

YOUR INPUT SHAPING THE BUDGET



Thanks to everyone who gave us a suggestion as part of the Your Budget Ideas project last year.

We received more than 750 suggestions. We're pleased to report we've been able to include many of them in the budget for the coming year.

Your rates are directly contributing to many of these, with 50 per cent of our income coming from rates. We have also been fortunate to secure a number of grants to help deliver a big program of activity in the coming year.

Thanks to the hard work of recent years, most of our financial indicators are in a good position. We'll even have our first budget surplus in many years.

We're investing more than ever in our capital works program to improve roads, footpaths, buildings and open spaces as well as recreation, leisure and community facilities.

We're also investing more than ever in planning for population growth and supporting strong and resilient communities across our urban and rural areas.

To do this, we also work in partnership with the state and federal governments to secure grants and to advocate for government investment in the things that matter most to our community like major road projects, public transport, education and health services.

Thank you for helping to make Mitchell's future a good one.

CAPITAL WORKS - Your rates help fund \$26.9m in new capital works.



**WASTE
MANAGEMENT**
\$3.42 MILLION

\$1.40 MILLION
FUNDED THROUGH
BORROWINGS



**ROADS
(NEW, RENEWAL AND
UPGRADE)**
\$9.12 MILLION

\$3.26 MILLION
GRANT FUNDED



**RECREATION,
LEISURE AND
COMMUNITY
FACILITIES**
\$2.71 MILLION

**INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY**
\$741K



**FOOTPATH
AND CYCLEWAYS**
\$1.37 MILLION



BUILDINGS
\$4.60 MILLION

\$3.53 MILLION
GRANT FUNDED



**PARK, OPEN SPACE
AND STREETSAPES**
\$1.45 MILLION

\$1.20 MILLION
GRANT FUNDED



BRIDGES
\$803K



**LIBRARY BOOK
RENEWAL**
\$180K

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SOME PROJECTS LISTED IN THE 2019/20 BUDGET

The information below shows some of what we plan to spend on new upgrades, improvements, facilities and service provisions across 2019/20. Your rates and government grants are helping to deliver these, and many more, activities and projects.

- > **Beveridge** Recreation space improvements
- > **Broadford** Harley Hammond pavilion, netball courts and lighting
- > **Broadford** Lions Park footpath missing link
- > **Broadford** Community precinct CCTV
- > **Broadford** Development of the Structure Plan which will guide growth and development, while preserving the township's character.
- > **Kilmore** Outdoor fitness equipment upgrades
- > **Kilmore** Construction of the Kilmore Creek pedestrian bridges
- > **Kilmore** Ryans Creek Reserve open space improvements and new play space
- > **Kilmore** Footpath improvement works on Union Street and Melbourne Street
- > **Kilmore** Updated master plan for future work at Hudson Park
- > **Kilmore** White Street improvements
- > **Kilmore** Conway Street road and school safety improvements
- > **Kilmore** Accessible parking improvements
- > **Kilmore East** Repair and improvements to O'Gradys Road intersection
- > **Pyalong** Kindergarten car park construction
- > **Pyalong** Recreation reserve and recreation space



Footpath missing links program



Road improvements program

- > **Seymour** Chittick Park outdoor youth space
- > **Seymour** Accessible parking improvements
- > **Seymour** Kings Park new Agricultural Pavilion and amenities for main Pavilion
- > **Seymour** Oak Street rehabilitation stage 2
- > **Seymour** New Resource Recovery Centre
- > **Seymour** Goulburn Park amenities and facilities
- > **Seymour** Sports and Aquatic Centre pool resurfacing
- > **Seymour** Light Horse Memorial Park upgrade works
- > **Seymour** Station Street revitalisation
- > **Tallarook** Recreation Reserve BBQ area
- > **Tallarook** Hall rebuild
- > **Tallarook** Main street and drainage improvements
- > **Tooborac** Recreation reserve BBQ
- > **Tooborac** Primary School carpark
- > **Upper Plenty** The Shack rebuild
- > **Upper Plenty** Bus turnaround area
- > **Wallan** Resource Recovery Centre
- > **Wallan** Greenhill Reserve netball lighting
- > **Wallan** Windham Street footpath
- > **Wallan** Youth services hub
- > **Wallan** Updated master plan for future work at Hadfield Park
- > **Wallan** Outdoor fitness equipment upgrades



More tree plantings



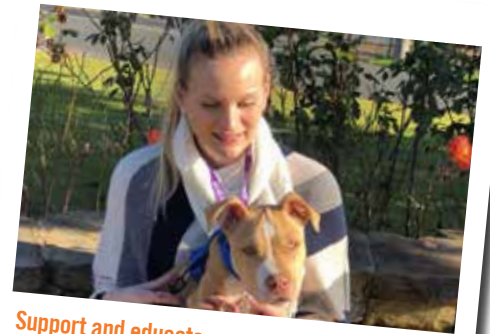
Pool resurfacing



Play space and recreation reserve upgrades and improvements

Across the Shire we also have a number of new or expanded initiatives including:

- > Improving and supporting youth mental health
- > Support and educate community around pet ownership and a new off-lead dog park
- > We will increase our tree plantings
- > Continuing to improve presentation of our parks and gardens, street furniture and bus shelters
- > Targeted road maintenance, footpath, cycleway and bridge improvements
- > New landfill cell
- > Reviewing our rural land activities



Support and educate community around pet ownership

- > **Wallan** Playground upgrades
- > **Wallan** Bentinck Street Kindergarten upgrade
- > **Wallan East** Early Learning Centre
- > **Wandong** Primary school footpath missing link
- > **Wandong** Public toilets
- > **Wandong** O'Gradys Road street lighting improvements
- > **Wandong** Kindergarten playground upgrades
- > **Wandong** LB Davern Reserve multipurpose courts and netball enclosure

CHANGES TO FREE GREEN WASTE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRE VOUCHERS

Due to changes from the Environmental Protection Authority, we can no longer offer free green waste service on weekends in November.

Instead, we've added two extra vouchers. You now have five vouchers which you can use any time throughout the year, including green waste.

Your voucher can be used for green waste, hard waste or general waste. The choice is yours.

Your barcode may be scanned up to five times in a single visit or you can choose to use it for multiple visits to our Resource Recovery Centres.

Each time you scan, you will redeem \$30 in value.

- Choose when you want to use your voucher and what for
- Visit one of our four Resource Recovery Centres
- Scan your voucher (hard copy, email or a photo is ok)
- Voucher can be used five times
- Don't forget your photo ID showing your address
- Voucher expires 30 September 2020

For other terms and conditions please visit www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au



From 1 July, the Victorian Government has introduced changes which means e-waste can no longer be put in the rubbish. E-waste is anything with a plug, battery or cord. You can recycle most e-waste for free (residents only) at any of Mitchell Shire Council's Resource Recovery Centres.

www.ewaste.vic.gov.au



FIRE SERVICES PROPERTY LEVY

Your rates notice includes a charge that is **set by the State Government** and has increased substantially this year.

The money is collected by Council and passed on to the State Government.

For more information www.sro.vic.gov.au/fire-services-property-levy



WHAT'S ON YOUR RATES NOTICE?

The amount you pay is made up of multiple charges. Some of these are fixed amounts while some are based on a percentage of your Capital Improved Value (CIV).

Your charges may include:

- > Your rates which are based on the usage of the land and the CIV
- > A municipal charge which is a fixed charge levied on all rateable properties.
- > A garbage charge for properties eligible for a kerbside collection
- > The State Government's fire services property levy

Garbage collection charge

If you are eligible for a kerbside garbage and recycling collection service, you may have noticed your charges have increased this year from \$342 to \$405 for a standard service.

This is due to international changes in the recycling industry.

Most councils across Victoria introduced increased fees last year in response to the recycling crisis.

We were able to avoid a large fee increase last year. However, we have had to pass on direct cost increases from our recycling contractor this year.

Most of the products in your recycling are turned into other products. Your recycling is making a difference to our environment by directing waste away from landfill and helping to create new products from recycled material.

UPDATED RATING STRATEGY

We recently reviewed and updated our rating strategy following community consultation earlier in the year.

The strategy sets different rating categories for different types of land use.

One of the notable changes was our approach to Agricultural Land. We've made it easier for people to apply for the agricultural land discount.

Businesses no longer need to be registered as primary producers with the Australian Tax Office. They will still need to prove they are using the land for agricultural purposes, and that they have a prospect of making a profit.

This change will make it easier for primary producers to access discounted rates and make it quicker to process applications.

Agricultural land between 40-100 hectares will still receive a 10 per cent discount. Agricultural land that is larger than 100 hectares will still receive a 20 per cent discount. These discounts are based on the rate that is charged on general land.

If you believe you may qualify, please contact our Revenue Team on revenue@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au or 5734 6200.



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