



LATROBE CITY COUNCIL

**AGENDA FOR THE
COUNCIL MEETING**

**TO BE HELD IN GIPPSLAND PERFORMING ARTS
CENTRE, TRARALGON
AT 6:00 PM ON
29 JUNE 2026
CM636**

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1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

I would like to acknowledge that we are meeting here today on the traditional land of the Brayakaulung people of the Gunaikurnai nation and I pay respect to their elders past and present.

If there are other Elders present I would also like to acknowledge them.

2. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

(no requirement for people to stand)

Before we proceed with the agenda, I invite everyone to observe a minute of silence to reflect on our responsibility to the community we serve. Let us take this time to consider the impact of our decisions and to maintain a spirit of collaboration and respect. Please take this time in your own way.

3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Proposed Resolution:

That Council confirms the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 May 2026.

5. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillors may raise any formal acknowledgements that need to be made at this time, including congratulatory or condolences.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME

Public Questions on Notice

In accordance with the Governance Rules, members of the public can lodge a question on notice by no later than midday one business day before the Council meeting in order for the question to be answered at the meeting.

Public Speakers

An opportunity for members of the public to speak to an item on the agenda will be made available by necessary means. To participate, members of the public must have registered before 12noon on the day of the Council meeting.

NOTICES OF MOTION

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DECISION

9. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DECISION

Item Number 9.1

29 June 2026

Infrastructure and Sustainability

KERBSIDE REFORM: GLASS RECYCLING SERVICE - RECOMMENDED FUTURE DIRECTION

The recommended decision is not a Prohibited Decision, as defined in section 69 of the Local Government Act 2020 or a Significant Decision within the meaning of the Election Period Policy.

PURPOSE

To seek Council endorsement of the proposed Glass Recycling Service direction.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Officers have undertaken a number of assessments to ensure a data-informed position on the glass service options is arrived at.
- The findings indicate that:
 - Introducing a dedicated Glass Recycling bin service will cost Council approximately \$3.7 million in implementation costs and an additional estimated \$500,000 in operational costs annually.
 - Current recycling recovery rates remain strong and most household glass is already being correctly placed in the Mixed Recycling waste stream.
 - Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) is increasingly influencing container recovery behaviours
 - Immediate introduction of a separate Glass Recycling bin service may not currently represent the most cost-effective or operationally efficient solution.
- Accordingly, and following community consultation, officers recommend a staged, Victorian State Government-compliant, lower-risk approach that provides Council with the opportunity to improve glass recovery outcomes while minimising financial risk and avoiding premature investment in a potentially high-cost separate glass recycling service.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **determines not to commit to the introduction of a separate kerbside Glass Recycling bin service currently;**
2. **continues the existing Mixed Recycling service as Council's primary kerbside recycling service;**
3. **implements a drop-off service at transfer stations to meet the Victorian State government requirements for a dedicated glass recycling service by 1 July 2027;**

- 4. further investigates whether there is the need to provide additional drop off sites at other locations;**
- 5. continues to advocate through local government networks and Victorian State government channels for a sustainable Glass Recycling service solution, including an expanded Container Deposit Scheme; and**
- 6. advises the Victorian State government of our position.**

BACKGROUND

The Victorian Government's *Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021* establishes the requirement for councils to transition toward a four-stream household waste and recycling system. This includes a future separate Glass Recycling bin service. A Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) released by the Victorian Government in 2024 assessed proposed waste and recycling service reforms. The RIS concluded that Victorian councils may achieve overall reductions in operational collection and disposal costs under the proposed reforms.

In response, officers commenced an evidence-based assessment process to better understand local waste behaviours, operational implications, financial and environmental impacts and community expectations relating to future glass recycling services.

A detailed kerbside waste audit was undertaken across 128 households within 12 Latrobe townships. Council engaged specialist consultants to carry out Latrobe City's Waste Service Design and Cost Modelling. Officers also undertook community engagement and participated in broader local government advocacy discussions regarding sustainable and practical glass recycling solutions.

ANALYSIS

The following is a summary of key findings.

Waste audit results:

- Overall recovery and diversion rates of 92.8% and 75% respectively, low levels of glass within General Rubbish streams, no significant glass contamination within the Garden organics (GO) stream and most glass already correctly disposed of through the Mixed Recycling stream.
- Glass represented 11.85% of mixed recycling by weight (which is only 1.94% by volume) and 2.53% of general rubbish by weight (which is only 0.63% by volume).
- CDS materials are increasingly being diverted from existing waste streams.
- To date, 1940 Glass Recycling surveys have been completed. Out of these, roughly half prefer a separate kerbside Glass Recycling bin whilst 21% would prefer a drop-off glass service and a further 20% would prefer to be able to use the CDS for all glass.
- Of the people that answered that they would prefer a separate kerbside Glass Recycling bin, only approximately 15% were supportive of having to pay for it.
- Introducing a separate Glass Recycling service (with no changes to the current CDS arrangements) would result in an estimated annual net waste collection cost of approximately \$11.8 million, which is approximately \$2.3 million higher than annual cost modelled under the Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) assumptions.

- Introducing a separate Glass Recycling service will cost Council approximately \$3.7 million in implementation costs and an additional \$500,000 per year in operational costs.

The findings suggest that:

- Most recoverable glass is already being captured.
- Glass occupies relatively little physical bin space.
- The additional environmental benefit of a separate kerbside glass bin may currently be limited relative to its cost.
- As CDS participation expands, a growing proportion of eligible glass containers may continue to move away from kerbside recycling streams, potentially reducing the long-term efficiency and financial viability of a separate kerbside Glass Recycling bin service.

Based on the current evidence, officers recommend a staged and lower-risk approach. This would involve the initial strategy of providing a separated glass drop off service at transfer stations. Drop off points were listed as an acceptable alternative to a kerbside service if a Council can provide that a kerbside service is not reasonably practicable, which the waste audit has proven.

If the existing transfer stations are not considered to be accessible enough, additional locations at small towns will also be considered. Meanwhile, it is recommended that officers continue to participate in statewide advocacy for an expanded CDS system, as has been successfully implemented in other states. This approach minimises the financial risk to Council by avoiding premature investment in potentially high-cost separate Glass Recycling service option.

RISK ASSESSMENT

RISK	RISK RATING	TREATMENT
COMPLIANCE Uncertainty emanating from delayed service standard and market conditions.	High <i>Possible x Major</i>	Ongoing monitoring, advocacy and sector collaboration to seek clarity.
SERVICE DELIVERY Introducing drop-off services might come with community confusion and/or resistance regarding service changes.	Medium <i>Possible x Moderate</i>	Strategic site selection. Early and ongoing community engagement to keep community informed.

RISK	RISK RATING	TREATMENT
FINANCIAL Potential future costs associated with expanded service may impact future planning and budgeting.	Medium <i>Possible x Moderate</i>	Staged implementation and evidence-based review process.
STRATEGIC Community concern regarding future infrastructure or processing market constraints, convenience or service effectiveness.	Medium <i>Possible x Moderate</i>	Transparent consultation, informed decision-making and clear communication about decision. Ongoing sector collaboration and advocacy.

CONSULTATION

A Glass Recycling Services survey which was delivered to all households across Latrobe City Council and availed online in ‘Have Your Say’ provided valuable residents’ feedback.

1,940 completed surveys have been received at the time of writing this report.

Continued engagements with residents, industry and regional stakeholders and future review mechanisms will ensure evidence-based decisions.

COMMUNICATION

A specific detailed communication & engagement plan is being developed to support:

- Community education regarding glass recycling drop-off locations and acceptable materials,
- Ongoing monitoring of participation and recovery outcomes,
- Continued engagement with state government and sector bodies and
- Future reporting to Councillors regarding service performance and emerging policy requirements.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Officers preparing this report have declared they do not have a conflict of interest in this matter under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

APPENDIX 1 IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Gender

A Gender Impact Assessment (GIA) under the *Gender Equality Act 2020* will not be required as proposed service changes will be at existing Transfer Stations and CDS points where similar drop-off services are being used.

Social

Provides residents with an accessible and flexible option to glass recycling without immediately introducing an additional kerbside bin service.

Cultural

Enables gradual, progressive and collaborative change that recognises differing preferences and supporting increasing community interest in resource recovery and sustainability.

Health

Reduces safety and health risks associated with broken glass contamination in Mixed Recycling bins for waste processing workers.

Environmental

Potential to improve glass recovery outcomes and in a way contributing to circular economy objectives. The recommendation leverages existing infrastructure while reducing unnecessary collection fleet expansion which may result in lower greenhouse gas emissions.

Economic

The recommendation has potential to enable council's role as provider of enabling infrastructure supporting private and public investment at existing Transfer Stations and CDS points.

Financial

Represents lower-risk entry point and the most economically viable option which complements well with CDS if compared to immediate introduction of a separate kerbside Glass Recycling bin service. Ongoing operational costs may include glass drop-off services infrastructure, transport & processing and community education. Future expansion decisions can be informed by evidence collected during the drop-off program implementation phase, reducing long-term financial uncertainty and risk to ratepayers.

Attachments

Nil

2026/27 BUDGET FOR ADOPTION

The recommended decision is not a Prohibited Decision, as defined in section 69 of the Local Government Act 2020 or a Significant Decision within the meaning of the Election Period Policy.

PURPOSE

To present to Council for adoption the 2026/27 Budget prepared in accordance with Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act), Council must adopt a budget for each financial year by 30 June.
- Council has complied with the legislative requirements for the preparation and public notification of its 2026/27 Budget, which includes the proposed rates and charges.
- The budget has been responsibly developed and balanced on a cash basis, maintaining existing services and service levels while also encompassing a renewal budget which seeks to maintain existing infrastructure, that ultimately aims to support the strategies and objectives of the Council Plan and the 42 major service categories provided to the community.
- With a strong emphasis on medium to long term financial sustainability, consideration has been given to the use of any full year surplus position that may eventuate in 2026/27 when measured against the adopted budget, with 50% of any realised year end surplus to be allocated to the Transition Reserve to further support the organisation's long term financial sustainability and transition programs.
- Includes borrowings of \$2.9 million in 2026/27 to fund developer contribution plan (DCP) projects including drainage works associated with Morwell North West and multi-purpose facilities at Lake Narracan and Traralgon North.
- The budget has been shaped by community priorities and aspirations as highlighted through the 50 submissions received as part of the early community engagement process undertaken in October and November 2025. This process was undertaken early to capture the community's ideas and gather feedback to help inform the budget as it was being developed.
- Additionally, a total of 99 submissions have been received in relation to the draft budget, Council has outlined its response to these submission in this report.
- Includes asset renewal and upgrade capital works program of \$37.1 million, increasing to \$90.4 million after inclusion of new capital works, continuing multiyear projects and other carry forward works from prior year budgets.
- It is recommended that Council adopt the 2026/27 Budget document (including fees and charges) annexed to this report and declare the rates and charges to be applied in the 2026/27 financial year.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council, having prepared and given public notice of the proposed 2026/27 Budget in accordance with Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, and having conducted a consultative process, including having received and considered submissions, resolves:

- 1. to adopt the 2026/27 Budget (including fees and charges), annexed to this report at Attachment 1;**
- 2. that in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989* ("Act 1989"), declares that the amounts that it intends to raise by way of general rates, municipal charges and service charges for the period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 are as follows:**

General Rates	\$68,961,305
Municipal Charge	\$ 6,605,337
Service Charges	\$16,662,366
EPA Landfill Levy Charge	\$ 1,406,685
Cultural and Recreational Land	\$ 84,357
Payments in lieu of rates	\$ 8,832,925;

- 3. to declare that the general rates will be raised in 2026/27 by the application of the following differential rates calculated on the Capital Improved Value of rateable property:**
 - 3.1. General rate of 0.00291280 cents in the dollar on lands as defined in paragraph 6.1.1;**
 - 3.2. Farm rate of 0.00218460 cents in the dollar on farm land as defined in paragraph 7.1.1;**
 - 3.3. Derelict Properties rate of 0.00873840 cents in the dollar on lands as defined in paragraph 8.2;**
- 4. to declare the general rates for a twelve month period commencing 1 July 2026 and that the rates be levied in respect of each portion of rateable land for which the Council has a separate valuation;**
- 5. that the declaration of the general rate, farm rate and derelict properties rate to be levied in 2026/27 will contribute to the equitable and efficient carrying out of its functions;**
- 6. to specify that in relation to the General Rate for 2026/27 the following in accordance with Section 161 of the Act 1989:**
 - 6.1. the objectives of the general rate as:**
 - 6.1.1. the types and classes of land to which the rate will apply is all other rateable land that is not defined as farm land as described in paragraph 7.1.1 or derelict properties as described in paragraph 8.2;**

6.1.2. the level of the general rate is 0.00291280 cents in the dollar on the capital improved value of land as defined;

6.1.3. the reasons for the use and level of that rate are that:

6.1.3.1. the types and classes of land to which the rate applies can be easily identified;

6.1.3.2. it is appropriate to have a general rate so as to fairly rate lands other than derelict properties, recreational and farm lands;

6.1.3.3. the level of the general rate is appropriate having regard to all relevant matters including the use to which the land is put and the amount to be raised by Council's Municipal Charge;

6.1.3.4. the level of the general rate is appropriate to ensure that the burden of the payment of rates is fairly apportioned across all rateable land within the Municipal district;

6.1.3.5. it meets the objectives the Council considers are consistent with the economical and efficient carrying out of its functions, and

6.1.3.6. the characteristics of the land which are the criteria for declaring the general rate are as set out in sub-paragraph 6.1.1 above;

7. to specify that in relation to the farm rate for 2026/27 the following in accordance with Section 161 of the Act 1989:

7.1. The objectives of the farm rate as:

7.1.1. the types and classes of land to which the rate will apply is farm land as defined in Section 2 of the *Valuation of Land Act 1960*, namely, any rateable land which is not less than 2 hectares in area and which is used primarily for carrying on one or more of the following businesses or industries:

grazing (including agistment);

dairying;

pig farming;

poultry farming;

fish farming;

tree farming;

bee keeping;

viticulture;

horticulture;

fruit growing;

the growing of crops of any kind;

and that is used by a business:

- **that has a significant and substantial commercial purpose or character; and**
- **that seeks to make a profit on a continuous or repetitive basis from its activities on the land; and**
- **that is making a profit from its activities on the land, or that has a reasonable prospect of making a profit from its activities on the land if it continues to operate in the way it is operating**

7.1.2. the level of the farm rate is 0.00218460 cents in the dollar on the capital improved value of farm land as defined;

7.1.3. the reasons for the use and level of that rate are that:

7.1.3.1. the types and classes of land to which the rate applies can be easily identified;

7.1.3.2. it is appropriate to have a farm rate so as to fairly rate farm land;

7.1.3.3. the level of the farm rate is appropriate having regard to all relevant matters including the use to which farm land is put and the amount to be raised by Council's Municipal charge;

7.1.3.4. the level of the farm rate is appropriate to ensure that the burden of the payment of general rates is fairly apportioned across all rateable land within the Municipal district;

7.1.4. the types and classes of land to which the rate will apply can be identified as farm land as defined in paragraph 7.1.1;

7.1.5. it meets the objectives the Council considers are consistent with the economical and efficient carrying out of its functions;

8. to specify that in relation to the derelict properties rate for 2026/27 the following in accordance with Section 161 of the Act 1989:

8.1. the objective of the derelict properties rate is to promote the responsible management of land and buildings through incentivising the proper development and maintenance of such land and buildings so as not to pose a risk to public safety or adversely affect public amenity.

8.2 the types and classes of land to which the rate will apply is properties where 8.2.1 and 8.2.2 both apply;

8.2.1. The property is in such a state of disrepair that it is considered unsuitable for human habitation or other occupation for living or working on a daily basis, and has been in such a condition for a

period of more than 3 months. The property is likely to lack, or have restricted access to, essential services or facilities including but not limited to water, and/or operational effluent discharge facilities.; and

8.2.2. The property meets one or more of the following criteria;

- a) the property has become unsafe and poses a risk to public safety, including but not limited to:
 - the existence on the property of vermin, rubbish/litter, fire hazards, excess materials/goods, asbestos or other environmental hazards; or
 - the property includes a partially built structure where there has been no reasonable progress in completing the structure
- b) the property adversely affects public amenity;
- c) the property provides an opportunity to be used in a manner that may cause a nuisance or become detrimental to the amenity of the immediate area;
- d) the condition of the property has a potential to adversely impact the value of other properties in the vicinity;
- e) the property affects the general amenity of adjoining land or the neighbourhood by the appearance of graffiti, any stored unregistered motor vehicles, machinery or parts thereof, scrap metal, second hand building materials, building debris, soil or similar materials, or other items of general waste or rubbish;

8.3. the level of the derelict properties rate is 0.00873840 cents in the dollar on the capital improved value of derelict properties land as defined;

8.4. the reasons for the use and level of that rate are that:

8.4.1. the differential rate is the level which Council considers is necessary to achieve the objective specified above and is set at the maximum level, being 4 times the lowest differential rate, as allowed under Section 161 (5) of the Act 1989;

8.5. the types and classes of land to which the rate will apply can be identified as derelict land and/or buildings as defined in paragraph 8.2.1 and 8.2.2;

8.6. it meets the objectives the Council considers are consistent with the economical and efficient carrying out of its functions;

9. to specify that the general rate continue to be applied to Retirement Villages as defined under the *Retirement Villages Act 1986* having given due consideration to the implementation of a differential rate for such lands as required by the *Ministerial Guidelines on Differential Rating*

10. to declare a Municipal charge at the annual rate of \$159.00 for rateable land in respect of which a Municipal charge may be levied to recover some of the administrative costs of the Council for a period of 12 months from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027;

11. to declare an annual waste service charge of \$434.00 per premises for a standard service consisting of 1x120ltr garbage bin, 1x240ltr recycling bin and 1x240ltr organics bin which includes the regularly scheduled collection and disposal of waste in respect of premises to which the service is provided (whether or not the owner or occupier of such premises avails of the service provided) for a twelve-month period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027;
12. to declare an annual EPA Landfill Levy charge of \$37.00 per garbage bin to cover the costs levied by the Environmental Protection Authority on the operation of landfills for the period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027;
13. that where variations to the standard service are granted, waste services will be charged for services utilised for the period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 as follows:
 - Garbage 120L bin \$284.00 pa
 - Garbage 240L bin \$363.00 pa
 - Garbage 240L bin Special \$363.00 pa
 - Recycling 240L bin \$ 56.00 pa
 - Organics 240L bin \$ 94.00 pa
14. that for Cultural and Recreational Land, in accordance with Section 4 of the *Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963*, the following amounts be specified as the amounts payable in respect of recreational lands described as:

Traralgon Bowling Club	45-57 Gwalia Street, Traralgon	\$20,010.94
Moe Racing Club	Waterloo Road, Moe	\$18,001.10
Morwell Bowling Club	52 Hazelwood Road, Morwell	\$11,010.38
Traralgon Greyhound Racing Club	McNairn Road, Traralgon	\$7,646.10
Moe Golf Club	26 Thompsons Road, Newborough	\$6,684.16
Traralgon Golf Club	Princes Street, Traralgon	\$6,394.01
Yallourn Golf Club	Golf Links Road, Moe	\$4,161.49
Moe Bowling Club	Waterloo Road, Moe	\$2,876.39
Morwell Golf Club	Fairway Drive, Morwell	\$1,966.14
Newborough Bowling	1-5 Coach Road, Newborough	\$2,490.44

Club		
Victorian Field & Game Association	Scales Road, Flynn Creek	\$1,004.92
Yallourn North Bowls Club	Reserve Street, Yallourn North	\$728.20
Boolarra Bowling Club	22 Duke Street, Boolarra	\$589.84
Yinnar Bowling Club	Main Street, Yinnar	\$495.18
LV Water Ski Club	Hall Road, Yallourn North	\$298.56

15. that these amounts have regard to the services provided by the Council in relation to such lands and the benefit to the community derived from such recreational lands;
16. to direct that copies of the information required by Section 161(3) of the Act 1989 be made available for inspection at Council's office during office hours;
17. having considered submissions received in relation to the 2026/27 Budget, directs that the rates and charges as declared for 2026/27 be levied by sending notices to the persons who are liable to pay, in accordance with Section 158 of the Act 1989;
18. that the rates and charges for 2026/27 must be paid by the dates fixed under Section 167 of the Act 1989, namely:

by equal instalments on the following dates:

 - 30 September 2026;
 - 30 November 2026;
 - 28 February 2027; and
 - 31 May 2027;
19. to direct and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to demand payment of and recover the rates and charges as declared in relation to the 2026/27 Budget;
20. the Rate of Interest – Section 172 of the Act 1989:
 - 20.1. that for the 2026/27 financial year Council resolves to require a person to pay interest on any outstanding amounts of rates and charges:
 - 20.1.1 which that person is liable to pay; and
 - 20.1.2 which have not been paid by the date specified under Section 167 for their payment except where the Council has agreed to waive the whole or part of any such interest;
 - 20.2 that for the 2026/27 financial year Council resolves in accordance with Section 172 of the Act 1989 that the rate of interest will be as

specified under Section 2 of the Penalty Interest Rates Act 1983 (Currently 10%) or as fixed by the Minister under section 172A(1) of the Local Government Act 1989;

- 21. that 50% of the 2026/27 actual year end surplus position, as measured against the adopted budget, be allocated to the Transition Reserve to further support the organisation's long term financial sustainability and transition programs;**
- 22. to authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal any loan and financial documents relating to the proposed borrowings of \$2,895,000 detailed in the 2026/2027 Budget;**
- 23. to allocate \$1,500,000 from the defined benefits reserve to Council Headquarters HVAC renewal capital project; and**
- 23. to write to all submitters who provided a budget submission thanking them and advising Council's response to their submission.**

BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on Monday, 27 April 2026, Council resolved to give notice of preparation of the proposed 2026/27 Budget, including proposed rates and charges for the year, and invite submissions on the draft budget.

ANALYSIS

A four-year budget has been developed in accordance with the requirements under the Act. The key aim of the budget is to support the medium-term goals of the Council Plan 2025-2029 while ensuring the long-term financial sustainability of the organisation.

The 2026/27 budget presented in this report has been developed through a process of consultation and review and contributes to the achievement of objectives and strategic directions included in the Council Plan 2025-2029.

The draft budget has been balanced on a cash basis, maintaining existing services and service levels while also funding capital renewal programs to maintain existing infrastructure to identified intervention levels.

The budget has been prepared on the basis of a 2.75% increase in municipal rates and charges (excluding waste services charges) which is in line with the maximum increase in rates permissible under the Victorian Government's Fair Go Rates System (FGRS) for the 2026/27 financial year.

Council considered the introduction of a differential rate for retirement villages in accordance with the ministerial guidelines. Based on careful consideration it was concluded that a differential rate should not be introduced for retirement villages as part of the 2026/27 budget.

The existing differential rates are to remain unchanged for the 26/27 budget.

Waste services charges are set to increase by \$25.00 per standard set of three bins or 6.1%. The increase includes the transition to Food Organics and Green Organics processing (FOGO) which will incorporate the processing of Food Organics into the existing green waste curb side collection service. The Waste Services Charge also includes recent updates to the *Local Government Service Rates and Charges Minister's Good Practice Guidelines* which now incorporates the recovery of costs for public litter bins and illegal dumping activities on Council land. While the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) levy per tonne will again increase this year, the cost to ratepayers has remained unchanged at \$37.00 per red bin, as it is anticipated that the increased cost will be offset by reduced weight of waste taken to landfill following the introduction of FOGO.

The 2026/27 Operating Budget forecasts an operating surplus of \$27.5 million, after raising rates and charges of \$103.1 million and total revenue of \$219.7 million. When excluding non-recurrent capital funding and developer contributions, an underlying operating deficit of \$14.5 million is projected for 2026/27. The underlying operating deficit remains a key factor for long term financial sustainability. Council is continuing to review infrastructure, services and service levels in order to identify actions to reduce the underlying deficit position in the long term.

The budget includes a total capital works program of \$90.4 million comprising of \$71.9 million being 26/27 current year program and \$18.5 million of continuing multiyear projects and other carry forward works from prior year budgets. The program includes investment in renewing and upgrading existing infrastructure with:

- \$13.4 million being committed to the road network; and
- \$6.4 million to buildings.

Along with \$30.4 million will be spent on the continuation of the Gippsland Logistics and Manufacturing Precinct.

Significant projects include:

- Regional Car Parks Fund Commercial Road Morwell carpark (\$9.6 million)
- Multi-use Pavilion Gaskin Park \$3.0 million
- Community Facilities upgrades \$5.3 million
- Multi-use netball and tennis pavilion at Yinnar Recreation Reserve \$1.6 million
- Joe Carmody athletics track Newborough resurfacing \$1.0 million
- Preschool renewals at Boolarra and Glengarry \$1.0 million
- Public hall renewal works at Newborough and Churchill \$0.4 million
- Ronald Reserve Morwell kitchen and toilet upgrades \$0.2 million
- Sports Lighting – Stoddart Oval, Traralgon West Sporting Complex \$0.3 million
- The Acreage Tyers wetland and detention structure works \$0.3 million
- Agnes Brereton Netball Courts Traralgon resurfacing \$0.3 million
- Sports field irrigation renewal at Churchill, Morwell and Traralgon \$0.5 million
- Newman Park Traralgon flying fox replacement \$0.2 million
- Latrobe Regional Airport pavement renewal \$0.4 million

Included in the budget document at Appendix B (from page 92) is the listing of planned capital works to be undertaken during the year.

New borrowings of \$2.9 million are proposed in 2026/27 to fund construction of the various Council commitments to infrastructure associated with Developer Contribution Plan projects in Traralgon, Moe and Morwell.

The full range of issues considered within the budget, are detailed at **Attachment 1**.

Identified Updates to the draft 2026/27 Budget document.

During the display of the budget, the following amendments to the draft budget document have been identified:

Rates and Charges

Following the release of the draft budget there have been some amendments to the rates valuations for the budget following the certification of the final 2025/26 supplementary valuations and 2026/27 re-valuations by the Victorian Valuer General. This has led to an increase in expected revenue from general rates and municipal charges of \$0.1 million, together with increased income of \$0.1 million due to higher than expected March CPI figures used to calculate the payments in lieu of rates from electricity generation companies. These adjustments have resulted in an overall increase of rates income of \$0.2 million.

Operational Expenditure

Due to the current uncertainty around fuel prices the additional rates income has been offset by increasing the expenditure budget allowance for fuel. Additionally, some adjustments to depreciation expenses have been made across the four year budget to reflect major new assets that are being built at Gippsland Sports and Entertainment Park and, multi storey car parks at Kay Street Traralgon and Commercial Road Morwell.

Capital Works Program

Since the preparation of the draft 2026/27 budget Council has received approval of government grant funding for the following two projects that have been added to the Capital Works program;

- Multi-use netball and tennis pavilion at Yinnar Recreation Reserve - \$1.6 million project including \$0.5 million grant, \$1.1 million funded from council reserves plus a community contribution
- Sports Lighting – Stoddart Oval, Traralgon West Sporting Complex - \$0.3 million project including \$0.22 million grant, with the balance coming from council reserves and a community contribution.

All these changes have a flow on impact that causes other minor changes throughout the financial statements, associated notes and performance indicators to what was presented in the draft budget.

Fees and Charges

Some minor changes to fees and charges has been identified mainly to the following:

- Waste Management – Hard Waste collection – At call collections outside normal area wide collections two new lines added as price on application, to reflect the availability of these options (see **Attachment 1** page 89).

- Waste Management – Transfer Stations – added two new lines (resident and non-resident) for out of scope E-waste items. Deleted Domestic Waste Card from non-resident fee section as not available for non residents and made some other minor rounding adjustments. (see **Attachment 1** pages 90-91).

RISK ASSESSMENT

RISK	RISK RATING	TREATMENT
COMPLIANCE Non-compliance with financial framework or legislative requirements is identified as a risk. This report begins the process to ensure Council meets the requirements of the Act.	Low <i>Unlikely x Moderate</i>	Adhere to budget timetable.

CONSULTATION

During October and November 2025, Council undertook a community consultation process by way of an online survey to help shape a budget that reflects community priorities and aspirations. 50 submissions to the survey were received. Council’s responses to these submissions were detailed in the 27 April Council meeting report to release the draft budget.

In addition, following the public exhibition of the draft budget in April/May 2026, Council received a further 99 submissions, Council officers provide the following commentary in relation to the submissions.

Submitter	Summary of submission	Assessment of Submission
Various (63)	New public toilet at Maskrey Reserve Pax Hill and upgrade toilets at Pax Hill Tennis Club	The establishment of a public toilet in this location is not identified as a priority in the current <i>Public Toilet Plan 2023-2033</i> . The request will be considered as part of the next review or revision of the Public Toilet Plan and is not funded within the FY27 budget.

Submitter	Summary of submission	Assessment of Submission
Hiedi Petticrew	Maskrey Reserve Playground Shade Sails	The Maskrey Reserve Play space was designed and located to take advantage of existing natural shade on the site. Council considers that there is a suitable amount of shade provided for users of the space without the need for shade sails. Council's endorsed Play Space Strategy also discourages shade sails due to their high maintenance costs thus this is not funded as part of the FY27 Budget
Jason Burrows	Moe Skate Park Upgrade	The Moe skatepark was designed and constructed only 3 years ago. Seating within the precinct was designed this way and the skate park itself is of high quality. Shade from planted trees is continuing to improve as they mature therefore there is no provision in the FY27 budget for additional works.
Anonymous	Continuation of footpath from Montaine Estate Newborough	The upcoming Active Transport Strategy will identify and prioritise this connection against others within the municipality for funding. The continuation of the footpath is not funded in the FY27 budget.
Guss Lambden	Improved Street Lighting and Playground facilities	Lighting will form part of the upcoming Active Transport Strategy, with improvement areas identified. Council will be undertaking a Social Infrastructure Needs assessment shortly which will consider the need for additional playgrounds and BBQs.

Submitter	Summary of submission	Assessment of Submission
Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network	Consider opportunities for additional investment in environmental and community resilience initiatives	Latrobe City Council currently invests in all the areas listed in the submission no additional funding is provided as part of the FY27 budget.
Justin Flenley	Traralgon skate park and pump track	Council endorsed the location of the Traralgon Youth Activity Precinct (including Skate Park) at the March 2025 Council Meeting. Council is now advocating to all levels of government for funding support to help deliver the project.
Old Gipps town Heritage Committee	Request for \$50K funding for the repair of heritage buildings at Old Gipps town	<p>Council allocated \$50K funding in the 2025/26 budget with a report to be received in December 2026 from Old Gipps town detailing the outcomes delivered from this funding.</p> <p>There is no additional funding allocated in the FY27 budget for further works.</p>
Alan Burton	Differential Rate for Retirement Villages	As part of the budget development Council reviewed the adopted Revenue and Rating Plan 2025, which includes Council's position in relation to differential rates, out of this review came no recommended changes to the adopted position, therefore it is not proposed to implement a differential rate for retirement villages in this budget.

Submitter	Summary of submission	Assessment of Submission
Peter Duncan Latrobe City Farm Ratepayers Association	Support for Farm Rate Differential	As part of the budget development Council reviewed the adopted Revenue and Rating Plan 2025, which includes Council's position in relation to differential rates, out of this review came no recommended changes to the adopted position, therefore it is proposed to continue with the current differential rate for eligible farms.
Jim Stranger	Consider changes to transfer station fees to reduce illegal dumping	<p>Council already provides a number of free or subsidised resource recovery programs including e-waste, textiles, vapes, free hard waste collection, free green waste disposal in November, hard waste coupons and subsidies on a number of transfer station items.</p> <p>There is insufficient evidence to support the theory that providing further reductions in transfer station fees will substantially reduce illegal dumping. As such Council will continue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • delivering targeted social media campaigns to discourage illegal dumping and promote correct disposal options. • strengthen enforcement and support behaviour change • a cost recovery (no for profit) pricing model for disposal fees • investigate opportunities to reduce costs and improve accessibility of services • undertaking regular monitoring and cleaning of known dumping hot spots

Submitter	Summary of submission	Assessment of Submission
Anonymous	Increased support for Moe United Soccer Club	Council will continue to provide support to sporting through providing access to playing surfaces, pavilions and facilities.
Tracy White	Maintenance Grant for Toongabbie Mechanics Institute Committee	An allocation of \$2,500 has been included in the annual maintenance grant budget, in the FY27 budget.
Various (6)	Support for sports lighting renewal project at Traralgon West Sports Complex	A funding allocation of \$200k has been included in the FY27 budget
Ex Students Cricket Club / Moe Football Netball Club / Traralgon Rovers Cricket Club	Season facility fees and charges	The proposed Fee increases for the 2026/27 and 2027/28 financial years are intended to recover a cumulative 10% of maintenance costs associated with sporting reserves maintenance throughout Latrobe City and aligns with the intended fee recovery amount per the 2016 Management and Maintenance Practices of Latrobe City Grass Based Sporting Reserves report.
Various (3)	Lake Narracan DCP intersection detailed design Thompsons Road / Old Sale Road	Council officers confirm that detailed design for the said intersection is currently scheduled for the 2027/28 financial year which aligns with the indicative provision trigger set by the Lake Narracan Development Contributions Plan (DCP).

Submitter	Summary of submission	Assessment of Submission
Teresa Pugliese	Traffic safety and accessibility funding	<p>Council has many competing priorities for budget funding, with funding being allocated based on most pressing priorities.</p> <p>Additional minor lighting on Byron Street has been identified within the candidate project list as part of the \$35k allocation to New Public Lighting.</p> <p>Grey Street being a Department of Transport and Planning main road would require assessment by the department in order to have a new crossing installed.</p>
Anonymous	Freemans Road Traralgon emergency services turn around	Council has an allocated budget amount for CFA/Garbage turnarounds, this request has been added to the unfunded capital works list for future consideration.
Morwell Historical Society	Morwell Historical Society funding request of \$30,000 for capital works and improvements program.	<p>Funding is available for most projects identified, through Council's community grant schemes including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quick Response • Community Wellbeing • Capital Works Major; and • Capital Works Minor <p>Noting only one grant can be obtained at a time, and needs to be acquitted prior to applying for another grant.</p>
Mark Smith	Increase in community grants allocation (amount not specified)	There is currently an allocation of \$1.5m in the draft budget, this represents a slight increase from the FY26 adopted budget.

Submitter	Summary of submission	Assessment of Submission
Circular PV Alliance (CPVA)	Request for LCC to participate and become a member of CPVA including an annual subscription of \$5K	Council's waste services team is undertaking an assessment of the proposal contained within the submission, there is currently no budget allocation in FY27
GARDS	Sculpture and mural memorial	Council endorsed the location for this proposal at the 24 November 2025 Council Meeting. Officers have since been working with the GARDS on the exact location. This project is listed on the unfunded capital works list for consideration at each budget opportunity.
Monash Soccer Club	Monash Soccer Club sports lighting upgrade request	This project forms part of Council's Recreation Needs listing and will be reassessed against all other projects as part of the current review of the Recreation Needs Assessment. This review is still active and yet to be prioritised or endorsed by Council.

COMMUNICATION

Public notice of the preparation of the draft Budget was advertised in the Latrobe Valley Express on 6 May 2026 and invitation to Have your Say on Council's website from 28 April 2026 and included in the Council Noticeboard in the Latrobe Valley Express on 13 May 2026.

Budget documentation was made available for inspection at the Corporate Headquarters, Service Centres and on Council's website.

Submissions in relation to the Budget were receivable up to 5pm on 25 May 2026. Submissions were encouraged by making a submission via the Have Your Say Latrobe City platform.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Officers preparing this report have declared they do not have a conflict of interest in this matter under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

APPENDIX 1 IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Gender

A Gender Impact Assessment (GIA) under the Gender Equality Act 2020 has not been conducted as this matter does not involve a program, service or policy with a significant and direct impact on the community. GIA's may be undertaken at service level when budgets are activated/utilised.

Social

The budget aims to meet the social needs of our community through the maintenance and development of open space, parks, gardens, and infrastructure to support community gatherings.

Cultural

The budget continues to support Latrobe City Council's commitment to providing services, information and facilities that are inclusive and accessible from diverse backgrounds.

Health

The draft budget supports Council's Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2029.

Environmental

The draft budget supports the implementation of actions identified in the Sustainability Action Plan 2023-2033.

Economic

The draft budget is based on assumptions that consider the forecast economic outlook, CPI estimates and expectations in relation to possible rate cap restrictions in the outer years.

Financial

The draft budget has been responsibly developed and balanced on a cash basis, maintaining existing services and service levels while also encompassing a renewal budget which seeks to maintain existing infrastructure to identified intervention levels. Council's ability to set (and rebate) rates is highly regulated by legislation. It is important to understand that the rate increase is an average increase and applies to Council's total rate base meaning that individual properties may see increases or decreases varying from the advertised percentage. This is because of movements in property valuations relative to the value of other properties in the municipality.

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2. Submissions

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2026/27 Budget Executive Summary

Budget Summary

This document outlines the broad range of services provided by council and builds upon our 2035 Community Vision, and the Council Plan 2025-2029 which centres around the following key strategic directions:

- Our Economy (Investment, Jobs, Growth)
- Our City (Liveable, Sustainable, Connected)
- Our Community (Healthy, Inclusive, Safe)

Supported by;

- Our Organisation (Leadership, Collaboration, Capability)

The document details the funding that is required to deliver Council's services and maintain and improve community infrastructure.

The budget has been prepared on the basis of a 2.75% increase in municipal rates and charges (excluding waste services charges) which is in line with the maximum increase in rates permissible under the Victorian Government's Fair Go Rates System (FGRS) for the 2026/27 financial year.

Waste services charge is set to increase by \$25.00 per standard set of 3 bins or 6.1%. This incorporates a realignment of waste services cost recovery to include the cost of Council's public litter and illegal dumping activities in line with the amended Ministerial Guidelines. It also incorporates the introduction of Food Organics to the current Garden Organics service (FOGO) from 1 July 2026.

The budget includes a total capital works program of \$90.4 million comprising of \$71.9 million being 26/27 current year program and \$18.5 million of continuing multiyear projects and other carry forward works from prior year budgets, with Council funding of \$55.5 million for the current program. The program includes investment in renewing existing infrastructure of \$32.0 million with \$13.3 million of this being committed to the road network. In addition, \$30.4 million will be spent on the continuation of the Gippsland Logistics and Manufacturing Precinct. Other major projects include Regional Car Parks Fund Commercial Road Morwell carpark \$9.6 million, Multi-use Pavilion Gaskin Park \$3.0 million, Multi-use netball and tennis pavilion at Yinnar Recreation Reserve \$1.6 million and Community Facilities upgrades funded under the State Government's Regional Sports Infrastructure Program \$5.3 million.

New borrowings of \$2.9 million are proposed in 2026/27 to fund various Council commitments to Developer Contribution Plan (DCP) projects.

A four year budget has been developed in accordance with the requirements under the Local Government Act 2020. The key aim of the budget is to support the medium term goals of the Council Plan while ensuring the long term financial sustainability of the organisation.

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The 2026/27 Operating Budget predicts an operating surplus of \$27.5 million, after raising rates and charges of \$103.1 million out of total revenue of \$219.7 million. When excluding non-recurrent capital funding and developer contributions, an underlying operating deficit of \$14.5 million is projected for 2026/27. The Financial Plan identifies the need for Council to review infrastructure, services and service levels and to implement actions to reduce the underlying deficit position in the long term in order to ensure overall ongoing financial sustainability in a revenue capped environment.

Council continues to present a balanced budget when viewed on a cash basis, as is set out in the Income Allocation Statement.

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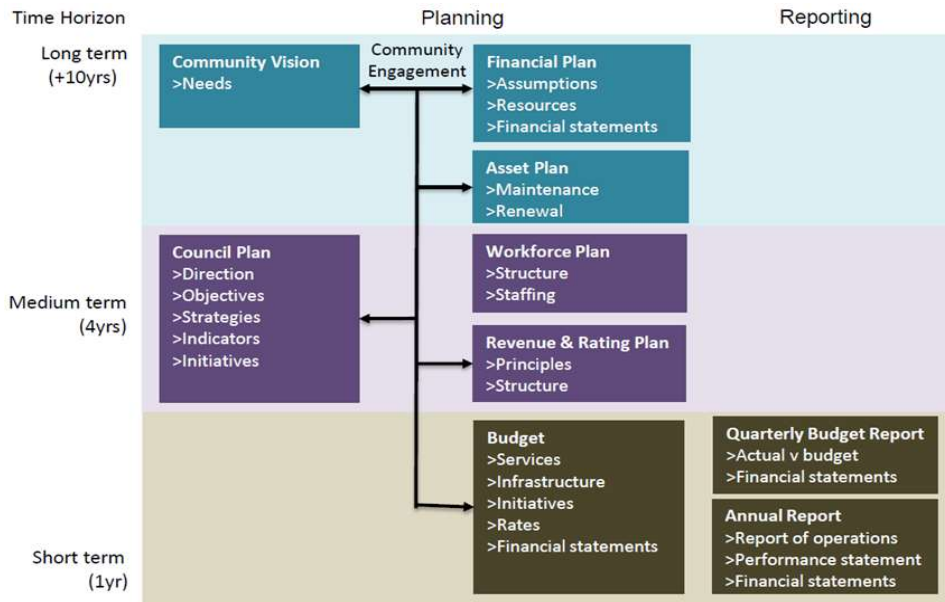
Link to the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

1. Link to the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

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

1.1 Legislative planning and accountability framework

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



Source: Mark Davies (Financial Professional Solutions)

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

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Link to the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

1.1.2 Key planning considerations

Service level planning

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

1.2 Our vision

The Community vision

In 2035, Latrobe City is a vibrant, thriving, healthy, connected and welcoming regional community where everyone feels safe and involved.

Our local businesses prosper, create diverse job opportunities, foster a highly skilled workforce and draw significant investment. Latrobe City is a hub of growth, learning, opportunity, and innovation.

We have stunning natural surroundings and outstanding creative, educational, recreational and cultural opportunities that underpin exceptional wellbeing and renowned visitor experiences.

1.3 Strategic Directions

Council delivers activities and initiatives under 42 major service categories. Each contributes to the achievement of the objectives in the Council Plan 2025-2029. The following table lists the four strategic directions of the Council Plan.

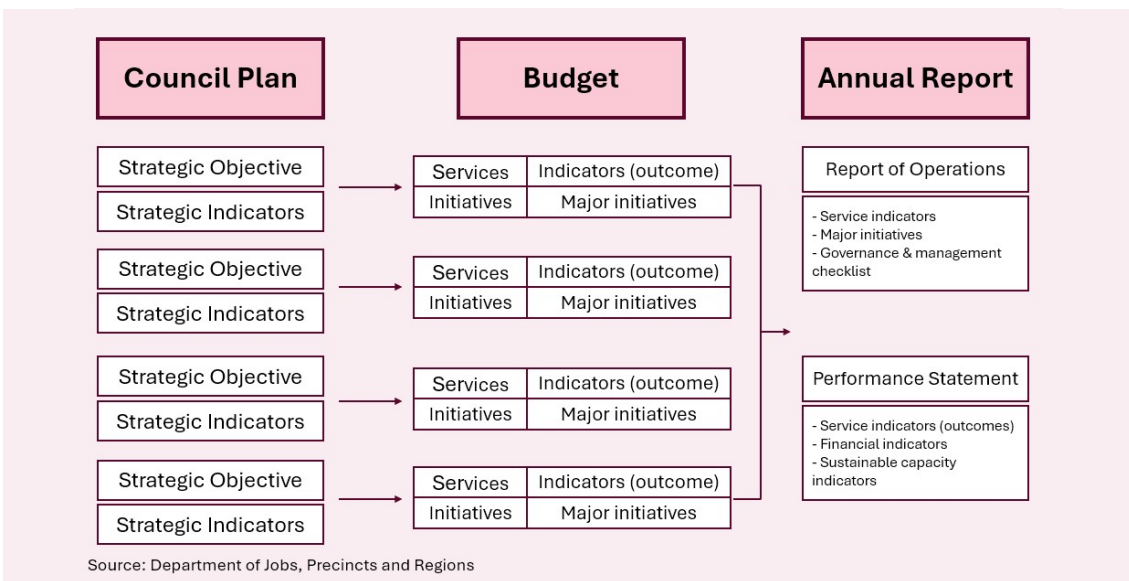
Strategic Direction	Description
1. Our Economy - Investment, Jobs, Growth	We are committed to working with our community and key stakeholders to grow our local economy to provide a wide range of job opportunities, economic diversification, and attract investment.
2. Our City – Liveable, Sustainable, Connected	We are committed to working with our community and key stakeholders to create a physical environment that offers liveability and connection and protects our natural environment for future generations.
3. Our Community – Healthy, Inclusive, Safe	We are committed to working with our community and stakeholders to create a healthy and safe community that celebrates volunteering, community pride and enhances social connection.
Supported by;	
4. Our Organisation – Leadership, Collaboration, Capability	We are committed to the operation of a high-performing, efficient organisation that underpins the delivery of our strategic direction (economy, city and community).

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Services & Service Performance Indicators

2. Services and service performance indicators

This section provides a description of the services and initiatives to be funded in the Budget for the 2026/27 year and how these will contribute to achieving the strategic objectives outlined in the Council Plan 2025-2029. It also describes several initiatives and service performance outcome indicators for key areas of Council's operations. Council is required by legislation to identify major initiatives, other 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



Strategic Directions

1. Our Economy - Investment, Jobs, Growth
2. Our City - Liveable, Sustainable, Connected
3. Our Community - Healthy, Inclusive, Safe
4. Our Organisation - Leadership, Collaboration, Capability

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Office of the CEO

Services	Strategic Direction Alignment					2026/27
	1	2	3	4		Budget
						\$'000
Mayoral & Council	✓	✓	✓	✓	Exp	795
					Rev	0
					Net	795
Council Operations, provision of support services to Councillors, deliver civic functions and events across Latrobe City Council.						
Office of the CEO	✓	✓	✓	✓	Exp	1,089
					Rev	(175)
					Net	914
Actively participate in the Gippsland Local Government Network.						
Total						1,709

Investment & Growth

Services	Strategic Direction Alignment					2026/27
	1	2	3	4		Budget
						\$'000
Business and Economic Development/ Investment Attraction	✓	✓			Exp	9,859
					Rev	(8,070)
					Net	1,789

Provides business development advice, services and programs to improve the overall prosperity of the municipality. Measures to indicate growth include improvements in education attainment, household income, career advancement and job opportunities. Deliver International Relations services. Provide regional leadership and facilitate a successful transition for Latrobe City to a low carbon future.

This budget includes Gippsland Logistics & Manufacturing Precinct Stage 1B construction grants and expenditure that will not be capitalised as the roundabout asset will pass to Department of Transport and Planning on completion.

Communications	✓			✓	Exp	755
					Rev	0
					Net	755
Provide communications, marketing and public relations services on behalf of Latrobe City Council.						
Employment Development	✓				Exp	827
					Rev	(843)
					Net	(16)
Promote, coordinate and providing training and employment opportunities for aboriginal people.						

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Strategic Direction Alignment					2026/27 Budget \$'000
Services	1	2	3	4	
Events and Tourism	✓		✓		Exp 2,046 Rev (60) Net 1,986
Attracting visitors to the region through both tourism initiatives and delivery of major events provides economic benefit to a wide range of local businesses. Providing event services to both community and commercial event operators seeks to improve the connectedness and amenity of life in the municipality. Proactively and strategically provide a quality visitor service, support the delivery of events, maintain the tourism website and promote a positive image of Latrobe City.					
Latrobe Regional Airport	✓	✓			Exp 547 Rev (516) Net 30
Maintain, develop and operate Latrobe Regional Airport in accordance with Civil Aviation Safety Authority regulations and the Latrobe Regional Airport Masterplan.					
Statutory and Strategic Planning		✓			Exp 2,598 Rev (576) Net 2,023
Provide statutory planning services, advice and enforcement action in accordance with the Latrobe Planning Scheme and Planning and Environment Act. Responsible for undertaking research, policy development and implementing policies and strategies through Planning Scheme Amendments and dealing with land-use planning matters.					
Urban Growth			✓		Exp 8,320 Rev (7,869) Net 452
Urban growth planning including ongoing management of planning permits, assessment of development plans and to help facilitate development outcomes by understanding growth and development trends. Budget amount includes Crinigan Road, Morwell Development Plan - sewer pump construction grants and expenditure that will not be capitalised as the asset will pass to Gippsland Water on completion.					
Total					7,018

Service Performance Outcome Indicators

Service	Performance Measure	Computation
Statutory Planning Indicator: Service Standard	Planning applications decided within required timeframes (percentage of regular and VicSmart planning application decisions made within legislated timeframes)	[Number of planning application decisions made within 60 days for regular permits and 10 days for VicSmart permits / Number of planning application decisions made] x100

Major Initiative

- MI1) Complete Gippsland Logistics & Manufacturing Precinct Stage 1B construction
MI2) Commence Gippsland Logistics & Manufacturing Precinct Stage 2 construction

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Services & Service Performance Indicators

Organisational Performance

Strategic Direction Alignment					2026/27 Budget
Services	1	2	3	4	\$'000
Financial Support				✓	Exp 3,927 Rev (272) Net 3,656
Maintain financial records, provide and manage procurement framework for the purchase of goods and services and maintain the rates property database.					
Governance				✓	Exp 920 Rev (68) Net 852
Council meeting management, Freedom of Information, internal audit, committee management, statutory registers and legal support functions.					
Information Services				✓	Exp 6,499 Rev 0 Net 6,499
Maintain the Latrobe City Council IT network infrastructure, assets, purchasing and licences and provide an effective secure environment for storage and disaster recovery. Maintain a Geographical Information System (GIS) for broad use by the organisation. Maintain corporate information and Council documentation and information applications in accordance with regulatory guidelines.					
People & Development				✓	Exp 2,656 Rev (42) Net 2,615
To provide advice, education and support to ensure the success of the organisation through effective leadership, resourcing and people management initiatives. To deliver a variety of learning initiatives and develop the knowledge and skills of our people.					
Performance & Innovation				✓	Exp 1,634 Rev 0 Net 1,634
Administer corporate planning and reporting and implement Council's innovation and continuous improvement programs.					
Risk and Compliance				✓	Exp 3,444 Rev (2) Net 3,443
Provide risk management support and advice, coordinate Occupational Health and Safety responsibilities and develop and implement a compliance framework. Administer Freedom of Information requests, Information Privacy requirements, maintain public registers, policies, audit activities and electoral functions for Latrobe City Council.					
Total					18,698

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Services & Service Performance Indicators

Service Performance Outcome Indicators

Service	Performance Measure	Computation
Governance	Satisfaction with community consultation and engagement.	Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how Council has performed on community consultation and engagement
Indicator: Satisfaction	(Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with the consultation and engagement efforts of Council)	

Infrastructure & Sustainability

Services	Strategic Direction Alignment				2026/27 Budget
	1	2	3	4	\$'000
Building Maintenance		✓			Exp 6,578 Rev 0 Net 6,578
Provide reactive and planned maintenance/renewal to Council buildings and supporting infrastructure including street lighting, aquatic facilities, pedestrian bridges, bus shelters, shelters and gazebos.					
Civil Works Projects		✓			Exp 1,757 Rev 0 Net 1,757
Delivery of the civil capital works program incorporating road reseal, footpath replacement, road rehabilitation etc. to ensure assets are in a working condition, in accordance with relevant legislation and guidelines.					
Emergency Management			✓		Exp 573 Rev (70) Net 503
Undertake risk based, strategic planning and actions that promote community safety whilst building community resilience from the threat of bushfire, flood and other emergency impacts in collaboration with emergency management agencies and community.					
Environment Sustainability		✓			Exp 2,091 Rev (195) Net 1,896
Planning for the current and future needs of the community through the protection of the natural environment (including: resource use and energy efficiency; biodiversity and native vegetation management; control of declared weeds; waterway protection, etc.), and the administration of environment and sustainability compliance activities to meet related regulatory and statutory requirements.					
Infrastructure Design		✓			Exp 1,614 Rev (7) Net 1,607
Supports the design and delivery of high quality civil works projects delivered by Council and developers (road and drainage design, landscape design, and technical advice on streetscapes) within the built environment to enhance the liveability and sustainability of our community and support job creation.					

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Services & Service Performance Indicators

Strategic Direction Alignment					2026/27 Budget
Services	1	2	3	4	\$'000
Infrastructure Maintenance		✓			Exp 7,963 Rev (70) Net 7,893
Maintenance of key infrastructure including all sealed and unsealed roads and roadsides, drains, signage, illegal dumping, graffiti, public conveniences, public litter bins, unsealed footpaths and some small sections of sealed footpaths.					
Infrastructure Planning		✓			Exp 1,479 Rev (1,015) Net 464
Planning for the provision and renewal of Council assets that underpin the delivery of Council Services. Compliance to planning regulation to ensure effective and efficient provision of infrastructure that supports development.					
Landfill Services		✓			Exp 4,300 Rev (2,562) Net 1,738
Operate and maintain the Hyland Highway Municipal Landfill facility in accordance with Environment Protection Authority licence conditions.					
Major Projects		✓			Exp 869 Rev 0 Net 869
Deliver major infrastructure projects from the Annual Capital Works Program.					
Parks, Gardens and Playgrounds	✓	✓			Exp 11,274 Rev (158) Net 11,116
Open Space: To improve visual attractiveness, community wellbeing and tourism appeal of the municipality through the creation and maintenance of green public spaces, including parks, gardens and trails, playgrounds, street furniture and streets. Infrastructure Maintenance: maintain non-organised sporting recreation spaces and town-centre streetscapes to facilitate play, commerce and functional public spaces for the community. Includes public furniture, BMX and Mountain Bike Tracks, skateboard parks and playgrounds.					
Property and Statutory		✓		✓	Exp 920 Rev (399) Net 521
Administer property management, advice and services.					
Recreation and Open Space Planning		✓	✓		Exp 378 Rev 0 Net 378
To develop and maintain recreation and open space policies and provide strategic advice and planning service that enables Council to meet the open space and recreation needs of the community now and into the future.					

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Services & Service Performance Indicators

Strategic Direction Alignment					2026/27 Budget
Services	1	2	3	4	\$'000
Recreation Liaison		✓	✓		Exp 995
					Rev (90)
					Net 905

Providing stakeholders with a consistent mode of engagement with Council through the provision of a liaison service while also providing timely and accurate advice. Provision of outdoor sporting reserves including maintenance of sporting surfaces and associated facilities and amenities (pavilions, waste, etc.).

Waste Services	✓	Exp 13,679
		Rev 0
		Net 13,679

Provision of waste and recycling services that encourage the appropriate disposal of waste materials in a sustainable manner, including through the operation of 4 transfer stations (located at Yinnar, Traralgon, Moe & Morwell), provision of kerbside waste, recyclables and green waste collection services, a hard waste collection service, organic resource processing, and waste education services.

Total	49,905
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Service Performance Outcome Indicators

Service	Performance Measure	Computation
Roads	Sealed local roads below the intervention level (percentage of sealed local roads that are below the renewal intervention level set by Council and not requiring renewal)	[Number of kilometres of sealed local roads below the renewal intervention level set by Council / Kilometres of sealed local roads] x100
Indicator: Satisfaction		
Waste Management	Kerbside collection waste diverted from landfill. (Percentage of 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
Indicator: Waste Diversion		

Major Initiatives

MI3) Ted Summerton Reserve completion of upgrade works
MI4) Completion of Multi-use Pavilion Gaskin Park

MI5) Regional Car Parking fund projects. Complete construction of Commercial Rd carpark

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Services & Service Performance Indicators

Community Liveability

Services	Strategic Direction Alignment				2026/27
	1	2	3	4	Budget \$'000
Arts	✓		✓		Exp 4,712
					Rev (1,316)
					Net 3,396

Deliver the annual Latrobe Regional Gallery Exhibitions program and deliver Education and Public Participation programs across all arts facilities. Deliver the annual Performing Arts Performances program. Manage Halls and Venues across the City.

Building Services	✓				Exp 834
					Rev (484)
					Net 351

Provides building advice, statutory services, registration of swimming pools and enforcement action in accordance with relevant legislation including the Building Act 1993, including approval and monitoring processes, community engagement and education to deliver appropriate and safe building outcomes.

Community Engagement	✓				Exp 2,037
					Rev 0
					Net 2,037

Provide community engagement support services.

Community Grants	✓	✓			Exp 1,437
					Rev 0
					Net 1,437

The Community Grant Program provides funding to local not-for-profit community groups across capital works, community wellbeing, events and quick response streams, in line with the priorities set out in the Council Plan and Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan.

Community Information			✓		Exp 684
					Rev (66)
					Net 618

Deliver professional customer service at all Latrobe City Council service centres.

Community Strengthening	✓		✓		Exp 2,276
					Rev (339)
					Net 1,938

Working with community advisory groups: Positive Ageing Community Engagement Group, Disability Access and Inclusion Community Engagement Group, Cultural Diversity Advisory Group, and Youth Council. Also run events and programs to improve community health and wellbeing. The Social Policy and Inclusion team manages the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan.

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Services & Service Performance Indicators

Services	Strategic Direction Alignment					2026/27
	1	2	3	4		Budget
						\$'000
Early Childhood Health & Development			✓		Exp	12,288
					Rev	(11,332)
					Net	956
<p>The service provides information, advice, support and health monitoring for parents of children aged 0–6 years to promote healthy development, wellbeing, learning and safety. It coordinates and delivers the National Immunisation Program, offering free scheduled vaccines to eligible community members through community, school and workplace sessions. The service also supports the Best Start Partnership, working with local agencies and community members to improve the health, development and wellbeing of Victorian children from infancy to school transition (0–8 years)</p>						
Early Learning & Care			✓		Exp	7,134
					Rev	(6,868)
					Net	267
<p>Manage enrolments and facilitate early learning programs and care across three child care centres and 26 preschools are located at various locations across Moe, Morwell, Traralgon, Churchill, Boolarra, Glengarry, Traralgon South, Tyers, Yallourn North and Yinnar.</p>						
Health Services			✓		Exp	1,081
					Rev	(597)
					Net	484
<p>Provision of public & environmental health services which covers the areas of wastewater management, infectious disease; monitoring and inspection of food, accommodation, beauty therapies, tobacco etc. to minimise the risk to public and environmental health.</p>						
Leisure Facilities	✓		✓		Exp	8,153
					Rev	(3,968)
					Net	4,185
<p>The operation of Leisure Centres which provide community access to health, fitness and recreation through four indoor facilities (Morwell, Churchill, Moe/Newborough and Traralgon), offering indoor pools, learn-to-swim programs, gym facilities, group fitness and stadium/court spaces and two outdoor pools (Moe and Yallourn North) which operate during summer for water-based recreation. The management and operation of the Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium (GRISS) and the Gippsland Regional Cricket Centre.</p>						
Library Services			✓		Exp	3,741
					Rev	(625)
					Net	3,116
<p>Operation of four libraries (Moe, Morwell, Traralgon and Churchill) across the municipality that provides access to resources, programs and services that encourages lifelong learning and literacy and numeracy development.</p>						

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Services & Service Performance Indicators

Strategic Direction Alignment				2026/27 Budget	
Services	1	2	3	4	\$'000
Local Laws			✓		
					Exp 3,402
					Rev (1,650)
					Net 1,751
Deliver customer focussed Local Law services across the municipality in accordance with Local Law No. 2 and other relevant legislation.					
Positive Ageing			✓		
					Exp 132
					Rev (4)
					Net 128
Positive Ageing team work directly with Senior Citizens groups by managing facilities, and providing information about relevant services and programs to the ageing cohort such as Awareness and Prevention sessions at Latrobe City Libraries and Positive Ageing Festival activities. Latrobe City Council owns, maintains and administers 6 Senior Citizens venues across the municipality. These include Traralgon East, Monomeath, Morwell East, Morwell, Newborough and Moe Senior Citizens venues.					
Total					20,664

Service Performance Outcome Indicators

Service	Performance Measure	Computation
Aquatic Facilities Indicator: Utilisation	Utilisation of aquatic facilities. (Number of visits to aquatic facilities per head of population)	Number of visits to aquatic facilities / population
Animal Management Indicator: Health and Safety	Animal management prosecutions. (Percentage of animal management prosecutions which are successful)	Number of successful animal management prosecutions / Total number of animal management prosecutions
Food Safety Indicator: 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 outcome notifications and major non-compliance outcome notifications about a food premises followed up / Number of critical non-compliance outcome notifications and major non-compliance outcome notifications about food premises] x100

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Service	Performance Measure	Computation
Libraries Indicator: Participation	Library membership (Percentage of the population that are registered library members)	$\left[\frac{\text{Number of registered library members}}{\text{Population}} \right] \times 100$
Maternal and Child Health Indicator: Participation	Participation in the MCH service. (Percentage of children enrolled who participate in the MCH service)	$\left[\frac{\text{Number of children who attend the MCH service at least once (in the financial year)}}{\text{Number of children enrolled in the MCH service}} \right] \times 100$
Maternal and Child Health Indicator: Participation	Participation in the MCH service by Aboriginal children. (Percentage of Aboriginal children enrolled who participate in the MCH service)	$\left[\frac{\text{Number of Aboriginal children who attend the MCH service at least once (in the financial year)}}{\text{Number of Aboriginal children enrolled in the MCH service}} \right] \times 100$

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2.10 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 2026/27 Annual Report. The Performance Statement will also include reporting on prescribed indicators of financial performance (outlined in section 5) and sustainable capacity, which are not included in this budget report. The full set of prescribed performance indicators 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.

2.11 Reconciliation with budgeted operating result

	Net Cost/ (Revenue) \$'000	Expenditure \$'000	Revenue \$'000
Office of the CEO	(1,709)	1,884	175
Investment & Growth	(7,018)	24,952	17,934
Organisational Performance	(18,698)	19,080	382
Infrastructure & Sustainability	(49,905)	54,471	4,566
Community Livability	(20,664)	47,913	27,249
Total	(97,994)	148,300	50,306

Expenses added in:

Depreciation and amortisation	43,569
Finance costs	282
<i>Surplus/ (Deficit) before funding sources</i>	(141,845)

Funding sources added in:

Rates & charges	85,059
Waste charge revenue	18,069
Capital Grants & Contributions	29,947
Victoria Grants Commission General Purpose fund	16,511
Developer contributions	15,000
Interest income	4,800
<i>Total funding sources</i>	169,386
<i>Operating surplus/(deficit) for the year</i>	27,541

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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 year 2026/27 has been supplemented with projections to 2027/28.

This section includes the following financial statements in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) regulations 2020, and Income Allocation Statement*.

- Comprehensive Income Statement
- Balance Sheet
- Statement of Changes in Equity
- Statement of Cash Flows
- Statement of Capital Works
- Statement of Human Resources
- Income Allocation Statement

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3.1 Comprehensive Income Statement

For the four years ending 30 June 2030

	Notes	Forecast	Budget	Projections		
		Actual 2025/26 \$'000	2026/27 \$'000	2027/28 \$'000	2028/29 \$'000	2029/30 \$'000
Income / Revenue						
Rates and charges	4.1.1	99,773	103,128	106,197	108,587	111,798
Statutory fees & fines	4.1.2	3,348	3,084	3,161	3,240	3,321
User fees	4.1.3	12,623	12,658	12,974	13,299	13,631
Grants - Operating	4.1.4	24,123	48,411	32,960	33,454	33,956
Grants - Capital	4.1.4	47,513	29,897	3,641	3,400	3,400
Contributions - Monetary	4.1.5	664	370	4,979	6,800	5,460
Contributions - Non-Monetary	4.1.5	10,000	15,000	15,375	15,759	16,153
Other Income	4.1.6	9,291	7,144	6,818	6,893	6,970
Total income / revenue		207,335	219,692	186,105	191,432	194,689
Expenses						
Employee costs	4.1.7	73,146	70,109	71,512	72,945	74,406
Materials and services	4.1.8	59,560	67,928	53,280	54,611	55,977
Depreciation	4.1.9	40,100	42,410	43,568	44,440	45,328
Amortisation - intangible assets	4.1.10	905	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Depreciation - right of use assets	4.1.11	155	159	133	139	140
Allowance for impairment losses		7	4	5	5	5
Borrowing Costs		318	282	423	339	257
Finance Costs - leases		42	38	36	47	42
Net loss on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant & equipment	4.1.12	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Other Expenses	4.1.13	6,038	5,221	5,107	5,233	5,365
Total expenses		185,271	192,151	180,064	183,759	187,520
Surplus (deficit) for the year		22,064	27,541	6,041	7,673	7,169
Other comprehensive income						
Net Asset Revaluation gain/(loss)		80,000	36,581	38,385	39,309	40,081
Total comprehensive result		102,064	64,122	44,426	46,982	47,250

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3.2 Balance Sheet

For the four years ending 30 June 2030

	Notes	Forecast Actual	Budget	Projections		
		2025/26 \$'000	2026/27 \$'000	2027/28 \$'000	2028/29 \$'000	2029/30 \$'000
Current assets						
Cash and cash equivalents		11,280	9,577	11,216	9,976	12,836
Trade and other receivables		6,274	6,399	6,464	6,703	6,806
Other financial assets		80,000	55,000	50,000	60,000	65,000
Prepayments		1,443	1,486	1,545	1,607	1,670
Contract assets		5,158	5,313	5,313	5,313	5,313
Total current assets	4.2.1	104,155	77,775	74,538	83,599	91,625
Non-current assets						
Other financial assets		2	2	2	2	2
Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment		1,829,031	1,919,264	1,954,336	1,991,454	2,030,062
Right-of-use assets	4.2.4	940	781	1,178	1,039	899
Intangible assets		2,543	1,543	543	2,543	1,543
Total non-current assets	4.2.1	1,832,516	1,921,590	1,956,059	1,995,038	2,032,506
Total assets		1,936,671	1,999,365	2,030,597	2,078,637	2,124,131
Current liabilities						
Trade and other payables		11,928	12,406	12,787	13,123	13,431
Trust funds & deposits		8,113	8,275	8,606	8,950	9,308
Contract and other liabilities		23,728	21,768	11,768	11,768	12,003
Provisions		12,998	14,531	13,313	13,660	15,253
Interest bearing liabilities	4.2.3	2,530	2,826	2,628	2,709	504
Lease liabilities	4.2.4	154	148	126	131	136
Total current liabilities	4.2.2	59,451	59,954	49,228	50,341	50,635
Non-current liabilities						
Provisions		21,483	19,631	19,375	22,161	20,750
Interest bearing liabilities	4.2.3	9,115	9,184	6,556	3,847	3,343
Lease liabilities	4.2.4	876	728	1,144	1,012	876
Total non-current liabilities	4.2.2	31,474	29,543	27,075	27,020	24,969
Total liabilities		90,925	89,497	76,303	77,361	75,604
Net assets		1,845,746	1,909,868	1,954,294	2,001,276	2,048,527
Equity						
Accumulated surplus		941,283	968,604	970,961	974,887	977,414
Reserves		904,463	941,264	983,333	1,026,389	1,071,112
Total equity		1,845,746	1,909,868	1,954,294	2,001,276	2,048,526

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3.3 Statement of Changes in Equity

For the four years ending 30 June 2030

	Notes	Total \$'000	Accumulated Surplus \$'000	Revaluation Reserve \$'000	Other Reserves \$'000
2026 Forecast Actual					
Balance at beginning of the financial year		1,743,682	919,320	815,336	9,026
Surplus for the year		22,064	22,064	-	-
Net asset revaluation gain/(loss)		80,000	-	80,000	-
Transfer to other reserves		-	(515)	-	515
Transfer from other reserves		-	414	-	(414)
Balance at end of the financial year		1,845,746	941,283	895,336	9,127
2027					
Balance at beginning of the financial year		1,845,746	941,283	895,336	9,127
Surplus for the year		27,541	27,541	-	-
Net asset revaluation gain/(loss)		36,581	-	36,581	-
Transfer to other reserves	4.3.1	-	(320)	-	320
Transfer from other reserves	4.3.1	-	100	-	(100)
Balance at end of the financial year	4.3.2	1,909,868	968,604	931,917	9,347
2028					
Balance at beginning of the financial year		1,909,868	968,604	931,917	9,347
Surplus for the year		6,041	6,041	-	-
Net asset revaluation gain/(loss)		38,385	-	38,385	-
Transfer to other reserves		-	(3,684)	-	3,684
Transfer from other reserves		-	-	-	-
Balance at end of the financial year		1,954,294	970,961	970,302	13,031
2029					
Balance at beginning of the financial year		1,954,294	970,961	970,302	13,031
Surplus for the year		7,673	7,673	-	-
Net asset revaluation gain/(loss)		39,309	-	39,309	-
Transfer to other reserves		-	(3,747)	-	3,747
Transfer from other reserves		-	-	-	-
Balance at end of the financial year		2,001,276	974,887	1,009,611	16,778
2030					
Balance at beginning of the financial year		2,001,276	974,887	1,009,611	16,778
Surplus for the year		7,169	7,169	-	-
Net asset revaluation gain/(loss)		40,081	-	40,081	-
Transfer to other reserves		-	(4,642)	-	4,642
Transfer from other reserves		-	-	-	-
Balance at end of the financial year		2,048,526	977,414	1,049,692	21,420

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3.4 Statement of Cash Flows

For the four years ending 30 June 2030

	Notes	Forecast	Budget	Projections		
		Actual 2025/26 \$'000	2026/27 \$'000	2027/28 \$'000	2028/29 \$'000	2029/30 \$'000
		Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)
Cash flows from operating activities						
Rates and charges		99,590	103,003	106,354	108,500	111,669
Statutory fees & fines		3,348	3,142	3,484	3,559	3,648
User Fees		12,624	12,600	14,301	14,606	14,974
Grants - operating		32,194	48,411	26,256	36,772	37,560
Grants - capital		33,712	27,937	3,643	3,403	3,400
Contributions - monetary		664	370	4,979	6,800	5,460
Interest received		5,900	4,200	3,800	3,800	3,800
Trust funds and deposits taken		18,000	18,540	19,427	20,013	20,617
Other Receipts		3,390	2,944	3,336	3,296	3,556
Net GST refund/payment		4,000	4,000	3,305	3,798	3,972
Employee costs		(75,875)	(69,693)	(71,001)	(72,452)	(73,912)
Materials and services		(70,937)	(72,182)	(58,070)	(59,546)	(61,059)
Short-term, low value and variable lease payments		(140)	(276)	(283)	(290)	(297)
Trust funds and deposits repaid		(17,846)	(18,378)	(19,096)	(19,669)	(20,259)
Other payments		(5,898)	(5,150)	(7,507)	(6,052)	(6,158)
Net cash provided by operating activities	4.4.1	42,726	59,468	32,928	46,538	46,971
Cash flows from investing activities						
Payments for property, infrastructure, plant and equipment		(90,550)	(90,394)	(44,429)	(35,715)	(37,076)
Proceeds from sale of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment		3,479	4,332	11,561	1,077	1,104
Payments for investments		(150,000)	(160,000)	(145,000)	(150,000)	(145,000)
Proceeds from sale of investments		190,000	185,000	150,000	140,000	140,000
Net cash used in investing activities	4.4.2	(47,071)	(61,062)	(27,868)	(44,638)	(40,972)
Cash flows from financing activities						
Finance costs		(306)	(282)	(423)	(338)	(257)
Proceeds from borrowings		2,500	2,895	-	-	-
Repayment of borrowings		(5,626)	(2,530)	(2,826)	(2,628)	(2,709)
Interest paid - lease liability		(54)	(38)	(36)	(47)	(42)
Repayment of lease liabilities		(145)	(154)	(136)	(127)	(131)
Net cash used in financing activities	4.4.3	(3,631)	(109)	(3,421)	(3,140)	(3,139)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents		(7,976)	(1,703)	1,639	(1,240)	2,860
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of year		19,256	11,280	9,577	11,216	9,976
Cash & cash equivalents at end of year		11,280	9,577	11,216	9,976	12,836

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3.5 Statement of Capital Works

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	Notes	Forecast Actual	Budget	Projections		
		2025/26 \$'000	2026/27 \$'000	2027/28 \$'000	2028/29 \$'000	2029/30 \$'000
Property						
Buildings		44,702	23,715	4,746	6,633	7,310
Total property		44,702	23,715	4,746	6,633	7,310
Plant and Equipment						
Plant, Machinery & Equipment		4,538	4,019	3,504	3,592	3,682
Fixtures, Fittings & Furniture		26	15	15	16	16
Computers & Telecommunications		1,075	850	871	893	915
Artworks		14	15	15	16	16
Total Plant and Equipment		5,653	4,899	4,405	4,517	4,629
Infrastructure						
Roads		17,946	13,595	14,026	14,291	14,565
Bridges		1,777	1,720	1,763	1,807	1,852
Footpaths & Cycleways		1,238	663	680	697	714
Drainage		4,472	2,937	1,128	1,156	1,185
Recreational, Leisure & Community Facilities		8,655	7,778	1,438	1,474	1,511
Waste Management		2,908	0	0	0	0
Parks, Open Space & Streetscapes		2,920	3,987	1,932	1,563	1,602
Aerodromes		0	385	395	0	0
Off Street Carparks		279	315	322	330	338
Other Infrastructure		0	30,400	9,555	0	0
Total Infrastructure		40,195	61,780	31,239	21,318	21,767
Total capital works expenditure	4.5.1	90,550	90,394	40,390	32,468	33,706
Represented by:						
New asset expenditure		36,137	53,262	9,970	425	436
Asset renewal expenditure		37,867	32,014	29,008	31,014	32,215
Asset expansion expenditure		0	0	0	0	0
Asset upgrade expenditure		16,546	5,118	1,412	1,029	1,055
Total capital works expenditure	4.5.1	90,550	90,394	40,390	32,468	33,706
Funding sources represented by:						
Grants		47,513	29,897	3,641	3,400	3,400
Contributions		258	50	0	0	0
Council cash		40,279	57,552	36,749	29,068	30,306
Borrowings		2,500	2,895	0	0	0
Total capital works expenditure	4.5.1	90,550	90,394	40,390	32,468	33,706

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3.6 Statement of Human Resources

For the four years ending 30 June 2030

	Forecast	Budget	Projections		
	Actual	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Staff expenditure					
Employee costs - operating	73,146	70,109	71,512	72,945	74,406
Employee costs - capital	2,181	1,215	1,251	1,289	1,328
Total staff expenditure	75,327	71,324	72,763	74,234	75,734
	FTE	FTE	FTE	FTE	FTE
Staff numbers					
Employees	613.6	609.5	609.5	609.5	609.5
Total staff numbers	613.6	609.5	609.5	609.5	609.5

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

Division	Budget	Comprises		
	2026/27	Full Time	Part Time	Casual
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Office of the CEO	908	908	0	0
Investment & Growth	8,400	7,498	890	12
Organisational Performance	9,358	8,760	598	0
Infrastructure & Sustainability	14,382	14,103	279	0
Community Liveability	29,288	12,980	12,963	3,345
Total permanent staff expenditure	62,336	44,249	14,730	3,357
Other employee related expenditure	7,773			
Capitalised labour costs	1,215			
Total expenditure	71,324			

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

Division	Budget	Comprises		
	2026/27	Full Time	Part Time	Casual
Office of the CEO	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0
Investment & Growth	67.4	59.0	8.3	0.1
Organisational Performance	73.7	68.8	4.9	0.0
Infrastructure & Sustainability	144.5	141.7	2.8	0.0
Community Liveability	311.1	120.0	163.1	28.1
Total permanent staff	601.7	394.5	179.0	28.2
Capitalised staff	7.8			
Total staff	609.5			

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Summary of Planned Human Resources Expenditure For the four years ended 30 June 2030

	2026/27 \$'000	2027/28 \$'000	2028/29 \$'000	2029/30 \$'000
Office of the CEO				
Permanent - Full time	908	935	964	992
Female	379	390	402	414
Male	529	545	562	578
Self-described gender	0	0	0	0
Vacant*	0	0	0	0
New positions	0	0	0	0
Permanent - Part time	0	0	0	0
Female	0	0	0	0
Male	0	0	0	0
Self-described gender	0	0	0	0
Vacant*	0	0	0	0
New positions	0	0	0	0
Total Office of the CEO	908	935	964	992
Investment & Growth				
Permanent - Full time	7,499	7,723	7,955	8,194
Female	4,116	4,239	4,366	4,497
Male	2,609	2,687	2,768	2,851
Self-described gender	0	0	0	0
Vacant*	774	797	821	846
New positions	0	0	0	0
Permanent - Part time	890	917	944	973
Female	890	917	944	973
Male	0	0	0	0
Self-described gender	0	0	0	0
Vacant*	0	0	0	0
New positions	0	0	0	0
Casual	12	12	13	13
Total Investment & Growth	8,401	8,652	8,912	9,180
Organisational Performance				
Permanent - Full time	8,760	9,023	9,294	9,572
Female	4,480	4,614	4,753	4,895
Male	3,399	3,501	3,606	3,714
Self-described gender	0	0	0	0
Vacant*	881	908	935	963
New positions	0	0	0	0
Permanent - Part time	598	616	636	654
Female	532	548	565	582
Male	46	47	49	50
Self-described gender	0	0	0	0
Vacant*	20	21	22	22
New positions	0	0	0	0
Casual	0	0	0	0
Total Organisational Performance	9,358	9,639	9,930	10,226
Infrastructure & Sustainability				
Permanent - Full time	14,102	14,526	14,961	15,411
Female	3,100	3,193	3,289	3,388
Male	9,884	10,181	10,486	10,801
Self-described gender	0	0	0	0
Vacant*	1,118	1,152	1,186	1,222
New positions	0	0	0	0
Permanent - Part time	279	289	297	305
Female	234	242	249	256
Male	45	47	48	49
Self-described gender	0	0	0	0
Total Infrastructure & Sustainability	14,381	14,815	15,258	15,716

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	2026/27 \$'000	2027/28 \$'000	2028/29 \$'000	2029/30 \$'000
Community Liveability				
Permanent - Full time	12,979	13,370	13,770	14,183
Female	9,272	9,551	9,837	10,132
Male	2,239	2,307	2,376	2,447
Self-described gender	0	0	0	0
Vacant*	1,468	1,512	1,557	1,604
New positions	0	0	0	0
Permanent - Part time	12,964	13,353	13,753	14,165
Female	10,723	11,045	11,376	11,717
Male	1,270	1,308	1,347	1,387
Self-described gender	0	0	0	0
Vacant*	971	1,000	1,030	1,061
New positions	0	0	0	0
Casual	3,345	3,446	3,549	3,656
Total Community Liveability	29,288	30,169	31,072	32,004
Other employee related expenditure	7,773	7,302	6,809	6,288
Capitalised labour costs	1,215	1,251	1,289	1,328
Total staff expenditure	71,324	72,763	74,234	75,734

	2026/27 FTE	2027/28 FTE	2028/29 FTE	2029/30 FTE
Office of the CEO				
Permanent - Full time	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Female	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Male	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Self-described gender	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Vacant*	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
New positions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Permanent - Part time	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Male	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Self-described gender	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Vacant*	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
New positions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Office of the CEO	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Investment & Growth				
Permanent - Full time	59.0	59.0	59.0	59.0
Female	34.0	34.0	34.0	34.0
Male	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Self-described gender	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Vacant*	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
New positions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Permanent - Part time	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3
Female	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3
Male	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Self-described gender	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Vacant*	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
New positions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Casual	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Investment & Growth	67.4	67.4	67.4	67.4

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	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
	FTE	FTE	FTE	FTE
Organisational Performance				
Permanent - Full time	68.8	68.8	68.8	68.8
Female	37.8	37.8	37.8	37.8
Male	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0
Self-described gender	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Vacant*	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
New positions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Permanent - Part time	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9
Female	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3
Male	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Self-described gender	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Vacant*	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
New positions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Casual	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Organisational Performance	73.7	73.7	73.7	73.7
Infrastructure & Sustainability				
Permanent - Full time	141.7	141.7	141.7	141.7
Female	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0
Male	102.2	102.2	102.2	102.2
Self-described gender	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Vacant*	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5
New positions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Permanent - Part time	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
Female	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
Male	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Self-described gender	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Vacant*	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
New positions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Infrastructure & Sustainability	144.5	144.5	144.5	144.5
Community Liveability				
Permanent - Full time	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0
Female	93.0	93.0	93.0	93.0
Male	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0
Self-described gender	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Vacant*	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
New positions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Permanent - Part time	163.1	163.1	163.1	163.1
Female	136.9	136.9	136.9	136.9
Male	13.6	13.6	13.6	13.6
Self-described gender	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Vacant*	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6
New positions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Casual	28.1	28.1	28.1	28.1
Total Community Liveability	311.1	311.1	311.1	311.1
Capitalised labour	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8
Total staff numbers	609.5	609.5	609.5	609.5

* Approved positions that are unfilled at the time of preparing the budget are listed as Vacant.

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Income Allocation Statement

	Forecast Actual 2025/26 Notes \$'000	Budget 2026/27 \$'000
Operating		
Income		
Rates and charges	82,677	85,059
Statutory fees & fines	3,348	3,084
User fees	9,916	10,096
Grants - Operating	25,425	32,472
Contributions - Monetary	514	320
Other income	3,022	2,944
Interest Income	5,900	4,200
Transfer from / (to) reserve	16,722	(1,607)
Internal revenue / (expense) from Waste and Capital	383	2,866
Total income	147,909	139,434
Expenses		
Employee costs	(72,211)	(69,358)
Materials and services	(44,919)	(37,561)
Borrowing Costs	(44)	(32)
Utilities	(4,048)	(3,830)
Total expenses	(121,223)	(110,781)
Operating Funds Available	26,686	28,652
Waste (incl. Landfill and Domestic Waste Service)		
Rates and charges - Waste	17,096	18,069
User Fees / Other income - Waste	2,942	2,562
Operational Expenditure - Waste	(15,170)	(15,446)
Capital Works expenditure - Waste	(3,284)	(700)
Capital Works (operating) expenditure - Waste	(1,529)	(1,345)
Internal revenue / (expense) - Waste	(1,901)	(2,866)
Transfer from / (to) reserve - Waste	1,847	(274)
Net Waste expenditure	-	-
Capital		
Grants - Capital	45,736	29,897
Grants - Operating (Capital)	475	15,939
Other Income - Capital	1,504	4,382
Transfer from / (to) reserve - Capital	14,216	27,356
Internal revenue / (expense) - Capital	4,018	2,895
Capital Works expenditure	(87,265)	(89,694)
Capital Works (operating) expenditure	(2,512)	(16,616)
Net Capital expenditure	(23,829)	(25,840)
Financing		
Borrowings		
Debt Servicing Principal	(5,626)	(2,530)
New Borrowings	2,500	2,895
Internal revenue / (expense) - Transfer New Borrowings to Capital	(2,500)	(2,895)
Borrowing Costs - Financing	(318)	(282)
Transfer from / (to) reserve - Borrowings	3,350	-
Financing costs	(2,594)	(2,812)
Surplus / (deficit)	263	-

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4. Notes to the financial statements

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

4.1 Comprehensive Income Statement

4.1.1 Rates and charges

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

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

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

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

To achieve these objectives while maintaining service levels and a strong capital expenditure program, the average general rate and the municipal charge will increase by 2.75% which is the maximum allowable under the rate cap.

Waste services charges are set to increase by \$25.00 or 6.1% per standard set of 3 bins, this incorporates the introduction of Food Organics to the current Garden Organics service (FOGO) from 1 July 2026, plus the inclusion of public litter bins and illegal dumping activities in line with the amended Ministerial Guidelines. The EPA Landfill Levy will remain at \$37 per bin.

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

	2025/26 Forecast Actual \$'000	2026/27 Budget \$'000	Change \$'000	%
General Rates*	66,344	68,961	2,617	3.9%
Municipal Charges*	6,371	6,605	234	3.7%
Service rates and charges	17,014	18,069	1,055	6.2%
Cultural & Recreational Land Rates	89	84	(5)	(5.6%)
Payments in lieu of rates**	9,368	8,833	(535)	(5.7%)
Supplementary rates & charges	587	575	(12)	(2.0%)
Total rates and charges	99,773	103,128	3,355	3.4%

* These items are subject to the rate cap established under the FGRS

** Payments made in lieu of rates under the Electricity Act are tied to current year (March) CPI levels rather than the annual rate cap.

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

Type or class of land	2025/26 cents/\$CIV	2026/27 cents/\$CIV	Change
General rate for rateable residential properties	0.00301496	0.00291280	(3.4%)
General rate for rateable commercial properties	0.00301496	0.00291280	(3.4%)
General rate for rateable industrial properties	0.00301496	0.00291280	(3.4%)
General rate for rateable farm properties	0.00226122	0.00218460	(3.4%)
General rate for rateable derelict properties	0.00904488	0.00873840	(3.4%)

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

Type or class of land	2025/26 \$'000	2026/27 \$'000	Change \$'000	%
General	63,029	65,739	2,710	4.3%
Farm	3,293	3,216	(77)	(2.3%)
Derelict properties	22	6	(16)	(71.9%)
Total amount to be raised by general rates	66,344	68,961	2,617	3.9%

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

Type or class of land	2025/26	2026/27	Change	
	Number	Number	No.	%
General	40,350	40,800	450	1.1%
Farm	905	893	(12)	(1.3%)
Derelict properties	5	4	(1)	(20.0%)
Total number of assessments	41,260	41,697	437	1.1%

4.1.1(e) The basis of valuation to be used is the Capital Improved Value (CIV).

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

Type or class of land	2025/26	2026/27	Change	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
General	20,905,479	22,569,093	1,663,614	8.0%
Farm	1,456,353	1,472,093	15,740	1.1%
Derelict properties	2,405	700	(1,705)	(70.9%)
Total value of land	22,364,237	24,041,886	1,677,649	7.5%

4.1.1(g) The municipal charge under Section 159 of the Act compared with the previous financial year

Type of Charge	Per Rateable	Per Rateable	Change	
	Property	Property		
	2025/26	2026/27		
	\$	\$	\$	%
Municipal	155.00	159.00	4.00	2.6%

4.1.1(h) The estimated total amount to be raised by municipal charges compared with the previous financial year

Type of Charge	2025/26	2026/27	Change	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
Municipal	6,371	6,605	234	3.7%

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

Type of Charge	Per Rateable Property	Per Rateable Property	Change	
	2025/26	2026/27	\$	%
	\$	\$	\$	%
Waste Services Charge	409.00	434.00	25.00	6.1%
Waste Services Charge - Landfill levy	37.00	37.00	0.00	0.0%
Total	446.00	471.00	25.00	5.6%

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

Type of Charge	2025/26	2026/27	Change	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
Waste Services Charge	15,618	16,662	1,044	6.7%
Waste Services Charge - Landfill levy	1,396	1,407	11	0.8%
Total	17,014	18,069	1,055	6.2%

Where exemptions are granted, waste services will be charged for services utilised as follows:

Type of Charge	Per Rateable Property	Per Rateable Property	Change	
	2025/26	2026/27	\$	%
	\$	\$	\$	%
Garbage 120L Bin.	252.00	284.00	32.00	12.7%
Garbage 240L Bin	330.00	363.00	33.00	10.0%
Garbage 240L Bin - Special	330.00	363.00	33.00	10.0%
Garbage 240L Bin - Special Medical	252.00	284.00	32.00	12.7%
Recycling	91.00	56.00	(35.00)	(38.5%)
Organics/Green Waste	66.00	94.00	28.00	42.4%

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

	2025/26 \$'000	2026/27 \$'000	Change \$'000	%
General Rates	66,344	68,961	2,617	3.9%
Municipal Charges	6,371	6,605	234	3.7%
Service rates and charges	17,014	18,069	1,055	6.2%
Cultural & Recreational Land Rates	89	84	(5)	(5.6%)
Payments in lieu of rates	9,368	8,833	(535)	(5.7%)
Supplementary rates and charges	587	575	(12)	(2.0%)
Total Rates and charges	99,773	103,128	3,355	3.4%

4.1.1(l) Fair Go Rates System Compliance

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

	2025/26	2026/27
Total Base Rates & Municipal Charge	\$ 71,067,262	\$ 73,544,188
Number of rateable properties	41,260	41,697
Base Average Rate	1,722.43	1,763.78
Maximum Rate Increase (set by the State Government)	3.00%	2.75%
Capped Average Rate	\$ 1,774.10	\$ 1,812.28
Maximum General Rates and Municipal Charges Revenue	\$ 73,199,280	\$ 75,566,653
Budgeted General Rates and Municipal Charges Revenue	\$ 72,715,000	\$ 75,566,642

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

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

- The making of supplementary valuations (2026/27: estimated \$0.575 million and 2025/26:\$0.587 million)
- 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, commercial or industrial land becomes farm or derelict land and vice versa.

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4.1.1(n) Differential rates

Rates to be levied

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

- A general rate of 0.00291280 for all rateable residential, commercial and industrial properties.
- A farm rate of 0.00218460 for all rateable farm properties.
- A derelict properties rate of 0.00873840 for all rateable derelict properties.

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

Council considers that each differential rate will contribute to the equitable and efficient carrying out of Council functions. Details of the objectives of each differential rate, the types of classes of land, which are subject to each differential rate and the uses of each differential rate are set out below and further described in the Revenue & Rating Plan 2025-2029.

Farm Land

Farm land is as defined in Section 2 of the Valuation of Land Act 1960, namely,

Farm Land means any rateable land -

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

The reasons for the use of this rate are that:

- (i) the types and classes of land to which the rate applies can be easily identified;
- (ii) it is appropriate to have a farm rate so as to fairly rate farm land;
- (iii) the level of the farm rate is appropriate having regard to all relevant matters including the use to which farm land is put and the amount to be raised by Council's Municipal charge;
- (iv) the level of the farm rate is appropriate to ensure that the burden of the payment of general rates is fairly apportioned across all rateable land within the Municipal district;

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Derelict Properties

The differential rate relating to derelict properties is set at the maximum level, being 4 times the lowest differential rate, as allowed under Section 161 (5) of the Local Government Act 1989.

Objective

The objective of the differential rate for derelict properties is to promote the responsible management of land and buildings through incentivising the proper development and maintenance of such land and buildings so as not to pose a risk to public safety or adversely affect public amenity.

Definition/Characteristics

Properties will be considered derelict where 1 and 2 apply –

1. The property is in such a state of disrepair that it is considered unsuitable for human habitation or other occupation for living or working on a daily basis and has been in such a condition for a period of more than 3 months. The property is likely to lack, or have restricted access to, essential services or facilities including but not limited to water, and/or operational effluent discharge facilities.

and

2. The property meets one or more of the following -

(a) The property has become unsafe and poses a risk to public safety, including but not limited to:

- the existence on the property of vermin, rubbish/litter, fire hazards, excess materials/goods, asbestos or other environmental hazards; or
- the property includes a partially built structure where there has been no reasonable progress in completing the structure in accordance with the building permit;

(b) The property adversely affects public amenity;

(c) The property provides an opportunity to be used in a manner that may cause a nuisance or become detrimental to the amenity of the immediate area;

(d) The condition of the property has a potential to adversely impact the value of other properties in the vicinity;

(e) The property affects the general amenity of adjoining land or the neighbourhood by the appearance of graffiti, any stored unregistered motor vehicles, machinery or parts thereof, scrap metal, second hand building materials, building debris, soil or similar materials, or other items of general waste or rubbish.

The assessment of properties against the above criteria will be undertaken by Council's authorised officers.

Types and Classes of land subject to the differential rate

Any land having the relevant characteristics described above.

Geographic Location

Wherever located within the boundaries of the municipality.

Use of Land

Any use permitted or described under the relevant planning scheme.

Planning Scheme Zoning

The zoning applicable to each rateable land parcels within this category, as determined by consulting maps referred to in the relevant Planning Scheme.

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Types of Buildings

All buildings which are currently constructed on the land or which have been constructed during the current financial year.

"Use and Level of Differential Rate

The differential rate will be used to fund some of those items of expenditure described in the budget adopted by Council.

The level of differential rate is the level which Council considers is necessary to achieve the objective specified above and is set at the maximum level, being 4 times the lowest differential rate, as allowed under Section 161 (5) of the Local Government Act 1989.

Recreational Land

Recreational land is defined in accordance with Section 2 of the Cultural & Recreational Lands Act 1963 (C&RL).

"The Cultural & Recreational Lands Act 1963 requires councils to take into consideration the services provided by the municipal council in relation to such lands and the benefit to the community derived from the land when determining the quantum of the amount payable in lieu of rates.

There are currently two levels of rebate provided based on the type of premises and include;

1. Non-Gaming Premises (Rebate of 50% of the General Rate). Eligible assessments that do not have gaming/gambling facilities at the premises.
2. Gaming Premises (Rebate of 40% of the General Rate). Eligible assessments that provide gaming/gambling facilities on the premises.

The division in rebates recognises that assessments with gaming facilities have a greater capacity to earn income, and therefore have a greater capacity to pay.

In addition Council provides a rebate in excess of the nominated amount for golf clubs where they have been impacted by a previous rezoning, this is in recognition of the limited change in services provided to the land.

General Rate

The general rate is the particular rate in the dollar that applies to all land which is not defined within a differential rate and includes residential, commercial and industrial properties, both vacant and improved.

The actual rating burden applying to general properties is an outcome determined by decisions to apply either higher or lower rates in the dollar to other classes of property, such as farm, commercial/ industrial or recreational land.

In the setting of differential rates, Council considers their relativity to the general rate.

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4.1.2 Statutory fees and fines

	Forecast	Budget	Change	
	Actual 2025/26 \$'000	2026/27 \$'000	\$'000	%
Infringements	688	592	(96)	(14.0%)
Town planning fees	16	12	(4)	(25.0%)
Land information certificates	167	85	(82)	(49.1%)
Permits	1,112	978	(134)	(12.1%)
Other	240	266	26	10.8%
Health Registrations	507	480	(27)	(5.3%)
Pool / Spa Registrations	20	23	3	15.0%
Animal Registrations	598	648	50	8.4%
Total statutory fees and fines	3,348	3,084	(264)	(7.9%)

4.1.3 User fees

	Forecast	Budget	Change	
	Actual 2025/26 \$'000	2026/27 \$'000	\$'000	%
Leisure centre and recreation	3,469	3,327	(142)	(4.1%)
Child care/children's programs	4,340	4,688	348	8.0%
Waste management services	2,695	2,562	(133)	(4.9%)
Subdivision supervision	544	450	(94)	(17.3%)
Creative arts & venues	677	760	83	12.3%
Other fees and charges	898	871	(27)	(3.0%)
Total user fees	12,623	12,658	35	0.3%

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4.1.4 Grants

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

	Forecast Actual 2025/26 \$'000	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	Change	
			\$'000	%

Grants expected to be received in respect of the following:

Summary of grants

Commonwealth funded grants	12,153	30,089	17,936	147.6%
State funded grants	59,483	48,219	(11,264)	(18.9%)
Total grants received	71,636	78,308	6,672	9.3%

(a) Operating Grants

Recurrent - Commonwealth Government	9,055	17,359	8,304	91.7%
Financial Assistance Grants	8,159	16,511	8,352	102.4%
Maternal and Child Health	6	5	(1)	(16.7%)
Employment Facilitation Programs	801	843	42	5.2%
Other	70	-	-	0.0%
Family & Children Programs	19	-	(19)	(100.0%)
Recurrent - State Government	13,658	14,931	1,273	9.3%
Aged and Disability Programs	-	4	4	100.0%
Arts Programs	155	155	0	0.0%
Community Support and Development Programs	266	264	(2)	(0.8%)
Family & Children Programs	10,639	11,795	1,156	10.9%
Libraries	560	560	0	0.0%
Maternal & Child Health Program	1,747	1,851	104	6.0%
Other	33	36	3	9.1%
School Crossings	258	266	8	3.1%
Total recurrent grants	22,713	32,290	9,577	42.2%
Non-recurrent - Commonwealth Government	10	-	(10)	(100.0%)
Events and International Relations	10	-	(10)	(100.0%)
Non-recurrent - State Government	1,400	16,121	14,721	1051.5%
Community Support and Development Programs	72	7	(65)	(90.3%)
Emergency Management	572	60	(512)	(89.5%)
Events and International Relations	33	-	(33)	(100.0%)
Gippsland Logistics & Manufacturing Precinct	30	8,070	8,040	26800.0%
Crinigan Rd Development Plan - infrastructure upgrades	245	7,869	7,624	3111.8%
Other	448	115	(333)	(74.3%)
Total non-recurrent grants	1,410	16,121	14,711	1043.3%
Total operating grants	24,123	48,411	24,288	100.7%

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4.1.4 Grants (contd.)

	Forecast	Budget	Change	
	Actual 2025/26 \$'000	2026/27 \$'000	\$'000	%
(b) Capital Grants				
Recurrent - Commonwealth Government	2,720	3,230	510	18.8%
Roads to recovery	2,720	3,230	510	18.8%
Total recurrent grants	2,720	3,230	510	18.8%
Non-recurrent - Commonwealth Government	368	9,500	9,132	2481.5%
Drainage	16	-	(16)	(100.0%)
Other Infrastructure	-	9,500	9,500	100.0%
Roads	352	-	(352)	(100.0%)
Non-recurrent - State Government	44,425	17,167	(27,258)	(61.4%)
Buildings	9,589	1,666	(7,923)	(82.6%)
Computers & Telecommunications	35	-	(35)	(100.0%)
Drainage	102	-	(102)	(100.0%)
Footpaths & Cycleways	5	-	(5)	(100.0%)
Other	1,846	-	(1,846)	(100.0%)
Off Street Carparks	23,325	9,562	(13,763)	(59.0%)
Other Infrastructure	7,432	5,329	(2,103)	(28.3%)
Parks, Open Space & Streetscapes	855	610	(245)	(28.7%)
Plant, Machinery & Equipment	165	-	(165)	(100.0%)
Recreational, Leisure & Community Facilities	855	-	(855)	(100.0%)
Roads	216	-	(216)	(100.0%)
Total non-recurrent grants	44,793	26,667	(18,126)	(40.5%)
Total capital grants	47,513	29,897	(17,616)	(37.1%)
Total Grants	71,636	78,308	6,672	9.3%

Operating grants include all monies received from State and Federal governments for the purposes of funding the delivery of Council's services to ratepayers. Overall, the level of operating grants is expected to increase by 100.7% (or \$24.3 million) compared to 2025/26. This increase primarily relates to lower revenue forecasted in 2025/26 for Financial Assistance Grants due to Council receiving this funding in advance in 2024/25, together with higher Non-recurrent grant funding as a result of expected grant funds for the continued development of the Gippsland Logistics and Manufacturing Precinct and the Crinigan Road Development Plan - infrastructure upgrades.

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4.1.4 Grants (contd.)

Capital grants include all monies received from State and Federal governments for the purposes of funding the capital works program. Overall the level of grants and contributions is expected to decrease by 37.1% (or \$17.6 million) compared to 2025/26 mainly associated with major project funding received from the State and Federal Governments in relation to the Regional Carpark fund projects. Section 4.5 "Capital Works Program" includes projects expected to be funded by capital grants during the 2026/27 year. Historically it can be expected that Council will receive additional capital grant funding during the year that is not projected in the budget.

4.1.5 Contributions

	Forecast	Budget	Change	
	Actual	2026/27		
	2025/26	2026/27	\$'000	%
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
Monetary	664	370	(294)	(44.3%)
Non-monetary	10,000	15,000	5,000	50.0%
Total contributions	10,664	15,370	4,706	44.1%

Monetary Contributions mainly relate to monies paid by developers in regard to public open space, drainage and other infrastructure in accordance with planning permits issued for property development. The 2026/27 budget is lower compared to 2025/26 due to a large developer contribution plan payment received in 2025/26.

Non-Monetary Contributions relate to expected infrastructure assets passed to Council from developers of new subdivisions and occasionally may also include any other assets that are gifted to Council e.g. donated artworks. The budget allowance has been increased by \$5.0 million in 2026/27 based on historical levels of income and current development activity.

4.1.6 Other income

	Forecast	Budget	Change	
	Actual	2026/27		
	2025/26	2026/27	\$'000	%
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
Interest	6,500	4,800	(1,700)	(26.2%)
Lease income	822	887	65	7.9%
Insurance claims	68	-	(68)	(100.0%)
Sales	849	824	(25)	(2.9%)
Contributions other	628	529	(99)	(15.8%)
Other	424	104	(320)	(75.5%)
Total other income	9,291	7,144	(2,147)	(23.1%)

Overall other income is projected to decrease by 23.1% mainly due to a reduction in interest on investments as a result of projected lower levels of investments resulting from expenditure from reserves from funding of short to medium term capital works from internal borrowings while awaiting the receipt of developer contribution plan contributions and sale of land at the Gippsland Logistics and Manufacturing precinct.

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4.1.7 Employee costs

	Forecast	Budget	Change	
	Actual			
	2025/26	2026/27	\$'000	%
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
Salaries & Wages	58,271	59,320	1,049	1.8%
Superannuation	7,020	7,194	174	2.5%
Workcover	1,426	1,450	24	1.7%
Fringe Benefits tax	284	285	1	0.4%
Other	6,145	1,860	(4,285)	(69.7%)
Total employee costs	73,146	70,109	(3,037)	(4.2%)

Employee costs include all labour related expenditure such as salaries and wages and on-costs such as allowances, leave entitlements, employer superannuation, Workcover and other employee related expenditure. Employee costs are forecast to decrease by (4.2%) or \$3.0 million compared to 2025/26 forecast. Salary and Wages have been budgeted in accordance with Council's Enterprise Bargaining Agreement and annual award increases for banded staff. Higher costs associated with carry forward and external funding sources in 2025/26 is the main reason for the decrease in other employee costs of \$4.3 million.

4.1.8 Materials and services

	Forecast	Budget	Change	
	Actual			
	2025/26	2026/27	\$'000	%
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
Contract Payments	34,085	45,709	11,624	34.1%
Building Maintenance	779	531	(248)	(31.8%)
General Maintenance	5,653	5,908	255	4.5%
Utilities	4,072	3,855	(217)	(5.3%)
Office Administration	3,299	2,760	(539)	(16.3%)
Information Technology	4,128	4,411	283	6.9%
Insurance	1,982	2,377	395	19.9%
Consultants	2,205	673	(1,532)	(69.5%)
Other	3,357	1,704	(1,653)	(49.2%)
Total materials and services	59,560	67,928	8,368	14.0%

Materials and Services are forecast to increase by 14.0% or \$8.4 million compared to 2025/26. This is mainly a result of one off government grant funded projects for the Gippsland Logistics and Manufacturing Precinct and Crinigan Road Development Plan infrastructure upgrades together with higher levels of known and expected increases in contract prices, fuel costs and general allowances for CPI increases. Consultancy and other items show large decreases in 2026/27 as a result of expenditure in the 2025/26 year that was funded by non-recurrent government grants and funds carried forward from prior years.

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4.1.9 Depreciation

	Forecast	Budget	Change	
	Actual			
	2025/26	2026/27	\$'000	%
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
Property	8,150	8,960	810	9.9%
Plant & equipment	3,015	3,030	15	0.5%
Infrastructure	28,935	30,420	1,485	5.1%
Total depreciation	40,100	42,410	2,310	5.8%

Depreciation is an accounting measure which aims to allocate the value of an asset over its useful life for assets such as roads and drains and new landfill cells. An increase is expected in the 2026/27 financial year due to asset revaluations undertaken and new assets commissioned including Kay Street multi level carpark and Gippsland Sports and Entertainment Park redevelopment.

4.1.10 Amortisation - Intangible assets

	Forecast	Budget	Change	
	Actual			
	2025/26	2026/27	\$'000	%
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
Landfill Rehabilitation	905	1,000	95	10.5%
Total amortisation - intangible assets	905	1,000	95	10.5%

Amortisation is an accounting measure which aims to allocate the value of an asset over its useful life for Council's intangible assets, which currently includes landfill airspace.

4.1.11 Depreciation - Right of assets

	Forecast	Budget	Change	
	Actual			
	2025/26	2026/27	\$'000	%
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
Property	33	33	0	0.0%
Plant & Equipment	122	126	4	3.3%
Total depreciation - right of use assets	155	159	4	2.6%

This item aims to allocate the value of Council's right of use assets over their useful life e.g. leased property and vehicles.

4.1.12 Net loss on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant & equipment

	Forecast	Budget	Change	
	Actual			
	2025/26	2026/27	\$'000	%
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
Property	2,500	2,500	0	0.0%
Infrastructure	2,500	2,500	0	0.0%
Total loss on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant & equipment	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%

The loss on disposal is associated with the retirement of the residual value of assets renewed as part of the capital works program.

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4.1.13 Other expenses

	Forecast	Budget	Change	
	Actual			
	2025/26	2026/27	\$'000	%
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
Auditors remuneration - VAGO	106	104	(2)	(1.9%)
Auditors remuneration - Internal	105	110	5	4.8%
Audit other	132	147	15	11.4%
Councillors' Allowances	417	437	20	4.8%
Operating lease rentals	62	187	125	201.6%
Grants	2,616	1,654	(962)	(36.8%)
Levies	2,600	2,582	(18)	(0.7%)
Total other expenses	6,038	5,221	(817)	(13.5%)

Other expenditure relates to a range of unclassified items including grants to community groups, audit costs, levies, lease and rent payments and other miscellaneous expenditure items. Other expenditure is expected to decrease by \$0.8 million in 2026/27 predominantly due to the grants paid in 2025/26 from funding carried forward from previous years mainly under the Small Towns funding program and Minor Capital works grants packages. The budget for grants before carry forwards in 2025/26 was \$1.6 million.

4.2 Balance Sheet

4.2.1 Assets

Current assets (\$26.4 million decrease) - mainly due to projected reduced cash and investments as Council funds carried forward from 2025/26 are spent in the 2026/27 budget period together with internal borrowings for funding of short to medium term capital works while awaiting the receipt of developer contribution plan contributions and sale of land at the Gippsland Logistics and Manufacturing precinct. A more detailed analysis of this change is included in section 4.4. "Statement of Cash Flows".

Non current assets (\$89.1 million increase) - net result of the capital works program, asset revaluation movements, the depreciation of non-current assets and the disposal through sale of property, plant and equipment. Intangible assets will decrease due to the amortisation of cell 7 at the Highland Highway landfill during the 2026/27 financial year.

4.2.2 Liabilities

Current liabilities (\$0.5 million increase) - the increase in current liabilities (that is, obligations council must pay within the next year) is mainly due to increases in landfill rehabilitation provision, together with other inflationary increases. These are largely offset by a decrease in contract liabilities in relation to unearned government grants received for capital projects \$2.0 million which will be spent/earned in 2026/27.

Non current liabilities (\$1.9 million decrease) - the decrease in non current liabilities (that is, obligations council must pay beyond the next year) is predominantly as result of decreased landfill rehabilitation provision due to the works to be undertaken across the relevant years.

4.2.3 Borrowings

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

	2025/26	2026/27
	\$'000	\$'000
Amount borrowed as at 30 June of the prior year	14,771	11,645
Amount proposed to be borrowed	2,500	2,895
Amount projected to be repaid	(5,626)	(2,530)
Amount of borrowings as at 30 June	11,645	12,010

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4.3 Statement of changes in Equity

4.3.1 Reserves

Reserves 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 form part of the overall Accumulated Surplus of the Council, however are separately disclosed. Monetary contributions received from developers are transferred to statutory reserves for future use to fund capital works and fulfill any other obligations associated with the development.

4.3.2 Equity

The equity movement is associated with the movement in comprehensive income for the year of \$64.1 million including the operating surplus of \$27.5 million and expected asset revaluation movements of \$36.6 million.

4.4 Statement of Cash Flows

4.4.1 Net cash flows provided by/used in operating activities

An increase in net cash inflows from operating activities of \$16.7 million is mainly due to increased operating grant inflows due to a reduction in 2025/26 as a result of Financial Assistance Grants advanced to Council in 2024/25 and reductions in employee costs higher external and carry forward funded other employee costs in 2025/26.

4.4.2 Net cash flows provided by/used in investing activities

Increased net outflows from investing activities of \$14.0 million mainly due to decreased net proceeds from investments (term deposits) as advanced grant funding and reserve funds are expended on major projects.

4.4.3 Net cash flows provided by/used in financing activities

The reduced net outflows in 2026/27 of \$3.5 million is mainly the result of the scheduled repayment of an interest only loan of \$3.3 million in the 2025/26 financial year.

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4.5 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

This section presents a listing of the capital works projects that will be undertaken for the 2026/27 year, classified by expenditure type and funding source. Works are also disclosed as current budget or carried forward from prior year. More details on planned program works can also be seen at Appendix B.

4.5.1 Summary

	Forecast		Change	
	Actual 2025/26 \$'000	Budget 2026/27 \$'000	\$'000	%
Property	44,702	23,715	(20,987)	(46.9%)
Plant and equipment	5,653	4,899	(754)	(13.3%)
Infrastructure	40,195	61,780	21,585	53.7%
Total	90,550	90,394	(156)	(0.2%)

	Project cost \$'000	Asset expenditure type				Summary of funding sources			
		New \$'000	Renewal \$'000	Upgrade \$'000	Expansion \$'000	Grants \$'000	Contrib'ns \$'000	Council cash \$'000	Borrow's \$'000
Property	23,715	17,309	5,736	670	-	11,006	25	11,030	1,653
Plant and equipment	4,899	15	4,884	-	-	-	-	4,899	-
Infrastructure	61,780	35,938	21,395	4,448	-	18,892	25	41,622	1,242
Total	90,394	53,262	32,014	5,118	-	29,898	50	57,551	2,895

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Capital works program

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4.5.2 Current Budget

Capital Works Area	Asset expenditure type					Summary of funding sources			
	Project cost \$'000	New \$'000	Renewal \$'000	Upgrade \$'000	Expansion \$'000	Grants \$'000	Contrib'n's \$'000	Council	
								cash \$'000	Borrow's \$'000
PROPERTY									
Buildings									
Building Renewal Program	4,781	-	4,611	170	-	-	-	4,781	-
Bus Shelter Renewal/Disposal Program	15	-	15	-	-	-	-	15	-
Developer Contribution Plan Projects	3,102	3,102	-	-	-	-	-	1,449	1,653
Kitchen Renewal Program	225	-	225	-	-	-	-	225	-
Leisure Renewal Program	300	-	300	-	-	-	-	300	-
Miscellaneous Renewal	20	-	20	-	-	-	-	20	-
Multi-use netball and tennis pavilion at Yinnar Recreation Reserve	1,608	1,608	-	-	-	500	25	1,083	-
Morwell Depot Upgrade	500	-	-	500	-	-	-	500	-
Regular Timber Floor Renewal	110	-	110	-	-	-	-	110	-
Roof Renewal Program	205	-	205	-	-	-	-	205	-
Septic Renewal Program	50	-	50	-	-	-	-	50	-
Solar System Installation Program	70	70	-	-	-	-	-	70	-
Thermostatic Mixing Valves Renewal Program	200	-	200	-	-	-	-	200	-
Total Buildings	11,185	4,780	5,736	670	-	500	25	9,007	1,653
TOTAL PROPERTY	11,185	4,780	5,736	670	-	500	25	9,007	1,653

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Capital Works Area	Project cost \$'000	Asset expenditure type				Summary of funding sources			
		New	Renewal	Upgrade	Expansion	Grants	Contrib'ns	Council	
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	cash	Borrow's
							\$'000	\$'000	
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT									
Plant, Machinery and Equipment									
Fleet Renewal Program	1,365	-	1,365	-	-	-	-	1,365	-
Leisure Equipment Replacement Program	45	-	45	-	-	-	-	45	-
Plant and Equipment Renewal Program	2,009	-	2,009	-	-	-	-	2,009	-
Plant and Equipment Renewal Program - Landfill	600	-	600	-	-	-	-	600	-
Total Plant, Machinery and Equipment	4,019	-	4,019	-	-	-	-	4,019	-
Fixtures, Fittings and Furniture									
Office Furniture & Equipment Replacement Program	15	-	15	-	-	-	-	15	-
Total Fixtures, Fittings and Furniture	15	-	15	-	-	-	-	15	-
Computers and Telecommunications									
IT Equipment Replacement Program	850	-	850	-	-	-	-	850	-
Total Computers and Telecommunications	850	-	850	-	-	-	-	850	-
Artworks									
Artwork Acquisitions	15	15	-	-	-	-	-	15	-
Total Artworks	15	15	-	-	-	-	-	15	-
TOTAL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	4,899	15	4,884	-	-	-	-	4,899	-

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Capital Works Area	Asset expenditure type					Summary of funding sources			
	Project cost	New	Renewal	Upgrade	Expansion	Grants	Contrib'ns	Council cash	Borrow's
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
INFRASTRUCTURE									
Roads									
Gravel Road Resheet Program	915	-	915	-	-	-	-	915	-
Guardrail Renewal Program	50	-	50	-	-	-	-	50	-
Kerb Renewal Program	300	-	300	-	-	-	-	300	-
Landfill Access Road renewal	100	-	100	-	-	-	-	100	-
Median Safety Improvement Program	56	-	-	56	-	-	-	56	-
New Sealed CFA/Garbage Turnaround Program	15	-	-	15	-	-	-	15	-
Road Asphalt Reseal Program	4,000	-	4,000	-	-	-	-	4,000	-
Road Reconstruction Program	4,387	-	4,387	-	-	3,230	-	1,157	-
Road Spray Seal Reseal Program	3,500	-	3,500	-	-	-	-	3,500	-
Special Charge Scheme Program	74	-	-	74	-	-	-	74	-
Traffic Safety and Accessibility	200	200	-	-	-	-	-	200	-
Total Roads	13,596	200	13,251	144	-	3,230	-	10,365	-
Bridges									
Bridge Reconstruction Program	1,600	-	1,600	-	-	-	-	1,600	-
Bridge Component Renewal Program	120	-	120	-	-	-	-	120	-
Total Bridges	1,720	-	1,720	-	-	-	-	1,720	-
Footpaths and Cycleways									
Footpath Full Renewal Program	425	-	425	-	-	-	-	425	-
New Missing Link Footpath Program	100	100	-	-	-	-	-	100	-
Pram Ramp Replacement	138	-	138	-	-	-	-	138	-
Total Footpaths and Cycleways	663	100	563	-	-	-	-	663	-
Drainage									
Drainage Renewal	700	-	700	-	-	-	-	700	-
Developer Contribution Plan Projects	1,837	1,837	-	-	-	-	-	595	1,242
Wetland and Detention Structures Renewal Program	400	20	245	135	-	-	-	400	-
Total Drainage	2,937	1,857	945	135	-	-	-	1,695	1,242

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Capital Works Area	Project cost \$'000	Asset expenditure type				Summary of funding sources			
		New	Renewal	Upgrade	Expansion	Grants	Contrib'ns	Council	
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	cash	Borrow's
							\$'000	\$'000	
Recreational, Leisure and Community Facilities									
Hard Court Renewal	300	-	300	-	-	-	-	300	-
Sports Fencing Renewal Program	128	-	128	-	-	-	-	128	-
Sports Field Renewal Program	525	-	525	-	-	-	-	525	-
Sports Lighting Renewal Program	200	-	-	200	-	-	-	200	-
Sports Lighting – Stoddart Oval, Traralgon West Sporting Complex	296	296	-	-	-	222	25	49	-
Synthetic Sports Field Renewal Program	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,000	-
Total Rec, Leisure and Community Facilities	2,449	296	1,953	200	-	222	25	2,202	-
Parks, Open Space and Streetscapes									
Developer Contribution Plan Projects	1,889	1,889	-	-	-	-	-	1,889	-
Fencing Renewal Program	140	-	140	-	-	-	-	140	-
Gate Renewal Program	30	-	30	-	-	-	-	30	-
Playground Renewal Program	650	-	650	-	-	-	-	650	-
Retaining Wall Renewal Program	610	-	610	-	-	-	-	610	-
Seat and Picnic Set Renewal Program	58	-	58	-	-	-	-	58	-
Total Parks, Open Space and Streetscapes	3,377	1,889	1,488	-	-	-	-	3,377	-
Aerodromes									
Airport Airside Pavement Renewal	385	-	385	-	-	-	-	385	-
Total Aerodromes	385	-	385	-	-	-	-	385	-
Off Street Car Parks									
Airport Carpark Renewal	16	-	16	-	-	-	-	16	-
Carpark Reconstruction Program	100	-	100	-	-	-	-	100	-
Carpark Resurfacing Program	98	-	98	-	-	-	-	98	-
Gravel Carpark Resheet Program	100	-	100	-	-	-	-	100	-
Total Off Street Car Parks	315	-	315	-	-	-	-	315	-
Other Infrastructure									
Gippsland Logistics & Manufacturing Precinct Stage 2	30,400	30,400	-	-	-	9,500	-	20,900	-
Total Other Infrastructure	30,400	30,400	-	-	-	9,500	-	20,900	-
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE	55,841	34,743	20,620	479	-	12,952	25	41,623	1,242
TOTAL NEW CAPITAL WORKS FOR 2026/27	71,926	39,538	31,239	1,149	-	13,452	50	55,529	2,895

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4.5.3 Works carried forward from the 2025/26 year

Capital Works Area	Asset expenditure type					Summary of funding sources			
	Project cost	New	Renewal	Upgrade	Expansion	Grants	Contrib'ns	Council cash	Borrow's
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
PROPERTY									
Buildings									
Multi-use Pavilion Gaskin Park	2,967	2,967	-	-	-	944	-	2,023	-
Regional Car Park Fund Site 8 Commercial Road, Morwell	9,562	9,562	-	-	-	9,562	-	-	-
Total Buildings	12,529	12,529	-	-	-	10,506	-	2,023	-
TOTAL PROPERTY	12,529	12,529	-	-	-	10,506	-	2,023	-
INFRASTRUCTURE									
Parks, Open Space and Streetscapes									
Mathison Park Adventure Playground	610	-	-	610	-	610	-	-	-
Total Parks, Open Space and Streetscapes	610	-	-	610	-	610	-	-	-

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4.5.3 Works carried forward from the 2025/26 year

Capital Works Area	Project cost \$'000	Asset expenditure type				Summary of funding sources			
		New \$'000	Renewal \$'000	Upgrade \$'000	Expansion \$'000	Grants \$'000	Contrib'ns \$'000	Council cash \$'000	Borrow's \$'000
Recreational, Leisure and Community Facilities									
Community Facilities	5,329	1,195	775	3,359	-	5,329	-	-	-
Total Rec, Leisure and Community Facilities	5,329	1,195	775	3,359	-	5,329	-	-	-
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE	5,939	1,195	775	3,969	-	5,939	-	-	-
TOTAL CARRIED FWD WORKS FROM 2025/26	18,468	13,724	775	3,969	-	16,445	-	2,023	-
TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS	90,394	53,262	32,014	5,118	-	29,897	50	57,552	2,895

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4.6 CAPITAL WORKS (OPERATING)

(These projects are of a capital nature but do not meet the definition of capital expenditure due to them either not being on Council owned/or controlled assets or not relating to an asset class recognised by Council. Expenditure on these projects appears in the Budgeted Comprehensive Income Statement).

Capital Works Area	Project cost \$'000	Asset expenditure type				Summary of funding sources			
		New \$'000	Renewal \$'000	Upgrade \$'000	Expansion \$'000	Grants \$'000	Contrib'ns \$'000	Council cash \$'000	Borrow's \$'000

4.6.1 Current Budget

PROPERTY

Buildings									
Building Disposal Program	290	-	-	-	-	-	-	290	-
Total Buildings	290	-	-	-	-	-	-	290	-
TOTAL PROPERTY	290	-	-	-	-	-	-	290	-

INFRASTRUCTURE

Footpaths and Cycleways									
Disposal of footpaths	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Footpath Bay Replacement and Grinding Program	350	-	-	-	-	-	-	350	-
Total Footpaths and Cycleways	352	-	-	-	-	-	-	352	-

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Capital Works Area	Project cost \$'000	Asset expenditure type				Summary of funding sources				
		New	Renewal	Upgrade	Expansion	Grants	Contrib'n's	Council		Borrow's \$'000
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	cash \$'000		
Public Lighting										
New Public Lighting Program	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	-	-
Total Public Lighting	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	-	-
Waste Management										
Landfill Rehabilitation	735	-	-	-	-	-	-	735	-	-
Leachate Pond Works	360	-	-	-	-	-	-	360	-	-
Future Landfill Cell Design	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	150	-	-
Transfer Station Upgrades	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	-	-
Total Waste Management	1,345	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,345	-	-
Other Infrastructure										
Crinigan Rd Development Plan - infrastructure upgrades	7,869	-	-	-	-	7,869	-	-	-	-
Total Other	7,869	-	-	-	-	7,869	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE	9,601	-	-	-	-	7,869	-	1,732	-	-
TOTAL NEW CAPITAL WORKS (OPERATING)	9,891	-	-	-	-	7,869	-	2,022	-	-

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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	Contrib'ns \$'000	Council cash \$'000	Borrow's \$'000
4.6.2 Works carried forward from the 2025/26 year									
Roads									
Gippsland Logistics & Manufacturing Precinct Stage 1B	8,070	-	-	-	-	8,070	-	-	-
Total Roads	8,070	-	-	-	-	8,070	-	-	-
TOTAL CARRIED FWD WORKS (OPERATING) FROM 2025/26	8,070	-	-	-	-	8,070	-	-	-
TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS (OPERATING)	17,961	-	-	-	-	15,939	-	2,022	-
TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM FOR 2026/27	108,355	53,262	32,014	5,118	-	45,836	50	59,574	2,895

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4.7 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM SUMMARY YEARS 2 TO 4

For the years ended 30 June 2028, 2029 & 2030

2027/28	Asset Expenditure Types					Funding Sources				
	Total	New	Renewal	Expansion	Upgrade	Total	Grants	Contributions	Council Cash	Borrowings
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Property										
Buildings	4,746	72	4,161	0	513	4,746	0	0	4,746	0
Total Buildings	4,746	72	4,161	0	513	4,746	0	0	4,746	0
Total Property	4,746	72	4,161	0	513	4,746	0	0	4,746	0
Plant and Equipment										
Plant, machinery and equipment	3,504	0	3,504	0	0	3,504	0	0	3,504	0
Fixtures, fittings and furniture	15	0	15	0	0	15	0	0	15	0
Computers and telecommunications	871	0	871	0	0	871	0	0	871	0
Artworks	15	15	0	0	0	15	0	0	15	0
Total Plant and Equipment	4,405	15	4,390	0	0	4,405	0	0	4,405	0
Infrastructure										
Roads	14,026	204	13,673	0	149	14,026	3,400	0	10,626	0
Bridges	1,763	0	1,763	0	0	1,763	0	0	1,763	0
Footpaths and cycleways	680	103	577	0	0	680	0	0	680	0
Drainage	1,128	21	969	0	138	1,128	0	0	1,128	0
Recreational, leisure and community facilities	1,438	0	1,233	0	205	1,438	0	0	1,438	0
Waste management	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parks, open space and streetscapes	1,932	0	1,525	0	407	1,932	241	0	1,691	0
Aerodromes	395	0	395	0	0	395	0	0	395	0
Off street car parks	322	0	322	0	0	322	0	0	322	0
Other infrastructure	9,555	9,555	0	0	0	9,555	0	0	9,555	0
Total Infrastructure	31,239	9,883	20,457	0	899	31,239	3,641	0	27,598	0
Total Capital Works Expenditure	40,390	9,970	29,008	0	1,412	40,390	3,641	0	36,749	0

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2028/29	Asset Expenditure Types					Funding Sources				
	Total	New	Renewal	Expansion	Upgrade	Total	Grants	Contributions	Council Cash	Borrowings
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Property										
Buildings	6,633	74	6,034	0	525	6,633	0	0	6,633	0
Total Buildings	6,633	74	6,034	0	525	6,633	0	0	6,633	0
Total Property	6,633	74	6,034	0	525	6,633	0	0	6,633	0
Plant and Equipment										
Plant, machinery and equipment	3,592	0	3,592	0	0	3,592	0	0	3,592	0
Fixtures, fittings and furniture	16	0	16	0	0	16	0	0	16	0
Computers and telecommunications	893	0	893	0	0	893	0	0	893	0
Artworks	16	16	0	0	0	16	0	0	16	0
Total Plant and Equipment	4,517	16	4,501	0	0	4,517	0	0	4,517	0
Infrastructure										
Roads	14,291	209	13,930	0	152	14,291	3,400	0	10,891	0
Bridges	1,807	0	1,807	0	0	1,807	0	0	1,807	0
Footpaths and cycleways	697	105	592	0	0	697	0	0	697	0
Drainage	1,156	21	993	0	142	1,156	0	0	1,156	0
Recreational, leisure and community facilities	1,474	0	1,264	0	210	1,474	0	0	1,474	0
Waste management	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parks, open space and streetscapes	1,563	0	1,563	0	0	1,563	0	0	1,563	0
Aerodromes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Off street car parks	330	0	330	0	0	330	0	0	330	0
Other infrastructure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Infrastructure	21,318	335	20,479	0	504	21,318	3,400	0	17,918	0
Total Capital Works Expenditure	32,468	425	31,014	0	1,029	32,468	3,400	0	29,068	0

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2029/30	Asset Expenditure Types					Funding Sources				
	Total	New	Renewal	Expansion	Upgrade	Total	Grants	Contributions	Council Cash	Borrowings
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Property										
Buildings	7,310	75	6,697	0	538	7,310	0	0	7,310	0
Total Buildings	7,310	75	6,697	0	538	7,310	0	0	7,310	0
Total Property	7,310	75	6,697	0	538	7,310	0	0	7,310	0
Plant and Equipment										
Plant, machinery and equipment	3,682	0	3,682	0	0	3,682	0	0	3,682	0
Fixtures, fittings and furniture	16	0	16	0	0	16	0	0	16	0
Computers and telecommunications	915	0	915	0	0	915	0	0	915	0
Artworks	16	16	0	0	0	16	0	0	16	0
Total Plant and Equipment	4,629	16	4,613	0	0	4,629	0	0	4,629	0
Infrastructure										
Roads	14,565	215	14,193	0	157	14,565	3,400	0	11,165	0
Bridges	1,852	0	1,852	0	0	1,852	0	0	1,852	0
Footpaths and cycleways	714	108	606	0	0	714	0	0	714	0
Drainage	1,185	22	1,018	0	145	1,185	0	0	1,185	0
Recreational, leisure and community facilities	1,511	0	1,296	0	215	1,511	0	0	1,511	0
Waste management	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parks, open space and streetscapes	1,602	0	1,602	0	0	1,602	0	0	1,602	0
Aerodromes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Off street car parks	338	0	338	0	0	338	0	0	338	0
Other infrastructure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Infrastructure	21,767	345	20,905	0	517	21,767	3,400	0	18,367	0
Total Capital Works Expenditure	33,706	436	32,215	0	1,055	33,706	3,400	0	30,306	0

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5. Targeted performance indicators Council Selected

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

Domain/ Indicator	Measure	Notes	Actual	Forecast	Target	Target Projections			Trend
			2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	+/-
Governance									
Councillors actively participate in the decision-making process, ensuring that all decisions are made in an open and transparent manner	Council resolutions made at meetings closed to the public								
	Number of Council resolutions made at meetings of Council, or at meetings of a delegated committee consisting only of Councillors, closed to the public / Number of Council resolutions made at meetings of Council or at meetings of a delegated committee consisting only of Councillors	1	15.52%	15.00%	15.52%	14.25%	13.54%	12.86%	+
Governance									
Satisfaction with Council Decisions	Satisfaction with Council Decisions								
	Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with the performance of council in making decisions in the best interests of the community	2	47	48	50	51	52	53	+
Community									
Aquatic facilities are accessible and well utilised	Utilisation of aquatic facilities								
	Number of visits to aquatic facilities / Population	3	4.13	5.20	4.50	4.73	4.96	5.21	+
Library services and resources are accessible and well utilised	Library visits per head of population								
	Number of library visits / Population	4	2.66	2.67	2.70	2.84	2.98	3.13	+

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Financial Performance Indicators									
Domain/ Indicator	Measure	Notes	Actual	Forecast	Target	Target Projections			Trend
			2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	+/-
Responsiveness									
(Councils decide on planning applications and fulfill their legislative duties in a timely manner)	Time taken to decide planning applications The median number of days between receipt of a planning application and a decision on the application	5	82.00	78.00	80.00	78.40	76.83	75.30	+
Financial forecasting									
Indebtedness									
(level of long term liabilities is appropriate to the size and nature of a Council's activities)	Non-current liabilities compared to own-source revenue Non-current liabilities / own source revenue	6	23.2%	25.17%	23.44%	20.96%	20.47%	18.40%	+
Financial management									
Expenditure and revenue level									
(resources are used efficiently in the delivery of services)	Average rate per property assessment General rates and municipal charges / no. of property assessments	7	\$ 1,745.93	\$ 1,762.36	\$ 1,812.28	\$ 1,844.67	\$ 1,877.65	\$ 1,911.21	-
Financial forecasting									
Loans and borrowings									
(level of interest bearing loans and borrowings is appropriate to the size and nature of Council's activities)	Loans and borrowings repayments compared to own-source revenue Interest and principal repayments on interest bearing loans and borrowings / own-source revenue	8	NA (Measure amended for 2026/27)	4.7%	2.2%	2.5%	2.2%	2.2%	o

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5a. Targeted performance indicators (Mandatory)

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

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

Targeted service performance indicators - Mandatory

Domain / Indicator	Measure	Notes	Actual	Forecast	Target	Target Projections			Trend
			2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	+/-
Governance									
Community engagement (council decisions made and implemented with community input)	Satisfaction with the opportunities offered by Council to be consulted on or engaged in Council decisions Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with the consultation and engagement efforts of Council	9	49	50	52	53	54	55	+
Environment									
Roads (sealed local roads are maintained and renewed to ensure a safe network)	Sealed local roads below the intervention level Number of kms of sealed local roads below the renewal intervention level set by Council / Kms of sealed local roads	10	99.7%	99.7%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%	o
Responsiveness									
Statutory planning (Councils decide on planning applications and fulfill their legislative duties in a timely manner)	Planning applications decided within the relevant required time Number of planning application decisions made within the relevant required time / Number of planning application decisions made	11	87.8%	91.0%	90.0%	90.0%	90.0%	90.0%	o
Waste Management									
Kerbside collection waste to landfill per serviced property	Kerbside collection waste to landfill per serviced property Amount of waste in tonnes (t) collected from kerbside waste collection services that is sent to landfill / Number of serviced properties	12	NA (New Measure in 2026/27)	NA (New Measure in 2026/27)	48.0%	46.0%	43.0%	41.0%	+

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Targeted financial performance indicators - Mandatory

Domain/Indicator	Measure	Notes	Actual	Forecast	Target	Target Projections			Trend
			2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	+o/-
Financial management									
Liquidity (sufficient working capital and cash is available to cover expenses)	Current assets compared to current liabilities Current assets / current liabilities	13	197.1%	175.2%	129.7%	151.4%	166.1%	181.0%	+
Financial forecasting									
Asset renewal and upgrade (renewal and upgrade of assets is planned and delivered)	Asset renewal and upgrade compared to depreciation Asset renewal and upgrade expenses / Asset depreciation	14	93.8%	135.7%	87.6%	69.8%	72.1%	73.4%	-
Financial management									
Rates concentration (revenue is generated from a range of sources)	Rates compared to adjusted underlying revenue Rate revenue / adjusted underlying revenue	15	56.5%	65.7%	58.0%	64.2%	64.3%	64.6%	-
Financial management									
Expenditure and revenue level (resources are used efficiently in the delivery of services)	Expenses per property assessment Total expenses / no. of property assessments	16	\$ 4,382	\$ 4,490	\$4,608	\$ 4,288	\$ 4,346	\$ 4,404	+

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5b. Financial performance indicators other

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

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

Indicator	Measure	Notes	Actual	Forecast	Budget	Projections			Trend
			2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	+/-
Operating Position									
Adjusted underlying result	Adjusted underlying surplus (or deficit) Adjusted underlying surplus (deficit) / Adjusted underlying revenue	17	(6.0%)	(22.0%)	(8.2%)	(8.9%)	(8.8%)	(8.3%)	o
Liquidity									
Cash compared to current liabilities	Cash compared to current liabilities Cash / current liabilities	18 NA (Measure amended for 2026/27)		19.0%	16.0%	22.8%	19.8%	25.4%	+
Obligations									
Loans & Borrowings	Loans and borrowings compared to own source revenue Interest bearing loans and borrowings / own source revenue	19 NA (Measure amended for 2026/27)		9.3%	9.5%	7.1%	5.0%	2.8%	+
Stability									
Rates effort	Rates compared to property value Rate revenue / property values (CIV)	20	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%	o

Key to Forecast Trend:

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

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Notes to measures

5. Targeted performance indicators Council Selected

1. **Council resolutions made at meetings closed to the public**
The target has been set to strive for consistency and incremental improvement in results.
2. **Satisfaction with Council Decisions**
The target has been set to strive for consistency and incremental improvement in results.
3. **Utilisation of aquatic facilities**
The target has been set to strive for consistency and incremental improvement in results.
4. **Library visits per head of population**
The target has been set to strive for consistency and incremental improvement in results.
5. **Time taken to decide planning applications**
The target has been set to strive for consistency and incremental improvement in results.
6. **Non-current liabilities compared to own-source revenue**
This ratio is projected to decrease after the 2026/27 financial year due to no new borrowings currently being projected over this period, at the same time some existing loans will be fully repaid.
7. **Average rate per property assessment**
This ratio is expected to increase over years two to four in line with forecasted rate cap increases of 2.5% pa.
8. **Loans and borrowings repayments compared to own-source revenue**
This ratio is projected to decrease after the 2027/28 financial year due to no new borrowings currently being projected over this period, at the same time some existing loans will be fully repaid. There is a temporary uplift in 2027/28 due to the new borrowings to be drawdown in 2026/27. The repayment of the principal for an interest-only loan is the reason for the increased ratio in 2025/26.

5a. Targeted performance indicators (Mandatory)

9. **Satisfaction with the opportunities offered by Council to be consulted on or engaged in Council decisions**
Latrobe City Council have an engagement tool (Engagement HQ) which will allow a more targeted and proactive approach to engagement. Community members will be able to register and indicate their interests for future engagement.
10. **Sealed local roads below the intervention level**
Latrobe City Council has been high performing in this area previously and is aiming to exceed 95% year on year, which is consistent with our Road Asset Modelling.
11. **Planning applications decided within the relevant required time**
Proposed changes to the Planning and Environment Act are set to overhaul the planning system in Victoria. A conservative target has been set for 2026/27 and subsequent years.
12. **Kerbside collection waste to landfill per serviced property**
As per the 2026/27FY LGPRF changes, this measure is newly updated to account for future bin introductions. The target has been set to strive for consistency and incremental improvement in results.
13. **Current assets compared to current liabilities**
Working capital is targeted to steadily increase from 1.3 to 1.8 dollars of current assets for every dollar of current liabilities projected over the four year period. The ratio result is lower in 2026/27 due to Council planning to internally borrow from cash reserves to fund capital works while awaiting the receipt of developer contribution plan contributions and sale of land at the Gippsland Logistics and Manufacturing precinct.

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14. Asset renewal and upgrade compared to depreciation

Asset renewal & upgrade expenditure has increased in 2027 due to government grants and funding carried forward from previous years. The reduction in the ratio in future years is due to reduced capital grants for asset renewal.

15. Rates compared to adjusted underlying revenue

This ratio is expected to remain at around 64% over the target period, and demonstrates Council's reliance on rates income.

16. Expenses per property assessment

Expenditure per property assessment is targeted to increase by around 1.1% per annum over the forecast period. This is well below the projected CPI of 3.0% p.a. The decrease projected in 2027 is mainly due to higher expenditure in 2027 tied to non-recurrent grants i.e. Gippsland Logistics Precinct stage 1B project \$8.1 million and Crinigan Rd Development Plan - infrastructure upgrades \$7.9 million.

5b. Financial performance indicators Other

17. Adjusted underlying surplus (or deficit)

Council's underlying deficit is forecasted to remain in deficit mainly due to restrictions on Council's ability to increase revenue and uplifts in depreciation expenses as a result of the construction in prior years of major new infrastructure. e.g. Gippsland Regional Aquatic Facility (GRAC), Gippsland Performing Arts Centre (GPAC) and Regional Carpark projects.

18. Cash compared to current liabilities

Cash compared to current liabilities is forecast to increase from 19.0% to 25.4% over the forecast period, largely due to reductions contract and other liabilities as unearned capital grants are spent for major projects.

19. Loans and borrowings compared to own source revenue

This ratio is projected to decrease after the 2026/27 financial year due to no new borrowings currently being projected after this period, at the same time some existing loans will be fully repaid.

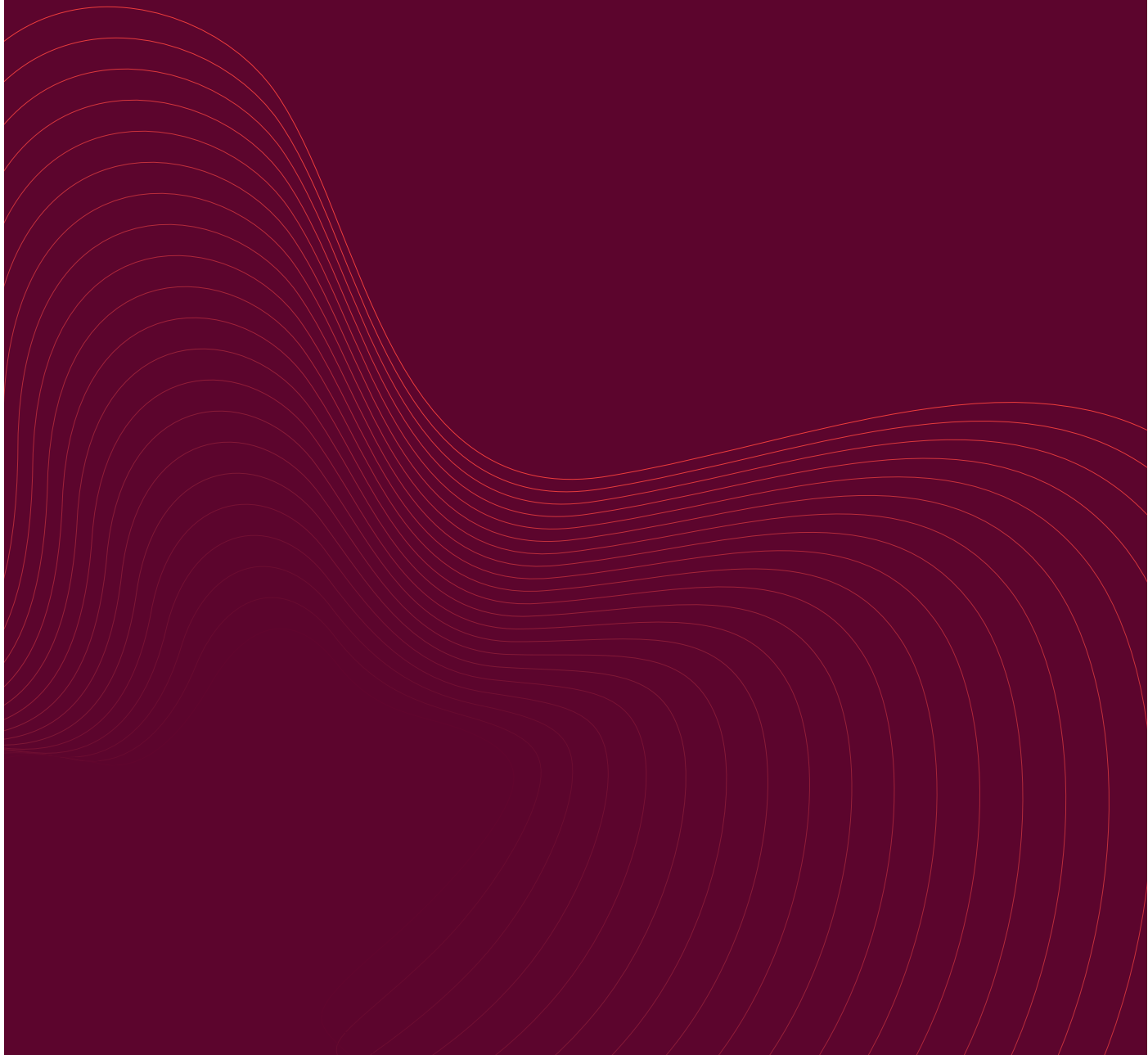
20. Rates compared to property value

This ratio is expected to remain at 0.4% to 0.5% over the forecasted period.



Fees and Charges

2026/2027



**Appendix A
Fees & Charges Schedule 2026/27**

Fee Name	Unit of Measure	2025/26 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)	2026/27 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)
Asset Protection			
Asset Protection Fee for Drainage Tapping in Urban Areas at Drainage Easements and Nature Strips Including Provision of Legal Point of Discharge or Drainage information			
Drainage Tapping in Urban Areas at Drainage Easements and Nature Strips Including Provision of Legal Point of Discharge or Drainage information	.	245.00	255.00
Asset Protection Fee for Vehicle Crossing Works			
Vehicle Crossing Works	.	120.00	125.00
Asset Protection Fees			
Building Site Asset Inspections - > \$15,000	Includes all Reblocking, Urban Front Fencing & Demolitions	295.00	305.00
Building Site Asset Inspections - < \$15,000	Excludes all Reblocking, Urban Front Fencing & Demolitions	No Charge	No Charge
Occupation of Parking Bays	Per bay per day	57.50	60.00
Road Occupations	No traffic management required	110.00	115.00
Road Occupations	Provision of traffic management	225.00	230.00
Road Openings	No traffic management required	115.00	120.00
Road Openings	Provision of traffic management	225.00	230.00
Asset Protection Fees for Service Installations in Areas by Parties Other Than Utilities or Their Agents			
Each additional 100m of Road Length	.	120.00	125.00
Road Length less than 100m	.	225.00	230.00
Asset Protection Penalty for Infringement Notice as Specified in Section 19 of Local Law No.3			
Asset Protection Penalty for Infringement Notice	fee units	2 fee units	2 fee units
Charge for Restoration of Road Openings in Urban and Rural Areas			
Restoration of Road Openings in Urban and Rural Areas	Actual cost, plus 10% of the actual cost, to cover administration expenses	Actual cost, plus 10%	Actual cost, plus 10%
Enquiries - Legal Point of Discharge or Drainage Information			
Urban Areas	9.77 fee units	9.77 fee units	9.77 fee units
Fees for Utilities and Their Agents for Applications Under Section 7 to the Road Management Act 2004			
Minor works conducted on, or on any part of the roadway, shoulder or pathway.	11 fee units	11 fee units	11 fee units
Minor works conducted on, or on any part of the roadway, shoulder or pathway.	11 fee units	11 fee units	11 fee units
Minor works not conducted on, or on any part of the roadway, shoulder or pathway.	5 fee units	5 fee units	5 fee units
Minor works not conducted on, or on any part of the roadway, shoulder or pathway.	5 fee units	5 fee units	5 fee units
Works, other than minor works conducted on, or on any part of the roadway, shoulder or pathway.	45 fee units	45 fee units	45 fee units
Works, other than minor works conducted on, or on any part of the roadway, shoulder or pathway.	20 fee units	20 fee units	20 fee units
Works, other than minor works not conducted on, or on any part of the roadway, shoulder or pathway.	25 fee units	25 fee units	25 fee units
Works, other than minor works not conducted on, or on any part of the roadway, shoulder or pathway.	5 fee units	5 fee units	5 fee units
Parking Headworks			
Parking Headworks Charge as Defined in Clause 11 of the Vehicle Crossing Policy.	.	4,100.00	4,250.00
Security Bonds as Specified in Local Law No.3			
Cost of Works < \$15,000 Excludes Reblocking, Residential Front Fences & Demolition Works	Rural, Residential, Industrial and Commercial Building Sites for Builders with a 12 month Satisfactory Performance Record.	No Charge	No Charge
Cost of Works < \$15,000 Excludes Reblocking, Residential Front Fences & Demolition Works	Rural, Residential, Industrial and Commercial Building Sites for Builders with an Unsatisfactory Performance Record.	550.00	570.00
Cost of Works > \$15,000 Includes Reblocking, Residential Front Fences & Demolition Works	Rural Building Site	550.00	570.00
Cost of Works > \$15,000 Includes Reblocking, Residential Front Fences & Demolition Works	Residential Building Site - No adjacent footpaths	550.00	570.00
Cost of Works > \$15,000 Includes Reblocking, Residential Front Fences & Demolition Works	Residential Building Site - With adjacent footpaths	1,100.00	1,135.00
Cost of Works > \$15,000 Includes Reblocking, Residential Front Fences & Demolition Works	Residential Building Site - Corner allotment, adjacent footpaths	1,650.00	1,700.00
Cost of Works > \$15,000 Includes Reblocking, Residential Front Fences & Demolition Works	Residential Building Site - Multiple units, adjacent footpaths	2,200.00	2,270.00
Cost of Works > \$15,000 Includes Reblocking, Residential Front Fences & Demolition Works	Industrial Building Site	2,755.00	2,900.00
Cost of Works > \$15,000 Includes Reblocking, Residential Front Fences & Demolition Works	Commercial Building Site	5,795.00	6,000.00
Cost of Works > \$15,000 Includes Reblocking, Residential Front Fences & Demolition Works	Multiple Building Sites - Builders with a 12 month Satisfactory Performance Record	11,595.00	12,000.00
Security Deposit as Detailed in Clause 10 of the Vehicle Crossing Policy			
Security Deposit	.	1,800.00	2,000.00

Fee Name	Unit of Measure	2025/26 Fee (GST Inclusive if applicable)	2026/27 Fee (GST Inclusive if applicable)
Building Services			
Building Certificates			
Building Certificate	Per certificate	3.19 fee units	3.19 fee units
Building File Search Fee			
Additional buildings on same property - Commercial	50% cost of Original Application	N/A	140.00
Additional buildings on same property - Domestic	50% cost of Original Application	65.00	90.00
Building File Search Fee - Commercial	Per Request	N/A	280.00
Building File Search Fee - Domestic	Per Request	130.00	180.00
Building Permit Lodgement Fees			
Building Permit Lodgement Fee	Per lodgement	8.23 fee units	8.23 fee units
Building Permits (disbursements excluded)			
\$10,001 to \$100,000	Each permit + \$(value/100)	815.00	740.00
\$100,001 to \$1,000,000	Each permit + \$(value/200)	1,352.00	1,250.00
Greater than \$1,000,000	Each permit + \$(value/300)	3,245.00	3,000.00
Up to \$10,000	Each permit	920.00	850.00
Permit Time Extensions and Inspections for Lapsed Permits			
Permit Time Extensions and Inspections for Lapsed Permits	Minimum	175.00	180.00
Pool Registration Fees			
Certificate of Compliance lodgement fee	fee units	1.38 fee units	1.38 fee units
Certificate of Non-Compliance lodgement fee	fee units	26 fee units	26 fee units
Pool History Search Fee	fee units	3.19 fee units	3.19 fee units
Registration Fee	fee units	2.15 fee units	2.15 fee units
Report and Consent			
Additional	50% cost of First Report and Consent	50% cost of First Report and Consent	50% cost of First Report and Consent
Demolition	fee units	5.75 fee units	5.75 fee units
First	For Siting Matters 27.45 fee units Other Matters 19.61 fee units	Siting matters 27.45 fee units/ Other matters 19.61 fee units	Siting matters 27.45 fee units/ Other matters 19.61 fee units
POPE - Occupancy Permits	Treated as a Report and Consent for Siting Matters	27.45 fee units	1,100.00
Temporary Structure Siting Approvals	Treated as a Report and Consent for Siting Matters 27.45 fee units	27.45 fee units	27.45 fee units
Swimming Pool Inspection Fees			
Certificate of compliance where a non-compliance certificate has been issued	Each	110.00	113.00
Certificate of compliance where a non-compliance certificate has not been issued	Each	545.00	561.00

Fee Name	Unit of Measure	2025/26 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)	2026/27 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)
Community Halls			
Churchill Community Hall			
Commercial - Cleaning Charge	Per Clean	Cost recovery plus 10%	Cost recovery plus 10%
Commercial Hire	Base Rate 4 Hours	105.00	109.00
Community - Cleaning Charge	Per Clean	Cost recovery	Cost recovery
Community Hire	Base Rate 4 Hours	60.00	62.00
Kernot Hall - Commercial Hire			
Cafe / Bar Operations	At request of hirer - POA	POA	POA
Cleaning Charge	Per Clean	Cost recovery plus 10%	Cost recovery plus 10%
Kitchen Usage	In addition to hall booking	328.00	338.00
Meeting Room Hire	Base rate (4 hours)	328.00	338.00
Technicians / Front of House Supervisor	Per hour/per staff member (3 hour minimum)	82.00	85.00
Usher	Per hour/per staff member (3 hour minimum)	73.00	76.00
Whole Venue (excludes Kitchen)	Per Hour (Minimum 5 hours) (includes 2 staff and standard cleaning)	312.00	322.00
Kernot Hall - Community Hire			
Cafe / Bar Operations	At request of hirer - POA	POA	POA
Cleaning Charge	Per Clean	Cost recovery	Cost recovery
Kitchen Usage	In addition to hall booking	160.00	165.00
Meeting Room Hire	Base rate (4 hours)	165.00	170.00
Technicians / Front of House Supervisor	Per hour/per staff member (3 hour minimum)	63.00	65.00
Usher	Per hour/per staff member (3 hour minimum)	55.00	57.00
Whole Venue (excludes Kitchen)	Per Hour (Minimum 5 hours) (includes 2 staff and standard cleaning)	150.00	155.00
Moe Town Hall			
Commercial - Cleaning Charge	Per Clean	Cost recovery plus 10%	Cost recovery plus 10%
Commercial Hire	Base Rate 4 Hours	780.00	804.00
Community - Cleaning Charge	Per Clean	Cost recovery	Cost recovery
Community Hire - Theatrical	Base Rate 5 Hours (includes 1 staff member)	450.00	464.00
Ticketing Fee	Per complimentary ticket	2.10	2.50
Ticketing Fee	Per ticket	4.20	4.50
Newborough Hall			
Commercial - Cleaning Charge	Per Clean	Cost recovery plus 10%	Cost recovery plus 10%
Commercial Hire	Base Rate 4 Hours	105.00	109.00
Community - Cleaning Charge	Per Clean	Cost recovery	Cost recovery
Community Hire	Base Rate 4 Hours	60.00	62.00
Sound Shell			
Commercial - Cleaning Charge	Per Clean	Cost recovery plus 10%	Cost recovery plus 10%
Commercial - Technical Support	Per Hour (Minimum 3 hours, Per person per hour)	82.00	85.00
Commercial Hire	Per Day	541.00	558.00
Community - Cleaning Charge	Per Clean	Cost recovery	Cost recovery
Community - Technical Support	Per Hour (Minimum 3 hours, Per person per hour)	63.00	65.00
Community Hire	Per Standard Day	No Charge	No Charge
Traralgon East Community Centre			
Commercial - Cleaning Charge	Per Clean	Cost recovery plus 10%	Cost recovery plus 10%
Commercial Hire	Base Rate 4 Hours	105.00	109.00
Community - Cleaning Charge	Per Clean	Cost recovery	Cost recovery
Community Hire	Base Rate 4 Hours	60.00	62.00
Traralgon South Hall			
Commercial - Cleaning Charge	Per Clean	Cost recovery plus 10%	Cost recovery plus 10%
Commercial Hire	Base Rate 4 Hours	105.00	109.00
Community - Cleaning Charge	Per Clean	Cost recovery	Cost recovery
Community Hire	Base Rate 4 Hours	60.00	62.00
Traralgon Town Hall (Non Theatrical)			
Community Hire - Rehearsal	2 Hours	No Charge	No Charge

Fee Name	Unit of Measure	2025/26 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)	2026/27 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)
Family & Children's Services			
Early Learning Centres			
After Kinder Care	Per day (including 1 hour of Before Kinder Care)	-	75.00
Before Kinder Care	Per hour	-	15.00
Full Day Care	Per day	130.00	135.00
Full Time Care	5 full days/child/week.	595.00	600.00
Half Day Care	Per half day	88.50	90.00
Holding Fee	Per place	100% per place	100% per place
Meeting Rooms (Moe PLACE, Churchill Hub)			
Meeting Room - Commercial	Per hour	34.00	34.00
Meeting Room - Commercial	Per Day	185.00	185.00
Meeting Room - Community Groups	Per hour	No Charge	No Charge
Moe PLACE Basketball Stadium			
Court Hire	Per day (9am - 6pm)	246.00	246.00
Court Hire - General	Per hour	57.00	57.00
Court Hire - Schools	Per hour	46.00	46.00
Half Court Hire - General	Per hour	30.00	30.00
Half Court Hire - Schools	Per hour	24.00	24.00
Moe PLACE Community Kitchen			
Kitchen Hire	Per hour	17.00	17.00
Kitchen Hire	Per day (9am - 6pm)	59.00	59.00
Moe PLACE Vacation Care			
Full Day Care	Per day	109.00	115.00
Family Health			
Nurse			
Attend Corporate Sessions	Per nurse per hour	75.00	78.00
Vaccinations Purchases			
Bexero	Per dose.	140.00	145.00
Boostrix	Per dose.	61.00	65.00
Flu	Per dose.	28.00	29.00
Gardasil	Per dose.	195.00	201.00
Hep A	Per dose.	115.00	119.00
Hep B	Per dose.	37.50	39.00
Meningococcal C	Per dose.	130.00	134.00
Twinrix	Per dose.	128.00	132.00

Fee Name	Unit of Measure	2025/26 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)	2026/27 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)
Gippsland Performing Arts Centre and Little Theatre			
Commercial Hire - Additional Labour			
Cafe/Bar Operations	At request of hirer - POA	POA	POA
Technicians / Front of House Supervisor	Per hour (3 hr minimum)	82.00	85.00
Usher	Per hour (3 hr minimum)	73.00	76.00
Commercial Hire - Functions & Events			
Conference Rooms	Base Rate 4 Hours	437.00	451.00
Meeting Room	Base Rate 4 Hours	229.00	236.00
Outdoor Event	Base Rate 5 Hours (includes 1 staff member)	1,170.00	1,205.00
Outdoor Event - Additional Hour	Per Hour	234.00	241.00
Commercial Hire - Theatrical			
Additional Equipment Hire	POA - Price on Application	POA	POA
Credit Card Fees	Per Credit Card and EFTPOS Transaction	1.50%	1.50%
Dark Day	Per day	624.00	643.00
GPAC - Additional Hours	Per Hour, includes 2 staff	385.00	397.00
GPAC Theatre	Base Rate 5 Hours	3,744.00	3,857.00
Little Theatre/Town Hall	Base Rate 5 Hours	1,040.00	1,072.00
Merchandise Sales	Gross sales	15% of gross sales	15% of gross sales
Ticketing Fee	Per complimentary ticket	2.20	2.50
Ticketing Fee	Per ticket	4.40	4.50
Community Hire - Additional Labour			
Cafe/Bar Operations	At request of hirer - POA	POA	POA
Technicians / Front of House Supervisor	Per hour (3 hr minimum)	66.00	68.00
Usher	Per hour (3 hr minimum)	58.00	60.00
Community Hire - Functions & Events			
Conference Rooms	Base Rate 4 Hours	208.00	215.00
Meeting Room	Base Rate 4 Hours	104.00	108.00
Outdoor Event	Base Rate 5 Hours (includes 2 staff)	552.00	569.00
Outdoor Event - Additional Hour	Per Hour	120.00	124.00
Community Hire - Theatrical			
Additional Equipment Hire	POA - Price on Application	POA	POA
Credit Card Fees	Per Credit Card and EFTPOS Transaction	1.50%	1.50%
Dark Day	Per day	572.00	590.00
GPAC Theatre	Base Rate 5 Hours (includes 2 staff)	1,352.00	1,393.00
GPAC Theatre - Additional Hours	Per hour (includes 2 staff)	271.00	280.00
Little Theatre/Town Hall	Base Rate 5 Hours (includes 1 staff member)	468.00	482.00
Ticketing Fee	Per complimentary ticket	1.20	1.50
Ticketing Fee	Per ticket	2.70	3.00

Fee Name	Unit of Measure	2025/26 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)	2026/27 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)
Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre (GRAC)			
Birthday Parties			
BYO Food - includes host, slides & games	Minimum 10 people, additional person \$20 pp	210.00	216.00
Catered - includes hosts, slides, games & catering options	Minimum 10 people	POA	POA
Facility Hire			
Dedicated Water Slide Hire	2 hours minimum / per hour	108.20	112.00
Group Fitness Class	Per group / per hour	140.40	145.00
Group Fitness Class - Additional Instructor	Per hour	65.00	67.00
Meeting Room Hire	1 hour minimum / per hour	32.80	34.00
Whole Day Carnival	9am to 5pm (including 50m pool, 25m outdoor pool, AOE/competition room meeting room)	1,622.40	1,672.00
Spa, Sauna, Steam Room			
Adult	16 years and over	13.80	14.50
Concession	Pension, Seniors & Health Care	10.40	11.00
Waterslides - Weekdays			
Adult	Per session	10.50	11.00
Child	Per session	7.40	8.00
Concession	Per session	7.80	8.00
Waterslides - Weekends			
Adult	Per session	13.30	14.00
Child	Per session	10.00	10.50
Concession	Per session	10.00	10.50
WIBIT (Inflatable)			
Assisting Adult	*special conditions TBC	4.40	5.00
Participant	*special conditions TBC	8.70	9.00
Governance			
Community Public/Products Liability Insurance			
Part A - Venue/Facility Hirers	Per hire (up to 52 times per year)	19.00	19.00
Part B - Performers/Stallholders/Artists/Street Stallholders/Buskers/Tutors and Instructors	Per hire (up to 52 times per year)	41.00	41.00
Freedom of Information			
Application Fee	Per application	2 fee units	2 fee units
Search Charge	Per hour	1.5 fee units	1.5 fee units
Supervision Charges -	Per hour	1.5 fee units	1.5 fee units

Fee Name	Unit of Measure	2025/26 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)	2026/27 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)
Health Services			
Additional Inspection Fees			
Food Act - Class 1 (Full Time)	Per Inspection	285.00	295.00
Food Act - Class 2A (Full Time)	Per Inspection	230.00	235.00
Food Act - Class 2B (Part Time)	Per Inspection	215.00	220.00
Food Act - Class 3A (Full Time)	Per Inspection	210.00	215.00
Food Act - Class 3B (Part Time)	Per Inspection	150.00	155.00
Public Health & Wellbeing Act - Additional Inspections	Per Inspection	180.00	185.00
Caravan Parks and Movable Homes			
Residential Tenancies	1-25 sites	17 fee units	17 fee units
Residential Tenancies	26-50 sites	34 fee units	34 fee units
Residential Tenancies	51-100 sites	68 fee units	68 fee units
Residential Tenancies	101-150 sites	68 fee units	68 fee units
Commercial Accommodation			
Annual Renewal	Includes motels and hostels	645.00	665.00
New Registration	Includes motels and hostels	740.00	760.00
Commercial Food Premises			
Class 1 (Full Time) - New	e.g. Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Childcare Centres	895.00	920.00
Class 1 (Full Time) - Renewal	e.g. Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Childcare Centres	820.00	845.00
Class 2A (Full Time) - New	e.g. Restaurants - Fast Food, Deli's	835.00	860.00
Class 2A (Full Time) - Renewal	e.g. Supermarkets, Large Manufacturers	1,645.00	1,695.00
Class 2A (Full Time) - Renewal	e.g. Restaurants - Fast Food, Deli's	775.00	795.00
Class 2A (Full Time) - Renewal	e.g. Supermarkets, Large Manufacturers	1,526.00	1,570.00
Class 2B (Part Time) - New	Minimal unpacked potential hazardous foods	565.00	580.00
Class 2B (Part Time) - Renewal	Minimal unpacked potential hazardous foods	510.00	525.00
Class 3A (Full Time) - New	Water Carters	220.00	225.00
Class 3A (Full Time) - New	Minimal unpacked potential hazardous foods	500.00	515.00
Class 3A (Full Time) - Renewal	Water Carters	190.00	195.00
Class 3A (Full Time) - Renewal	Minimal unpacked potential hazardous foods	435.00	455.00
Class 3A Supermarket - New	Large scale supermarket selling packaged potentially hazardous foods	1,355.00	1,395.00
Class 3A Supermarket - Renewal	Large scale supermarket selling packaged potentially hazardous foods	1,245.00	1,285.00
Class 3B (Part Time) - New	Food is secondary activity (e.g. B&B)	325.00	335.00
Class 3B (Part Time) - Renewal	Food is secondary activity (e.g. B&B)	300.00	310.00
Class 3C (Full Time) - New	Food is secondary activity (e.g. B&B)	245.00	250.00
Class 3C (Full Time) - Renewal	Food is secondary activity (e.g. B&B)	220.00	225.00
Class 4 Low Risk Packaged - New	e.g. Liquor Outlets, Video Stores, Newsagents, Pharmacies etc.	Fee Exempt	Fee Exempt
Once off Short Term	Temporary food stall - major events	305.00	315.00
Food & Water Sample Administration Fee			
Private water supply sample	Per sample + Analyst Fee	245.00	250.00
Sample administration fee	2nd non compliant follow up	250.00	255.00

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Health Premises			
New Premises Registration	Part Time (less than 3 days) - Hairdressing & Low Risk Beauty (eyelash tinting, spray tans, minor facial waxing, makeup)	295.00	305.00
New Premises Registration	Ear-Piercing Single Use - Medium Risk	360.00	370.00
New Premises Registration	Part Time (less than 3 days) - Beauty Treatments (eye lash extensions, body waxing, facials)	430.00	443.00
New Premises Registration	Part Time (less than 3 days) - Hairdressing & Low Risk Beauty (eyelash tinting, spray tans, minor facial waxing, makeup)	635.00	654.00
New Premises Registration	Fulltime Beauty Treatments- (eye lash extensions, body waxing, facials)	635.00	654.00
New Premises Registration	Fulltime Skin Penetration/Colonic - High Risk	635.00	654.00
Renewal Premises Registration	Ear-Piercing Single Use - Medium Risk	240.00	245.00
Renewal Premises Registration	Beauty Treatments - Part-time (3 days or less) - (eye lash extensions, body waxing, facials)	365.00	375.00
Renewal Premises Registration	Beauty Treatments - Fulltime- (eye lash extensions, body waxing, facials)	545.00	560.00
Renewal Premises Registration	Comm Skin Penetration/Colonic - High Risk	635.00	654.00
Renting chair in another premises - New Registration	Part Time (less than 3 days per venue) - Hairdressing & Low Risk Beauty (eyelash tinting, spray tans, minor facial waxing, makeup)	295.00	305.00
Renting chair in another premises - New Registration	Skin Penetration (incl tattooing, body piercing) 1-2 days per venue	395.00	405.00
Renting chair in another premises - New Registration	Fulltime Hairdressing & Low Risk Beauty (eyelash tinting, spray tans, minor facial waxing, makeup)	635.00	654.00
Renting chair in another premises - Renewal	Skin Penetration (incl tattooing, body piercing) 1-2 days per venue	365.00	375.00
Plan Approval/Establishment of New Business			
Food Act Premises	Per premise	520.00	535.00
Public Health and Wellbeing Act Premises	Pre premise	282.00	290.00
Septic Tanks - New Installations			
Additional Fixtures - Minor Alteration Regulation 16(1)(a), (3)	Per Minor alteration	37.25 fee units	37.25 fee units
Conveyancing Enquiry	Each	340.00	350.00
Extension to Septic Tank Application - Amend a Permit Regulation 198	More than two years old	180.00	185.00
Inspections	In excess of two - per inspection	177.00	182.00
Regulation 196(1)(a), (2) Alteration - Minor	Per alteration minor	37.25 fee units	37.25 fee units
Regulation 196(1)(b), (2) All System Types	Per system type	48.88 fee units	48.88 fee units
Regulation 196(1)(b), (2) Alteration - Major	Per alteration major	48.88 fee units	48.88 fee units
Regulation 197	Transfer a permit	9.93 fee units	9.93 fee units
Regulation 200	Renew a permit	8.31 fee units	8.31 fee units
Search Fee	Each	90.00	92.00
Septic Tank Report & Consent	Each	340.00	350.00
Transfer or Registration			
Food Act	Pre-purchase fee for existing business	230.00	235.00
Public Health and Wellbeing Act	Per transfer or registration	230.00	235.00
Residential Tenancies Act	Per transfer or registration	5 fee units	5 fee units
Latrobe City Traffic School			
Educational Group			
Hire of Traffic School	Per hour	48.00	50.00
Hire of Hand Cranked Tricycles			
With responsibility for repair or replacement of damaged unit	Per bike/day	3.50	3.50
Mobile Bike Education Trailer			
Hire of bike trailer (Deposit \$200)	Per day	41.00	45.00
Private Groups			
Hire of Traffic School	Per hour	75.00	75.00

Fee Name	Unit of Measure	2025/26 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)	2026/27 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)
Latrobe Regional Airport			
Airport Annual Licence Fees			
Commercial	Per annum	1,850.00	1,905.00
Light Commercial	Per annum	950.00	1,100.00
Recreational	Per Aircraft / Per Annum (approx 100 aircraft)	200.00	300.00
AVDATA Movement Charges			
AVDATA movement charges	Per tonne / per movement	13.50	14.00
Latrobe Aerospace Technology Precinct			
After Hours Charge (Before 8:30am - after 5pm, weekends)	Per hour (minimum 2 hours)	N/A	180.00
AirSpace - Airside Activities (ARO oversight)	Hourly Rate	N/A	250.00
AirSpace - Airside Activities (no oversight)	Hourly Rate	N/A	150.00
Annual Membership	Companies / organisations <\$500,000 turnover	N/A	550.00
Annual Membership	Individual	N/A	550.00
Annual Membership	Companies / organisations \$500,000 to \$5million turnover	N/A	1,100.00
Annual Membership	Research Institution / University	N/A	1,100.00
Annual Membership	Companies / organisations \$5million plus turnover	N/A	2,200.00
Command Centre	Full Day	N/A	1,000.00
NOTAM - Admin Fee	One off charge	N/A	120.00
Precinct Areas - Floor Space (internal)	Per m2 - set rate	N/A	130.00
Precinct Areas - Hardstand Space (external)	Per m2 - set rate	N/A	75.00
Precinct Areas - Office Space	Per m2 - set rate	N/A	200.00
Runway - High-Impact Admin Fee	Per Operation	N/A	450.00
Runway - Operations impacting taxiways, aprons and/or aircraft movement areas - Admin Fee	Per Operation	N/A	120.00
Runway Closure	Hourly Rate	N/A	400.00
LRA Admin Building Centre			
Admin Building Hire (full access to facilities)	Half Day (max 3 hours)	N/A	330.00
Admin Building Hire (full access to facilities)	Full Day (minimum 4 hours)	N/A	550.00
Cleaning Charge	Cost Recovery	N/A	Cost recovery
Executive Boardroom (plus kitchen)	Half Day (max 3 hours)	N/A	165.00
Executive Boardroom (plus kitchen)	Full Day (minimum 4 hours)	N/A	330.00
Office Space	Half Day (max 3 hours)	N/A	110.00
Office Space	Full Day (minimum 4 hours)	N/A	165.00
Movement Charges			
Grass Parking Fee's	Per tonne / per day	3.00	3.50
Hardstand Parking Fee's	Per tonne / per day	6.00	6.50
Public Liability Insurance Contribution			
Public Liability Insurance Contribution	Per recreational / no trading tenancy	420.00	435.00

25% Discount for LATP Members on all relevant charges

Fee Name		Unit of Measure	2025/26 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)	2026/27 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)
Latrobe Regional Gallery				
Function and Event Hire				
	Quoted based on staffing and catering requirements - POA	POA	POA	POA
LRG - Meeting Room 1				
Commercial Rental	Evenings/Weekends Base rate 4 hours		281.00	290.00
Commercial Rental	Full Day (10am - 4pm)		396.00	407.00
Community Rental	Half Days (4 hours)		No charge	No charge
Community Rental	Full Day (10am - 4pm)		No charge	No charge
Community Rental	Evening (After 5pm) Base rate 2 hours		165.00	170.00
LRG - Meeting Room 2				
Commercial Rental	Evenings/Weekends (Base rate 4 hours)		281.00	290.00
Commercial Rental	Full Day (10am - 4pm)		396.00	407.00
Community Rental	Half Days (4 hours)		No charge	No charge
Community Rental	Full Day (10am - 4pm)		No charge	No charge
Community Rental	Evening (After 5pm) (Base rate 2 hours)		165.00	170.00
LRG - Studio Workshop - Commercial				
Rental	Weekday - Full Day (10am - 4pm)		396.00	407.00
Rental	Evening (After 5pm) Base rate 4 hours		458.00	470.00
Rental	Weekend - Full Day (10am - 4pm)		458.00	470.00
LRG - Studio Workshop - Community				
Rental	Weekday - Full Day (10am - 4pm)		No charge	No charge
Rental	Weekend - Full Day (10am - 4pm)		No charge	No charge
Rental	Evening (After 5pm) (Base rate 2 hours)		165.00	170.00

Fee Name	Unit of Measure	2025/26 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)	2026/27 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)
Leisure Facilities			
Athletic and Cycling Track			
Club Hire.	Per hour.	52.50	54.00
Cycling / Athletic Club Hire of Bike/ Aths Track.	Per annum / seasonal agreement	1,118.00	1,152.00
Other/Athletic Carnival.	Full day 9am - 3pm.	637.00	656.00
School.	Per student	3.70	4.00
Fitness Program			
Casual Concession Gym	Pension, Seniors & Health Care Card	13.60	14.00
Casual Gym	Per person	18.00	18.50
Concession	Pension, Seniors & Health Care Card	11.20	11.50
Fitness Instructor	Per hour	75.00	78.00
Group Fitness	Per class	14.90	15.50
Life Fit	.	7.50	8.00
Personal Training	Additional person per 1/2 hour	21.00	22.00
Personal Training	Additional person per 1 hour	36.00	37.00
Personal Training	1/2 Hour	42.00	44.00
Personal Training	1 Hour	73.00	75.00
Youth Fit	Class for specific ages	10.00	10.50
Fitness Room Hire			
Hire.	Per hour.	55.00	56.00
Gippsland Regional Cricket Centre (GRCC)			
Ball Machine Hire	Per Hour	10.00	10.00
Facility Hire	Full Facility per Day (8 hours)	1,650.80	1,701.00
Lane Hire	Per hour (up to 4 players)	44.00	46.00
Meeting Room	Per Hour	32.80	34.00
School Clinic	Per Clinic (3 hours)	168.50	173.00
Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium (GRISS)			
GRISS Function room hire (includes kitchen)	Per hour	52.00	54.00
GRISS show court hire (Courts 1 - 4)	Per hour	264.00	330.00
GRISS show court hire (Courts 7 & 8)	Per hour	152.40	157.00
GRISS show court hire (Courts 7 & 8)	Per hour	152.40	157.00
Indoor Pool - Swim Sauna (Churchill Only)			
Adult	Each Visit	10.70	11.00
After Entry/class	Each Visit	5.10	5.50
Concession	Each Visit	8.00	8.50
Indoor Pool - Swim Sauna Spa			
Adult	Each Visit	12.30	13.00
Adult	Visits x 10	110.70	114.00
After Entry/Class	Each Visit	6.30	6.50
Concession	Each Visit	9.30	9.50
Concession	Visits x 10	83.70	86.00
Indoor Pool - Swims			
Adult	16 years and over.	7.50	8.00
Child	Child 5-15 yrs & High School Student	5.40	5.50
Children	4 years and under with adult swim.	No charge	No charge
Concession	Pension, Seniors & Health Care Card	5.60	6.00
Family*	*As listed on Medicare Card	19.80	20.00
Schools	Per child	4.60	5.00

Fee Name	Unit of Measure	2025/26 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)	2026/27 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)
Membership - Administration Fee			
Upon Joining	Per membership	78.00	80.00
Membership - Bronze			
Concession	Fortnightly via direct debit	19.10	20.00
Non Concession	Fortnightly via direct debit	25.50	26.50
Off-Peak (Mon-Fri 11am -3pm & Weekends - excl Pub Hols)	Fortnightly via direct debit	15.20	16.00
Membership - Corporate			
20+ People	Discounts off term memberships only	20% discount	20% discount
Membership - Gold			
Concession	Fortnightly via direct debit	28.00	29.00
Non Concession	Fortnightly via direct debit	37.40	38.50
Membership - Silver			
Concession (Aged Pension, Seniors Card or DSP recipients)	Fortnightly via direct debit	23.40	24.00
Non Concession	Fortnightly via direct debit	31.00	32.00
Off-Peak (Mon-Fri 11am -3pm & Weekends - excl Pub Hols)	Fortnightly via direct debit	18.50	19.00
Other - Indoor Pools			
Carnival Hire	Per Day 9am - 5pm	1,096.00	1,130.00
Carnival Hire - incl 1 Lifeguard plus 1 Duty Manager	Per hour	230.00	237.00
Lane Hire	Per Hour	55.00	57.00
School Carnival Hire	Per Day 9am - 3pm	1,028.00	1,059.00
Wet Out of Hours - incl 1 Lifeguard plus 1 Duty Manager	Per hour plus entry fee	115.00	118.00
Other Charges			
Event Cleaning	Per hour (minimum 2 hours)	54.00	56.00
First Aid Officer	Per hour (minimum 2 hours)	63.00	65.00
Squash Courts			
Casual Visit	Per person / per 1/2 hour. Not valid for bookings	5.20	5.50
Hire	Per hour.	16.70	17.50
Stadium			
Adult Competition	Per player per game	7.30	7.50
Adult Training	Per player per session #	5.10	5.50
Concession Competition	High School Students playing in Senior Competitions, Pension, Seniors & Health Care Card	5.40	5.50
Concession Training	High School Students playing in Senior Competitions, Pension, Seniors & Health Care Card	4.30	4.50
Court Hire - General	Per court per hour	57.00	59.00
Court Hire - Schools	Per court per hour	46.00	48.00
Dry Out of Hours Fee	Per hour (plus entry fee)	67.80	70.00
Junior Competition (during junior competition times only)	Per player per game	5.30	5.50
Junior Training (0 - 17 years)	Per player per session #	4.20	4.50
Meeting Room Hire	Per hour	32.80	34.00
Netball Team Sheet	Per game, per Team	74.00	80.00
Schools	Per student	3.70	4.00
Stadium Programs	Per person / per program	5.20	5.50
Tournament Fee	Per court per day (9am - 5pm)	250.00	257.00
Tournament/Venue Hire Fee	Per Tournament/Venue hire	POA	POA
Swim Lesson - Private			
Swim Lesson - Private 1:1	Per half hour class, per person	44.10	46.00
Swim Lesson - Private 1:2	Per half hour class, per person	33.20	34.00
Swim Lesson - Private 1:3	Per half hour class, per person	27.00	28.00
Swim Lesson - Private - Concession			
Swim Lesson - Private 1:1 - Concession	Per half hour class, per person	33.10	34.00
Swim Lesson - Private 1:2 - Concession	Per half hour class, per person	25.00	26.00
Swim Lesson - Private 1:3 - Concession	Per half hour class, per person	20.30	21.00

Fee Name		Unit of Measure	2025/26 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)	2026/27 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)
Swim Lessons - Group				
Adult	Per Class		16.80	17.50
Infants	Per Class - Supervision 1:8		15.10	15.50
Preschools	Per Class - Supervision 1:5		15.90	16.50
Sammi Squad	Per Class		10.20	10.50
School Age	Per Class		16.80	17.50
Swim Instructor	Per Instructor, Per Hour		66.30	68.00
Swim Lessons - Group - Concession				
Health Care / Pension Card - Infants	Per Class - Supervision 1:8		11.35	12.00
Health Care / Pension Card - Preschool	Per Class - Supervision 1:5		11.95	12.00
Health Care Card / Pension - School Age	Per Class		12.60	13.00
Health Care, Pension & Senior Card - Adult	Per Class		12.60	13.00
Visit Pass - Group Fitness				
1/2 hr Personal Training	Visits x 10		378.00	390.00
1hr Personal Training	Visits x 10		657.00	677.00
Adult	Visits x 10		134.10	138.00
Concession	Visits x 10		100.80	105.00
Youth Fit 13-15	Visits x 10		90.00	93.00
Visit Pass - Gym				
Adult	Visits x 10		162.00	167.00
Concession	Visits x 10		121.00	126.00
Visit Pass - Indoor pools				
Adult	Visits x 10		67.50	69.00
Child	Visits x 10		48.60	50.00
Concession	Visits x 10		50.40	51.00
Family	Visits x 10		178.20	183.00
Visit Pass - Stadium				
Adult Stadium Competition	Visits x 10		65.70	68.00
Concession Competition	Visits x 10		48.60	50.00
Junior Competition	Visits x 10		47.70	49.00
Junior Training	Visits x 10		37.80	38.00
Stadium Programs	Visit x 10		46.80	48.00

Fee Name	Unit of Measure	2025/26 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)	2026/27 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)
Libraries			
Calico Library Bags			
Additional/Replacement	Per bag	No charge	No charge
New Member	Per bag	No charge	No charge
Consumables			
Earphones	Per set	N/A	Cost recovery
Damaged or Lost Items			
Beyond Repair - Magazine	Replacement cost plus processing fee	4.60	5.00
Replacement Cost	Minimum Charge	9.00	10.00
Talking Books	Replacement cost per CD	19.10	20.00
Events			
Adult Workshops Non Library Member	Full Day	35.40	35.00
Adult Workshops Library Member	Per Half Day	12.50	15.00
Adult Workshops Library Member	Full Day	29.20	30.00
Adult Workshops Non Library Member	Per Half Day	18.80	20.00
Author Talk (Special, Literary Festival, high profile) - Member	Per Event	28.10	30.00
Author Talk (Special, Literary Festival, high profile) - Non Member	Per Event	33.30	35.00
Author Talk (standard)	Per Event	No charge	No charge
Fees			
Inter Library Loan	Other Victorian Public Libraries - Cost Recovery	Cost recovery	Cost recovery
Inter Library Loan	All Academic Institutions - Cost Recovery	Cost recovery	Cost recovery
Inter Library Loan	Interstate / International Loans - Cost Recovery	Cost recovery	Cost recovery
Replacement Cards	Each	No charge	No charge
Laminating			
A3	Per sheet	4.20	4.00
A4	Per sheet	3.20	3.00
Library Meeting Room			
Cleaning Charge - Commercial Group	Per hour	Cost recovery + 10%	Cost recovery + 10%
Cleaning Charge - Community Group	Per hour	Cost recovery	Cost recovery
Commercial	Per hour	37.00	39.00
Commercial	Full day - 10am-6pm	176.00	182.00
Community Group	Per hour	No charge	No charge
Moe Library Community Kitchen			
Cleaning Charge - Commercial Group	Per hour	Cost recovery + 10%	Cost recovery + 10%
Cleaning Charge - Community Group	Per hour	Cost recovery	Cost recovery
Commercial	Per hour	37.00	39.00
Commercial	Full day - 10am-6pm.	176.00	182.00
Community Group	Per hour	No charge	No charge
Photocopying			
Black & White A3	Per side	0.40	1.00
Black & White A4	Per side	0.20	0.50
Colour Printing A3	Per side	1.50	1.50
Colour Printing A4	Per side	0.75	1.00
Research Fee			
Commercial/Community Group Request	Per half hour (charged in 30min blocks)	34.70	36.00
Public Request	Per half hour (charged in 30min blocks)	17.40	18.00

Fee Name	Unit of Measure	2025/26 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)	2026/27 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)
Local Laws			
Animal Sales			
Cat Sale (including desexing fee)	Per animal	250.00	257.00
Dog or Cat Sale (already desexed)	Per animal	200.00	206.00
Dog Sale (including desexing fee)	Per animal	450.00	463.00
Dog & Cat Infringements			
In accordance with Domestic Animal Act 1994	Per infringement	Penalties will be applied as per the Domestic Animal Act	Penalties will be applied as per the Domestic Animal Act
Dog & Cat Registration Fees			
Dangerous, Menacing or Renewals only for Restricted Dog Breeds	Full registration per animal	243.00	250.00
Domestic Animal Business	Per Annum	292.50	300.00
Domestic Animal Business - Animal	Per Animal	31.00	32.00
Full Registration	Per Animal	53.00	58.00
Non-Desexed Dog Full Registration	Per Animal	149.00	159.00
Non-Desexed Dog Pensioner Concession	Per Animal	74.50	79.00
Pensioner Registration	Per Animal	27.00	29.00
Registration as Foster Carer (81/1994 Part 5B)	Per Animal	70.00	72.00
Registration fee for fostered animal	Per Animal	10.00	10.00
Livestock			
Food and keep fees - Livestock / Poultry	Per animal per day	34.00	35.00
Livestock attendance for VicRoads	Per attendance	723.00	745.00
Livestock Infringements	Per infringement	Penalties will be applied as per the Livestock Act	Penalties will be applied as per the Livestock Act
Pound Release Large (horse, cow, bull, etc)	Per animal	210.00	216.00
Pound Release Small (sheep, pig, goat, etc)	Per animal	115.00	118.00
Other Fees/Infringements			
Administration Fee	Reconciliation and generation of an invoice to a property owner which has had force clear works completed by Council	98.00	100.00
Daily Storage Fee	Per vehicle per day	19.00	20.00
Dangerous Dog Signage Pack	Per pack	Cost recovery	Cost recovery
Display of Goods for Sale	Per sign	N/A	72.00
Erecting or Placing Advertising Sign	Per sign (one per premises only)	N/A	72.00
Fire Hazard Infringement	Per infringement	Set by State Government	Set by State Government
Impound General (e.g. political signage, tents, or general items on Council Land)	Per item	118.00	120.00
Litter Infringement	Per infringement	Set by State Government	Set by State Government
Local Laws Permit	All Clauses otherwise specified	70.00	72.00
Permit to Busk	Per permit	N/A	72.00
Release fee for vehicles impounded in accordance with Schedule 11 of the Local Government Act - Immediate Tow Release Fee	Per vehicle, plus tow fee per vehicle if applicable	790.00	815.00
Release fee for vehicles impounded in accordance with Schedule 11 of the Local Government Act - Standard Tow Release Fee	Per vehicle, plus standard tow if applicable	425.00	435.00
Roadside Cattle Crossing/Grazing 1 year	Per permit	N/A	72.00
Roadside Cattle Crossing/Grazing 5 years	Per permit	N/A	360.00
Roadside Trading Permit	Per Annum - Clause 82 - Local Law No 2	512.00	525.00
School Crossing Flags	Per set	106.00	110.00
Shopping Trolley Release Fee	Per trolley	210.00	215.00
Standard Towing Fee	Per vehicle per tow	240.00	245.00
Temporary outdoor eating facilities	Per annum fee (inclusive of permit application fee) Consisting of up to 4 tables and a maximum of 12 chairs	176.00	180.00
Temporary outdoor eating facilities over four tables and/or over 12 chairs	Per annum fee (inclusive of permit application fee) Consisting of over 4 tables and/or over 12 chairs	358.00	370.00
Parking Infringements			
Parking Infringement	Per infringement	Maximum value per the Road Safety Act	Maximum value per the Road Safety Act

Fee Name	Unit of Measure	2025/26 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)	2026/27 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)
Pound Release Fees - Domestic Animals			
Cat desexing - Female	Per animal	272.50	280.00
Cat desexing - Male	Per animal	149.00	154.00
Dog desexing - Female	Per animal	430.00	443.00
Dog desexing - Male	Per animal	253.00	260.00
Dog or cat microchipping	Per animal	77.00	79.00
Dog or cat release (where owner is identifiable by Council)	Per animal plus other applicable charges	42.00	43.00
Dog or cat release (where owner is unidentifiable by Council)	Per animal plus other applicable charges	135.00	139.00
Food and keep fees	Per animal per day	21.00	22.00
Miscellaneous Small Animal (Rabbit, Rodent, Poultry etc)	Per animal plus other applicable charges	12.00	12.50
Special desexing charge - female cat	Per animal	350.00	360.00
Special desexing charge - female dog	Per animal	550.00	566.00
Special desexing charge - male cat	Per animal	300.00	310.00
Special desexing charge - male dog	Per animal	500.00	515.00
Special Sustainance	Per animal per day	42.00	43.00
Subsequent Release	Per animal plus other applicable charges	143.50	148.00
Vaccination fee	Per animal	105.00	108.00
Vet Check fee	Per animal	90.00	93.00
Vet Report	Per animal	146.00	150.00
Outdoor Pools			
Competitions - School Swim Carnival Hire			
Extra Supervision Required - ratio 1:100 ratio	Per hour	64.90	67.00
Other Carnival Full Day (9am - 3pm)	Weekends or Public Holidays	898.10	925.00
School Carnival Full Day (9am - 3pm)	Includes 1 Duty Manager	528.80	545.00
School Carnival Half Day (9am -12pm / 12pm - 3pm)	Mon - Fri	368.30	379.00
Entry Fees			
Adult	16 years & over	5.60	6.00
Children	4 years and under with adult swim.	No charge	No charge
Children/Student	Child 5 - 15 yrs & High School Student	4.50	5.00
Concession	Pension, Seniors & Health Care Card	4.70	5.00
Family	As listed on Medicare Card	16.50	17.00
Out of Advertised Operating Hours Hire			
Includes 1 Life Guard plus 1 Duty Manager	Per hour + entry fee per person	94.70	97.00
Season Passes (Multi-Venue)			
Children/Student	Child 5 - 15 yrs & High School Student	85.60	89.00
Concession	Pension, Seniors & Health Care Card	88.50	91.00
Family	As listed on Medicare Card	275.50	283.00
Single Adult Pass	16 years & over	113.50	117.00

Fee Name	Unit of Measure	2025/26 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)	2026/27 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)
Property Operations			
Off Street Car Parks			
EV Charging Licence Fee	Per Car Parking Bay	N/A	1,152.00
Multi Story Car Park Permit - After Hours Call Out Fee	Per callout	Cost recovery	Cost recovery
Multi Story Car Park Permit - Car park space leases	Per space per annum	1,638.00	1,000.00
Off-Street Car Park Permit - Car park space leases	Per space per annum	1,118.00	550.00
Property Operations Other			
Road Discontinuance/Closure & Sale of Land Application Fee	Per application	575.00	250.00
Replacement Permit Stickers			
Replacement Permit Sticker	First replacement in the financial year	No charge	No charge
Replacement Permit Sticker	Subsequent replacements in the same financial year	27.50	28.00
Rates			
Rates			
Dishonour Fee	Per dishonour occasion	15.00	16.00
Letters for Financiers	Per letter	25.00	26.00
POSTBillpay Dishonour Fee	Per dishonour occasion	40.00	42.00
Rates History Requests	Per hour	60.00	62.00
Re-issue of prior years Rates Notice (maximum 7 years)	Per copy	25.00	26.00
Solar Rebate Letter	per letter	25.00	26.00
Senior Citizens Centres			
Moe Senior Citizens Centre, Newborough Senior Citizens Centre, Yallourn North Senior Citizens Centre, Morwell East Senior Citizens Centre (Vary Street), Morwell Senior Citizens Centre (Maryvale Crescent), Gwalia Street Senior Citizens Centre (Traralgon), Monomeath Senior Citizens Centre (Traralgon)			
Commercial - Cleaning Charge	Per clean	Cost recovery plus 10%	Cost recovery plus 10%
Commercial Hire	Base Rate 4 Hours	105.00	108.00
Community - Cleaning Charge	Cost recovery	Cost recovery	Cost recovery
Community Hire	Per hour	60.00	15.00

Fee Name	Unit of Measure	2025/26 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)	2026/27 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)
Sports Stadiums, Ground & Reserves			
Community Room Hire (Traralgon West Sports Complex Upstairs Pavilion , Traralgon Railway Reservoir Conservation Reserve Community Room, Latrobe City Synthetic Sports Field Upstairs Pavilion , Morwell Recreation Reserve East Pavilion, Ted			
Summerton Reserve Upstairs Pavilion, Morwell Centenary Rose Garden			
Additional Costs			
Commercial Groups	Additional bins, cleaning & utility costs	Cost recovery	Cost recovery
Community Group - Not for Profit	Per hour	40.00	42.00
	Per hour	No charge	No charge
Outdoor Netball Centres and Tennis Centres Courts			
Seasonal allocation - netball and tennis courts	Per court, per six month allocation	120.00	160.00
Personal Trainers/Boot Camps/Sport Coaches			
All trainers/boot camp/coaches	Per hour	12.00	12.50
All trainers/boot camp/coaches	Per month	63.00	65.00
Recreation Reserves and Pavilions			
Casual Use - Additional Costs	Additional bins, cleaning & utility costs	Cost recovery	Cost recovery
Casual Use - For Profit Groups Businesses and Sporting Groups	Per day	607.00	625.00
Casual Use - Latrobe City Schools	Per day	No charge	No charge
Casual Use - Latrobe City Sporting Clubs and Recreation/Community Groups	Per day	42.00	44.00
Casual Use - Non Latrobe City Sporting Clubs and Recreation/Community Groups	Per day	163.00	168.00
Pre-Season Facility Charge - Junior - Category A *	Per month	147.00	194.00
Pre-Season Facility Charge - Junior - Category B *	Per month	46.00	82.00
Pre-Season Facility Charge - Junior - Category C *	Per month	35.00	68.00
Pre-Season Facility Charge - Junior - Category Premier *	Per month	147.00	194.00
Pre-Season Facility Charge - Senior - Category A *	Per month	294.00	388.00
Pre-Season Facility Charge - Senior - Category B *	Per month	91.00	163.00
Pre-Season Facility Charge - Senior - Category C *	Per month	68.00	134.00
Pre-Season Facility Charge - Senior - Category Premier *	Per month	294.00	388.00
Season Facility Charge - Junior - Category A *	Per six month allocation	1,792.00	2,342.00
Season Facility Charge - Junior - Category A Soccer *	Per six month allocation	N/A	1,607.00
Season Facility Charge - Junior - Category B *	Per six month allocation	865.00	1,139.00
Season Facility Charge - Junior - Category B Soccer *	Per six month allocation	N/A	784.00
Season Facility Charge - Junior - Category C *	Per six month allocation	232.00	717.00
Season Facility Charge - Junior - Category C Soccer *	Per six month allocation	N/A	667.00
Season Facility Charge - Junior - Category Premier *	Per six month allocation	1,792.00	2,342.00
Season Facility Charge - Junior - Category Premier Soccer *	Per six month allocation	N/A	1,607.00
Season Facility Charge - Senior - Category A *	Per six month allocation	3,612.00	4,698.00
Season Facility Charge - Senior - Category A Soccer *	Per six month allocation	N/A	3,215.00
Season Facility Charge - Senior - Category B *	Per six month allocation	1,430.00	2,127.00
Season Facility Charge - Senior - Category B Soccer *	Per six month allocation	N/A	1,569.00
Season Facility Charge - Senior - Category C *	Per six month allocation	382.00	1,393.00
Season Facility Charge - Senior - Category C Soccer *	Per six month allocation	N/A	1,335.00
Season Facility Charge - Senior - Category Premier *	Per six month allocation	3,612.00	4,698.00
Season Facility Charge - Senior - Category Premier Soccer *	Per six month allocation	N/A	3,215.00

* The proposed increase represents the first of two successive increases in budget years FY27 and FY28, to increase User Fees to reflect 10% of actual maintenance costs for sporting reserves maintenance throughout Latrobe City. Please note individual consultation will occur with all impacted User Groups and this consultation will include both the proposed fee for FY27, as well as the forecast fee for FY28.

Fee Name	Unit of Measure	2025/26 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)	2026/27 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)
Regional Centres of Excellence (includes GSEP, MRR, TSR)			
Commercial Rate - Event Hire - Off Peak (Mon-Thurs excl Public Holidays)	Additional costs	Cost recovery	Cost recovery
Commercial Rate - Event Hire - Off Peak (Mon-Thurs excl Public Holidays)	Hourly Hire (8am - 5pm) per hour	247.00	254.00
Commercial Rate - Event Hire - Off Peak (Mon-Thurs excl Public Holidays)	Hourly Hire (5pm - midnight) per hour	493.00	507.00
Commercial Rate - Event Hire - Off Peak (Mon-Thurs excl Public Holidays)	Day Hire (8am - 5pm)	767.00	790.00
Commercial Rate - Event Hire - Off Peak (Mon-Thurs excl Public Holidays)	Night Hire (5pm - midnight)	1,526.00	1,571.00
Commercial Rate - Event Hire - Off Peak (Mon-Thurs excl Public Holidays)	All Day (8am - midnight)	2,293.00	2,361.00
Commercial Rate - Event Hire - Peak (Fri-Sun & Public Holidays)	Additional costs	Cost recovery	Cost recovery
Commercial Rate - Event Hire - Peak (Fri-Sun & Public Holidays)	Hourly Hire (8am - 5pm) per hour	379.00	390.00
Commercial Rate - Event Hire - Peak (Fri-Sun & Public Holidays)	Hourly Hire (5pm - midnight) per hour	762.00	784.00
Commercial Rate - Event Hire - Peak (Fri-Sun & Public Holidays)	Day Hire (8am - 5pm)	1,533.00	1,578.00
Commercial Rate - Event Hire - Peak (Fri-Sun & Public Holidays)	Night Hire (5pm - midnight)	3,060.00	3,151.00
Commercial Rate - Event Hire - Peak (Fri-Sun & Public Holidays)	All Day (8am - midnight)	4,584.00	4,721.00
Community Rate - Event Hire - Off Peak (Mon-Thurs excl Public Holidays)	Additional costs	Cost recovery	Cost recovery
Community Rate - Event Hire - Off Peak (Mon-Thurs excl Public Holidays)	Hourly Hire (8am - 5pm) per hour	105.00	108.00
Community Rate - Event Hire - Off Peak (Mon-Thurs excl Public Holidays)	Hourly Hire (5pm - midnight) per hour	211.00	217.00
Community Rate - Event Hire - Off Peak (Mon-Thurs excl Public Holidays)	Day Hire (8am - 5pm)	335.00	345.00
Community Rate - Event Hire - Off Peak (Mon-Thurs excl Public Holidays)	Night Hire (5pm - midnight)	659.00	678.00
Community Rate - Event Hire - Off Peak (Mon-Thurs excl Public Holidays)	All Day (8am - midnight)	988.00	1,017.00
Community Rate - Event Hire - Peak (Fri-Sun & Public Holidays)	Additional costs	Cost recovery	Cost recovery
Community Rate - Event Hire - Peak (Fri-Sun & Public Holidays)	Hourly Hire (8am - 5pm) per hour	167.00	172.00
Community Rate - Event Hire - Peak (Fri-Sun & Public Holidays)	Hourly Hire (5pm - midnight) per hour	335.00	345.00
Community Rate - Event Hire - Peak (Fri-Sun & Public Holidays)	Day Hire (8am - 5pm)	659.00	678.00
Community Rate - Event Hire - Peak (Fri-Sun & Public Holidays)	Night Hire (5pm - midnight)	1,311.00	1,350.00
Community Rate - Event Hire - Peak (Fri-Sun & Public Holidays)	All Day (8am - midnight)	1,962.00	2,020.00
Sundry Charges - Kiosk Hire - Commercial	Per Kiosk / per session	215.00	221.00
Sundry Charges - Kiosk Hire - Community	Per Kiosk / per session	103.00	106.00
Synthetic Field / Pitch Hire			
Additional costs	Additional bins, cleaning & utility costs	Cost recovery	Cost recovery
Half Field - Casual Users	Per hour	36.00	37.00
Half Field - Lights	Per hour	25.00	26.00
Half Field - Tournaments	Per day	176.00	181.00
Whole Field - Association / Club	Per season	No charge	No charge
Whole Field - Casual Use - Latrobe City Schools	per day	No charge	No charge
Whole Field - Casual Users	Per hour	75.00	77.00
Whole Field - Lights	Per hour	33.00	34.00
Whole Field - Tournaments	Per day	352.00	362.00

Fee Name	Unit of Measure	2025/26 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)	2026/27 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)
Statutory Planning			
Administrative Charges			
Certificate of Compliance under Section 97N	Per Application	379.00	390.00
Endorsed Plans: Plans to be endorsed under planning permit conditions	Per Application	379.00	390.00
Extend the expiry of a permit	Per Application	379.00	390.00
Extension of time (expiry) second application	Per application	489.00	503.00
Extension of time (expiry) third and subsequent applications	Per application	674.00	694.00
For an agreement to proposal to amend or end an agreement under Section 173 of the Act	Per Application	756.00	778.00
Planning review of a draft S173 Agreement	Per review	432.00	445.00
Pre-application meeting (complex - with written planning advice)	Per application	237.00	273.00
Pre-application meeting (simple - with written planning advice)	Per application	156.00	160.00
Search for and provide a copy of a permit	Per application	178.00	183.00
Secondary Consent	Per permit	522.00	537.00
Where the planning scheme specifies that a matter must be done to the satisfaction of the responsible authority or municipality	Per Application	379.00	390.00
Written consent	Per application	379.00	390.00
Written Planning Advice Requests - Major Application	Per response	237.00	244.00
Written Planning Advice Requests - Minor Application	Per response	135.00	139.00
All Other Development			
\$1,000,001 to \$5,000,000 - Fee for permit application	fee units	230.5 fee units	230.5 fee units
\$1,000,001 to \$5,000,000 - Fee to amend permit	fee units	230.5 fee units	230.5 fee units
\$100,001 to \$1,000,000. - Fee for permit application	fee units	104.5 fee units	104.5 fee units
\$100,001 to \$1,000,000. - Fee to amend permit	fee units	104.5 fee units	104.5 fee units
\$15,000,001 to \$50,000,000 - Fee for permit application	fee units	1732.5 fee units	1732.5 fee units
\$15,000,001 to \$50,000,000 - Fee to amend permit	fee units	230.5 fee units	230.5 fee units
\$5,000,001 to \$15,000,000 - Fee for permit application	fee units	587.5 fee units	587.5 fee units
\$5,000,001 to \$15,000,000 - Fee to amend permit	fee units	230.5 fee units	230.5 fee units
More than \$50,000,000 - Fee for permit application	fee units	3894 fee units	3894 fee units
More than \$50,000,000 - Fee to amend permit	fee units	230.5 fee units	230.5 fee units
Up to \$100,000 - Fee to amend permit	fee units	77.5 fee units	77.5 fee units
Up to \$100,000 - Fee for permit application	fee units	77.5 fee units	77.5 fee units
Fees Under Regulation			
Alteration of a plan under section 10(2) of the Act	fee units	7.5 fee units	7.5 fee units
Amendment/re-certification of a certified plan under section 11(1) of the Act	fee units	9.5 fee units	9.5 fee units
For certification of a plan of subdivision	fee units	11.8 fee units	11.8 fee units
Other			
A permit not otherwise provided for by - Fee for permit application	fee units	89 fee units	89 fee units
A permit not otherwise provided for by - Fee to amend permit	fee units	89 fee units	89 fee units

Fee Name	Unit of Measure	2025/26 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)	2026/27 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)
Single dwelling			
\$100,001 to \$500,000 - Fee for permit	fee units	87 fee units	87 fee units
\$100,001 to \$500,000 - Fee to amend permit	fee units	87 fee units	87 fee units
\$10,001 to \$100,000 - Fee for permit	fee units	42.5 fee units	42.5 fee units
\$10,001 to \$100,000 - Fee to amend permit	fee units	42.5 fee units	42.5 fee units
\$1M to \$2M - Fee for permit	fee units	101 fee units	101 fee units
\$1M to \$2M - Fee to amend permit	fee units	94 fee units	94 fee units
\$500,001 to \$1,000,000 - Fee for permit	fee units	94 fee units	94 fee units
\$500,001 to \$1,000,000 - Fee to amend permit	fee units	94 fee units	94 fee units
Up to \$10,000 - Fee for permit	fee units	13.5 fee units	13.5 fee units
Up to \$10,000 - Fee to amend permit	fee units	13.5 fee units	13.5 fee units
Subdivision			
Realignment of a common boundary between 2 lots or to consolidate 2 lots or more	fee units	89 fee units	89 fee units
Realignment of a common boundary between 2 lots or to consolidate 2 lots or more	fee units	89 fee units	89 fee units
Subdivide an Existing Building - Fee for permit application	fee units	89 fee units	89 fee units
Subdivide an Existing Building - Fee to amend permit	fee units	89 fee units	89 fee units
Subdivide land into 2 lots - Fee for permit application	fee units	89 fee units	89 fee units
Subdivide land into 2 lots - Fee to amend permit	fee units	89 fee units	89 fee units
To create, vary or remove a restriction within the meaning of the Subdivision Act 1998; or To create or remove a right of way; or To create, vary or remove an easement other than a right of way; or To vary or remove a condition in the nature of an easement other than a right of way in a Crown grant	fee units	89 fee units	89 fee units
To create, vary or remove a restriction within the meaning of the Subdivision Act 1998; or To create or remove a right of way; or To create, vary or remove an easement other than a right of way; or To vary or remove a condition in the nature of an easement other than a right of way in a Crown grant	fee units	89 fee units	89 fee units
To subdivide land - Fee for permit application	fee units per 100 lots	89 fee units	89 fee units
To subdivide land - Fee to amend permit	fee units per 100 lots created	89 fee units	89 fee units
Use - To propose a new use of land or to change the use of land			
Fee for Permit Application	fee units	89 fee units	89 fee units
Fee to Amend Permit	fee units	89 fee units	89 fee units
VicSmart			
More than \$10,000 - Fee for permit application	fee units	29 fee units	29 fee units
More than \$10,000 - Fee to amend permit	fee units	29 fee units	29 fee units
Subdivide or Consolidate land - Fee for permit application	fee units	13.5 fee units	13.5 fee units
Subdivide or Consolidate land - Fee to amend permit	fee units	13.5 fee units	13.5 fee units
Up to \$10,000 - Fee for permit application	fee units	13.5 fee units	13.5 fee units
Up to \$10,000 - Fee to amend permit	fee units	13.5 fee units	13.5 fee units

Fee Name	Unit of Measure	2025/26 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)	2026/27 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)
Strategic Planning			
20(4) Amendment			
For requesting the Minister to prepare an amendment to a planning scheme exempted from the requirements referred to in section 20(4) of the Act.	fee units	270 fee units	270 fee units
20(A) Amendment			
For requesting the Minister to prepare an amendment to a planning scheme exempted from certain requirements prescribed under section 20A of the Act.	fee units	65 fee units	65 fee units
96(A) Amendment			
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 were made. This relates to Stage 1 fees and planning permit application fees.	Statutory State Government Fees	Statutory State Government Fees	Statutory State Government Fees
Administration Charges			
Costs and expenses for a Planning Panel to be appointed, hear and consider submissions, and prepare a report under Part 8 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.	Full fee recovery of government charges	Cost recovery	Cost recovery
General written advice of planning scheme amendment histories.	Per hour - additional charges maybe payable depending on enquiry	156.00	160.00
Stage Four			
Considering a request to approve an amendment in accordance with Section 35; and Giving notice of approval of an amendment in accordance with Section 36.	fee units	32.5 fee units	32.5 fee units
Stage One			
Considering a request to amend the planning scheme; and Taking action required by Division 1 of Part 3 of the Planning and Environment Act of 1987; and Considering any submissions which do not seek a change to the amendment; and if applicable, abandoning the amendment in accordance with Section 28.	206 fee units	206 fee units	206 fee units
Stage Three			
Adopting the amendment or part of the amendment in accordance with Section 29; and Submitting the amendment for approval in accordance with Section 31.	32.5 fee units	32.5 fee units	32.5 fee units
Stage Two			
Considering submissions which seek a change to an amendment, and where necessary referring the submissions to a panel; and Providing assistance to a panel in accordance with Section 158; and Making a submission in accordance with Section 24(b), and Considering the report in accordance with Section 27; and After considering submissions and the report in accordance with Section 27, if applicable, abandoning the amendment in accordance with Section 28.	1-10 Submissions	1021 fee units	1021 fee units
Considering submissions which seek a change to an amendment, and where necessary referring the submissions to a panel; and Providing assistance to a panel in accordance with Section 158; and Making a submission in accordance with Section 24(b), and Considering the report in accordance with Section 27; and After considering submissions and the report in accordance with Section 27, if applicable, abandoning the amendment in accordance with Section 28.	11-20 Submissions	2040 fee units	2040 fee units
Considering submissions which seek a change to an amendment, and where necessary referring the submissions to a panel; and Providing assistance to a panel in accordance with Section 158; and Making a submission in accordance with Section 24(b), and Considering the report in accordance with Section 27; and After considering submissions and the report in accordance with Section 27, if applicable, abandoning the amendment in accordance with Section 28.	21+ Submissions	2727 fee units	2727 fee units

Fee Name	Unit of Measure	2025/26 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)	2026/27 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)
Strategic Planning / Urban Growth			
Planning & Environment (Fees) Regulations 2016 Section 18			
Assessment of Development Plans (incl. amendments of Development Plans)	Per assessment	22 fee units	22 fee units
Traffic Management Permit			
Memorandum of Authorisation (MoA) permit applications			
MOA Permit Application - lane closure	Per permit application	10 fee units	10 fee units
MOA Permit Application - lane closure	Per permit application	30 fee units	30 fee units
MOA Permit Application - no lane closure	Per permit application	4 fee units	4 fee units
Waste Management - Hard Waste Collection			
Collection outside normal area wide collections			
At call collection outside normal area wide collections	Per Collection	N/A	Price on application
At call collection outside normal area wide collections - additional cost per mattress / bed base	Per Collection - mattress / bed base	N/A	Price on application
Waste Management - Landfill			
Clean Fill			
Clean Fill - Only if required at Landfill (Test certificate required that soil meets EPA cleanfill criteria)	Per tonne - including landfill levy	165.00	172.00
Hazardous Waste			
Asbestos - Domestic - Latrobe City Residents			
Asbestos - Domestic - Latrobe City Residents	Per cubic metre (m3)	69.00	71.00
Asbestos - Domestic - Non Latrobe City Residents (must be removed and deposited by the customer, otherwise prescribed waste rate)	Per 20kg package (Maximum of 6 x 20kg packages correctly wrapped per customer)	32.00	33.00
Category C or D contaminated soil	Per tonne	312.00	325.00
Industrial Waste			
Synthetic Mineral Fibre Wrapped - Domestic	Per cubic metre (m3)	42.00	43.00
Putrescible Waste & Inert Waste			
Putrescible Waste & Inert Waste	Per tonne (excluding contractual arrangements) minimum charge 1 tonne	344.00	365.00

Fee Name	Unit of Measure	2025/26 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)	2026/27 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)
Waste Management - Transfer Stations (Latrobe City Residents and Ratepayers - proof via drivers licence or Latrobe City Rates notice)			
Cooking Oil Containers			
Cooking Oil Containers (more than 10 litres)	Per litre	5.00	5.00
Cooking Oil Containers (up to 10 litres)	Per litre	2.00	2.00
E-Waste (Electrical Items)			
E-Waste including Computers, monitors, TVs and peripherals	Endorsed in scope (per item)	No charge	No charge
E-Waste - Out of scope - small / large items, large quantities	Per cubic metre (m3)	N/A	73.00
General (Standard Non-Heavy) Waste			
General (Standard Non-Heavy) Waste	Per cubic metre (m3)	70.00	73.00
General Heavy Waste			
Building, Demolition or Renovation Waste (Plaster, Cement Sheeting, Tiles on Backings)	Per Tonne	344.00	365.00
General Heavy Waste(Plaster, Cement Sheeting, Tiles on Backings)	Per cubic metre (m3)	275.00	292.00
Mattress or Base			
Double/Queen/King	Per item	49.00	49.00
Single	Per item	32.50	33.00
Motor Oil Containers			
Motor Oil Containers (5, 1 to 20 litres)	Per litre	2.00	2.00
Motor Oil Containers (up to 5 litres)	Per litre	1.50	1.50
Other Waste Management			
Domestic Waste Card	Per annum	245.00	253.00
Synthetic Mineral Fibre (SMF) Plastic Bags	Each	5.20	6.00
Recyclable Goods			
Recyclable Goods	Per Item	No charge	No charge
Small Items			
Mobile Garbage Bin (120ltr wheelie bin)	Per item	6.50	9.00
Mobile Garbage Bin (240ltr wheelie bin)	Per item	13.00	18.00
Tyres			
Car or Motor Cycle	Per tyre	11.50	11.50
Four wheel drive	Per tyre	23.00	23.00
Tyres on Rims			
Car or Motor Cycle	Per rim	19.00	19.00
Four wheel drive	Per rim	37.50	37.50

Fee Name	Unit of Measure	2025/26 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)	2026/27 Fee (GST inclusive if applicable)
Waste Management - Transfer Stations - (Non residents)			
Cooking Oil Containers			
Cooking Oil Containers (more than 10 litres)	Per litre	5.00	7.50
Cooking Oil Containers (up to 10 litres)	Per litre	2.00	3.00
E-Waste (Electrical Items)			
E-Waste - Out of scope - small / large items, large quantities	Per cubic metre (m3)	N/A	109.50
General (Standard Non-Heavy) Waste			
General (Standard Non-Heavy) Waste	Per cubic metre (m3)	70.00	109.50
General Heavy Waste			
Building, Demolition or Renovation Waste (Plaster, Cement Sheeting, Tiles on Backings)	Per Tonne	344.00	547.50
General Heavy Waste(Plaster, Cement Sheeting, Tiles on Backings)	Per cubic metre (m3)	275.00	438.00
Mattress or Base			
Double/Queen/King	Per item	49.00	73.50
Single	Per item	32.50	49.50
Motor Oil Containers			
Motor Oil Containers (5, 1 to 20 litres)	Per litre	2.00	3.00
Motor Oil Containers (up to 5 litres)	Per litre	1.50	2.50
Other Waste Management			
Synthetic Mineral Fibre (SMF) Plastic Bags	Each	5.20	9.00
Recyclable Goods			
Recyclable Goods	Per Item	No charge	No charge
Small Items			
Mobile Garbage Bin (120ltr wheelie bin)	Per item	6.50	13.50
Mobile Garbage Bin (240ltr wheelie bin)	Per item	13.00	27.00
Tyres			
Car or Motor Cycle	Per tyre	11.50	17.50
Four wheel drive	Per tyre	23.00	34.50
Tyres on Rims			
Car or Motor Cycle	Per rim	19.00	28.50
Four wheel drive	Per rim	37.50	56.50

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Program	Location	Expenditure
CAPITAL WORKS		
Current Budget		
PROPERTY		
Buildings		
Building Renewal Program		
Baillie Reserve – Renewal of social room toilets	Tyers	100,000
Boolarra Preschool – Renewal of bathrooms and toilets	Boolarra	400,000
Churchill Town Hall - Renewal of HVAC systems	Churchill	70,000
Crinigan Road Bushland Reserve - Connection of Power	Morwell	100,000
Gippsland Heritage Park Public Toilet - Connection of Power	Moe	20,000
Glengarry Preschool – Renewal of roof, bathrooms and flooring	Glengarry	600,000
Latrobe Performing Arts Centre – Renewal of non-compliant Fire services	Traralgon	25,000
Latrobe Regional Gallery - Replacement of HVAC	Morwell	300,000
LCC Headquarters HVAC Renewal - Replacement of the HQ HVAC unit and associated works	Morwell	2,201,000
Newborough Public Hall - Renewal of bathrooms (Main Hall), new cleaners cupboard, new flooring in toilets corridor, extend DDA ramps on West car park entry	Newborough	300,000
Ronald Reserve – Renewal of bathrooms	Morwell	65,000
Salto Locks - Salto Locks at various buildings	Various	50,000
Traralgon Service Centre - Replacement of HVAC	Traralgon	550,000
Building Renewal Program Total		4,781,000
Bus Shelter Renewal/Disposal Program		14,500
Developer Contribution Plan Projects		
Lake Narracan Multi-Purpose Facility - Multi-purpose facility construction to service relocation of community groups	Newborough	740,079
Multi-Purpose Community Centre	Traralgon	2,361,677
Developer Contribution Plan Projects Total		3,101,756
Kitchen Renewal Program		
Corporate Hq - Kitchen (Downstairs east end)	Morwell	10,000
Corporate Hq - Kitchen (Downstairs west end)	Morwell	10,000
Corporate Hq - Kitchen (Main downstairs)	Morwell	30,000
Ronald Res Afl Pavilion - Kitchen	Morwell	175,000
Kitchen Renewal Program Total		225,000
Leisure Renewal Program		
Churchill Leisure Centre - Paint plant room floor	Churchill	20,000
GRAC - Renew sauna	Traralgon	20,000
Moe/Newborough Leisure Centre - Paint plant room floor	Newborough	20,000
Moe/Newborough Leisure Centre - Renew flooring in accessible toilet	Newborough	5,000
Moe/Newborough Leisure Centre - Renew sauna	Newborough	20,000
Morwell Leisure Centre - Paint plant room floor	Morwell	20,000
Morwell Leisure Centre - Renew ceiling in gym offices	Morwell	5,000
Morwell Leisure Centre - Renew sauna	Morwell	20,000
Newborough Leisure Centre - Pool deck ventilation upgrade investigation by mechanical engineer	Newborough	10,000
Newborough Leisure Centre - Re paint (non slip paint) in dry changerooms	Newborough	30,000
Yallourn North Outdoor Pool - Remove steel fence cage area behind the toddler pool	Yallourn North	5,000
Yallourn North Outdoor Pool - Renew chemical shed	Yallourn North	25,000
Yallourn North Outdoor Pool - Renew Male and Female shower areas, remove steel hanging frame	Yallourn North	100,000
Leisure Renewal Program Total		300,000
Miscellaneous Renewal		
Cat Cages Morwell Pound - Replacement of 2 remaining cat cages that are EOL	Morwell	20,000
Miscellaneous Renewal Total		20,000
Morwell Depot Renewal/Upgrade	Morwell	500,000
Regular Timber Floor Renewal		
Churchill Leisure Centre - Court 3 only (use by Roller Derby)	Churchill	10,000
Moe/Newborough Leisure Centre - All courts 1 - 4	Newborough	50,000
Morwell Leisure Centre - All courts 1 - 3	Morwell	50,000
Regular Timber Floor Renewal Total		110,000
Multi-use netball and tennis pavilion at Yinnar Recreation Reserve	Yinnar South	1,608,200

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Roof Renewal Program			
Baillie Reserve Soccer Clubrooms - Full roof renewal, including works to veranda	Tyers		100,000
Joe Tabuteau Res Pavilion - Beekeepers - Sky lights removal and re sheet	Moe		30,000
Yallourn North Outdoor Pool - Roof, gutter and downpipe renewal	Yallourn North		75,000
Roof Renewal Program Total			205,000
Septic Renewal Program			
Lake Narracan Foreshore Public Toilet	Newborough		50,000
Septic Renewal Program Total			50,000
Solar System Installation Program			
Traralgon Library Solar System - Install 60 KW solar, payback 4.46 years	Traralgon		70,000
Solar System Installation Program Total			70,000
Thermostatic Mixing Valves Renewal Program			
Thermostatic Mixing Valves Renewal Program - Legislative/Compliance requirement, on 5 year cycles	Various		200,000
Thermostatic Mixing Valves Renewal Program Total			200,000
Buildings Total			11,185,456
PROPERTY Total			11,185,456
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT			
Plant / Machinery / Equipment			
Fleet Renewal Program			1,365,000
Leisure Equipment Replacement Program			45,000
Plant and Equipment Renewal Program			2,009,000
Plant and Equipment Renewal Program - Landfill			600,000
Plant / Machinery / Equipment Total			4,019,000
Fixtures, Fittings and Furniture			
Office Furniture & Equipment Replacement Program			15,000
Fixtures, Fittings and Furniture Total			15,000
Computers and Telecommunications			
IT Equipment Renewal Program			850,000
Computers and Telecommunications Total			850,000
Artworks			
Gallery Artwork Program			15,000
Artworks Total			15,000
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT Total			4,899,000
INFRASTRUCTURE			
Roads			
Gravel Road Resheet Program			
Grand Ridge Rd	Grand Ridge		198,800
Fox And Fancnes Road	Boolarra South		179,600
Varys Track	Hernes Oak		150,200
Jeeralang West Rd	Grand Ridge		116,900
Longs Rd	Boolarra South		51,560
Halls Rd	Yall Nth		33,500
Littles Lane	Tyers		28,675
Tanners Rd	Hazelwood North		23,950
Paulet Rd	Glengarry West		23,592
Speargrass Rd	Yinnar South		23,425
Coolangatta Dr	Tyers		21,500
Sparks Lane	Toongabbie		19,400
Farmers Rd	Traralgon East		19,050
Isabel St	Boolarra		8,650
Michael Rd	Hazelwood North		8,237
Bishop St	Boolarra		7,600
Gravel Road Resheet Program Total			914,639
Guardrail Renewal Program			
Purvis-Andersons Road - Replacement of guardrail and outdated terminals	Yallourn North		15,096
Traralgon Creek Road - Replacement of guardrail and outdated terminals	Koornalla		18,041
Whittakers Road - Replacement of guardrail and outdated terminals	Traralgon		17,328
Guardrail Renewal Program Total			50,465

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Kerb Renewal Program		299,795
Landfill Access Road Renewal		
Landfill Access Road Renewal - Resealing of Landfill Access Road	Traralgon	100,000
Landfill Access Road Renewal Total		100,000
Median Safety Improvement Program		55,500
New Sealed CFA/Garbage Turnaround Program		
Genaro Road	Moe South	7,500
Wattle Tree Road	Moe South	7,500
New Sealed CFA/Garbage Turnaround Program Total		15,000
Road Asphalt Reseal Program		
Ann Street	Morwell	4,280
Argyle Street Service Road South	Traralgon	236,092
Buckland Lane	Moe	24,934
Cable Close	Traralgon	16,577
Chapel Street	Morwell	124,194
Chisholm Court	Traralgon	15,898
Church Street	Morwell	4,280
Road	Morwell	131,872
Comans Street	Morwell	7,338
Commercial Road	Morwell	50,276
Crinigan Road	Morwell	51,295
Darlimurla Avenue	Newborough	114,275
Della Torre Road	Moe	50,004
Dempsey Court	Morwell	18,276
Fairway Drive	Morwell	4,960
Franklin Street	Traralgon	32,611
George Street	Morwell	110,403
Grubb Avenue	Traralgon	217,544
Gwinear Court	Traralgon	17,800
Hasthorpe Place	Moe	26,293
Holmes Road	Morwell	232,287
Jack Farmer Way	Traralgon	17,800
Jones Road	Morwell	16,917
Junier Street	Morwell	8,764
Kangaroo Grass Rise	Traralgon	20,790
Kiwi Court	Traralgon	12,569
Mcnairn Road	Traralgon	174,062
Mcquade Street	Morwell	26,768
Mermod Court	Traralgon	15,015
Mitchell Court	Moe	27,176
Napier Place	Traralgon	5,571
Nicholas Court	Traralgon	14,743
Nowa Court	Morwell	21,809
Ollerton Avenue	Newborough	281,136
Opal Place	Morwell	22,624
Park Lane	Traralgon	437,466
Phyllis Street	Morwell	6,454
Princes Drive	Morwell	38,522
Roy Court	Churchill	22,760
Sally Court	Traralgon	38,182
Scorpio Drive	Moe	135,133
Service Road South	Moe	163,328
Skeltons Lane	Moe	30,913
Steele Court	Traralgon	23,439
Switchback Road	Churchill	317,620
Tara Court	Traralgon	16,034
Tarwin Street	Morwell	93,010
Trent Court	Traralgon	18,616
Waratah Drive	Morwell	10,599
Washington Street	Traralgon	490,459
Road Asphalt Reseal Program Total		3,999,764
Road Reconstruction Program		
Holden Crescent And Wallace Crescent	Traralgon	886,779
Kelso Road - From Baillie to Rosmore	Yallourn North	2,000,000
Walker Parade Stage 1	Churchill	1,500,000
Road Reconstruction Program Total		4,386,779

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Road Spray Seal Reseal Program		
Baranbali Court	Churchill	6,870
Birkley Court	Traralgon	3,390
Blyth Court	Newborough	11,146
Bookoola Place	Churchill	10,437
Britter Lane	Moe	9,972
Butters Street	Morwell	5,872
Coolabah Drive	Churchill	2,659
Coopers Road	Traralgon	8,554
Crinigan Road	Morwell	163,120
Curran Street	Traralgon	16,997
Curringa Court	Churchill	9,861
Dempsey Court	Morwell	8,044
Drew Street	Moe	37,295
Dunbar Avenue	Morwell	10,415
Fleming Street	Morwell	24,598
Franklin Street	Traralgon	58,923
Gabo Way	Morwell	5,606
Gilmour Street	Traralgon	2,105
Gordon Street	Traralgon	6,205
Graduate Place	Traralgon	51,389
Grammar Drive	Traralgon	50,680
Gwalia Street	Traralgon	2,371
Gwinear Court	Traralgon	9,174
Hammond Court	Traralgon	1,795
Hampton Street	Moe	25,595
Haunted Hills Road	Newborough	161,303
Haverbrack Crescent	Churchill	25,683
Howitt Street	Traralgon	14,603
Hunter Road	Traralgon	94,601
Hyland Street	Traralgon	27,146
Independent Way	Traralgon	68,762
Jack Farmer Way	Traralgon	9,329
Jackson Street	Traralgon	23,490
James Street	Morwell	28,431
Jones Road	Morwell	73,970
Kangaroo Grass Rise	Traralgon	14,448
Kirwin Road	Morwell	117,537
Kiwi Court	Traralgon	4,476
Langford Street	Moe	40,464
Leesons Road	Traralgon	19,279
Linton Avenue	Moe	18,880
Mabel Street	Traralgon	31,711
Madden Street	Morwell	31,578
Mapleson Drive	Traralgon	68,873
Matlock Street	Newborough	16,886
Mccarthy Street	Churchill	14,670
Mcquade Street	Morwell	56,996
Meadow Park Drive	Traralgon	10,460
Mervyn Street	Traralgon	3,368
Minchington Road	Morwell	87,510
Mitchell Court	Moe	2,127
Morgan Drive	Traralgon	18,016
Negoura Court	Traralgon	7,291
Newman Crescent	Traralgon	51,744
Nicholas Court	Traralgon	20,941
Nindoo Drive	Morwell	16,243
Nowa Court	Morwell	5,496
Nuntin Court	Morwell	2,415
Nuttalls Road	Yinnar	8,753
Ollerton Avenue	Newborough	55,577
Phillip Street	Traralgon	82,081
Polden Crescent	Morwell	62,137
Princes Highway East Service Road North	Traralgon	23,800
Princes Highway West Service Road	Traralgon	43,456
Pruden Street	Moe	33,484
Purvis Lane	Moe	2,571
Rangeview Drive	Traralgon	7,667
Ray Street	Traralgon	5,917
Richard Street	Moe	38,691

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Ridge Boulevard	Yinnar	864
Riley Street	Traralgon	4,188
Roxburgh Road	Yallourn North	18,083
Rutland Street	Newborough	32,841
Shakespeare Street Service Road	Traralgon	38,093
Shakespeare Street	Traralgon	100,518
Sheoke Grove	Churchill	37,628
Short Street	Moe	18,659
St Georges Road	Traralgon	44,475
Stamford Street	Newborough	29,251
Stanton Street	Morwell	21,695
Stockdale Road	Traralgon	70,668
Sundale Road	Traralgon	81,770
Swallow Grove	Traralgon	19,789
Swan Road	Morwell	237,289
Tara Court	Traralgon	3,058
Tarwin Street	Morwell	6,183
Templeton Lane	Moe	10,083
The Avenue	Traralgon	90,413
Third Street	Yallourn North	1,219
Tulloch Way	Traralgon	34,282
Vestan Drive	Morwell	69,826
Victor Street	Morwell	26,193
Victoria Street	Moe	46,270
Walker Parade	Churchill	3,413
Wallace Street	Morwell	25,063
Waterloo Road	Moe	215,284
Williams Avenue	Churchill	1,684
Wirilda Crescent	Traralgon	81,194
Wirrana Drive	Moe	33,883
Road Spray Seal Reseal Program		3,499,795
Special Charge Scheme Program		
Pindari Road and Kandrah Drive SCS Reserve - Deposit into reserve for future works	Moe South	73,900
Special Charge Scheme Program Total		73,900
Traffic Safety and Accessibility		200,000
Roads Total		13,595,637
Bridges and Major Culverts		
Bridge Component Renewal Program		
Hourigan Road (Morwell) - Replace dated end terminals	Morwell	40,000
Jumbuk Road (Yinnar- Grand Ridge) - fill holes around abutment and guardrail posts.	Yinnar- Grand Ridge	40,000
Traralgon Creek Rd - Replace dated end terminals	Traralgon	40,000
Bridge Component Renewal Program Total		120,000
Bridge Reconstruction Program		
Botanic Gardens Newborough - Full Design & Construction	Newborough	600,000
Mackeys Road Churchill - Full replacement	Churchill	1,000,000
Bridge Reconstruction Program Total		1,600,000
Bridges and Major Culverts Total		1,720,000
Footpaths		
Footpath Full Renewal Program		
Albert Street	Moe	135,664
Catterick Street	Morwell	22,089
Comans Street	Morwell	20,509
Franklin Street	Traralgon	3,650
George Street	Moe	168,004
Kirk Street	Moe	6,787
Newark Avenue	Newborough	23,298
Ronald Court	Morwell	22,608
Wicks Street	Yinnar	22,829
Footpath Full Renewal Program Total		425,437
New Missing Link Footpath Program		
Footpath Extension Design- Corner Of Saviges Road And Waterloo Road, Moe	Moe	25,000
New Footpath (Missing Links)- Aherin Street, Morwell	Morwell	75,000
New Missing Link Footpath Program Total		100,000

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Pram Ramp Replacement Program		
Bellarine Circuit	Morwell	3,000
Durham Road	Newborough	3,000
Elgin Street	Morwell	6,000
Granya Grove	Morwell	3,000
Jane Street	Morwell	3,000
Mcdonald Way	Churchill	6,000
Phillip Street	Traralgon	3,000
Savige Street	Morwell	3,000
Tovell Street	Newborough	3,000
Kelso Road	Yallourn North	3,000
Mechanics Street	Boolarra	6,000
Guy Street	Newborough	3,000
Stearman Street	Newborough	3,000
Northern Avenue	Newborough	3,000
Booth Street	Morwell	3,000
Mena Street	Moe	3,000
Mayfair Court	Traralgon	3,000
Claire Court	Traralgon	3,000
Churinga Drive	Churchill	6,000
Mary Street	Morwell	6,000
Louise Court	Morwell	3,000
Church Street	Morwell	3,000
Trent Court	Morwell	3,000
Gibson Street	Moe	3,000
Helen Street	Morwell	6,000
Newark Avenue	Newborough	3,000
Philip Parade	Churchill	3,000
Tambo Crescent	Morwell	3,000
Somerset Road	Yallourn North	6,000
Mccarthy Street	Churchill	3,000
Stirling Street	Moe	3,000
High Street	Moe	3,000
Allard Street	Traralgon	3,000
Francis Street	Traralgon	3,000
Birch Drive	Churchill	3,000
Nuntin Court	Morwell	3,000
Bemm Drive	Morwell	3,000
White Parade	Churchill	3,000
York Street	Moe	3,000
Pram Ramp Replacement Program Total	Morwell	138,000
Footpaths Total	Morwell	663,437
Drainage		
Developer Contribution Plans		
Morwell North West DP Project - CH_02	Morwell	285,718
Morwell North West DP Project - CH_04	Morwell	39,483
Morwell North West DP Project - CV_01	Morwell	1,256,458
Morwell North West DP Project - CV_03	Morwell	255,683
Developer Contribution Plan Projects Total		1,837,342
Drainage Renewal		700,000
Wetland and Detention Structures Renewal Program		
Monash Views, Newborough - Sediment Pond resetting, Ponds 1 and 3	Newborough	60,000
Safety Fencing Installation	Various	20,000
The Acreage, Tyers - Resetting and removal of sediment, repair damage, landscaping create safety barrier	Tyers	290,000
Water quality Monitoring	Various	30,000
Wetland and Detention Structures Renewal Program Total		400,000
Drainage Total		2,937,342

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Recreational, Leisure and Community Facilities			
Hard Courts Renewal Program			
Agnes Brereton Netball - Resurface 10 Courts	Traralgon		300,000
Hard Courts Renewal Program Total			300,000
Sports Fencing Renewal Program			
Duncan Cameron Memorial Park - Replacement of Fencing, Condition 4	Traralgon		127,876
Sports Fencing Renewal Program Total			127,876
Sports Field Renewal Program			
Gaskin Park Main Oval - Renew Irrigation	Churcill		100,000
Morwell Recreation Reserve Main Oval - Renew Irrigation	Morwell		225,000
Traralgon Recreation Reserve Main Oval - Renew Irrigation	Traralgon		200,000
Sports Field Renewal Program Total			525,000
Sports Lights Renewal Program			
Traralgon West Sporting Complex Sports Lights	Traralgon		200,000
Sports Lights Renewal Program Total			200,000
Sports Lighting – Stoddart Oval, Traralgon West Sporting Complex			295,870
Synthetic Sports Field Renewal Program			
Joe Carmody Athletics Surfaces - Resurface only of running track and smaller event tracks	Newborough		1,000,000
Synthetic Sports Field Renewal Program Total			1,000,000
Recreational, Leisure and Community Facilities Total			2,448,746
Parks, Open Space and Streetscapes			
Developer Contribution Plan Projects			
Traralgon North – Active Open Space - Playing Surface	Traralgon		1,889,342
Developer Contribution Plan Projects Total			1,889,342
Fencing Renewal Program			139,887
Gate Renewal Program			29,600
Playground Renewal Program			
Duncan Cameron Memorial Park Playground (Traralgon) - Renewal of Playground	Traralgon		200,000
Glendonald Park Playground (Churchill) - Renewal of Playground	Churchill		300,000
Newman Park Flying Fox Replacement - Replacement of removed Flying Fox	Traralgon		150,000
Playground Renewal Program Total			650,000
Retaining Wall Renewal Program			
Eel Hole Creek - Replace Retaining Wall	Churchill		110,000
George Bates Reserve - Batter or renew failing retaining wall, design completed	Yallourn North		500,000
Retaining Wall Renewal Program Total			610,000
Seat and Picnic Set Renewal Program			58,300
Parks, Open Space and Streetscapes Total			3,377,129
Aerodromes			
Airport Airside Pavement Renewal			
Year 2 Pavement Works - Pavement Rejuvenations from Asset Management Plan	Morwell		384,650
Airport Airside Pavement Renewal Total			384,650
Aerodromes Total			384,650
Off Street Car Parks			
Airport Carpark Renewal			16,212
Carpark Reconstruction Program			
Apex Park - Full reconstruction	Traralgon		100,000
Carpark Reconstruction Program Total			100,000
Carpark Resurfacing Program			
Burrage Reserve - From Gravel to Spray Seal, Resurfacing to Spray Seal	Newborough		98,324
Carpark Resurfacing Program Total			98,324
Gravel Carpark Resheet Program			100,000
Off Street Car Parks Total			314,536
Other Infrastructure			
Gippsland Logistics & Manufacturing Precinct Stage 2, Morwell			30,400,000
Other Infrastructure Total			30,400,000
INFRASTRUCTURE Total			55,841,466
Current Budget Total			71,925,922

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Works carried forward from the 2025/26 year		
PROPERTY		
Buildings		
Multi-use Pavilion Gaskin Park, Churchill		2,966,938
Regional Car Park Fund Site 8 Commercial Road, Morwell		9,562,349
Buildings Total		12,529,287
PROPERTY Total		12,529,287
INFRASTRUCTURE		
Recreational, Leisure and Community Facilities		
Community Facilities		5,329,199
Recreational, Leisure and Community Facilities Total		5,329,199
Parks, Open Space and Streetscapes		
Mathison Park, Churchill Adventure Playground		609,878
Parks, Open Space and Streetscapes Total		609,878
INFRASTRUCTURE Total		5,939,077
Works carried forward from the 2025/26 year Total		18,468,364
CAPITAL WORKS Total		90,394,286

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CAPITAL WORKS (OPERATING)		
Current Budget		
PROPERTY		
Buildings		
Building Demolition Program		
Airport Old Caretaker Residence - Demolition	Morwell	100,000
Lake Narracan Toilet - Demolition of closed toilet adjacent to old caravan park	Lake Narracan	40,000
Old Preschool Santa's Workshop - Santa's Workshop Demolition	Morwell	100,000
Other projects		50,000
Building Demolition Program Total		290,000
Buildings Total		290,000
PROPERTY Total		290,000
INFRASTRUCTURE		
Footpaths		
Disposal of unused defunct Footpaths		2,000
Footpath Bay Replacement and Grinding Program		350,000
Footpaths Total		352,000
Public Lighting		
New Public Lighting Program		34,750
Public Lighting Total		34,750
Waste Management		
Future Landfill Cell Design		150,000
Landfill Rehabilitation		
Hyland Highway Landfill Rehabilitation - Rehabilitation of old site		510,000
Yallourn North Landfill Rehabilitation - Rehabilitation of old site		25,000
Yinnar Landfill Rehabilitation - Rehabilitation of old site		200,000
Landfill Rehabilitation Total		735,000
Leachate Pond Works		
Leachate Pond 2 Works - Liner integrity inspection and repair any defects		Traralgon 300,000
Traralgon Landfill Leachate Pond Decommission - Traralgon Landfill Leachate Pond Decommission		Traralgon 60,000
Leachate Pond Works Total		360,000
Transfer Station Upgrade		
Transfer Station Upgrade - Upgrade Morwell transfer station		100,000
Transfer Station Upgrade Total		100,000
Waste Management Total		1,345,000
Other Infrastructure		
Crinigan Rd, Morwell, Development Plan - infrastructure upgrades		7,868,877
Other Infrastructure Total		7,868,877
INFRASTRUCTURE Total		9,600,627
Current Budget Total		9,890,627
Works carried forward from the 2025/26 year		
INFRASTRUCTURE		
Roads		
Gippsland Logistics & Manufacturing Precinct Stage 1B, Morwell		8,070,000
Roads Total		8,070,000
INFRASTRUCTURE Total		8,070,000
Works carried forward from the 2025/26 year Total		8,070,000
CAPITAL WORKS (OPERATING) Total		17,960,627
Grand Total		108,354,913

**Respondent No:** 1**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 05, 2026 19:50:18 pm**Last Seen:** May 05, 2026 19:50:18 pm**IP Address:** n/a

- Q1. **Name** Alan Burton
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- Q2. **Email** _____
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- Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents
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- Q4. **Your submission**
- On 24 February 2026 I submitted an email on behalf of the Dalkeith Heights Residents Association Incorporated for the Latrobe City Council and Councillors to give due consideration to the extreme inequity that is being levied on residents of Retirement Villages in Latrobe City and to consider approving a 25% Differential Rate for Retirement Villages. I received an email from Matthew Rogers, Manager of Financial Support, on 11 March 2026 acknowledging receipt of our submission and that it would be included with all other submissions in relation to the draft budget. I have noted in the Draft 26/27 Budget that there is no mention of a Differential Rate having been considered for Retirement Villages. We were advised last year by your CEO Steven Piasente and Nathan Kearsley, General Manager, Organisational Performance, that consideration is given each year to applying a Differential Rate for Retirement Villages but given there is no mention of this in the Draft Budget we can only assume that it has not been considered for this Budget. This is very disappointing as the intention of Differential Rates is to ensure the equitable imposition of rates and charges and to address equity issues that may arise from the setting of Council rates derived from property valuations. The density of Retirement Village units results in the Council collecting 2-3 times the usual rates revenue than in a residential street which is a significantly enhanced revenue base for Council when considered with the financial benefit of undelivered services. We will consider following this up further with the new Minister for Local Government.
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- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered
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From: Alan and Sharynne Burton
Sent: Tuesday, 24 February 2026 1:51 PM
To:
Cc:
Subject: Consideration For Differential Rate To Be Applied

DALKEITH HEIGHTS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
Registered Number A0059586V
49-53 Hazelwood Road Traralgon Victoria 3844

Dear Sir/Madame

The purpose of this email is to request that Latrobe City Council and Councillors give due consideration to the extreme inequity that is being levied on residents of Retirement Villages in Latrobe City and when considering the aspects of the 2026/27 budget approve a 25% Differential Rate for Retirement Villages.

The reason given for not providing a Differential Rate in past years has been that residents of Retirement Villages have access to and use Latrobe City facilities, assets and open spaces. Residents of Retirement Villages have pointed out previously that their use of those facilities, assets and open spaces are definitely not to the levels quoted by Council and would be minimal when compared to the rest of Latrobe City residents.

We have also pointed out previously that residents of Retirement Villages are supplied with and maintain their own facilities, assets and open spaces which include restaurants, dining rooms, cafes, meeting rooms, lounges, media rooms, workshops, dart boards, card tables, gyms, pools, libraries, hairdressers, pool tables, table tennis tables, putting greens, bowling greens, vegetable gardens, barbecues and outside exercise equipment.

Retirement Village residents in their monthly service fees pay for all asset infrastructure, and the maintenance/replacement of the asset infrastructure without any contribution from Latrobe City Council or residents outside of Retirement Villages. The only service Retirement Villages receive from Council is rubbish collection which we pay for separately in the same manner as rate payers outside of Retirement Villages.

The residents of Retirement Villages strongly believe the CIV method used to establish municipal rates is disproportionate as we are paying the same CIV rates as those outside of Retirement Villages which equates to just over \$200,000 for the year being paid into Council coffers from Dalkeith Heights 158 units alone for no goods or services being received from Council.

We are disappointed the Latrobe City Council and Councillors have in the past failed to recognise the extreme inequity of the municipal rates being levied on Retirement Village resident's units and ask that this extreme inequity is given serious consideration when finalising the 2026/27 budget. The most appropriate way to correct the extreme inequity is to apply a 25% Differential Rate to all Retirement Villages in Latrobe City.

Alan Burton
Secretary

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**Respondent No:** 2**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 06, 2026 09:59:03 am**Last Seen:** May 06, 2026 09:59:03 am**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. Name	Harsheen Gill
Q2. Email	_____
Q3. Confidentiality	You may include my name in public documents
Q4. Your submission	We need new toilets at pax hill . Thanks
Q5. Upload your submission	not answered

**Respondent No:** 3**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 06, 2026 10:02:21 am**Last Seen:** May 06, 2026 10:02:21 am**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. **Name** _____

Q2. **Email** _____

Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents

Q4. **Your submission**

We frequent the Pax hill tennis club and have found that the toilets there are in much need of an upgrade. Council has spent money on updating the playground yet there are no public toilets and the pax hill tennis club toilets are in much need of an upgrade. Families with little kids avoid playgrounds without toilets which is a shame when council spent money upgrading the playground and they have missed a vital element


Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered



Respondent No: 4
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 06, 2026 10:14:35 am
Last Seen: May 06, 2026 10:14:35 am
IP Address: n/a

- Q1. **Name** _____
- Q2. **Email** _____
- Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents
- Q4. **Your submission**
There is a desperate need for a long overdue upgrade to the toilet facility at the Pax Hill Tennis Club. It is dark, dusty as it is exposed to the elements and there is nowhere to change clothing after tennis. There is also a need for a public toilet at Maskrey Reserve since its upgrade.
- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

	Respondent No: 5	Responded At: May 06, 2026 10:15:05 am
	Login: Anonymous	Last Seen: May 06, 2026 10:15:05 am
	Email: n/a	IP Address: n/a

- Q1. **Name** _____

- Q2. **Email** _____

- Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents

- Q4. **Your submission**

There is a desperate need for a long overdue upgrade to the toilet facility at the Pax Hill Tennis Club. It is dark, dusty as it is exposed to the elements and there is nowhere to change clothing after tennis. There is also a need for a public toilet at Maskrey Reserve since its upgrade.


- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered



Respondent No: 6
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 06, 2026 12:45:08 pm
Last Seen: May 06, 2026 12:45:08 pm
IP Address: n/a

- Q1. **Name** _____
- Q2. **Email** _____
- Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents
- Q4. **Your submission**
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- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

	Respondent No: 7	Responded At: May 06, 2026 12:45:08 pm
	Login: Anonymous	Last Seen: May 06, 2026 12:45:08 pm
	Email: n/a	IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Name** _____

Q2. **Email** _____

Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents

Q4. **Your submission**

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Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

**Respondent No:** 8**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 06, 2026 10:25:15 am**Last Seen:** May 06, 2026 10:25:15 am**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. **Name** Louise Varsaci

Q2. **Email** _____

Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents

Q4. **Your submission**

As a Co-ordinator at Latrobe Valley All ability sports, I would like to support and encourage the Latrobe City Council to provide funds to update the toilets at PAX Hill tennis club and provide a public toilet at the adjoining Park. Our children deserve a safe and clean toilet provided for them, including a toilet that caters for those with disabilities. The current toilet at the tennis club is not suitable and is unusable for those in wheelchairs or with mobility issues. Our All ability tennis program is run at Pax Hill tennis club and this would increase participation in the program as it would improve accessibility for all.

Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

**Respondent No:** 9**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 06, 2026 10:35:35 am**Last Seen:** May 06, 2026 10:35:35 am**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. **Name** Emma Hughes

Q2. **Email** _____

Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents

Q4. **Your submission**

As local residents who live nearby, walk in the park and play tennis at Pax Hill, we are concerned at the lack of suitable public toilets in the area. The pax hill park and playground is used by a large range of people opposite the shops and adjacent to the kindergarten and the tennis club . We would like new toilets there in the park, also at the tennis club which is in need of suitable facilities. This would benefit the community and thanks for your consideration.

Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered



Respondent No: 10
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 06, 2026 11:42:33 am
Last Seen: May 06, 2026 11:42:33 am
IP Address: n/a

- Q1. Name** Nicole Semmler
- Q2. Email** _____
- Q3. Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents
- Q4. Your submission**

My submission is that the Pax Hill tennis Club receive much needed toilet facility upgrades and that a public toilet be built at the redeveloped playground. This is now an exceptionally popular spot at various times of the day and we are unable to fully utilise this beautiful new space because of a lack of facilities Especially parents with young children who are toilet training!!
- Q5. Upload your submission** not answered



Respondent No: 11

Login: Anonymous


Email: n/a

Responded At: May 06, 2026 12:08:24 pm

Last Seen: May 06, 2026 12:08:24 pm

IP Address: n/a

- Q1. **Name** _____
- Q2. **Email** _____
- Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents
- Q4. **Your submission**
There needs to be a toilet at the Pax Hill playground/park space as well as updated toilet facilities at Pax Hill tennis courts.
- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

	Respondent No: 12	Responded At: May 06, 2026 12:59:22 pm
	Login: Anonymous	Last Seen: May 06, 2026 12:59:22 pm
	Email: n/a	IP Address: n/a

- Q1. **Name** _____

- Q2. **Email** _____

- Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents

- Q4. **Your submission**
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- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

**Respondent No:** 13**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 06, 2026 14:05:21 pm**Last Seen:** May 06, 2026 14:05:21 pm**IP Address:** n/a

- Q1. **Name** Melita Liddy
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- Q2. **Email** _____
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- Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents
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- Q4. **Your submission**
- I would like to encourage Latrobe City Council to allocate funding to upgrade the toilets at Pax Hill Tennis Club. Given that the All Abilities Tennis Program is run at Pax Hill Tennis Club. Improving these facilities would not only address current limitations but also encourage greater participation by ensuring the space is accessible and welcoming for everyone. Children deserve access to safe, clean, and inclusive facilities, particularly toilets that cater to people with disabilities. The current toilet facilities at the tennis club are not suitable and are effectively unusable for individuals in wheelchairs or those with mobility challenges. I would also like to encourage the council to provide a public toilet at Maskrey Reserve Playground. If you have your children using the playground, there are no facilities close by. This park is not only used by the families living locally but by community members frequenting the food outlets on Barker Cr.
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- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered
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**Respondent No:** 14**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 06, 2026 14:58:09 pm**Last Seen:** May 06, 2026 14:58:09 pm**IP Address:** n/a

- Q1. **Name** Linda Jegorow
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- Q2. **Email** _____
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- Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents
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- Q4. **Your submission**
- Pax Hill Tennis Club needs a toilet upgrade and the playground behind the club near the Pax Hill shops desperately needs a public toilet. It has become a very popular playground for families and could really benefit from having toilet facilities.
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- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered
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	Respondent No: 15	Responded At: May 06, 2026 15:11:01 pm
	Login: Anonymous	Last Seen: May 06, 2026 15:11:01 pm
	Email: n/a	IP Address: n/a

- Q1. **Name** _____

- Q2. **Email** _____

- Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents

- Q4. **Your submission**
 Upgrade of current toilets at Pax Hill tennis or new public toilets in park area at Pax Hill in Traralgon. This is required with tennis, kinder, new park area, cafe & shops.

- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered



Respondent No: 16
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 06, 2026 15:59:17 pm
Last Seen: May 06, 2026 15:59:17 pm
IP Address: n/a

- Q1. **Name** Jessica Boys

- Q2. **Email** _____

- Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents

- Q4. **Your submission**

There is an urgent need for updated toilets at the pax Hill tennis club and a public toilet at the park outside the park.

- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered



Respondent No: 17

Login: Anonymous


Email: n/a

Responded At: May 06, 2026 16:19:37 pm

Last Seen: May 06, 2026 16:19:37 pm

IP Address: n/a

- Q1. **Name** _____
- Q2. **Email** _____
- Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents
- Q4. **Your submission**
Please consider updating toilets at the pax hill tennis club and also building new toilets at the new pax hill playground
- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

	Respondent No: 18	Responded At: May 06, 2026 16:22:56 pm
	Login: Anonymous	Last Seen: May 06, 2026 16:22:56 pm
	Email: n/a	IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Name** Leah Yendall

Q2. **Email** _____

Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents

Q4. **Your submission**

As a frequent user of the new pax hill park and play area it would be great to have public access to toilets. There are no close puic toilets and play dates are cur short because of bathroom needs. Also as a parent at the pax hill tennis club, updated toilet facilities there would be beneficial for all users. They provide tennis for all abilities and hundreds of kids each week train and play there.

Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered



Respondent No: 19
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 06, 2026 17:26:58 pm
Last Seen: May 06, 2026 17:26:58 pm
IP Address: n/a


- Q1. **Name** _____

- Q2. **Email** _____

- Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents

- Q4. **Your submission**
Long overdue upgrade

- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

	Respondent No: 20	Responded At: May 06, 2026 19:32:52 pm
	Login: Anonymous	Last Seen: May 06, 2026 19:32:52 pm
	Email: n/a	IP Address: n/a

- Q1. **Name** Jessica Giles


- Q2. **Email** _____

- Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents

- Q4. **Your submission**

Pax Hill playground needs a public toilet. The park is an amazing addition to the area but there have been many times I am there with my kids and have to rush them home to a toilet as there are no local ones nearby.

- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

	Respondent No: 21	Responded At: May 06, 2026 19:52:21 pm
	Login: Anonymous	Last Seen: May 06, 2026 19:52:21 pm
	Email: n/a	IP Address: n/a

- Q1. **Name** Lara Gorordo-Brady

- Q2. **Email** _____

- Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents

- Q4. **Your submission**

The toilet at Paxhill tennis club is extremely old ans needs to be updated. With the new park next to the tennis club, it can get very busy with local children and families playing there, as well as families from the daycare tol

- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered



Respondent No: 22
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 06, 2026 19:53:59 pm
Last Seen: May 06, 2026 19:53:59 pm
IP Address: n/a

- Q1. **Name** _____

- Q2. **Email** _____

- Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents

- Q4. **Your submission**
The toilet facility at the Pax Hill tennis club is in dire need of being renewed and also the playground at pax hill has lots of young children playing there and I think a public toilet should be built there

- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered



Respondent No: 23

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: May 06, 2026 20:10:03 pm

Last Seen: May 06, 2026 20:10:03 pm

IP Address: n/a

- Q1. **Name** Hayley

- Q2. **Email** _____

- Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents

- Q4. **Your submission**
Toilets needed asap

- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

**Respondent No:** 24**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 06, 2026 20:18:10 pm**Last Seen:** May 06, 2026 20:18:10 pm**IP Address:** n/a

- Q1. **Name** Casey OConnor
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- Q2. **Email** _____
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- Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents
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- Q4. **Your submission**
- Please construct a toilet block at the new Pax Hill playground. This area is well attended and is a fantastic facility away from any busy roads but with young children the lack of access to toilets means it cannot be used.
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- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered
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**Respondent No:** 25**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 06, 2026 20:28:51 pm**Last Seen:** May 06, 2026 20:28:51 pm**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. Name	Hiedi Petticrew
Q2. Email	_____
Q3. Confidentiality	You may include my name in public documents
Q4. Your submission	there should be a public toilet built at Maskrey Reserve (the playground at Pax Hill)
Q5. Upload your submission	not answered



Respondent No: 26
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 06, 2026 21:45:09 pm
Last Seen: May 06, 2026 21:45:09 pm
IP Address: n/a

- Q1. **Name** Hiedi Petticrew

- Q2. **Email** _____

- Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents

- Q4. **Your submission**

there needs to be a shade sail at Maskrey Reserve above the play ground (the playground at Pax Hill),

- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered



Respondent No: 27

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: May 06, 2026 20:30:26 pm

Last Seen: May 06, 2026 20:30:26 pm

IP Address: n/a

- Q1. **Name** Dianne

- Q2. **Email** _____

- Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents

- Q4. **Your submission**

Pax Hill tennis club runs an all abilities tennis program yet neither the club or park have toilet facilities that are suitable for disabled. Please make our communities more accessible to all.

- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered



Respondent No: 28
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 06, 2026 20:57:49 pm
Last Seen: May 06, 2026 20:57:49 pm
IP Address: n/a

- Q1. **Name** _____

- Q2. **Email** _____

- Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents

- Q4. **Your submission**
Public toilet and disabled access toilet at the new park Hill park/tennis club/Danbos Cafe.

- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered



Respondent No: 29
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 06, 2026 21:17:38 pm
Last Seen: May 06, 2026 21:17:38 pm
IP Address: n/a

- Q1. **Name** _____

- Q2. **Email** _____

- Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents

- Q4. **Your submission**

Please upgrade the Pax Hill tennis club toilets. Also the new Maskry Park needs a toilet block please! How can we expect our young child to hold on until they get home...

- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

**Respondent No:** 30**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 06, 2026 21:23:43 pm**Last Seen:** May 06, 2026 21:23:43 pm**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. **Name** Jenifer Whitwam

Q2. **Email** _____

Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents

Q4. **Your submission**

I strongly recommend that a toilet be erected and regularly serviced, at the reserve where Pax Hill Tennis Club has their facility and for that to be open to the young families who bring their children to that great playground that Latrobe City Council have established there. This would also service the people who attend the tennis club most nights after school, sometimes during the weekdays and again, in the tennis season at weekends. The current toilet that services the tennis club while coaching or matches are played has no visibility from the club rooms, is open to any one walking past through a narrow doorway and is then only one poky cubicle inside. Particularly where younger children are around, any person walking past could linger in there hanging around. It is quite scary for even a grown woman who enters very warily. One out in the open could be observed far more easily at any time. I strongly recommend that this matter be given considerable thought. The park is wonderful and the club gives a sporting opportunity to many who may choose to attend a smaller facility than the TTA courts.

Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

**Respondent No:** 31**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 07, 2026 00:45:13 am**Last Seen:** May 07, 2026 00:45:13 am**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. **Name** Jenifer Whitwam

Q2. **Email**

Q3. **Confidentiality**


You may include my name in public documents

Q4. **Your submission**

I have sent my submission in haste and wish to further add that a facility to service the tennis club in it's own right should be first considered as a stand alone as well as one in the park area. I contacted councillors about that some years ago without very much support and still consider it vital. The door to the current one at the club room is not even visible by people on the courts or surrounds as the door itself is on that side. If that could be done for the club, it would be much appreciated. With one also in the playground, for outside tennis hours.

Q5. **Upload your submission**

not answered

	Respondent No: 32	Responded At: May 06, 2026 22:52:50 pm
	Login: Anonymous	Last Seen: May 06, 2026 22:52:50 pm
	Email: n/a	IP Address: n/a

- Q1. **Name** _____

- Q2. **Email** _____

- Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents

- Q4. **Your submission**

The Pax Hill tennis club toilets need to be upgraded. They are used by the public as well as club members. There needs to be a public toilet at the upgraded reserve.

- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

**Respondent No:** 33**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 07, 2026 09:31:45 am**Last Seen:** May 07, 2026 09:31:45 am**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. **Name** _____

Q2. **Email** _____

Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents

Q4. **Your submission**

Please consider putting in a public toilet in the Pax hill playground. There will still be plumbing underground from the demolition of the original kindergarten, so the cost should be less than a completely new service. I work in the strip of shops and have 5-10 people most days asking for a toilet and the closest public toilet is at the RSL which is difficult for children to hold on long enough to get to, and not open all hours people are using the park!

Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

**Respondent No:** 34**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 07, 2026 12:48:39 pm**Last Seen:** May 07, 2026 12:48:39 pm**IP Address:** n/aQ1. **Name** _____Q2. **Email** _____Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documentsQ4. **Your submission**

There has been a massive upgrade to Maskrey Reserve recently, with the new playground bringing lots of families to the park. The Café and food outlets across the road bring many people and often there are children's birthday parties held at the playground, which is awesome. However, with this comes the need for toilet facilities. As a Committee member of the Pax Hill Tennis Club, we have been inundated with requests to use our very outdated facilities (built in 1958). This creates some issues for the club:

- The volunteer members need to clean the toilets more often to ensure they are safe and clean for our members
- The club is paying for the extra supplies, toilet paper, soap & cleaning supplies
- With child safe regulations, we are having 'strangers' using the toilets while our junior members on site
- The club coaches are often having to wait for long periods of time while people from the park use the toilets, when the coaches are about to leave for the day. They don't want people to have to 'go behind a tree', so they wait, but it is very inconvenient. This is not appropriate. We would like to request that you build a public toilet at Maskrey Reserve, and also that the Pax Hill Tennis Club toilet facility get a long overdue upgrade.

Q5. **Upload your submission**

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May 7th, 2026

Attention: Latrobe City Council

I am writing to provide feedback and a request for the 2026/27 budget.

There has been a massive upgrade to Maskrey Reserve recently, with the new playground bringing lots of families to the park. The Café and food outlets across the road bring many people and often there are children's birthday parties held at the playground, which is awesome. However, with this comes the need for toilet facilities. As a Committee member of the Pax Hill Tennis Club, we have been inundated with requests to use our very outdated facilities (built in 1958). This creates some issues for the club:

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We would like to request that you build a public toilet at Maskrey Reserve, and **also that the Pax Hill Tennis Club toilet facility get a long overdue upgrade.**



Respondent No: 35
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 07, 2026 13:07:46 pm
Last Seen: May 07, 2026 13:07:46 pm
IP Address: n/a


- Q1. **Name** _____

- Q2. **Email** _____

- Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents

- Q4. **Your submission**
There is a significant need for updated toilet facilities at both the Pax Hill Tennis Club and the adjacent park

- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

	Respondent No: 36	Responded At: May 07, 2026 15:58:37 pm
	Login: Anonymous	Last Seen: May 07, 2026 15:58:37 pm
	Email: n/a	IP Address: n/a

Q1. Name Erin


Q2. Email _____

Q3. Confidentiality You may include my name in public documents

Q4. Your submission

Pax Hill Tennis Club is a valued and vibrant community sporting club that plays an important role in promoting active recreation, social connection and community wellbeing. The club continues to attract players and families of all ages and deserves modern, fit-for-purpose facilities that support its ongoing growth and long-term sustainability. As part of this project, the provision of modern toilet facilities at the tennis club is strongly supported. Accessible and adequate amenities are essential infrastructure for players, volunteers, visitors and community events, and would significantly improve the functionality and usability of the club for current and future members. In addition, the neighbouring playground and park are highly frequented by local families and young people and serve as an important recreational space for the wider community. Despite the popularity of the area, there are currently no nearby public toilet facilities available to support park users. The installation of separate public toilets within the playground precinct would greatly improve accessibility, convenience and amenity for families and visitors using the space. Investment in both club toilet facilities and public amenities within the adjoining playground area would deliver significant community benefit, support inclusive and family-friendly recreation opportunities, and demonstrate Council's commitment to maintaining high-quality community infrastructure for current and future generations.

Q5. Upload your submission not answered

	Respondent No: 37	Responded At: May 07, 2026 18:23:21 pm
	Login: Anonymous	Last Seen: May 07, 2026 18:23:21 pm
	Email: n/a	IP Address: n/a

- Q1. **Name** Jason Burrows

- Q2. **Email** _____

- Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents

- Q4. **Your submission**

The Moe skate park needs actual seating not garden beds and shade as kids are burning in summer also the skate park needs upgrading to attract more visitors I'm happy to help with ideas I have 35 years in the skate industry and skate my self

- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered



Respondent No: 38
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 07, 2026 18:32:35 pm
Last Seen: May 07, 2026 18:32:35 pm
IP Address: n/a


- Q1. **Name** _____

- Q2. **Email** _____

- Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents

- Q4. **Your submission**
Pax hill tennis courts, Upgrade current toilets. Or pax hill park need their own set of public toilets.

- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

	Respondent No: 39	Responded At: May 07, 2026 20:03:37 pm
	Login: Anonymous	Last Seen: May 07, 2026 20:03:37 pm
	Email: n/a	IP Address: n/a

- Q1. **Name** _____


- Q2. **Email** _____

- Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents

- Q4. **Your submission**

Please build a toilet at pax hill play ground. It's such a great location to grab a coffee and enjoy the park however having no toilet facilities is extremely difficult when you have little ones, pregnant or just need a toilet. This will be a huge asset and very much appreciated by all

- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

	Respondent No: 40	Responded At: May 07, 2026 20:56:57 pm
	Login: Anonymous	Last Seen: May 07, 2026 20:56:57 pm
	Email: n/a	IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Name** _____

Q2. **Email** _____

Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents

Q4. **Your submission**

58 years at Moe United Soccer Club from the Racecourse to Olympic Park my Club which has been 90% of my life playing Juniors Seniors Coaching Seniors 2nds 3rds junior teams Publicity Officer since 1976 Ran Bingo for 27 years.Past Players days Organiser & Moe United Historian keeper the Club i love has always been left behind. Premierships Since 1970 MFCNC ZERO MUSC NINE Yet Moe United get very little support from this Council This is my opinion from my heart to the Club i love & have lived for. I played in Moe Uniteds Senior side in the record four peat on 1975-76-77-78 & 5 years playing in Melbourne from 1979-1983. Coached a junior side to the semi final of the Victorian Soccer League State wide Cup in 1977 in Under 12's.

Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

**Respondent No:** 41**Login:** _____**Email:** _____**Responded At:** May 07, 2026 22:44:17 pm**Last Seen:** May 07, 2026 11:19:17 am**IP Address:** 120.147.48.219

Q1. **Name** _____

Q2. **Email** _____

Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents

Q4. **Your submission**

Please refer to my Upload File. I write this 2026/27 Latrobe City Council Draft Budget Submission on behalf of myself, my wife _____ and with the overwhelming support of Montane Estate Newborough residents.

Q5. **Upload your submission**

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LATROBE CITY COUNCIL
PO Box 264
Morwell Vic 3840

SUBJECT: 2026/27 Draft Budget Submission

Capital Works Asset Upgrade Works for Council's consideration.

Upgrade of Old Sale Road Bridge Surrounding Area, Newborough

Urgent Safety consideration to separate Road Traffic from Pedestrians with construction of suitable Pedestrian Pathway

Council Case Reference # M092334, Councillor Pathway Request # 1267849

To: Responsible Council 2026/27 Budget Authority,

I am writing this Council Budget Submission on behalf of myself, _____ my wife and together with the overwhelming support of Montane Estate Newborough residents, to raise an important and serious safety risk concern, regarding separating walking, running or riding pedestrians from large volumes of traffic along the Old Sale Road bridge section at Northwest end of Newborough (refer to attached map with bridge area circled).

This relatively small bridge that crosses over the Yallourn Rail Trail (refer attached photos), on Old Sale Road Newborough, does not have any protection for the many public people using this pedestrian thoroughfare between the Montane Estate and Northwest Newborough. Recently, there was a safety rail and some concrete paving constructed at the Old Sale Road/Haigh St roundabout very close by to this bridge, however there was no consideration to extend this to protect the many people moving beside this busy road and across this bridge. Pedestrians have no alternative but to use this roadway as there is no other protected route to use. This is an extreme safety hazard and really needs urgent attention, as there are numerous volumes of traffic including buses, a range of vehicles, motorbikes and large trucks that use this road connection between Moe and Newborough for all sorts of reasons and is being shared with pedestrians that don't have a choice. Pedestrians have no protection at all from this large volume of traffic and it is understandably injuries or a fatality waiting to happen that could easily be avoided with an improved and better alternative pedestrian pathway option with a small foot bridge constructed next to this road over the Rail Trail. I have been advised that Council officers have identified the same preferred pedestrian foot pathway connection route for review and assessment. Extending the road guard rails along the bridge have been suggested but Regional Vic Roads have acknowledged that these are against road specifications not having suitable width to place any protection along this bridge road section.

As indicated, this project should be for urgent consideration in our view, to consist of construction of a continuation of the footpath from Montane Estate side of the Old Sale Road/Haigh Street roundabout, through an already existing clearing to the Rail Trail. Then, with the construction of a suitable foot bridge over the Rail Trail and continue a footpath to the existing resident's footpath at the Northwest Newborough, adjacent to

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the rear of Lowanna College ovals (refer attached photos). This would be a more viable option for pedestrians together with the vulnerability of Lowanna College students that are without a suitable means of easy access to their school.

We wish to thank Latrobe City Council officers for their understanding and acceptance of this project for 2026/27 Draft Budget Submission, and we look forward to their Council's final budget approvals. It is also very encouraging this Community Safety project is on the Council's unfunded project list.

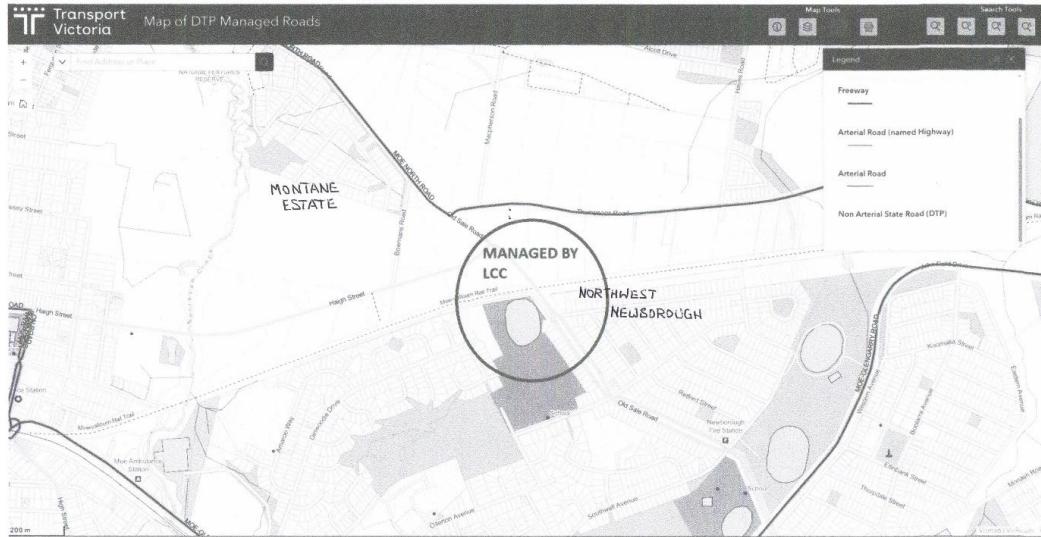
Thank you for this opportunity to submit our important capital works project submission proposal, in accordance to many Newborough residents, for the urgent Safety Upgrade to separate Road Traffic from Pedestrians with construction of suitable alternate Pedestrian Pathway. We will be following this Council Budget process very eagerly hoping for a favourable outcome.

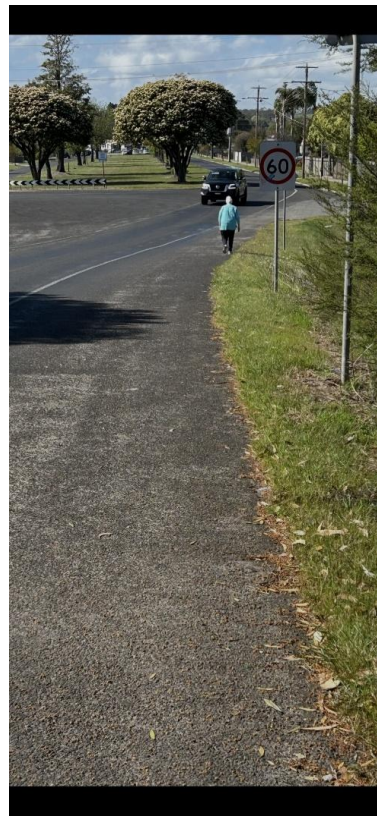
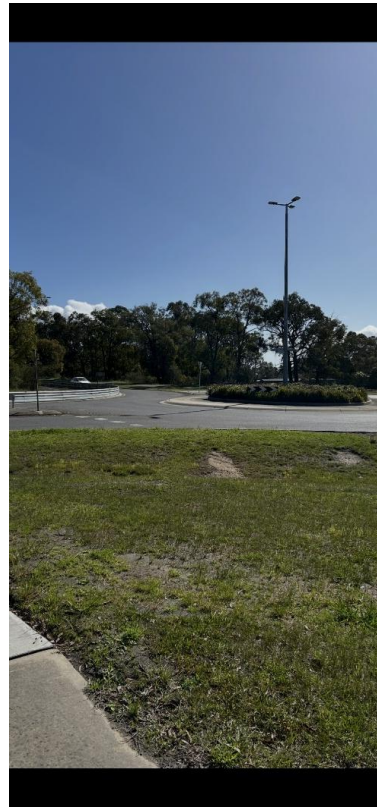
Thank you.

Regards,

on behalf of _____ and overwhelming support of Montane Estate residents)

LATROBE CITY COUNCIL
2026/27 DRAFT BUDGET SUBMISSION
UPGRADE WORKS OF OLD SALE ROAD BRIDGE SEPARATE ROAD TRAFFIC FROM PEDESTRIANS
COUNCILLOR PATHWAY REQUEST # 1267849









Respondent No: 42
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 08, 2026 13:17:11 pm
Last Seen: May 08, 2026 13:17:11 pm
IP Address: n/a

- Q1. Name** Guss Lambden
- Q2. Email** _____
- Q3. Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents
- Q4. Your submission**

We need improved street lighting both in our CBD areas and in residential areas. The darkness of our towns assists those who are partaking in criminal activities. We need to improve our local parks to include more playground equipment and Bbq's.
- Q5. Upload your submission** not answered

**Respondent No:** 43**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 08, 2026 15:32:28 pm**Last Seen:** May 08, 2026 15:32:28 pm**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. **Name** Craig Kenny

Q2. **Email** _____

Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents

Q4. **Your submission**

The Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network (LCLN) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on Council's Draft 2026/27 Budget and acknowledges the significant financial and service delivery pressures facing local government. LCLN strongly supports Council's strategic objectives relating to environmental sustainability, community resilience, volunteer participation, partnerships, and strengthening local communities. We believe Landcare activity across the municipality directly contributes to these priorities and represents one of the most effective and cost-efficient mechanisms available to Council for delivering environmental and community outcomes. Landcare groups and volunteers undertake practical on-ground work that supports biodiversity protection, weed and pest management, revegetation, waterway health, sustainable land management, and climate resilience activities across both public and private land. These activities directly align with the goals of any contemporary Council Plan focused on environmental stewardship and liveability. Importantly, Landcare also delivers substantial social and community benefits. Local Landcare groups are among the most enduring and active volunteer networks in regional Victoria. They bring together residents, landholders, schools, community organisations, and government agencies in constructive local action. In many communities, Landcare functions as an important form of social infrastructure — strengthening community connection, participation, wellbeing, and local leadership. The contribution made by volunteers through Landcare is significant. Through relatively modest levels of public investment, Landcare leverages substantial volunteer labour, private landholder investment, external grant funding, donated expertise, and in-kind support. The value generated for the broader community far exceeds the direct financial investment required to support coordination and facilitation activities. At a time when communities are facing increasing environmental pressures, climate impacts, cost-of-living challenges, and volunteer fatigue, investment in community-led participation and local stewardship is more important than ever. Supporting Landcare should therefore be viewed not simply as environmental expenditure, but as an investment in stronger, more resilient and connected communities. LCLN also notes that the Latrobe catchment continues to face significant environmental challenges, including invasive species, land degradation, biodiversity decline, waterway impacts, and the legacy of industrial land use. These challenges require coordinated long-term responses that cannot be delivered by government alone. The Landcare model exists specifically to connect government, community, and landholders in collaborative action at a local level. The Network encourages Council to continue recognising the strategic value of Landcare and to consider opportunities for modest additional investment within the 2026/27 Budget to strengthen environmental and community resilience outcomes. Potential areas for additional support could include: Small community environmental grants; Volunteer development and support initiatives; Weed and pest coordination activities; Biodiversity and revegetation projects; Community climate resilience initiatives; Environmental education and engagement programs; In-kind operational assistance for community environmental organisations; and Partnership projects involving Council, Landcare, schools, Traditional Owners, regional agencies, and community groups. Even relatively small additional budget allocations can create substantial multiplier effects through volunteer participation, partner co-contributions, and the attraction of external funding opportunities. LCLN welcomes continued collaboration with Council and believes that strong partnerships between local government and community organisations are essential to addressing the increasingly interconnected environmental, social, and economic challenges facing the municipality. Landcare remains uniquely placed to support this work through trusted local relationships, volunteer mobilisation, practical on-ground delivery, and long-standing community engagement across the region.

Q5. Upload your submission

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May 2026

To: Mayor & Councillors
Latrobe City Council



PO Box124
Moe VIC 3825
ABN 99 782 006 006

Submission on Draft 2026/27 Budget

The Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network (LCLN) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on Council's Draft 2026/27 Budget.

LCLN acknowledges and supports the broad strategic direction outlined within the Council Plan and recognises the significant financial and service delivery pressures currently facing local government. In this context, we particularly welcome Council's continued commitment to strengthening communities, supporting volunteer participation, enhancing environmental sustainability, and building resilience across the municipality.

As one of the municipality's most established and active community-based environmental networks, LCLN sees strong alignment between Council's strategic objectives and the work undertaken by Landcare groups, volunteers, and partner organisations across the region.

Strategic Alignment

LCLN's activities directly contribute to several key Council Plan priorities, including:

- Protecting and enhancing the natural environment;
- Strengthening community participation and social connection;
- Supporting partnerships and collaborative delivery;
- Building resilience to climate, environmental, and economic pressures; and
- Encouraging active community stewardship of local places and landscapes.

Landcare provides a highly cost-effective mechanism for delivering outcomes across these areas. Through relatively modest public investment, Landcare mobilises substantial volunteer labour, landholder co-investment, community leadership, and external grant funding that significantly multiplies the impact of government expenditure.

The Network and its member groups support activities including:

- Weed and pest management;
- Biodiversity protection and revegetation;
- Waterway and catchment health initiatives;
- Sustainable land management practices;
- Community education and skills development; and
- Social and volunteer engagement activities that strengthen local connection and resilience.

Importantly, Landcare activity extends well beyond environmental outcomes alone. In many communities, Landcare groups act as enduring social infrastructure — bringing together residents, farmers, volunteers, schools, community organisations, and government agencies in practical and constructive local action.

The Value of Volunteer and Community Contribution

LCLN wishes to emphasise the extraordinary contribution made by Landcare volunteers across the municipality.

The value of this contribution is not simply financial, although the volunteer hours and in-kind effort generated through Landcare represent a substantial economic benefit to the community. Equally important is the social

capital created through ongoing volunteer participation, leadership development, local knowledge sharing, and community connection.

At a time when many communities are experiencing increasing social fragmentation, cost-of-living pressures, climate anxiety, and volunteer fatigue, investment in community-led participation and local stewardship has become more important — not less.

Supporting Landcare therefore represents both an environmental investment and a community strengthening investment.

Opportunities for Enhanced Investment

While acknowledging current budget constraints, LCLN encourages Council to consider opportunities for modest additional investment in environmental and community resilience initiatives that can leverage substantial external and volunteer contributions. Areas for consideration could include:

- Small community environmental grants programs;
- Volunteer support and capacity-building initiatives;
- Partnerships supporting weed and pest coordination activities;
- Community biodiversity and revegetation projects;
- Climate resilience and adaptation activities;
- Support for community engagement events and environmental education programs;
- In-kind operational support for community environmental organisations; and
- Collaborative initiatives that strengthen connections between Council, Landcare, schools, Traditional Owners, and community groups.

Even relatively small additional allocations can generate significant multiplier effects through volunteer participation, grant leverage, and partner co-contributions.

Closing Remarks

LCLN appreciates Council's ongoing commitment to community wellbeing and environmental sustainability and welcomes continued collaboration in achieving shared strategic objectives.

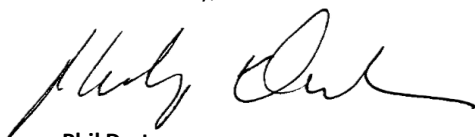
The challenges facing our landscapes and communities are increasingly complex and interconnected. Addressing them will require strong partnerships between local government, community organisations, volunteers, landholders, and regional agencies.

Landcare remains uniquely placed to support this work through trusted local relationships, community mobilisation, and practical on-ground delivery.

We encourage Council to continue recognising the strategic value of community-led environmental action and to consider enhanced support for initiatives that strengthen both the health of the environment and the resilience of the community

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,



Phil Darton

Chair

Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network

**Respondent No:** 44**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 08, 2026 20:55:41 pm**Last Seen:** May 08, 2026 20:55:41 pm**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. **Name** Sally Kirstine

Q2. **Email** _____

Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents

Q4. **Your submission**

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Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered



Respondent No: 45
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 09, 2026 06:02:46 am
Last Seen: May 09, 2026 06:02:46 am
IP Address: n/a

- Q1. **Name** Justin Flenley

- Q2. **Email** _____

- Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents

- Q4. **Your submission**
How is it once again Traralgon is failing to plan to deliver a family friendly skate park and pump track area.

- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

**Respondent No:** 46**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 10, 2026 08:39:07 am**Last Seen:** May 10, 2026 08:39:07 am**IP Address:** n/a

- Q1. **Name** Jess Ryan
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- Q2. **Email** _____
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- Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents
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- Q4. **Your submission**
- The Paxhill tennis club is in desperate need of an upgrade the public toilets. With many members frequently using the club and their families it is well and truly needed especially in the absence of public toilets available for the park and close by shops. Many families attend the park and the lack of toilet facilities makes it very difficult when you have small children and are far from home. Please consider the addition of public toilets and an upgrade to the current Paxhill tennis club toilets. Thank you
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- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered
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**Respondent No:** 47**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 10, 2026 09:22:07 am**Last Seen:** May 10, 2026 09:22:07 am**IP Address:** n/a

- Q1. **Name** Anne Evans
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- Q2. **Email** _____
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- Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents
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- Q4. **Your submission**
- I would like to see public toilets at the Pax Hill tennis club. My husband and I support our grandson at the club. Often our toddler toilet training granddaughter accompanies us too but there are no toilets at the venue which is not acceptable for the viewing public.
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- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered
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**Respondent No:** 48**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 10, 2026 10:16:04 am**Last Seen:** May 10, 2026 10:16:04 am**IP Address:** n/a

- Q1. **Name** Caitlin Simons
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- Q2. **Email** _____
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- Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents
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- Q4. **Your submission**
- A public toilet at maskrey reserve to support local infrastructure (cafe/tennis club/park) would be a great addition. It would also support government and council community workers who are often out on the road looking for a safe place to stop for a short break while also reducing daily CBD traffic.
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- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered
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Respondent No: 49
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 10, 2026 10:17:22 am
Last Seen: May 10, 2026 10:17:22 am
IP Address: n/a

- Q1. **Name** Matthew Simons

- Q2. **Email** _____

- Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents

- Q4. **Your submission**

A public toilet at pax hill reserve/maskrey

- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

**Respondent No:** 50**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 10, 2026 10:58:52 am**Last Seen:** May 10, 2026 10:58:52 am**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. **Name** _____

Q2. **Email** _____

Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents

Q4. **Your submission**

Please include upgrade of toilet facilities at Pax Hill Tennis club for the benefit of both tennis players and community. Latrobe City Council has created a lovely neighbourhood centre for families with playground, shop and tennis facilities for use of the community. This facility has brought many families out in the sunshine enjoying time together. Please continue to build on this investment with provision of modern toilet facilities including baby change and disabled facilities. Thank you


Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

**Respondent No:** 51**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 10, 2026 12:24:52 pm**Last Seen:** May 10, 2026 12:24:52 pm**IP Address:** n/a

- Q1. **Name** Rachael Ryan
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- Q2. **Email** _____
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- Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents
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- Q4. **Your submission**
- Please consider an upgrade to the Pax hill tennis club public toilets - they are in desperate need. Pax hill Park Maskrey Reserve also are in need of a public toilet facility to service the area for people attending the park and shops
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- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered
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**Respondent No:** 52**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 10, 2026 12:40:36 pm**Last Seen:** May 10, 2026 12:40:36 pm**IP Address:** n/a

- Q1. **Name** Ruth Ryan
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- Q2. **Email** _____
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- Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents
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- Q4. **Your submission**
- The Pax hill park (Maskrey Reserve) Traralgon are in need of public toilet facilities. The Pax hill tennis club are also in need of an upgrade to their current toilet facilities. They have frequently accommodated families attending the park with small children when possible but they are not always open to do so.
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- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered
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	Respondent No: 53	Responded At: May 10, 2026 17:03:36 pm
	Login: Anonymous	Last Seen: May 10, 2026 17:03:36 pm
	Email: n/a	IP Address: n/a

- Q1. **Name** _____

- Q2. **Email** _____

- Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents

- Q4. **Your submission**
Addition of public toilets at the Maskrey Reserve (Paxhill playground Traralgon) and an upgrade to the Paxhill tennis club toilets.

- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered



Respondent No: 54

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: May 11, 2026 16:41:46 pm

Last Seen: May 11, 2026 16:41:46 pm

IP Address: n/a

- Q1. **Name** _____

- Q2. **Email** _____

- Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents
You may include my name in public documents

- Q4. **Your submission**
Toilet block at pax hill park

- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered



Respondent No: 55
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 11, 2026 17:56:39 pm
Last Seen: May 11, 2026 17:56:39 pm
IP Address: n/a

- Q1. **Name** _____
- Q2. **Email** _____
- Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents
- Q4. **Your submission**
The park and tennis courts at Pax Hill desperately need public toilets.
- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

**Respondent No:** 56**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 11, 2026 21:29:35 pm**Last Seen:** May 11, 2026 21:29:35 pm**IP Address:** n/a

- Q1. **Name** Bill Baker
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- Q2. **Email** _____
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- Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents
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- Q4. **Your submission**
Submission on behalf of Old Gippsdown Heritage Park, Moe
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- Q5. **Upload your submission** https://s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/ehq-production-australia/16cc92e0dbbfaa07db8eab5d096415798fcc3ac3/original/1778498948/39d58ae64452f03932ed4ddcfdecccd2b_LCCBudgetSubmissionReview.pdf?1778498948
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11th May 2026

Steven Piasente
Chief Executive Officer
Latrobe City Council
141 Commercial Road,
Morwell Victoria 3840

Dear Steven,

Re: Submission to Draft 2026/27 Budget

The Gippstown Reserve Committee of Management Inc. welcome the opportunity to respond to our unsuccessful request for assisting with urgent repairs and maintenance of heritage buildings at Old Gippstown Heritage Park, Moe.

As included in our submission, we receive no re-current funds to manage the Park, Buildings and Collections and rely solely on our own limited income streams.

Historically, the Latrobe City Council provided an annual contribution of \$20,000 for the management of the park, however this was removed in the past couple of years without explanation. Grant applications for maintenance of heritage buildings do not fit into the Latrobe City Council guidelines as these exclude repairs and maintenance in the key criteria.

Whilst we welcome the recent provision of \$50,000 from the 2025/26 surplus funds to 5 designated buildings, more work is necessary in the coming years for other buildings.

The key attraction of the Park is the buildings which house our collections presenting the history of colonial settlement, farming, electricity generation and life in early Gippsland.

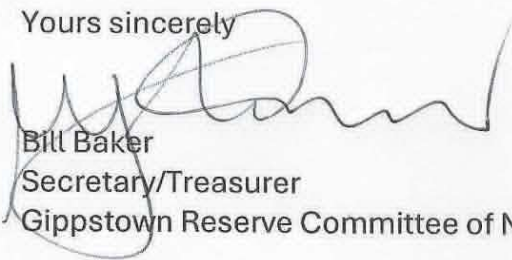
It is essential that our buildings are maintained to the highest standard, taking into consideration their age and timber construction.

Our proposal for assistance to repair a number of high maintenance priority buildings will assist Old Gippsland Heritage Park achieve its vision as a major destination for visitors as the gateway to Latrobe City. The Gippsland Reserve Committee of Management Inc. have budgeted to invest additional funds along with Council monies to continue our building improvement program in future.

Our vision is to become a "must see" attraction. Delays with our building program will detract interest and visitors coming to Latrobe City region.

We welcome any further information or discussion on our unsuccessful submission that is designed to achieve our vision to improve and update our heritage buildings and collections.


Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill Baker', is written over the typed name and title.

Bill Baker

Secretary/Treasurer

Gippsland Reserve Committee of Management Inc.

	Respondent No: 57	Responded At: May 12, 2026 06:52:44 am
	Login: Anonymous	Last Seen: May 12, 2026 06:52:44 am
	Email: n/a	IP Address: n/a

- Q1. **Name** _____


- Q2. **Email** _____

- Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents

- Q4. **Your submission**

I would like to request that the Pax Hill Tennis Club toilet facility get a long overdue upgrade. There is a single cubicle and nowhere for the kids to change. It is very dark and dingey It would also be a good idea to build a public toilet at the new playground at Maskrey Reserve

- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

	Respondent No: 58	Responded At: May 12, 2026 06:53:10 am
	Login: Anonymous	Last Seen: May 12, 2026 06:53:10 am
	Email: n/a	IP Address: n/a

- Q1. **Name** _____

- Q2. **Email** _____

- Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents

- Q4. **Your submission**

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- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

**Respondent No:** 59**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 12, 2026 09:02:10 am**Last Seen:** May 12, 2026 09:02:10 am**IP Address:** n/a

- Q1. **Name** _____
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- Q2. **Email** _____
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- Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents
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- Q4. **Your submission**
- Please install toilet facilities at the park at Pax Hill Traralgon. It's such a great space for families but little kids can't hold on. I've seen so many parents have to leave prematurely because someone needs the toilet and there's nowhere to go.
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- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered
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**Respondent No:** 60**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 13, 2026 10:57:57 am**Last Seen:** May 13, 2026 10:57:57 am**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. **Name** Keeley Grainger

Q2. **Email** _____

Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents

Q4. **Your submission**

There should be a public toilet built at maskrey reserve (the playground at pax hill) as there are currently no toilet facilities. My family utilises this park frequently and we have had to leave numerous times due to no toilet facilities nearby. Many thanks to the volunteers at the tennis club for allowing access to the toilets where possible but this is not always accessible. However the tennis clubs bathroom facilities are also outdated and would also benefit from an update.

Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered



Respondent No: 61

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: May 13, 2026 12:57:24 pm

Last Seen: May 13, 2026 12:57:24 pm

IP Address: n/a

- Q1. **Name** _____
- Q2. **Email** _____
- Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents
- Q4. **Your submission**
A toilet to be built at market reserve for the pax hill playground. It would invite more families with kids to visit the playground if there were toilets to be used.
- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

**Respondent No:** 62**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 13, 2026 15:15:51 pm**Last Seen:** May 13, 2026 15:15:51 pm**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. **Name** Tracy White


Q2. **Email** _____

Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents

Q4. **Your submission**

Unsure if this is correct forum but I have quietly been lobbying for a small maintenance grant on behalf of the Toongabbie Mechanics Institute Committee, as we currently do not receive any support other than what we raise ourselves. Our aim is circumvent major issues with a maintenance program. We have suffered some moderate problems in recent times, and with council assistance we have had them rectified. The expense of potential issues would greatly be reduced with minor upkeep, for example, replacing stair risers before they become unsafe, to simply keeping gutters clean. If we were to receive a small grant, a program would be initiated to prioritise the needs of our beautiful old Hall. We would certainly appreciate councils consideration.

Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

	Respondent No: 63	Responded At: May 14, 2026 11:41:10 am
	Login: Anonymous	Last Seen: May 14, 2026 11:41:10 am
	Email: n/a	IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Name** Brodie Stray

Q2. **Email** _____

Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents

Q4. **Your submission**

I would like for a public restroom to be built at the Pax Hill playground. There are always families playing there with small children. Also, a lot of families stay after kindergarten for a play. I have seen multiple time children weeping on nearby trees or families having to leave earlier than planned as a result of no facilities.

Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

**Respondent No:** 64**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 14, 2026 17:08:38 pm**Last Seen:** May 14, 2026 17:08:38 pm**IP Address:** n/a

- Q1. **Name** Simone Wallace
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- Q2. **Email** _____
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- Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents
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- Q4. **Your submission**
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PAX HILL TENNIS CLUB INC

P O BOX 1622
 TRARALGON. VIC. 3844
 Maskrey Reserve, Chenhall Crescent, Traralgon
 President - Ross Game: 0438 531 441
 Secretary - Simone Wallace: 0428 501 254
 Email: paxhilltennisclub@outlook.com
 Website: play.tennis.com.au/paxhilltennisclub



14/5/2026

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Simone Wallace
 Pax Hill Tennis
 Club -----

CLUB SPONSORS

Traralgon Physiotherapy



Respondent No: 65
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: May 14, 2026 18:45:11 pm
Last Seen: May 14, 2026 18:45:11 pm
IP Address: n/a

- Q1. **Name** Ross Wallace

- Q2. **Email** _____

- Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents

- Q4. **Your submission**

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- Q5. **Upload your submission** https://s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/ehq-production-australia/ed4409f83bbdf7ca0824ebc15a864168bdf94b18/original/1778742586/e45ccecebc4326717473d6adcaee8f8d_Letter%20to%20council%20May26%20SW.docx?1778742586



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 Pax Hill Tennis
 Club -----

CLUB SPONSORS

Traralgon Physiotherapy

**Respondent No:** 66**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 14, 2026 21:25:23 pm**Last Seen:** May 14, 2026 21:25:23 pm**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. **Name** Jimmy Ayres

Q2. **Email** _____

Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents

Q4. **Your submission**

I would like to express my strong support for the inclusion of the lighting upgrade project for the Traralgon West Sports Complex within Latrobe City Council's 2026/27 Draft Budget. This project represents an extremely important investment in community participation, grassroots sport, accessibility, and the long-term future of football within the Traralgon community and wider Latrobe Valley region. West End Junior Football Club has experienced significant participation growth in recent years and continues to place a very strong emphasis on inclusion and accessibility within our program. In particular, the club has made a substantial commitment toward increasing female participation in Australian Rules Football and creating genuine opportunities for girls within our community. In 2026, the club heavily supported Traralgon & District Junior Football League's successful launch of its Under 15 Girls football program, which has already proven to be an overwhelming success both in participation numbers and community engagement. The growth and enthusiasm surrounding girls football within our area has reinforced the need for improved sporting infrastructure that can adequately support the next generation of participants. Upgraded lighting at the Traralgon West Sports Complex would provide enormous benefit to the continued development of female football locally. The ability to safely and effectively utilise additional playing and training areas during evening periods would significantly improve scheduling flexibility, training capacity and match-day opportunities, particularly given the increasing prevalence of Friday night football for girls competitions. Importantly, this project also presents an opportunity for the Traralgon West precinct to continue developing as a key regional hub for female football participation. The existing facilities at Traralgon West Sports Complex are already of a very high standard, and its close proximity to both Stoddart Oval and Apex Park creates a unique opportunity for the area to support multiple games, training sessions and football programs simultaneously. With Apex Park already capable of hosting night matches, and Stoddart Oval also proposed to receive upgraded lighting under the current draft budget, the inclusion of this project would further strengthen the broader sporting network within the region and provide Latrobe City with increased capacity to support growing participation levels across all forms of football. The benefits of this project extend well beyond traditional junior football programs. West End Junior Football Club strongly believes that football should be accessible to everybody within the community, regardless of age, gender or ability. Improved lighting infrastructure would also provide greater flexibility and opportunities for our All Abilities football participants, who continue to play an important role within our club environment and wider community. Additional lighting capacity wouldn't just improve safety, but increase flexibility for training schedules, reduce pressure on existing facilities, and allow greater utilisation of a Council-owned community asset throughout the year. It would also assist volunteers, families and working parents by enabling more accessible evening participation opportunities during winter months where daylight hours are limited. Most importantly, this project is an investment in people and community connection. Sporting clubs play a vital role within regional communities by bringing people together, promoting physical and mental wellbeing, and creating safe and inclusive environments for young people to grow and develop. I would like to sincerely thank Latrobe City Council for recognising the importance of this project by including it within the 2026/27 Draft Budget. I strongly encourage Council to endorse the project within the final adopted budget so the long-term benefits of this important community investment can be realised for current and future generations.

Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

**Respondent No:** 67**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 15, 2026 09:37:30 am**Last Seen:** May 15, 2026 09:37:30 am**IP Address:** n/a

- Q1. **Name** Ex Students Cricket Club
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- Q2. **Email** _____
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- Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents
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- Q4. **Your submission**
Please find attached submission document in objection to the increase in fees
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- Q5. **Upload your submission** https://s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/ehq-production-australia/21c2facaa7d4a3d1d877dbca630ebfdcba54b891/original/1778801822/56af47a468f8995f600f40c0a3754a_Council%20Increase%20objection%20Letter.pdf?1778801822
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Ex Students Cricket Club
c/o 20 George Street, Traralgon VIC 3844

President: Robert Voss
Treasurer: Katie Ferguson
Email: _____



To: Latrobe City Council
Subject: Draft Budget 2026-2027 – Proposed Sporting Reserve Fee Increases
Date: 15th May 2026
From: Ex Students Cricket Club
Contacts: Robert Voss – President & Katie Ferguson – Treasurer

On behalf of Ex Students Cricket Club we are providing formal feedback regarding the Draft Budget 2026-2027. As a volunteer-led organization, we are deeply concerned by the proposed trajectory for sporting reserve hire fees. Specifically, the proposed 30.1% increase for Premier ground hire in the coming year, followed by a further forecast increase, will fundamentally threaten the viability of community sports in our region.

While the budget document focuses on the immediate 30.1% increase, the full two-year strategy reveals a staggering financial burden being shifted onto community groups. Based on the Council's projections for Premier Senior seasonal allocations:

- **Current Fee (2025/26):** \$3,612.00
- **Proposed Year 1 (2026/27):** \$4,698.00 (30.1% increase)
- **Forecast Year 2 (2027/28):** \$5,784.00 (Further 23% increase)

This represents a **cumulative increase of 60% over just 24 months**. We find it impossible to reconcile a 60% fee hike for local families with a state-mandated municipal rate cap of only **2.75%**.

For the past five years, the Council has maintained a fair and predictable fee structure that aligned with the Victorian State Rate Cap and provided necessary relief during difficult periods (such as the COVID-19 pandemic and recent cost-of-living freezes).

Budget Year	Facility Fee	Annual Increase	Context
2021/2022	\$3,322	1.5%	COVID-19 relief period
2022/2023	\$3,380	1.75%	In line with State Rate Cap
2023/2024	\$3,498	3.5%	Post-inflation adjustment
2024/2025	\$3,612	3.25%	Standard adjustment





Budget Year	Facility Fee	Annual Increase	Context
2025/2026	\$3,612	0%	Cost-of-living freeze
2026/2027	\$4,698	30% (Proposed)	
2027/2028	\$5,784	23% (Proposed)	

As demonstrated above, the proposed 60% cumulative hike is not a "standard adjustment." It is a complete abandonment of the stable fiscal relationship the Council has shared with its community sporting groups for half a decade. To move from a 0% freeze to a 30% hike in a single year—while maintenance reliability remains a constant struggle—is an unjustifiable shock to our financial model.

Our concern regarding these costs is compounded by the inconsistent level of service currently provided. Throughout the past year, our volunteers have been in constant contact with Council staff to ensure basic maintenance, such as mowing and general ground upkeep, is completed.

If the Council is moving toward a "cost-recovery" model, there must be a reciprocal **Service Level Agreement (SLA)**.

- How can Council guarantee that a 60% increase in fees will result in a 60% improvement in maintenance responsiveness?
- Currently, our volunteers spend significant time chasing Council for basic services that should be standard.
- We request a formal guarantee: if fees are to reach **\$5,784**, what specific, guaranteed maintenance schedule is the Council committing to? Without a guaranteed standard of care, this increase is simply a higher price for an unreliable service.

Our group relies on fees paid by participants to remain operational. We cannot absorb an increase of this magnitude. To cover a \$5,784 seasonal fee, we would be forced to significantly raise registration costs. At a time when families are facing immense cost-of-living pressures, this 60% increase will:

- Force families to choose between sports and other essentials.
- Inevitably lead to a drop in participation numbers.
- Increase the burden on volunteers who must now spend more time on fundraising just to pay the "rent" for unreliably maintained grounds.



We urge the Council to:

- **Abandon the two-year 60% increase strategy** and cap adjustments at the 2.75% Rate Cap.
- **Implement a Service Level Guarantee** that clearly outlines mowing schedules and maintenance response times before any fee increase is considered.
- **Provide a detailed breakdown** of the maintenance costs for Premier grounds to justify the move toward \$5,784.
- **Commit to a social impact study** to determine how many participants will be priced out of local sport by these changes.

We take pride in our role in keeping the Gippsland community active. However, we cannot accept a 60% hike—particularly when our experience suggests that maintenance is already a point of constant struggle. We are happy to support this submission at the designated Council meeting.

Sincerely,

Robert Voss
President

Katie Ferguson
Treasurer

**Respondent No:** 68**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 16, 2026 08:36:27 am**Last Seen:** May 16, 2026 08:36:27 am**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. **Name** _____

Q2. **Email** _____

Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents

Q4. **Your submission**

As both a local mum and teacher, I strongly support the proposed lighting upgrades at Traralgon West Sports Complex in Latrobe City Council's 2026/27 Draft Budget. I see every day how important community sport is for young children. It builds confidence, connection, resilience and belonging, and gives kids a safe and positive place to grow. As a parent of a junior footballer, and a six-year-old girl who has just joined Mini Bombers with hopes of playing girls football in the future, I know how important it is that our local facilities keep up with the huge growth in junior and female participation. Improved lighting would create safer and more flexible opportunities for young kids to train and play during the winter months, while also supporting the continued growth of girls football in our region. This is an investment in local children, families and community, and I strongly encourage Council to support the project in the final budget.

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**Respondent No:** 69**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 16, 2026 10:56:01 am**Last Seen:** May 16, 2026 10:56:01 am**IP Address:** n/aQ1. **Name**

Q2. **Email**

Q3. **Confidentiality**

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Q4. **Your submission**

I think that the proposed lighting project at Traralgon West Sporting Complex is a fantastic idea! As a nearby resident and an avid supporter of local junior sports, I think that this initiative will only aid the ever-growing needs of junior sports - especially football and cricket. Well done Latrobe City Council, this a massive boost for inclusion that will boost participation numbers and get more kids active.

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**Respondent No:** 70**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 16, 2026 11:21:27 am**Last Seen:** May 16, 2026 11:21:27 am**IP Address:** n/a


Q1. Name	Brianna Callaghan
Q2. Email	_____
Q3. Confidentiality	You may include my name in public documents
Q4. Your submission	We need a public toilet built at Maskrey Reserve (playground at Pax Hill) Pax Hill Tennis club need upgraded toilets
Q5. Upload your submission	not answered

**Respondent No:** 71**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 16, 2026 11:21:54 am**Last Seen:** May 16, 2026 11:21:54 am**IP Address:** n/a

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- Q2. **Email** _____
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- Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents
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- Q4. **Your submission**
We need a public toilet built at maskrey reserve, as well as the tennis toiletsbeing updated as it would greatly benefit his growing community.
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- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered
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**Respondent No:** 72**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 16, 2026 11:21:59 am**Last Seen:** May 16, 2026 11:21:59 am**IP Address:** n/a

- Q1. **Name** Ruby
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- Q2. **Email** _____
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- Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents
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- Q4. **Your submission**
- Need a public toilet built at maskrey reserve traralgon. The park and small shops are a great location for the community but are handicapped by the lack of toilet access. The tennis club toilets are also outdated and due for an upgrape for the tennis club.
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- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered
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	Respondent No: 73	Responded At: May 17, 2026 19:10:58 pm
	Login: Anonymous	Last Seen: May 17, 2026 19:10:58 pm
	Email: n/a	IP Address: n/a

- Q1. **Name** _____


- Q2. **Email** _____

- Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents

- Q4. **Your submission**

We need updated toilet at pax hill tennis club and if possible a public toilet at the park. We also need night lights on pax hill club courts. Thanks for your consideration.

- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

	Respondent No: 74	Responded At: May 19, 2026 11:02:10 am
	Login: Anonymous	Last Seen: May 19, 2026 11:02:10 am
	Email: n/a	IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Name** Chris Cosntantine

Q2. **Email** _____

Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents

Q4. Your submission

Budget Submission – 2026/27 Request for Funding – Engineering Design of IN 02 (Thompsons Road / Old Sale Road Intersection) Submitted by: Christopher Constantine Director _____

1. Executive Summary This submission seeks the inclusion of funding within the 2026/27 Latrobe City Council Budget for the engineering design of Intersection IN 02 (Thompsons Road / Old Sale Road). Based on current development approvals and construction activity within the Lake Narracan growth area, it is our professional assessment that:

- The current pipeline of approved and constructed lots will be substantially exhausted by mid 2027; and
- Without the progression of key Development Contributions Plan (DCP) infrastructure, including IN 02, further stages of development within the PSP area will be placed on hold. Critically, the engineering design for IN 02 has not yet commenced, creating a significant gap between infrastructure planning and development demand. This submission therefore requests that Council allocate funding in the 2026/27 financial year to undertake the detailed engineering design of IN 02, as a priority enabling project.

_____ 2. Strategic Context 2.1 Growth Area Dynamics The Thompsons Road / Old Sale Road intersection services a precinct experiencing:

- Active subdivision delivery (approved and under construction);
- Strong developer demand for remaining land;
- Ongoing population growth within the Latrobe Valley. This intersection forms part of the critical transport network required to unlock subsequent stages of the PSP area.

_____ 2.2 Imminent Infrastructure Constraint Based on current development projections:

- The existing stock of subdivided lots will be largely delivered within the next 12–18 months;
- Future development stages are dependent on delivery and/or confirmation of DCP infrastructure items, including IN 02. In the absence of engineering design:
- Development beyond current stages will lack certainty and may be deferred;
- Landowners and developers cannot confidently progress planning or investment decisions;
- The PSP area risks a material slowdown or pause in growth by mid 2027.

_____ 3. IN 02 Intersection – Current Status

3.1 Design Status

- No engineering design has commenced for IN 02 (Thompsons Road / Old Sale Road);
- The intersection remains at a concept/DCP identification level only;
- There is currently no confirmed intersection geometry, land take, or staging framework.

_____ 3.2 Planning and Development Implications The absence of design for IN 02 results in:

- Uncertainty regarding land acquisition requirements;
- Inability to finalise subdivision layouts for affected and adjoining land parcels;
- Delays in coordinated infrastructure sequencing across the precinct. This mirrors concerns raised by impacted landowners, who cannot plan with certainty while core infrastructure requirements remain unresolved.

_____ 4. Relationship to IN 03 (Hayes Road Intersection) It is noted that:

- Intersection IN 03 (Hayes Road) is a separate DCP item;
- The Hayes Road design has been under review by the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) since 2023;
- Importantly, IN 03 represents a significantly more advanced project when compared with IN 02. This comparison highlights that:
- While IN 03 is progressing (albeit slowly),
- IN 02 has not yet entered the design phase at all, despite being equally critical to development sequencing.

_____ 5. Justification for Funding in 2026/27

5.1 Critical Need for Design Initiation Funding the engineering design of IN 02 in 2026/27 will:

- Establish confirmed intersection layout and staging requirements;
- Identify land acquisition impacts;
- Provide certainty to landowners, developers, and Council. Without this work, the project cannot progress to:
- Detailed planning approvals;
- Cost estimation and delivery programming;
- Future capital works funding.

_____ 5.2 Alignment with Development Timing There is a clear misalignment between:

- Advanced development activity currently underway, and
- Lack of progress on enabling intersection design. As outlined in supporting submissions, infrastructure such as this intersection is likely to be required sooner than current budget projections suggest.

_____ 5.3 Efficient Use of

Council Resources The estimated cost to undertake engineering design is: • In the order of \$200,000 (based on comparable DCP intersection design costs). This represents: • A modest, upfront investment; • A high leverage enabler of multi stage development; • A necessary precursor to future DCP delivery.

6. Consequences of Deferral If funding is not provided in the 2026/27 budget: • Development within the PSP area is likely to plateau by mid 2027; • Landowners will continue to face significant uncertainty regarding land use and acquisition; • Developers may defer or abandon future stage delivery; • Council risks: o Delayed DCP revenue realisation; o Reduced housing supply delivery; o Inefficient infrastructure sequencing.

7. Requested Outcome It is respectfully requested that Latrobe City Council: 1. Allocate funding in the 2026/27 Budget for the engineering design of IN 02 (Thompsons Road / Old Sale Road); 2. Prioritise the commencement of detailed design for this intersection; 3. Continue to progress IN 03 (Hayes Road) in parallel to ensure overall network functionality; and 4. Work collaboratively with stakeholders to: o Confirm land acquisition requirements; o Enable timely development progression.


8. Closing Statement IN 02 (Thompsons Road / Old Sale Road) is a critical enabling piece of infrastructure for the continued growth of this PSP area. With current lot supply approaching exhaustion within the next development cycle, the absence of design on IN 02 presents a real and immediate risk of halting further development by mid 2027. Bringing forward funding for engineering design in the 2026/27 financial year is therefore essential to maintain development momentum, provide certainty, and ensure coordinated infrastructure delivery.

Q5. **Upload your submission**

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**Respondent No:** 75**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 19, 2026 11:58:22 am**Last Seen:** May 19, 2026 11:58:22 am**IP Address:** n/a

- Q1. **Name** Mark Smith
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- Q2. **Email** _____
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- Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents
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- Q4. **Your submission**
- I am writing to encourage Latrobe City Council to increase its proposed allocation in the budget towards community grants, which I believe is remaining the same this coming financial year to last. The Community Grants program provides for the community groups that make up so much of the value of our City, to improve themselves and show energy that they are developing, with some energy on their part to write a submission and work with council officers. The Return on Investment for Community Grants would be difficult to measure directly, but I would suggest would be one of the more valuable expense lines in the Council Budget, and the return greatly enhances our community.
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- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered
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	Respondent No: 76	Responded At: May 19, 2026 11:59:31 am
	Login: Anonymous	Last Seen: May 19, 2026 11:59:31 am
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Q1. Name Nick Anderson

Q2. Email _____

Q3. Confidentiality You may include my name in public documents

Q4. Your submission

I wish to thank Council for the opportunity to make a suggestion for the 26/27 budget. I represent Manny Gelagotis and his family in terms of their family property that is set to be impacted by the major intersection, known as DCP Item IN-02 within the Narracan Lakes PSP area. This DCP item is currently not scheduled to be formally designed until the 27/28 Financial Year based on recent meetings with Council Officer's. Our position is that the intersection is going to be required much sooner than Council anticipates and that the circa \$200k required to formally engineer and design the major intersection should be advanced to this current 26/27 FY budget in order to ensure it is ready sooner than later based on the level of development occurring within the Narracan Lakes precinct at this point. This process will also provide my client with the certainty the family requires to determine exactly what impact the intersection will have on their property and to properly plan their exit strategy once they know exactly what proportion of their land will be lost to the process. I respectfully request that Council bring forward this budget allocation and commence the design process ASAP based on our ongoing meetings with Council Officers and the local engineers and developers that are driving this precinct forward at a faster rate than predicted. The current road access and intersection arrangements will start to become dangerous if this major intersection is delayed, and the status of our client's land remains in-limbo until such a time as the formal intersection design is known. To summarise: • Our client requests that the engineering and design for DCP item IN-02 be included in the 26/27 budget • In order to properly plan for the future of our clients land we need to know exactly how much, if any, of his current family property will remain after the acquisition process and we cannot do that without the engineering and design of that intersection • Our engineers, backed up by discussions with Council, estimate that it will cost approximately \$200k to complete this critical work and provide both Council and the impacted land owner with the certainly required to acquire and develop the subject land for the purpose of the intersection • Based on the volume of development within the immediate vicinity of the subject site/intersection it is our professional view that this crucial piece of infrastructure will be required much sooner than later and as such funding is requested to design it in the 26/27 financial year. Kind Regards, Nick Anderson
Managing Director NBA Group

Q5. Upload your submission not answered

**Respondent No:** 77**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 19, 2026 13:29:40 pm**Last Seen:** May 19, 2026 13:29:40 pm**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. **Name** Manny Gelagotis


Q2. **Email** _____

Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents

Q4. **Your submission**

I am the property owner at 1 Thompsons Rd Newborough where the land is proposed for a new roundabout and road/intersection alterations for the benefit of the future traffic flow in this critical growth corridor of Latrobe City and Moe/Newborough of course. We have had a strong business that has been severely impacted, and we cannot plan for future development with any certainty or clarity until we know and understand how much land is required for the proposed road restructure and new intersection. The entire Lake Narracan precinct appears to be developing fast and we are approached almost weekly by developers looking to purchase our land being obviously right on the corner however we have no intention to sell or develop it as we have no idea what is required by Council for this intersection, so we cannot in good faith plan anything at this point in time which has caused frustration. We hereby request and would appreciate in the best interests of everyone current and future that Council brings forward the funding required to design the intersection so that we can finally see what is required and what we will be left with once the land is acquired to move forward in a professional balanced way. It is 2 years forward of a consultation meeting that this plan could occur and the community and investors cannot wait until the 2027/28 Financial Year as it's our understanding that, based on the level of development and activity down in the Lake Narracan area already, it is going to be required much sooner than Council is planning along with the development growth occurring and traffic flow hindrances facing the commuters, so it makes strong sense that Latrobe City Council at least has an opportunity to assist many people to give clarity and support at the start of this precinct to create safe roads and infer structure to cater for large and small vehicles for our community. In personally speaking with the CEO, Mayor, Engineers and Planning Managers at Council and a range of local developers it's my understanding that the engineering and design component for this intersection will be in the order of \$200k and I hereby request that it be added to this 26/27 budget which makes sense to meet the demands of this great area that will flourish for Latrobe City and create outcomes for future growth and planning.

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	Respondent No: 78	Responded At: May 19, 2026 14:52:33 pm
	Login: Anonymous	Last Seen: May 19, 2026 14:52:33 pm
	Email: n/a	IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Name** Ben Swanson

Q2. **Email** _____

Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents

Q4. **Your submission**

Here's a smoother and more polished version while keeping your message and tone intact: I would like to submit this on behalf of the West End Junior Football Club. The proposal for new AFL-quality lighting at the oval would be an amazing outcome for the club and the wider community. It would provide the opportunity to host night games and extend training sessions, creating greater flexibility for players, coaches, and families. With hopes of introducing a female junior side in the future, these upgraded facilities would go a long way towards supporting growth and helping secure the long-term future of the club.

Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

**Respondent No:** 79**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 19, 2026 18:40:20 pm**Last Seen:** May 19, 2026 18:40:20 pm**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. **Name** Teresa Pugliese

Q2. **Email** _____

Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents

Q4. **Your submission**

Regarding Capital Works Program for Traffic Safety and Accessibility-\$200,000 I don't think that this amount will be enough for the many safety and accessibility projects that are required in the municipality. I've written to Daniel Kalabora about a number of safety concerns in my street/neighbourhood which would require traffic calming measures such as speed bumps to be installed in the street, he has indicated that a budget bid would be required for this project. I can't imagine that the amount allocated would be enough for what's required in my street and other projects that may be on the project priority list. Has the budget allowed for the installation of additional street lights in Byron Street Traralgon? This was discussed with Ben Conway a while ago. Does the budget allow for the installation of pedestrian crossings on Grey Street Traralgon? Trying to cross this street at peak hour is a nightmare especially if crossing with children or pets, will Council do anything to ensure that pedestrians can cross safely at more than two locations two staffed crossings near Grey Street and Stockdale Road Primary schools?

Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

**Respondent No:** 80**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 19, 2026 20:27:30 pm**Last Seen:** May 19, 2026 20:27:30 pm**IP Address:** n/a

- Q1. **Name** Belinda Bull
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- Q2. **Email** _____
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- Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents
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- Q4. **Your submission**
- I strongly support the proposed field lighting upgrade at the Traralgon West Sports Complex. Upgraded lighting will directly support the growth of junior football and female participation, particularly with the expansion of the Traralgon & District Junior Football League (TDJFL) to include girls competitions. Improved lighting will increase training capacity, provide safer evening use, ensure equitable access for all teams, and enable us to host night games. This investment will strengthen grassroots football and ensure the facility can meet the growing needs of our community.
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- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered
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**Respondent No:** 81**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 20, 2026 12:44:59 pm**Last Seen:** May 20, 2026 12:44:59 pm**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. **Name** Martin & Shirley

Q2. **Email** _____

Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents

Q4. **Your submission**

As proud grandparents of multiple children playing junior football within the Traralgon and District Junior Football League, it has been wonderful to see the proposed allocation of budget funding toward lighting upgrades at Stoddart Oval and the Traralgon West Sports Complex. Junior sport and outdoor recreation does seem to be declining in recent years, particularly with so many young people now drawn toward screens and technology. Because of this, we believe it is more important than ever to continue investing in local sporting facilities and creating opportunities for children to stay active, social and connected within their community. Watching our granddaughter play football in an all-girls team on Friday nights has been one of the real pleasures of this season for us. The growth of girls football locally has been fantastic to see, and additional lighting at more venues would only create greater opportunities for girls like her to participate, train and enjoy the game. These facilities provide places where young people can make friendships, build confidence and spend time outdoors. They also bring families and communities together, something that is becoming increasingly important. We wish to commend Latrobe City Council for recognising the importance of projects like these within the draft budget, and strongly urge Council to support and endorse these upgrades within the final adopted budget.

Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

**Respondent No:** 82**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 20, 2026 15:13:02 pm**Last Seen:** May 20, 2026 15:13:02 pm**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. **Name** _____

Q2. **Email** _____

Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents
 You may include my name in public documents


Q4. **Your submission**

Please look at bringing the end of Freemans Road Traralgon up to LCC standards. Reason _ Emergency services unable to turn around (most recent occurrence 2 May 2026- 3 Fire trucks arrived for a fire and were unable to turn around without guidance) Minimum Requirements for Residential Court Bowl regardless of Traffic Volume is 10.0m radius Minimum Verge Width 3.5m There is no separate cycle provision in this area, so above is sufficient, allowing's for services, no Footpath required. Reference : Clause 12 Design of Roads 12.3.2 Urban Roads (Replace Table 2 Urban Road / Street Characteristics) https://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/Latrobe_City_Council_Supplement_to_the_IDM.pdf Page 6/7

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**Respondent No:** 83**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 21, 2026 08:20:24 am**Last Seen:** May 21, 2026 08:20:24 am**IP Address:** n/a

- Q1. **Name** Peter Kelly
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- Q2. **Email** _____
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- Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents
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- Q4. **Your submission**
- I ask Latrobe City council to fund the building of suitable public toilets at the Maskrey Reserve playground at Pax Hill. As locals, we use the park every week and it is very frustrating when we have to cut our play short to leave and use toilets at home or have my child pee on a tree.
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- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered
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	Respondent No: 84	Responded At: May 23, 2026 12:02:15 pm
	Login: Anonymous	Last Seen: May 23, 2026 12:02:15 pm
	Email: n/a	IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Name** John hardman


Q2. **Email** _____

Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents

Q4. Your submission

Community Statement — Request for Public Toilet Facilities at Maskrey Reserve My family and I are writing to express our strong support for the installation of public toilet facilities at Maskrey Reserve. With incredible local businesses such as Meraki, Paxi Pizza and Danbos Coffee investing in and around this area, our family — like many others in the community — are spending significantly more time at the reserve. These businesses are a wonderful asset to our local area and we want to support them, but practically speaking, spending extended periods of time at the park with two young children without access to toilet facilities presents a very real challenge. The absence of public toilets limits how long families can comfortably stay, which directly impacts the amount of time and money we are able to spend supporting these local businesses. Installing toilet facilities would not only improve the experience for families visiting the reserve, but would actively contribute to boosting the local economy by encouraging longer visits and greater foot traffic to the surrounding businesses. Beyond day to day family use, the addition of public toilets would make Maskrey Reserve a far more practical and attractive venue for community gatherings, children's birthday parties and local events — activities that bring people together and strengthen our community. We respectfully urge council to consider this investment in our local area. It is a simple but meaningful improvement that would benefit families, local businesses and the broader community for years to come. John Hardman & Family

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	Respondent No: 85	Responded At: May 23, 2026 12:46:41 pm
	Login: Anonymous	Last Seen: May 23, 2026 12:46:41 pm
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- Q1. **Name** _____


- Q2. **Email** _____

- Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents

- Q4. **Your submission**

Please add a public toilet to our beautiful pax hill park (maskrey reserve) I'm a business owner across the road we are so exhausted of being asked by a lot of parents to use our toilet for the child which we are not allowed due to health risks & it's not fair to so many lovely families we have met over the years. Thank you

- Q5. **Upload your submission** not answered

	Respondent No: 86	Responded At: May 24, 2026 18:32:02 pm
	Login: Anonymous	Last Seen: May 24, 2026 18:32:02 pm
	Email: n/a	IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Name** _____


Q2. **Email** _____

Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents
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Q4. **Your submission**

I would like to request that the Pax Hill Tennis Club toilet facility get a long overdue upgrade. There is a single cubicle and nowhere for the kids to change. It is very dark and dingey It would also be a good idea to build a public toilet at the new playground at Maskrey Reserve

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	Respondent No: 87	Responded At: May 24, 2026 21:45:06 pm
	Login: Anonymous	Last Seen: May 24, 2026 21:45:06 pm
	Email: n/a	IP Address: n/a

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Q3. **Confidentiality** Please withhold my name from public documents
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**Respondent No:** 88**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 24, 2026 21:45:06 pm**Last Seen:** May 24, 2026 21:45:06 pm**IP Address:** n/a

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**Respondent No:** 90**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 25, 2026 13:16:59 pm**Last Seen:** May 25, 2026 13:16:59 pm**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. **Name** Vicki Hamilton

Q2. **Email** _____

Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents

Q4. **Your submission**

Asbestos and the Latrobe Valley - A tribute to the workers who gave their all for the power industry. We used to climb over that [asbestos lagging], it was just like fluff and it used to blow up into the air and we used to throw it at each other and play in it and have a good old time. That was just normal. Former power station employee Thousands of people have died of asbestos-related illnesses in the Latrobe Valley since the power industry began. Although the adverse health effects of asbestos were noted as early as 1899 and the lethality of asbestos recognized by governments in Britain and the United States, the dangers of asbestos only became widely known in Australia in the 1970s. In the 1940s and 1950s, the SEC was informed of the dangers of exposure to asbestos dust in its power stations, but the information was widely disregarded by the authorities. A former SEC employee at Yallourn power station noted that in the 1960s 'you could walk into "A" station and you couldn't see the other end of the boilers.' Victoria banned the use of asbestos in 2003, but the use of asbestos in the power stations of the Latrobe Valley has contributed to the development of asbestos-related disease in thousands of people. There were 140,000 workers who worked in the power stations from the 1920s to the 1980s - this does not factor in contractors. Asbestos-related illnesses have affected not only workers' but their families and the whole community.

ACV/GARDS Memorial Sculpture This sculpture is designed as a memorial to the people who lost their lives to asbestos-related diseases contracted at power stations in the Latrobe Valley. The sculpture depicts a power worker with his young daughter to recognize that asbestos-related diseases did not, and do not, just impact workers but their whole families too. The sculpture uses a contemporary art approach to revitalize narratives of the power stations in a way that is both respectful and historically accurate. Design work has been driven by historical research into clothing and objects from the 1960s era, with styles carefully chosen by ACV/ GARDS to reflect the 1920s-80s to ensure the sculpture is relatable to all impacted families. The man and child have a familiar, unimposing stance. They will be produced at 1:1.15 scale to evoke a sense of connection to and empathy with the lived and personal experiences of those impacted by asbestos-related diseases. ACV/GARDS have wanted to commemorate the thousands of people who died across the Latrobe Valley through a memorial for over 25 years. Proposed and confirmed at the November 2025 council meeting to be located in the Moe Botanical Gardens, this sculpture will provide a dedicated and accessible place for community reflection and remembrance at long last. We have attached the prospectus that gives you design of the statue that we will incorporate with the mural along with those who are involved in the creation of the statue itself and pricing - ACV/GARDS have tried to source local people where we can to make this project come to fruition we sort people from all around Gippsland - our mural will be created by an artist from Pakenham who works in this medium his name is Stacey Lourens - foundry is located in Melbourne and the artist is named in the prospectus Lis Johnson well known artist - you can see her in the prospectus. We have opened a separate bank account for the donations, and we have a dedicated grant writer to apply for all grants that we qualify for. ACV/GARDS have already started to receive donations from families and a well-known construction and demolition company in Latrobe Valley who are Internationally known have offered their in-kind donation to the footings of the sculpture. We hope you will look favorably on our submission to remember those lives lost here in Latrobe Valley and to remember the ultimate sacrifice that the workers and their families gave for this area

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10 February 2026

Yallourn Power Station Workers, 1958-1968
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**Asbestos Council
of Victoria**

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Memorial sculpture



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Artist's impression of sculpture
Tang Yeok Kang for SHP

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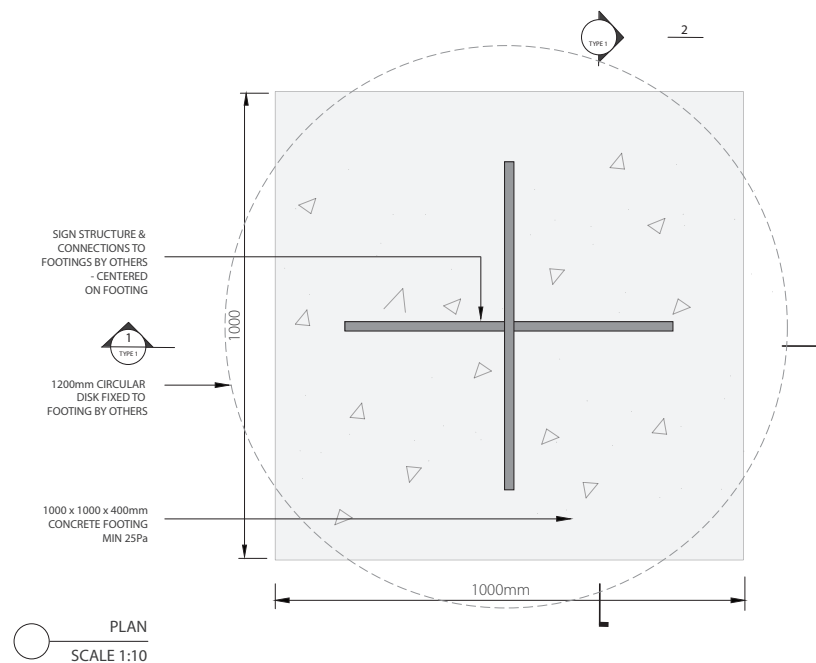
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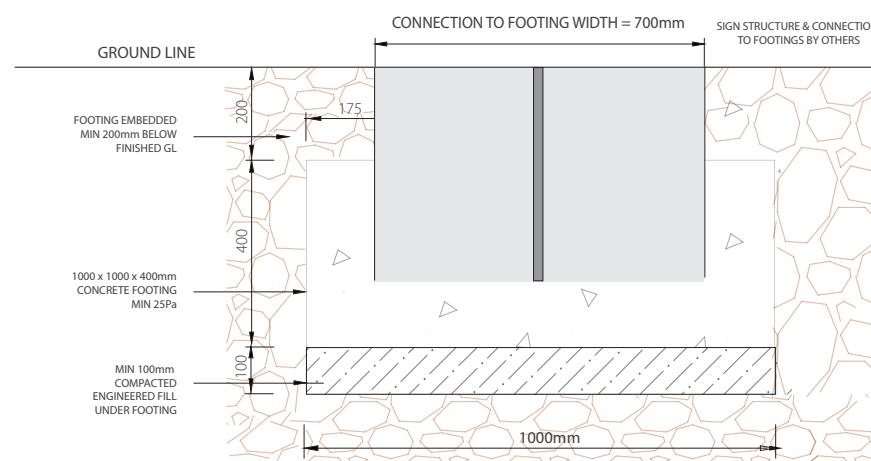
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The sculpture will be installed in the Moe Botanical Gardens. Construction details are as follows:

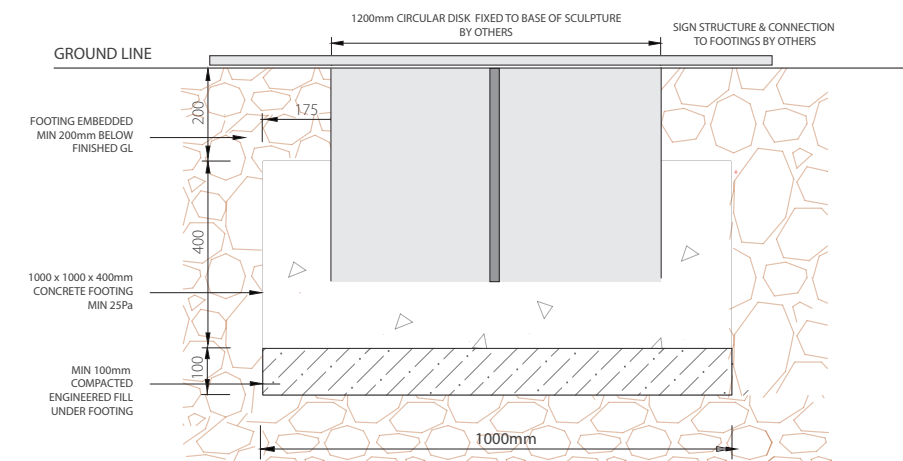
- Silicon mould
- Sculpted by Lis Johnson
- Bronze cast
- Fine metal finishing and patina
- Concrete footings



PLAN
SCALE 1:10



SECTION 1
SCALE 1:10



SECTION 2
SCALE 1:10



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Project management

The project will be managed by SHP, which has extensive experience in design, build and installation of artworks, heritage interpretation installations, signage and exhibitions. SHP's clients include Placemaking NSW, Energy Brix, Parks Victoria, Baracon, Mecca, Barwon Water, Lendlease, Stockland and Frasers Property Group.

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About the sculptor

Lis Johnson has practised sculpture professionally since 1990. Formally trained in art history, theory, research and practice in the 1980s, she has exhibited in many group, solo and selective exhibitions. She has also created three-dimensional artwork for architects, designers, other artists, museums and zoos, and the display, theatre and film industries. This has enabled her to become proficient in a wide range of traditional and contemporary materials and techniques and learn to work efficiently to set budgets and deadlines.

For the past decade, Lis has focused on figurative [bronze portrait sculpture](#) ('statues'), and is pleased to be part of the movement to create more [statues of women](#). Her preferred scale is 110-120% life-sized. She enjoys teaching sculpture, and lecturing, giving talks and running workshops in the Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Education sectors. She has Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Fine Arts, Visual Arts and Teaching.

Lis has been awarded numerous significant [Public Art Commissions](#), firstly the Illawarra Coalmining Memorial (Wollongong, 1994), then the Vietnam War Memorial in Victoria. Other major works include: five monumental 150% [life-sized bronze statues](#) of athletes in action for the Avenue of Legends at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, Rod Laver's sculpture at his Arena at Melbourne Park, George D Treloar with refugee child, in Sturt St Gardens Ballarat. Her work can also be seen in Canberra's Parliamentary Triangle: Prime Ministers [Sir John Gorton and McEwen](#), [Dames Enid Lyons and Dorothy Tangney](#), and ['Senator Ryan Addresses the Rally'](#) (Susan Ryan).



Lis Johnson

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GARDS Budget

Item	Detail	Fee
Sculpture	Sculpture of father, daughter and bag. Anatomically correct, fully-clothed figures, with realistic (generic) portrait faces and expressions. 110% scale.	\$84,000.00
Casting	Silicon mould, cast in bronze with fine metal finish and patina	\$104,280.00
Installation	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freight to site from Melbourne Labour (3 installers x 5 days) Crane truck delivery Excavation Formwork Crushed rock, compacting Concreting and fixings Footing template Travel expenses 	\$40,000.00
	TOTAL	\$228,280.00
	GST	\$22,828.00
	TOTAL INCLUDING GST	\$251,108.00

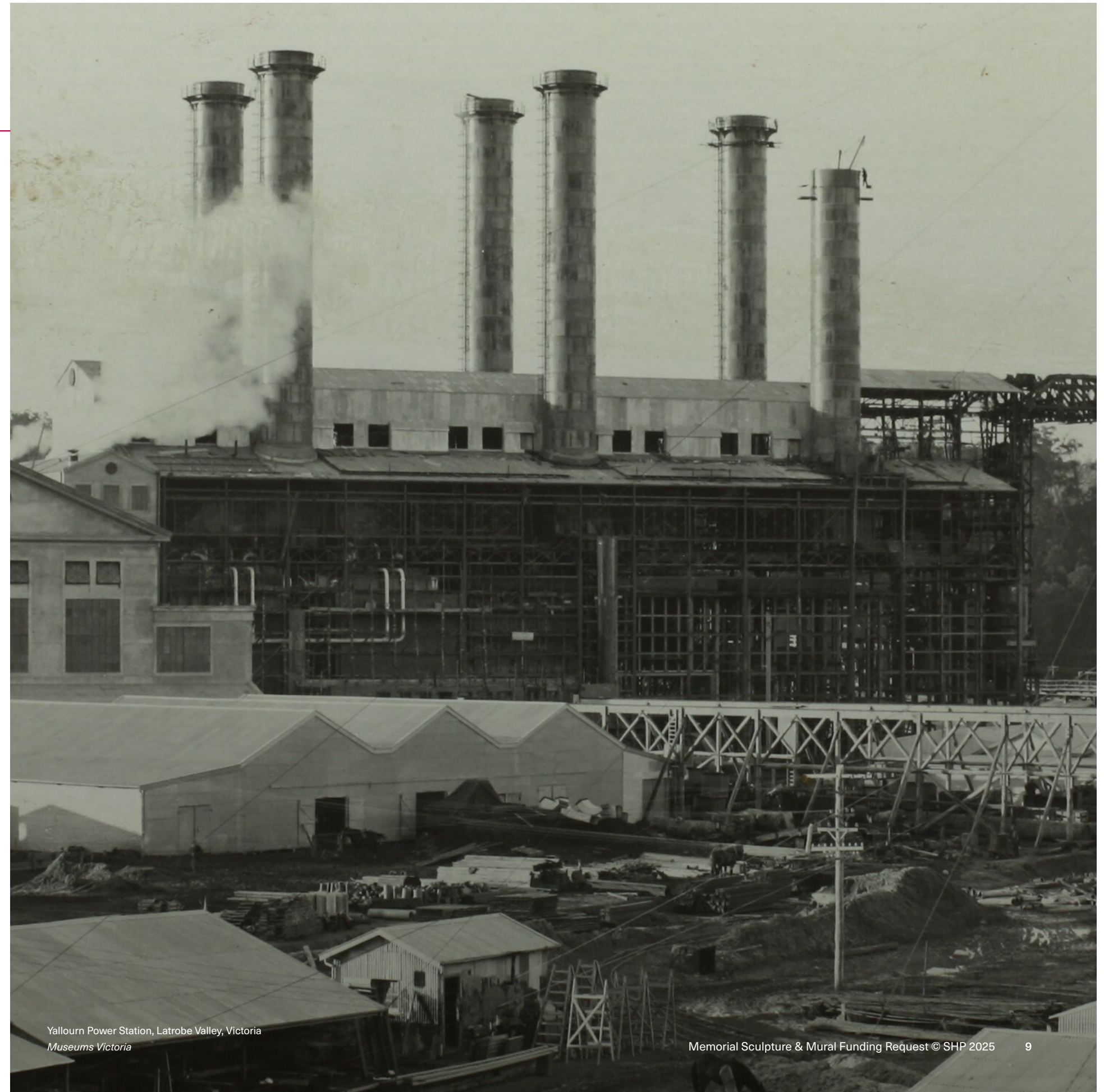


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Requested funds

The requested funds for the sculpture are \$228,280 (excluding GST).



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Mural



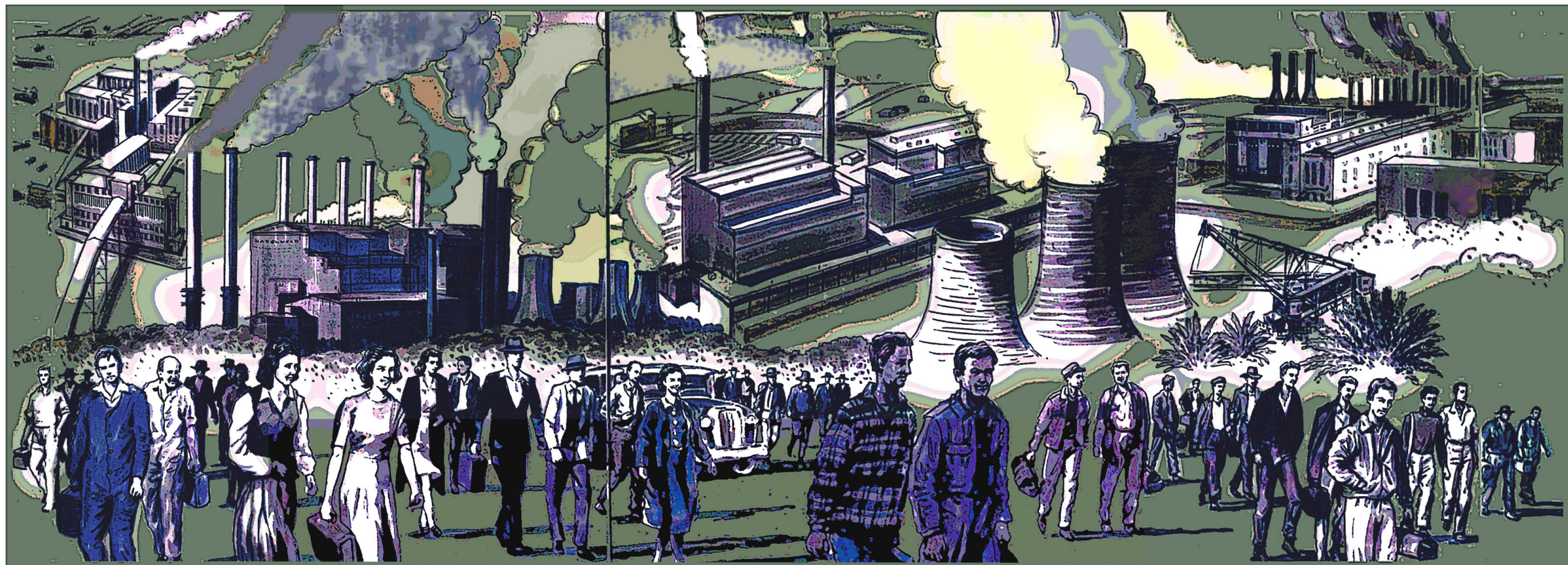
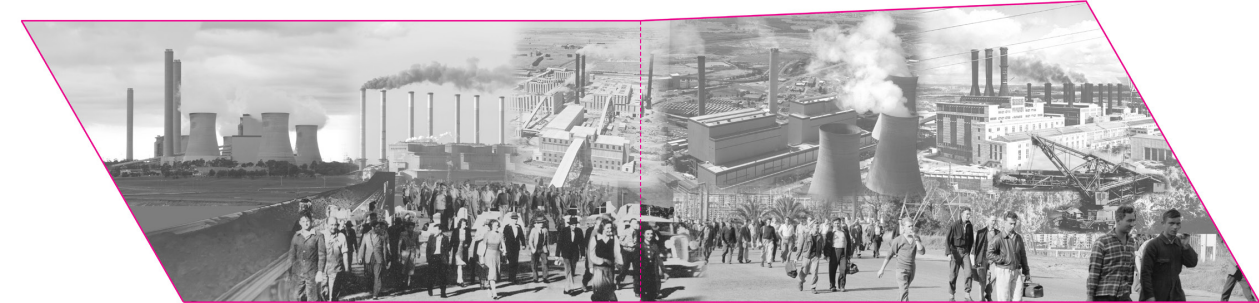
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ACV/GARDS Mural

This mural is designed to complement the memorial sculpture and will be accompanied by an interpretive panel. The mural depicts workers leaving their workplaces, against a background of the five current and former power stations in the Latrobe Valley: Loy Yang A and Loy Yang B, Morwell, Yallourn and Hazelwood. The stories of these workers remain largely untold, but many became ill or died as a result of asbestos-related diseases.

Reference design



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ACV/GARDS Mural Mockup



ACV/GARDS

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GARDS Budget

Detail	Fee
Preparation of mural, including illustration of images for projection onto the surfaces	\$6,500
Painting of mural, including all equipment (scaffolding, paint etc)	\$36,350
Installation	\$5,000
TOTAL	\$47,850
GST	\$4,785
TOTAL INCLUDING GST	\$52,635.00



Memorial sculpture and mural mockup



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**Respondent No:** 91**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 25, 2026 13:19:31 pm**Last Seen:** May 25, 2026 13:19:31 pm**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. **Name** Mathew Howlett

Q2. **Email** _____

Q3. **Confidentiality** You may include my name in public documents

Q4. **Your submission**

I am making a submission on behalf of the Moe Football Netball Club specifically related to the proposed Sporting Reserve and Pavilion Seasonal Licence (the Licence) Fee's included in the Draft 2026/27 Council Budget. The Moe Football Netball Club are one of several user groups who occupy Ted Summerton Reserve in Moe and as a local sporting club which is run on a not for profit basis that provides important community recreation and engagement opportunities, the club and other user groups are affected by not only the current fee structure, but also the proposed increase in costs in relation to this proposal. The attached information has been provided to provide context about the fees generated in a 12 month period by the primary user groups at Ted Summerton Reserve, to record the proposed increase in fees for each user group and to highlight the overall income to LCC generated by fees received by the user groups in each 12 month period. The Moe Football Netball Club is opposed to the increase in proposed fees for the following reasons: - The out of season fees are not proportionate to the access and use of the facility by user groups in any 6 month period. During the summer months (October to March) the Moe Football Netball Club have limited access and use of the facility while it is utilised by the Moe Cricket Club for their in-season activities. The converse is true for the Moe Cricket Club during the Autumn / Winter period. Imposing in-season and out of season fees to all users is disproportionate to the usage of the facility, is essentially double-dipping and there is no cost to council justification provided for the imposition of these fees. - Council are proposing a total 43% increase in fees over the time period via the two incremental increases, 24% increase in 2026/2026 and a further 19% increase in 2027/2028. Again, there is no explanation why such a dramatic increase is being proposed nor is there any obvious justification for this. In total, 4x local not for profit sporting clubs are impacted by this fee increase at a singular LCC venue - 2x Senior clubs by a total of \$21,078 each and 2x Junior clubs at a total of \$10,530 each - a total of \$63,216 for one venue over the time period.

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Moe Football Netball Club																		
Rates				In-Season					Pre-season					In-Season				
Year	Pre-Season Monthly rate	Increase (\$Month)	Pre-season total	In-Season total	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Annual cost	Increase (\$Annual)
2025/26	\$294.00		\$1,764.00	\$3,612.00	\$602.00	\$602.00	\$602.00	\$602.00	\$294.00	\$294.00	\$294.00	\$294.00	\$294.00	\$294.00	\$602.00	\$602.00	\$5,376.00	
2026/27	\$388.00	\$94.00	\$2,328.00	\$4,698.00	\$783.00	\$783.00	\$783.00	\$783.00	\$388.00	\$388.00	\$388.00	\$388.00	\$388.00	\$388.00	\$783.00	\$783.00	\$7,026.00	\$1,650.00
2027/28	\$482.00	\$94.00	\$2,892.00	\$5,784.00	\$964.00	\$964.00	\$964.00	\$964.00	\$482.00	\$482.00	\$482.00	\$482.00	\$482.00	\$482.00	\$964.00	\$964.00	\$8,676.00	\$1,650.00
Moe Cricket Club																		
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Moe Junior Football Club																		
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2025/26	\$147.00		\$882.00	\$1,792.00	\$299.00	\$299.00	\$299.00	\$299.00	\$147.00	\$147.00	\$147.00	\$147.00	\$147.00	\$147.00	\$299.00	\$299.00	\$2,676.00	
2026/27	\$195.00	\$48.00	\$1,170.00	\$2,342.00	\$391.00	\$391.00	\$391.00	\$391.00	\$195.00	\$195.00	\$195.00	\$195.00	\$195.00	\$195.00	\$391.00	\$391.00	\$3,516.00	\$840.00
2027/28	\$241.00	\$46.00	\$1,446.00	\$2,892.00	\$482.00	\$482.00	\$482.00	\$482.00	\$241.00	\$241.00	\$241.00	\$241.00	\$241.00	\$241.00	\$482.00	\$482.00	\$4,338.00	\$822.00
Moe Junior Cricket Club																		
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2025/26	\$16,104.00	Increase (\$Annual)	Increase (%)															
2026/27	\$21,084.00	\$4,980.00	24%															
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**Respondent No:** 92**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 25, 2026 14:55:51 pm**Last Seen:** May 25, 2026 14:55:51 pm**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. **Name** Shawn Lawrence

Q2. **Email** _____

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RE: MONASH SOCCER CLUB – SPORTS LIGHTING UPGRADE – LATROBE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET SUBMISSION

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Upgrade of Pitch Lighting to LED at Monash Soccer Club

Monash Soccer Club respectfully requests that Latrobe City Council include the upgrade of our current pitch lighting from halogen globes to modern LED lighting in the upcoming Latrobe City Council Plan.

We note that this project has also been formally raised earlier this year through Council's Community Needs Submission process, demonstrating the ongoing importance of this upgrade to our club and community.

We would also like to acknowledge and sincerely appreciate the contributions Latrobe City Council has made to soccer across the region in recent years. These investments have had a noticeable and positive impact on participation and growth of the sport within the Latrobe Valley.

Our current lighting system relies on outdated halogen globes, which are becoming increasingly costly to maintain and inefficient to operate. Over the past 2.5 years, the club has incurred approximately \$6,000 in repair and replacement costs, largely due to frequent globe failures and ongoing maintenance requirements.

These costs are placing significant pressure on the club's limited financial resources, diverting funds that would otherwise support player development and community programs.

Benefits of LED Lighting Upgrade***1. Improved Participant Experience***

LED lighting provides superior brightness and consistent light distribution across the pitch.

Improved visibility enhances player safety during evening training and matches.

Creates a more professional and enjoyable playing environment.

2. Increased Training Flexibility

Enables extended and more flexible training schedules.

Maximises use of facilities during winter when daylight hours are limited.

Allows multiple teams to train more effectively.

3. Support for Latrobe Valley Squad Teams

The facility is regularly used by Latrobe Valley Squad teams (Under 12s & 13s).

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Improved lighting will provide higher-quality training conditions aligned with representative standards.

4. Benefits to the Broader Football Community

Strengthens the club's ability to host matches, tournaments, and development programs.
Supports continued growth and participation across all age groups in the region.

5. Reduced Costs and Sustainability

LED lighting is significantly more energy-efficient.
Lower maintenance requirements will reduce ongoing costs.
Aligns with environmental sustainability objectives.

Monash Soccer Club & Football Victoria are currently awaiting quotations from Contracting Kings and Musco Lighting for the proposed upgrade.

We are happy to provide these quotes to Council as soon as they are received to assist with planning and budgeting considerations.

Upgrading to LED lighting is a critical infrastructure investment that will deliver long-term benefits to club members, representative teams, and the wider football community.

We strongly advocate for this project to be included in the upcoming Latrobe City Council Plan and welcome the opportunity to assist further.

Thank you for your time to read this and consideration.

Kind Regards,
Shawn Lawrence

Vice President - MSC

25th May 2026

Latrobe City Council
141 Commercial Road,
Morwell VIC 3840



To Whom It May Concern,

RE: SUPPORT FOR MONASH SOCCER CLUB – PITCH 2 SPORTS LIGHTING UPGRADE – LATROBE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET SUBMISSION

Football Victoria (FV) is pleased to provide its support for Monash Soccer Club's submission to Latrobe City Council seeking funding to upgrade the sports lighting on Pitch 2 at Monash Reserve.

This project aligns strongly with Football Victoria's strategic priorities and the objectives outlined in the FV Facilities Strategy 2025–2035, particularly regarding the provision of safe, accessible, and high-quality infrastructure to support participation growth across Victoria.

The existing lighting infrastructure on Pitch 2 relies on outdated halogen fittings with incandescent components, which are increasingly unreliable, inefficient, and costly to maintain. Over recent years, Monash Soccer Club has incurred significant ongoing expenses exceeding \$5,700 to repair and replace failing lighting components, with further costs already identified to maintain basic functionality. This reactive maintenance approach is unsustainable and diverts valuable club resources away from core football and community programs.

A transition to energy-efficient LED sports lighting will provide a long-term, cost-effective solution that improves lighting quality, reliability, and safety for all users. Importantly, upgraded lighting will increase the capacity of the venue, allowing for extended training hours and greater scheduling flexibility. This is essential to support participation growth, particularly among women and girls, who continue to represent one of the fastest-growing segments of the game.

Improved lighting also plays a critical role in creating safe and inclusive environments, enabling clubs to better accommodate female-friendly training times, junior programs, and broader community use outside of daylight hours. This supports healthier, more connected communities and aligns with state and local priorities around equitable access to sport and recreation infrastructure.

Football Victoria recognises Monash Soccer Club as a key contributor to the Latrobe Valley football community and acknowledges its ongoing commitment to providing participation opportunities despite infrastructure challenges. Investment in lighting upgrades at Monash Reserve will not only improve the club's operational sustainability but also strengthen the overall capacity of the local football network.

We commend Latrobe City Council for its continued investment in community sport and recreation infrastructure and strongly support Monash Soccer Club's proposal. This project will deliver tangible benefits to participants, improve asset sustainability, and contribute to the long-term growth of football in the region.

Should you require any further information from Football Victoria, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

Jackson Landy
Regional Development Coordinator
Football Victoria

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13th April 2026**SUBMISSION TO LATROBE CITY COUNCIL****FARM RATE DIFFERENTIAL**

Our committee and members thank the council for the opportunity to present this submission for the retention of our Farm Rate Differential. We acknowledge and commend the Council for their support in previous years.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Our Farm Rate Differential has been in place for over 40 years. The Minister for Local Government encourages all regional councils to reduce the rate burden placed on farms, using the Differential Rate System Valuation of Land Act, 1960.

The NAV of farmland was legislated at five percent of the CIV of the said property. The NAV purported to represent the return of the property in rent or lease situation. The rate of return on farmland does not return five percent. Farm ratepayers pay significantly more than township ratepayers and have less access to the services offered by the council. Our committee members congratulate past councils for recognizing the inequity that does exist. The impact of a potential zone change, from farm zone to rural residential, allows the council to implement the potential rate. This results in a

substantial rate increase with no change in the farmers' usage of land or income. This has threatened the farm sustainability of some farms in our area.

FARMLAND RATING

Farming is a land-based activity. Any improvement in farm assets such as fencing, sheds, and equipment, or productivity of the farm, increases the farm value, and subsequently the rate value.

To create equality, our association supports the council to maximise the municipal charge to up to twenty percent of the total rate value. We view this charge as an equal contribution by all rate payers.

COMMENTS OF CONCERN FROM MEMBERS

With the additional costs currently being dealt with by the Farming Community, such as Fuel (price and access), Fertiliser (doubling in price), Transport Costs, and the uncertainty of Supply, the application of the Farm Rate Differential has never been more important. These costs must be absorbed by the farmers, as they are unable to change market prices received for their products.

With the proposed increase in the Emergency Services & Volunteers Fund, the farmers again will be expected to absorb these costs. It is expected the increase in value of the levy will be in the range of 350%.

ZONING CHANGES

Zoning changes require careful planning. When council rezones from Farm zone to Residential, The Valuer General will introduce the POTENTIAL RATE immediately, thus rendering the farm property unviable due to the increased rate burden. Even with no planning permit in place, the farmer will incur significantly higher rates, despite the development not eventuating for years, if at all.

CONCLUSION

The farm rate differential is a tool provided by the Local Government Act to assist in setting an equitable rate. Farm businesses are logistically low users of council services, but they contribute substantially to both Latrobe City's economy and rate revenue. Agricultural production within Latrobe City is a large contributor for the Gippsland Food Bowl. With the significant cost increases to farmers, and no increase in market prices,

financial pressure is being applied to farmers unfairly and inequitably. The Farm Rate Differential becomes even more important for the viability of farming in Latrobe City.

We therefore respectfully request the council to maintain the current Farm Rate Differential.

Yours faithfully

Peter Duncan

Latrobe City Farm Ratepayers Association



2026/27 Budget Submission to Latrobe City Council



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1. Introduction

The Gippsland Reserve Committee of Management Incorporated welcome the opportunity to present this report to the Latrobe City Council for the continuing support and recognition of Old Gippsland Heritage Park, Moe as a major asset and tourism gateway for the Latrobe City region.

This support will have positive and long-lasting impact on the local community, broader Gippsland family, Victorians and tourists exploring our rich Gippsland history from the early pioneering and gold mining days to the model mining town of Yallourn.

We are pleased to confirm that the Minister for the Department of Energy, Environment, and Climate Action has re-appointed all of the current Committee of Management members for another 3 years, as well as a new member to our team, with our terms expiring 29th October 2028. This re-appointment means we can continue to drive forward with our current vision and strategic planning direction.

The voluntary Committee of Management comprises of 7 passionate, energetic and dedicated people.

2. Executive Summary

As a voluntary Committee of Management, we are keenly aware of our responsibilities in upholding and maintaining our core purpose of preserving the Park, buildings and collections and establishing the foundations for a sustainable and viable asset for the long term. This in turn ensures the Park's future is secured as a major attraction and destination for the Gippsland Region. Our vision is reflected in our Strategic Plan for 2025-2030 with a vision to become a major tourist attraction in the Gippsland region.

The Gippsland Reserve Committee of Management Inc. is very appreciative of the Council's agreement to fund \$50,000 last year for urgent repairs required for 5 of our heritage buildings. This funding is gratefully received and will enable us to carry out this year the necessary works required to preserve and display these valuable heritage assets.

There is still an ongoing need for urgent repairs and maintenance to other buildings in the park to continue with the necessary preservation and visible presentation projects planned in the future for our 23 heritage buildings.

We would now like to submit a new request for financial support of \$50,000 from the Council's next year's budget to continue to repair other heritage buildings in the park requiring urgent necessary repairs as planned.

It is noted that we receive no recurrent funding from the Department of Environment, Energy & Climate Action and rely solely on our own limited revenue streams and grant applications to maintain, preserve and repair buildings and manage our infrastructure.

We are responsible for buildings, collections and grounds valued in excess of \$26M.

It is critical for the ongoing operation and viability of the park that our ageing heritage buildings are maintained, and our vast collections adequately preserved, archived, and displayed.

3. Context & Background

Old Gippsland Heritage Park, as we know it today, was established in 1968 by the Moe Development Association and administered by the City of Moe. The township was designed by architect Fritz Suendermann of Roy Grounds & Associates, and the Old Gippsland Folk Museum was officially opened by Sir Rupert Hamer on 10th March 1973. In 1990, the City of Moe passed administration of Old Gippsland to the Victorian State Government and is now under the auspices of the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (D.E.E.C.A.) with the heritage buildings and collections situated on Crown Land and owned by the State of Victoria.

Purpose

To protect and preserve our irreplaceable heritage buildings and collections and provide opportunities for the local community, students and visitors to experience, appreciate and learn about Gippsland's history in a well-designed park and gardens.

Values

Excellence - Collaboration - Integrity - Inclusion - Respect – Innovation

4. Financial Provision & Economic Impact

a. Profit & Loss Performance

The 2024/25 profit & loss year recorded revenue of \$387K and expenditure \$378K providing a gross surplus of \$19K and net surplus of \$9K. Wages represent 63% of revenue. Our modest surplus position has been achieved by prudent financial management, however reliance on grants of \$35K from various sources has been critical to assist with \$52K expended for the repairs, maintenance and improvements in the park.

Our YTD performance to 31st December 2025 states an operating surplus of \$30,055 and net surplus of \$54,329.

The summary of recent reporting periods below highlights our capacity to manage the Park within our limited revenue opportunities.

Financial Year	Income	Expenditure	Result
2022/23	\$369,423	\$433,670	-\$73,624
2023/24	\$362,249	\$285,929	\$76,320
2024/25	\$387,783	\$378,161	\$9,622
YTD to 31 st Dec 2025	\$215,412	\$185,357	\$30,055

b. Balance Sheet

We have a strong balance sheet with equity as of 31st December 2025 of \$388,731 and cash at bank balance \$345,724. The value of the land, buildings & collections have been excluded from the balance sheet.

c. Urgent Buildings Maintenance/Repairs

The buildings highlighted for urgent maintenance and repairs for the \$50,000 include:

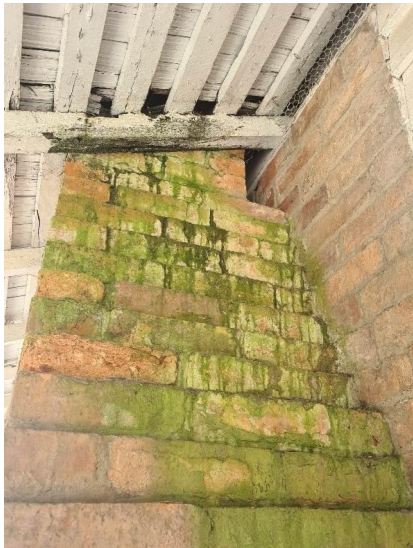
Building	Project	Contractor	Cost
Bushy Park c1840 Avon River	Replace/repair ceilings/walls /painting/veranda & windows	In house & Contractor	\$8,250
Ashdale Farmhouse c1894 Dumbalk	Repair hessian walls, ceilings, windows, extend external decking	In house & Contractor	\$12,670
Slab Kitchen [Out Kitchen] c1880 Ripplebrook	Repair/replace external weatherboards, frame & foundations, chimney, wall linings & window frames	In house & Contractor	\$37,940
			\$58,860
Less	Old Gippsland Heritage Park Latrobe City Council Grant	Contribution	\$ 8,860*
			\$50,000

**Note Old Gippsland Heritage Park will fund wages for our maintenance officer to perform labour on the building projects at an estimated cost of \$33,136 in addition to the contribution of \$8,860.*

Old Gippsland Heritage Park is prepared to contribute \$41,996 to the costs of the repair & restoration of the above buildings.

Our buildings are our prime concern, the backbone of the park and the main attraction for visitors. They are the driver for increased admissions and improved revenue stream as we strive to become financially independent.

BUSHY PARK HOMESTEAD



ASHDALE FARM HOUSE



RIPPLEBROOK SLAB KITCHEN (OUT KITCHEN)



d. Visitors/Admissions

Year Jan-Dec	Total
2023	6632
2024	6261
2025	6876

Admissions exclude special events where visitors enter via main gate with gold coin donation. Estimated events this year have attracted over 4000 people.

As Old Gippsdown builds its image and profile with targeted marketing, the budget forecasts a 14% admission growth per annum. The use of the Latrobe City Council Economic Impact Calculator with recent postcode data states the financial impact to be \$269,749 pa.

As we improve our image and profile, we expect significant improvements in visitors/admissions that will provide us with the opportunity to fund ongoing maintenance and improvements in the park.

We appreciate the community support and participation in all the events held at the park during the year.

e. Operations, Marketing and Resourcing

Old Gippsdown Heritage Park's purpose is to attract visitors to a historical destination, supported by an enthusiastic team with a clear mandate for the Park's development and improvement. Our business and marketing plan is consistent with the Strategic Plan to build tourism attendances and historical offerings capturing the imagination of visitors and the local community alike.

Our positive economic impact will continue to grow with the support and develop with assistance from the Latrobe City Council, stakeholder engagements and strategic partnerships and grant applications. An assessment of the Park's infrastructure has developed a long-term management plan that enhances visitors' experience and increases revenue in alignment with the Strategic Plan. This can only occur by implementing strategic conservation plans for our buildings & collections and ensuring the continuous future use of our heritage buildings and surrounds for local history exhibitions, community events displays and associated activities etc. to tell the story of Gippsland's dynamic and diverse past.

We will take pride with our responsibility for the preservation of the Gippsland's heritage for future generations. The Park is a beacon of cultural significance, instilling a sense of pride, inclusivity and connection among the Latrobe City community.

5. Community Engagement

Old Gippsdown Heritage Park is acknowledged as a historical park, a wonderful venue for events and school programs. While it hosts regular events and has a growing and dedicated volunteer base, the Park's profile and image is poor and it struggles to attract new visitors and foster a strong sense of community ownership.

Our vision for the future is to transform Old Gippsdown into a vibrant, inclusive community space where all people of Latrobe City can gather, participate and celebrate. It will be buzzing with community-led activities, innovative educational programs, events and a "must-see" destination for visitors.

Enhanced volunteer programs, strong partnerships with local groups, and exciting new initiatives including displays, parks & gardens and well-maintained buildings and collections of the period will ensure Old Gippsdown Heritage Park is a destination with a lively, engaging and welcoming space.

Old Gippsdown Heritage Park has become a reputable venue for community events, celebrations and special occasions throughout the year.

The newly painted and refurbished Old Gippsland Café is now fully operational under new management, offering an updated menu and comfortable dining experience.

Old Gippsdown Heritage Park is a place of learning, offering engaging educational programs that highlight the historical and cultural significance of the area. It is hoped that first nations people participate in the park with their indigenous heritage, traditional knowledge and truth telling.

6. Strategic Plan

Old Gippsdown Heritage Park recognises that strategic planning provides the direction and framework for good governance, ensuring our decisions are aligned with its purpose, values, and long-term goals while fostering accountability, transparency, and ethical behaviour. Our 2025-30 strategic plan clarifies our mission and vision, guides resource allocation, manages risks, and promotes stakeholder engagement, which are all essential components of effective governance.

The Committee has been appointed for another 3-year term to October 2028 providing continuity for governance and for the implementation of the vision and strategic direction of the park to continue.

We are pleased with our progress and achievements in the first 12 months of the Strategic Plan.

The ongoing financial support by the Latrobe City Council is critical for us to repair and preserve our buildings to the standards expected, in order to keep the Park open and viable.

Our strategic plan is solid as we implement the program for growth and prosperity for Old Gippsdown Park and the Latrobe City Council.



To the Councilors and CEO

Latrobe City Council

I wish to bring to your attention a serious issue that is within the ability of LCC to resolve.

For many years the Friends of Tyers Park have participated in the national program Clean Up Australia and over that period have consistently removed around ten cubic metres of dumped rubbish within Tyers Park each year. We have been generously supported by LCC in the provision of skips for the collection and removal of the rubbish collected.. Whenever we begin to believe that we have, if not resolved, at least appear to have been on top of the problem, the following year a similar amount of rubbish reappears. The rubbish consists of items such as whitegoods and car parts as well as potentially dangerous materials such as asbestos and drums of unknown liquids, however by volume, car tyres and mattresses are the most frequently encountered.

LCC's Transfer Station disposal fees for car tyres range from \$11.50 to \$23.00 per tyre and for mattresses \$33.00 per single and \$43.00 per double/Queen mattress.

It has been brought to my attention that Mornington Peninsula Shire , recognizing that substantial fees for disposal of tyres and mattresses encourage dumping, have generous Transfer Station arrangements to encourage their legal disposal . Their website indicates that a maximum of four mattresses per customer per year and a maximum of four tyres per customer per day and/or twenty per customer per year are accepted free of charge. I have no direct knowledge of how effective this has been in controlling the problem however have heard anecdotally that their municipality does not have the same problem with dumped rubbish that we do in our local government area and assume that their policy assists in this regard

The purpose of my writing to you is to have this letter presented at a future Council meeting for discussion and, hopefully, action.

Kind regards

Jim Stranger, Convenor, Friends of Tyers Park Inc.

MORWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY**SUBMISSION TO LATROBE CITY COUNCIL - 2026/27 DRAFT BUDGET**

Amended - 21st May 2026

The Morwell Historical Society requests consideration in Council's budget towards funding for our future priorities.

The Society has appreciated Council's support over the years and I attach a Historic Overview of the Society's relationship with Council in the past with recent examples being the completion of the Origin of the Naming of Morwell Streets and the Origin of the Naming of Morwell Parks and Reserves.

It was with valuable community support and extensive fundraising by members that enabled the Society to now own it's own building at 12 Hazelwood Road, Morwell, (formerly the Morwell Masonic Lodge), now always to be a community facility.

We understand that Council provides a facility and maintenance for Traralgon & District Historical Society, Moe & District Historical Society, and Yallourn North & District Historical Society. As the owner of our building, the Morwell Historical Society is responsible for all ongoing operational expenses.

The basic operational costs of our building are building insurance, electricity supply, water rates, Council and Government charges, building and lawn maintenance, and are barely covered by our membership subscriptions, Council's annual operating grant (available to all historical societies), business and corporate supporters and fundraising income. The Society is finding it difficult to meet annual operational costs as well as pursue building and program improvements which will benefit the Society and the community's access to our services.

Our Society is open 3 days a month from 11am to 2pm and at other times by appointment.

Council staff regularly access our services seeking historical information in arranging events and activities for Council.

Below is a list of the Society's priorities and we seek Council's consideration of a contribution through an allocation in the 2026/27 Budget.

Projects planned include:

- \$10,500 – Digitisation Project – purchase of necessary equipment
- \$8,000 – Provide hot water to the Kitchen and Bathroom
- \$6,500 – Replacement of Kyocera photocopier/printer
- \$5,000 – Restore and resurface the timber floor in the Elsie & Bruce McMaster Exhibition Space
- \$5,000 – 2 new replacement computers for the public computers plus Windows Pro = 2 x \$2,500
- \$5,000 – Replace all front entrance concrete due to safety hazard

- \$5,000 – Tourist wall along fence on the north boundary near entrance
- \$4,000 – Repair and paint the crack in the east wall in the Elsie & Bruce McMaster Exhibition Space
- \$3,000 – Major internal clean of the building plus windows
- \$1,000 – Removal and replacement of the time capsule in the east wall of the building on occasion of the 100th anniversary of the building on 28th January 2027

We would propose that Council consider allocating \$30,000 towards our projects with a review to be undertaken in 2029.

Alan McFarlane

President

Morwell Historical Society

Attachment: Historic Overview of Morwell Historical Society

MORWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

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12 Hazelwood Road, Morwell



HISTORIC OVERVIEW

1. The Morwell Historical Society was formed in 1962 with an ongoing goal to preserve and record the history of Morwell and surrounding areas, to make information in our archives readily available to the general public and to promote an interest in the history of Morwell and district which includes the areas of Churchill, Driffield, Hazelwood Estate, Hazelwood South, Hazelwood North, Jeeralang Junction, Jumbuk, Hernes Oak, Morwell Bridge, Derham's Hill and White City.
2. Information in the archives includes Morwell and district historical photographs, objects, memorabilia, Local Government archives, Rate Books and major collection of documents and artifacts pertaining to the old Morwell Shire and City Councils.
3. Meetings were held in many different places and all records gathered by the members were stored in private homes. The Society approached Morwell Council on many occasions to find a suitable site to archive records and objects.
4. Finally in March 1993 the City of Morwell made available the foyer of the old Town Hall at no cost to the Society. From that time the public had access to the Society's records. In 1999 the Society was advised by the Latrobe Shire that the Town Hall was to become part of the Latrobe Regional Gallery and an area in the building would not be available to the Society but it was Council's intention to find a suitable site for the Society.
5. In 2001 the Society suggested to Latrobe City Council that the historical building previously occupied by the National Bank was for sale and would be very suitable for the Society's archives. The reply from Council was that no funds were available at that time but they would continue to secure a permanent replacement of the Town Hall site for the Society.

6. In May 2002 we were required to move to a shop at 19-21 Church Street and shared with the Morwell Art Group as the changes to extend the Latrobe Regional Gallery had started. Council paid the rent.
7. In July 2006 the Society was advised that as the Art Group had moved back to the updated Regional Gallery, the rent of the Church Street building was too high and another site would be required. The Society members and Council staff agreed that the shop at 44 Buckley Street would be suitable. Under an agreement, the Council provided a grant of \$8,000 per annum for five years commencing 1 July 2006, to be indexed annually by the Consumer Price Index. In June 2011 the Council resolved to extend this agreement with the Society for a further three years. The members of the Society moved all equipment and records etc. again to the new site at 44 Buckley Street.
8. In late 2014, the former Morwell Masonic Lodge Temple at 12 Hazelwood Road became available to purchase for \$250,000. This building is of local historic, social, and aesthetic significance to Latrobe City. It was built in 1927 and is covered by a Heritage Overlay by the Latrobe City Council. It is one of the few remaining historic buildings in the central business district and sits within the precinct that includes Latrobe City Council Corporate Headquarters, Latrobe Regional Gallery, the Latrobe Valley Magistrates' Court, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Morwell Police Station.
9. The members of the Morwell Historical Society could see that this building would provide an ideal permanent and secure place to store the Society's major collection of documents, photographs and memorabilia in preserving the history of Morwell and district and would also allow for future expansion of the Society's activities.
10. The Society approached the Latrobe City Council for assistance with the purchase of the building however the Council advised it was not in a position to purchase it.
11. With the Society keen to secure this iconic historic building, six members generously provided short-term loans to the Society to enable the purchase of the building at 12 Hazelwood Road, Morwell, in March 2015 for \$250,000. On completion of the purchase, the Society planned to pursue grants, funding opportunities and seek community minded people and organisations willing to support the project to repay the short-term loans.
12. At this time the Society discussed with the Latrobe City Council a commitment to provide financial support of \$12,000 per annum to assist with:
 - the cost of renewing the rental of the shop at 44 Buckley Street which Council estimated would be \$10,075.80 plus GST and would likely increase annually
 - OR should the Society proceed to purchase the property at 12 Hazelwood Road, this would assist with ongoing operations or any future renovations that may be required.

This matter was considered at the Council Meeting on 15th December 2014 and on the 17th December 2014 the Council advised the Society that it would provide financial assistance of \$12,000 per annum and, in the event that a property is purchased, an exemption from municipal rates for a five year period.

13. The Society took possession of the building in March 2015 and with the splendid support and generosity of local businesses and the community, and the hardworking fundraising efforts of our volunteers, the Society repaid the final outstanding loans in September 2024. We also appreciated the support from the Latrobe City Council.

14. The Society:

- Currently has 100 members, is administered by an elected team of office bearers and has a commitment to provide responsible governance
- The Society is a not-for-profit organization and is a charity registered with the Australian Charities Commission and Not-for-profits Commission
- The Society was certified as an incorporated body on 5th October 1988
- In May 2016 the Australian Tax Office endorsed the Society as a Deductible Gift Recipient and donations made to the Society by the public can be claimed as tax deductible
- Since 2001 the Public Records Office Victoria has declared the Morwell Historical Society as a "Place of Deposit" which requires the Society to preserve the holding of public records of local significance to the highest standard set by the Public Records Office
- Is open to the public on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday and last Sunday of the month from 11am to 2pm – except December and January. If visitors are unable to attend during these times, it is possible to arrange an alternative appointment. We also offer a Step Back in Time Conversation Café for our many visitors to enjoy a tea/coffee when they attend to view our exhibitions or require assistance with historical research.
- A 'Gathering of Members' is held bi-monthly during the year in February, April, June, August, October at 2pm as a social gathering with an update from the President on the activities of the Society
- In 2026 the Society updated it's 5 year Business Plan
- The Society has a website which is regularly updated www.morwellhistoricalsociety.org.au - Past Newsletters of the Society are online and are a rich resource which can be accessed online by members of the general public
- The Society is a member of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria and has a continuing association with the Latrobe Combined History Group, the Gippsland Association of Affiliated Historical Societies and the Centre for Gippsland Studies at Federation University

15. The Society has carried out many improvements to our building with funding being received from grants which have required a local contribution to the final cost. Society volunteers have worked very hard to fundraise the necessary local contributions required.

Improvements have been:

- Replacement of roof and guttering
- Internal painting of the Elsie & Bruce McMaster Exhibition Space
- Installation of Heating/Cooling (split systems) in the Elsie & Bruce McMaster Exhibition Space and the Hare-Campbell Room
- Replacement and upgrade of the Switchboard
- Replacement of overhead lighting in the Elsie & Bruce McMaster Exhibition Space
- Installation of Above-Bench Everhot Boiling Unit
- Complete kitchen replacement

The Society was required to provide a 'local contribution' plus pay the GST for these projects totalling \$26,180. These improvements have provided an improved welcoming environment

for visitors and members with heating and cooling now available, the roof and guttering secured from leaking, and the painting of the Elsie & Bruce McMaster Exhibition Space has smartened up the appearance of this room.

Other improvements made by Society volunteers with carpentry expertise and by engaging local businesses include:

- Creation of a Mezzanine floor, stairway and 'dumb waiter'
- Replacement of wooden floor at the back of the Hare-Campbell Room with concrete to enable installation of a compactus for storage of Society archives
- Source and install 2 compactus in the rear archive area
- Provision of a Female Toilet/Washroom facility and upgrading of the Men's Toilet/Washroom facility
- Lowering of several raised flooring areas in the Hare-Campbell Room
- Erection of All Abilities ramp access at the side of the building
- Built an enclosed office space to enable volunteers to work in a heated environment during winter months
- Installation of blinds
- Refurbishing of 10 display boards 1.8m x 1.5m and added castors to make more easily manoeuvrable by volunteers

16. The Society actively participates with local community organizations and networks to share information and promote community events. The Society provides an historical lens to community projects and events.

17. Since 2016 the Society has organized the following major events:

- ❖ *13th November 2016 – Assisted with the Morwell High School 60th Anniversary Reunion Celebration in Kernot Hall*
- ❖ *11th October 2017 – Morwell District Boer War Commemorative Service and Graphic Exhibition including unveiling of the Morwell District Boer War Soldiers Honour Board*
- ❖ *29th May 2019 - Morwell District Boer War Soldiers and Civilians Book Launch*
- ❖ *5th September 2019 – Celebrating 100 Years of Aviation in the Latrobe Valley*
- ❖ *9th February 2020 – Reunion of Former L M Ericsson Morwell Plant Employees*
- ❖ *15th March 2022 – the Society's 60th Birthday Celebration*
- ❖ *7th October 2023 – A Major Pot Plant Sale - fundraising*
- ❖ *22nd November 2023 – CRC TiME Annual Forum held at Federation University. The Society was host to attendees who visited to view an Exhibition relating to the history of the town, the community/people, coal mining and the transition from coal mining in the town/region.*
- ❖ *February to March 2025 – Morwell Tennis Club Exhibition - the early years, and local Tennis Clubs*

18. With the Latrobe Regional Gallery located nearby at the corner of Hazelwood Road and Commercial Road, this has allowed the Society to build a strong connection between the two organizations. The Society has provided support with historical records to form part of several exhibitions.

The Society recently donated to the Gallery a set of six signed watercolour reproduction prints from the Banksia collection of the renowned Australian botanical artist Celia Rosser OAM and which are now on display in the Gallery's large meeting room. The Gallery had the prints

professionally framed locally and these are displayed with a description of each print alongside, together with a short biography of Celia Rosser who lives in South Gippsland.

19. In 2021 the Society was invited by the Latrobe City Council to participate in the Morwell CBD Revitalisation Project by extending the Society's innovative approach to highlighting historical buildings and sites in the CBD. This was by QR Code – that is, most all smartphones have an inbuilt QR code reader in their camera app. The Council asked the occupants of buildings of significance for their cooperation to display a QR code in their window so it can be visible to the public with businesses in Commercial Road being initially targeted. So far there are 18 sites with more to be added.

So, by the opening of the Morwell CBD Revitalisation Project on 11 March 2021, the public were able to use the QR code on their phone and then view the history of that building.

20. In 2016 a DVD was launched – “Morwell – Past to Present”. This was developed by the Historical Society in conjunction with local filmmaker David Davies with funding from the Victorian Government. Copies of this DVD are available from the Historical Society.
21. The Society receives numerous requests for family history information plus enquiries from businesses, including the Latrobe City Council staff, regarding historical information including photos relating to land sites, Council-owned properties and persons who may have lived in the area. Requests to provide historical research form a significant part of our operation. Last week the Society received three requests from Council staff to provide historical research and photos.
22. The Society has provided to Council the following:
- 28th August 2023 –The Origin of Naming of Morwell Parks & Reserves (Version 1)
 - 22nd July 2024 – Nomination with details of 12 people for the Council's Naming Register
 - 18th August 2024 – the names of 50 Morwell District Soldiers who served in the Boer War in South Africa 1899-1902
 - 29th April 2025 – The Origin of Naming of Morwell Streets
 - 6th May 2025 – The Origin of Naming of Morwell Parks & Reserves (Version 2)

19th May 2026

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From: "CEO CPVA"
Sent: Sun, 24 May 2026 11:28:11 +1000
To: latrobe@latrobe.vic.gov.au
Subject: Submission on 2026/27 Draft Budget
Attachments: Latrobe City Council_CPVA_BudgetSubmission_26-27.pdf

Dear Latrobe City Council team,

Please find attached a submission from Circular PV Alliance on Latrobe City Council's 2026/27 Draft Budget.

The proposal is modest: a \$5,000 operational provision for CPVA membership and participation in the national local government circular solar cohort, alongside practical support to embed whole-of-life solar PV planning into Council procurement, asset management, sustainability delivery, capital works and community guidance.

The cohort gives Council a practical peer network to share local government experience, reduce implementation risk, and strengthen solar PV lifecycle planning across procurement, reuse, recycling and end-of-life management. Councils including Dubbo Regional Council, Banana Shire Council, Mid-Western Regional Council and Tamworth Regional Council are already participating in the CPVA network.

For Latrobe City Council, we see particular value in supporting Sustainability Action Plan 2023-2033 delivery, Council's existing and expanded solar PV portfolio, major community facility upgrades, FOGO and resource recovery communications, and practical guidance on responsible solar PV disposal, reuse and recycling pathways.

We would value the opportunity to meet with Council officers to discuss the proposal and would be pleased to volunteer time to support consideration of how these actions could be practically implemented.

Regards

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Submission on Latrobe City Council Draft Budget 2026/27

Circular PV Alliance: solar PV circularity, lifecycle value and membership

DCCEEW expects Australia to generate one million tonnes of solar panel waste by 2035, equal to about 50 million panels.

Circular PV Alliance (CPVA) is an industry-led, not-for-profit organisation working to accelerate a circular economy for solar PV in Australia. We help councils, asset owners, recyclers, manufacturers and installers plan, procure, reuse, recycle and decommission solar panels, inverters and balance-of-system components responsibly. Our offering to Latrobe City Council is straightforward: a low-cost membership, an independently assessed solar PV circularity framework (CPVA Certified®), and access to a national local government circular solar cohort.

CPVA Certified® is CPVA's flagship solar PV circularity assurance framework. It helps councils and project owners assess whether solar panels, inverters, mounting systems and related infrastructure have been planned, procured, operated and decommissioned with credible reuse, recycling, supplier accountability and end-of-life recovery pathways in place. For councils, it can be used as a procurement specification, project assurance tool or asset-management benchmark, without requiring Council to design its own solar circularity standard from scratch.

Latrobe City Council is a strong fit for this work. Council is actively managing a regional energy and economic transition, with a Sustainability Action Plan 2023-2033, the Our Transition plan, a growing Council solar portfolio, a 2026/27 Budget with major long-life infrastructure projects, and clear circular economy and waste reform activity. CPVA Certified® can support the next phase of work across that profile.

Why this is a particularly timely cycle

Three live Council settings make the 2026/27 Budget a strong point to introduce solar PV circularity without creating a new program:

- The Sustainability Action Plan commits Council to net zero energy emissions by 2035, 100 per cent daytime renewable electricity by 2028, and additional solar generation on Council assets.
- Council's renewable energy portfolio already exceeds 1,200 kW of solar, with projects set to lift capacity to around 1.8 MW, including a major rollout across leisure and community facilities.
- The 2026/27 Budget includes FOGO introduction and an \$88.5 million capital works program, creating practical entry points for lifecycle discipline in buildings, community facilities, public infrastructure and waste-facing guidance.

These are not separate issues. They are one implementation opportunity. CPVA Certified® or an equivalent framework can be used as a practical standard across procurement, building renewal, sustainability delivery, capital works and community-facing guidance.

This submission makes four practical, budget-aligned recommendations:



1. Allocate a modest \$5,000 operational provision in the 2026/27 Budget for CPVA membership and participation in the national local government circular solar cohort, scaled proportionately to Latrobe City's size, capital programme and renewable energy maturity.
2. Adopt CPVA Certified® or an equivalent independently assessed solar PV circularity framework as a reference standard for Council-owned, Council-funded or Council-procured solar PV projects.
3. Apply that standard first to Council's growing solar PV portfolio, including the major solar rollout across leisure and community facilities, as systems progress through inverter replacement, panel renewal and end-of-life decisions.
4. Embed whole-of-life solar PV considerations into Sustainability Action Plan delivery, the Net Zero Strategy work, procurement and environmental management settings, FOGO and resource recovery communications, and relevant capital works programs.

The intent is not to create a new program. It is to add a low-cost, practical control to existing work so Council makes better procurement decisions now and avoids future waste, decommissioning and renewal costs later.

CPVA Certified® is deliberately focused on solar PV, including panels, inverters, mounting systems and related infrastructure. Adjacent battery, heat pump and broader electrification end-of-life challenges sit outside its scope. CPVA can contribute to those adjacent conversations through the wider council cohort where useful, but this submission is deliberately limited to solar PV.

What CPVA membership offers Latrobe City Council

- An independently assessed solar PV procurement specification Council officers can incorporate into existing procurement templates, Sustainability Action Plan delivery and environmental management settings, without rebuilding any existing process.
- Lifecycle decision frameworks for inverter renewal, panel replacement, system upgrade and end-of-life decommissioning, including supplier take-back obligations, reuse and refurbishment pathways and credible recycling routes.
- Access to a national peer network of councils working on the same problem, including Dubbo Regional, Banana Shire, Mid-Western Regional and Tamworth Regional Councils, with shared learnings, supplier evaluations and emerging market intelligence on the rapidly evolving solar PV recovery sector.
- Alignment with Sustainability Victoria, the Victorian Government net zero agenda, regional transition priorities, Cities Power Partnership practice and wider circular economy policy priorities.
- Templates and worked examples for procurement specifications, Council facility solar PV decisions, community-facing solar disposal guidance, and circularity expectations for any grant-funded or Council-supported solar PV components.
- Voluntary CPVA officer time to support Council officers in operationalising any of the above, at no additional cost to Council.

Where CPVA Certified® applies in the 2026/27 cycle



The framework applies, in different ways, across existing assets, live policy commitments and forthcoming projects. In each case the value is highest at design and procurement stage and falls sharply after installation.

Council solar PV portfolio. Council has reported more than 1,200 kW of solar, with new projects set to increase capacity to around 1.8 MW. As existing and new systems reach inverter renewal, panel replacement, system upgrade or decommissioning decisions, CPVA Certified® gives officers a single defensible standard for reuse, recycling, supplier accountability and end-of-life recovery.

The major solar rollout across leisure and community facilities. Council material identifies a major 900 kW rollout across leisure centres, Kernot Hall, Moe Outdoor Pool and Churchill Hub, with expected annual energy cost savings. That rollout is the strongest immediate point to embed circularity requirements before procurement and installation lock in future obligations.

Sustainability Action Plan 2023–2033 delivery. The Plan already includes additional solar generation, renewable energy requirements for Council-owned and operated buildings, whole-of-life procurement considerations, and environmental management work. CPVA Certified® fits directly into those delivery settings.

2026/27 capital works and community facilities. Any solar PV component within the Gippsland Logistics and Manufacturing Precinct, community facility upgrades, public hall renewals, preschool renewals, car park works or other building projects benefits from the framework applied at design and tender stage.

FOGO, resource recovery and public guidance. As Council introduces FOGO and continues circular economy work, existing communications channels can also provide clear public guidance on responsible solar PV disposal, reuse and recycling pathways. CPVA can provide templates and worked material at no cost to Council.

Budget framing and ratepayer value

The Draft Budget has been prepared on a 2.75 per cent municipal rates and charges increase, includes the introduction of FOGO, and provides an \$88.5 million capital works program. Against a total income and revenue envelope of approximately \$185.9 million, the \$5,000 provision represents around 0.003 per cent of annual revenue. The ratepayer value is straightforward: a modest provision and a clear procurement control help avoid significantly higher future costs by ensuring lifecycle responsibilities are considered while Council still has maximum leverage, before contracts are signed, before assets are installed or replaced, and well before decommissioning.

The council cohort: shared learning, shared challenges

The CPVA council cohort now includes Dubbo Regional Council, Banana Shire Council, Mid-Western Regional Council and Tamworth Regional Council, each navigating different combinations of REZ pressures, renewable-host obligations, financial constraints, community engagement and operational priorities. For Latrobe City, participation would connect Council to practical peer learning while adding something the cohort would benefit from: direct experience managing renewable energy and circular economy decisions in one of Australia's most significant energy-transition regions.



The cohort turns common implementation challenges (procurement specifications, inverter renewal scheduling, facility renewal decisions, decommissioning planning and community communications) into shared practical learning.

The energy transition dimension

Latrobe City has long been central to Victoria's energy system. Its transition from traditional generation towards a more diverse, low-emissions economy gives solar PV circularity a sharper local relevance than it has in many municipalities. If the region is to host and demonstrate the next generation of energy infrastructure, it is equally important that the materials, contracts and end-of-life pathways behind that infrastructure are planned well from the start.

Suggested Budget and Sustainability Action Plan actions

- Allocate a modest \$5,000 operational provision in the 2026/27 Budget for CPVA membership, funded from within existing climate, sustainability or environmental services budgets.
- Adopt CPVA Certified® or equivalent as the default solar PV circularity standard for Council-funded and Council-procured solar PV.
- Incorporate the same standard into Sustainability Action Plan delivery, the Net Zero Strategy work, environmental management settings and any sustainable buildings or procurement guidance.
- Recognise solar PV explicitly within the 2026/27 Budget and Long Term Financial Plan as an asset class with defined renewal, replacement and decommissioning profiles.
- Within FOGO, circular economy, waste and Council communications channels, include public guidance on responsible solar PV disposal, reuse and recycling pathways as community-scale rooftop solar continues to grow.
- Use the council cohort to share Latrobe City's emerging solar circularity practice with peer councils and to draw on their procurement, assessment and end-of-life planning experience.

These actions can be delivered within existing climate, sustainability, asset management, procurement and waste work programs. CPVA would welcome the opportunity to volunteer time to support Council officers in considering how they could be practically implemented, and would be pleased to speak to this submission ahead of Council's consideration of the final Budget.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Collie".

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From: Traralgon Rovers Cricket Club
Sent: Tuesday, 26 May 2026 9:50 PM
To:
Subject: Re: Licence Fees - Draft Budget 2026/27

Good Evening Dan,

In regards to the proposed fees, we have some concerns which we would like to express. I apologise that this is via email but we had our dates mixed up and thought the online feedback submissions closed tonight and not last night.

Firstly, can we ask why is the Level A expected to pay the same as Premier, shouldn't these be 2 separate categories, and therefore different prices.

We do not feel we should be paying the same amount as Premier Grounds. We have been advised that the reason we are paying A rates is for drainage only, and while we do appreciate this there are many other things our club does not have such as:

- Parking, we only have area for about 12 cars
- Multiple grounds and facilities. Most, if not all other clubs have either two grounds or another sporting facility at their location as well i.e. tennis, netball.
- Lack of ground Facilities such as lights, other grounds including those not rated A have lights and we are still on a waiting list.
- Compared to all other A and Premier Pavilions, The Duncan Cameron Reserve is in very poor shape. It has major cracking and does not meet sporting codes; there are no change rooms for female participation and change rooms as a whole are of very poor standard and need to be rectified.

We are a small sporting club compared to the bigger Premier ground clubs and do not have the bank balance that they have. For us to be paying these proposed high fees in the next two seasons would cripple us. Is it possible to please reconsider our rating or drop the A rating down from the Premier pricing.

Thank you in advance and we look forward to your reply.

Kind Regards,

STATUTORY PLANNING

10. STATUTORY PLANNING

Nil reports

CORPORATE ITEMS FOR DECISION

11. CORPORATE ITEMS FOR DECISION

Item Number 11.1 29 June 2026

Infrastructure and Sustainability

PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES FOR TWO RURAL RECREATION RESERVES

The recommended decision is not a Prohibited Decision, as defined in section 69 of the Local Government Act 2020 or a Significant Decision within the meaning of the Election Period Policy.

PURPOSE

To establish two Advisory Committees and their supporting Terms of Reference (TOR), and to commence an Expression of Interest (EOI) process for members, following the dissolution of the two existing Community Asset Committee (CAC).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- At the March 2026 Council meeting, Council endorsed the transition of maintenance for George Bates Reserve (GBR), Yallourn North and Baillie Reserve (BR), Tyers from CACs to Council, commencing 1 July 2026.
- Council appointed CACs are currently managing and maintaining Reserves, with this transitioning to Council from 1 July 2026. This change enables a level of maintenance for GBR and BR consistent with those reserves currently maintained by Council and also minimises the impact of changing volunteering trends.
- The decision at the March 2026 Council Meeting also noted the requirement to dissolve the existing CACs and replace with Advisory Committees (AC) to enable user groups and the local community to continue to inform use and development of the reserves without the maintenance responsibility.
- A Council decision is required to formally dissolve the existing CACs and establish the ACs with an appropriate TOR required to provide clarity and framework for how the AC is to operate.
- The difference between the two committee types is:
 - CACs are a formally appointed group that assists Council in the management, operation and oversight of a Council-owned facility or asset, often with delegated responsibilities relating to bookings, maintenance, compliance and day-to-day operations; and
 - ACs are a consultative group established to provide advice, feedback and community or stakeholder perspectives to Council on specific issues, projects or strategic matters. They do not hold delegated decision-making authority or operational responsibility for Council assets or services.

- Upon establishment of an AC for each reserve, officers will undertake an EOI process for community membership of each committee with the nominations to be presented to Council no later than October 2026 Council meeting.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. dissolves:**
 - a) George Bates Reserve Community Asset Committee;**
 - b) Baillie Reserve Tyers Community Asset Committee;**
- 2. establishes the Baillie Reserve Tyers Advisory Committee and:**
 - a) adopts the Terms of Reference for the Committee at Attachment 3;**
 - b) appoints Cr Steph Morgan as the Councillor member of the Committee for the term specified in the Terms of Reference or earlier ceasing to be a Councillor;**
 - c) appoints Cr Adele Pugsley as nominated substitute Councillor member of the Committee for the term specified in the Terms of Reference or earlier ceasing to be a Councillors;**
 - d) authorises officers to undertake a public expression of interest process open for no less than 28 days for community representative membership of the Committee, with a report to be returned to Council for endorsement of proposed membership;**
- 3. establishes the George Bates Reserve Advisory Committee and:**
 - a) adopts the Terms of Reference for the committee at Attachment 4;**
 - b) appoints Cr Darren Howe as the Councillor member of the Committee for the term specific in the Terms of Reference or earlier ceasing to be a Councillor;**
 - c) authorises officers to undertake a public expression of interest process open for no less than 28 days for community representative membership of the Committee, with a report to be returned to Council for endorsement of proposed membership; and**
- 4. writes to members of the dissolved Community Asset Committees thanking them for their service and contributions.**

BACKGROUND

To officer’s knowledge, Committees have been responsible for the management and maintenance of GBR and BR since Council amalgamations in the mid-1990s, initially as Crown Land Committees of Management (COM), prior to becoming Special Committees of Council in 2018 and finally before transitioning to CACs following a review of the *Local Government Act* (the Act) in 2020.

The current committee membership for each CAC is shown in the table below.

Table 1: CAC Membership

George Bates Reserve	Baillie Reserve
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Councillor being Cr Steph Morgan (Cr Adele Pugsley alternate) • 1 x Council Officer • 1 x Yallourn Yallourn North Football Netball Club • 1 x Yallourn Cricket Club • 1 x GLaWAC representative • Up to 2 x Community representative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Councillor being Darren Howe • 1x Council Officer • 1 x Traralgon Tyers United Football Netball Club • 1 x Tyers Soccer Club • 1 x Tyers Tennis Club • Up to 2 x Community representative

Following extensive consultation with GBR and BR, at the March 2026 Council Meeting, Council endorsed the reallocation of Annual Maintenance Grants (AMG) to enable Council to extend its level of service to those in rural areas as those reserves in its major towns, with Council commencing maintenance of both GBR and BR as of 1 July 2026.

The resolution of March 2026 Council meeting also noted the need for the cessation of each relevant existing CAC and creation of an AC for each reserve to ensure stakeholders and the local community can continue to inform and be advised on strategic and operational matters related to the development, management and maintenance of the reserves.

Noting the requirements of the existing TOR for both CACs, no changes can be made to the TOR without approval from Council (**Attachment 1 and 2**).

ANALYSIS

Officers recognise the considerable work undertaken by both stakeholder and community volunteers in the management and maintenance of both GBR and BR and benefits this has in relation to civic pride, connection and social inclusion amongst those contributors.

To ensure the Council continue to facilitate a sense of cohesion amongst those impacted by the change, Officers are seeking to replace the dissolved CAC with an

AC for each reserve. The different roles and functions of each committee type is summarised in the table below:

Table 2: CAC vs AC

CAC	AC
Delegated authority under section 47 of the Act.	No delegated decision-making authority.
Managing reserves on behalf of Council, taking into account any directions from Council in relation to the reserve.	Share information between resident users of the reserve and Council regarding the reserve
Providing advice and information to Council about the operation, use and future use and activities to be undertaken at the reserve.	Provide advice, information, and feedback in relation to the reserve and its surrounding area on operational and maintenance matters
Liaising between the Council and the Community including user groups who use the reserve	Provide advice, information, and feedback to Council in relation to amenities, facilities and events for the reserve
Undertaking or coordinating maintenance of the reserve	Provide advice as part of a policy, strategy (or other relevant document) review or development processes as required from time to time
Ensuring effective financial management and control of funds related to maintenance or improvement	
Carrying out other such functions, matters and things incidental to achieve items above.	

NB: Previous responsibilities relating to CACs will now be delivered by Council’s Reserve Maintenance and Recreation Liaison team as of 1 July 2026.

Terms Of Reference

TOR for each AC (**Attachments 3 and 4**) are required to define the purpose and framework for how the committee functions and its membership. Officers have sought to ensure a continuity in representation between the outgoing CAC and incoming AC with the proposed committee memberships shown in the table below including maintaining the same Councillor representation for those committees. This is also broadly consistent with the makeup of comparable Council ACs.

Table Three: Proposed AC Membership

George Bates Reserve	Baillie Reserve
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Councillor being Cr Steph Morgan (Cr Adele Pugsley alternate) • 1 x Council Officer • 1 x Yallourn Yallourn North Football Netball Club – Football Representative • 1 x Yallourn Yallourn North Football Netball Club – Netball Representative • 1 x Yallourn North Junior Football Club • 2 x Community representatives • 1 x GLaWAC representative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Councillor being Cr Darren Howe • 1 x Council Officer • 1 x Tyers Lightning Soccer Club • 1 x Traralgon Tyers United Football Netball Club – Football Representative • 1 x Traralgon Tyers United Football Netball Club – Netball Representative • 2 x Community representatives • 1 x GLaWAC representative

Officers are of the opinion that the proposed AC membership achieves the following:

1. Continuity in relation to community representation;
2. Opportunity for all elements of a user group; and
3. Representation is reflective of active user groups

Pending endorsement of items presented in this report, Officers will communicate the outcome with each CAC prior to undertaking an EOI process for community membership of each committee and presenting those nominees for endorsement at the October 2026 Council meeting.

RISK ASSESSMENT

RISK	RISK RATING	TREATMENT
STRATEGIC CACs remain and Council do not close out the maintenance transition process.	Low <i>Rare x Minor</i>	Progress the dissolution of CACs and endorsement of the proposed ACs.
STRATEGIC AC not pursued leading to Community disengagement.	Medium <i>Unlikely x Insignificant</i>	Progress the dissolution of CACs and endorsement of the proposed ACs.

CONSULTATION

Officers completed considerable consultation as part of the initial maintenance transition process and continue to liaise with those impacted by the transition and impact to committee structure and function.

COMMUNICATION

Officers will communicate the outcome of this report and advise on forthcoming EOI process with existing CAC members and also communicate the changes with those user groups involved.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Officers preparing this report have declared they do not have a conflict of interest in this matter under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

APPENDIX 1 IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Gender

A Gender Impact Assessment (GIA) under the *Gender Equality Act 2020* has not been conducted as this matter does not involve a program, service or policy with a significant and direct impact on the community.

Social

ACs play an important role in providing an avenue for stakeholders and community members to come together and provide consolidated feedback on strategic and operational items related to the reserve and its usage.

Cultural

There are no cultural impacts currently relating to this report.

Health

There are no cultural impacts currently relating to this report.

Environmental

ACs provide opportunity for community and user group stakeholders to inform strategic and operational items and achieve desirable environmental outcomes.

Economic

There are no economic impacts currently relating to this report.

Financial

There are no financial impacts currently relating to this report.

Attachments

1. George Bates Reserve Community Asset Committee Terms of Reference
2. Baillie Reserve Community Asset Committee Terms of Reference
3. Draft Baillie Reserve Tyers Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
4. Draft George Bates Reserve Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

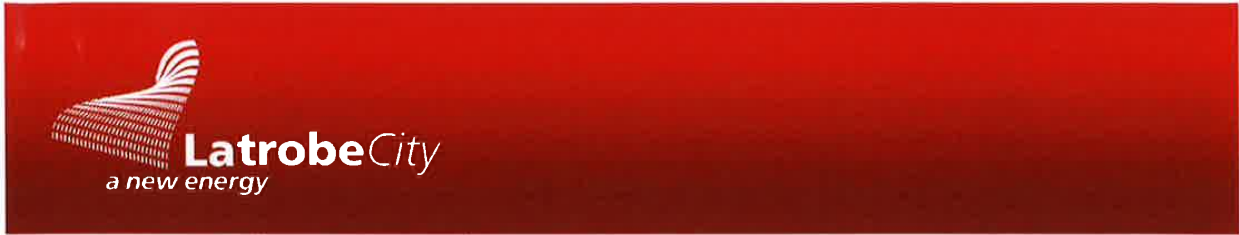
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Proposed Establishment of Advisory Committees For Two Rural Recreation Reserves

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4	Draft George Bates Reserve Advisory Committee Terms of Reference	335

George Bates Reserve Community Asset Committee *Terms of Reference*





Terms of Reference

Pursuant to the exercise of the power conferred by section 65 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Latrobe City Council (the Council) hereby establishes George Bates Reserve Community Asset Committee (the Committee), with the purposes and rules set out in the Schedules attached:

1. These Terms of Reference are authorised by a resolution of Council passed on 7 September 2020.

The common seal of Latrobe City Council)
was affixed in accordance with Local Law)
No. 1 this 8th day of September 2020 in)
the presence of:





Steven Piasente Chief Executive Officer

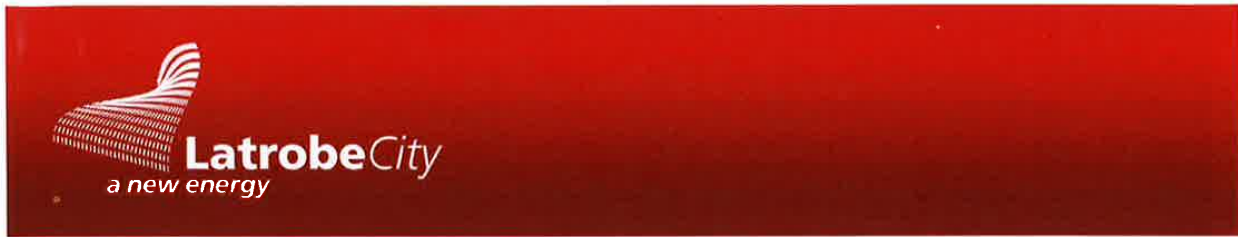


Schedule One: Role, Membership and Meeting Procedures of the Community Asset Committee

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1. In these terms of reference and schedules, the following words have the following meanings:

The Committee	means the George Bates Reserve Community Asset Committee appointed pursuant to the provisions of section 65 of the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> .
Community Asset Committee	means a committee established by the Council under section 65 of the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> and to which the Chief Executive Officer delegates a duty, function or power under section 47 of the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> .
Council	means Latrobe City Council, being a body corporate constituted as a municipal Council under the Act.
Councillor	means a person who holds the office of a member of Latrobe City Council.
Council officer	means the Chief Executive Officer and staff of Council appointed by the Chief Executive Officer.
Reserve	means the recreation reserve having facilities for cricket, football, and netball situated at Howlett Road, Yallourn North which is identified on the attached plan in Schedule 2 that is subject to these Terms of Reference.
Governance Rules	means the Governance Rules of Latrobe City Council adopted pursuant to section 60 of the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> and as amended from time to time.
Management	includes the maintenance, control, operation, conservation, promotion and/or development of property exercised subject to any limitations or restrictions in these Terms of Reference and any Instrument of Sub-



Delegation to the Committee by the Chief Executive Officer.

2. ROLE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY ASSET COMMITTEE

2.1. The purpose and role of the Committee is to act as an agent of Latrobe City Council and not as an independent entity in operating and managing the Reserve which is entrusted in the Committee's care and to undertake functions relating to the Reserve, in particular:

- (a) Managing the Reserve on behalf of Council taking into account any directions from Council in relation to the Reserve;
- (b) Providing advice and information to Council about the operation, use and future use and activities to be undertaken at the Reserve;
- (c) Liaising between the Council and the community, including user groups who use the Reserve;
- (d) Undertaking or coordinating maintenance of the Reserve;
- (e) Ensuring effective financial management and control of funds allocated to the Reserve by way of grants for maintaining and/or improving the Reserve and providing amenities for the better use and enjoyment by the community and public; and
- (f) Carrying out such other functions, matters and things incidental to and in furtherance of achieving the matters set out above.

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1. The Committee will exercise the powers, functions and duties delegated to it by the Chief Executive Officer in an instrument of sub-delegation made in accordance with section 47 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

3.2. The Chief Executive Officer may, at any time, review and vary the delegations to the Committee and will notify any variations to the Committee by providing an updated instrument of delegation.

4. COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE

4.1. Membership

The Committee will comprise of up to 8 members being:

- (a) Up to 2 Councillors;
- (b) 1 Council officer;



- (c) 2 representatives nominated from each of the following user groups:
- 1 representative of Yallourn North Football Netball Club;
 - 1 representative of Yallourn North Cricket Club.
- (d) 1 representative of the Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC) where GLaWAC chooses to nominate a representative; and
- (e) up to 2 community representatives who must be residents of the Latrobe City municipality (unless otherwise approved by Council) or a number of representatives as determined by Council not connected with the user groups specified in paragraph (c).
- 4.2. The appointment of the community representatives must be as described in clause 4.6.
- 4.3. Each member may also nominate a substitute representative to attend meetings of the Committee (with voting rights) in the absence of the appointed person. The substitute representative may attend meetings at other times only as an observer (without voting rights) at the invitation of the Committee.
- 4.4. No person may be or act as a member of the Committee until endorsed by Council.
- 4.5. Nomination Process – Main User Groups
- (a) Council may write to the user groups listed in clause 4.1(c) requesting that they submit a written nomination of a representative for Committee membership within 14 days of the Council's decision to appoint a Community Asset Committee;
- (b) There must not be a majority representation from any single user group on the Committee.
- 4.6. Expression of Interest Process – Community Representatives
- (a) A public notice calling for expressions of interest from members of the community for Committee membership must be published in a newspaper within 28 days of the Council's decision to appoint a Community Asset Committee;
- (b) Expressions of interest must be in writing and must be received within 14 days of the public notice;
- (c) Council may appoint a person as a community representative whose name has not been submitted through the above process.



4.7. Qualifications for Committee - General

- (a) Except with the prior approval of the Council, a person cannot be appointed to the Committee unless such person has attained the age of eighteen (18) years and resides, or owns property, or works within the municipality;
- (b) All Committee members must be prepared to comply with Conflict of Interest provisions in the *Local Government Act 2020* and the procedures for disclosure of a conflict of interest set out in the Governance Rules of Latrobe City Council;
- (c) Committee members must complete a *Nominee Declaration Form* to qualify to be a member of the Committee.

4.8 The Committee may co-opt people to assist it from time to time with specific projects or tasks to enable it to fulfil the Committee's objectives.

5. TERM OF OFFICE

- 5.1. All members of the Committee will (subject to Clause 6) hold office for a period of three (3) years from the date that their appointment is endorsed by Council but the existing Committee will continue to undertake the functions and powers delegated to it by the Chief Executive Officer until the Council appoints a new Committee following the process required under clauses 4.5 and 4.6.
- 5.2. A member appointed to fill a casual vacancy on the Committee will retire at the end of the three (3) year period applicable to the member whose inability to see out their term (for whatever reason) caused the vacancy.
- 5.3. A member of the Committee is eligible for re-nomination at the expiration of the period of office.

6. VACANCIES

- 6.1. Notwithstanding anything else contained herein, the Council may at any time terminate the office of any or all of the members of the Committee.
- 6.2. If any Committee member misses three (3) consecutive meetings of the Committee without submitting their apology prior to the meeting such person will cease to be a member of the Committee upon confirmation by Council.
- 6.3. Casual Vacancies
 - (a) Where a vacancy on the Committee occurs through retirement, resignation, death, incapacity or loss of qualification, the Committee will



within one month of this occurring, advise the Council and nominate a suitable person to Council for appointment to the vacancy for the period remaining of the original tenure; and

- (b) Any vacancy caused by the resignation of a member who is a community representative may only be filled by Council via an expression of interest process.

7. OFFICE BEARERS

- 7.1. Within 1 month of the Council's endorsement of the appointment of members of the Committee, the Committee must call and hold a meeting to appoint its office bearers.
- 7.2. The office bearers to be appointed and who will hold office for a period of twelve (12) months will be:
- Chairperson
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
- 7.3. There must be segregation of duties amongst office bearers i.e. no one person may hold more than one office bearing position. In circumstances where it is not possible to segregate the role, one person may, with the approval of the Council officer appointed to the Committee, hold both the positions of Treasurer and Secretary.
- 7.4. The Committee must provide all nomination forms and notify the Council of the name and address of each office bearer within seven (7) days of that person's appointment.

8. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8.1. General Provisions

- (a) Except where a contrary intention is indicated in these Terms of Reference, the Governance Rules of Latrobe City Council apply to the Committee and any meetings of the Committee. In the event of any inconsistency between the Governance Rules and these Terms of Reference, these Terms of Reference shall prevail.
- (b) The Committee must hold at least four (4) meetings during the year on such dates as the Chairperson appoints with the first meeting of the Committee to be held within one (1) month of the Committee's



appointment.

- (c) The Secretary must distribute a notice of the meeting to all members of the Committee at least seven (7) clear days prior to the meeting and advise the Council of any Committee meetings.

8.2. Meeting Procedures

- (a) All requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* must be complied with.
- (b) All requirements of the Governance Rules of Latrobe City Council must be adhered to unless specified otherwise in these Terms of Reference.
- (c) The Chairperson shall take the chair at all meetings at which the Chairperson is present. If the Chairperson is absent the Chairperson's nominated representative must take the chair and if that nominated representative is not present, the members present may appoint one of their numbers to chair the meeting.

8.3. Quorum

- (a) A meeting of the Committee must not proceed if a quorum cannot be established within 30 minutes of the commencement time contained in the notice of the meeting.
- (b) The quorum must be as defined in the Governance Rules of Latrobe City Council.

8.4. Annual General Meeting

Each year the Committee will hold an annual general meeting which will:

- (a) Elect members to the positions listed in clause 7.2;
- (b) Receive and consider the Committee's annual report;
- (c) Receive and consider a report on the program of activities proposed for the next year; and
- (d) Receive and adopt the annual financial statements.

8.5. Unscheduled Meetings

- (a) The Chairperson may call an unscheduled meeting and must call an unscheduled meeting if a written request is received from 3 members of the Committee and must give notice of the meeting in accordance with the requirements of clause 8.



- (b) The notice of an unscheduled meeting and any request by the 3 Committee members must contain a statement of the purpose of the meeting.
- (c) The meeting will be held on such date and at such time as fixed by the Chairperson.
- (d) In cases where the Chairperson calls a meeting in response to a request from 3 Committee members, the meeting must be held within 21 days of receiving the request. The Chairperson must arrange for notice of the meeting to be given to all Committee members.
- (e) No other business other than that specified in the notice must be transacted at the meeting.

8.6. Minutes of meetings

- (a) The Chairperson of the Committee must arrange for minutes of each meeting of the Committee to be kept.
- (b) The Chairperson must submit the Minutes of a Committee meeting to the next meeting of the Committee for confirmation. If the minutes are confirmed the Chairperson at the meeting must sign the minutes and certify that they have been confirmed.
- (c) The minutes of a meeting of the Committee must:
 - contain details of the proceedings and resolutions made;
 - be clearly expressed; and
 - be self-explanatory.
- (d) Relevant reports or a summary of the relevant reports considered in the decision making process must be incorporated in relation to resolutions recorded in the minutes.
- (e) The Chairperson must ensure a copy of the minutes of each meeting of the Committee is sent to Council within seven (7) days of the meeting.
- (f) The Chairperson must ensure that the form and availability of all minutes of Committee meetings are otherwise in accordance with the Governance Rules of Latrobe City Council.

8.7. Voting

- (a) Each member present at a meeting of the Committee will have one



vote on each matter being considered by the Committee.

- (b) In the event that voting on any matter is equal, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.
- (c) A motion before a meeting of the Committee is to be determined as follows:
 - (i) Each member of the Committee who is entitled to vote is entitled to one vote;
 - (ii) Unless otherwise prohibited by the *Local Government Act 2020*, each member of the Committee present must vote;
 - (iii) Unless the procedures of the Committee otherwise provide, voting must be by show of hands;
 - (iv) The Motion is determined by a majority of the vote;
 - (v) If there is an equality of votes the Chairperson has a second vote.
- (d) Any decision of the Committee which does not relate to a matter delegated to the Committee by the Chief Executive Officer cannot be actioned until approved by Council.
- (e) In the event of any unresolved dispute arising between Committee members, the matter shall be submitted to Council in writing and any decision made thereon by the Council shall be final.
- (f) The Committee may form Sub-Committees from amongst its members for the purpose of recommending on matters pertaining to the provisions of these Terms of Reference or an Instrument of Sub-Delegation to the Committee by the Chief Executive Officer, provided that no decision is made.
- (g) The Chairperson will be an ex-officio member of all Sub-Committees.
- (h) A Sub-Committee may only be established by resolution of the Committee and may only carry out the functions stated in the resolution.

8.8. Conflict of Interest

- (a) If a member of the Committee has a Conflict of Interest in any matter in which the Committee is concerned, the member must disclose the Conflict of Interest in accordance with the procedure contained in the



Governance Rules of Latrobe City Council.

- (b) The member must disclose the nature of that interest at the meeting at which the matter is to be discussed and not remain in the room in which the meeting is being held during any discussion or any vote taken on the matter.
- (c) The Minutes must record the Conflict of Interest and the time the member left and returned to the meeting.

9. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

9.1. Communications

The Committee must comply with any Council Policy applying to public relations, communications and use of social media.

9.2. Disputes

In the event of any dispute between the Committee and any other party, the matter will be referred to the General Manager Assets and Presentation for resolution subject to any dispute process in any written agreement between the Committee and the other party.

9.3. Indemnity

The Council will indemnify members of the Committee against any action, liability, claim or demand on account of any matter or thing done by them on behalf of the Committee when they are acting in accordance with these Terms of Reference and an Instrument of Sub-Delegation to the Committee by the Chief Executive Officer and in the honest and reasonable belief or under a mistake of law that the member was properly exercising any function or power of the Committee.

9.4. Changes to Terms of Reference

No alteration to these Terms of Reference or the schedules shall be effective unless first approved by Council.



Schedule 2: GIS Imagery of managed land



Baillie Reserve Tyers Community Asset Committee *Terms of Reference*





Terms of Reference

Pursuant to the exercise of the power conferred by section 65 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Latrobe City Council (the Council) hereby establishes Baillie Reserve Tyers Community Asset Committee (the Committee), with the purposes and rules set out in the Schedules attached:

1. These Terms of Reference are authorised by a resolution of Council passed on 7 September 2020.

The common seal of Latrobe City Council)
was affixed in accordance with Local Law)
No. 1 this 8th day of September 2020 in)
the presence of:



Steven Piasente Chief Executive Officer





Schedule One: Role, Membership and Meeting Procedures of the Community Asset Committee

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1. In these terms of reference and schedules, the following words have the following meanings:

The Committee	means the Baillie Reserve Tyers Community Asset Committee appointed pursuant to the provisions of section 65 of the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> .
Community Asset Committee	means a committee established by the Council under section 65 of the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> and to which the Chief Executive Officer delegates a duty, function or power under section 47 of the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> .
Council	means Latrobe City Council, being a body corporate constituted as a municipal Council under the Act.
Councillor	means a person who holds the office of a member of Latrobe City Council.
Council officer	means the Chief Executive Officer and staff of Council appointed by the Chief Executive Officer.
Reserve	means the recreation reserve having facilities for football, soccer, tennis and netball situated at Main Road, Tyers which is identified on the attached plan in Schedule 2 that is subject to these Terms of Reference.
Governance Rules	means the Governance Rules of Latrobe City Council adopted pursuant to section 60 of the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> and as amended from time to time.
Management	includes the maintenance, control, operation, conservation, promotion and/or development of property exercised subject to any limitations or restrictions in these Terms of Reference and any Instrument of Sub-



Delegation to the Committee by the Chief Executive Officer.

2. ROLE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY ASSET COMMITTEE

2.1. The purpose and role of the Committee is to act as an agent of Latrobe City Council and not as an independent entity in operating and managing the Reserve which is entrusted in the Committee's care and to undertake functions relating to the Reserve, in particular:

- (a) Managing the Reserve on behalf of Council taking into account any directions from Council in relation to the Reserve;
- (b) Providing advice and information to Council about the operation, use and future use and activities to be undertaken at the Reserve;
- (c) Liaising between the Council and the community, including user groups who use the Reserve;
- (d) Undertaking or coordinating maintenance of the Reserve;
- (e) Ensuring effective financial management and control of the funds allocated to the Reserve by way of grants for maintaining and/or improving the Reserve and providing amenities for the better use and enjoyment by the community and public; and
- (f) Carrying out such other functions, matters and things incidental to and in furtherance of achieving the matters set out above.

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1. The Committee will exercise the powers, functions and duties delegated to it by the Chief Executive Officer in an instrument of sub-delegation made in accordance with section 47 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

3.2. The Chief Executive Officer may, at any time, review and vary the delegations to the Committee and will notify any variations to the Committee by providing an updated instrument of delegation.

4. COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE

4.1. Membership

The Committee will comprise of up to 8 members being:

- (a) 1 Councillor;
- (b) 1 Council officer;



- (c) 3 representatives nominated from each of the following user groups:
 - 1 representative of Traralgon Tyers United Football Netball Club;
 - 1 representative of Tyers Soccer Club; and
 - 1 representative of Tyers Tennis Club.
 - (d) 1 representative of the Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC) where GLaWAC chooses to nominate a representative; and
 - (e) up to 2 community representatives who must be residents of the Latrobe City municipality (unless otherwise approved by Council) or a number of representatives as determined by Council not connected with the user groups specified in paragraph (c).
- 4.2. The appointment of the community representatives must be as described in clause 4.6.
- 4.3. Each member may also nominate a substitute representative to attend meetings of the Committee (with voting rights) in the absence of the appointed person. The substitute representative may attend meetings at other times only as an observer (without voting rights) at the invitation of the Committee.
- 4.4. No person may be or act as a member of the Committee until endorsed by Council.
- 4.5. Nomination Process – Main User Groups
- (a) Council may write to the user groups listed in clause 4.1(c) requesting that they submit a written nomination of a representative for Committee membership within 14 days of the Council's decision to appoint a Community Asset Committee;
 - (b) There must not be a majority representation from any single user group on the Committee.
- 4.6. Expression of Interest Process – Community Representatives
- (a) A public notice calling for expressions of interest from members of the community for Committee membership must be published in a newspaper within 14 days of the Council's decision to appoint a Community Asset Committee;
 - (b) Expressions of interest must be in writing and must be received within 14 days of the public notice;



- (c) Council may appoint a person as a community representative whose name has not been submitted through the above process.

4.7. Qualifications for Committee - General

- (a) Except with the prior approval of the Council, a person cannot be appointed to the Committee unless such person has attained the age of eighteen (18) years and resides, or owns property, or works within the municipality;
- (b) All Committee members must be prepared to comply with Conflict of Interest provisions in the *Local Government Act 2020* and the procedures for disclosure of a conflict of interest set out in the Governance Rules of Latrobe City Council;
- (c) Committee members must complete a *Nominee Declaration Form* to qualify to be a member of the Committee.

5. TERM OF OFFICE

- 5.1. All members of the Committee will (subject to Clause 6) hold office for a period of three (3) years from the date that their appointment is endorsed by Council but the existing Committee will continue to undertake the functions and powers delegated to it by the Chief Executive Officer until the Council appoints a new Committee following the process required under clauses 4.5 and 4.6.
- 5.2. A member appointed to fill a casual vacancy on the Committee will retire at the end of the three (3) year period applicable to the member whose inability to see out their term (for whatever reason) caused the vacancy.
- 5.3. A member of the Committee is eligible for re-nomination at the expiration of the period of office.

6. VACANCIES

- 6.1. Notwithstanding anything else contained herein, the Council may at any time terminate the office of any or all of the members of the Committee.
- 6.2. If any Committee member misses three (3) consecutive meetings of the Committee without submitting their apology prior to the meeting such person will cease to be a member of the Committee upon confirmation by Council.
- 6.3. Casual Vacancies
 - (a) Where a vacancy on the Committee occurs through retirement, resignation, death, incapacity or loss of qualification, the Committee will



within one month of this occurring, advise the Council and nominate a suitable person to Council for appointment to the vacancy for the period remaining of the original tenure; and

- (b) Any vacancy caused by the resignation of a member who is a community representative may only be filled by Council via an expression of interest process.

7. OFFICE BEARERS

- 7.1. Within 1 month of the Council's endorsement of the appointment of members of the Committee, the Committee must call and hold a meeting to appoint its office bearers.
- 7.2. The office bearers to be appointed and who will hold office for a period of twelve (12) months will be:
- Chairperson
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
- 7.3. There must be segregation of duties amongst office bearers i.e. no one person may hold more than one office bearing position. In circumstances where it is not possible to segregate the role, one person may, with the approval of the Council officer appointed to the Committee, hold both the positions of Treasurer and Secretary.
- 7.4. The Committee must provide all nomination forms and notify the Council of the name and address of each office bearer within seven (7) days of that person's appointment.

8. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8.1. General Provisions

- (a) Except where a contrary intention is indicated in these Terms of Reference, the Governance Rules of Latrobe City Council apply to the Committee and any meetings of the Committee. In the event of any inconsistency between the Governance Rules and these Terms of Reference, these Terms of Reference shall prevail.
- (b) The Committee must hold at least four (4) meetings during the year on such dates as the Chairperson appoints with the first meeting of the Committee to be held within one (1) month of the Committee's



appointment.

- (c) The Secretary must distribute a notice of the meeting to all members of the Committee at least seven (7) clear days prior to the meeting and advise the Council of any Committee meetings.

8.2. Meeting Procedures.

- (a) All requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* must be complied with.
- (b) All requirements of the Governance Rules of Latrobe City Council must be adhered to unless specified otherwise in these Terms of Reference.
- (c) The Chairperson shall take the chair at all meetings at which the Chairperson is present. If the Chairperson is absent the Chairperson's nominated representative must take the chair and if that nominated representative is not present, the members present may appoint one of their numbers to chair the meeting.

8.3. Quorum

- (a) A meeting of the Committee must not proceed if a quorum cannot be established within 30 minutes of the commencement time contained in the notice of the meeting.
- (b) The quorum must be as defined in the Governance Rules of Latrobe City Council.

8.4. Annual General Meeting

Each year the Committee will hold an annual general meeting which will:

- (a) Elect members to the positions listed in clause 7.2;
- (b) Receive and consider the Committee's annual report;
- (c) Receive and consider a report on the program of activities proposed for the next year; and
- (d) Receive and adopt the annual financial statements.

8.5. Unscheduled Meetings

- (a) The Chairperson may call an unscheduled meeting and must call an unscheduled meeting if a written request is received from 3 members of the Committee and must give notice of the meeting in accordance with the requirements of clause 8.



- (b) The notice of an unscheduled meeting and any request by the 3 Committee members must contain a statement of the purpose of the meeting.
- (c) The meeting will be held on such date and at such time as fixed by the Chairperson.
- (d) In cases where the Chairperson calls a meeting in response to a request from 3 Committee members, the meeting must be held within 21 days of receiving the request. The Chairperson must arrange for notice of the meeting to be given to all Committee members.
- (e) No other business other than that specified in the notice must be transacted at the meeting.

8.6. Minutes of meetings

- (a) The Chairperson of the Committee must arrange for minutes of each meeting of the Committee to be kept.
- (b) The Chairperson must submit the Minutes of a Committee meeting to the next meeting of the Committee for confirmation. If the minutes are confirmed the Chairperson at the meeting must sign the minutes and certify that they have been confirmed.
- (c) The minutes of a meeting of the Committee must:
 - contain details of the proceedings and resolutions made;
 - be clearly expressed; and
 - be self-explanatory.
- (d) Relevant reports or a summary of the relevant reports considered in the decision making process must be incorporated in relation to resolutions recorded in the minutes.
- (e) The Chairperson must ensure a copy of the minutes of each meeting of the Committee is sent to Council within seven (7) days of the meeting.
- (f) The Chairperson must ensure that the form and availability of all minutes of Committee meetings are otherwise in accordance with the Governance Rules of Latrobe City Council.

8.7. Voting

- (a) Each member present at a meeting of the Committee will have one



vote on each matter being considered by the Committee.

- (b) In the event that voting on any matter is equal, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.
- (c) A motion before a meeting of the Committee is to be determined as follows:
 - (i) Each member of the Committee who is entitled to vote is entitled to one vote;
 - (ii) Unless otherwise prohibited by the *Local Government Act 2020*, each member of the Committee present must vote;
 - (iii) Unless the procedures of the Committee otherwise provide, voting must be by show of hands;
 - (iv) The Motion is determined by a majority of the vote;
 - (v) If there is an equality of votes the Chairperson has a second vote.
- (d) Any decision of the Committee which does not relate to a matter delegated to the Committee by the Chief Executive Officer cannot be actioned until approved by Council.
- (e) In the event of any unresolved dispute arising between Committee members, the matter shall be submitted to Council in writing and any decision made thereon by the Council shall be final.
- (f) The Committee may form Sub-Committees from amongst its members for the purpose of recommending on matters pertaining to the provisions of these Terms of Reference or an Instrument of Sub-Delegation to the Committee by the Chief Executive Officer, provided that no decision is made.
- (g) The Chairperson will be an ex-officio member of all Sub-Committees.
- (h) A Sub-Committee may only be established by resolution of the Committee and may only carry out the functions stated in the resolution.

8.8. Conflict of Interest

- (a) If a member of the Committee has a Conflict of Interest in any matter in which the Committee is concerned, the member must disclose the Conflict of Interest in accordance with the procedure contained in the



Governance Rules of Latrobe City Council.

- (b) The member must disclose the nature of that interest at the meeting at which the matter is to be discussed and not remain in the room in which the meeting is being held during any discussion or any vote taken on the matter.
- (c) The Minutes must record the Conflict of Interest and the time the member left and returned to the meeting.

9. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

9.1. Communications

The Committee must comply with any Council Policy applying to public relations, communications and use of social media.

9.2. Disputes

In the event of any dispute between the Committee and any other party, the matter will be referred to the General Manager Assets and Presentation for resolution subject to complying with any dispute process in any written agreement between the Committee and the other party.

9.3. Indemnity

The Council will indemnify members of the Committee against any action, liability, claim or demand on account of any matter or thing done by them on behalf of the Committee when they are acting in accordance with these Terms of Reference and an Instrument of Sub-Delegation to the Committee by the Chief Executive Officer and in the honest and reasonable belief or under a mistake of law that the member was properly exercising any function or power of the Committee.

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1. Establishment of the Committee

- 1.1. The Baillie Reserve Advisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”), is a formally appointed Advisory Committee of Latrobe City Council established for the purposes of providing advice to Council.
- 1.2. The membership of this Committee and these Terms of Reference will be adopted by resolution of Latrobe City Council at a Council Meeting.

2. Objectives

- 2.1. The Committee’s role is to report to the Council and provide appropriated advice, information, and feedback on matters relevant to this Terms of Reference in order to facilitate decision making by the Council in relation to the discharge of its responsibilities.
- 2.2. The Committee is an advisory committee only and has no delegated decision-making authority.
- 2.3. The Committee is established to:
 - 2.3.1. Share information between resident users of the reserve and Latrobe City Council regarding the Baillie Reserve;
 - 2.3.2. Provide advice, information, and feedback in relation to the reserve and its surrounding area on operational and maintenance matters;
 - 2.3.3. Provide advice, information, and feedback to Latrobe City Council in relation to amenities, facilities and events for the reserve.
- 2.4. The Committee will carry out the following in order to achieve the objectives:
 - 2.4.1. Policy and Strategy Development - provide advice as part of a policy, strategy (or other relevant document) review or development processes as required from time to time.
 - 2.4.2. Perform other activities related to this Terms of Reference as requested by the Council.

3. Membership

Composition of the Committee

- 3.1. The Committee shall comprise of 8 members, being:
 - 3.1.1. One Councillor
 - 3.1.2. Three stakeholder representatives total:
 - 3.1.2.1. Tyers Lightning Soccer Club;
 - 3.1.2.2. Traralgon Tyers United Football Netball Club – Football Representative
 - 3.1.2.3. Traralgon Tyers United Football Netball Club – Netball Representative;
 - 3.1.3. Two Community representatives appointed via an expression of interest process.
 - 3.1.4. Latrobe City Council Officer
 - 3.1.5. One representative of the Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC) where GLaWAC choses to nominate a representative.

Length of appointment

- 3.2. The Committee shall be in place for as long as Latrobe City Council sees fit, and the appointment of members shall be for a term as deemed appropriate by Council.
- 3.3. Prior to the expiration of each term, there will be a call for nominations for the next term. Current Committee members are able to re-nominate. The existing Committee will continue to undertake its functions until Council appoints the new Committee.

Selection of members and filling of vacancies

- 3.4. Latrobe City Council shall determine the original membership of a Committee to include representatives of existing User Groups and community representation.
- 3.5. The Committee may fill any vacancies that occur within the determined period of appointment, subject to the approval of the General Manager of the relevant division and endorsement of Council. Where a vacancy is filled in this way, the appointment shall be limited to the remainder of the period of the original appointment.

Co-option of members

- 3.6. With the approval of the Chair, the Committee may invite other individuals to participate in the proceedings of the Committee on a regular or an occasional basis and including in the proceedings of any sub-committees formed.

Attendance at meetings

- 3.7. All Committee members are expected to attend each meeting.
- 3.8. A member who misses two consecutive meetings without a formal apology may at the discretion of Latrobe City Council have their term of office revoked.
- 3.9. A member who is unable to attend the majority of meetings during the year may at the discretion of Latrobe City Council have their term of office revoked.

Resignations

- 3.10. All resignations from members of the Committee are to be submitted in writing, either electronically or via mail to the General Manager of the relevant division, Latrobe City Council, PO Bos 264, Morwell VIC 3840.

4. Proceedings*Chair*

- 4.1. The nominated Councillor shall Chair the meetings.
- 4.2. If the Councillor delegate is unavailable, he/she shall delegate to the nominated Council Officer to chair the meeting

Meeting schedule

- 4.3. The Committee will determine its meeting schedule and times for each of the meetings. The duration of each Committee meeting should generally not exceed two hours.
- 4.4. Meetings of the Committee will be held bi-annually or as may be deemed necessary by Latrobe City Council or the Committee to fulfil the objectives of the Committee.

Meeting procedures

- 4.5. Meetings will follow standard meeting procedures as established in any guidance material and outlined in these terms of reference for Advisory Committees provided (see appendix one for the agenda template).
- 4.6. Members are expected to comply with the confidential information provisions contained in the Local Government Act 2020 and must treat information they receive as confidential unless otherwise advised. Members must not use confidential information other than for the purpose of performing their function as a member of the Committee.
- 4.7. If a member has a general or material conflict of interest as defined in the Local Government Act 2020 regarding an item to be considered or discussed by the Committee, the member must disclose this to the Chair if they are attending the meeting.
- 4.8. Once a declaration of either general or material conflict of interest has been made, the member must leave the room and remain outside until the conclusion of the relevant discussion. The time of leaving the meeting room and the time of their return must be recorded in the minutes or notes of the meeting.
- 4.9. All recommendations, proposals and advice must be directed through the Chair.

Quorum

- 4.10 A majority of the members constitutes a quorum.
- 4.11 If at any Committee meeting a quorum is not present within 30 minutes after the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting shall be deemed adjourned.

Voting

- 4.12 There will be no official voting process, although all members shall have equal voting rights, Majority and minority opinions will be reflected in Committee minutes.

Minutes of the Meeting

- 4.13 A Latrobe City Officer or authorised agent shall take the minutes of each Committee meeting.
- 4.14 The minutes shall be in a standard format including a record of those present, apologies for absence, adoption of previous minutes and a list of adopted actions and resolutions of the Committee (see appendix two for the minutes template).

- 4.15 The minutes shall be stored in the Latrobe City Council corporate filing system (currently Ci Anywhere electronic document and records management system).
- 4.16 The agenda shall be distributed at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to all Committee members.
- 4.17 A copy of the minutes shall be distributed to all Committee members within 10 working days of the meeting.

Reports to Council

- 4.18 With the approval of the Chair, a report to Council may be tabled on the Committee's progress towards the objectives included in this Terms of Reference.
- 4.19 Reports to Council should reflect a consensus of view. Where consensus cannot be reached, the report should clearly outline any differing points of view.
- 4.20 Reports to Council will be co-ordinated through the General Manager of the relevant division that the Committee falls under.

5. Review of Committee and Duration of the Committee

- 5.1 The Committee will cease to operate by resolution of the Council, or once the objectives at item 2.3 are demonstrated to have been met, whichever occurs first.
- 5.2 A review of the Committee will take place at least once every three years at which time the Terms of Reference will also be reviewed.
- 5.3 A review will be conducted on a self-assessment basis (unless otherwise determined by Council) with appropriate input sought from the Council, the CEO, all Committee members, management and any other stakeholders, as determined by Council.
- 5.4 The review must consider.
 - 5.4.1 The Committee's achievements;
 - 5.4.2 Whether there is a demonstrated need for the Committee to continue; and
 - 5.4.3 Any other relevant matter.

6. Authority and Compliance Requirements

- 6.1 The Committee is a consultative committee only and has no executive powers nor does it have any delegated decision making or financial authority.
- 6.2 Failure to comply with the provisions outlined in this Terms of Reference may result in termination of the Member's appointment.

Appendix 1: Agenda Template

Agenda

Meeting title

Date: 00/00/0000
Time: 00.00pm to 00.00pm

Attendees:

Latrobe City Council

- Bullet list – level [Q1](#)
- Bullet list – Level 01

Agenda items

No.	Item/description	Owner	Time allocated
1	Heading Paragraph text looks like this. It's clear and simple, just what you need.	Latrobe City Council	3pm to 3.05pm
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3	Paragraph text looks like this. It's clear and simple, just what you need.		3.20pm to 3.30pm
4	Paragraph text looks like this. It's clear and simple, just what you need.		3.30pm to 3.45pm

Next meeting: 00 January, 00.00am to 00.00am

Appendix 2: Minutes Template

Minutes

Meeting title

Date: 00/00/0000
 Time: 00.00pm to 00.00pm
 Chairperson: Name

Attendees:

- Name, Name

Apologies:

- Name, Name

Meeting items

No.	Item description
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Action items

No.	Item description/action	Owner	Due date
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3			Day 00 Month 0000

On-going action items

No.	Item description/action	Owner	Due date
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- 2.1. The Committee's role is to report to the Council and provide appropriated advice, information, and feedback on matters relevant to this Terms of Reference in order to facilitate decision making by the Council in relation to the discharge of its responsibilities.
- 2.2. The Committee is an advisory committee only and has no delegated decision-making authority.
- 2.3. The Committee is established to:
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 - 3.3.2. Provide advice, information, and feedback in relation to the reserve and its surrounding area on operational and maintenance matters;
 - 3.3.3. Provide advice, information, and feedback to Latrobe City Council in relation to amenities, facilities and events for the reserve.
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 - 3.4.2. Perform other activities related to this Terms of Reference as requested by the Council.

3. Membership

Composition of the Committee

- 3.1. The Committee shall comprise of seven members, being:
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 - 3.1.2. Three stakeholder representative total:
 - 3.1.2.1. Yallourn North Football Netball Club – Football Representative
 - 3.1.2.2. Yallourn North Football Netball Club – Netball Representative
 - 3.1.2.3. Yallourn North Junior Football Club
 - 3.1.3. Two Community representatives appointed via an expression of interest process.
 - 3.1.4. Latrobe City Council Officer.
 - 3.1.5. One representative of the Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC) where GLaWAC chooses to nominate a representative.

Length of appointment

- 3.2. The Committee shall be in place for as long as Latrobe City Council sees fit, and the appointment of members shall be for a term as deemed appropriate by Council.
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Selection of members and filling of vacancies

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- 3.5. The Committee may fill any vacancies that occur within the determined period of appointment, subject to the approval of the General Manager of the relevant division and endorsement of Council. Where a vacancy is filled in this way, the appointment shall be limited to the remainder of the period of the original appointment.

Co-option of members

- 3.6. With the approval of the Chair, the Committee may invite other individuals to participate in the proceedings of the Committee on a regular or an occasional basis and including in the proceedings of any sub-committees formed.

Attendance at meetings

- 3.7. All Committee members are expected to be represented at each meeting.
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- 3.9. A member who is unable to attend the majority of meetings during the year may at the discretion of Latrobe City Council have their term of office revoked.

Resignations

- 3.10. All resignations from members of the Committee are to be submitted in writing, either electronically or via mail to the General Manager of the relevant division, Latrobe City Council, PO Box 264, Morwell VIC 3840.

4. ProceedingsChair

- 4.1. The nominated Councillor shall Chair the meetings.
- 4.2. If the Councillor delegate is unavailable, he/she shall delegate to the nominated Council Officer to chair the meeting.

Meeting schedule

- 4.3. The Committee will determine its meeting schedule and times for each of the meetings. The duration of each Committee meeting should generally not exceed one hour.
- 4.4. Meetings of the Committee will be held bi-annually or as may be deemed necessary by Latrobe City Council or the Committee to fulfil the objectives of the Committee

Meeting procedures

- 4.5. Meetings will follow standard meeting procedures as established in any guidance material and outlined in these terms of reference for Advisory Committees provided (see appendix one for the agenda template).
- 4.6. Members are expected to comply with the confidential information provisions contained in the Local Government Act 2020 and must treat information they receive as confidential unless otherwise advised. Members must not use confidential information other than for the purpose of performing their function as a member of the Committee.
- 4.7. If a member has a general or material conflict of interest as defined in the Local Government Act 2020 regarding an item to be considered or discussed by the Committee, the member must disclose this to the Chair if they are attending the meeting.
- 4.8. Once a declaration of either general or material conflict of interest has been made, the member must leave the room and remain outside until the conclusion of the relevant discussion. The time of leaving the meeting room and the time of their return must be recorded in the minutes or notes of the meeting.
- 4.9. All recommendations, proposals and advice must be directed through the Chair.

Quorum

- 4.10 A majority of the members constitutes a quorum.
- 4.11 If at any Committee meeting a quorum is not present within 30 minutes after the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting shall be deemed adjourned.

Voting

- 4.12 There will be no official voting process, although all members shall have equal voting rights, Majority and minority opinions will be reflected in Committee minutes.

Minutes of the Meeting

- 4.13 A Latrobe City Officer or authorised agent shall take the minutes of each Committee meeting.
- 4.14 The minutes shall be in a standard format including a record of those present, apologies for absence, adoption of previous minutes and a list of adopted actions and resolutions of the Committee (see appendix two for the minutes template).
- 4.15 The minutes shall be stored in the Latrobe City Council corporate filing system (currently Ci Anywhere electronic document and records management system).

- 4.16 The agenda shall be distributed at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to all Committee members.
- 4.17 A copy of the minutes shall be distributed to all Committee members within 10 working days of the meeting.

Reports to Council

- 4.18 With the approval of the Chair, a report to Council may be tabled on the Committee's progress towards the objectives included in this Terms of Reference.
- 4.19 Reports to Council should reflect a consensus of view. Where consensus cannot be reached, the report should clearly outline any differing points of view.
- 4.20 Reports to Council will be co-ordinated through the General Manager of the relevant division that the Committee falls under.

5. Review of Committee and Duration of the Committee

- 5.1 The Committee will cease to operate by resolution of the Council, or once the objectives at item 2.3 are demonstrated to have been met, whichever occurs first.
- 5.2 A review of the Committee will take place at least once every three years at which time the Terms of Reference will also be reviewed.
- 5.3 A review will be conducted on a self-assessment basis (unless otherwise determined by Council) with appropriate input sought from the Council, the CEO, all Committee members, management and any other stakeholders, as determined by Council.
- 5.4 The review must consider.
- 5.4.1 The Committee's achievements;
 - 5.4.2 Whether there is a demonstrated need for the Committee to continue; and
 - 5.4.3 5.4.3. Any other relevant matter.

6. Authority and Compliance Requirements

- 6.1 The Committee is a consultative committee only and has no executive powers nor does it have any delegated decision making or financial authority.
- 6.2 Failure to comply with the provisions outlined in this Terms of Reference may result in termination of the Member's appointment.

Appendix 1: Agenda Template

Agenda

Meeting title

Date: 00/00/0000
Time: 00.00pm to 00.00pm

Attendees:

Latrobe City Council

- Bullet list – level [01](#)
- Bullet list – Level 01

Agenda items

No.	Item/description	Owner	Time allocated
1	Heading Paragraph text looks like this. It's clear and simple, just what you need.	Latrobe City Council	3pm to 3.05pm
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bullet list – level 01 • Bullet list – level 02 	All	3.05pm to 3.20pm
3	Paragraph text looks like this. It's clear and simple, just what you need.		3.20pm to 3.30pm
4	Paragraph text looks like this. It's clear and simple, just what you need.		3.30pm to 3.45pm

Next meeting: 00 January, 00.00am to 00.00am

Appendix 2: Minutes Template

Minutes



Meeting title

Date: 00/00/0000

Time: 00.00pm to 00.00pm

Chairperson: Name

Attendees:

- Name, Name

Apologies:

- Name, Name

Meeting items

No.	Item description
1	Paragraph text looks like this. It's clear and simple, just what you need.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bullet list – level Q1 • Bullet list – level Q2
3	

Action items

No.	Item description/action	Owner	Due date
1	Paragraph text looks like this. It's clear and simple, just what you need.	Latrobe City Council	Day 00 Month 0000
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bullet list – level Q1 • Bullet list – level Q2 	All	Day 00 Month 0000
3			Day 00 Month 0000

On-going action items

No.	Item description/action	Owner	Due date
1	Paragraph text looks like this. It's clear and simple, just what you need.	Latrobe City Council	Day 00 Month 0000
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bullet list – level Q1 • Bullet list – level Q2 	All	Day 00 Month 0000
3			Day 00 Month 0000

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION UPDATE - REQUEST FOR LONG TERM LEASE - VARIOUS CFA SITES

The recommended decision is not a Prohibited Decision, as defined in section 69 of the Local Government Act 2020 or a Significant Decision within the meaning of the Election Period Policy.

PURPOSE

To present the feedback from the community engagement process undertaken as part of the proposal to enter into long term lease agreements with Country Fire Authority (CFA) and recommend Council proceed to enter into the agreements.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- In December 2025, Council received a request from the CFA to enter into a long term lease for part of Warren Terrace Reserve, Warren Terrace, Hazelwood North.
- Upon review, officers identified four additional locations requiring new agreements and recommended five new long-term agreements to align with the existing Newborough agreement.
- At the March 2026 meeting, Council resolved to undertake a community engagement process prior to considering the proposal.
- A community engagement process ran for the period 30 March 2026 to 1 May 2026 and included a Public Notice in the Latrobe Valley Express (1 April) (**Attachment 1**) and publication on Council's website.
- The community engagement process generated 1 submission (**Attachment 2**). The submission was for the Traralgon South location and was supportive of the proposal.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **notes that community engagement has been undertaken in accordance with section 115(4) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's Community Engagement Policy for a proposed lease of parts of the following locations (the Sites) as set out in Attachment 3:**
 - a) **78 Main Road, Tyers (approx. 1,100 square metres);**
 - b) **Boolarra South-Mirboo N Road, Mirboo (Boolarra South) (approx. 500 square metres);**
 - c) **438 Old Callignee Road, Callignee (approx. 900 square metres);**

- d) **1 Keith Morgan Drive, Traralgon South (approx. 1,300 square metres);**
 - e) **Warren Terrace Reserve, Warren Terrace, Hazelwood North (approx. 3,000 square metres);**
- 2. notes the outcomes of the engagement process and that:**
- a) **One submission was received in relation to 1 Keith Morgan Drive, Traralgon South and has been considered;**
 - b) **No submissions were received in relation to the other Sites;**
- 3. resolves to grant a lease of the Sites to Country Fire Authority (ABN 39 255 319 010) of 4 Lakeside Drive, Burwood East, Victoria 3151 (Proposed Tenant) on the following terms:**
- a) **Permitted Use: operation of a fire station;**
 - b) **Term: for a term expiring on 31 January 2044;**
 - c) **Rental: \$520 plus GST per annum per Site;**
 - d) **Rent Review: 3% increase on each anniversary of the commencement date;**
 - e) **Outgoings: not applicable; and**
- 4. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and finalise any remaining terms of the lease consistent with this resolution, and to execute all documents and do all things necessary or convenient to give effect to the lease agreement with the Proposed Tenant.**

BACKGROUND

Following a request from the CFA for a new, long term lease agreement for part of Warren Terrace Reserve, Warren Terrace, Hazelwood North, officers proposed new long term lease agreements for 5 locations within the municipality.

At the March 2026 Council meeting, Council resolved:

That Council:

1. *in accordance with Section 115 of the Local Government Act 2020 and Council's Community Engagement Policy, gives public notice of its intention to enter into long-term lease agreements with the Country Fire Authority at the below listed locations:*
 - a) *78 Main Road, Tyers;*
 - b) *Boolarra South-Mirboo N Road, Mirboo (Boolarra South);*
 - c) *438 Old Callignee Road, Callignee*
 - d) *1 Keith Morgan Drive, Traralgon South;*
 - e) *Warren Terrace Reserve, Warren Terrace, Hazelwood North; and*
2. *upon completion of the community consultation and assessment of any submissions received, receives a further report for consideration and decision.*

The community engagement process ran from 30 March to 1 May 2026, including a Public Notice published in the Latrobe Valley Express on 1 April (**Attachment 1**) and information shared on Council's website.

The new agreements will align with the existing Newborough agreement, which expires on 31 January 2044.

ANALYSIS

There was 1 submission (**Attachment 2**) received during the community engagement period. The submission was for the Traralgon South location and was supportive of the proposal.

Following completion of the community engagement process and based on the total number of submissions received officers recommend that Council proceed with the 5 new long-term leases.

RISK ASSESSMENT

RISK	RISK RATING	TREATMENT
<p>COMPLIANCE</p> <p>Long term leases fail to comply with the requirements of the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> or <i>Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978</i>.</p>	<p>Low</p> <p><i>Unlikely x Moderate</i></p>	<p>The completion of the community engagement process has met Council's legislative requirements, oversight on the preparation of required documentation by Council's solicitor will ensure the remaining obligations are met.</p>
<p>SERVICE DELIVERY</p> <p>Inconsistency of agreements between CFA and Council.</p>	<p>Medium</p> <p>Likely x Minor</p>	<p>New agreements will provide consistent terms and conditions across all sites and security of tenure for CFA.</p>

CONSULTATION

A community engagement process commenced on 30 March 2026 and concluded 1 May 2026.

The community engagement activities included:

- Public Notice in the Latrobe Valley Express on April 1 (**Attachment 1**)
- Publication on Council's website and social media channels

The community engagement process generated 1 submission (**Attachment 2**) in support of the proposal.

COMMUNICATION

A copy of the Public Notice was provided via post to the landowners that share a boundary with any proposed location as well as via email to the user groups where the proposed location is within a reserve.

A copy of the Public Notice was also forwarded to the CFA.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Officers preparing this report have declared they do not have a conflict of interest in this matter under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

APPENDIX 1 IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Gender

A Gender Impact Assessment (GIA) under the *Gender Equality Act 2020* has not been conducted as this matter does not involve a program, service or policy with a significant and direct impact on the community.

Social

As vital community hubs that promote connection and support, CFA stations are best served by secure tenure. Establishing a long-term lease would offer certainty and reassurance for CFA volunteers.

Cultural

N/A

Health

N/A

Environmental

N/A

Economic

N/A

Financial

Where possible, costs associated with the preparation of the documentation will be recovered from the Tenant.

Attachments

1. Public Notice
2. Submission
3. CFA Locations (the Sites)

11.2

Community Consultation Update - Request for Long Term Lease - Various CFA Sites

1	Public Notice	349
2	Submission	351
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Situations Vacant

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The principal terms of the Proposed Lease are:

- For a term expiring on 31 January 2044
- Rental: \$520 plus GST per annum on commencement, to increase by 3% on each anniversary of the commencement date
- Permitted Use: Operation of fire station

Any person may make a submission on the Proposed Lease under Council's Community Engagement Policy. Submissions must be in writing and received by Council no later than 5:00pm on Friday 1 May 2026. Council will consider any submissions at a future Council Meeting. A person making a submission is entitled to request in their submission that they wish to appear at the Council Meeting in person, or to be represented by a person specified in the submission, in support of the submission. Any person making a submission should be aware that their submission including their personal information may form part of the agenda and minutes of the Council Meeting and be available to the public.


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- Rental: \$920 plus GST per annum on commencement, to increase by 3% on each anniversary of the commencement date
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Following the consideration of any submissions, Council may resolve to enter into the Proposed Lease as detailed above, or not proceed with the proposal.

Submissions should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer and quote reference number P026-02, and can be provided by email to latrobe@latrobevic.gov.au, by post to PO Box 254 Morwell VIC 3840 or hand delivered to any Council Service Centre.


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30 March 2026

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Intention to Sell



Latrobe City Council (Council) gives notice under section 116 of the Local Government Act 2020 of its intention to sell by private treaty to the Victorian State Government a portion of the land situated at **224 Heawood Crescent, Churchill**, comprising approximately 6554 square metres as shaded grey on the image to the left (Proposed Sale area).

Any person may make a submission on the Proposed Sale under Council's Community Engagement Policy. Submissions must be in writing and received by Council no later than 5:00pm on Friday 1 May 2026. Council will consider any submissions at a future Council Meeting. A person making a submission is entitled to request in their submission that they wish to appear at the Council Meeting in person, or to be represented by a person specified in the submission, in support of the submission. Any person making a submission should be aware that their submission including their personal information may form part of the agenda and minutes of the Council Meeting and be available to the public.

Following the consideration of any submissions, Council may resolve to complete the Proposed Sale as detailed above, or not proceed with the proposal.

Submissions should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer and quote reference number P0326-04, and can be provided by email to latrobe@latrobevic.gov.au, by post to PO Box 254 Morwell VIC 3840 or hand delivered to any Council Service Centre.

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Notice of Intention to Discontinue Roads



Latrobe City Council (Council) gives notice of its intention to discontinue part of **Old Melbourne Road, Morwell** and part of **Renner's Lane, Morwell** as shown shaded grey on the above plan (Proposed), pursuant to clause 3 of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1988 (the Act) and section 12 of the Road Management Act 2004.

Any person may make a submission to Council on the Proposal under section 223 of the Act. Submissions must be in writing and received by Council no later than 5:00pm on 1 May 2026.

Council will consider any submissions at a future Council Meeting. A person making a submission is entitled to be heard at the Council Meeting, or to be represented by a person specified in the submission, in support of the submission. Please note submissions may form part of the agenda and minutes of the Council Meeting and be available to the public.

Following the consideration of any submissions, Council will decide whether to proceed with the Proposal.

Submissions should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, quoting reference number P026-03, and can be provided by email to latrobe@latrobevic.gov.au, by post to PO Box 254 Morwell VIC 3840 or hand delivered to any Council Service Centre.

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Deaths

GAMPBELL Dugald Blair
Born on December 5, 1927.
Passed away peacefully in Traralgon on 25 March 2026. Aged 98 years.
Son of John Dewar and Dorothy Mary Campbell and Brother of John Alison Campbell and Janet Mary Robertson. (all dec.)
Loved and loving husband of Helen and Father of Angus and Alexandra. (Poppy).
Father-in-law of Sarah and Steve, and Grandfather of Callum and Edith, Juliet, Sylvia and Miranda.

CLEMENT Neil Macaulay
2/10/1930 - 20/3/2026
Dearly loved husband of Margaret (Jack).
Loved Dad to Sue, Sally and Robyn.
Grandfather to 8 and Great-Grandfather to 13.
Privately Cremated.

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1800 427 966

COOLIN Kenneth Bruce (Dodie)
1918/1985 - 23/3/2026
Passed away peacefully at home. At Bruce's request, a Private Cremation will take place in our home.

BALFOUR Peter Murray
Passed away peacefully at Latrobe Regional Health Traralgon on March 26, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. Aged 83 years.
Dearly loved husband of Sandra for 60 years.
Much loved father and father-in-law of Natalie, Darren and Alexandra, Christine and Gary.
Adored Pop to Ella, Angus, Sidney, Claire, Max, and Luke. Pop Ball to Ocean and Loren.

HARWOOD FUNERALS
1800 427 966

Deaths

GORDON Glen (Sheedy)
18/11/1940 - 28/3/2026
Passed away peacefully at LHR surrounded by his loving family.
Dearly loved husband of Catherine.
Much loved father and father-in-law to Tammy, Kerrie and George, Brad and Nicole, Natalie and Hayden, and Ashley.
Adored Poppy to Chelsea, Broyley, Taylor, Lauren, Mission, Chloa, Dakota, Blair and Isabelle.
My beloved husband Glen. You were my best friend, my soulmate, and the love of my life. From the very beginning, we walked side by side, building a life filled with love, laughter, and unwavering support for one another.
You were my constant - the one I could always lean on, the one who understood me without words, and the one who made even the simplest moments feel special. There was never a day I didn't feel your love.
Loving you was an experience that can never be lost, but I carry you with me in everything I do. In every memory, every smile, and every quiet moment, you are still here.
Thank you for a lifetime of love, for being my person, and for choosing me every single day.
Forever yours, Catherine
To my beautiful Dad, You were my everything, my hero. I am so proud to call you my Dad.
With a broken heart, I said goodbye and you left me. I would be okay, I will be soon, Dad... just give me a moment.
I love you so much, You are loved with Ashley and all peace.
Love Always, Tammy
You were the heart of our family with your gentle hugs, cheeky grin, and endless love. I will miss your smile, your warm hugs, the sound of your voice, and the way you made every moment feel so special.
You are now at peace with Uncle Aun, sitting proud and watching over us. I will forever look up at the sky and cherish every memory we shared.
Forever in my heart
A loving and adored dad to Kerrie, father-in-law to George, Poppy to Gayle and Taylor and Poppy to be to Lauren. Dad you were such a proud family man and a glowing light in our lives. Thank you for the love, strength, and lifetime of memories you gave us. You are now at peace with Ashley, please give him a big hug from me. I will love and hold you in my heart forever. Loving you always Kerrie, George, Broyley, Taylor and Lauren.
Dear Dad, Though you are no longer here with us, your love and memories will always remain in my heart. Thank you for the guidance, strength and always being there for me. I am grateful for every moment we shared and time we had together.
Forever and now in peace. Dad, you will forever be loved and missed.
Brad
Dad, I don't know how to put into words what losing you looks like.
You were my Mr. Wilson, and I was your Denis. No matter how much I pushed, no matter how hard I tested you, you were always there - steady, patient, and always in my corner. You believed in me even when I didn't believe in myself, and you were always proud of me. That's something I will carry with me for the rest of my life.

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GORDON Glen (Sheedy)
18/11/1940 - 28/3/2026
Passed away peacefully at LHR surrounded by his loving family.
Dearly loved husband of Catherine.
Much loved father and father-in-law to Tammy, Kerrie and George, Brad and Nicole, Natalie and Hayden, and Ashley.
Adored Poppy to Chelsea, Broyley, Taylor, Lauren, Mission, Chloa, Dakota, Blair and Isabelle.
My beloved husband Glen. You were my best friend, my soulmate, and the love of my life. From the very beginning, we walked side by side, building a life filled with love, laughter, and unwavering support for one another.
You were my constant - the one I could always lean on, the one who understood me without words, and the one who made even the simplest moments feel special. There was never a day I didn't feel your love.
Loving you was an experience that can never be lost, but I carry you with me in everything I do. In every memory, every smile, and every quiet moment, you are still here.
Thank you for a lifetime of love, for being my person, and for choosing me every single day.
Forever yours, Catherine
To my beautiful Dad, You were my everything, my hero. I am so proud to call you my Dad.
With a broken heart, I said goodbye and you left me. I would be okay, I will be soon, Dad... just give me a moment.
I love you so much, You are loved with Ashley and all peace.
Love Always, Tammy
You were the heart of our family with your gentle hugs, cheeky grin, and endless love. I will miss your smile, your warm hugs, the sound of your voice, and the way you made every moment feel so special.
You are now at peace with Uncle Aun, sitting proud and watching over us. I will forever look up at the sky and cherish every memory we shared.
Forever in my heart
A loving and adored dad to Kerrie, father-in-law to George, Poppy to Gayle and Taylor and Poppy to be to Lauren. Dad you were such a proud family man and a glowing light in our lives. Thank you for the love, strength, and lifetime of memories you gave us. You are now at peace with Ashley, please give him a big hug from me. I will love and hold you in my heart forever. Loving you always Kerrie, George, Broyley, Taylor and Lauren.
Dear Dad, Though you are no longer here with us, your love and memories will always remain in my heart. Thank you for the guidance, strength and always being there for me. I am grateful for every moment we shared and time we had together.
Forever and now in peace. Dad, you will forever be loved and missed.
Brad
Dad, I don't know how to put into words what losing you looks like.
You were my Mr. Wilson, and I was your Denis. No matter how much I pushed, no matter how hard I tested you, you were always there - steady, patient, and always in my corner. You believed in me even when I didn't believe in myself, and you were always proud of me. That's something I will carry with me for the rest of my life.

Deaths

You were the most caring Poppy. The way you face it up when you were with my girls is something I will never forget. They adored you, and I know they will carry your love with them always.
Thank you for your love, your strength, and everything you did for us, even the things that went unseen, will miss you more than words can ever say.
Love always, Natalie, Hayden, Davida, Blair and Isabelle.
Reunited with Auntie, Sadly missed and deeply loved always.

HARWOOD FUNERALS
1800 427 966

GORDON Glen
18/11/1940 - 28/3/2026
Catherine, Natalie and family, Our heart goes out to all of you.
Catherine, the bond you shared with Glen was truly special.
May their memory bring you comfort and strength.
Aunt Doreen, Uncle John, Alan and David, Rick and Trish, Jenny and all our families.
If the gentleman

LATFEY Kayla
3/5/1990 - 24/3/2026
Passed away peacefully surrounded by so much love. Kayla was a bright light, a beautiful soul, and had personality in a small package. She touched the lives of everyone she met with her courage, kindness, humor, and endless spirit.
She was loving, funny, caring, and full of joy - a true ball of fire who showed us all what strength, determination, and perseverance can achieve. Despite the many challenges she faced, Kayla lived her life with incredible heart and made every moment count. Her endless love, joy, and proud accomplishment were her beloved children, Alex and Max. They were the center of her world and the biggest source of her happiness. She also adored her niece, Charlie and Sophie, and her nephews, Noah, holding each of them close to her heart. To her daughter, she looks her kindness and fierce strength, to her son her sweetness and wonderful sense of humor. Kayla leaves behind her beautiful parents, Paul and Cathy, and her loving siblings, Ashleigh, Ashleigh, Stephen, Benjamin, and Clara. She will be forever loved, deeply missed, and always remembered by her family, friends, and all those whose lives were made brighter by knowing her.
In accordance with Kayla's wishes a private cremation has been held.
A memorial service will be held at a later date.

MCDONALD Ian (Duff)
Passed away peacefully at home in Morwell on March 26, 2026. Aged 90 years.
Dearly loved husband of Norrie (Betty).
Much loved father and father-in-law of Wayne (Duff), Julie and Priscilla, Sarah and Charlie, Ian and Mark.
Adored Pop to Nathan, Sarah, Leah, Melissa, Sakira, Kaitlyn, Warren, Jordan, Michael and their partners.
Great grandfather to Riley, Lillian, Hayden, Liam, and Abigail.

RE: Public Notice of Intent to Enter into a Long Term Lease - PO26-02



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Mark Safe Report

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Hi Kate

I refer to your email below and our phone discussion last week.

The Traralgon South and District Association are fully supportive of the proposed extension to the Traralgon South CFA shed and their proposed lease, with the following conditions:

- The CFA lease does not overlap the existing TSDA/Mens Shed lease.
- The existing carpark between the Mens Shed and CFA shed is retained (this is partly on our existing lease anyway), and there is a stormwater pipe under the grass area.
- Access to both the TSDA and CFA leases is continued to be maintained along the shared driveway to the east of both existing buildings (Mens Shed and CFA) – the driveway extends from Keith Morgan Drive, alongside the tennis courts and through to the driveway between the cricket oval and tennis courts. We require through access to allow vehicles with trailers to access the Mens Shed without the need to reverse out. The Mens Shed, CFA and Tennis Club all currently use this driveway.
- We request the driveway be formally noted on our lease as shared access when our lease is renewed next.

Regards



CFA LOCATIONS

a. Part of 79 Main Road, Tyers

(approx. 1,100 square metres as shown shaded yellow)



b. Part of Boolarra South Mirboo N Road, Boolarra South

(approx. 500 square metres as shown shaded yellow)



**c. Part of 438 Old Calligee Road, Calligee
(approx. 900 square metres as shown shaded yellow)**



**d. Part of 1 Keith Morgan Drive, Traralgon South
(approx. 1,300 square metres as shown shaded yellow)**



**e. Part of Warren Terrace Reserve, Warren Terrace, Hazelwood North
(approx. 3,300 square metres)**



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION UPDATE - ROAD DISCONTINUANCE AND POTENTIAL SALE OF A PORTION OF MATTHEWS CRESCENT, TRARALGON

The recommended decision is not a Prohibited Decision, as defined in section 69 of the Local Government Act 2020 or a Significant Decision within the meaning of the Election Period Policy.

PURPOSE

To present the feedback from the community engagement process undertaken as part of the proposed partial discontinuance and sale of a portion of Matthews Crescent, Traralgon, and propose Council proceed with its notified intention to discontinue and sell a portion of Matthews Crescent Traralgon, via a private treaty process.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- At the September 2025 meeting, Council resolved to give public notice of and seek submissions on Council's intention to discontinue and sell an estimated 2,400 square metres of the land described as 'Road R1 on Plan of Subdivision PS445360L', Matthews Crescent, Traralgon.
- A community engagement process occurred in line with Council's Community Engagement Policy from 3 November 2025 to 3 December 2025, including Public Notice published in the LV Express on 5 November 2025 (**Attachment 1**).
- Council received no submissions on the matter.
- Council received Yallabee's best and final offer (**Confidential Attachment 2**) for the purchase of the portion of the road.
- An updated valuation has been received from an independent licensed valuer and is attached as (**Confidential Attachment 3**).

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **notes that no submissions have been received in response to the public notice regarding the proposal to discontinue and sell a portion (approximately 2,400 m²) of Matthews Crescent, Traralgon;**
2. **forms the opinion that the part of the road described as Road R1 on Plan of Subdivision PS445360L and shown shaded grey on Attachment 4 (the Road), is not reasonably required for public use;**

- 3. resolves to discontinue the Road pursuant to section 206 and clause 3(a) of Schedule 10 to the *Local Government Act 1989* ;**
- 4. authorises a gazettal notice of the road discontinuance to be published in the *Victoria Government Gazette*;**
- 5. resolves to sell the land resulting from the discontinuance of the Road by private treaty to Yallambee Traralgon Village for the Aged Inc (or its nominee) in accordance with section 206 and clause 3(b) of Schedule 10 to the *Local Government Act 1989* for a price not less than the sale price set out in Confidential Attachment 2; and**
- 6. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute all documents and do all things necessary or convenient to give effect to the discontinuance and sale of the Land.**

BACKGROUND

In August 2024, Council received a request from Yallambee Traralgon Village for the Aged Inc (Yallambee Village) that Council close a portion of Matthews Crescent, Traralgon as a road and consider selling the land parcel to Yallambee Village.

At the September 2025 meeting, Council resolved:

That Council:

- 1. proposes that a portion of Matthews Crescent, Traralgon being an area of approximately 2,400 square metres (highlighted in Attachment 1, which includes a portion of the land described as 'Road R1' on the Plan of Subdivision PS445360L) be discontinued as a road under clause 3, schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1989;*
- 2. authorises public notice be given of the proposed road discontinuance in accordance with section 223/207A(a) of the Local Government Act 1989, and consider any submissions received in accordance with section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989;*
- 3. authorises public notice be given in accordance with section 114 of the Local Government Act 2020 of the intention to sell the road parcel to Yallambee Traralgon Village for the Aged;*
- 4. notes that all submissions received under section 223 and section 114 will be presented to a future Council Meeting for consideration; and*
- 5. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake the administrative procedures necessary to carry out Council's functions to give effect to this resolution*



Figure 1. Aerial image of the portion of the road to be discontinued and sold

Council undertook the community engagement process from 3 November 2025 to 3 December 2025. Public Notice was published in the LV Express on 5 November 2025 and on Council’s website from 3 November 2025 to 3 December 2025. Council received no submissions on this matter.

Yallambee Village has presented Council with its best and final offer (**Confidential Attachment 2**). An updated valuation has been received from an independent licensed valuer (**Confidential Attachment 3**).

ANALYSIS

As part of the community engagement process Council received no submissions regarding the potential discontinuance and subsequent sale, With no submissions received officers recommend proceeding with the discontinuance and subsequent sale of the road parcel to Yallambee Village for the Aged Inc at no less than the minimum selling price **Confidential Attachment 2**.

RISK ASSESSMENT

RISK	RISK RATING	TREATMENT
<p>COMPLIANCE Sale is non-compliant with the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i>.</p>	<p>Low <i>Unlikely x Moderate</i></p>	<p>The completion of the community engagement process and recent market valuation will ensure compliance with <i>Local Government Act 2020</i>.</p>
<p>SERVICE DELIVERY Closure of the road will disrupt traffic and create additional travel for neighbouring properties.</p>	<p>Low <i>Unlikely x Minor</i></p>	<p>The road primarily services the residents of the Yallambee Village, given its location it is not a connection path for non-residential traffic.</p>
<p>FINANCIAL The process will be costly to the rate-payer whilst benefiting only a small segment of the community.</p>	<p>Low <i>Unlikely x Minor</i></p>	<p>Council will be seeking to recover all costs associated with the discontinuance and sale.</p>

CONSULTATION

The community consultation process was completed in accordance with Councils Community Engagement Policy and the *Local Government Act 2020*. The process generated no submissions

The community engagement process was undertaken from 3 November 2025 to 3 December 2025. Activities included:

- A public notice published in the Latrobe Valley Express on 5 November 2025, **Attachment 1**.
- Public notice on Council's website 3 November 2025 to 3 December 2025.

Internal consultation included the planning team, who manage the road register, and the waste management team. Both teams have no objection to the partial discontinuance.

COMMUNICATION

Direct communication between Council's Property Operations team and Yallambee Village representatives has continued throughout the process.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Officers preparing this report have declared they do not have a conflict of interest in this matter under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

APPENDIX 1 IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Gender

A Gender Impact Assessment (GIA) under the *Gender Equality Act 2020* has not been conducted as this matter does not involve a program, service or policy with a significant and direct impact on the community.

Social

N/A

Cultural

N/A

Health

N/A

Environmental

N/A

Economic

N/A

Financial

The costs associated with the discontinuance and any possible sale should it proceed will be recovered by Council from the purchaser.

The financial benefit will be realised with a reduction in the managed Council Road Infrastructure as well as the proceeds of sale from the future land sale.

Attachments

1. Public Notice
2. Yallambee Village Offer of Purchase (Published Separately)

This attachment is designated as confidential under subsection (g) of the definition of confidential information contained in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020, as it relates to private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that—

(i) relates to trade secrets; or

(ii) if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage. Basis for purchase offer is disclosed.

3. Valuation (Published Separately)

This attachment is designated as confidential under subsection (a) of the definition of confidential information contained in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020, as it relates to Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.

Valuation provides advice of a commercial nature, including the value of the property which could compromise Council's position if publically disclosed.

4. Proposed Plan for Road Discontinuance

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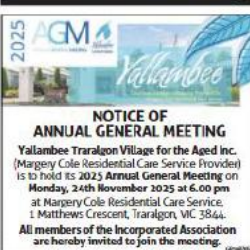
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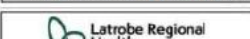


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Meetings



2025 AGM
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Yalambee Traralgon Village for the Aged Inc. (Margey Cole Residential Care Service Provider) is to hold its 2025 Annual General Meeting on Monday, 24th November 2025 at 6.00 pm at Margey Cole Residential Care Service, 1 Matthews Crescent, Traralgon, VIC 3844. All members of the Incorporated Association are hereby invited to join the meeting.




Latrobe Regional Health
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
Members of the community are invited to attend Latrobe Regional Health's Annual Meeting Tuesday 25 November 2025 at 12:30pm The Auditorium at Latrobe Regional Health Village Avenue, Traralgon West
The meeting will receive the Annual Report and audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.
Questions on Notice will be accepted in writing by Wednesday 19 November 2025 and are to be marked for the Attention of the Board Chair. Agendas will be provided on request and will be available from Thursday 20 November 2025.
Refreshments will follow the meeting. RSVP by Wednesday 19 November 2025 Executive Office, Latrobe Regional Health Phone: 5173 8511 or email enquiries@lrh.com.au
Don McRae
Chief Executive

Public Notices

LATROBE CITY COUNCIL
Proposed Partial Road Discontinuance & Sale Portion of Matthews Crescent, Traralgon

In accordance with section 223(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1989, Latrobe City Council (Council) gives public notice of its proposal to close and discontinue a portion of Matthews Crescent, Traralgon (approx. 2400 square metres) as a road under clause 3, schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1989 and following discontinuance, provides notice of its intention to sell the road parcel to the adjacent land owner, Yalambee Traralgon Village for the Aged. The portion of the road proposed for discontinuance is shown shaded on the plan below.

The title description of the land is as follows:
Matthews Crescent Traralgon Road R1 on Plan of Subdivision P54423560.



Council intends to sell the land by private treaty.

Any person wishing to make a submission on the proposal must do so in writing. Any submissions must be received by Council no later than 3 December 2025. Please also indicate if you would like to speak to your submission at a future Council meeting.

Submissions can be made by:
Send your submission by email to: latrobe@latrobe.vic.gov.au quoting reference No Prop25-01.
Address and post your submission to the Chief Executive Officer, Latrobe City Council, PO Box 264 Morwell VIC 3840 quoting reference No Prop25-01
For more information, contact Mr Josh Graham, Coordinator Property Operations, Latrobe City Council on 0400 907 728 or email josh.graham@latrobe.vic.gov.au
Steven Piscante
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
3 November 2025

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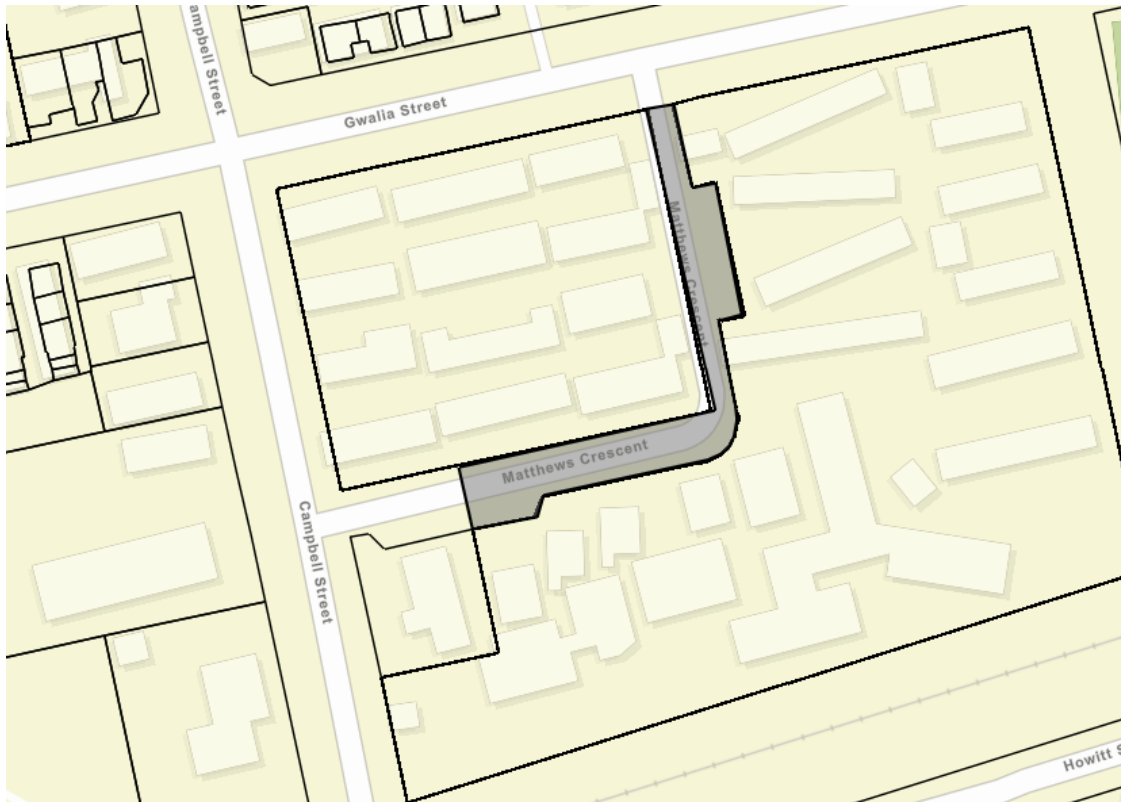
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Proposed Plan for Road Discontinuance

A portion of Matthews Crescent, Traralgon (highlight in Grey)
approximately 2,400 m²



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION UPDATE - REQUEST TO PURCHASE LAND - HEESOM CRESCENT, CHURCHILL

The recommended decision is not a Prohibited Decision, as defined in section 69 of the Local Government Act 2020 or a Significant Decision within the meaning of the Election Period Policy.

PURPOSE

To present the feedback from the community engagement process undertaken as part of the proposed sale of a portion of land at 22A Heesom Crescent, Churchill and to recommend Council proceed to sell a portion of 22A Heesom Crescent Churchill, via a private treaty process.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- In March 2026, Council resolved to undertake Community engagement process in response to a request from the state government to purchase a portion of 22A Heesom Crescent, Churchill
- The State Government intends to use the site as 1 of 50 Early Learning Victoria Centres across the state and this is the currently identified site for Churchill.
- The Community engagement process was conducted from 28 March until 1 May with activities including a public notice in the LV Express (**Attachment 1**) and Council's website and a letter drop to neighbouring properties.
- Council received 6 submissions (1 submission was templated with 11 individual submitters) (**Attachment 2**) in relation to the matter, each of the submissions were opposed to the proposed sale.
- The major themes of the community submissions were loss of public open space, existing and planned childcare services, traffic concerns, impact on the existing amenity and impacts on neighbouring primary school.
- Council officers have requested that any planning and design of the early learning centre specifically looks to address access, loading and carparking for the site in line with the requirements of the Latrobe Planning Scheme and that the plans for the development are referred to Council for comment before its finalisation to ensure the amenity of the area is fully considered.
- The Valuer General of Victoria has completed a valuation of the parcel; this valuation has been included in the state government's formal offer for the purchase of the parcel (**Confidential Attachment 3**).
- As part of the State government's due diligence a draft plan of subdivision has been developed (**Confidential Attachment 4**).

- On the balance of submissions and the need for additional childcare services within the Churchill community, officers recommend proceeding with the sale.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. notes the submissions received and the outcomes of the community engagement process regarding the proposed sale of part of the land at 22A Heesom Crescent, Churchill, undertaken in accordance with section 114 of the Local Government Act 2020 and Council's Community Engagement Policy;**
- 2. having considered all submissions received: (a) forms the opinion that the land is surplus to Council's requirements; and (b) resolves to sell the land known as Proposed Lot A on Plan of Subdivision 932147V, being part of the land at 22A Heesom Crescent, Churchill, and being the proposed Lot A once the Plan of Subdivision is registered, to the State of Victoria (or its nominee) by private treaty for a price not less than the sale price set out in Confidential Attachment 3; and**
- 3. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute all documents and do all things necessary or convenient to give effect to the sale of the land.**

BACKGROUND

Council received a request for the purchase of 6,554m² of Watsons Park, located at 22A Heesom Crescent, Churchill from the State Government as part of the Department of Education's *Best Start, Best Life program*.

This centre and service would be owned, managed and delivered by the State Government.



Figure 1. Aerial Image of the requested purchase site, Watson Park 22A Heesom Crescent

In response at the March 2026 Council meeting, Council resolved:

That Council:

- 1. in accordance with Section 114 of the Local Government Act 2020 and Council's Community Engagement Policy, gives public notice of its intention to sell a portion of approximately 6,554m² of 22A Heesom Crescent by Private Treaty to the Victorian State Government; and*
- 2. upon completion of the community consultation and assessment of any submissions received, receives a further report for consideration and decision.*

Officers completed the community engagement process in accordance with Council's community engagement policy, between Monday 28 March 2026 and concluded Friday 1 May 2026.

The campaign included public notice in the LV Express, social media and publishing the notice on Council's website.

ANALYSIS

The community engagement process generated 6 submissions (**Attachment 2**) from the community; all submissions were opposed to the sale proceeding.

The themes of the opposition to the sale included the loss of open space, impact to amenity, traffic concerns (including parking) and the sufficient provision of childcare facilities (current and planned) within Churchill.

Theme of Submission	Public Open Space	Childcare Provisions	Traffic Concerns	Amenity Impact	Impact on Primary School
Submission 1	●				
Submission 2		●			
Submission 3	●	●			
Submission 4 (11 neighbouring residents)	●		●	●	
Submission 5	●				●
Submission 6			●		

Several submissions included the loss of public open space, the approximate 6554 m² is 23% of the 28,365 m² of public open space in Watsons Park, Churchill. Overall, this represents approximately 0.034% of the public open space located within Churchill.

Impact of the site to the amenity of neighbouring properties including property prices was also a theme of submissions. It is difficult to predict the market variability in relation to property prices impacted, the proximity to such a centre maybe viewed favourably by some purchasers.

Traffic concerns including parking was also a concern of the community, these are usually managed via the planning permit process, however given that this is a State Government purchase the usual planning process is not required. Officers have requested the final design of the facility to provide the parking requirements within the purchase site.

The engineering services team provided the following information in relation to the traffic impacts of the sale (noting there is no plans for the development to be assessed as part of this sales process).

Coleman Parade is a local access street intentionally designed to accommodate on-street parking on both sides with a single through lane. This configuration is intended to reduce vehicle speeds while preserving emergency vehicle access. In the *Latrobe City Council Road Register*, Coleman Parade is classified as a Sealed Access Road (≤ 60 km/h) confirming its role as a local access street rather than a traffic distributor, like Howard Avenue.

A submission questioned the impact of the sale on the neighbouring Primary School, as this purchase is being managed by the Department of Education (the owner of the adjacent Churchill North Primary School), officers believe this will enable greater connection and future expansion of the school without the need for future Council engagement.

The State government formalised their request for purchase (**Confidential Attachment 3**), this formal request is supported by a valuation from the Valuer General of Victoria. As part of the State government’s due diligence a draft plan of subdivision has been developed (**Confidential Attachment 4**).

Council officers have requested that any planning and design specifically looks to address access, loading and carparking for the site in line with the requirements of the Latrobe Planning Scheme and be referred to Council for comment before its finalisation.

RISK ASSESSMENT

RISK	RISK RATING	TREATMENT
<p>COMPLIANCE</p> <p>The land sales process does not comply with the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> requirements.</p>	<p>Low</p> <p><i>Unlikely x Moderate</i></p>	<p>The completion of the community engagement process and recent market valuation will ensure compliance with Local Government Act 2020.</p>
<p>STRATEGIC</p> <p>Insufficient access to available public open space within Churchill.</p>	<p>Low</p> <p><i>Unlikely x Insignificant</i></p>	<p>6,554m² represents 0.036% of the available public open space within Churchill.</p>
<p>STRATEGIC</p> <p>Traffic management impacts of an additional service in this location.</p>	<p>Medium</p> <p>Likely x Minor</p>	<p>Localised impacts on traffic only, with the Victorian state government commitment that <i>"the car parking will be designed to relevant standards and support minimal risk of congestion"</i>.</p>

RISK	RISK RATING	TREATMENT
FINANCIAL Council incurring costs for the sale of a public asset.	<p style="text-align: center;">Low</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Unlikely x Insignificant</i></p>	Any costs incurred by Council through this sales process will be recovered through the proceeds of sale.

CONSULTATION

The community engagement process was completed in accordance with Council’s Community Engagement policy, between Monday 28 March 2026 and concluded Friday 1 May 2026.

The campaign included:

- Public notice published in the Latrobe Valley Express on 30 March (**Attachment 1**); and
- Publishing the notice on Council’s website and sharing on social media channels.

The community engagement campaign received a total of 6 submissions (**Attachment 2**)

COMMUNICATION

In addition to the public community engagement process, Officers wrote to all the adjoining property owners of 22A Heesom Crescent, Churchill to inform them of the community engagement process being undertaken.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Officers preparing this report have declared they do not have a conflict of interest in this matter under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

APPENDIX 1 IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Gender

A Gender Impact Assessment (GIA) under the *Gender Equality Act 2020* has not been conducted as this matter does not involve a program, service or policy with a significant and direct impact on the community.

Social

The increase in opportunities for early years social interaction is considered a positive social impact of this potential land sale.

Cultural

Not considered.

Health

Increasing the opportunities for access to early learning centres within Churchill is considered a health positive outcome for the Churchill community.

Environmental

Consideration to the existing native vegetation has been made to the state government should the purchase proceed; this request has been acknowledged by the Victorian School building Authority.

Economic

Should the land sale proceed, there will be a local economic benefit through both the construction phase of the site as well as then the ongoing operations for the site.

Financial

Any costs incurred in preparing the land for sale (subdivision and survey costs) will be recovered from the purchaser (state government).

The valuation of the parcel has been prepared by the Valuer General of Victoria, and this has been used to establish the purchase price.

Attachments

1. Public Notice
2. Community Submissions
3. Formal Offer from the State Government (Published Separately)

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Submission 1 - Shayla

From: [REDACTED]
Sent:
To: latrobe@latrobe.vic.gov.au
Subject: Community consultation- 22A heesom crescent

Hi,

I would like to provide feedback regarding the proposed use of land at 22A Heeson Crescent.

While I understand the importance of early learning facilities, I would strongly encourage Council to also consider the long-term value of this site as an extended community park with a dedicated off-leash dog area.

Churchill is growing, and access to quality outdoor spaces is becoming increasingly important. At present, there are very limited safe, enclosed areas for dog owners, despite the high number of households with pets. A thoughtfully designed park could meet multiple community needs, not just one.

An extended park could include:

- A secure, fenced dog park (with separate areas for small and large dogs)
- Open green space for general recreation
- Shaded seating and picnic areas for families
- Walking paths and exercise areas

- Water access and basic amenities

This would create a shared space for families, pet owners, and the wider community, encouraging outdoor activity, social connection, and overall wellbeing.

I also understand that Mathison Park is available; however, for many people in the area this is not easily accessible. Many residents do not have access to a car, are unable to drive, or cannot make the walk due to medical conditions or mobility limitations. Public transport is also not a viable option for many dog owners, as buses do not allow large breeds unless they are service animals.

In contrast, many dog owners and families live within close proximity to Heeson Crescent, meaning this location would provide safe, local access without the need for transport or long travel distances. Developing this site as a multi-use park with an off-leash dog area would significantly benefit these members of the community.

I would also like to add a personal perspective. I experience agoraphobia, and access to nearby, open outdoor spaces has been an important part of my recovery. Being able to go somewhere close, familiar, and not overcrowded makes a significant difference.

A local park space like this would support not only physical activity, but also mental health and accessibility for people who may struggle to travel further distances. I believe others in the community would benefit in similar ways.

Importantly, this type of development serves all age groups, rather than a single use, and would remain a valuable community asset for decades.

Given the location's history as a community-focused site, I believe preserving it as a public open space with expanded functionality would be a meaningful and widely beneficial outcome.

Thank you for considering this feedback.

Kind regards,

Shayla

Submission 2 - Candice

From: "Candice Geoghegan" [REDACTED]
Sent: Tue, 21 Apr 2026 17:20:00 +1000
To: "latrobe@latrobe.vic.gov.au" <latrobe@latrobe.vic.gov.au>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Submission of Objection Proposed sale of part of 22 Heesom Crescent, Churchill (Reference PO2026-04)
Attachments: Churchill Proposed Childcare Objection I 22 Heeson Crescent Churchill.docx
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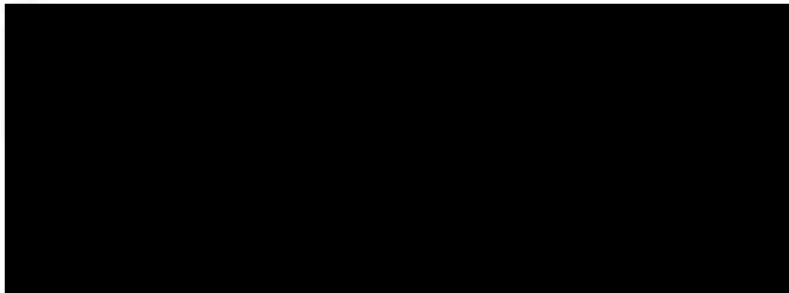
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Please find attached our submission of Objection for the Proposed sale of part of 22 Heesom Crescent, Churchill (Reference PO2026-04)

Kind Regards,



21 April 2026

Latrobe City Council

Submission of Objection

Proposed sale of part of 22 Heesom Crescent, Churchill (Reference PO2026-04)

This submission objects to the proposed sale on the basis that Churchill does not need another childcare centre in the immediate area, and because the community would be better served by supporting a genuinely local, community-focused childcare project already being brought forward for Churchill families.

Executive summary

- The proposed sale would facilitate another childcare centre in a location already set to be serviced, creating unnecessary duplication rather than addressing a gap in community infrastructure.
- Our project is designed specifically for Churchill and is being developed with a strong community focus, not as a generic volume-driven childcare model.
- We are introducing the internationally recognised Reggio Emilia Approach into Churchill, bringing a world-leading educational philosophy into the wider community and giving local families access to a far richer early learning offering.
- Before public land is sold, Council should first hear directly from the Churchill community about what they want from childcare services and whether another centre is in fact needed.

1. Why this proposal should not proceed

At its core, this issue is simple: Churchill should not lose public land to facilitate another childcare centre when the area is already being served by a committed local project centred on delivering quality early learning to Churchill families. A third nearby childcare proposal risks splitting demand, weakening long-term viability, and creating a fragmented outcome that does not reflect the best interests of the community.

This is not an objection to childcare. It is an objection to duplication, poor strategic timing, and the sale of community land for a use that can already be delivered without that loss. Council should be cautious about creating unnecessary competition between centres before there is any clear evidence that the community requires another one in this immediate catchment.

2. A community-focused childcare offering is already being brought forward

Our childcare proposal has been shaped around the needs of Churchill families and the character of the local area. The intention is to build a centre that is genuinely connected to the community, values strong family relationships, and creates an environment where children are known, supported, and encouraged to thrive.

That community focus matters. Early learning is not just about adding places on a map. It is about the kind of service being delivered, the philosophy behind it, the relationships it fosters, and whether it adds something meaningful to the town it serves. In Churchill, the stronger outcome is to support a

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thoughtful, community-led childcare project already in progress rather than introducing another competing centre on public land.

3. Churchill deserves more than a standard childcare model

A defining feature of our project is the introduction of the Reggio Emilia Approach into the Churchill community. This is a world-leading, internationally respected early learning philosophy that places the child at the centre of the educational experience and values curiosity, creativity, exploration, relationships, and the environment as an active part of learning.

Bringing this approach into Churchill would give local families access to an educational model that is distinct, progressive, and deeply community-oriented. It would also elevate the standard of what early learning can look like in the area. That is a very different proposition from simply opening another conventional childcare service nearby.

For that reason, the question for Council is not just whether another childcare centre can be accommodated. The real question is whether the public interest is better served by backing a high-quality community-based educational vision already being delivered, rather than encouraging a third competing centre that may add less value overall.

4. Public land should not be sold before the community is properly heard

Because this proposal involves the sale of public land, community consultation should carry real weight. Families, residents, and local stakeholders should be given the opportunity to say what matters most to them in a childcare service, what educational values they want reflected, and whether they believe another centre is needed in the area at all.

To support that process, we have gone out to the community, including the families who are currently on the waitlist gathering their feedback through the following form: [Community Childcare Feedback Form](#)

If Council is serious about a community outcome, it should pause and listen first. Once public land is sold, that decision is difficult to unwind. A proper community process should come before any final step, not after it.

5. Requested outcome

Submission in response to proposed sale of part of 22 Heesom Crescent, Churchill

For the reasons set out above, we respectfully request that Council not proceed with the proposed sale of part of 22 Heesom Crescent, Churchill for the purpose of enabling another childcare centre in the area.

If Council is not prepared to abandon the proposal at this stage, then at the very least it should defer any decision until it has:

1	Carefully assessed whether another childcare centre is actually needed within the immediate Churchill catchment;
2	Considered the impact that a third nearby childcare service would have on the viability and delivery of the community-focused childcare project already being advanced;
3	Considered the broader public value of supporting a project that will introduce the Reggio Emilia Approach into Churchill;
4	Genuinely consulted the local community before any sale of public land is finalised.

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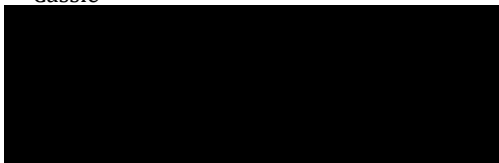
This submission is made in support of a better long-term outcome for Churchill. We believe the community deserves childcare that is local in spirit, strong in philosophy, and responsive to what families actually want. It should not be asked to absorb another centre simply because public land can be sold to make that possible.

We will be attending the up and coming Latrobe Valley Council Meeting on Monday 27th April, 2026.

We would welcome the opportunity to expand on this submission and to provide any further material required.

Yours faithfully,

Cassie Hobbs & Candice Geoghegan
Approved Providers
Piccolini's Place
Cassie



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Submission 3 - Dinesh

Dated: 16 April 2026

To the Chief Executive Officer,
Latrobe City Council

Re: Submission objecting to proposed sale of part of 22 Heesom Crescent, Churchill – Reference PO2026-04

We refer to Council's public notice dated 30 March 2026 regarding its intention to sell by private treaty to the Victorian State Government a portion of the land at 22 Heesom Crescent, Churchill, comprising approximately 6,554 square metres.

This submission is made in objection to the proposed sale.

We also request the opportunity to appear at the Council meeting at which this matter is considered, or alternatively to be represented by a person nominated by us in support of this submission.

Our interest in the matter

We are the owners of 59–91 Phillip Parade, Churchill, being the former Hazelwood House site, which was purchased from Council last year.

Our project objective has been to bring Hazelwood House, which closed in 2019, back into productive community use by refurbishing and reopening the aged care facility. In conjunction with that, we are also developing a childcare centre on the site as part of an intergenerational model, with aged care on one side and childcare on the other.

Council has already issued a planning permit for this use. We have also commenced the construction process and are presently working toward opening the facility by late 2026 or early 2027.

In due course, we also intend to expand the aged care offering and develop a broader retirement living outcome for the benefit of Churchill and the wider community.

Grounds of objection

1. The proposed sale materially prejudices an existing approved community project

The most significant issue is that the proposed sale directly undermines an existing and already-advanced private investment in Churchill that is specifically directed toward essential community infrastructure.

This is not a speculative concept. It is an approved project, with planning permission already issued and works already commenced. The introduction of a further State-backed childcare centre on nearby public land materially compromises the viability, staging and timing of our integrated aged care and childcare development.

That prejudice is not merely commercial. It has direct public consequences. If our project is delayed, scaled back or put on hold, Churchill risks losing or materially postponing a much-needed aged care service together with a childcare service that has already been designed and progressed.

2. Churchill's stronger unmet need is aged care, not duplication of childcare supply

As we understand it, there is a substantial unmet need in Churchill and the surrounding area for aged care services. Hazelwood House has been closed since 2019, and its reopening would restore an important local service that has been absent from the community for several years.

Our proposal is therefore not simply another development. It is the reactivation of dormant but badly needed social infrastructure.

By contrast, the proposed sale appears directed toward facilitating another childcare centre in close proximity to an already-approved childcare proposal. Council should carefully consider whether disposing of public land for a second childcare project is the highest and best community use of that land when a childcare component has already been approved as part of a broader intergenerational project that also delivers aged care outcomes.

In practical terms, the proposed sale risks duplicating one form of service while jeopardising another service that is arguably in shorter supply and of greater strategic importance to the community.

3. The intergenerational model delivers broader and more innovative community benefit

Our proposal is not a standalone commercial childcare centre. It is an intergenerational model designed to create community connection between older residents and children, while also improving the viability and long-term sustainability of essential social infrastructure in Churchill.

That model delivers benefits well beyond ordinary land development. It promotes social connection, community wellbeing and more efficient use of land and resources. It also aligns with a more integrated and forward-looking approach to local service delivery.

The proposed sale undermines this broader vision by carving out support for a separate and competing childcare use, rather than working with and supporting the integrated project already underway.

4. The sale of public land should not occur without proper consideration of alternative and less harmful options

The land proposed to be sold forms part of public open space. Once sold, that land is effectively lost to the community in its current form.

Before proceeding, Council should properly consider whether there are alternative sites available for the State Government's proposed childcare outcome that would not adversely affect:

- a) public open space;
- b) an existing approved and commenced community project; and
- c) the re-establishment of aged care services in Churchill.

It is difficult to see how the disposal of public land can be justified where there is a real risk that doing so will prejudice a project already capable of delivering both childcare and aged care outcomes without the same loss of public land.

5. The proposed sale may produce an inefficient and fragmented planning outcome

From a strategic planning and service-delivery perspective, the proposal risks creating an inefficient outcome for Churchill.

Rather than supporting one coordinated and complementary project that combines childcare and aged care in an integrated setting, the proposed sale would encourage fragmentation, duplication of infrastructure and unnecessary competition between community facilities serving overlapping catchments.

That is unlikely to represent sound long-term planning for the township. Nor does it appear to make best use of public land when an existing nearby project has already secured approval and commenced delivery.

6. Council should support, not frustrate, investment already made in reliance on Council approvals and transactions

We purchased the Hazelwood House site from Council and have progressed our redevelopment in reliance on that acquisition, the planning framework, and the approvals already granted.

Having done so, it is unreasonable for Council now to facilitate a competing nearby childcare proposal on public land in a manner that significantly compromises the very project it has already enabled and approved.

At a minimum, Council should recognise the legitimate reliance and investment already made, and should not take steps that would substantially diminish the viability or delivery of the approved development.

Requested outcome

For the reasons above, we respectfully submit that Council should resolve not to proceed with the proposed sale of land adjacent to 22 Heesom Crescent, Churchill as described in the Public Notice.

In the alternative, if Council is not presently minded to abandon the proposal entirely, we submit that Council should defer any decision until it has:

1. fully considered the impact of the proposed sale on our approved and commenced project at 59–91 Phillip Parade, Churchill;
2. assessed the present and future aged care needs of the Churchill community;
3. assessed whether the proposed childcare outcome can be accommodated at an alternative site without loss of public land and without undermining an existing approved development; and
4. meaningfully engaged with us as directly affected stakeholders before any final decision is made.

Documents available

Should Council require it, we are able to provide supporting material including:

1. evidence of ownership of 59–91 Phillip Parade, Churchill;
2. planning permit details;
3. concept plans and project materials;

4. evidence of construction commencement and delivery timeline; and
5. further material regarding the community need for the proposed aged care and intergenerational facility.

Please confirm receipt of this submission and advise the date of the Council meeting at which this matter will be considered, together with the process for appearing in support of this submission.

Yours faithfully,

Dinesh Joshi



Submission 4 - 10 residents of Heesom Crescent Churchill

Proposed Sale of Council Park Land at 22A Heesom Crescent Churchill

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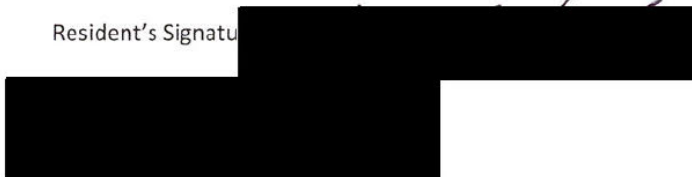
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Resident's Signature

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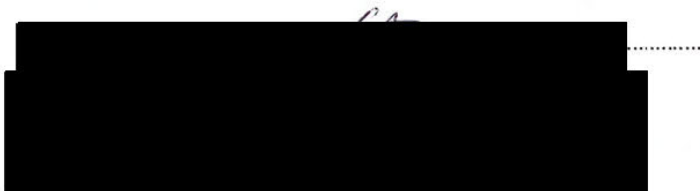
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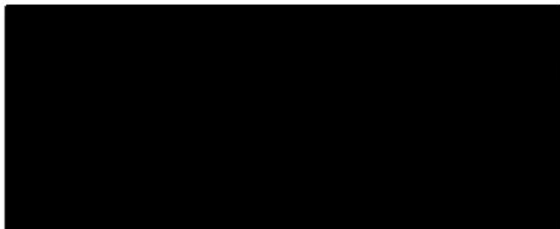
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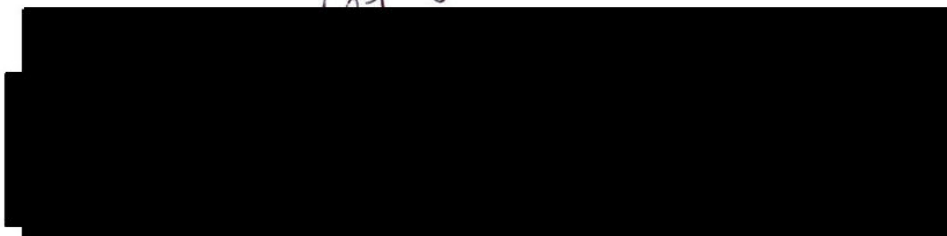
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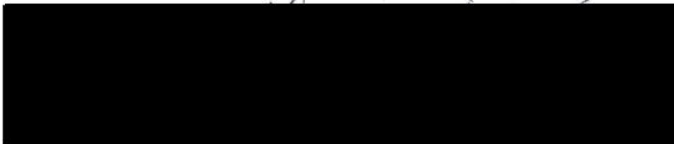
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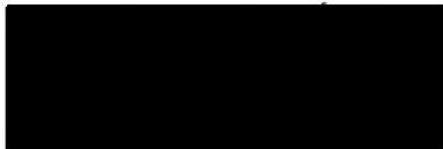
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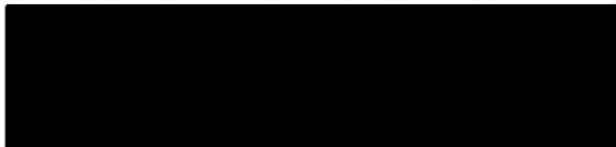
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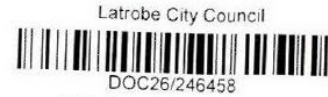
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Suggestions:

That there are much more suitable land in Churchill that has better road access and infrastructure.

Resident's Name *SHAWN SOMERVILLE*





Date Received: 04-May-2026

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01 MAY 2026

BY: [Signature]

Proposed Sale of Council Park Land at 22A Heesom Crescent Churchill

This submission is from the residents of Heesom Crescent.

Objections:

1. This street has two sharp corners and is not suitable for busy traffic.
2. This is a park we thought had to stay as parkland when we purchased our homes. Parks should stay as they are well used. Watson Park is well used by the school and many families.
3. If this proposal were to go ahead, would that diminish the value of our properties with it's quiet environment. The cost of purchase is more for a quiet area and with a beautiful park opposite.
4. There would be considerably more noise level from an early to late time, probably 6am – 6 pm for pickup and drop off. The added traffic will add to the pollution level.
5. Parking will be a problem unless off street parking is provided.
The south side (Coleman Pde) is busy now with school drop off and pick up.
- 6 It is not yet decided where the entrance is to be. But either side of the park would be unsuitable with restricted road parking. Josh Graham was consulted.
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Suggestions:

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THERE WAS ONE THERE YEARS AGO & SOMEI THOUGHT GREAT IDEA TO BUILD ONE @ THE HUB. BUILD AN EXTENSION ONTO THAT.

Resident's Signature *Paul Williams*

House Number



YOU WONT BE BUILDING IT NEXT TO MY HOUSE THATS FOR SURE.

Submission 5 - Tracy

PO2026-04 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE

To Chief Executive Office.

Reference PO2026-04

Intention to sell by private treaty to the Victorian State Government a portion of the land situated at 22 Heesom Crescent Churchill.

Comprising of approximately 6554 square metres, which is situated between Heesom Crescent and Coleman Parade, on long the fence line adjoined to Churchill Primary School. (22Heesom Crescent has a residential house on it and is not marked on the proposed site.)

As a resident of Heesom Crescent Churchill and a local who has grown up in Churchill I have some concerns which I would like to have addressed before any sale of the proposed land proceeds to the State Government with intent to build an Early Development Centre on the proposed land.

- Currently that piece of land is on fence line of Churchill primary School. By selling this off to use as an Early Development Centre means that currently Churchill doesn't have the compacity in the current centres to have enough places and space for the projected growth of this town.

If this is the case that would also mean in the near future enrolments in our primary schools will also increase.

By selling off the land between Heesom Crescent and Coleman Parade on long the fence line of the Primary you are stopping that primary school from any future expansion as that is only place in which that school could possibly use to cope with the potential growth that comes only with extra Early Development centres.

- This also brings along extra traffic in Coleman Parade and Heesom Crescent. Currently drop off and pick times for the primary school effectively turns Coleman Parade and two Courts - Halls Court and Daly Court into one a way streets and courts. Cars are parked all along the park with parents dropping off or collecting students and if someone is park on the street outside a house that effectively leaves Coleman Parade a one-way street. At these times off the day, I really hope that no emergency services need to access a resident's house or the school as it would be about impossible as these streets are not designed to have so much traffic. This has been problem of residents as long as I can remember as students from prep to grade 3 need to have a guardian walk them into the school and collect them from the classroom. Putting more traffic in the area without addressing the current traffic flow just putting more strain on the current residents and is going to direct more traffic into Heesom Crescent which also is not wide enough to cope with the extra traffic of cars which Early Developments Centres bring only with them.

I strongly suggest that council members turn up to Churchill Primary school at the end of the day and see what a bottle neck of traffic happens every school day before any sale happens. Have council memberactually talked to the residents that live through this every school day?

- Traffic flow needs to be addressed before any sale of this land goes ahead. For the safety for our current residents and the parents and students at the current school.
- I propose that the council should consider and address the current traffic issues by working along with the school to consider potential drop of drive through in the current area which is used for teacher park along Howard Avenue (which is wider than Coleman Parade and

Heesom Crescent) and the extra classroom then turn the land you propped to sell off into a teacher park car a space to put any future extra classrooms.

- I also purpose looking at other green belts in Churchill for the proposed Early Development centre to go.

Churchill has the space between Williams Avenue and Manning Driving which would be able to provide space to consider the traffic flow and large enough area to provide large carparks spaces to allow parents to safety getting children and prams out.

There is also the green belt on Manning Drive between the Tennis court and Scott Hall which also like William Avenue has wider streets to cope with the extra traffic.

You also have the option to approach the current landowners in the zoned industrial area.

I am totally against this proposed site being sold off the used for Early Development Centre.

I would like to be in attendance when this is part of the next council meeting.

Concerned residence

Tracy Braun



- The current Churchill Hub doesn't have enough carpark spaces to provide the safety of getting children into the centre.

From: "B Billing" [REDACTED]



To Chief executive officer.

I am a resident of Firmin Road Churchill and I am against the development of an early learning Centre being built in Watson park.

The traffic of Coleman parade at pick up and drop off basically makes that street one way and we go to McDonald way to go to kurnai college for school drop off as Coleman is very full. Firmin has a lot of traffic coming from both switchback and McDonald way. During school times.

White parade also has cars either side at school drop off and pick up.
Pick up times are worse as parents come early. Mornings when school assembly is on.

Churchill primary school does not have sufficient parking and roads surrounding the school are congested because of this.

The roads surrounding Watson park cannot sustain additional parking due to more development. Plus losing our lovely parkland with many birds and children's playground. Plus people walk down through heesom crescent to Watson park footpath go come home.

If purchases were building a carpark as part of the proposal again we do not want to lose precious parkland for a carpark.

Also there was a kinder in that area for years and was pulled down. The area where old kinder was would be better than the proposed land sale site all the way across from heesom to Coleman parade.

35 Firmin road is AGAINST the proposed sale of the land.
Refer attached photos.

Cars parked all the way down Coleman to Firmin road. People picking primary school children up.





ELECTION PERIOD POLICY

The recommended decision is not a Prohibited Decision, as defined in section 69 of the Local Government Act 2020 or a Significant Decision within the meaning of the Election Period Policy.

PURPOSE

To provide the results of community consultation on the draft updated Election Period Policy (**Attachment 1**) and present the Policy for adoption.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The *Local Government Act 2020* (Act) imposes specific requirements and restrictions on councils during election periods for both general elections and by-elections.
- The election period is the pre-election timeframe during which candidates campaign for the votes of community members. Under the Act, a local government election runs from the time that candidate nominations close until 6.00pm on election day.
- In a general election, occurring every four years, every councillor position is vacant across all councils in Victoria, whereas a by-election is conducted to fill a casual vacancy for a single councillor role at one council. During a by-election, sitting Councillors are not candidates.
- Pursuant to section 69 of the Act, Council is required to include an Election Period Policy (Policy) in its Governance Rules, as part of supporting compliance with the Act requirements for election periods.
- The Policy must be updated at least once per Council term. Council's Election Period Policy was last updated in March 2024, within the previous term.
- Following a recent Councillor resignation, a by-election is occurring over the coming months. As aspects of the Policy apply to the by-election, it was considered appropriate to review the Policy at this time.
- Pursuant to Council resolution of 27 April 2026, community engagement was undertaken on the draft Policy between Tuesday, 28 April and Monday, 25 May 2026 inclusive. During this time, 1 submission was received from the community, providing feedback.
- One change has been made to the draft Policy as a result of the feedback, being the replacement of an example used for adjustments that may be made to publications during a by-election period.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. notes the feedback received through the community engagement conducted for the Election Period Policy;**
- 2. adopts the Election Period Policy at Attachment 1, noting that the Policy forms part of Council's Governance Rules under the *Local Government Act 2020*;**
- 3. notes with the adoption of this Election Period Policy, it replaces any previous versions; and**
- 4. notes that after adoption, the Election Period Policy will be published on Council's website.**

BACKGROUND

The Policy is a requirement under section 69 of the Act. It functions to protect the integrity of the electoral process by prohibiting types of decisions that could be seen to influence voters or advantage or disadvantage certain candidates, and provides transparent guidance to Councillors, officers and community members on how Council business will be managed during the election period.

Following the announcement of the by-election for Morwell River Ward, officers presented the draft Policy to the Council Meeting on 27 April 2026. The draft Policy was approved for community engagement from 28 April to 25 May 2026 inclusive. The community engagement was conducted via a Have Your Say page, and advertised in the Latrobe Valley Express and on Council's Facebook platform.

One submission was received through the Have Your Say page. The submission raised the following matters:

1. Whether it would be an advantage to Councillors over other candidates if Councillor contact details were to remain on Council's webpage during an election period; and
2. The example used for adjustments to publications during a by-election period was considered not suitable.

The full submission is provided at **Attachment 2**.

ANALYSIS

In relation to the feedback received:

Feedback	Officer Response
Councillor contact details remaining on Council's website during an election period.	No change proposed. Councillor contact details remain on Council's website in a general election period because during that time Councillors are required to continue performing their roles as elected representatives, and so need to remain contactable by the community. During a by-election period, current Councillors are not candidates.

Feedback	Officer Response
<p>Example for adjustments to publications during an election period.</p>	<p>New example proposed.</p> <p>Instead of “For example, Council may determine not to distribute a community newsletter to properties located in a ward where a by-election is underway”, it is proposed to use “For example, Council may defer some non-essential media content relating to the relevant ward until after the by-election”.</p>

RISK ASSESSMENT

RISK	RISK RATING	TREATMENT
<p>COMPLIANCE Improvements to facilitate compliance that were identified during the last general election are not implemented for the by-election.</p>	<p>Medium <i>Possible x Minor</i></p>	<p>Adopt an updated Election Period Policy.</p>
<p>SERVICE DELIVERY Council’s service delivery and operations are impacted by the more complex provisions of the current Election Period Policy.</p>	<p>Medium <i>Possible x Minor</i></p>	<p>Adopt an updated Election Period Policy.</p>
<p>STRATEGIC The Election Period Policy is seen as overly complex and therefore insufficiently transparent by the community.</p>	<p>Medium <i>Possible x Minor</i></p>	<p>Adopt an updated Election Period Policy.</p>

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CONSULTATION

Community engagement has been conducted for a period of 28 days from 28 April 2026 to 25 May 2026 inclusive, to meet *Local Government Act 2020* requirements. This method and timeframe are in line with previous changes to the Governance Rules, which incorporate the Policy.

COMMUNICATION

Should the updated Policy be endorsed, it will be made available on Council’s website.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Officers preparing this report have declared they do not have a conflict of interest in this matter under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

APPENDIX 1 IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Gender

A Gender Impact Assessment (GIA) under the *Gender Equality Act 2020* has been conducted as this Policy has a significant and direct impact on the community through its impact on service provision and decision-making during an election period. No changes were recommended from the GIA. **Social**

N/A

Cultural

N/A

Health

N/A

Environmental

N/A

Economic

N/A

Financial

Proposed changes to the Election Period Policy will not have budgetary implications and the community engagement was conducted within existing resources.

Attachments

1. Election Period Policy
2. Community Engagement Feedback

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Election Period Policy

1	Election Period Policy	410
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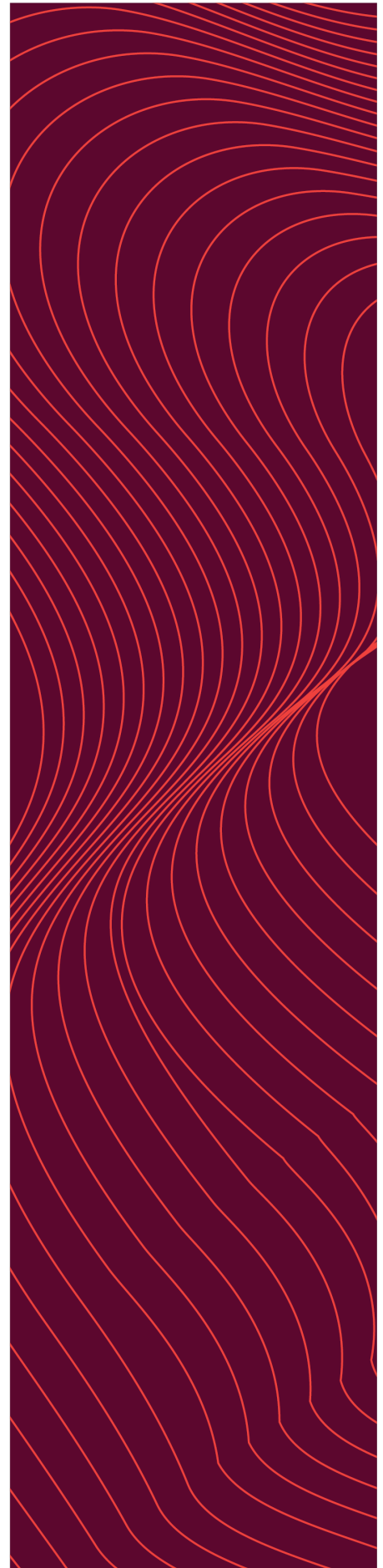


Election Period Policy

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2	Council	07 April 2020	Compliance with <i>Local Government Act 1989</i> Section 93B.
3	Council	07 September 2020	Compliance with <i>Local Government Act 2020</i>
4	Council	04 March 2024	Compliance with <i>Local Government Act 2020</i>
5	N/A	25 July 2024	Administrative update to correct appendix listing
6	Council	TBA	Review informed by draft Model Election Period Policy and MAV Guidelines.
References		Refer to sections 14 and 15 of this Policy	
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1. Purpose

This Election Period Policy (Policy) informs and supports Council to conduct its business during the election period in a lawful, fair, and transparent manner, consistent with section 69 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (Act).

2. Objectives

The Policy protects the integrity of the electoral process by:

- preventing decisions, actions or communications that could be perceived as influencing voters or conferring an advantage to election candidates, including sitting Councillors; and
- providing clear guidance to Councillors, Council staff and the community on how Council will manage its operations during this time, including the use of resources, communications, decision-making and public engagement.

The Policy supports good governance, promotes public confidence and reinforces Council's commitment to ethical and accountable conduct throughout the election period.

3. Scope

This Policy applies during:

- local government general elections;
- local government by-elections; and
- state, federal and other elections where Council resources, facilities or communications may be used inappropriately.

This Policy applies to:

- All Councillors (whether or not they are candidates);
- Council staff; and
- Contractors and volunteers.

4. Accountability and responsibility

4.1 Councillors

At all times, including during an election period, Councillors perform their civic duties and engage with the community in their official capacity. Councillors must always comply with the Act, the Model Councillor Code of Conduct, and this Policy.

Councillors must be mindful of their obligations under sections 123 and 124 of the Act, which prohibit the misuse of position or information. A breach of section 123, which includes using Council resources or influence for electoral advantage, is a serious offence and may attract significant penalties, including imprisonment. Councillors must not use their position to improperly influence staff, access Council information or use Council resources in support of any election campaign or candidacy.

4.2 Chief Executive Officer

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) will ensure, as far as possible, that:

- all Councillors and officers are informed of the application of this Policy at least 30 days prior to the commencement of an election period;
- all Councillors and officers are supported in the application of this Policy during an election period; and
- matters of Council business requiring prohibited decisions or significant decisions are scheduled outside election periods in accordance with the Act and this Policy.

4.3 Council officers

Council officers are expected to maintain impartiality by avoiding making any comment or expressing an opinion, in any context which is public or may become public, in relation to candidates, potential candidates or matters that may influence an election.

This obligation applies in any context where the officer may be reasonably identified as a Council employee or representative. Officers must exercise caution when using personal social media accounts and are strongly discouraged from engaging with candidate hosted online media platforms.

Where a close associate of an officer (such as a family member) is standing as a candidate, the officer must ensure they comply with all conflict of interest requirements under the Act and Council's Conflict of Interest Policy.

4.4 Council officers as candidates

Council officers who intend to stand as candidates for election must resign prior to registering as a candidate. Under section 34(2)(d) of the Act, a person is not qualified to be a Councillor of a Council while they are a member of that Council's staff.

5. Decision-making during election periods

5.1 Prohibited Decisions

During an election period for a general election or by-election, Council must not make a decision that:

- would enable the use of Council's resources in a way that is intended to influence, or is likely to influence, voting at the election.

During an election period for a general election, Council must not make a decision that:

- relates to the appointment or remuneration of a CEO but not to the appointment or remuneration of an Acting CEO;
- commits the Council to expenditure exceeding one per cent of the Council's income from general rates, municipal charges and service rates and charges in the preceding financial year;
- the Council considers could be reasonably deferred until the next Council is in place; or
- the Council considers should not be made during an election period.

5.2 Significant Decisions or decisions to be avoided

Significant Decisions should be avoided during a general election period.

Without limiting the generality of the definition of a Significant Decision, a decision is to be taken to be a Significant Decision if it:

- approves or amends the Council Plan;
- adopts or amends any policy that the Council is required to adopt under the Act;
- adopts or amends the Governance Rules;
- makes or amends a local law;
- approves a budget or revised budget;
- approves the borrowing of money;
- approves entering into a contract that requires significant funding in future financial years;
- approves a matter that will have significant impacts on Council's income or expenditure;
- declares general rates, municipal charges, service rates and charges or special rates and charges;
- exercises a power, duty or function prescribed for the purposes of section 11(2) of the Act;
- exercises any power to participate in any beneficial enterprise under section 110 of the Act;
- allocates community grants or other direct funding to community organisations;
- is a major planning scheme amendment;
- is the sale or purchase of land and/or discontinuance of a road; or
- it is of a politically sensitive nature.

5.2 Considerations for officers with delegated authority

Most Council decisions are not made at meetings of the Council. Significant decision-making power is formally delegated to officers, and the decision of a delegate is a decision of the Council.

Because a delegate's decision is the same as a Council decision, the same constraints that apply to decisions made in Council and Council Delegated Committee meetings apply when delegates make decisions. Delegates should therefore carefully consider when exercising their powers during an election period.

Should a delegate be required to make a decision under delegation in the ordinary course of Council business during an election period, the delegate must consider the following:

- Whether the decision is prohibited, significant or should be avoided.
- The urgency of the issue (that is, can it wait until after the election period?).
- Any financial repercussions if it is deferred.
- Whether the decision is likely to be controversial or influence voters.
- Whether it is in the best interests of Council.

The restriction on the making of decisions is not intended to delay the routine making of administrative and operational decisions by members of Council staff under delegation.

Officers must consult with the CEO where there is any uncertainty about the appropriateness of a decision or action, prior to proceeding. The CEO is responsible for managing and monitoring potential breaches.

6. Meetings

6.1 Council, Delegated Committee and Community Asset Committee Meetings

During an election period for a general election or by-election, the following modifications will be made to the conduct of Council, Delegated Committee and Community Asset Committee meetings:

- Councillors will limit their discussion during debate to the topic under consideration and must not raise issues that contain or relate to electoral matter.
- No officer report will be presented to Council during the election period unless it contains an express statement by the CEO that a decision on that matter would not be contrary to this policy.

During an election period for a general election:

- Items of general business, notices of motion and any comparable agenda items will be suspended.
- Councillor delegate reports, or equivalent reporting mechanisms, will be suspended.

6.2 Annual Report

It is a requirement of the Act (Section 100) that Council's annual report be presented by the Mayor at an open Council meeting held, in the year of a general election, on a day not later than the day before election day.

6.3 Council advisory committees

Except for the Audit and Risk Committee and Project Reference Groups, the operation of Council advisory committees, working groups and similar committees shall be suspended upon the commencement of an election period ahead of a general election.

6.4 Council representation on external committees

Where a Councillor has been appointed to an external committee or board it is expected that they will attend meetings of the committee or board during an election period.

A Councillor must not attend an external committee or board meeting, where they are a Councillor representative, in their capacity as a candidate. A Councillor must be mindful of their obligations under this Policy, and not conduct any electoral campaigning activities at the meeting.

6.5 Councillor briefings

Councillor Briefing sessions will continue throughout an election period. However, the CEO will review each draft Briefing session agenda and remove any material considered contrary to the requirements of this Policy.

7. Publications and consultation

7.1 Council publications

In accordance with section 304 of the Act, Council must not print, publish or distribute or cause, permit or authorise to be printed, published or distributed, any electoral material during an election

period unless it only contains information about the election process or is otherwise required in accordance with, or under, any Act or regulation.

During the election period for a general election, Council will restrict Councillor details on the Council website to Councillor names, the ward they represent (where applicable) and their contact details.

For the avoidance of doubt, this Policy does not prevent candidates from publishing their own campaign material from their own funds outside Council, and not bearing any reference or inference that such material is from Council or supported or endorsed by Council and nor bearing any Council identification (such as logos or similar). Candidates must ensure that such publications comply with the requirements of the Act.

Council may choose to implement an internal certification process as a risk-mitigation measure, to help ensure that material is not inadvertently published during the election period that may be perceived as electoral matter. The design and operation of such a process is at the discretion of the CEO.

During a by-election, Council may make necessary adjustments to the publication and distribution of materials which, while not containing electoral matter, may still be undesirable. For example, Council may defer some non-essential media content relating to the relevant ward until after the by-election.

7.2 Public consultation and engagement

Community engagement is an integral part of Council's policy development process and operations, however, there are concerns that consultation undertaken close to a general election may become an issue in itself and influence voting.

Council events in the lead up to an election can also raise concerns over the potential use of sitting Councillors using them for electioneering purposes.

If consultation must be undertaken or an event held during this time, the Council must explain to the community the special circumstances making it necessary and how the risks influencing the election will be mitigated or prevented.

Therefore, during an election period no public consultation under the Community Engagement Policy (as per section 55 of the Act), or under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, will be conducted.

Only consultation for the purpose of planning permit applications and operational issues such as canvassing residents' views on small-scale traffic treatments, installation of single trees and the like will be allowed as they are operational in nature and are unlikely to impact the conduct of the election.

- Civic events will cease during an election period for a general election.
- No election material or active campaigning is to be conducted at Council sponsored events.

8. Media and social media

The CEO (or their delegate) is the official spokesperson during the election period for an election.

Councillors must not use their role to make media comments or representations that could be seen as electioneering for themselves or any other candidate.

Councillors may continue to engage with the media as candidates but not on behalf of Council or using Council resources.

Councillors who are candidates in an election must not use their official Council-affiliated social media accounts for electioneering or campaign purposes during the election period. Councillor candidates may establish separate, clearly identified campaign social media accounts for election-related communications.

The only new material published on Council's websites or social media sites during an election period for a general election will be:

- the agenda and minutes for any Council meeting, meeting of a Council delegated committee or meeting of a Council community asset committee;
- the annual report; and
- key service disruption information.

Information already published on the website will be reviewed to ensure it does not include anything that might be seen as likely to influence the election.

9. Use of Council resources

The use of Council resources by a Councillor in a way that is intended to or is likely to affect the result of an election is prohibited and constitutes a breach of section 304 of the Act. These restrictions apply at all times, not just during an election period, regardless of whether such use comes at no cost to Council.

The following are not permitted:

- use by a candidate of a Council-provided computer for the preparation of any campaign material other than publicly available computers in libraries or community facilities;
- use of a Council-provided mobile telephone for campaign-related calls, messages, emails, photographs or social media. While receipt of communications cannot be controlled, candidates must not encourage campaign-related communication by this means;
- use of photographs in any campaign material taken by Council staff or by photographers engaged by Council; and
- use of Council administrative facilities such as offices, meeting rooms, support staff, hospitality services, equipment and stationery in connection with any election campaign.

Reimbursements of Councillors' out-of-pocket expenses will only apply to costs incurred in the performance of normal Council duties, and not to expenses that could be perceived as supporting or being connected with a candidate's election campaign.

No Council livery, including logos, publications, letterheads or other Council branding may be used for or linked in any way to a candidate's election campaign.

Council telephone numbers and email addresses are not to be used in candidate election material.

Council officers must not assist in the preparation of candidate election material.

Council officers must not provide candidates with access to databases, contact lists, property accounts, email addresses or any other information that would assist in the distribution of election material. Any such Council information already in the possession of candidates is subject to the provisions of the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* and must not be used for electoral purposes.

10. Access to information

Councillors shall continue to receive information necessary to fulfil their existing role as a Councillor during the election period.

Neither Councillors nor candidates will receive information or advice from Council staff that might be perceived to support election campaigns and there shall be complete transparency in the provision of all information and advice during the election period. Information and briefing material prepared by staff during the election period will only relate to factual matters or to existing Council services. Such information will not relate to policy development, new projects or matters that are the subject of public or election debate or might be perceived to relate to a candidate's election campaign.

No other information other than what would normally be made available to any member of the general public upon request is to be provided to a Councillor.

No information other than what would normally be made available to any member of the general public upon request is to be provided to a candidate who is not a Councillor.

10.1 Information Request Register

An Information Request Register will be maintained by the CEO during the election period. The Information Request Register will record all requests relating to electoral matters and non-routine information requests made by Councillors and candidates, along with the responses provided. To ensure transparency and equal access, where a request for information is granted, the response will be published on Council's website and made available to all candidates and the public.

11. Election signage on Council land

Election signage on Council land will be managed in accordance with Council's relevant Local Law.

12. External elections

This section is applicable to any Councillor seeking election to the Parliament of Australia, the Parliament of Victoria, another Australian state or territory government, a local government in another state or territory of Australia or any level of government outside Australia. These are collectively referred to in this section as an 'external election'.

Councillors must ensure there is a clear and demonstrable distinction between their obligations to Council and their personal interests as a candidate, or as a member of a political party, prior to and during an external election.

A Councillor who is a prospective candidate or a nominated candidate for an external election must:

- maintain an appropriate separation between their dual roles;
- differentiate between their role as an external election candidate and their role as a Councillor when making public comment;
- avoid potential and actual conflicts of interest;
- not misuse their position as a Councillor;
- not use Council resources or activities to support their candidacy; and
- continue to observe the standards of conduct in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and the Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy.

12.1 Notification of Candidacy

As soon as practicable after becoming a prospective or nominated candidate for an external election, a Councillor must notify the CEO in writing.

Upon receiving this notification, the CEO will advise all other Councillors.

Following notification to the CEO, the Councillor must also declare their intended or actual candidacy at the next Council meeting.

12.2 Leave

A Councillor must request a leave of absence during the period commencing on the date of their nomination with the relevant electoral commission (or equivalent) and concluding on the day of the close of voting for that election.

The application must be made as soon as practicable after the Councillor nominates.

An application for leave by a Councillor in these circumstances must not be unreasonably refused by the Council.

During the period commencing on the date of their nomination with the relevant electoral commission (or equivalent) and concluding on the day of the close of voting for that election, a nominated candidate must:

- not attend Council meetings, meetings of Council delegated committees or meetings of a Community Asset Committee;
- not act in their capacity as a Councillor; and
- return all Council equipment and materials if requested to do so by the CEO.

12.3 Resignation

A Councillor must resign immediately if they are successful in an external election.

13. Definitions

Term	Definition
Act	<i>Local Government Act 2020</i>
Election	Local Government general election or a by-election.
Election period	Period of time prior to an election that starts at the time that nominations close on nomination day and ends at 6:00pm on election day.
Election material	An advertisement, handbill, pamphlet or notice that contains electoral matter, but does not include an advertisement in a newspaper that is only announcing the holding of a meeting.
Electoral matter	<p>Matter which is intended or likely to affect voting in an election but does not include any electoral material produced by or on behalf of the election manager for the purposes of conducting an election.</p> <p>Without limiting the generality of the definition of electoral matter, matter is to be taken to be intended or likely to affect voting in an election if it contains an express or implicit reference to, or comment on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the election; or • a candidate in the election; or • an issue submitted to, or otherwise before, the voters in connection with the election.
Prohibited decision	<p>Has the same meaning as it has in section 69 of the Act, as follows:</p> <p><i>(2) An election period policy must prohibit any Council decision during the election period for a general election that—</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a) relates to the appointment or remuneration of the Chief Executive Officer but not to the appointment or remuneration of an Acting Chief Executive Officer; or</i> <i>b) commits the Council to expenditure exceeding one per cent of the Council's income from general rates, municipal charges and service rates and charges in the preceding financial year; or</i> <i>c) the Council considers could be reasonably deferred until the next Council is in place; or</i> <i>d) the Council considers should not be made during an election period.</i> <p><i>(3) An election period policy must prohibit any Council decision during the election period for a general election or a by-election that would enable the use of Council's resources in a way that is intended to influence, or is likely to influence, voting at the election.</i></p>

Term	Definition
Significant decision	<p>A decision that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> may unreasonably bind an incoming council and could reasonably be made after the election; or significantly affects the municipal community.

14. Related Documents

Related Council Policies, Frameworks and Procedures.

Related document title	Location / document number / hyperlink
Audit and Risk Committee Charter	Council's website
Community Engagement Policy	Council's website
Conflict of Interest Policy	ECM 2139282
Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy	ECM 2284580
Customer Behaviour Policy	Council's website
Election Period Policy Guidelines	TBC
Governance Rules	Council's website
Media Policy	Council's website
Privacy Policy	ECM 2319453
Social Media Policy	Council's website
Staff Code of Conduct	ECM 1366403

15. Reference Documents

- [Local Government Act 2020](#)
- [Local Government \(Governance and Integrity\) Regulations 2020](#)
- [Model Councillor Code of Conduct](#)
- [Guidance on the Model Councillor Code of Conduct](#)
- [Freedom of Information Act 1982](#)
- [Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014](#)
- [MAV Guidelines - Candidature of councillors in state and federal elections 2021](#)

16. Evaluation and Review

This Policy will be reviewed prior to each election (generally four years) and/or by-election and/or on request of Council in the event of significant changes to legislation applicable to of the Policy.

17. Appendices

Nil

Organisational Performance
Approved: 00/00/2026 | Review: 00/00/2028

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Please provide your written feedback on Latrobe City's Election Period Policy.

I have 2 minor concerns with the policy both of which are found on page 6. "Council will restrict Councillor details on the Council website to Councillor names, the ward they represent (where applicable) and their contact details" I can accept Councillor names, the ward they represent but for Council to provide contact details during an election could be seen as providing an advantage to a sitting Councillors. The alternative would be to provide the contact details for all candidates (something which would be unwieldy and fort with danger). 2nd is also on page 6 "During a by-election, Council may make necessary adjustments to the publication and distribution of materials which, while not containing electoral matter, may still be undesirable. For example, Council may determine not to distribute a community newsletter to properties located in a ward where a by-election is underway." It is a little problematic trying to distribute a community newsletter to half of Morwell because a by-election is being held in the other half (as is the current situation). Wouldn't the half not receiving the newsletter feel disadvantaged and not being treated equally through no fault of their own. Would it not be better to not distribute any newsletter during a by-election period?

I would like to withhold my name from public documents such as Council reports.

No

URGENT BUSINESS

12. URGENT BUSINESS

Business may be admitted to the meeting as urgent business in accordance with clause 20 of the Governance Rules, by resolution of the Council and only then if it:

- 20.1 Relates to or arises out of a matter which has arisen since distribution of the agenda; and
- 20.2 Cannot reasonably or conveniently be deferred until the next Council meeting.

REPORTS FOR NOTING

13. REPORTS FOR NOTING

Nil reports

14. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil reports

ITEMS FOR TABLING

15. ITEMS FOR TABLING

Nil reports

**MEETING CLOSED TO
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INFORMATION**

16. MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC TO CONSIDER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Section 66 of the *Local Government Act 2020* enables Council to close the meeting to the public to consider *confidential information* as defined in that Act.

Proposed Resolution:

That Council pursuant to section 66(1) and 66(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) close the Council Meeting to the public to consider the following items containing confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Act:

16.1 Deed of Agreement – Variation

This item is confidential as it contains Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released (section 3(1)(a)). This ground applies as considering the terms of an agreement.

16.2 Audit and Risk Committee Membership

This item is confidential as it contains personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs (section 3(1)(f)). This ground applies because the report contains personal information.

16.3 LCC-915 Kerb and Channel Replacement Program

This item is confidential as it contains Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released (section 3(1)(a)) and private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that—

- (i) relates to trade secrets; or**
- (ii) if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage (section 3(1)(g)). These grounds apply because releasing this information publicly and/or prematurely may prejudice the undertaking of this process and would release private commercial information of the tenderers that may cause disadvantage.**