

Yarra Ranges Council

Valley Budget at a Glance



Cr Sophie Todorov
Mayor of Yarra Ranges

Our annual budget is one of the most important things we do in Local Government. to improve our communities while delivering value-for-money for the people who live, work and play here.

From playgrounds to planning, grants to growing our suburbs with footpaths and roadworks, to nature and sustainability work, everything we do has to be accounted for in this budget.

This year, due to strained finances across government and in household budgets, we're focussing on maintaining and improving existing assets, continuing significant multi-year projects, and increasing our investment in improved drainage across the region.

The Essential Services Commission and the Victorian State Government have set the final rate cap this year at 2.75 per cent, which we will apply to our rates revenue.

This is below the rate of inflation and reflects the rising cost of living while allowing Council to continue delivering essential services.

However, the increasing costs in delivering services is rapidly outpacing the rate cap, and having funding cut from the State and Federal Governments mean we need to figure out how to do more with less, adapt to tighter circumstances, and find new sources of income.

We're doing all of this while continuing to deliver more than 120 services – everything from libraries to pools, immunisations to health inspections - in one of the largest and most diverse Local Government Areas in Victoria, with 55 individual townships.

There aren't many flashy projects in this year's budget – we've held or reduced our investment level in several areas to ensure that we can continue to provide services and maintain our important infrastructure, to meet our priorities but balance spending in a tight financial environment.

Budget highlights

Here's a snapshot of the budget highlights across the whole municipality and for the Valley region. If you would like to have your say on our Draft Budget scan the QR code to contribute on Council's www.shapping.yarraranges.vic.gov.au page.



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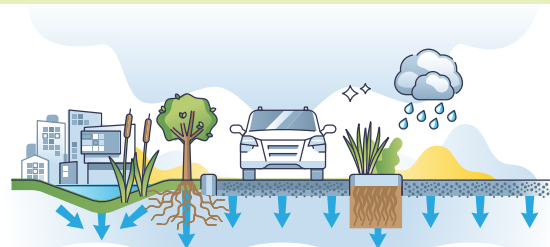


\$5.3m

Road re-sealing and re-surfacing across Yarra Ranges

\$3.4m

Drainage upgrades and maintenance to prevent flooding



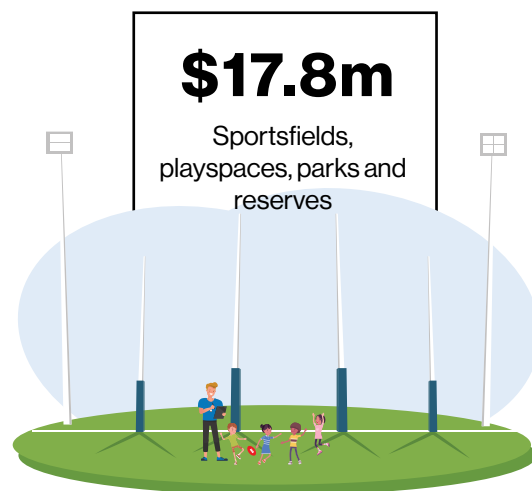
\$3.2m

Maintenance of existing assets, such as footpaths, street furniture and lighting



\$17.8m

Sportsfields, playspaces, parks and reserves



\$10.4m

Protecting and enhancing our natural environment, with tree plantings and switching to renewable energy



Projects being funded in the Valley areas in 2024-25 include:



\$1.39m

Gruyere

Road pavement rehabilitation on Maddens Lane



\$8.2m

Warburton

Warburton Mountain Bike Destination development (multi-year project, includes State, Federal and community funding)



\$225,000

Healesville

Drainage improvements to address flooding and erosion on Maroondah Parade



\$516,000

Macclesfield

Pavement rehabilitation work to address pavement deficiency on Swales Road (multi-year project, Roads to Recovery funding)



\$2.25m

Yarra Glen

Development of a 10.7km trail circuit north of Yarra Glen



\$316,000

Woori Yallock

Drainage improvements to address flooding and erosion on Schoolhouse Road



\$339,000

Seville

Easement creation to improve drainage for Britton Road



\$201,000

Millgrove

Footpath rehabilitation on McKenzie King Drive

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