintenance requirement of approximately 1% per annum going forward.

This LTFS indicates that funds available for New and Upgrade Capital Expenditure and New Initiatives in Operations will be very low (\$5.44 million) in 2017-18 and remain relatively low in the short to medium term of the LTFS. Renewal of assets is prioritised to enhance financial sustainability.

Estimated Capital Expenditure as outlined in Table 3

Capital Cashflow	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Renewal	24,605	25,814	25,559	23,666	25,177	26,832	27,508	29,675	30,003	30,619
Upgrade	539	6,224	7,907	10,865	4,795	3,428	1,990	2,120	2,820	1,825
New	4,896	820	200	1,461	8,028	8,500	10,037	8,531	8,309	9,511
Carry-forwards	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	33,040	32,858	33,666	35,992	38,000	38,760	39,535	40,326	41,132	41,955

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7. KNOWN MATTERS TO BE QUANTIFIED

Council has a number of initiatives underway to gather efficiencies and improve its financial position including Service Reviews, Revenue Strategies and reviews of Strategies and Plans. Generally, it is too early in the development of these initiatives to incorporate these outcomes.

7.1 FUTURE INITIATIVES

A number of other key issues have also been identified as being likely to have a significant impact on the LTFS but are unquantified at this time. These include:

Fitzroy Town Hall – future use

Gasworks site including Indoor Sports Stadium and Depot relocation (no allowance in LTFS)

Richmond Secondary College impact

Amcor Community Facilities - Modelling is being undertaken of the likely impact of the Amcor development on Council's financial position and initial estimates are a cost neutral position. Given the uncertainty of the assumptions at this time no amendment to the LTFS has been made.

7.2 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

A number of issues have been identified that have the potential to result in a financial impact on Council. As these issues are uncertain no specific allowance within the LTFS has been made. These matters include:

- Future calls from the Local Government Defined Benefits Scheme.
- Legal costs.
- Council has received a \$500K grant for the Lourdes development which will be required to be repaid if this development does not proceed or the grant reallocated.
- Costs associated with changes arising from the reform of the HACC service and NDIS.

The LTFS will be regularly updated to incorporate these matters when information allows.

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8 FINANCIAL SCENARIOS AND OUTCOMES

8.1 KEY OUTCOMES

Key outcomes are outlined below:

Table 4 Summary of LTFS (Cash Flows)

Cashflow Statement	Year 1 2017-18 \$'000	Year 2 2018-19 \$'000	Year 3 2019-20 \$'000	Year 4 2020-21 \$'000	Year 5 2021-22 \$'000	Year 6 2022-23 \$'000	Year 7 2023-24 \$'000	Year 8 2024-25 \$'000	Year 9 2025-26 \$'000	Year 10 2026-27 \$'000
Cash Flows from Operating Activities										
Receipts										
Rates	112,708	117,166	121,289	125,500	129,803	134,200	138,693	143,284	147,975	152,769
Statutory Fees & Fines	27,107	27,378	27,926	28,484	28,960	29,435	29,910	30,385	30,860	31,335
User Fees and other Fines	26,387	26,651	27,184	27,728	28,216	28,703	29,191	29,678	30,166	30,653
Grants Capital	1,195	1,207	1,231	1,256	1,269	1,281	1,294	1,307	1,320	1,333
Grants Operating	12,023	13,225	14,548	16,003	16,163	16,324	16,488	16,652	16,819	16,987
Contributions	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300
Reimbursements	1,640	1,699	1,819	1,942	2,004	2,024	2,045	2,065	2,086	2,107
Interest	500	500	500	500	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Receipts	1,207	1,294	1,345	1,418	1,432	1,447	1,461	1,476	1,490	1,505
Total Receipts	187,067	193,420	200,142	207,131	212,146	217,714	223,380	229,147	235,016	240,989
Payments										
Payments to suppliers	(69,085)	(69,754)	(71,110)	(72,493)	(73,198)	(73,910)	(74,629)	(75,355)	(76,089)	(76,830)
Payments to employees (including redundancies)	(80,142)	(82,058)	(83,677)	(85,330)	(87,030)	(88,730)	(90,430)	(92,130)	(93,830)	(95,530)
Total Payments	(149,227)	(151,812)	(154,787)	(157,823)	(160,228)	(162,640)	(165,059)	(167,485)	(169,919)	(172,360)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	37,840	41,608	45,355	49,308	51,918	55,074	58,321	61,662	65,097	68,629
Cash Flows from Investing Activities										
Payments for property, plant and equipment, infrastructure	(33,040)	(32,858)	(33,666)	(35,992)	(38,000)	(38,760)	(39,535)	(40,326)	(41,132)	(41,955)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment, infrastructure	800	697	692	687	682	675	670	665	660	655
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(32,240)	(32,161)	(32,974)	(35,305)	(37,318)	(38,085)	(38,865)	(39,661)	(40,472)	(41,300)
Cash Flows from financing activities										
Finance Costs	(2,139)	(2,088)	(2,035)	(1,980)	(410)	(349)	(286)	(219)	(149)	(76)
Repayment of interest bearing loans and borrowings	(7,591)	(7,982)	(8,389)	(8,811)	(5,713)	(1,369)	(1,433)	(1,500)	(1,569)	(1,642)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(9,730)	(10,070)	(10,424)	(10,791)	(6,123)	(1,718)	(1,719)	(1,719)	(1,719)	(1,719)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(4,130)	(623)	1,957	3,212	8,477	15,271	17,738	20,282	22,905	25,611
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of financial year	30,877	26,747	26,124	28,081	31,293	39,770	55,041	72,778	93,061	115,966
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	26,747	26,124	28,081	31,293	39,770	55,041	72,778	93,061	115,966	141,577

This LTFS includes the proposed introduction of a waste service charge which improves cash flow and allows for debt repayment. Debt levels are relatively high. This LTFS provides Council with the capacity to fund its day to day operations and provide a reasonable cash surplus to enable a high level of self-financing of its capital works program and new initiatives.

The following table outlines key financial indicators, suggested long term target ratios for Yarra and performance as outlined in the LTFS. Graphical representations of these indicators are shown below the following table. The target range for the indicators have been developed considering the Victorian Auditor General's financial sustainability indicators (subject to change)

Further improvement to the City's financial position is required to attain the long term targets for financial sustainability.

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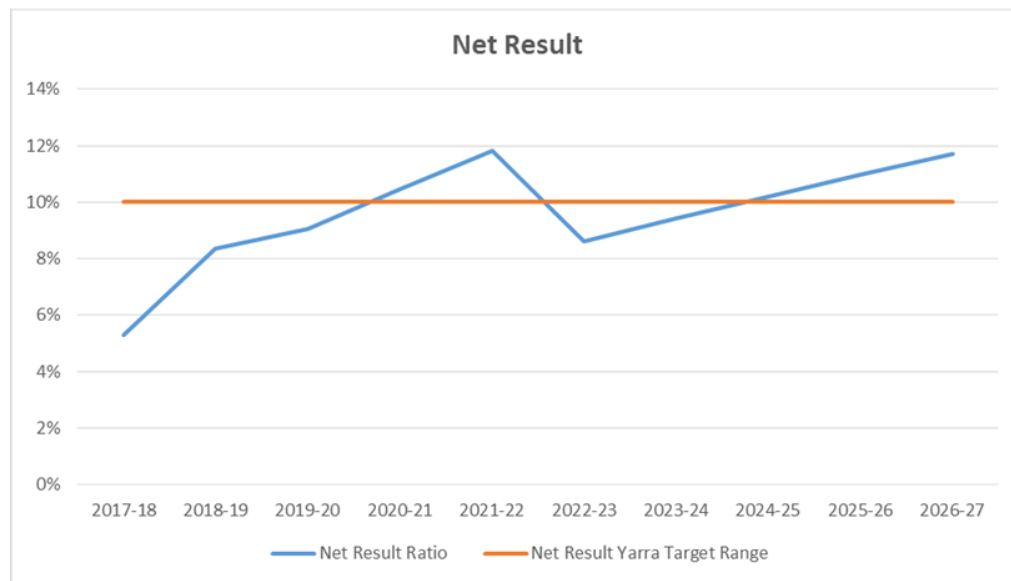
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Table 5 Estimated Key Financial Indicators

LTFI	Yarra Target	Year 1 2017-18	Year 2 2018-19	Year 3 2019-20	Year 4 2020-21	Year 5 2021-22	Year 6 2022-23	Year 7 2023-24	Year 8 2024-25	Year 9 2025-26	Year 10 2026-27
Net Result	>10%	5%	8%	9%	10%	12%	9%	9%	10%	11%	12%
Liquidity	>1.5	1.17	1.08	1.08	1.14	1.11	1.40	1.78	2.20	2.67	3.18
Unrestricted Cash	>75%	4%	15%	19%	25%	48%	84%	125%	171%	221%	285%
Debt Commitment	<5%	2%	2%	2%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Indebtedness	<30%	29%	22%	17%	12%	5%	4%	3%	2%	2%	1%
Self Financing	>25%	90%	117%	129%	138%	140%	112%	117%	122%	127%	132%
Renewal Gap	>1.1	1.8	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.6
Capital Replacement	>1.5	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6

GRAPHS:

Graph 1 – Net Result

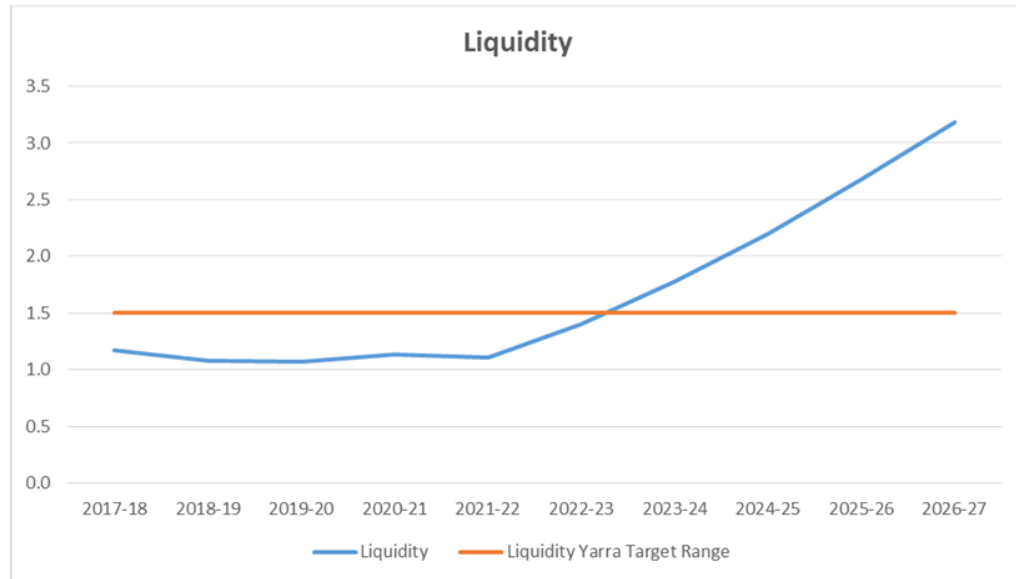


An indicator of the sustainable operating result required to enable Council to continue to provide core services and meet its objectives. Ideally the blue line should exceed the target orange line.

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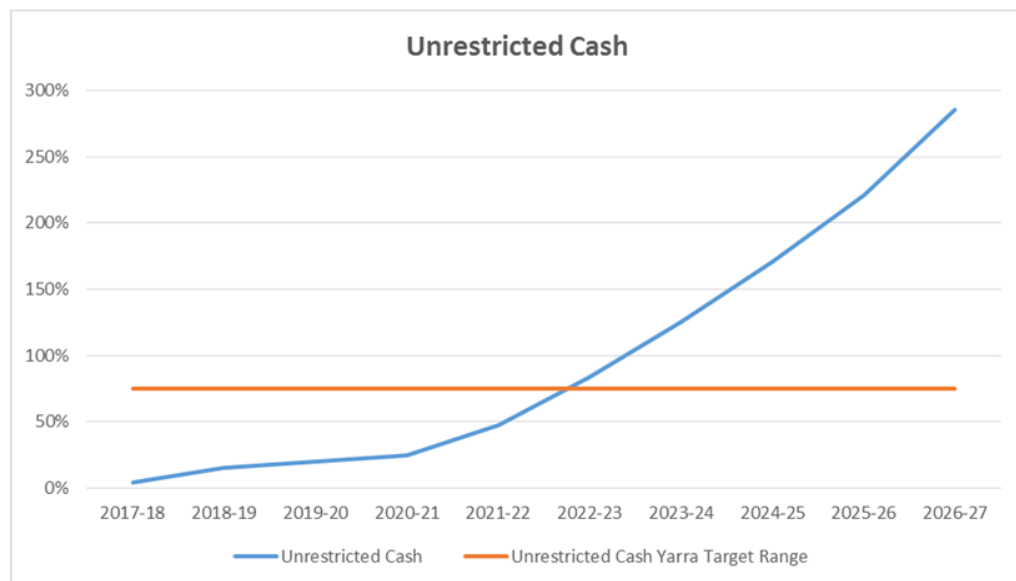
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Graph 2 – Liquidity



To assess Council's ability to meet current commitments. Ideally the blue line should exceed the target orange line.

Graph 3 – Unrestricted Cash



To assess Council's freely available cash level. Ideally the blue line should exceed the orange line.

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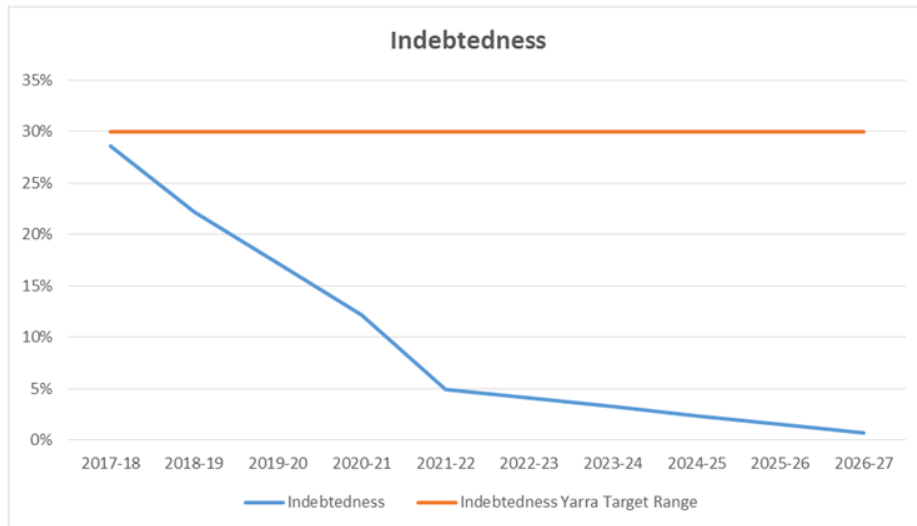
Graph 4 – Debt Commitment



To identify Council's debt redemption strategy. Ideally the blue line should **not** exceed the target orange line.

The reason for the decrease in Debt Commitment in Year 6 is due to an additional principal repayment

Graph 5 – Indebtedness

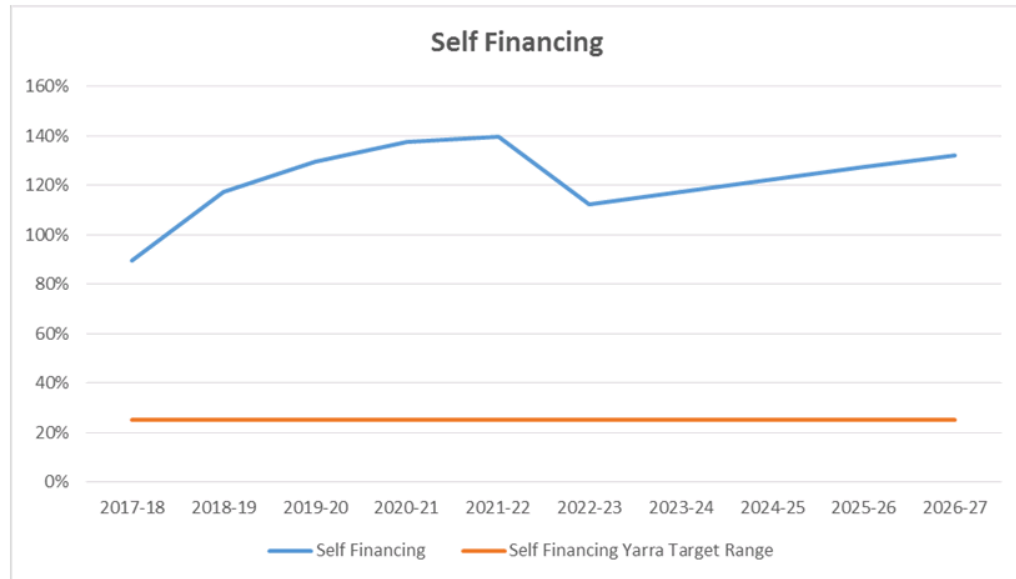


To identify reliance on debt to fund capital programs. Ideally the blue line should **not** exceed the target orange line.

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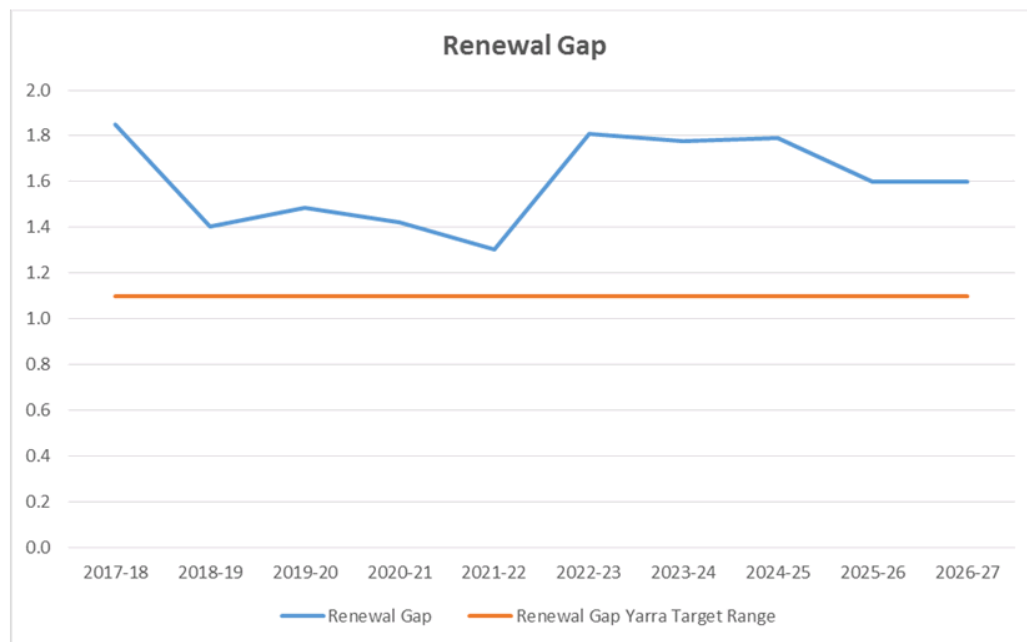
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Graph 6 – Self Financing



To identify reliance on debt to fund capital programs. Ideally the blue line should exceed the target orange line.

Graph 7 – Renewal Gap



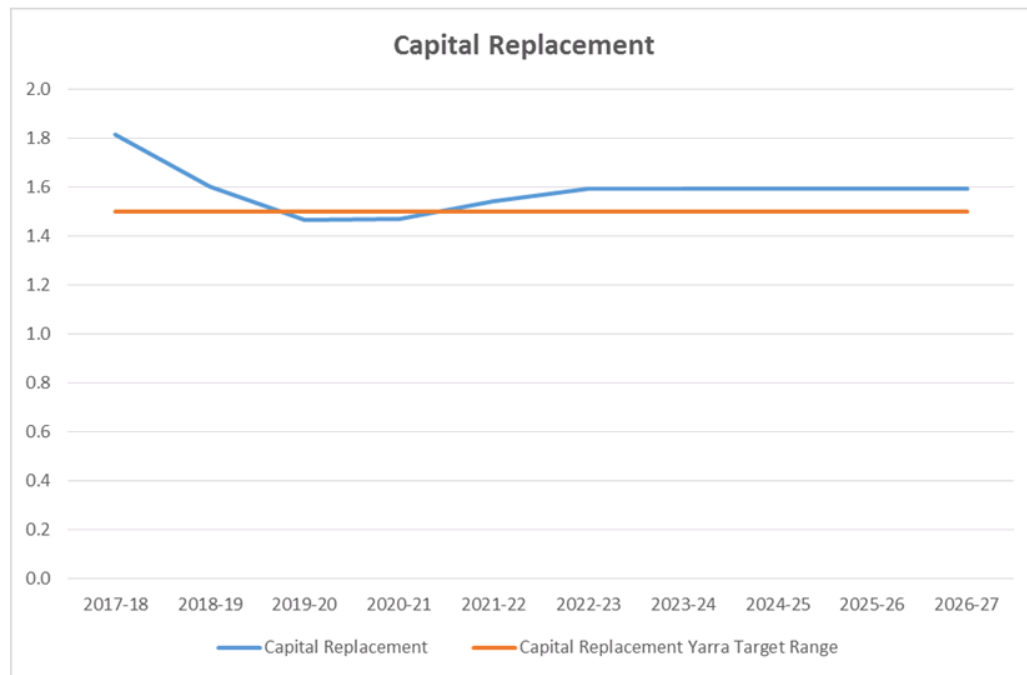
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To assess Council's ability to renew assets as required. Ideally the blue line should exceed the target orange line.

The renewal gap appears to be trending positively however anecdotal evidence suggests that asset renewal is not meeting community expectations in all circumstances e.g. leisure centre infrastructure.

Graph 8 – Capital Replacement



Measures the replacement of assets is consistent with their consumption. Ideally the blue line should exceed the target orange line.

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The challenge for Council will be to improve its overall financial sustainability by improving the performance of the key financial indicators.

APPENDIX 1 KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS DESCRIBED		
Indicator	Description	Long Term Target Range for Yarra
Adjusted Underlying Result	<p>An indicator of the sustainable operating result required to enable Council to continue to provide core services and meet its objectives.</p> <p><u>Adjusted underlying surplus</u> Adjusted underlying revenue</p> <p>A positive result indicates a surplus. VAGO High Risk = less than negative 10% Medium Risk = Negative 10% to zero Low Risk = Greater than 10%</p>	More than 10%
Liquidity	<p>To assess Council's ability to meet current commitments.</p> <p><u>Current assets</u> <u>Current liabilities</u></p> <p>A percentage higher than 100% means that there is more cash and liquid assets than short term liabilities VAGO High Risk = less than 75% Medium Risk = 75% to less than 100% Low Risk = greater than 100%</p>	Greater than 150%
Unrestricted Cash	<p>To assess Council's freely available cash level.</p> <p><u>Unrestricted cash</u> <u>Current liabilities</u></p> <p>VAGO High Risk = less than 10% Low Risk more than 10% Target based on Local Government Performance and Reporting Indicators</p>	Greater than 75%
Debt Commitment	<p>To identify Council's debt redemption strategy.</p> <p><u>Debt servicing and redemption costs</u> Rate Revenue</p> <p>Debt redemption includes loan and finance lease principal and interest as a percentage of rate revenue</p> <p>Local Government Performance and Reporting Indicators</p>	Less than 5%
Indebtedness	<p>Indicates reliance on debt to fund capital programs.</p> <p><u>Non-current liabilities</u> Own sourced revenue</p> <p>The higher the percentage the less able to cover non-current liabilities from revenue generated by Council</p>	Less than 30%

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Indicator	Description	Long Term Target Range for Yarra
	VAGO High Risk = more than 60% Medium Risk = 40% - 60% Low Risk = less than 40%	
Self-Financing	Indicates reliance on debt to fund capital programs. <u>Net operating cash flows</u> Underlying revenue VAGO High Risk Less than 10% Medium Risk 10% - 20% Low Risk = Greater than 20%	Greater than 25%
Investment Renewal Gap	To assess Council's ability to renew assets as required. <u>Asset renewal expenditure</u> Depreciation A percentage greater than 100 indicates that Council is maintaining its existing assets. If there has been a past gap in renewal a percentage of greater than 100 is desirable. VAGO High Risk = less than 50% Medium Risk = 50% - 100% Low Risk = greater than 100%	Greater than 110%
Capital Replacement	Measures the replacement of assets is consistent with their consumption. <u>Capital expenditure</u> Depreciation VAGO High Risk Less than 100% Medium Risk 100% - 150% Low Risk Greater than 150%	Greater than 150%

Target ranges have been assessed with reference to the VAGO and Local Government Performance and Reporting Indicators.

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APPENDIX 2 CASHFLOW PARAMETER ASSUMPTIONS

CATEGORY	2017 LTFS	2018 LTFS	YR 3 -10 LTFS	REASON
Rate Revenue	99.5% plus prev year opening debtor balance	99.5% plus prev year opening debtor balance	99.5% plus prev year opening debtor balance	Current collection rate. Opening debt stable or improving.
Parking Enforcement	90% Plus 10% parking debt	90% Plus 10% parking debt	90% Plus 10% parking debt	Current trend based on collection for infringements. Other income from meters and permits is cash.
Other charges fees & fines (debtors)	97.5% Plus 10% opening debt	97.5% Plus 10 % opening debt	97.5% Plus 10 % opening debt	Opening debt relatively stable number.
Employee Costs	97.5%	97.5%	97.5%	Current staffing trend at near full employment.
Government Grants	100%	100%	100%	Collection history.
Capital Works Program	100% including carry forward	100% including carry forward	100% including carry forward	Historical trend.
Payments to Suppliers	100%	100%	100%	Variation in Balance Sheet holdings of payables and accruals.

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APPENDIX 3 FINANCIAL STRATEGY PRINCIPLES

The Financial Strategy Principles provide the framework for the development of Council's Long Term Financial Strategy, and annual Budget development. The principles enable consistent and informed decision-making by the Council.

The Financial Strategy Principles are outlined below:

Balanced and Sustainable Budget

Council will:

- Implement a sustainable budget and conservative financial strategy that caters for short and long-term requirements
- Achieve a Liquidity Ratio of +150% to ensure the maintenance of the required level of cash to meet operational requirements and strengthen this position over the years of the LTFS. (aspirational target)
- Maximise the level of grants and subsidies received from Victorian and Commonwealth governments to achieve a better share of government taxes for the community.
- Debt servicing and debt redemption will be maintained within the financial capacity of Council reflected in a cap on indebtedness (P&I) of less than 40%
- Direct funds from asset sales to the purchase of new, upgrade assets or re-establishment of working capital
- Trust Funds and Statutory Reserves will be fully cash backed at 30 June each year (aspirational target)

Asset management

Council will

- Provide well-maintained community assets that are fit for their purpose and provide best possible community benefit. Council will commit an appropriate level of expenditure on asset renewal and give priority to asset renewal over new assets.
- Ensure that the community has access to required community infrastructure, located to meet community needs within a framework of city wide priorities and designed with regard to current and future needs.
- Fund capital expenditure in a prudent, ethical and responsible manner. Council will seek and accept external funding contributions to a project where the acceptance of the funding will not compromise Council's principles or objectives.
- Manage, acquire and dispose of property in the best interest of the community. Council recognises the importance of efficient use of property holdings over the long term to support community wellbeing.

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APPENDIX 4 OPERATING AND CAPITAL ACTIVITIES

Income Statement	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue										
Rates - general	(113,658)	(117,711)	(121,852)	(126,083)	(130,406)	(134,823)	(139,336)	(143,948)	(148,660)	(153,476)
Grants-Capital	(1,195)	(1,207)	(1,231)	(1,256)	(1,269)	(1,281)	(1,294)	(1,307)	(1,320)	(1,333)
Grants-Operating	(12,023)	(13,225)	(14,548)	(16,003)	(16,163)	(16,324)	(16,488)	(16,652)	(16,819)	(16,987)
Contributions - cash	(4,300)	(4,300)	(4,300)	(4,300)	(4,300)	(4,300)	(4,300)	(4,300)	(4,300)	(4,300)
Statutory fees and fines	(28,534)	(28,819)	(29,395)	(29,984)	(30,484)	(30,984)	(31,484)	(31,984)	(32,484)	(32,984)
User fees	(27,064)	(27,334)	(27,881)	(28,439)	(28,939)	(29,439)	(29,939)	(30,439)	(30,939)	(31,439)
Reimbursements	(1,640)	(1,699)	(1,819)	(1,942)	(2,004)	(2,024)	(2,045)	(2,065)	(2,086)	(2,107)
Interest	(500)	(500)	(500)	(500)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other revenue	(1,207)	(1,294)	(1,345)	(1,418)	(1,432)	(1,447)	(1,461)	(1,476)	(1,490)	(1,505)
Total Revenue	(190,121)	(196,089)	(202,871)	(209,924)	(214,996)	(220,622)	(226,346)	(232,171)	(238,098)	(244,131)
Expenses										
Employee Costs	80,639	82,252	83,897	85,575	87,286	89,032	90,813	92,629	94,481	96,371
Materials & services	69,085	69,754	71,110	72,493	73,198	73,910	74,629	75,355	76,089	76,830
Bad and doubtful debts	2,010	1,980	1,950	1,920	1,980	2,040	2,100	2,160	2,220	2,280
Depreciation & amortisation	20,664	22,432	22,881	23,338	23,838	24,338	24,838	25,338	25,838	26,338
Finance costs	2,139	2,088	2,035	1,980	410	349	286	219	149	76
Total Expenses	174,537	178,506	181,873	185,305	186,712	189,669	192,665	195,701	198,777	201,895
Adjustments										
WDV of assets sold	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500
Proceeds from sales	(800)	(697)	(692)	(687)	(682)	(675)	(670)	(667)	(660)	(655)
Net gain/(loss) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	(300)	(197)	(192)	(187)	(182)	(175)	(170)	(167)	(160)	(155)
Net (Surplus)/Deficit	(15,884)	(17,780)	(21,190)	(24,806)	(28,466)	(31,128)	(33,851)	(36,637)	(39,481)	(42,391)
Net Asset Revaluation Increment	(50,339)	-	(52,204)	-	(52,726)	-	(53,253)	-	(53,786)	-
Comprehensive Result	(66,223)	(17,780)	(73,394)	(24,806)	(81,192)	(31,128)	(87,104)	(36,637)	(93,267)	(42,391)

OPERATING ACTIVITIES REVENUE

RATE REVENUE

Council no longer has control over its rate revenue as it is limited in future years by the direction imposed by the Minister for Local Government under rate capping. Current estimates are outlined below:

Table 6 Rates & Charges Estimates

LTFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Rate Revenue	104,058	107,771	111,558	115,421	119,362	123,381	127,481	131,662	135,927	140,278
Supplementary Rates	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Waste Service Charge	8,500	8,840	9,194	9,561	9,944	10,342	10,755	11,185	11,633	12,098
Total Rates & Charges	113,658	117,711	121,852	126,083	130,406	134,823	139,336	143,948	148,660	153,476

Supplementary Rates are additional rate income raised as a result of growth in new or extended properties or by change of land use under the planning scheme.

FEES AND CHARGES

Fees and Charges assist Council to offset the cost of some service delivery directly with the user rather than funding through rate income. If fees and charges income reflects the movement in Council costs and particularly wages costs this will generally mean that the user will continue to contribute the same proportion of the costs. Hence the movement of average wages has been used to predict these costs.

Statutory Charges are not within Council's control and these generally do not reflect movements in staff costs but at CPI. Some statutory charges are also not indexed e.g. statutory planning and as result ad hoc adjustments to fees occur.

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Parking revenue is a reflection of the statutory charges established by the State Government and also reflects the growing pressure on parking space within the City. Parking revenue can be influenced by many external factors such as economic conditions, clearway policy and fuel prices. A conservative approach to growth in this revenue source has been applied, recognising that it will continue to grow.

Table 7 Predicted trend in parking revenue

LTFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Parking Revenue	28,534	28,819	29,395	29,984	30,484	30,984	31,484	31,984	32,484	32,984

Note these amounts include the introduction of sensor technology in Year 1 and 2.

Council's income from parking enforcement, permits and parking meter income is significant at \$28.6 million (2016-17 budget) of total income or 16% of total revenue. Parking Revenue should improve following the implementation of the New Parking Technology during 2017-18 & 2018-19. An assumption on the increase in revenue has been built into year 1.

GOVERNMENT GRANTS - OPERATING

These grants are received from Commonwealth and State Governments in support of programs. The largest grant is the Victorian Grants Commission allocation of Commonwealth money. Council's entitlement to the Victorian Grants Commission is an "as of right" entitlement and no significant shift in allocation is expected. This grant has been frozen by the Commonwealth Government in previous years and has not been subject to CPI adjustment. This changes from 2017-18. Any increase will relate to changes in Yarra's population.

INTEREST INCOME

Interest income is based on predicted cash flow, cash balances and CPI.

OPERATING ACTIVITIES EXPENSES**EMPLOYEE COSTS**

Employee benefits include all labour related expenditure including agency staff. Costs here are governed by Council's Enterprise Bargaining Agreement that is due for negotiation now and will influence the 2017-18 financial year (Year 1 of the LTFS). From years 2-10 an estimate has been provided that is based on predicted average weekly earnings increases. Any restructuring of the workforce will need to be managed within the existing labour allocations with restructuring costs to be absorbed plus an allowance is also made for movement in banding entitlements.

No allowance has been made for the impact of expected population and dwelling growth on the labour budget.

No allowance has been made for further contributions to the Local Government Defined Benefits Scheme (Vision Super).

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Contract costs generally increase in excess of CPI inflation reflecting the growth in average weekly wages and material costs.

MATERIALS AND SERVICES

These relate to a range of goods and services including utilities, insurance, consultants, legal fees, telecommunications and maintenance.

A reduction of \$500,000 in materials and services as an efficiency dividend is included in 2017-18 and extended through years 2-10.

Legal fees are a significant component of Material and Services and these costs are often outside Council's control. Increased development pressure is also generating increases in legal costs associated with VCAT appeals.

Council's contribution to community through its annual and service grants is a large proportion of this cost (Total community grants budget in 2017-18 is \$1.9 million plus other contributions of \$1.46 million).

The State Government also imposes a Waste Levy on Council to encourage enhanced environmental practice across the State and historically has been increasing at around 10% per annum.

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is forecast to increase by 2% per annum from year 2.

DOUBTFUL DEBTS

Doubtful debts are forecast to decrease across the LTFS.

GAIN/LOSS ON SALE OF ASSETS

An amount of \$0.3 million has been allowed for loss on sale of assets in 2017-18, reducing to \$0.2 million in 2018-19. This remains stable for the remainder of the LTFS.

CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM**Table 8 Capital Works Program**

Capital Works	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Renewal	24,605	25,814	25,559	23,666	25,177	26,832	27,508	29,675	30,003	30,619
Upgrade	539	6,224	7,907	10,865	4,795	3,428	1,990	2,120	2,820	1,825
New	4,896	820	200	1,461	8,028	8,500	10,037	8,531	8,309	9,511
Carry-forwards	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	33,040	32,858	33,666	35,992	38,000	38,760	39,535	40,326	41,132	41,955

These numbers also incorporate an update to the definition used for upgrade. Renewal of assets now includes improvements that bring existing assets to today's equivalent capacity or performance capability. For example replacement of a kitchen to today's standard. Upgrade of an asset is restricted to increase in asset capacity. Accordingly the mix of New, Upgrade and Renewal categories in each year has changed since the program was last presented to Council. This change assists to provide a more accurate representation of renewal expenditure which is an important financial indicator.

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A review of classification of expenditure between Operating and Capital is also proposed. Currently a large transfer from Capital to Operating occurs as part of the end of year accounting adjustment and review of budget definitions will reduce this variance and better reflect the division of expenditure.

ASSET RENEWAL CAPITAL WORKS

Asset renewal has been incorporated with the LTFS in accordance with the adopted asset management plans. These include:

- Roads (including drainage)
- Buildings
- Open Space 2008 and under review
- Drainage to be separated and under review

Asset renewal expenditure has been indexed for CPI.

Information Technology requirements are based on the Information Systems Strategy. This Strategy is due for renewal in 2017.

Renewal expenditure has been reduced to reflect the move to leasing of motor vehicles.

In general Council's asset renewal requirements are being met however a renewal gap remains.

NEW AND UPGRADE CAPITAL WORKS

The New and Upgrade Capital Works program has been based on assessments undertaken for the 2017-18 Budget preparation.

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APPENDIX 5 BALANCE SHEET ACTIVITIES

Balance Sheet	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Current Assets										
Cash and cash equivalents	26,747	26,124	28,081	31,293	39,770	55,041	72,779	93,061	115,966	141,577
Trade and other receivables	14,335	15,023	15,802	16,675	17,545	18,413	19,279	20,143	21,006	21,868
Accrued income	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280
Prepayments	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,163
Inventories	130	130	130	130	130	130	130	130	130	130
Non Current assets classified as held for sale	696	696	696	696	696	696	696	696	696	696
Total Current Assets	43,350	43,416	46,152	50,237	59,584	75,723	94,327	115,473	139,241	165,714
Non-Current Assets										
Trade and other receivables	255	255	255	255	255	255	255	255	255	255
Property, plant and equipment, infrastructure	1,748,914	1,758,841	1,821,329.5	1,833,484	1,899,872	1,913,794	1,981,244	1,995,732	2,064,312	2,079,429
Total Non-Current Assets	1,749,169	1,759,096	1,821,585	1,833,739	1,900,127	1,914,049	1,981,499	1,995,987	2,064,567	2,079,684
Total Assets	1,792,519	1,802,512	1,867,737	1,883,976	1,959,711	1,989,772	2,075,826	2,111,460	2,203,808	2,245,398
Current Liabilities										
Trade and other payables	17,311	17,311	17,311	17,311	17,311	17,311	17,311	17,311	17,311	17,311
Trust funds and deposits	6,195	6,195	6,195	6,195	6,195	6,195	6,195	6,195	6,195	6,195
Income in advance	223	223	223	223	223	223	223	223	223	223
Provisions	15,215	15,409	15,629	15,874	16,130	16,432	16,815	17,314	17,965	18,806
Interest bearing loans and borrowings	1,142	1,195	1,250	5,713	1,369	1,433	1,500	1,569	1,642	0
Total Current Liabilities	40,086	40,333	40,608	45,316	41,228	41,594	42,044	42,612	43,336	42,535
Non-Current Liabilities										
Provisions	1,416	1,416	1,416	1,416	1,416	1,416	1,416	1,416	1,416	1,416
Other Liab	585	585	585	585	585	585	585	585	585	585
Interest bearing loans and borrowings	37,267	29,233	20,788	7,514	6,144	4,711	3,212	1,642	0	0
Total Non-Current Liabilities	39,268	31,234	22,789	9,515	8,145	6,712	5,213	3,643	2,001	2,001
Total Liabilities	79,354	71,566	63,397	54,831	49,374	48,306	47,256	46,256	45,337	44,536
Net Assets	1,713,165	1,730,946	1,804,339	1,829,145	1,910,337	1,941,466	2,028,569	2,065,204	2,158,471	2,200,862
Equity										
Accumulated surplus	607,014	624,794	645,984	670,790	699,256	730,384	764,235	800,872	840,353	882,744
Reserves	1,106,152	1,106,152	1,158,356	1,158,356	1,211,082	1,211,082	1,264,335	1,264,335	1,318,121	1,318,121
Total Equity	1,713,166	1,730,946	1,804,340	1,829,146	1,910,338	1,941,466	2,028,570	2,065,207	2,158,474	2,200,865

BALANCE SHEET ASSETS

RECEIVABLES

Receivables (net) are forecast to be \$14.3 million in 2017-18. This is anticipated to increase by 5% on average each year across the LTFS.

INVENTORY, ACCRUED INCOME, REPAYMENTS AND ASSETS HELD FOR SALE

The remaining current asset items have been left at forecast 2016-17 levels.

PROPERTY, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, infrastructure and plant and equipment is based on forecasts for additions and disposals net of depreciation. An escalation factor of 5.0% has been allowed every two years from 2017-18 for the asset revaluation increment.

INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATES, OTHER RECEIVABLES AND FINANCIAL ASSETS

The remaining non-current asset items have been left at forecast 2016-17 levels.

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BALANCE SHEET LIABILITIES

PAYABLES

Payables are forecast to be \$17.3 million in 2017-18 and remaining stable across the LTFS.

TRUST FUNDS

Trust funds are forecast to be \$6.2 million in 2017-18 and remaining stable across the LTFS.

EMPLOYEE PROVISIONS (CURRENT AND NON-CURRENT)

Employee provisions are forecast to be \$16.6 million in 2017-18 increasing to \$20.2 million over the 10 year period.

INTEREST BEARING LOANS AND BORROWINGS

Loans are based on repayment schedules for two loans of \$32.5 million and \$13.5 million both repayable within the life of this LTFS.

OPEN SPACE RESERVE

The open space reserve is forecast to be fully acquitted during the 2017-18 financial year. This will continue through the 10 year period.

Attachment 4 - Submissions Summary

Count of Issue Row Labels	Column Labels			
	Budget	Council Plan	Waste Service Charge	Grand Total
Arts	6	1		7
Opposition to Arts funding	1	1		2
Request for funding to support a music research project/census	1			1
Request to continue to support artists to practise in Yarra	1			1
Request to fund acquisition of new artwork	1			1
Request to increase funding for Leaps and Bounds	1			1
Support for expanding funding for arts initiatives	1			1
Child care		2		2
Request to continue to fund childcare		2		2
Compliance issues		9		9
Comment regarding noisy plant at Fitzroy Swimming Pool		1		1
Request to increase compliance activity on a range of issues		4		4
Request to increase compliance activity on noise related issues		1		1
Request to keep trees from hanging over fences		1		1
Request to review level of footpath trading in Brunswick Street		1		1
Request to stop cars parking over driveways		1		1
Council expenditure	13			13
Comment regarding rates	1			1
Queries regarding Council expenditure	1			1
Support for Council expenditure cuts	11			11
Economic Development	1	3		4
Request for additional support for new businesses		1		1
Request to fund Bridge Road improvements	1			1
Support for promoting benefits of doing business locally but at low/no additional cost		1		1
Support to improve vibrancy of retail strips and encourage small businesses to invest		1		1
Environmental sustainability		3		3
Support for environmentally sustainable initiatives		3		3
Gambling	12			12
Request for Yarra to become a member of the Leadership Group of Councils with the Alliance for Gambling Reform	12			12
Graffiti	3			3
Request to fund graffiti removal	3			3
Health and Wellbeing	1	4		5
Opposition to a Medically Supervised Injecting Facility		1		1
Request for program funding	1			1
Request to strengthen indicators under the Health and Wellbeing objective in the Council Plan		1		1
Support for improved mental health services		1		1
Support for women's health and wellbeing		1		1
Heritage	1	6		7
Request for Council to consider maximum height limits		1		1
Request that Heritage related strategies and indicators be strengthened		2		2
Request to fund the Heritage Officer position	1			1
Support to protect heritage and local neighbourhood character		3		3

Attachment 4 - Submissions Summary

Count of Issue	Column Labels			
Row Labels	Budget	Council Plan	Waste Service Charge	Grand Total
Leisure Services	3	1		4
Comment regarding the quality and standard of Leisure facilities		1		1
Definition of "Family" membership	1			1
Request to fund Hydrotherapy Pool	2			2
Library Services	1	2		3
Request to continue funding free library activities and events	1			1
Request to increase the profile of libraries in the Council Plan		1		1
Support for Libraries		1		1
Neighbourhood Houses	16	1		17
Request to continue to fund Holden Street Neighbourhood House	9			9
Request to continue to fund Neighbourhood Houses	7	1		8
Open Space	10	5		15
Opposition to investigating feasibility of replacing roads and paved surfaces with permeable surfaces		1		1
Opposition to Rushall Reserve bicycle path	5			5
Opposition to the playground in Darling Gardens		1		1
Request to fund playground upgrade in Curtain Square	1			1
Request to fund works at Citizens Park	1			1
Request to fund works on Golden Bicentennial Park in Burnley	1			1
Request to increase open space with developer contributions		1		1
Support for funding new parks	1			1
Support for new Charles/Mollison Park	1			1
Support for the Atherton Gardens Estate oval		1		1
Support for Urban Wildlife Management Plan		1		1
Planning and Development	3	7		10
Comment regarding the impact of increased development		1		1
Opposition to Queens Parade development	1			1
Request for Council to consider maximum height limits		1		1
Request for Place Making initiatives		1		1
Request to fund an independent public enquiry into planning decisions	1			1
Request to improve management of growth and development	1	1		2
Request to increase streetscape master planning		1		1
Request to urgently review zoning		1		1
Support to protect heritage and local neighbourhood character		1		1
Public Housing	1	3		4
Request to fund continued support for public housing advocacy		3		3
Request to fund Peel Street Public Housing	1			1
Sporting Facilities	83			83
Request to fund redevelopment of Peterson Oval Cricket Pitches	46			46
Request to fund redevelopment of the Carlton Bocce Court as a Community Garden	33			33
Request to fund Roller Hockey facilities	1			1
Request to fund upgrade at Alphington Bowls Club	1			1
Request to fund works at Ivanhoe Northcote Canoe Club	1			1

Attachment 4 - Submissions Summary

Count of Issue Row Labels	Column Labels			
	Budget	Council Plan	Waste Service Charge	Grand Total
Comment supporting funding works on Jack Dyer Pavilion and facilities	1			1
Sustainable Transport	14	4		18
Comment supporting Council's sustainable transport agenda		1		1
Request that cyclists are charged a registration fee	1			1
Request to fund improved lighting along the Capital City Trail bike path	1			1
Request to increase funding for sustainable transport alternatives	12	2		14
Support for improved public transport		1		1
Traffic Management	52	2		54
Query regarding road works in McIlwraith and Richardson Streets		1		1
Request to fund increased traffic management Johnston Street/Trenerry Crescent	1			1
Request to fund LAPMS work in Abbotsford (LAPM 13)	2			2
Request to fund LAPMS work in Abbotsford (LAPM 13) and North Fitzroy	2			2
Request to fund LAPMS work in Brunswick Street North	2			2
Request to fund LAPMS work in Clifton Hill and North Fitzroy	1			1
Request to fund LAPMS work in Cremorne	1			1
Request to fund LAPMS work in Princes Hill (LAPM 1)	19			19
Request to fund LAPMS work in Scotchmer (LAPM 3)	21			21
Request to fund LAPMS work to encourage walking and cycling	1			1
Request to fund pedestrian safety Abbotsford Primary School	1			1
Request to fund pedestrian safety at Princes Hill School	1			1
Request to improve road and tranist safety around schools		1		1
Urban Design	1	1		2
Request to fund a plaza/piazza in Clifton Hill		1		1
Request to fund additional seating in Clifton Hill	1			1
Various	6	15		21
Comment regarding Councillors	1			1
Comment regarding service models		1		1
Comment regarding street trees		2		2
Comments on Council Plan aged services		1		1
Opposition to allocating funding to broadcasting Council meetings		1		1
Opposition to implementing an Innovation Hub		1		1
Query regarding the transparency of staff bonuses	1			1
Request from Yarra Youth Advisory Committee to strengthen Youth initiatives in the Council Plan		1		1
Request to fund additional community spaces in Clifton Hill		1		1
Request to fund Road Works on Parkville Street	1			1
Request to improve liquor licencing controls		1		1
Request to improve neighbourhood safety		1		1
Request to increase support for home and garden maintenance	1			1
Request to investigate feasibility of commemorative plaques on park benches	1			1
Support for funding Cubbies	1			1
Support for joint use agreements for shared use community facilities		1		1
Support for objectives in the Council Plan		3		3

Attachment 4 - Submissions Summary

Count of Issue Row Labels	Column Labels			
	Budget	Council Plan	Waste Service Charge	Grand Total
Support to increase aged care groups		1		1
Waste Charge	1		798	799
No position stated			1	1
Opposition to the Waste Charge	1		384	385
Opposition to the Waste Charge and support for Council expenditure cuts/alternate revenue raising			343	343
Query regarding application of the Waste Charge			29	29
Support for the Waste Charge			41	41
Waste Services	3			3
Request to fund additional waste management and infrastructure in Alexandra Parade	1			1
Request to fund improved Green Waste services	1			1
Request to fund waste minimisation project	1			1
(blank)				
(blank)				
Consultation and Engagement	5	3		8
Comment regarding distribution of Yarra News	3			3
Comment that the online submission process should only be open to rate payers	1			1
Request for innovative engagement processes		1		1
Request for regular ward meetings		1		1
Request for student to look at Council's engagement activities	1			1
Comment regarding cultural diversity in engagement processes.		1		1
Social connectedness and inclusion	1	6		7
Opposition to developing a Council social justice/human rights charter		1		1
Opposition to developing a program of events in partnership with Traditional Owners		1		1
Opposition to expanding funding to community led activities and events		1		1
Request to increase opportunities for socially isolated groups to meet	1			1
Support for community volunteering		1		1
Support for indigenous culture, art and plants		1		1
Request to increase focus on access for all abilities		1		1
Grand Total	237	78	798	1113

Attachment 5 - Alternate Budget - No Waste Service Charge included

Alternate Budget: No Waste Service Charge Included – Financial Statements, and Rate Information

Comprehensive Income Statement

For the four years ending 30 June 2021

	Forecast	Budget	Strategic Resource Plan		
	Actual		Projections		
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Income					
Rates and charges	101,989	105,158	108,871	112,658	116,521
Statutory fees and fines	27,393	28,534	28,819	29,395	29,984
User fees	26,830	27,064	27,334	27,881	28,439
Reimbursements	1,844	1,640	1,699	1,819	1,942
Grants - Operating	10,930	12,023	13,225	14,548	16,003
Grants - Capital	3,036	1,195	1,207	1,231	1,256
Contributions - monetary	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300
Net gain/(loss) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	705	300	197	192	187
Other income	1,400	1,207	1,294	1,345	1,418
Total income	178,427	181,421	186,946	193,369	200,050
Expenses					
Employee costs	77,873	80,639	82,252	83,897	85,575
Materials and services	67,391	67,085	67,754	69,110	70,493
Bad and doubtful debts	2,040	2,010	1,980	1,950	1,920
Depreciation and amortisation	20,230	20,664	22,432	22,881	23,338
Borrowing costs	1,511	2,139	2,088	2,035	1,980
Total expenses	169,045	172,537	176,506	179,873	183,305
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	9,382	8,884	10,440	13,496	16,744
Other comprehensive income					
Items that will not be reclassified to surplus or deficit in future periods					
Net asset revaluation increment/(decrement)	-	50,339	-	52,204	-
Total comprehensive result	9,382	59,223	10,440	65,700	16,744

Attachment 5 - Alternate Budget - No Waste Service Charge included

Alternate Budget: No Waste Service Charge Included – Financial Statements, and Rate Information

Balance Sheet

For the four years ending 30 June 2021

	Forecast	Budget	Strategic Resource Plan		
	Actual		Projections		
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Assets					
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	30,877	26,247	25,124	26,581	29,292
Trade and other receivables	14,734	15,778	16,467	17,246	18,120
Inventories	130	130	130	130	130
Non-current assets classified as held for sale	696	696	696	696	696
Total current assets	46,437	42,851	42,417	44,653	48,238
Non-current assets					
Trade and other receivables	255	255	255	255	255
Property, infrastructure, plant & equipment	1,686,699	1,748,914	1,758,841	1,821,330	1,833,484
Total non-current assets	1,686,954	1,749,169	1,759,096	1,821,585	1,833,739
Total assets	1,733,391	1,792,020	1,801,513	1,866,238	1,881,977
Liabilities					
Current liabilities					
Trade and other payables	17,534	17,534	17,534	17,534	17,534
Trust funds and deposits	6,195	6,195	6,195	6,195	6,195
Provisions	14,718	15,215	15,409	15,629	15,874
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	1,091	1,142	1,195	1,250	1,308
Total current liabilities	39,538	40,086	40,333	40,608	40,911
Non-current liabilities					
Provisions	1,416	1,416	1,416	1,416	1,416
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	44,909	43,767	42,573	41,323	40,015
Other Liabilities	585	585	585	585	585
Total non-current liabilities	46,910	45,768	44,574	43,324	42,016
Total liabilities	86,448	85,854	84,907	83,932	82,927
Net assets	1,646,943	1,706,166	1,716,606	1,782,306	1,799,050
Equity					
Accumulated surplus	591,130	600,014	610,454	623,950	640,694
Reserves	1,055,813	1,106,152	1,106,152	1,158,356	1,158,356
Total equity	1,646,943	1,706,166	1,716,606	1,782,306	1,799,050

Attachment 5 - Alternate Budget - No Waste Service Charge included

Alternate Budget: No Waste Service Charge Included – Financial Statements, and Rate Information

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the four years ending 30 June 2021

	Total \$'000	Accumulated Surplus \$'000	Revaluation Reserve \$'000	Other Reserves \$'000
2016-2017 Forecast				
Balance at beginning of the financial year	1,637,561	581,748	1,035,634	20,179
Surplus-(deficit) for the year	9,382	9,382	-	-
Net asset revaluation increment-(decrement)	-	-	-	-
Transfer to other reserves	-	(4,000)	-	4,000
Transfer from other reserves	-	4,000	-	(4,000)
Balance at end of the financial year	1,646,943	591,130	1,035,634	20,179
2017-2018 Budget				
Balance at beginning of the financial year	1,646,943	591,130	1,035,634	20,179
Surplus-(deficit) for the year	8,884	8,884	-	-
Net asset revaluation increment-(decrement)	50,339	-	50,339	-
Transfer to other reserves	-	(4,000)	-	4,000
Transfer from other reserves	-	4,000	-	(4,000)
Balance at end of the financial year	1,706,166	600,014	1,085,973	20,179
2018-2019 Strategic Resource Plan				
Balance at beginning of the financial year	1,706,166	600,014	1,085,973	20,179
Surplus-(deficit) for the year	10,440	10,440	-	-
Net asset revaluation increment-(decrement)	-	-	-	-
Transfer to other reserves	-	(4,000)	-	4,000
Transfer from other reserves	-	4,000	-	(4,000)
Balance at end of the financial year	1,716,606	610,454	1,085,973	20,179
2019-2020 Strategic Resource Plan				
Balance at beginning of the financial year	1,716,606	610,454	1,085,973	20,179
Surplus-(deficit) for the year	13,496	13,496	-	-
Net asset revaluation increment-(decrement)	52,204	-	52,204	-
Transfer to other reserves	-	(4,000)	-	4,000
Transfer from other reserves	-	4,000	-	(4,000)
Balance at end of the financial year	1,782,306	623,950	1,138,177	20,179
2020-2021 Strategic Resource Plan				
Balance at beginning of the financial year	1,782,306	623,950	1,138,177	20,179
Surplus-(deficit) for the year	16,744	16,744	-	-
Net asset revaluation increment-(decrement)	-	-	-	-
Transfer to other reserves	-	(4,000)	-	4,000
Transfer from other reserves	-	4,000	-	(4,000)
Balance at end of the financial year	1,799,050	640,694	1,138,177	20,179

Attachment 5 - Alternate Budget - No Waste Service Charge included

Alternate Budget: No Waste Service Charge Included – Financial Statements, and Rate Information

Statement of Cash Flows

For the four years ending 30 June 2021

	Forecast Actual	Budget	Strategic Resource Plan Projections		
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
	Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)
Cash flows from operating activities					
Rates and charges	101,479	104,208	108,326	112,095	115,938
Statutory fees and fines	26,023	27,107	27,378	27,926	28,484
User fees	26,159	26,387	26,651	27,184	27,728
Grants - operating	10,930	12,023	13,225	14,548	16,003
Grants - capital	3,036	1,195	1,207	1,231	1,256
Contributions - monetary	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300
Reimbursements	1,844	1,640	1,699	1,819	1,942
Interest received	469	480	-	-	-
Other receipts	931	727	1,294	1,345	1,418
Net GST refund - payment	-	-	-	-	-
Employee costs	(75,926)	(80,142)	(82,058)	(83,677)	(85,330)
Materials and services	(67,391)	(67,085)	(67,754)	(69,110)	(70,493)
Net cash provided by-(used in) operating activities	31,854	30,840	34,268	37,661	41,246
Cash flows from investing activities					
Payments for property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	(36,715)	(33,040)	(32,858)	(33,666)	(35,992)
Proceeds from sale of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	1,205	800	697	692	687
Net cash provided by- (used in) investing activities	(35,510)	(32,240)	(32,161)	(32,974)	(35,305)
Cash flows from financing activities					
Finance costs	(1,511)	(2,139)	(2,088)	(2,035)	(1,980)
Proceeds from borrowings	13,500	-	-	-	-
Repayment of borrowings	-	(1,091)	(1,142)	(1,195)	(1,250)
Net cash provided by-(used in) financing activities	11,989	(3,230)	(3,230)	(3,230)	(3,230)
Net increase-(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents	8,333	(4,630)	(1,123)	1,457	2,711
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	22,544	30,877	26,247	25,124	26,581
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	30,877	26,247	25,124	26,581	29,292

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Statement of Capital Works

For the four years ending 30 June 2021

	Forecast	Budget	Strategic Resource Plan		
	Actual		Projections		
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Property					
Buildings	17,806	6,824	9,438	11,228	14,343
Total buildings	17,806	6,824	9,438	11,228	14,343
Total property	17,806	6,824	9,438	11,228	14,343
Plant and equipment					
Plant, machinery and equipment	2,178	2,457	2,144	2,278	2,652
Computers and telecommunications	3,678	3,207	3,057	1,757	992
Total plant and equipment	5,856	5,664	5,201	4,035	3,644
Infrastructure					
Roads	7,564	8,396	8,456	8,443	8,858
Bridges	50	-	210	200	80
Lanes	891	842	973	1,014	1,050
Transport	2,792	872	2,129	892	1,005
Waste management	60	60	60	75	70
Parks, open space and streetscapes	7,670	7,841	3,751	4,152	4,278
Street Furniture	75	330	330	330	330
Retail Strips	430	730	2,310	3,297	2,334
Priority Projects	-	506			
Provisional Carry Forwards	-	975	-	-	-
Total infrastructure	19,532	20,552	18,219	18,403	18,005
Total capital works expenditure	43,194	33,040	32,858	33,666	35,992
Represented by:					
New asset expenditure	15,419	6,666	820	200	1,461
Asset renewal expenditure	25,002	25,835	25,814	25,559	23,666
Asset expansion expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Asset upgrade expenditure	2,773	539	6,224	7,907	10,865
Total capital works expenditure	43,194	33,040	32,858	33,666	35,992

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Statement of Human Resources

For the four years ending 30 June 2021

	Forecast	Budget	Strategic Resource Plan		
	Actual		Projections		
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Staff expenditure					
Employee costs - operating	76,587	79,528	81,119	82,741	84,396
Employee costs - capital	1,286	1,111	1,133	1,156	1,179
Total staff expenditure	77,873	80,639	82,252	83,897	85,575
	EFT	EFT	EFT	EFT	EFT
Staff numbers					
Employees	839.0	839.0	839.0	839.0	839.0
Total staff numbers	839.0	839.0	839.0	839.0	839.0

A summary of human resources expenditure categorised according to the organisational structure of Council is included below. The table is reflective of Council's structure as at the third quarter of the 2016-17 financial year.

Department	Budget 2017-18 \$'000	Comprises	
		Permanent	Permanent
		Full Time \$'000	Part Time \$'000
CEO Division	8,084	6,438	1,646
Corporate, Business & Financial Services	20,006	15,355	4,651
Community Wellbeing	22,212	14,970	7,242
City Works & Assets	12,523	11,934	589
Planning & Placemaking	10,316	8,766	1,550
Total permanent staff expenditure	73,141	57,463	15,678
Casuals and other expenditure	6,387		
Capitalised labour costs	1,111		
Total expenditure	80,639		

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

Department	Budget FTE	Comprises	
		Permanent	Permanent
		Full Time	Part Time
CEO Division	74.0	56.0	18.0
Corporate, Business & Financial Services	214.0	142.0	72.0
Community Wellbeing	252.0	166.0	86.0
City Works & Assets	123.0	117.0	6.0
Planning & Placemaking	93.0	79.0	14.0
Total	756.0	560.0	196.0
Casuals and other	72.0		
Capitalised labour costs	11.0		
Total staff	839.0		

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Rates and charges

In developing the Strategic Resource Plan (referred to in Section 14.), rates and charges were identified as an important source of revenue, accounting for 58% of the total revenue received by Council annually. Planning for future rate increases has therefore been an important component of the Strategic Resource Planning process. The State Government have introduced the *Fair Go Rates System (FGRS)* which sets out the maximum amount councils may increase rates in a year. For 2017-18 the FGRS cap has been set at 2.0%. There is no indication from the State Government as to what the cap will be in future years. This makes financial planning for the medium to long term very difficult for Council. The cap applies to both general rates and municipal charges and is calculated on the basis of Council's average rates and charges. The City of Yarra does not have a municipal charge.

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 Yarra community.

In order to achieve these objectives while maintaining service levels and a strong capital expenditure program, the average general rate will increase by 2.0% in line with the rate cap. This will raise total rates and charges for 2017-18 of \$105.16 million, including \$1.1 million generated from supplementary rates.

7.1 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	2016-17	2017-18	Change
	cents/\$CIV	cents/\$CIV	
General rates	0.040109	0.040911	2.0%

7.2 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 (excluding the annualised supplementary rates from 2016-17)

Type or class of land	2016-17	2017-18	Change
	\$'000	\$'000	
Residential	72,790	75,277	3.4%
Commercial	21,473	22,206	3.4%
Industrial	6,357	6,574	3.4%
Total amount to be raised by general rates	100,620	104,057	3.4%

7.3 The estimated total amount to be raised by general rates (including annualised supplementary rates from 2016-17)

Type or class of land	2016-17	2017-18	Change
	\$'000	\$'000	
Residential	74,557	75,277	1.0%
Commercial	20,938	22,206	6.0%
Industrial	6,523	6,574	0.8%
Total amount to be raised by general rates	102,018	104,057	2.0%

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- 7.4 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	2016-17	2017-18	Change
	Number	Number	
Residential	43,807	45,528	3.9%
Commercial	6,232	6,377	2.3%
Industrial	1,399	1,456	4.0%
Total number of assessments	51,438	53,361	3.7%

- 7.5 The basis of valuation to be used is the Net Annual Value (NAV)

- 7.6 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	2016-17	2017-18	Change
	\$'000	\$'000	
Residential	1,814,810	1,858,856	2.4%
Commercial	535,359	522,007	-2.5%
Industrial	158,500	162,638	2.6%
Total value of land	2,508,669	2,543,501	1.4%

- 7.7 There will be no municipal charge in 2017-18 (2016-17 – Nil).

- 7.8 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
	2016-17	2017-18	
	\$	\$	
Non Rateable Garbage Charge	348.00	365.00	5%
Bridge Road Charge 100	132.00	137.00	4%
Bridge Road Charge 150	203.00	211.00	4%
Bridge Road Charge 200	337.00	350.00	4%

* Plus GST if applicable

- 7.9 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	2016-17	2017-18	Change
	\$	\$	
Non Rateable Garbage Charge	56,724	59,495	5%
Bridge Road Charge 100	8,712	9,179	5%
Bridge Road Charge 150	11,977	12,449	4%
Bridge Road Charge 200	155,020	160,300	3%
Total	232,433	241,423	

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7.10 The estimated total amount to be raised by all rates and charges (including annualised supplementary rates) compared with the previous financial year

	2016-17 \$'000	2017-18 \$'000	Change
General rates	100,621	104,058	3%
Supplementary Rates	1,397	1,100	-21%
General Rates and Charges	102,018	105,158	
Bridge Road Charge 100	9	9	5%
Bridge Road Charge 150	12	12	4%
Bridge Road Charge 200	155	160	3%
Non Rateable Garbage Charge	57	59	5%
Special Rates and Charges	233	240	
Total Rates and Charges	102,251	105,398	

7.11 Council will also apply the Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963 in relation to the rating of certain lands used for cultural recreational sporting and similar purposes.

7.12 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 annualisation of supplementary valuations (2017-18: estimated \$1,600,000 and 2016-17: \$1,343,000);
- 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.

7.13 Fair Go Rates System Compliance

Yarra City Council is fully compliant with the State Government's Fair Go Rates System.

Base Average Rates (2016-17)	\$ 1,911.83
Maximum Rate Increase (set by the State Government)	2.00%
Capped Average Rate (2017-18)	\$ 1,950.07
Maximum General Rates and Municipal Charges Revenue	\$ 104,058,000
Budgeted General Rates and Municipal Charges Revenue	\$ 104,058,000

11.3 Planning Fees for Solar Panel Applications

Trim Record Number: D17/63034

Responsible Officer: Assistant Director Planning and Place Making

Purpose

1. At the Council meeting on 20 December 2016 Council resolved to seek a report back on “possible mechanisms for longer-term mitigation of the planning permit fees associated with the installation of solar panels on residential properties”.
2. This report is the Council officer response to that resolution.

Background

Planning Permit Application History

3. Since the beginning of 2016, Council has recorded twelve planning permit applications that were solely for solar panels (solar panels are included as part of many other applications, however, the cost of these applications are dictated by the remainder of the works, not the solar panels themselves).

Costs

4. The cost of works indicated on the twelve applications varies between \$3,000 and \$13,000, depending on the scale of the project. The current planning application fee for the installation of solar panels on a residential property is \$188.20 (set by the State Government). The application fee therefore tends to equate to 1.47 - 6.27% of the cost of installing solar panels on a residential property.
5. Residential solar panels generally have a payback time of approximately 5 years (that is, the upfront cost is recouped within 5 years). The addition of the planning permit application fee would add approximately 2 - 3 months to that payback time.

Council Practice

6. Council's current practice is that planning and building fees are waived only for not-for-profit organisations upon receipt of their planning application with sufficient proof that they are registered as a not-for-profit included.
7. Any other waiver of fees occurs with the discretion of the Manager or Coordinator on presentation of extenuating circumstances, though this is rare.

External Consultation

8. No external consultation undertaken.

Internal Consultation (One Yarra)

9. Internal liaison with Council's ESD officer and senior planning officers was undertaken to determine current practice and to understand the cost and payback times for solar panel systems.

Financial Implications

10. The current application fee only partly covers the cost of the management and assessment of an application for solar panels. The lowering or removal of the fee would mean the Council would bear more or all of that cost.

Economic Implications

11. Nil

Sustainability Implications

12. Council supports sustainable design, including the installation of solar panels in appropriate locations.

Social Implications

13. Nil

Human Rights Implications

14. Nil

Communications with CALD Communities Implications

15. Nil

Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

16. It is worth noting that the planning scheme provides for the 'VicSmart' process which generally captures the installation of solar panels. While this does not alter the application fee, it does mean that processing times are substantially shorter (10 working days).

Legal Implications

17. Nil

Conclusion

18. Solar panels are a positive environmental product, but they are just one of a range of environmentally positive features that can be incorporated into designs or retrofitted to buildings. All these environmental features also bring economic positives that will comfortably offset the relatively small cost of the planning application fee (in terms of solar panels, this equates to 2-3 months of operation).
19. Any reduction or removal of fees for solar panels is inequitable to other forms of environmentally sustainable design features.
20. The planning application fee is a small component of the installation of solar panels, and one which will ultimately be paid off in a short time by the cost benefits of the panels.
21. Planning fees are set by the State Government and are equitable across all municipalities. For solar panels, it is considered that the application fee is fair and reasonable.

Additional Information

Planning Process Summary

22. A planning permit is not required for every solar panel installation. Controls vary from site to site and will dictate whether a permit is required.
23. A planning application for solar panels requires the submission of a completed application form, a copy of the title of the land and floor and elevation plans showing the location of the solar panels. Further information may be requested by officers when the information submitted is inadequate or incorrect.
24. Once officers have a complete and accurate application, applications solely for solar panels are processed within 10 working days (the VicSmart processing timeframe). This timeframe has been achieved by officers on 100% of occasions since the introduction of the VicSmart process.

Fee Impact

25. Discussions with YEF officers have indicated that during their Richmond solar panel project, conducted last year, up to 100 residents discontinued their participation due to the introduction of the new fee, or the inconvenience in obtaining a permit.

Ability to waive fee

26. Council could consider waiving the fee for applications that are only for solar panel installations. The financial impact of this could be significant. If every withdrawn participant in the YEF program now applied, this would amount to an \$18,820 income loss. YEF officers have indicated that they would consider expanding the program to other suburbs of Yarra. If this proceeds, and a permit fee waiver policy is introduced, it is estimated that a permit fee waiver could result in a loss of \$100,000 in income. This income loss could be reduced if a project value ceiling is adopted as part of the policy (for example, the fee waiver could apply only when the project value is less than \$5,000).

Other ESD features that may require planning permission

27. Some examples of ESD improvements that may be retrofitted to existing buildings are:

- (a) Solar hot water systems;
- (b) water tanks, greywater treatment equipment or rainwater gardens;
- (c) altering surface treatments to add permeability;
- (d) replacement of windows (for example to be replaced by double glazed windows or to allow for cross ventilation);
- (e) adding window shading;
- (f) updating services to those with improved ESD performance;
- (g) the addition of skylights or new windows to improve light access;
- (h) the replacement of roofing material to improve thermal performance;
- (i) adding green walls or roofs;
- (j) adding bicycle parking facilities; and
- (k) extensions that re-orient or relocate key internal spaces.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council note the officer report in relation to the statutory planning fees for solar panels.
- 2. That Council note that solar panels are only one form of environmentally sustainable design elements that can be used to improve the sustainability of buildings.
- 3. That in this regard, Council resolve to not waive or lower the fee for solar panels as that would create an inconsistency with other development applications that include other forms of Environmentally Sustainable Design elements.

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Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

11.4 Urban Agriculture Committee Membership

Trim Record Number: D17/57455

Responsible Officer: Assistant Director Planning and Place Making

Purpose

1. For Council to appoint community representatives to the Urban Agriculture Committee.

Background

2. In 2009, Council established an Urban Agriculture Advisory Committee comprised of six local residents with an interest in community gardening, Councillor Sam Gaylard and Council officers. The committee was called the Community Gardens Advisory Committee.
3. The committee's main role was to provide input into the development of urban agriculture guidelines. Upon completion of their role the committee was disbanded after Council formally adopted the guidelines in June 2011.
4. In August 2011 Council resolved to re-establish a community-led Urban Agriculture Advisory Committee. The newly formed committee was asked to monitor community gardening activities in Yarra and report back on the application and effectiveness of the guidelines.
5. The Urban Agriculture Advisory Committee serves in an advisory capacity in relationship to Council. While it is not a decision-making body on Council matters, its recommendations are considered by Councillors when addressing urban agriculture or related matters.
6. The objectives of the Yarra Urban Agriculture Advisory Committee are:
 - (a) To advise and inform Council of opportunities for urban agriculture initiatives in the City of Yarra;
 - (b) To improve the awareness of urban agriculture;
 - (c) To share information and develop networks among residents interested in urban agriculture; and
 - (d) To provide advice to Council on urban agriculture policies and strategic plans.
7. A public EOI process has been conducted to refresh the membership for the second term. In line with the Terms of Reference and the requirements of Council in advertising vacancies on community advisory committees, the EOI process was promoted in the following ways:
 - (a) On Council's website and twitter feed;
 - (b) Placement in Council's e-bulletins;
 - (c) Emails out to a comprehensive range of Council networks, encompassing youth, seniors, people with a disability, CALD communities, grants applicants, Sustainability award nominees and many other networks, groups and individuals who are connected with Council in various ways; and
 - (d) Direct emails to members of the previous Yarra Urban Agriculture Advisory Committee.
8. Nominations were advertised from the 3 to 28 of April 2017.
9. There was a strong response to the call for nominations, with 13 nominations to fill the 10 open positions on YUAAC.
10. Applications were assessed by Lisa Coffa (Coordinator Waste Minimization and Urban Agriculture) and Kathi Clark-Orsanic (Urban Agriculture Facilitator).

13. Applications were assessed based on:
 - (a) diversity of experience, interest and understanding of urban agriculture and its development;
 - (b) why they are interested in joining the YUAAC committee;
 - (c) key outcomes they hope to achieve while in the Committee; and
 - (d) a mix of skills and attributes to complement other members of the committee.
14. To ensure continuity of the Committee's work two members from the previous committee have been elected to remain for the next cycle. They follow: Dr Chris Williams and Miranda Sharpe.
15. Officers have 10 shortlisted nominees based on the above attributes.

External Consultation

16. The promotion of the nomination process for YUAAC is detailed in paragraph 7 of this report.

Internal Consultation (One Yarra)

17. The Governance unit and Communications unit provided advice and support on the requirements of the public EOI process.

Financial Implications

18. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Economic Implications

19. There are no economic implications associated with this report.

Sustainability Implications

20. The membership has been chosen to best advise Council on urban agriculture issues, support the delivery of the Yarra Urban Agriculture Strategy 2014 – 2018 and develop the direction for the new Urban Agriculture Strategy.

Social Implications

21. The membership has been chosen to reflect the social diversity of Yarra's community.

Human Rights Implications

22. Diversity of members on the committee was a consideration, including gender, age, and cultural and linguistic diversity.

Communications with CALD Communities Implications

23. The promotions for the EOI process targeted culturally and linguistically diverse groups and organisations within Yarra.

Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

24. The membership proposed has been chosen to best assist Council in the development and implementation of the Urban Agriculture Strategy.

Legal Implications

25. There are no legal implications associated with this report.

Other Issues

26. There are no other issues.

Options

27. Thirteen applications were received. Officers have shortlisted and proposed 10 new members for the committee based on their skills, knowledge, experience and ability to represent and assist Council to engage with Yarra's diverse community.

28. Councillors may amend the membership of the proposed shortlist.

Conclusion

29. Council staff has undertaken a public EOI process in accordance with the Terms of Reference and Council's requirements relating to community advisory committees.
30. A strong diversity of interests and skills is apparent in the nominees shortlisted for YUAAC membership, and it is considered that the proposed shortlist represents the best diversity of membership, and provides capacity to ensure a strong and active committee to support the development of urban agriculture in Yarra for the next two year period.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council note the report of officers in relation to the Urban Agriculture Committee.
2. The Council, having considered the nominations received for community representative positions, appoint the following applicants to the Urban Agriculture Committee:
 - (a) Nominee
 - (b) Nominee
 - (c) Nominee
 - (d) Nominee
 - (e) Nominee
 - (f) Nominee
 - (g) Nominee
 - (h) Nominee
 - (i) Nominee
 - (j) Nominee
3. That the successful and non-successful nominees be advised in writing of the outcome of their nomination.

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Attachments

- 1 Final Terms of Reference_08032017

Attachment 1 - Final Terms of Reference_08032017

Terms of Reference

City of Yarra Urban Agriculture Advisory Committee

Terms of Reference

The Yarra City Council's Urban Agriculture Advisory Committee (YUAAC) offers the local community an opportunity to provide regular input to Council on urban agriculture opportunities, achievements and policy development in Yarra.

The YUAAC is to be chaired by a Yarra Councillor nominated each year and meets formally a minimum of four times a year with additional meetings intermittently as required to support project development.

Membership is open to any member of the Yarra community interested in enhancing urban agriculture in Yarra. Those interested in attending the YUAAC should contact Council's Waste Minimisation and Urban Agriculture Unit, at info@yarracity.vic.gov.au or on 9205 5782.

Objectives

- To utilize the Yarra Urban Agriculture Strategy (2014 – 2018) to direct the work of the YUAAC committee and the development of urban agriculture in Yarra.
- To advise and inform Council of opportunities for urban agriculture initiatives in the City of Yarra.
- To improve the awareness of urban agriculture.
- To share information and develop networks among residents interested in urban agriculture.
- To provide advice to Council on how urban agriculture might influence Council policy and strategic plans.

Strategies

- Provide user perspective on current and proposed urban agriculture projects Yarra.
- Advise Council, through the Yarra Urban Agriculture Facilitator as Secretary to the Committee, of opportunities to engage with the community on urban agriculture initiatives.

Actions

- Review concepts for urban agriculture projects as they come to hand.
- Provide feedback on new initiatives/products as they become available.
- Share knowledge on trends and opportunities affecting urban agriculture in Yarra.

Tenure

The establishment of the Yarra Urban Agriculture Advisory Committee will be for a period of two years from the first meeting.

11.5 Yarra Environment Advisory Committee Waste Minimisation Working Group Membership

Trim Record Number: D17/57481

Responsible Officer: Assistant Director Planning and Place Making

Purpose

1. For Council to appoint representatives to the Yarra Environment Advisory Committee Waste and Recycling Working Group.

Background

2. On 21 February 2017, Council resolved to establish the new Yarra Environment Advisory Committee (YEAC) - Waste and Recycling Working Group (W&RWG).
3. YEAC is a community committee representing interests pertaining to climate change and other local environmental issues. The group provides advice to Council on actions in response these issues, including effective implementation of the Yarra Environment Strategy.
4. The objectives of the new working group are focus on waste and recycling issues and advise and support the:
 - (a) implementation of the Yarra Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy;
 - (b) key policy development, issues that affect waste and recycling activities in Yarra;
 - (c) research, design and delivery of specific waste and recycling programs by Council;
 - (d) raising the profile of the waste and recycling activities within the city of Yarra; and
 - (e) providing an appropriate communication mechanism with Council.
5. Expressions of interest were sought from the community (to run for a period of 4 weeks) from the 3 April running until 28 April. It was promoted in line with the draft Terms of Reference and the requirements of Council in advertising vacancies on community advisory committees:
 - (a) notifications placed on Council's website and twitter feed;
 - (b) details of the process to be sent to Councillors through Council e-bulletins;
 - (c) emails to be issued via Council to networks, grants applicants, Sustainability award nominees, businesses, and various other networks, groups and individuals who are connected with Council in various ways; and
 - (d) direct emails to be issued to community members in the Sustainability and Strategic Transport Branch networks.
6. Following advertisement a review was undertaken of all applications and a shortlist prepared for further assessment and applicants scored against a pre-established matrix.
7. The draft terms of reference suggested the working group be made up of one Councillor member of YEAC, three community members from YEAC and three further community representatives.
8. As per the draft Terms of Reference, it is intended the committee has the following attributes:
 - (a) diversity of waste and recycling interests and knowledge including organic waste management, recycling, waste minimisation, waste transport, waste processing technology, and community development, engagement and education;
 - (b) representation of members of different local community groups;
 - (c) representation of a variety of sectors in the municipality, including community agencies, business, education, and interested citizens; and

(d) a mix of skills and attributes to complement other members of the Working Group.

9. Applications were assessed by Lisa Coffa (Waste Minimisation and Urban Agriculture Coordinator), Matthew Nelson (Waste Minimisation Officer).
10. There was a strong response to the call for nominations by the community with seventeen applicants, one of which was a representative from YEAC. Although this was not as per the draft Terms of Reference, the diversity of knowledge, skills and community representation reflected, officers believe one YEAC and five community representatives will bring great support for waste minimisation and recycling outcomes.
11. Officers have shortlisted the below 6 nominees on the above attributes.

External Consultation

12. The promotion of the nomination process for W&RWG is detailed in paragraph 6 of this report.

Internal Consultation (One Yarra)

13. The Communications Unit provided advice and support on the requirements of the public EOI process.

Financial Implications

14. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Economic Implications

15. There are no economic implications associated with this report.

Sustainability Implications

16. The membership has been chosen to best advise Council on waste and recycling issues, and support the implementation of the Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy.

Social Implications

17. The membership has been chosen to reflect the social diversity of Yarra's community as such as possible from the nominations received.

Human Rights Implications

18. Diversity of members on the committee was a consideration, including gender, age, and cultural and linguistic diversity.

Communications with CALD Communities Implications

19. The promotions for the EOI process targeted some culturally and linguistically diverse groups and organisations within Yarra.

Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

20. The membership proposed has been chosen to best assist Council in the implementation of the adopted Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy.

Legal Implications

21. There are no legal implications associated with this report.

Other Issues

22. Nil

Options

23. Seventeen applications were received. Although the membership was not as per the draft Terms of Reference, officers have shortlisted and proposed six members for the working group based on their skills, knowledge, experience and ability to represent and assist Council to engage with Yarra's diverse community
24. Councillors may amend the membership of the proposed shortlist.

Conclusion

25. Council staff have undertaken a public EOI process in accordance with the draft Terms of Reference and Council's requirements relating to community advisory committees.
26. A strong diversity of interests and skills is apparent in the nominees shortlisted. It is considered that the proposed shortlist represents the best diversity of membership, and provides capacity to ensure a strong and active committee.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council note the report of officers in relation to the Yarra Environment Advisory Committee Waste Minimisation Working Group.
2. The Council, having considered the nominations received, appoint the following applicants to the Yarra Environment Advisory Committee Waste Minimisation Working Group:
 - (a) Nominee
 - (b) Nominee
 - (c) Nominee
 - (d) Nominee
 - (e) Nominee
 - (f) Nominee
3. That the successful and non-successful nominees be advised in writing of the outcome of their nomination.

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Attachments

- 1 Draft Terms of Reference - Yarra Environment Advisory Committee (YEAC) - Waste and Recycling Working Group

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The Waste and Recycling Working Group is a subcommittee of the Yarra Environment Advisory Committee. It is a group, comprising Committee members with interests pertaining to local waste and recycling issues to provide advice to the Committee on action towards these issues by Council, including effective implementation of the Yarra Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy (2013).

The Waste and Recycling Working Group has no delegated functions or decision making power.

Objectives

Capitalising on the knowledge, experience and skill available in the Yarra Environment Advisory Committee, to provide advice to the Committee in respect to:

- implementation of the Yarra Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy;
- key policy development, issues that affect waste and recycling activities in Yarra, and the
- research, design and delivery of specific waste and recycling programs by Council.
- raising the profile of the waste and recycling activities within the city of Yarra; and
- providing an appropriate communication mechanism with Council.

Function

The Waste and Recycling Working Group will provide advice to the Committee on:

- The development and implementation of the Yarra Waste and Recycling Strategy (2014-18 and future), as well as other key policies that affect/support waste and recycling in the City of Yarra.
- Priorities, strategies, initiatives and issues affecting the City of Yarra community in terms of waste and recycling;
- The delivery of the Yarra City Council Council Plan, in particular the implementation of the Yarra Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy (2014-18); and
- How to engage the wider City of Yarra community on waste and recycling issues.

Membership

- The Yarra Waste and Recycling Working Group will comprise six members as follows:
- One Councillor member of YEAC
- Three community members from YEAC
- Three further community representatives with expertise in waste management
- A quorum of 50% plus 1 of committee members must be present for any determinations or formal advice to YEAC on a particular issue.
- In addition, meetings will be attended by Council Staff.
- Regular bi-monthly meetings will be of 1.5 - 2 hours duration, held at a Council meeting room.
- Specific additional meetings may be required on an as needs basis, such as during consultation for the Yarra Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy in 2017/18.
- Meetings will be chaired by the YEAC chairperson.
- Yarra City Council's Waste Minimisation and Urban Agriculture Coordinator will be the secretariat for the Working Group.

Recruitment

- Community members will have a tenure of 2 years.
- Council seeks both continuity within the Committee and generation of new ideas and direction, and once established a mix of new and existing members is encouraged. Once established, any existing members seeking another term must re-nominate.
- Council seeks applicants with an ability to work collaboratively with other members and Council, a strong interest and proven understanding of the local waste and recycling issues,
- a willingness to commit 2 hours every two months to attend Working Group meetings.
- It is intended to create a committee with the following attributes:
 - a. Diversity of waste and recycling interests and knowledge including organic waste management, recycling, waste minimisation, waste transport, waste processing technology, and community development, engagement and education;

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- b. Representation of members of different local community groups;
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 - d. A mix of skills and attributes to complement other members of the Working Group;
- Members will be selected on the merits of their skills and their ability to contribute to ensuring the attributes are achieved

Resignation

A member of the Working Group may resign at any time. Notice of resignation is to be provided in writing to the YWRWG Secretariat.

Membership of the Committee will be deemed to have resigned if they fail to attend two consecutive YWRAC meetings without prior notice.

Any member who resigns or whose membership is terminated, may be replaced at the discretion of the Chair and Secretariat, seeking members initially from any previously unsuccessful applicants.

Conflicts of Interest

In the event of a conflict of interest arising for any member of the Working Group, the member will disclose the interest and clearly state the nature of that interest at the meeting before the matter is considered. Any member who discloses a Conflict of Interest in a matter, must leave the room and not participate in any discussion, nor vote on the matter in which they have a conflict.

Sunset

This committee will cease operation on 30 October 2020.

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12.1 Notice of Motion No 13 of 2017 - Flying of Co Vang Flag

Trim Record Number: D17/69305

Responsible Officer: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

I, Councillor Daniel Nguyen, hereby give notice that it is my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 6 June 2017:

“That Yarra City Council:

- (a) having regard to its resolution of 4 April 2017:
“...approving the flying of approved community flags from the fourth flagpole at the Town Hall on 19 June each year.....” (this includes the Co Vang Flag);
- (b) having regard to its resolution of 2 May 2017:
“....to approve flying of the Rainbow flag permanently from the fourth flagpoles at each Town Hall except when the flag poles are required for flying other flags in accordance with the Civic Flags Policy...”;
- (c) note request from the Vietnamese community to conduct their flag raising ceremony at each Town Hall on Saturday 17 June 2017 (*being a week-end day when community members are more easily able to attend*); and
- (d) approve the community Co Vang flag to remain flying continuously from Saturday 17 June through to the end of the day on 19 June 2017.”

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