



City of Greater Bendigo **Budget 2025/2026**

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Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to acknowledge and extend our appreciation for the Dja Dja Wurrung and Taungurung Peoples, the Traditional Owners of the land that the City of Greater Bendigo is on.

We pay our respects to leaders and Elders past, present and future- for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and the hopes of all Dja Dja Wurrung and Taungurung Peoples.

We express our gratitude in the sharing of this land, our sorrow for the personal, spiritual, and cultural costs of that sharing, and our hope that we may walk forward together in harmony and in the spirit of healing.

Acknowledgement of First Nations

The City recognises that there are people from many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities living in Greater Bendigo.

We acknowledge and extend our appreciation to all First Nations Peoples who live and reside in Greater Bendigo on Dja Dja Wurrung and Taungurung Country, and we thank them for their contribution to our community.

In an Acknowledgment of Country, we say the name of the First Nations people whose land we are on. This is to respect the First Nations people who were here in the past and are still here today.

Mayor and Chief Executive Officer's introduction

The City of Greater Bendigo is delighted to present the 2025/2026 Budget, reflecting projects and initiatives that respond to our community's priorities.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the community engagement process to inform this Budget and the new Council Plan *Mir wimbul* 2025-2029.

For the first time, the City has prepared the Budget and a new Council Plan at the same time, which ensures alignment between the goals of the Council Plan and the projects and initiatives funded in the Budget.

In November 2024, 180 people contributed to a community survey via the City's Let's Talk Greater Bendigo community engagement platform, which identified roads (including active and public transport infrastructure), waste, parks and trails as the top priorities.

As such, these priorities are reflected in the kinds of projects and initiatives funded in this Budget and also the goals and actions in the new Council Plan. Community engagement can also take other forms throughout the year, including various engagement sessions Councillors have held in the community, ongoing discussions community groups have with City staff, and direct advocacy from community groups via presentations to Council.

Community Engagement

As part of the 2025/2026 Budget development process, 180 community members completed a survey on Let's Talk Greater Bendigo. The survey asked how the community would spend \$100 across 14 service areas. The survey was open on Let's Talk Greater Bendigo from November 28 to December 19, 2024.

Community engagement is not the only way to have your say on things that matter to you. Engagement is undertaken in line with the City's [Community Engagement Policy](#). Councillors and City staff are committed to listening to our community.

There are many ways to interact with the City throughout the year:

- Make a request on the City's website
- Let's Talk Greater Bendigo – Community engagement platform
- Listening Posts and meetings with Councillors
- Presenting to Council
- Community Grants Program
- Calling the City or visiting a shop front

A range of large-scale infrastructure projects lead the City's investment on behalf of the community.

Construction will start on the \$45M stage one Bendigo Art Gallery redevelopment – a transformational project designed to cement the Gallery's reputation as a cultural and economic success for Greater Bendigo and the state of Victoria. This will be the largest infrastructure project ever undertaken by the City and Council's investment of \$9M has helped secure more than \$34M in external funding to date, including \$21M from the State Government, \$4M from the Gallery Board and more than \$9M in philanthropic funding.

The City will project manage the State Government's investment in redeveloped Bendigo Bowls and Croquet Club facilities, which will provide the bowls club with two synthetic greens and two grass greens, two widened croquet greens and an upgraded clubhouse.

A mix of funding from the Federal Government (\$500,000) and the City (\$1.85M) will deliver the Golden Square Recreation Reserve Pavilion upgrade and renewal, including improved player amenities for football, netball and cricket user groups, and spectators. And all three levels of government have invested \$3.2M (\$1.2M from the City) in stage 1 pavilion works at North Bendigo Recreation Reserve.

It will be easier to travel through the city centre by bike and on foot with the innovative 4.4km Low Line Walking and Cycling Trail to take shape within the Bendigo Creek, between Golden Square and White Hills, and the shared cycle path along Mundy Street, from McCrae Street out to Back Creek.



Recent Federal election commitments relating to the Kangaroo Flat Skate Park, stage 2 of the North Bendigo Recreation Reserve redevelopment (pavilion construction) and new female-friendly facilities at Truscott Reserve will be delivered over coming financial years.

The \$4.3M Heathcote Civic Precinct will also get underway, delivering a much-needed contemporary community hub and customer service centre for City services.

Accessibility is important in this Budget, with The Capital theatre to receive an upgrade to make the stage accessible to all performers, including purchase of a Mobilift, and installation of a heating and cooling system for the Bendigo Town Hall to make it a more inviting and usable community space.

Following the floods of 2024, \$4.3M will fund drainage, stormwater and flood mitigation improvement works.

Other key projects in the 2025/2026 Budget, include:

Roads, drains and bridges:

- Waratah Road and Midland Highway intersection signalisation
- Raised pedestrian crossings (various)
- Thistle Street and Wade Street footbridge renewal
- Heathcote-East Baynton Road bridge renewal
- Toolleen-Axedale Road bridge renewal
- New roundabouts at Rowan Street, MacKenzie Street, View Street and Forest Street intersections
- Footpaths (various) in Bendigo, Strathdale, Golden Square and Spring Gully
- Tram track renewal, Pall Mall
- Bendigo Airport cross-strip runway and taxiway renewal
- Howard Street (Epsom) road renewal, between Bowles Road and the Bendigo Creek Bridge
- Mitchell Street (Axedale) road renewal, between 54 Mitchell Street and the Midland Highway

Recreation:

- Playspace renewal (Fairfield Boulevard, Jackass Flat; Michie Street, Elmore; Osborn Avenue, Kangaroo Flat; Howell Crescent, Kangaroo Flat)
- Eaglehawk BMX track drainage design
- Heathcote tennis and netball courts lighting renewal design
- Strathfieldsaye Recreation Reserve netball courts renewal
- Lighting sportsgrounds, including Malone Park

The Budget has been developed in line with the State Government's rate cap of 3 per cent. As with previous years, Council has not applied for a variation to the rate cap as it seeks to absorb increasing costs for supplies, goods and services.

The organisation's overall Operating Budget is \$189M, which funds maintenance of our fantastic parks, gardens and recreation facilities, waste collection, street cleaning, environmental health, statutory planning, road maintenance, tourism and visitor services, Bendigo Art Gallery, The Capital and Ulumbarra theatres, and much more.

While Council understands the financial pressure many households and businesses are under, the community relies on the many services we provide and subsidise. Council is proud of the investment it makes in the local economy, through its economic development, tourism and major events functions, as well as through procurement of local business services and materials.

Ratepayers will notice a change to the Fire Service Property Levy (FSPL) on their annual rates notice. From July 1, 2025, the FSPL will be replaced by the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF). This is a State Government levy to help support a broader range of emergency services. The ESVF will be calculated based on a fixed charge that varies by property type, and a variable charge based on property value. Pensioners, veterans and single farm enterprises will continue to receive concessions.

Over the coming year a number of exciting projects will start construction, together with the continuation of our valued services and renewal of important infrastructure, all of which ultimately contribute to the liveability of our community.

Mayor Cr Andrea Metcalf

Chief Executive Officer Andrew Cooney

Budget influences

Local Government has two parts: the Council and the City of Greater Bendigo (the City). The Council has nine elected Councillors who lead for the wellbeing of the community. The City is a service provider, regulator, and advocate for the Greater Bendigo community.

Around 1,000 people work for the City. This includes over 270 tradespeople, specialists and landscaping staff, over 150 community services workers, and almost 250 administrative

workers, such as our customer service staff and venues staff. The City has over 400 wonderful volunteers, who give their time to help with different parts of the City's work, from tourism and the arts, through to our Bendigo Animal Relief Centre.

Most people in Greater Bendigo use a Council service or facility every day. The City delivers over 60 services to community, with some of these grouped below.

My business and our economy

- Environmental health and permits
- Livestock exchange
- Tourism, Bendigo Airport and business attraction
- City centre development and parking

My recycling and bins

- Recycling, organics and general waste collections
- Street sweeping
- Recycling centres and education

Our parks, gardens and open space

- Playspaces and parks
- Public toilets
- Natural reserves

Our roads, paths, buildings and transport

- Maintaining our roads, paths, bridges, and drainage
- Maintaining our public buildings and facilities
- Planning, design and building for future needs

Our arts and culture

- Libraries
- Art and cultural events and programs
- Major events, community events and festivals

Our environment

- Emergency management and recovery
- Climate action and planning for sustainability
- Tree planting, waterway and habitat health

Our sport and active lifestyles

- Sports and recreation facilities
- Health promotion and planning
- Club development
- Supporting healthy eating

My family and community

- Local laws and animal services
- Family and youth services
- Community development
- Working with Traditional Owner organisations and First Nations community

My Council

- Communications and community engagement
- Customer services
- Governance and corporate services

Our housing and planning

- Managing growth and change
- Planning scheme and permits

We are
Responsible
Healthy
Thriving
Welcoming

People and place¹

The City of Greater Bendigo is located in central Victoria, covering 3,000 square kilometres.

The City has 40,000 hectares of regional, state and national parkland. Our community has active smaller towns including Heathcote, Elmore, Goornong, Marong, Redesdale and Axedale. Plus, agricultural areas and small towns such as Huntly, Kamarooka, Lockwood, Neilborough, Sebastian, Woodvale, Raywood and Mia Mia.

The City of Greater Bendigo is located on the traditional lands of the Dja Dja Wurrung and the Taungurung Peoples of the Kulin Nation. They are the traditional custodians of this land.

We are growing, which brings both benefits and challenges. We focus on developing an economy that includes everyone and respects our environmental boundaries.

Our older population is getting larger, bringing both needs and opportunities. Our homes have fewer people living in them than before, with over half of us now living alone or with one other person.

Unlike some other parts of regional Victoria, we also have a significant population of children and young families. Therefore, we provide for many different needs and people across our community.

The City of Greater Bendigo manages over \$2.9B in assets and infrastructure to support services to people in Greater Bendigo.



We are
125,805
people
(2024)



35-49 year olds
are our biggest age
group followed by
25-34 year olds

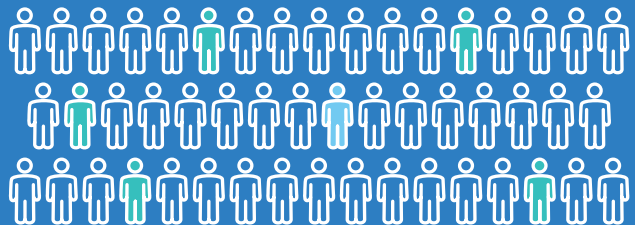
By 2046...

- We expect our population to be around **172,000 people**
- People aged **70-84 years old** will be our second largest age group

Dja Dja Wurrung lands in the City of Greater Bendigo are shown in **blue**
Taungurung lands in the City of Greater Bendigo are shown in **green**



Around **1 in 50 people** are
First Nations community



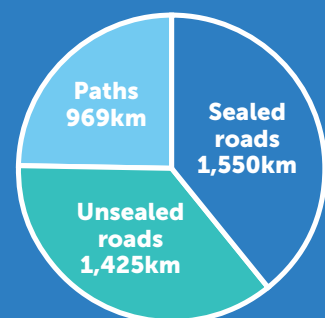
Around **1 in 10 people** speak a language
other than English at home

We live in **49,082 households**



4 out of 5 homes have 3 or more bedrooms

Almost **4,000km**
of roads and
paths and **9,500**
streetlights



Over 13,000 people
lived alone
in 2021
compared
to **8,200**
in 2001



1. Australian Bureau of Statistics (2021) Census of population and housing

Budget implications

Due to the City's geographic size and population there are budget constraints:

- The large geographic area needs to be responsive to diverse community needs
- Being rural, transport costs are expensive. This impacts on garbage collection services and the cost of maintaining a large rural road network
- New subdivisions mean the City is responsible for more public assets. This includes public parkland, roads, drainage, and footpaths

The City, like the whole Local Government sector, is facing financial pressures due to:

- Restricted revenue due to the State Government's rate cap
- Rising costs
- Reliance on State and Federal Government funding

This Budget is about balancing community needs. Importantly, this Budget continues to provide services to our community and ensures our investments are the right ones for today and tomorrow.

Budget principles

The *Local Government Act 2020* (Vic) (the Act) includes principles the City must follow. The financial management principles (s101) require councils to:

- Manage finances in accordance with financial policies and strategic plans

- Monitor and manage financial risks prudently
- Provide stability and predictability in the financial impact of decisions
- Explain the financial operations and financial position by keeping appropriate records

Along with the overarching principles established in the Act, the City uses the following strategic principles to support the development of the Financial Plan and Budget:

Strategic principles	Description
Efficient use of resources	Effective financial management ensures that resources are used efficiently. By planning and budgeting carefully, the City can maximise returns on investments and make the best use of available resources, including the consideration of equitable distribution of resources.
Well planned assets	The City continually acquires, maintains, renews, expands, upgrades and decommissions assets. They are responsible for a wide range of assets, including roads, buildings, stormwater drains, pathways, open space and recreational facilities (playspaces, tennis courts, etc.), bridges and aquatic centres.
Review the service landscape	Section 106 of the Act requires that Council must plan and deliver services in accordance with the Service Performance Principles (SPPs). In line with the SPPs, service reviews are undertaken to ensure that services: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Are provided in an equitable manner and responsive to the diverse needs of the municipal community• Are accessible to the members of the municipal community for whom the services are intended• Have quality and cost standards that provide good value• Continuously improve in response to performance monitoring• Include a fair and effective process for considering and responding to complaints about service provision
Sustainable cash management	One of the key indicators of assessing Council's financial sustainability is the ability to generate sufficient cash flows and the level of unrestricted cash held. Council must maintain a reasonable amount of cash to meet the requirements of the business and ensure timely payment of all liabilities. Maintaining a healthy cash balance is important for financial sustainability.
Robust financial management	Robust financial management involves establishing strong systems and processes to ensure the effective and efficient use of financial resources, promoting stability, transparency, and resilience, while minimising risks and maximising value.

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Consistent with previous years, the results of the survey showed our community's top priorities for investment continue to be:



Roads, bridges and drainage



Waste recycling and resource recovery



Parks, gardens and open spaces



Footpaths, tracks and trails

Partnership

The City works with other governments, not-for-profits and businesses because we share a common goal to improve the wellbeing of our community. We can only achieve great outcomes together.

We work together so that we:

- Know who is doing what
- Gain from our shared effort
- Communicate with each other well
- Measure our combined impact and progress
- Can do more of what works and change what doesn't

We work in a way that aims to support our partners to achieve their goals. Many of our partners have plans that explain their goals and approaches in detail.

Our commitment to partnership with our health and wellbeing partners includes:

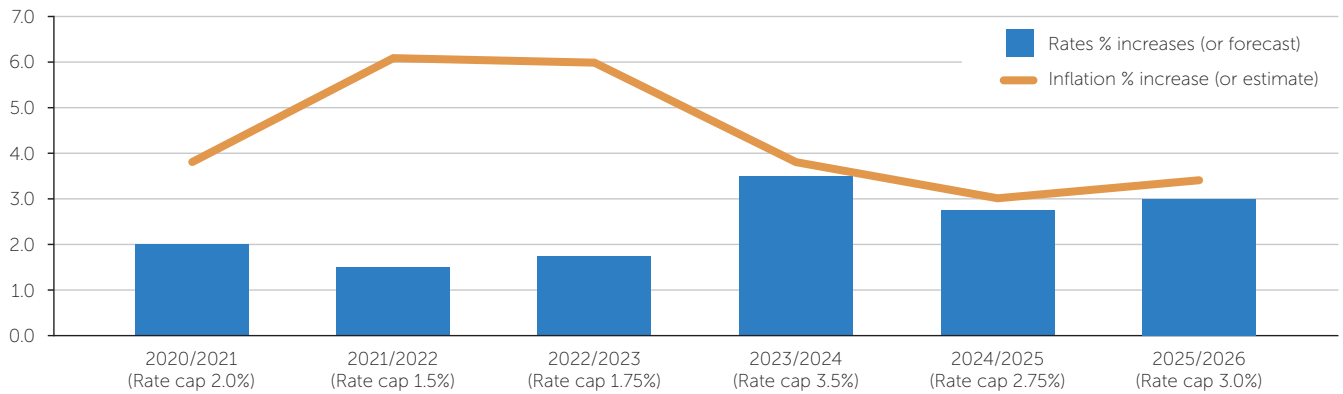
<p>Shared goals</p> <p>We share goals because we work for the same community</p>	<p>The Council Plan provides common goals through the embedded Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City works in partnership • We care for land, water and air • We take action for a healthier climate • We are safe, happy and healthy • Our city and towns are vibrant and liveable • Our housing meets different needs • Our community celebrates together • Our community cares • Our children and young people thrive
<p>Commitment to communication</p> <p>Regular and frequent communication</p>	<div> <p>The City will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host quarterly online coordination meetings • Host annual executive strategic roundtables • Lead the Healthy Communities Network • Seek opportunities to share events and communications • Maintain Greater Bendigo websites that support people to connect to services </div> <div> <p>Partners will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify a key coordination contact • Provide ongoing input and ideas • Attend meetings, roundtables and engage in the Healthy Communities Network • Share service and event information </div>
<p>Shared measurement</p> <p>A shared set of indicators to monitor progress</p>	<p>The City will lead measurement of community health through the Active Living Census. The City ran the Active Living Census in 2016, 2019 and 2025. This Plan also includes 17 indicators of broader wellbeing (see page 20).</p> <p>Working with partners, the City will make best use of this information and will seek further funding for future Active Living Censuses.</p>

Revenue and Inflation

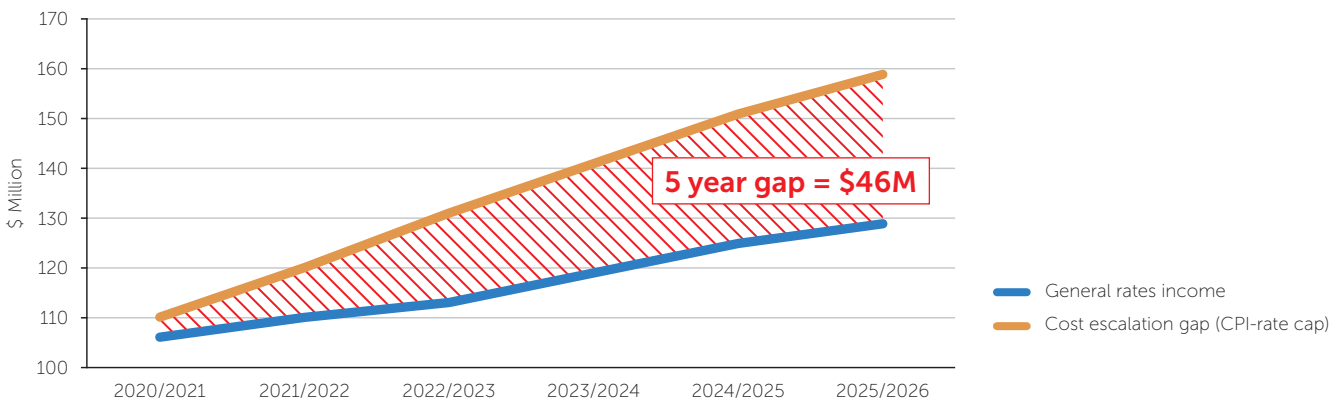
Approximately 60 per cent of the City's budgeted income comes from rates. Significant financial challenges are shared across the Local Government sector, including increases to the cost of delivering services and cost shifting from other levels of government. There are limited funds available for new projects and initiatives while maintaining existing infrastructure. This Budget seeks to address these concerns by continuing to fund existing services wisely and prioritise works and services in a responsible manner.

The following two graphs summarise the difference between rate revenue and inflation increases over five financial years. Over the current five-year period, this represents a compounding funding 'gap' of over \$46M. The very large difference between the rate cap and cost increases (inflation) in earlier years, has had a significant impact on our funding situation over the five year period.

City of Greater Bendigo rates vs inflation



Compounding impact of CPI v rate cap



Capital investment

Available funds for capital works are driven by the Financial Plan and guided by the Capital Investment Framework (CIF) and Council Plan. The total capital works budget is split in two core components:

- **Renewal of existing assets** – The amounts allocated for renewal are guided by relevant asset renewal modelling and asset management policy and planning
- **New, upgrade or expansion of assets** – These projects require a Project Proposal and are then prioritised using the CIF

Summary commentary – Renewal

The City owns assets valued at approximately \$2B in their current condition and these assets serve as the foundation for the array of services provided to our community. It is a key responsibility of Council to maintain and renew these assets. This year, approximately \$44M of the annual budget has been allocated towards asset renewal. Modelling indicates that funding to this level is up to 25 per cent less than the necessary amount for the upkeep of the City's entire asset portfolio over the long term. Hence, rigorous analysis and strategic planning have been undertaken to prioritise spending where it is most urgently required.

The City allocates funds to optimise asset lifespan and functionality. Service and asset managers play a crucial role in allocating these funds to renewal projects, considering realistic service levels, community feedback, and ongoing assessments of asset conditions. Our primary objective is to ensure that our assets continue to facilitate the delivery of essential services that closely align with our community's expectations.

Summary commentary – New/upgrade

In a fiscally constrained setting, the City's capital investments prioritises projects that deliver substantial community benefits, or offer a clear return on investment.

Utilising the CIF, prioritisation is undertaken to meet the strategic and service delivery requirements of Council and the community. The ongoing development of a longer-term capital project pipeline seeks to ensure alignment with endorsed strategies and the City's Financial Plan 2025-2035.

Each year there is significantly more demand for new/upgrade/expansion capital works projects than there are funds available in the annual Budget. To help manage this, an expression of interest process is used to provide initial review and endorsement prior to project proposals being sought. Projects are then scored against key criteria to provide a prioritised list for consideration. The criteria include:

- Contribution to achieving Council Plan themes
- Organisational and project risk
- Safety outcomes or risk reductions
- Positive return on investment through cost savings

Prior to consideration by Council, the Capital Investment Group and the Executive Leadership Team also undertake a review with additional consideration given to:

- Resource availability; capacity to deliver
- Funding availability
- Statutory/legislative obligation or government direction
- Council direction or mandate
- Existing commitment; contractual or multiyear project previously approved
- Finishing what we start

Council Plan

In 2025, the City developed the Council Plan *Mir wimbul* 2025-2029. The Plan incorporates the City's Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan and was developed through extensive community engagement and consultation. This engagement included a 42 person community panel who developed criteria to guide Councillors in their decisions over the next four years.

In 2021, a community panel made up of local community members developed our 10-year Community Vision.

In 2025, a second community panel refreshed the Community Vision. Our current Community Vision is:

Greater Bendigo celebrates and respects our diverse and growing community. We aim to be welcoming, sustainable and flourishing. Walking hand-in-hand with our First Nations communities. Building on our heritage for a safe and happy future.

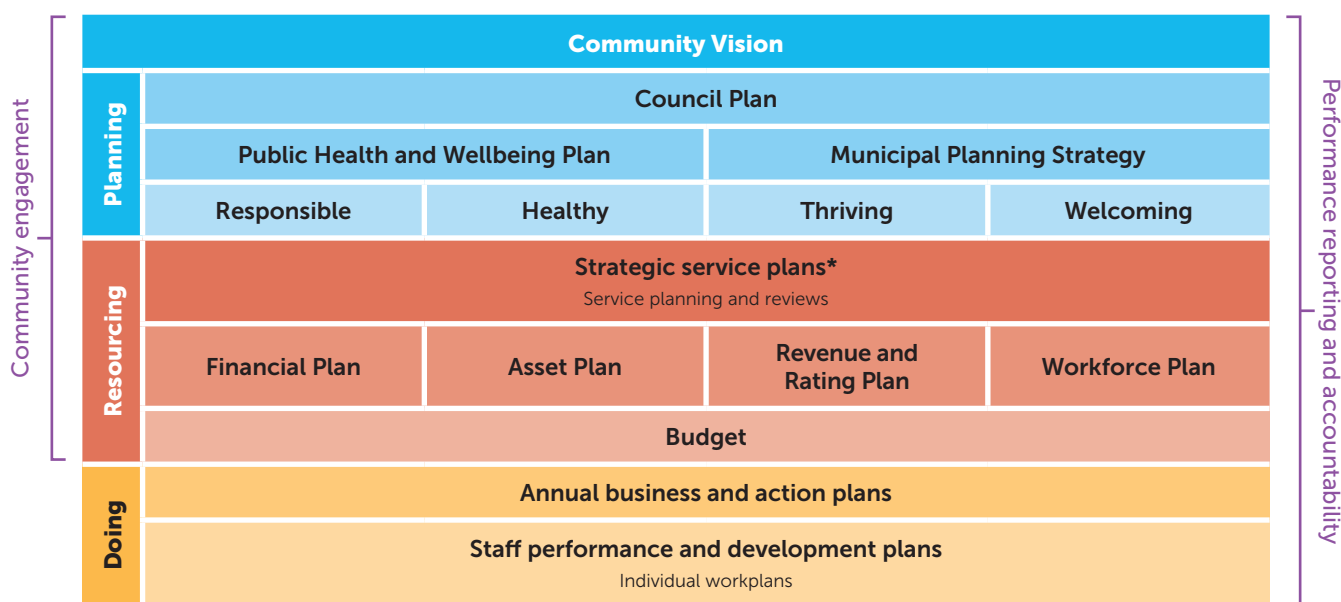
1. Link to the Integrated Strategic Planning Framework

As required by the Act, the City uses an Integrated Strategic Planning Framework to coordinate its work. The Framework guides how the City responds to community needs over the long term (Community Vision and Financial Plan), medium term

(Council Plan, Workforce Plan, and Revenue and Rating Plan) and short term (Budget and Annual Plan) and then is accountable to the community for delivery (Annual Report). Once adopted by Council, these documents are all available on the City's website.

1.1 Legislative Planning and Accountability Framework

The diagram below shows the City's long, medium and short term planning and reporting framework.



*In development

1.2 Key planning considerations

Although Councils are required by law to provide some services, such as food businesses checks and town planning, most of the services that the community relies on from Council are not required by law. This includes services like libraries, building permits, playspaces and sporting facilities. Over time, the needs and expectations of communities change. The City uses service planning and reviews to regularly check that its services are still meeting community need and provide value for money. The City engages in ongoing community consultation to understand needs and set its priorities.

2. Services, initiatives and service performance indicators

Council Plan Themes

Theme 1: Responsible – Running an effective, fair, and efficient organisation

Theme 2: Healthy – Protecting and improving our physical, mental, and environmental health

Theme 3: Thriving – Managing our growth, including businesses, housing, heritage, and creativity

Theme 4: Welcoming – Celebrating and including everyone in our community

The amounts presented have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars unless otherwise specified. Minor discrepancies in tables between totals and the sum of components are due to rounding. Where appropriate, comparative figures have been amended to accord with current presentation format, and disclosure has been made of any material changes to comparatives.

Office of the CEO and Executive Services

Service units	Council Plan Themes				Net cost of service		
	1	2	3	4	2023/2024 Actual \$'000	2024/2025 Adopted Budget \$'000	2025/2026 Budget \$'000
Office of the CEO and Executive Services:	✓	✓	✓	✓	Rev	-	-
					Exp	1,372	1,889
					Net	1,372	1,889
							1,823

The Office of the CEO and Executive Services provides strategic leadership to the organisation and implementation of Council decisions, including delivery of the Council Plan and other key strategic directions. It provides representation and advocacy on key issues of importance to Greater Bendigo and the region. Executive Services provides support to the Mayor and Councillors, including support for Councillor engagement/listening post activities and civic events.



Theme 1: Responsible | Theme 2: Healthy | Theme 3: Thriving | Theme 4: Welcoming

Corporate Performance

Service units	Council Plan Themes				Net cost of service		
	1	2	3	4	2023/2024 Actual \$'000	2024/2025 Adopted Budget \$'000	2025/2026 Budget \$'000
Corporate Performance Directorate	✓		✓		Rev	-	-
					Exp	403	399
					Net	403	407

The Corporate Performance directorate leads and supports our organisation to ensure it has the resources and capability to deliver of the Council Plan and other key strategic priorities. It develops our people and culture, systems and processes, good governance practices and financial stewardship. The directorate delivers customer service, engagement, and communications to respond to and inform our community as well as leading innovation and continuous improvement to ensure we are ready to meet the challenges and opportunities of the future.

Customer Engagement & Communications	✓		✓		Rev	(65)	(3)	(4)
					Exp	2,816	2,392	3,134
					Net	2,750	2,389	3,130

The Customer Engagement & Communications unit supports the organisation to deliver customer service effectively and efficiently, provides multiple options for customers to access City services, and engages with the community on council matters. Communications ensures the community is well informed of City news and information is distributed using various communication channels. It promotes the City's services and events to the community.

Information Technology	✓				Rev	(7)	-	(65)
					Exp	7,131	8,790	10,545
					Net	7,124	8,790	10,480

The Information Technology unit is responsible for providing technology and information management support and assistance for the range of IT services used within the City. The unit is central in ensuring that the City's technology and information systems are innovative and fit for purpose so that staff can deliver services to our community.

People & Culture	✓		✓		Rev	(20)	(12)	(12)
					Exp	4,748	5,331	6,005
					Net	4,728	5,319	5,992

The People & Culture unit work to build an inclusive, safe, and diverse workforce, where people perform at their best. The unit achieves this purpose through a commitment to our values and continuous improvement, and aligning the organisation's people, culture, services and performance to the City's vision and changing strategy.

Governance & Performance	✓		✓		Rev	(201)	(140)	(175)
					Exp	4,586	6,303	5,970
					Net	4,386	6,163	5,795

The Governance & Performance unit is responsible for providing advice and support to the Councillors and organisation to aid decision making and ensure that the Council is compliant with legislative responsibilities and good governance practices. The unit supports effective risk management; legal advice; and organisation performance, including operational reviews to find efficiencies in service delivery.

Financial Strategy	✓				Rev	(4,608)	(3,647)	(3,923)
					Exp	4,446	4,983	5,423
					Net	(162)	1,336	1,500

The Financial Strategy unit is responsible for finance operations, rates, and procurement. The unit provides long-term financial planning to support the ongoing financial sustainability of Council's operations. This includes delivery of the annual Budget, financial plan, financial statements, performance statements and a range of other Local Government regulatory reporting. It ensures procurement is undertaken in a considered and responsible way to deliver on Council's and the community's objectives.

Healthy Communities & Environment

Service units	Council Plan Themes				Net cost of service		
	1	2	3	4	2023/2024 Actual \$'000	2024/2025 Adopted Budget \$'000	2025/2026 Budget \$'000
Healthy Communities & Environment Directorate		✓	✓	✓	Rev	-	-
					Exp	394	391
					Net	394	399

The Healthy Communities & Environments directorate leads service delivery and partnership work to ensure the community is:

- Healthy and well
 - Safe and secure
 - Able to participate
 - Connected to culture and community
 - Liveable and environmentally sustainable
- It does this by leading exceptional service delivery, research, planning, policy development, capacity building and facilitating key partnership and collective action initiatives using approaches that are evidence informed, apply an equity lens and are continuously evaluated.

Active & Healthy Communities		✓	✓		Rev	(2,887)	(2,347)	(2,485)
					Exp	8,167	7,548	7,676
					Net	5,280	5,201	5,190

The Active & Healthy Communities unit promotes and delivers integrated policy, planning, programs and infrastructure that support our community to be more physically active, consume healthy food, promote positive wellbeing and reduce harmful behaviours. The unit aims to enable residents to participate in their community, contributes to liveability and aligns with the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan priorities and framework.

Climate Change & Environment	✓	✓	✓		Rev	(998)	(508)	(726)
					Exp	3,042	2,662	3,280
					Net	2,043	2,154	2,555

The Climate Change & Environment unit takes a leadership role in ensuring the City delivers upon its climate change, environmental and emergency management policies, strategies, projects and programs across the organisation and in partnership with government agencies, Traditional Owners and the wider community. This includes fulfilling the new climate change principle under the Local Government Act 2020 and fulfilling the organisation's obligations under the Emergency Management Act 2013.

Community Partnerships		✓	✓	✓	Rev	(839)	(333)	(138)
					Exp	5,019	4,683	4,812
					Net	4,179	4,350	4,675

The Community Partnerships unit enhances liveability through working together with residents and groups to support a community that is inclusive, connected, strong and resilient. The unit is responsible for understanding the needs and priorities of the community in order to deliver on Council's commitments to community development, social justice, equity, accessibility, inclusion and participation, community safety, respect for others and sense of belonging – creating a welcoming city for everyone.

Community & Environmental Health		✓	✓	✓	Rev	(9,500)	(7,912)	(8,707)
					Exp	11,424	10,000	10,551
					Net	1,924	2,088	1,844

The Community & Environmental Health unit is dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of children, young people and our community. The unit manages and delivers a wide range of community-based programs including people and family services and school crossing supervision. The Environmental Health and Immunisation teams advocate for, enable, and mediate on behalf of the community to protect community safety, promote and safeguard public health and prevent the spread of infectious diseases. They ensure safe development and support environmental protection efforts.

Goldfields Library Corporation			✓	✓	Rev	(54)	(91)	(93)
					Exp	3,411	3,411	3,636
					Net	3,357	3,320	3,542

The Goldfields Library Corporation provides a public library service from six sites throughout the municipality, with branches in Bendigo, Kangaroo Flat, Eaglehawk and Heathcote, along with Library agencies at Axedale and Elmore. The Bendigo Library also includes the Bendigo Regional Archive Centre. This service is delivered under a Funding and Service Agreement in partnership with Loddon, Mount Alexander and Macedon Ranges shires.

Safe Environments		✓	✓		Rev	(9,375)	(9,555)	(9,595)
					Exp	6,782	6,517	6,605
					Net	(2,593)	(3,038)	(2,989)

The Safe Environments unit's purpose is to advocate, enable and mediate with and on behalf of the community to promote and protect neighbourhood amenity, ensure safe development and support the protection of our environments by determining and implementing appropriate interventions and evaluating the impact of the interventions. Services delivered by the unit include local laws, parking services, building services and animal services, including the operation of the City's pound and animal shelter at Bendigo Animal Relief Centre (BARC).

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Strategy & Growth

Service units	Council Plan Themes				Net cost of service		
	1	2	3	4	2023/2024 Actual \$'000	2024/2025 Adopted Budget \$'000	2025/2026 Budget \$'000
Strategy & Growth Directorate	✓	✓	✓	✓	Rev	-	-
					Exp	9,751	423
					Net	9,751	425

The Strategy & Growth directorate incorporates responsibility for Bendigo Art Gallery, Bendigo Venues & Events, Economy and Experience, Strategic Planning and Statutory Planning. The overarching role of the Strategy & Growth directorate is to contribute to the economic, cultural and social prosperity of our region by identifying and supporting investment opportunities, employment generation and the integrated planning for the sustainable growth and environmental best practice.

Economy & Experience	✓	✓	✓	Rev	(2,469)	(2,590)	(2,779)
				Exp	8,842	10,308	12,556
				Net	6,373	7,718	9,776

The Economy & Experience unit leverages the unique strengths of the City and is responsible for identifying and facilitating strategic development investment opportunities. By delivering place-based prosperity initiatives and driving economic growth, this unit plays a leading role in ensuring Bendigo is a great place to live, work, visit and invest. It incorporates the day-to-day operations and guides the strategic direction of the Bendigo Airport and Bendigo Livestock Exchange and leads the City's business partnerships with Golden Dragon Museum, Bendigo Showgrounds, Discovery Science and Technology Centre and Bendigo Heritage Attractions. (2024/2025 adopted units Economy Development and Tourism and Major Events)

Statutory Planning	✓		✓	Rev	(2,572)	(2,779)	(2,699)
				Exp	2,621	3,097	3,146
				Net	48	318	447

The Statutory Planning unit facilitates the delivery of timely and quality planning decisions and advice and ensures compliance with relevant legislation and permit requirements. Many of the services delivered by the Statutory Planning unit are in accordance with State Government legislation and local strategies and policies adopted by Council following intensive community consultation.

Bendigo Art Gallery	✓	✓	✓	Rev	(2,083)	(3,250)	(885)
				Exp	5,219	6,417	3,737
				Net	3,135	3,167	2,853

Bendigo Art Gallery develops and delivers exhibitions, public programs and associated events that are educational and appealing to a diverse range of audiences and add to the attraction of Bendigo as a centre for arts and culture.

Bendigo Venues & Events	✓	✓	✓	Rev	(2,550)	(2,633)	(2,692)
				Exp	5,114	4,958	5,727
				Net	2,564	2,325	3,035

The Bendigo Venues & Events (BV&E) unit enables the activation of Bendigo's historical venues and enlivens public spaces. BV&E provides opportunities to participate in arts and cultural experiences, and designs and delivers programs including performing arts, cultural development and City centre activation.

Strategic Planning	✓	✓	✓	✓	Rev	(402)	(545)	(645)
					Exp	3,372	3,580	3,680
					Net	2,969	3,035	3,035

The Strategic Planning unit is strategic and visionary in its outlook. It develops integrated, long-term strategies and plans to guide the physical, social, heritage and cultural development of Greater Bendigo. The unit strategically positions Greater Bendigo to plan and prepare for a population of 200,000 by the year 2050, including undertaking planning scheme amendments to implement the strategies and plans.

Presentation & Assets

Service units	Council Plan Themes				Net cost of service		
	1	2	3	4	2023/2024 Actual \$'000	2024/2025 Adopted Budget \$'000	2025/2026 Budget \$'000
Presentation & Assets Directorate	✓	✓	✓	✓	Rev -	-	-
					Exp 791	875	603
					Net 791	875	603

The Presentation & Assets directorate provides and maintains high quality assets and services that help make Greater Bendigo a great place to live, while planning and delivering new assets and services to support Bendigo's ongoing growth. Demonstrating and committing to environmentally responsible thinking and practices, and encouraging this throughout the organisation and community, is an important focus for the directorate. Business units include Engineering, Major Projects and Portfolio Management, Parks and Open Space, Property Services, Resource Recovery and Education and Works.

Engineering	✓		✓		Rev (741)	(557)	(404)
					Exp 4,806	5,419	5,884
					Net 4,065	4,863	5,480

The Engineering unit manages the City's civil infrastructure portfolio including roads, paths, bridges and drainage. Activities include responding to community requests, undertaking asset inspections, asset condition assessments, development of new and renewal capital works programs, survey and design, capital works project delivery and subdivision approvals and supervision. The unit is also responsible for strategic infrastructure planning, investigations and grant seeking as well as the management of the City's geographic information and asset management systems.

Works	✓	✓			Rev (5,091)	(290)	(7,930)
					Exp 20,057	16,456	27,989
					Net 14,965	16,166	20,059

The Works unit is responsible for the renewal, reconstruction, and maintenance of the City's civil infrastructure. The infrastructure includes the City's sealed and unsealed roads, including works in accordance with the Road Management Plan, drains, footpaths, street furniture and signs. The unit also supports other parts of the City's business through the construction of civil works such as sporting facilities and car parks. The plant and fleet assets including purchase, maintenance and disposal are also the responsibility of the unit.

Parks & Open Space		✓		✓	Rev (459)	(338)	(433)
					Exp 12,998	13,822	14,305
					Net 12,540	13,484	13,872

The Parks & Open Space unit is responsible for the management and design of a large portfolio of parks, gardens, reserves, sports fields and areas of open space for the City. The unit has a range of specialised park, design, horticultural and environmental management techniques and practices. The aim of the unit is to effectively and sustainably manage these assets through the efficient use of available resources and the provision of high levels of customer service whilst meeting both Council and stakeholder needs.

Resource Recovery & Education	✓	✓			Rev (4,737)	(3,746)	(4,868)
					Exp 25,322	27,183	26,653
					Net 20,586	23,437	21,785

The Resource Recovery & Education unit provides waste management and resource recovery services to meet our customers' expectations efficiently and effectively and in compliance with current legislation. The unit is responsible for street cleaning, kerbside collection services, management of City transfer stations and landfills and working with the community to focus on creating a circular economy and reducing waste to landfill.

Property Services	✓			✓	Rev (1,656)	(1,089)	(1,079)
					Exp 11,829	11,944	12,377
					Net 10,173	10,855	11,298

The Property Services unit is responsible for managing the City's property portfolio of approximately 1,400 buildings and structures valued in excess of \$400M. The unit undertakes ongoing property audit inspections to determine condition of building facilities enabling identification of renewal and upgrade packages as well as supporting new construction proposals and submissions delivered for the City. The unit is responsible for the implementation of programmed maintenance schedules such as cleaning services; essential safety measures; and the completion of urgent or immediate maintenance works, ensuring that council facilities are safe for public use and comply with the relevant codes and standards. The unit leads the administration of agreements for land and building use and is also responsible for all City owned and managed contaminated land, land disposal, purchases and associated conveyancing and supporting tasks.

Major Projects & Portfolio Management	✓		✓		Rev -	-	-
					Exp 489	-	1,594
					Net 489	-	1,594

The Major Projects & Portfolio Management unit is responsible for the ensuring the professional stewardship of the City's assets, capital program delivery and the project prioritisation framework; in addition to overseeing delivery of major capital projects. This includes projects of high value or high levels of complexity and includes externally funded projects. (Service unit formed in November 2024 restructure.)

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Reconciliation with Operating Result for 2025/2026 Budget

	Attributed Revenue \$'000	Expenditure \$'000	Net Cost \$'000
Executive Services	-	1,823	1,823
Corporate Performance	(4,178)	31,484	27,305
Presentation & Assets	(14,715)	89,405	74,690
Healthy Communities & Environments	(21,744)	36,959	15,215
Strategy & Growth	(9,700)	29,270	19,570
Total services and initiatives	(50,337)	188,941	138,604
Non-cash financial reporting adjustments			
Contributions - developer constructed infrastructure			(17,600)
(Gain) / loss on assets disposed			5,200
Borrowing costs			351
Finance costs - leases			2,516
Depreciation			54,140
Other non-attributable revenue/expenditure			(621)
Total non-cash financial reporting adjustments			43,986
Deficit before funding sources			182,590
Funding sources			
Rates and charges			(159,876)
Victorian Grants Commission financial assistance grants			(23,036)
Capital income			(12,676)
Surplus / (deficit) for the year			12,998

2025-2026 Annual Action Plan

The Council Plan sets the direction for Council decisions and the work of the City of Greater Bendigo over the next four years. This Council Plan includes the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan.

The Plan has four themes:

1. **Responsible** – Running an effective, fair and efficient organisation
2. **Healthy** – Protecting and improving our physical, mental, and environmental health
3. **Thriving** – Managing our growth, including businesses, housing, heritage and creativity
4. **Welcoming** – Celebrating and including everyone in our community

Annual actions are in the annual Budget because we know things change and we want to engage with the community on actions yearly. Placing the actions in the Budget means that we have the resources to deliver on our commitments.

However, not every action that delivers on our Council Plan goals is included in this Action Plan. Some of our Council Plan goals will be delivered through existing work under other plans.

You can learn more about our other plans here:

go.bendigo.vic.gov.au/plans-strategies-documents

Theme 1: Responsible

1.1 The City is efficient and sustainable

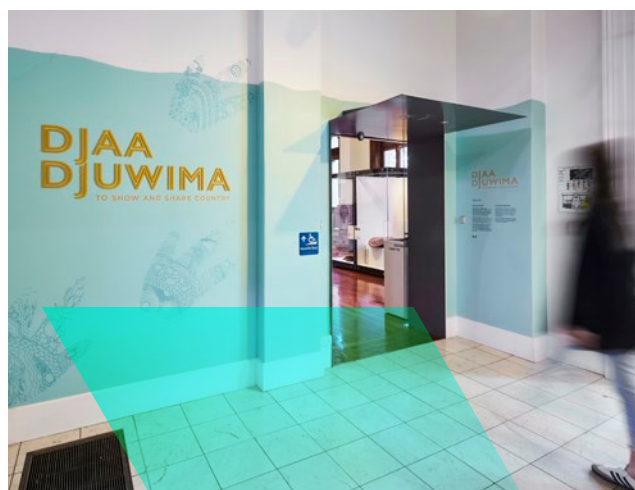
- Implement priority actions in the new Safety and Wellbeing Plan
- Refresh the Workforce Plan for the next four years in line with legislation
- Conduct the organisation culture remeasure
- Review and identify surplus City owned property
- Improve City technology solutions to ensure they are robust, secure and efficient
- Implement a new contract management system to improve efficiencies
- Monitor ongoing operational savings to ensure financial sustainability
- Review the Project Management Framework to achieve greater efficiencies and consistencies in project management and delivery
- Progress the delivery of the Bendigo Low Line, Mundy Street and Ironbark Gully Trail Shared User Paths as part of the City's Strategic Cycling corridor
- Commence delivery of the new traffic signals at Waratah Road and Midland Highway
- Implement the Plant and Fleet Strategy to enable the organisation to reduce emissions and improve fleet optimisation
- Prepare a feasibility study into electrification of the Faith Leech Aquatic Centre, subject to funding

1.2 The City connects and delivers

- Develop and implement a communications action plan to expand our messaging with the community
- Develop and implement the customer first action plan to enhance community engagement and customer response
- Implement a new phone system that makes it easier for the community to access us
- Improve City websites to be more intuitive for customer use
- Implement Statutory Planning process and operational improvements to provide customer service efficiencies

1.3 The City works in partnership

- Establish partnerships with regional health bodies to deliver the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan
- Develop Barpangu 2026-2030 after evaluation of the current plan
- Develop partnership activities and a forward plan with the Bendigo District Aboriginal Co-operative (BDAC)
- Formalise our working relationship with Taungurung Land and Waters Corporation (TLWC)
- Complete a review/update of Bendigo Creek flood modelling in partnership with North Central Catchment Management Authority
- Support sporting clubs to complete self-assessment plans as part of implementation of the Fair Access Plan
- Lead the Healthy Loddon Campaspe Initiative on behalf of the region including delivering the Active Living Census, the Flourish Framework and advocating for future investment
- Support First Nations artists and creatives to engage with exhibitions at Djaa Djuwima gallery through the curation of a relevant and engaging exhibition program
- Implement a procurement policy that includes a framework to support local businesses and partnerships



Theme 2: Healthy

2.1 We care for land, water and air

- Undertake detailed risk assessments of critically contaminated land
- Complete the 2023/2024 flood recovery repairs in line with Federal funding
- Prepare Waterway Flood Mitigation Management Plans
- Deliver engagement activities aimed at connecting the community with nature and building the capacity of rural land holders to manage their land sustainably
- Deliver the Energy Empowerment Program and Beat the Power Bills Program to reduce emissions and improve the energy efficiency of homes and businesses

2.2 We take action for a healthier climate

- Expand our EV charging stations across the City
- Support, and advocate for, local communities to develop and deliver climate resilience and emergency preparedness plans and initiatives
- Transition to local processing of organics material into compost once Western Composting Technology commence operations

2.3 We are safe, happy and healthy

- Victoria Police to reestablish the Community Safety Committee to support safety in our community
- Delivery of off-site cultural programs to engage community and education groups to promote health and wellbeing with the arts
- Finalise the new Domestic Animal Management Plan including the review of the Keeping of Animals Local Law
- Finalise the Greater Bendigo Lawn Bowls Facilities and Participation Plan
- Undertake community consultation to determine a new immunisation program delivery plan
- Commence construction of stage 1 Ironbark Gully Trail





Theme 3: Thriving

3.1 Our economy is strong

- Complete an International Engagement Strategy
- Support Heritage Victoria in preparation of a bid for full designation of the Victorian Goldfields as a UNESCO Heritage Area
- Deliver an expanded multi-year events and experiences program to Bendigo, attracting international, interstate, and intrastate visitors to ensure a thriving local visitor economy
- Work with the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) and other state agencies to plan and design the Bendigo Regional Employment Precinct (BREP) to bring industrial land to market as soon as possible
- Commence the redevelopment of the Bendigo Art Gallery
- Construct stage 3 of the Howard Street upgrade to meet current and future transport demands
- Increase cultural tourism impact in our region by presenting high quality arts experiences which attract overnight visitation

3.2 Our city and towns are vibrant and livable

- Deliver the upgrade of the heating and ventilation in main hall at the Bendigo Town Hall
- Support establishment of a new winter gastronomy festival to promote the City's UNESCO City of Gastronomy designation
- Progress the structure plans for Elmore, Goornong and Huntly
- Deliver a program of exhibitions and cultural experiences to draw visitors to Bendigo and engage the local community
- Advocate to the State Government for a timely review of the City's bus network and services to increase usage
- Undertake works at the Rosalind Park Fernery in accordance with the Rosalind Park Management Plan
- Support initiatives to increase foot traffic in the City centre
- Replace the public toilet associated with the playspace and shared trail at Cooina Park
- Commence construction of the North Bendigo Recreation Reserve redevelopment stage 1
- Construct stage 1 of the new Garden Gully Playspace and amenities

3.3 Our housing meets different needs

- Investigate the City's role in homelessness in our community through our Community Insights Report
- Progress the planning scheme amendment to implement the Managed Growth Strategy and Housing and Neighbourhood Character Strategy into the Greater Bendigo Planning Scheme

Theme 4: Welcoming

4.1 Our community celebrates together

- Deliver a series of Bendigo Art Gallery incursions for regional schools and off-site programs including a First Nations stream
- Update the programming policy to support our diverse community
- Develop a masterplan for The Capital building (including connectivity with The Engine Room) to improve accessibility and functionality of an historic City asset which brings community together for shared cultural experiences

4.2 Our community cares

- Increase participation rates in Maternal and Child Health Services
- Develop the Community Partnerships integrated plan, responding to the outcomes of the Community Insights Report 2024/2025

4.3 Our children and young people thrive

- Investigate opportunities to partner with other organisations to improve outcomes for early years children as described by the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY) recommendations
- Plan for the roll out of pre-prep to four-year olds in our early learning centres

Strategic Indicators

The impact of the Council Plan (including the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) will be monitored through the Strategic Indicators shown below.

There are **Council Indicators**, that show at a high level whether the Council is delivering as a responsible organisation and getting the basics right. These are:

Responsible

Council Indicators	Frequency and source
Complete 10 service reviews to deliver positive impacts on the City's budget in both cost and operational efficiencies over the life of the Council Plan	Annual – internal data
97.5% of sealed local roads are maintained to condition standards	Annual – internal data
Improving scores on the Our Service, Your Satisfaction Survey	Annual – internal data
Maintaining local procurement at 50% or more of total procurement	Annual – internal data
Progress towards zero-carbon from Council's operations	Annual – internal data

The wellbeing of the community will be measured through the **Community Indicators**. These help Council understand how our community is going. These indicators will change in response to many things in our community, not just Council actions.

The **Community Indicators** are:

Healthy

Community Indicators	Frequency and source
Aboriginal Waterways Assessments of Bendigo Creek	Variable – DJANDAK
Improving habitat quality and condition scores for selected City or Traditional-Owner managed reserves	Annual – internal data
Reducing greenhouse gas emissions across the community	Annual – Snapshot Climate
Falling rates of family violence incidents	Annual – Crime Statistics Agency Family Violence Dashboard
Growing percentage of people who rate themselves as in good or excellent health	Three-yearly (2023, 2026, 2029) – Victorian Population Health Survey; Active Living Census (2019, 2025)

Thriving

Community Indicators	Frequency and source
Falling amount of waste to landfill per head from kerbside collections	Annual – Victorian Local Government Waste Data Dashboard
Growing Gross Regional Product over time	Annual – REMPLAN Economy
Percentage of households that ran out of money to buy food in the last 12 months	Three-yearly (2023, 2026, 2029) – Victorian Population Health Survey
Monitor increase in number of houses in urban areas	Annual – .id (informed decisions) and/or internal data

Welcoming

Community Indicators	Frequency and source
Increase percentage of people who say that they support multicultural communities	Three-yearly (2023, 2026, 2029) – Victorian Population Health Survey
Improve position relative to national average on domains of social cohesion (belonging, worth, social inclusion and justice, participation, and acceptance and rejection)	Various – Scanlon-Monash Social Cohesion Compass
Falling percentage of children defined as 'vulnerable'	Annual – Australian Early Development Census

Budget reports

3. Financial statements and Statement of Human Resources

This section presents information regarding the financial statements, with the Budget information for the year 2025/2026 supplemented with projections to 2028/2029.

This section includes the following financial statements prepared in accordance with the Act and the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020* (Regulations):

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

The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars unless otherwise specified. Minor discrepancies in tables between totals and the sum of components are due to rounding.

Where appropriate, comparative figures have been amended to accord with current presentation format, and disclosure has been made of any material changes to comparatives.



Comprehensive Income Statement

For the four years ending June 30, 2029

		Adopted Budget 2024/2025	Budget 2025/2026	2026/2027	Projections 2027/2028	2028/2029
	NOTES	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Income / Revenue						
Rates and charges	4.1.1	153,691	159,876	165,838	171,797	177,940
Statutory fees and fines	4.1.2	6,466	5,689	5,831	5,977	6,126
User fees	4.1.3	22,613	22,783	23,353	23,937	24,535
Grants - operating	4.1.4	28,684	36,461	27,672	28,364	29,073
Grants - capital	4.1.4	13,265	12,150	37,900	18,841	17,492
Contributions - monetary	4.1.5	3,058	3,365	3,140	9,140	3,140
Contributions - non-monetary	4.1.5	14,100	17,600	14,100	14,100	14,100
Share of net profits of associates		91	93	95	95	95
Other income	4.1.6	5,429	5,877	4,959	4,107	3,607
Total income / revenue		247,397	263,895	282,888	276,358	276,108
Expenses						
Employee costs	4.1.7	80,792	88,551	90,417	92,678	94,995
Materials and services	4.1.8	84,491	95,181	90,945	93,219	95,549
Depreciation	4.1.9	48,330	54,140	56,306	58,558	60,900
Depreciation - right of use assets	4.1.9	3,670	4,040	4,040	4,040	4,040
Allowance for impairment losses		368	368	250	250	250
Borrowing costs		800	351	592	604	957
Finance costs - leases		287	2,516	2,479	2,432	2,374
Net loss on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment		4,020	5,200	4,020	4,020	4,020
Other expenses		510	552	565	580	594
Total expenses		223,268	250,898	249,615	256,380	263,680
Surplus for the year		24,129	12,998	33,273	19,978	12,429
Other comprehensive income						
<i>Items that will not be reclassified to surplus or deficit in future periods</i>						
Net asset revaluation increment/ (decrement)		64,694	44,775	67,163	47,014	70,521
Total comprehensive result		88,823	57,773	100,436	66,992	82,949

Balance Sheet

For the four years ending June 30, 2029

	NOTES	Adopted Budget 2024/2025 \$'000	Budget 2025/2026 \$'000	2026/2027 \$'000	Projections 2027/2028 \$'000	2028/2029 \$'000
Current Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents		88,335	75,922	50,295	41,492	34,488
Trade and other receivables		17,342	16,054	16,233	16,411	16,596
Inventories		168	143	140	140	140
Other assets		3,096	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Total current assets	4.2.1	108,941	95,119	69,668	61,044	54,224
Non-Current Assets						
Trade and other receivables		71	41	41	41	41
Investments in associates		3,921	3,988	4,083	4,178	4,273
Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment		2,054,674	2,175,984	2,296,618	2,384,370	2,473,556
Right of use assets	4.2.4	37,234	38,823	34,783	30,887	27,847
Forestry plantations		105	141	141	141	141
Intangible assets		1,744	487	487	487	487
Total non-current assets	4.2.1	2,097,749	2,219,464	2,336,154	2,420,105	2,506,346
TOTAL ASSETS		2,206,690	2,314,583	2,405,822	2,481,148	2,560,570
Current Liabilities						
Trade and other payables		18,690	21,693	11,837	11,500	10,786
Trust funds and deposits		3,686	4,566	4,616	4,691	4,791
Contract and other liabilities		10,950	11,671	13,671	14,671	12,671
Provisions		14,911	13,723	13,923	14,123	14,323
Interest-bearing liabilities	4.2.3	5,474	3,638	2,798	2,753	3,148
Lease liabilities	4.2.4	2,300	2,454	2,649	2,860	3,087
Total current liabilities	4.2.2	56,011	57,745	49,495	50,599	48,806
Non-Current Liabilities						
Provisions		13,004	15,020	15,020	15,020	15,020
Interest bearing liabilities and borrowings	4.2.3	8,273	12,184	13,886	23,833	24,185
Lease liabilities	4.2.4	37,760	41,699	39,050	36,334	34,247
Total non-current liabilities	4.2.2	59,037	68,903	67,956	75,187	73,452
TOTAL LIABILITIES		115,048	126,648	117,451	125,785	122,258
NET ASSETS		2,091,641	2,187,935	2,288,371	2,355,363	2,438,312
Equity						
Accumulated surplus		881,296	895,744	935,532	963,164	979,126
Reserves		1,210,345	1,292,191	1,352,839	1,392,199	1,459,186
TOTAL EQUITY		2,091,641	2,187,935	2,288,371	2,355,363	2,438,312

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the four years ending June 30, 2029

	NOTES	Total \$'000	Accumulated Surplus \$'000	Revaluation Reserves \$'000	Other Reserves \$'000
2025 Budget					
Balance at beginning of the financial year		2,001,633	857,260	1,104,873	39,500
Surplus for the year		24,129	24,129	-	-
Net asset revaluation gain/(loss)		64,694	-	64,694	-
Transfers to/from other reserves		-	(1,278)	-	1,278
Balance at end of the financial year*		2,090,456	880,111	1,169,567	40,778
2026 Budget					
Balance at beginning of the financial year		2,130,163	878,391	1,213,350	38,421
Surplus for the year		12,998	12,998	-	-
Net asset revaluation gain/(loss)		44,775	-	44,775	-
Transfers to/from other reserves		-	4,355	-	(4,355)
Balance at end of the financial year	4.3	2,187,935	895,744	1,258,125	34,066
2027 Projection					
Balance at beginning of the financial year		2,187,935	895,744	1,258,125	34,066
Surplus for the year		33,273	33,273	-	-
Net asset revaluation gain/(loss)		67,163	-	67,163	-
Transfers to/from other reserves		-	6,515	-	(6,515)
Balance at end of the financial year		2,288,371	935,532	1,325,288	27,551
2028 Projection					
Balance at beginning of the financial year		2,288,371	935,532	1,325,288	27,551
Surplus for the year		19,978	19,978	-	-
Net asset revaluation gain/(loss)		47,014	-	47,014	-
Transfers to/from other reserves		-	7,653	-	(7,653)
Balance at end of the financial year		2,355,363	963,164	1,372,301	19,898
2029 Projection					
Balance at beginning of the financial year		2,355,363	963,164	1,372,301	19,898
Surplus for the year		12,429	12,429	-	-
Net asset revaluation gain/(loss)		70,521	-	70,521	-
Transfers to/from other reserves		-	3,534	-	(3,534)
Balance at end of the financial year		2,438,312	979,126	1,442,822	16,364

* 2025 figures reference historical Budget data, 2026 is based on current information therefore closing balance for 2025 and opening balance for 2026 are not aligned.

Statement of Cash Flows

For the four years ending June 30, 2029

	NOTES	Adopted Budget 2024/2025 \$'000	Budget 2025/2026 \$'000	2026/2027 \$'000	Projections 2027/2028 \$'000	2028/2029 \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities						
Rates and charges		146,772	162,800	155,159	171,618	177,755
Statutory fees and fines		5,848	5,689	5,831	5,977	6,126
User fees		24,184	22,783	23,353	23,937	24,535
Grants - operating		28,252	36,461	27,672	28,364	29,073
Grants - capital		20,243	12,150	39,900	19,841	15,492
Contributions - monetary		2,738	3,365	3,140	9,140	3,140
Other receipts		4,269	9,518	4,959	4,107	3,607
Trust funds and deposits taken		-	-	50	75	100
Employee costs		(79,626)	(88,551)	(90,217)	(92,478)	(94,795)
Materials and services		(83,853)	(101,001)	(90,298)	(93,556)	(96,264)
Other payments		(819)	(919)	(815)	(830)	(844)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	4.4.1	68,009	62,296	78,733	76,196	67,926
Cash flows from investing activities						
Payments for property, infrastructure, plant and equipment		(67,834)	(80,778)	(100,677)	(90,196)	(70,466)
Proceeds from sale of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment		980	4,150	980	980	980
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	4.4.2	(66,854)	(76,628)	(99,010)	(93,304)	(69,494)
Cash flows from financing activities						
Finance costs		(798)	(351)	(592)	(604)	(957)
Proceeds from borrowings		8,625	10,640	4,500	12,700	3,500
Repayment of borrowings		(5,070)	(4,777)	(3,638)	(2,798)	(2,753)
Interest paid - lease liability		(287)	(2,516)	(2,479)	(2,432)	(2,374)
Repayment of lease liabilities		(3,971)	(2,274)	(2,454)	(2,649)	(2,860)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	4.4.3	(1,501)	722	(4,663)	4,217	(5,445)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(346)	(13,609)	(25,627)	(8,803)	(7,004)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		61,517	89,531	75,922	50,295	41,492
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year		61,171	75,922	50,295	41,492	34,488

Statement of Capital Works

For the four years ending June 30, 2029

	NOTES	Adopted Budget 2024/2025 \$'000	Budget 2025/2026 \$'000	2026/2027 \$'000	Projections 2027/2028 \$'000	2028/2029 \$'000
Property						
Land		2,000	-	-	3,000	-
Buildings		42,303	17,045	35,610	30,224	23,624
Total property		44,303	17,045	35,610	33,224	23,624
Plant and Equipment						
Fixtures, fittings and furniture		561	994	-	-	-
Plant, machinery and equipment		5,197	5,246	3,366	3,512	4,143
Fountains, statues and monuments		60	60	179	185	189
Total plant and equipment		5,818	6,299	3,545	3,697	4,332
Infrastructure						
Land improvements		11,345	4,837	16,540	10,352	5,670
Bridges		1,214	670	765	793	809
Sealed roads		13,234	22,194	16,908	23,856	16,531
Unsealed roads		3,300	2,250	2,440	2,530	2,583
Pathways		3,748	7,340	11,368	4,613	4,685
Drainage		3,590	5,540	4,858	7,636	9,606
Public furniture and fittings		2,121	2,672	2,955	2,583	2,634
Total infrastructure		38,552	45,503	55,835	52,363	42,518
Total capital works expenditure	4.5.1	88,674	68,847	94,990	89,284	70,474
Represented by:						
New, upgrade and expansion asset expenditure		43,584	25,085	51,918	44,858	28,250
Asset renewal expenditure		45,089	43,762	43,072	44,426	42,224
Total capital works expenditure	4.5.1	88,674	68,847	99,990	89,284	70,474
Funding sources represented by:						
Grants		13,265	12,150	37,900	18,841	17,492
Contributions		1,913	1,926	340	6,340	340
Council cash		40,905	44,131	57,250	51,403	49,142
Borrowings		3,274	10,640	4,500	12,700	3,500
Total capital works expenditure	4.5.1	59,356	68,847	99,990	89,284	70,474
Total carry forward projects and other allocated budget from prior years		15,669	11,931	5,000	5,000	0
Total capital works expenditure, carry forward projects other allocated budget		75,025	80,778	104,990	94,284	70,474

Statement of Human Resources

For the four years ending June 30, 2029

Planned expenditure by organisational structure

	Budget 2025/2026 \$'000	2026/2027 \$'000	Projections 2027/2028 \$'000	2028/2029 \$'000
Executive Services	1,568	1,628	1,669	1,711
Corporate Performance	17,517	18,142	18,595	19,060
Presentation & Assets	29,261	30,345	31,103	31,881
Healthy Communities & Environments	22,657	22,663	23,226	23,802
Strategy & Growth	16,052	16,099	16,499	16,908
Casuals, temporary and other expenditure	1,495	1,540	1,586	1,634
Total staff expenditure	88,551	90,417	92,678	94,995

Planned number of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff by organisational structure

	Budget 2025/2026 FTE	2026/2027 FTE	Projections 2027/2028 FTE	2028/2029 FTE
Executive Services	6	6	6	6
Corporate Performance	129	129	130	131
Presentation & Assets	267	267	270	273
Healthy Communities & Environments	209	209	212	214
Strategy & Growth	136	136	138	139
Casuals and temporary staff	40	41	42	44
Total staff numbers	787	788	797	806

Percentage of full-time equivalent staff by organisational structure and gender (full-time and part-time)

	Women	Men	Persons of self-described gender	Total 2025/2026
Executive Services	< 3%	< 3%	< 3%	< 3%
Corporate Performance	11%	4%	< 3%	15%
Presentation & Assets	6%	28%	< 3%	34%
Healthy Communities & Environments	24%	8%	< 3%	33%
Strategy & Growth	12%	6%	< 3%	17%

Planned expenditure by employment classification and gender

	Budget 2025/2026 \$'000	2026/2027 \$'000	Projections 2027/2028 \$'000	2028/2029 \$'000
Permanent – Full-time				
Women	26,639	27,196	27,874	28,569
Men	40,010	40,847	41,865	42,908
Persons of self-described gender	<500	<500	<500	<500
Permanent – Part-time				
Women	16,161	16,499	16,911	17,332
Men	4,245	4,334	4,442	4,553
Persons of self-described gender	<500	<500	<500	<500
Casuals, temporary and other expenditure	1,495	1,540	1,586	1,634
Grand Total	88,551	90,417	92,678	94,995

Planned number of full-time equivalent staff by employment classification and gender

	Budget 2025/2026 FTE	2026/2027 FTE	Projections 2027/2028 FTE	2028/2029 FTE
Permanent – Full-time				
Women	229	229	231	233
Men	343	343	347	350
Persons of self-described gender	<10	<10	<10	<10
Permanent – Part-time				
Women	139	139	140	142
Men	37	36	37	37
Persons of self-described gender	<10	<10	<10	<10
Casuals and temporary staff	40	41	42	44
Grand Total	787	788	797	806

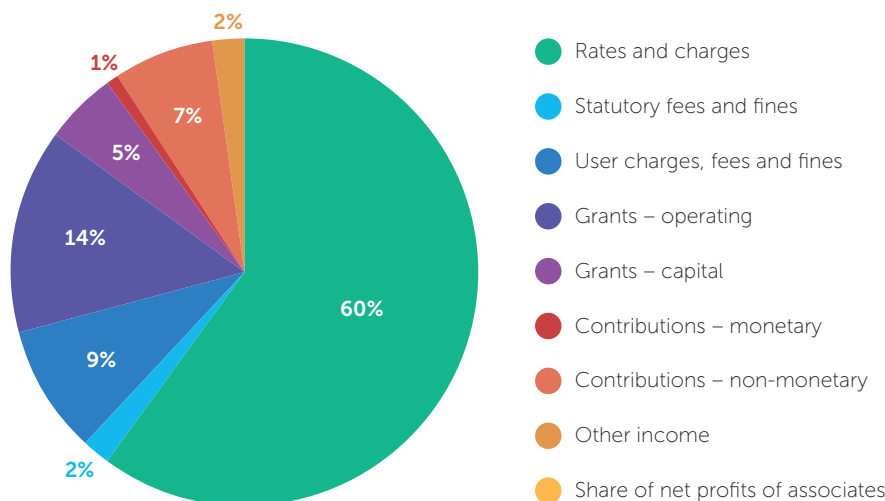
Note: where aggregate data collected is not large enough to de-identify individuals, the City has not published that data.

4 Notes to the financial statements

This section presents detailed information on material components of the financial statements. The City assesses which components are material, considering the dollar amounts and nature of these components.

4.1 Comprehensive Income Statement

The following graph presents a snapshot of the income sources budgeted for the 2025/2026 financial year.



4.1.1 Rates and charges

Regulatory environment

Rates and charges are required by the Act and the Regulations to be disclosed in the City's Budget. The City 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 2025/2026 the FGRS cap has been set at 3 per cent. The cap applies to both general rates and municipal charges and is calculated on the basis of the City'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 3 per cent in line with the rate cap.

The Minister's Good Practice Guidelines regarding Local Government Service Rates and Charges (Guidelines) were released in late December 2023, with an effective date of March 1, 2024. The relevant services covered by the Guidelines are waste, recycling and resource recovery services. The City already complies with the majority of the areas identified in the Guidelines as 'not good practice' – including graffiti removal, municipal tree planting and maintenance, general and/or municipal environmental activities. These activities are not included within the City's service (waste) charges.

The City has assessed the impact of other items listed in the Guidelines and continues to advocate for clarification prior to proceeding with the pathway identified for full compliance. The City continues to fully comply with the related Essential Services Commission monitoring and reporting requirements on general rates and on service charges

(waste charges). The methodology for service charges and the related cost recovery has been independently audited in recent years.

Current year service charges

The Bins and Waste Services Charge is for costs per tonne of waste landfill, future year landfill remediation costs, recycling, organic, circular economy solutions and costs to ensure the ongoing responsible management of waste. These fees only recoup the costs involved in providing waste management services to our residents. There will be no increase in charges applied to the Bins and Waste Services Charge for 2025/2026. For a property with an organics exemption there will be a decrease of \$22 per property, as the administration burden on this charge has decreased.

Changes to the Fire Service Property Levy

From July 1, 2025, the Fire Services Property Levy (FSPL) will be replaced by the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF). This is a State Government levy to help support a broader range of emergency services including Victoria State Emergency Service, Triple Zero Victoria, State Control Centre, Forest Fire Management Victoria and Emergency Recovery Victoria, Country Fire Authority and Fire Rescue Victoria. This will bring Victoria's funding arrangements for emergency services into line with other states. The ESVF will be calculated based on a fixed charge that varies by property type, and a variable charge based on property value. Pensioners, veterans and single farm enterprises will continue to receive concessions. The ESVF will be collected through Council rates notices. The City acts as a collection agency on behalf of the State Government.

Financial hardship

The City acknowledges that personal circumstances may impact on people's ability to pay rates and charges. Financial Hardship Guidelines are in place to support anyone experiencing financial difficulties. These can be accessed on the City's website or by contacting Customer Service on 1300 002 642.

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

	Adopted Budget 2024/2025 \$'000	Budget 2025/2026 \$'000	Change \$'000	Change %
General rates*	122,399	127,730	5,331	4%
Service rates and charges	30,127	30,696	569	2%
Supplementary rates and rate adjustments	1,200	1,500	300	25%
Revenue in lieu of rates	-	-	-	-
Interest on rates and charges	450	450	0	0%
Early payment discount	(485)	(500)	(15)	3%
Total rates and charges	153,691	159,876	6,185	4%

*These items are subject to the rate cap established under the FGRS. The applicable rate cap of 3 per cent applies to the base average rates as detailed in 4.1.1. This average rate amount also applies to additional properties added during the year.

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. Final valuations were declared generally true and correct and certified by the Minister in May 2025.

Type or class of land	2024/2025 cents/\$CIV	2025/2026 cents/\$CIV	Change %
Local Government Act 2020			
General Rate	0.287145	0.295057	3%
A differential rate for rateable Commercial/Industrial A properties	0.531222	0.560614	6%
A differential rate for rateable Commercial/Industrial B properties	0.516861	0.545857	6%
A differential rate for rateable Commercial/Industrial C properties	0.545575	0.575362	5%
A differential rate for rateable farm properties	0.215359	0.191788	(11%)
A differential rate for rateable vacant land properties	0.358931	0.368822	3%
> Residential and rural residential			
A differential rate for rateable other land properties	0.531222	0.560614	6%
A differential rate for rateable vacant land properties	0.358931	0.368822	3%
> Forest Edge Estate Maiden Gully			
A differential rate for rateable residential properties	0.287145	0.295057	3%
> Forest Edge Estate Maiden Gully			
A differential rate for rateable commercial/industrial properties	0.531222	0.560614	6%
> Forest Edge Estate Maiden Gully			
Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963			
Rate concession for rateable CRLA properties Class 1 *	-	-	-
Rate concession for rateable CRLA properties Class 2 *	-	-	-
Rate concession for rateable CRLA properties Class 3 *	-	-	-
Rate concession for rateable CRLA properties Class 4 *	-	-	-
Rate concession for rateable CRLA properties Class 5 *	-	-	-

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	Adopted Budget 2024/2025 \$'000	Budget 2025/2026 \$'000	Change \$'000	Change %
General rate	87,809	90,996	3,187	3.6%
Commercial/industrial	25,138	27,486	2,347	9.3%
Farm rate	3,555	3,187	(368)	(10.4%)
Vacant - residential and rural residential	5,804	5,972	168	2.9%
Cultural and recreational *		-	-	-
Rating agreements	54	56	2	3.0%
Forest Edge Estate Maiden Gully	39	34	(4)	(11.1%)
Total amount to be raised by general	122,399	127,730	5,331	4.4%

*The City has determined to levy a nil rate in the dollar for properties eligible to be rated under the provisions of the Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963 (Vic). The City continues to comply with the FGRS. The cap has been set at 3 per cent for the 2025/2026 year. Please see 4.1.1(j) for the compliance reconciliation.

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

Type or class of land	2024/2025 Number	2025/2026 Number	Change Number	Change %
General rate	53,658	54,239	581	1%
Commercial/industrial A	2,638	2,709	71	3%
Commercial/industrial B	279	285	6	2%
Commercial/industrial C	1,102	1,103	1	0%
Farm rate	1,132	1,119	(13)	(1%)
Vacant land - residential and rural residential	3,872	3,858	(14)	(0%)
Cultural and recreational class 1	6	6	-	0%
Cultural and recreational class 2	9	9	-	0%
Cultural and recreational class 3	7	6	(1)	(14%)
Cultural and recreational class 4	15	16	1	7%
Cultural and recreational class 5	18	18	-	0%
Rating agreements	146	146	-	0%
Vacant land - Forest Edge Estate Maiden Gully	1	1	-	0%
Total number of assessments	62,883	63,515	632	1%

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

Capital Improved Value (CIV) is the sum of land and dwelling / other improvements made to the property. CIV is the method used for valuation, as per the Revenue and Rating Plan.

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	Adopted Budget 2024/2025 \$'000	Budget 2025/2026 \$'000	Change \$'000	Change %
General rate	30,580,005	30,839,983	259,978	1%
Commercial/industrial A	3,178,302	3,340,679	162,377	5%
Commercial/industrial B	240,453	277,538	37,085	15%
Commercial/industrial C	1,285,184	1,258,749	(26,435)	(2%)
Farm rate	1,650,687	1,661,552	10,865	1%
Vacant land - residential and rural residential	1,616,989	1,619,226	2,237	0%
Cultural and recreational and rating agreements	123,971	130,308	6,337	5%
Vacant - Forest Edge Estate Maiden Gully	10,750	9,300	(1,450)	(13%)
Total Value of land	38,686,341	39,137,335	450,994	1%

4.1.1(g) The rate or unit amount to be levied for each type of service rate or charge under Section 159 of the Act compared with the previous financial year:

As noted above, there is no change on the most frequent charges for the bins and waste services charge. Properties with an organics exemption continue to be charged a lower amount, with a small charge to reflect the cost of administering the exemption process.

Type of charge	Per Rateable Adopted Budget 2024/2025 \$	Per Rateable Budget 2025/2026 \$	Change \$	Change %
Bins and waste services charge 140L bin	461.00	461.00	-	0.0%
Bins and waste services charge 140L bin (with organic waste exemption)	368.00	346.00	(22.00)	(6.0%)
Bins and waste services charge 240L bin	652.00	652.00	-	0.0%
Bins and waste services charge 240L bin (with organic waste exemption)	559.00	537.00	(22.00)	(3.9%)
General waste - additional 140L bin	230.00	230.00	-	0.0%
General waste - additional 240L bin	421.00	421.00	-	0.0%
Recyclable waste charge in excess of one bin (per additional bin)	60.00	60.00	-	0.0%
Organic waste charge in excess of one bin (per additional bin)	56.00	56.00	-	0.0%
Commercial/industrial properties				
Commercial/industrial collections outside areas designated as CBD				
General waste and landfill charge 140L bin	265.00	265.00	-	0%
General waste and landfill charge 240L bin	456.00	456.00	-	0%
Multi-Day commercial/industrial collections within areas designated as CBD				
General waste and landfill charge - 1 day per week	456.00	456.00	-	0%
General waste and landfill charge - 2 days per week	913.00	913.00	-	0%
General waste and landfill charge - 3 days per week	1,368.00	1,368.00	-	0%
General waste and landfill charge - 5 days per week	2,280.00	2,280.00	-	0%
General waste and landfill charge - 7 days per week	3,192.00	3,192.00	-	0%
Recyclable waste charge fortnightly	144.00	144.00	-	0%
Recyclable waste charge 1 day per week	287.00	287.00	-	0%
Recyclable waste charge 2 days per week	577.00	577.00	-	0%
Recyclable waste charge 3 days per week	864.00	864.00	-	0%
Recyclable waste charge 5 days per week	1,440.00	1,440.00	-	0%
Recyclable waste charge 6 days per week	1,728.00	1,728.00	-	0%
Organic waste charge fortnightly	165.00	165.00	-	0%
Organic waste charge 1 day per week	332.00	332.00	-	0%
Organic waste charge 2 days per week	663.00	663.00	-	0%
Organic waste charge 3 days per week	995.00	995.00	-	0%
Organic waste charge 5 days per week	1,658.00	1,658.00	-	0%
Organic waste charge 6 days per week	1,988.00	1,988.00	-	0%
Bin charge (one off charge)				
Supply of kerbside bin	115.50	118.50	3.00	3%

4.1.1(h) 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	Adopted Budget 2024/2025 \$'000	Budget 2025/2026 \$'000	Change \$'000	Change %
Bins and Waste Services Charge 140L bin	17,399	16,892	(507)	(2.9%)
Bins and waste services charge 140L bin (with organic waste exemption)	773	769	(4)	(1%)
Bins and waste services charge 240L bin	8,723	9,442	719	8.2%
Bins and waste services charge 240L bin (with organic waste exemption)	427	355	(72)	(16.7%)
General waste - additional 140L bin	-	123		
General waste - additional 240L bin	-	98		
Recyclable waste charge - additional bin	37	30	(7)	(17.8%)
Organic waste charge - additional bin	23	27	4	16.9%
Garbage collection and disposal - Commercial/industrial properties as specified in Council's Garbage and Recycling Charge Policy				
General waste and landfill charge - commercial properties - 120/140 Litre bin	198	135	(63)	(32%)
General waste and landfill charge - commercial properties - 240 Litre bin	1,326	1,244	(82)	(6%)
Garbage collection and disposal in specific commercial areas as specified in Council's Garbage and Recycling Charge Policy				
General waste and landfill charge - 1 day per week	422	461	39	9%
General waste and landfill charge - 2 days per week	114	118	4	3%
General waste and landfill charge - 3 days per week	278	261	(17)	(6%)
General waste and landfill charge - 5 days per week	201	182	(19)	(9%)
General waste and landfill charge - 7 days per week	-	188		
Recyclable waste charge fortnightly	214	284	70	33%
Recyclable waste charge 1 day per week	7	18	11	154%
Recyclable waste charge 2 days per week	3	5	2	54%
Recyclable waste charge 3 days per week	2	3	1	30%
Recyclable waste charge 5 days per week	-	-	-	
Recyclable waste charge 6 days per week	2	2	(0)	(14%)
Organic waste charge fortnightly	36	46	10	29%
Organic waste charge 1 day per week	10	78	68	680%
Organic waste charge 2 days per week	17	18	1	5%
Organic waste charge 3 days per week	2	4	2	99%
Organic waste charge 5 days per week	1	2	1	66%
Organic waste charge 6 days per week	22	20	(2)	(10%)
Total	30,237	30,806*	160	0.5%

*Total waste management service charges do not include any applicable discounts.

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

Type of charge	Adopted Budget 2024/2025 \$'000	Budget 2025/2026 \$'000	Change \$'000	Change %
General rates	122,399	127,730	5,331	4%
Waste Management Service Charge	30,127	30,696	569	2%
Rates and charges	152,526	158,426	5,900	4%
Supplementary rates	1,200	1,500	300	25%
Total rates and charges	153,726	159,926	6,200	4%

^ Total rates and charges after early payment discount and interest are \$160M, as per 4.1.1(a).

4.1.1(j) Fair Go Rates System Compliance

City of Greater Bendigo is fully compliant with the FGRS. The table below details the budget assumptions consistent with the requirements of the FGRS.

	Adopted Budget 2024/2025 \$	Budget 2025/2026 \$
Total rates	119,122,916	124,009,989
Number of rateable properties	62,883	63,515
Base average rates	1,894	1,952
Maximum rate increase (set by the State Government)	2.75%	3.00%
Capped average rate	1,946	2,011
Maximum general rates and municipal charges revenue	122,398,796	127,730,289
Budgeted general rates and municipal charges revenue	122,398,796	127,730,289

4.1.1(k) 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:

- Supplementary valuations (2023/2024: \$1.5M and 2024/2025 estimated: \$1.6M)
- The variations of returned levels of value (e.g. valuation appeals)
- Changes of use of land such that rateable land becomes non-rateable land or vice-versa
- Changes of use of land such that residential land becomes business land and vice versa

4.1.1(l) Differential rates

The primary differential rate percentages are summarised here. Further details are available within the Revenue and Rating Plan.

Type or class of land	2024/2025	2025/2026
General rate	100%	100%
Commercial/industrial A properties – (urban Bendigo, Maiden Gully and Strathfieldsaye)	185%	190%
Commercial/industrial B properties – (rural areas)	180%	185%
Commercial/industrial C properties – (Bendigo city centre)	190%	195%
Farm properties	75%	65%
Vacant land properties	125%	125%

4.1.2 Statutory fees and fines

Statutory fees and fines relate mainly to fees and fines levied in accordance with legislation and include animal registrations, *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* registrations and parking fines. Increases in statutory fees are made in accordance with legislative requirements. Statutory fees are projected to decrease compared to 2024/2025 Budget. This is largely related to a decrease in building and planning permits, which appears to be a market correction after previous years saw a building surge in response to low interest rates.

The Victorian Department of Treasury and Finance sets the value of a penalty unit annually. A detailed listing of statutory fees and fines is included in Appendix A – User fees and charges schedule.

	Budget 2024/2025 \$'000	Budget 2025/2026 \$'000	Change \$'000	Change %
Building and planning	2,981	2,095	(886)	(30%)
Regulatory services	300	300	-	0%
Fines	1,655	1,744	89	5%
Other fees and charges	1,530	1,550	20	1%
Total statutory fees and fines	6,466	5,689	(777)	(12%)

4.1.3 User fees

User fees primarily relate to the recovery of costs to deliver services by charging the users of the City's services. These include the use of leisure, entertainment and other community facilities, and the provision of services such as childcare and community services.

Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases to fees have been applied across the majority of the City's other fees. Ticketing and sales income is expected to be temporarily impacted by The Bendigo Art Gallery building expansion.

	Budget 2024/2025 \$'000	Budget 2025/2026 \$'000	Change \$'000	Change %
Children's services	4,500	4,906	405	9%
Parking	4,628	4,860	232	5%
Saleyard yarding	1,104	1,128	25	2%
Regulatory services	1,206	1,322	116	10%
Ticket income	3,277	615	(2,662)	(81%)
Sales income	938	221	(718)	(76%)
Waste management services	3,631	4,230	600	17%
Other fees and charges	3,329	5,501	2,171	65%
Total user fees	22,613	22,783	170	1%



4.1.4 Grants

Operating grants include monies from State and Federal Government sources for the purposes of funding the delivery of the City's services to residents. The level of operating grants is projected to remain relatively stable compared to the 2024/2025 Budget.

A list of operating grants by type and source, classified into recurrent and non-recurrent is included in the tables below.

Capital grants include monies from State and Federal Government sources which contributes to funding the capital works program. The amount of capital grants received each year can fluctuate significantly, depending on the timing of specific projects and State and Federal Government programs and the annual budgets. Section 4.5 Capital works program includes further analysis of the grants and contributions expected to be received during the 2025/2026 financial year.

Any additional funding secured during the year will be incorporated into future adjustments to the City's annual forecast and quarterly reporting.

	Adopted Budget 2024/2025 \$'000	Budget 2025/2026 \$'000	Change \$'000	Change %
Grants are budgeted to be received in respect of the following:				
Summary of grants				
Commonwealth funded grants	25,540	27,208	1,668	7%
State funded grants	16,408	21,404	4,996	30%
Total grants received	41,949	48,612	6,664	16%
(a) Operating grants				
Recurrent - Commonwealth Government				
Victorian Grants Commission - Unallocated	18,138	18,310	172	1%
Victorian Grants Commission - Local Roads	4,675	4,726	50	1%
Immunisation	9.5	-	(10)	(100%)
Recurrent - State Government				
Youth	86	40	(46)	(53%)
Aged care	6	6	(0)	(4%)
School crossing supervisors	376	380	4	1%
Maternal and child health	1,756	1,967	211	12%
Family and children	223	133	(90)	(40%)
Arts and Culture	295	295	-	-
Emergency Management	60	60	-	-
Community	264	-	(264)	(100%)
Environment	80	95	15	19%
Recreation	1,629	1,642	13	1%
Health Services - Sleep and Settling	234	245	11	5%
Immunisation	66	75	10	15%
Total recurrent grants	27,896	27,974	77	0%
Non-recurrent - Commonwealth Government				
Emergency Management	-	295	295	100%
Non-recurrent - State Government				
Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements	-	7,665	7,665	100%
Arts and Culture	498	126	(372)	(75%)
Tourism / Events Projects	45	300	255	567%
Family and children	-	86	86	100%
Community	244	2	(242)	(99%)
Maternal and child health	-	14	14	100%
Total non-recurrent grants	787	8488	7,701	978%
Total operating grants	28,684	36,462	7,778	27%

	Adopted Budget 2024/2025 \$'000	Budget 2025/2026 \$'000	Change \$'000	Change %
(b) Capital Grants				
Recurrent - Commonwealth Government				
Roads to recovery	2,250	3,593	1,343	60%
Recurrent - State Government				
Total recurrent grants	2,250	3,593	1,343	60%
Non-recurrent - Commonwealth Government				
Buildings	467	284	(183)	(39%)
Non-recurrent - State Government				
Buildings	4,050	50	(4,000)	(99%)
Land improvement	5,394	703	(4,691)	(86%)
Drainage	95	-	(95)	(100%)
Public furniture and fittings	150	-	(150)	(100%)
Fixtures, fittings and furniture	-	30	30	100%
Pathways	-	4,740	4,740	100%
Sealed roads	860	2,000	1,140	133%
Total non-recurrent grants	11,015	8,557	(2,458)	(22%)
Total capital grants	13,265	12,150	(1,114)	(8%)
Total Grants	41,948	48,612	6,664	16%

4.1.5 Contributions

Monetary contributions generally represent funds received from developer contributions to contribute towards specific projects. Non-monetary contributions are developer constructed assets contributed by developers in accordance with planning permits issued for property development, including land, roads, footpaths, playspaces and drainage.

	Adopted Budget 2024/2025 \$'000	Budget 2025/2026 \$'000	Change \$'000	Change %
Monetary	3,058	3,365	307	10%
Non-monetary	14,100	17,600	3,500	25%
Total contributions	17,158	20,965	3,807	22%

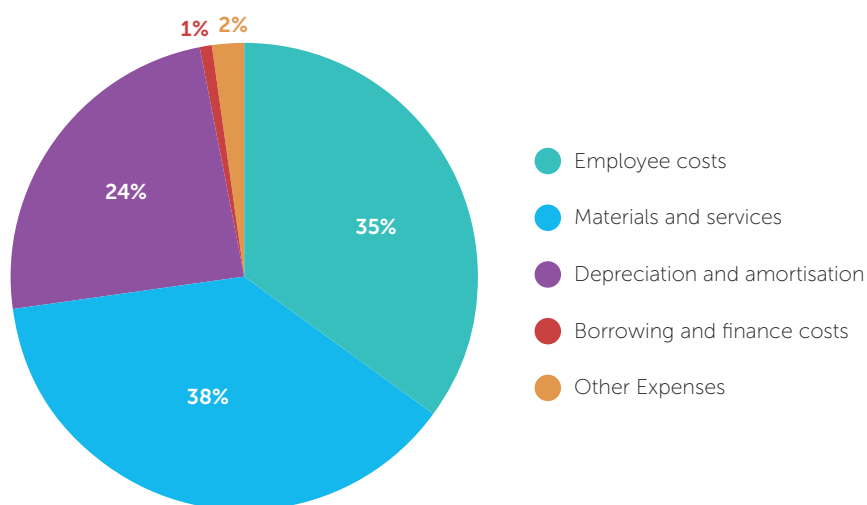
4.1.6 Other income

Other income includes interest revenue received from investing in term deposits with financial institutions. Interest revenue is budgeted to be consistent with commercial investment rates. The City also receives rental income from leasing out council owned property.

	Adopted Budget 2024/2025 \$'000	Budget 2025/2026 \$'000	Change \$'000	Change %
Interest on investments	3,200	3,600	400	13%
Rental income	1,799	1,807	8	%
Other income	430	470	40	9%
Total other income	5,429	5,877	448	8%

Expenditure

The following graph presents a snapshot of expense types in the 2025/2026 financial year.



4.1.7 Employee costs

Employee costs include all labour-related expenditure such as wages, allowances, non salary on-costs such as leave entitlements, WorkCover and employer superannuation. It also includes agency costs that relate to labour hire required for project work or to cover short term vacancies.

Overall wages have increased due to Enterprise Agreement increases, band movements and increased employee resources for grant funded programs. Superannuation costs have also increased in line with the superannuation guarantee level which is now capped at 12 per cent. There has been a significant increase in WorkCover premiums in the last three years and this trend is expected to continue across the Local Government sector.

A summary of human resources expenditure categorised according to the organisational structure of the City can be found in the Statement of Human Resources in section 3.

	Adopted Budget 2024/2025 \$'000	Budget 2025/2026 \$'000	Change \$'000	Change %
Wages and salaries	69,869	76,173	6,304	9%
WorkCover	1,439	2,143	704	49%
Superannuation	8,286	9,408	1,122	14%
Fringe benefits tax	228	171	(58)	(25%)
Agency staff	964	656	(308)	(32%)
Total employee costs	80,787	88,551	7,764	10%

4.1.8 Materials and services

Materials and services include the purchase of consumables and payments to contractors for the provision of services and utilities. Materials and services costs are budgeted to increase by 2.5 per cent compared to the 2024/2025 Budget. Around \$5M of the increase is directly attributed to disaster recovery funding for floods that occurred in 2023. The increase in prices for materials and services include CPI on contracts, as well as overall growth and compliance costs in use of City facilities and services.

	Adopted Budget 2024/2025 \$'000	Budget 2025/2026 \$'000	Change \$'000	Change %
Administration expenses	8,899	8,633	(266)	-3%
Contract payments	41,975	45,374	3,399	8%
Contributions and donations	2,911	4,882	1,971	68%
Insurance	2,669	2,850	181	7%
Maintenance and consumables	10,140	10,311	171	2%
Materials	4,869	9,871	5,002	103%
Plant and equipment operating cost	6,923	7,092	169	2%
Utilities	6,105	6,168	63	1%
Total materials and services	84,491	95,181	10,690	13%

4.1.9 Depreciation

Depreciation is an accounting measure and is a non-cash item which attempts to allocate the value of an asset over its useful life for the City's property, plant and equipment, and infrastructure assets such as roads and drainage. The overall increases in budgeted depreciation for the 2025/2026 financial year is attributable to the City's increasing asset base and right of use assets.

	Adopted Budget 2024/2025 \$'000	Budget 2025/2026 \$'000	Change \$'000	Change %
Property	11,500	12,800	1,300	11%
Plant and equipment	3,400	3,300	(100)	(3%)
Infrastructure	33,430	38,040	4,610	14%
Total depreciation and amortisation	48,330	54,140	5,810	12%



4.2 Balance sheet

4.2.1 Assets

Current assets \$90.7M and non-current assets \$2.2B

Key points related to the City's balance sheet asset disclosures:

- **Cash and cash equivalents** include cash and investments such as cash held in the bank and in petty cash, and investments held in term deposits or other highly liquid investments with short term maturities
- **Trade and other receivables** are monies owed to the City by ratepayers and other debtors. All receivables are managed in accordance with the City's Revenue and Debt Collection Policy including hardship
- **Investments in associates** reflect the City's investment in the North Central Goldfields Library Corporation
- **Other assets** include items such as prepayments for expenses that the City has paid in advance of service delivery, inventories or stocks held for sale or consumption in the City's services, and other revenues due to be received in the next 12 months. These are not expected to change significantly in 2025/2026
- **Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment** make up the largest component of the City's assets and represents the value of all the land, buildings, roads, vehicles, equipment, etc. which has been built up by the City over many years

4.2.2 Liabilities

Current liabilities \$57.8M and non-current liabilities \$63.9M

- Trade and other payables are those to whom the City owes money as at June 30
- Overall provision balances are expected to remain steady. Provisions include:
 - Accrued long service leave and annual leave days owing to employees. Estimates for future salary expenditure has been factored into these employee entitlements
 - A provision for landfill rehabilitations

4.2.3 Borrowings

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

	Adopted Budget 2024/2025 \$'000	Budget 2025/2026 \$'000	Change \$'000	Change %
Amount borrowed as at June 30 of the prior year	15,172	9,959	(5,213)	(34%)
Amount proposed to be borrowed	3,274	10,640	7,366	225%
Amount projected to be redeemed	(4,699)	(4,777)	(78)	2%
Amount of borrowings as at June 30	13,747	15,822	2,075	15%

The opening balance of the amount borrowed for 2024/2025 reflects the forecasted balance of the City's loan portfolio as at June 30, 2025. In 2025/2026 an upper limit is projected for additional borrowings of \$10.6M. Borrowings will support specific capital projects and future development. Loan facilities are supported by the State Government through Treasury Corporation of Victoria which has the capacity to lend directly to Local Government entities, including the City of Greater Bendigo.

Note that the projected balance of \$15.8M by June 30, 2026 is disclosed on the balance sheet as current (\$3.6M) and non-current (\$12.2M).

4.2.4 Leases and right-of-use assets

Leases \$36.7M and right-of-use assets \$38.8M

As a result of the introduction of Australian Accounting Standard 16, leases, right-of-use assets and lease liabilities have been recognised in the City's balance sheet and Financial Plan. At the inception of a contract, the City assesses whether a contract is, or contains, a lease.

A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period in exchange for consideration. As a lessee, the City recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date.

The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability. The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the earlier of the end of the

useful life of the right-of-use asset or the end of the lease term. The estimated useful lives of right-of-use assets are determined on the same basis as those of property, plant and equipment. In addition, the right-of-use asset is periodically reduced by impairment losses, if any, and adjusted for certain measurements of the lease liability.

Where the interest rate applicable to a lease is not expressed in the lease agreement, the City applies the average incremental borrowing rate in the calculation of lease liabilities. The most significant lease the City has is the 20-year lease agreement for its main office building (Galkangu) which is leased from the State Government.

4.3 Statement of changes in equity

Equity – total \$2.2B

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

- Asset revaluation reserve represents the difference between the previously recorded value of assets and their current valuations
- Other reserves that are funds that the City wishes to separately identify as being set aside to meet a specific purpose in the future and for which there is no existing liability. These amounts are transferred from the accumulated surplus of the City to be separately disclosed
- Accumulated surplus is the value of all net assets less reserves that have accumulated over time

4.4 Statement of cash flows

This section analyses the expected cash flows from the operating, investing and financing activities of the City for the 2025/2026 year. Budgeting cash flows for the City is a key factor in setting the level of fees and charges. This provides a guide to the level of capital expenditure that can be sustained with or without using existing cash reserves.

4.4.1 Net cash flows provided by/used in operating activities

Operating activities (\$62.3M inflow)

Operating activities refers to the cash generated or used in the normal service delivery functions of the City. Cash remaining after paying for the provision of services to the community may be available for investment in capital works or repayment of debt. The net cash flows from operating activities does not equal the surplus (deficit) for the year as the expected revenues and expenses include non-cash items, which have been excluded from the Cash Flow Statement.

4.4.2 Net cash flows provided by/used in investing activities

Investing Activities (\$76.6M outflow)

Investing activities refers to cash generated or used in the enhancement or creation of infrastructure and other assets. These activities also include the acquisition and sale of other assets such as vehicles, property and equipment. The cash outflow from investing activities is tied to the expenditure in the capital program.

4.4.3 Net cash flows provided by/used in financing activities

Financing activities (\$1.4M outflow)

Financing activities refers to cash generated or used in the financing of the City's functions. Activities include both the repayment of the principal component and the interest expense component of loan repayments for the year. Due to a change in accounting standards, financing activities also includes lease payments.

4.5 Capital works program

This section presents a summary of the capital works program for the 2025/2026 financial year, classified by expenditure type and funding source. Works are also disclosed as 2025/2026 Budget or as multiyear projects or projects carried forward from prior years. A carry forward refers to an allocation of funds that has not been

used and/or received by the end of the financial year; however, these funds will be used and/or received in the following year. Refer Note 4.5.3 for additional information on the City's carry forward projects and other allocated budget.

4.5.1 Summary

Council has allocated \$92M in capital projects, with \$70.1M for newly committed projects. \$21.9M of the total expenditure relates to project funds that are expected to be carried forward from the 2024/2025 financial year. For newly committed projects in 2025/2026, 62 per cent has been allocated to renewing Council's existing assets. The remainder of the program is for delivery of new or upgrading and expanding assets within the municipality.

	Adopted Budget 2024/2025 \$'000	Budget 2025/2026 \$'000	Change \$'000	Change %
Property	21,352	23,295	1,943	9%
Plant and equipment	6,845	6,825	(20)	0%
Infrastructure	46,828	50,658	3,830	8%
Total	75,025	80,778	5,753	8%

	Project Cost \$'000	Asset expenditure types		Summary of funding sources			
		New, upgrade and Expansion \$'000	Renewal \$'000	Grants \$'000	Contrib. \$'000	Council Cash \$'000	Borrowings \$'000
Property	23,295	13,012	10,282	742	180	16,373	6,000
Plant and equipment	6,825	946	5,879	30	1,400	5,395	-
Infrastructure	50,658	19,278	31,380	11,787	346	33,886	4,640
Total	80,778	33,236	47,542	12,559	1,926	55,654	10,640



4.5.2 Current Budget

Capital Works Area	Project Cost \$'000	Asset expenditure types		Summary of funding sources			
		New, upgrade and Expansion \$'000	Renewal \$'000	Grants \$'000	Contrib. \$'000	Council Cash \$'000	Borrowings \$'000
Property							
Land	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Buildings	17,045	8,414	8,630	334	180	10,531	6,000
Total Property	17,045	8,414	8,630	334	180	10,531	6,000
Plant and Equipment							
Fixtures, fittings and furniture	994	35	959	30	-	964	-
Plant, machinery and equipment	5,246	386	4,860	-	1,400	3,846	-
Fountains, statues and monuments	60	-	60	-	-	60	-
Total Plant and Equipment	6,299	421	5,879	30	1,400	4,869	-
Infrastructure							
Land improvements	4,837	2,166	2,671	1,453	-	3,384	-
Bridges	670	-	670	-	-	670	-
Sealed roads	22,194	6,640	15,554	5,593	-	11,960	4,640
Unsealed roads	2,250	-	2,250	-	-	2,250	-
Pathways	7,340	5,740	1,600	4,740	-	2,600	-
Drainage	5,540	1,240	4,300	-	-	5,540	-
Public furniture and fittings	2,672	465	2,207	-	346	2,326	-
Total Infrastructure	45,503	16,251	29,252	11,787	346	28,730	4,640
Total Capital Works	68,847	25,085	43,762	12,150	1,926	44,131	10,640

The total capital works budget is split between two core components:

- Renewal of existing assets – the amounts allocated for renewal are guided by relevant asset renewal modelling and asset management policy and planning
- New, upgrade or expansion – these projects are first defined in the capital project pipeline, require a project proposal and are then prioritised using the Capital Investment Framework

4.5.3 Works of funding carried forward from the 2024/2025 year

Capital Works Area	Project Cost \$'000	Asset expenditure types		Summary of funding sources			
		New, upgrade and Expansion \$'000	Renewal \$'000	Grants \$'000	Contrib. \$'000	Council Cash \$'000	Borrowings \$'000
Property							
Land	500	500	-	-	-	500	-
Buildings	5,750	4,098	1,652	408	-	5,342	-
Total Property	6,250	4,598	1,652	408	-	5,842	-
Plant and Equipment							
Fixtures, fittings and furniture	526	526	-	-	-	526	-
Plant, machinery and equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fountains, statues and monuments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Plant and Equipment	526	526	-	-	-	526	-
Infrastructure							
Land improvements	325	280	45	-	-	325	-
Bridges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sealed roads	2,619	1,339	1,280	-	-	2,619	-
Unsealed roads	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pathways	1,347	1,347	-	-	-	1,347	-
Drainage	715	-	715	-	-	715	-
Public furniture and fittings	149	61	88	-	-	149	-
Total Infrastructure	5,155	3,028	2,128	-	-	5,155	-
Total carried forward Capital Works and other allocated budget	11,931	8,151	3,780	408	-	11,523	-

4.5.4 Summary of planned capital works expenditure – Years ending June 30, 2027, 2028 and 2029

2026/2027

Capital Works Area	Project Cost \$'000	Asset expenditure types		Summary of funding sources			
		New, upgrade and Expansion \$'000	Renewal \$'000	Grants \$'000	Contrib. \$'000	Council Cash \$'000	Borrowings \$'000
Property							
Land	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Buildings	35,610	27,338	8,272	22,600	-	9,510	3,500
Total Property	35,610	27,338	8,272	22,600	-	9,510	3,500
Plant and Equipment							
Fixtures, fittings and furniture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plant, machinery and equipment	3,366	-	3,366	-	-	3,366	-
Fountains, statues and monuments	179	-	179	-	-	179	-
Total Plant and Equipment	3,545	-	3,545	-	-	3,545	-
Infrastructure							
Land improvements	16,540	13,780	2,760	7,033	-	9,507	-
Bridges	765	-	765	-	-	765	-
Sealed roads	16,908	1,000	15,908	4,267	-	11,078	-
Unsealed roads	2,440	-	2,440	-	-	2,440	-
Pathways	11,368	7,885	3,483	4,000	-	7,368	1,000
Drainage	4,858	1,450	3,408	-	-	4,858	-
Public furniture and fittings	2,955	465	2,490	-	340	2,615	-
Total Infrastructure	55,835	24,580	31,255	15,300	340	38,632	-
Total Capital Works	94,990	51,918	43,072	37,900	340	51,687	4,500

Capital Works Area	Project Cost \$'000	Asset expenditure types		Summary of funding sources			
		New, upgrade and Expansion \$'000	Renewal \$'000	Grants \$'000	Contrib. \$'000	Council Cash \$'000	Borrowings \$'000
Property							
Land	3,000	3,000	-	-	-	-	3,000
Buildings	30,224	21,769	8,455	14,349	6,000	8,775	1,100
Total Property	33,224	24,769	8,455	14,349	6,000	8,775	4,100
Plant and Equipment							
Fixtures, fittings and furniture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plant, machinery and equipment	3,512	-	3,512	-	-	3,512	-
Fountains, statues and monuments	185	-	185	-	-	185	-
Total Plant and Equipment	3,697	-	3,697	-	-	3,697	-
Infrastructure							
Land improvements	10,352	7,489	2,863	-	-	10,352	5,000
Bridges	793	-	793	-	-	793	-
Sealed roads	23,856	7,500	16,356	4,492	-	15,526	3,600
Unsealed roads	2,530	-	2,530	-	-	2,530	-
Pathways	4,613	1,000	3,613	-	-	4,613	-
Drainage	7,636	4,100	3,536	-	-	7,636	-
Public furniture and fittings	2,583	-	2,583	-	340	2,243	-
Total Infrastructure	52,363	20,089	32,274	4,492	340	43,693	8,600
Total Capital Works	89,284	44,858	44,426	18,841	6,340	56,165	12,700

Capital Works Area	Project Cost \$'000	Asset expenditure types		Summary of funding sources			
		New, upgrade and Expansion \$'000	Renewal \$'000	Grants \$'000	Contrib. \$'000	Council Cash \$'000	Borrowings \$'000
Property							
Land	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Buildings	23,624	15,000	8,624	7,000	-	15,424	1,200
Total Property	23,624	15,000	8,624	7,000	-	15,424	1,200
Plant and Equipment							
Fixtures, fittings and furniture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plant, machinery and equipment	4,143	-	4,143	-	-	4,143	-
Fountains, statues and monuments	189	-	189	-	-	189	-
Total Plant and Equipment	4,332	-	4,332	-	-	4,332	-
Infrastructure							
Land improvements	5,670	2,750	2,920	-	-	5,670	-
Bridges	809	-	809	-	-	809	-
Sealed roads	16,531	3,500	13,031	4,491	-	12,231	2,300
Unsealed roads	2,583	-	2,583	-	-	2,583	-
Pathways	4,685	1,000	3,685	-	-	4,685	-
Drainage	9,606	6,000	3,606	6,000	-	3,606	-
Public furniture and fittings	2,634	-	2,634	-	340	2,294	-
Total Infrastructure	42,518	13,250	29,268	10,491	340	31,878	2,300
Total Capital Works	70,474	28,250	42,224	17,491	340	51,634	3,500



4.6 Proposals to lease Council land

This section presents a summary of proposals to lease council land to external parties in the 2025/2026 financial year. This list includes any rental agreement greater than \$100,000, market value greater than \$100,000 or with a lease term greater than 10 years.

Property	Tenant Type	Address	Suburb
Bendigo Stadium	Not-for-profit	91 Inglis Street	West Bendigo
Bendigo Tramways Depot	Not-for-profit	1 Tramways Avenue	Bendigo
Central Deborah Goldmine	Not-for-profit	76 Violet Street	Bendigo
Bendigo Airport (land side) Business Park (multiple lots)	Commercial	35 Victa Road	East Bendigo

5. Performance indicators

5.1 Targeted performance indicators

The following table highlights the City's current and projected performance across a range of key financial and service performance indicators. The targeted performance indicators below are the prescribed performance indicators contained in

Schedule 4 of the Regulations. Results against these indicators and targets will be reported in Council's Performance Statement included in the Annual Report.

Targeted performance indicators – Service

Indicator	Measure	Notes	Actual 2023/24	Target 2024/25	Target 2025/26	Target projections			Trend
						2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	+ / o / -
Governance <i>Consultation and engagement</i> (Council decisions made and implemented with community input)	Satisfaction with community consultation and engagement Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with the consultation and engagement efforts of Council	1	49	52	52	53	53	53	+
Roads <i>Condition</i> (sealed local roads are maintained at the adopted condition standard)	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	2	97.48%	98.50%	97.50%	97.50%	97.50%	97.50%	-
Statutory planning <i>Service standard</i> (planning application processing and decisions are in accordance with legislative requirements)	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	3	53.38%	58.00%	59.00%	59.30%	59.61%	60.02%	+
Waste management <i>Waste diversion</i> (amount of waste diverted from landfill is maximised)	Kerbside collection waste diverted from landfill Weight of recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins / Weight of garbage, recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins	4	58.29%	60.00%	67.00%	67.34%	67.67%	68.01%	+

Targeted performance indicators – Financial

Indicator	Measure	Notes	Actual 2023/24	Target 2024/25	Target 2025/26	Target projections			Trend
						2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	+/-
Liquidity <i>Working Capital</i> (sufficient working capital is available to pay bills as and when they fall due)	Current assets compared to current liabilities Current assets / current liabilities	5	171.98%	199.47%	165.00%	141.00%	121.00%	111.00%	-
Obligations <i>Asset renewal</i> (assets are renewed as planned)	Asset renewal compared to depreciation Asset renewal and upgrade expense / asset depreciation	6	75.22%	77.30%	81.80%	79.50%	77.40%	75.90%	-
Stability <i>Rates concentration</i> (revenue is generated from a range of sources)	Rates compared to adjusted underlying revenue Rate revenue / adjusted underlying revenue	7	73.89%	70.29%	71.50%	72.00%	72.40%	73.10%	+
Efficiency <i>Expenditure level</i> (resources are used efficiently in the delivery of services)	Expenses per property assessment Total expenses / no. of property assessments	8	\$3,824	\$3,537	\$3,937	\$3,872	\$3,931	\$3,997	+



Notes to target performance indicators

1. Governance

Council strives for authentic community engagement. Platforms such as Let's Talk Greater Bendigo enable direct contact with the community which provides the opportunity to understand the community's interests and priorities. Historically this score is represented in the 50-60 range. In future years, the City's goal is to increase satisfaction with community consultation and engagement.

2. Roads

Maintaining local roads to a satisfactory standard is essential to provide users with safe conditions and provide efficient travel routes. Our roads have been significantly affected by flooding, but the anticipated targets remain high.

3. Statutory planning

A focus on streamlined planning application processes supports economic growth for the City.

4. Waste management

Council is responsible for waste collection, processing and disposal. Diverting waste from landfill reduces greenhouse gas emissions. In response to the State Government's circular economy policies and the Recycling Victoria: A new economy Plan, the City is working to put in place circular economy solutions to manage waste and resources in the future.

5. Liquidity

The liquidity measure is the proportion of current liabilities represented by current assets. The trend in later years remains steady. Current loans will be repaid over future years. The City plans to borrow to support the funding of new projects in the capital works program where necessary.

6. Obligations

This is a percentage calculation of the amount the City invests in renewing its assets against its depreciation costs (which is an indication of the decline in value of existing capital assets). A percentage greater than 100 indicates the City is investing more than an efficient level towards maintaining existing assets. A percentage less than 100 means asset replacement costs may be increasing faster than they are being renewed and future capital expenditure will be required to renew assets.

7. Stability

The modelling suggests that the extent of the City's reliance on rate revenues to fund ongoing services remains steady. It is difficult to accurately forecast any future government grant revenue due to shifting State and Federal Government priorities and fiscal settings.

8. Efficiency

The forecast for this measure confirms that the City is projecting that cost increases will outpace assessment growth over the medium term. Cost efficiency measures in place for the 2025/2026 Budget result in a reduction in this indicator for the budget year.

5.2 Financial performance indicators

The following table highlights the City's current and projected performance across a range of key financial performance indicators.

The financial performance indicators below are the prescribed financial performance indicators contained in Part 3 of Schedule 3 of the Regulations. Results against these indicators will be reported in Council's Performance Statement included in the Annual Report.

Indicator	Measure	Notes	Actual 2023/24	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Target 2025/26	Target projections			Trend +/-
Operating position <i>Adjusted underlying result</i>	Adjusted underlying surplus (deficit) / adjusted underlying revenue	9	(21.07%)	(1.30%)	(6.90%)	(7.60%)	(7.40%)	(7.20%)	-
Liquidity <i>Unrestricted cash**</i>	Unrestricted cash / current liabilities	10	(76.56%)	108.72%	83.00%	44.00%	26.00%	16.00%	-
Obligations <i>Loans and borrowings</i>	Interest bearing loans and borrowings / rate revenue		10.34%	8.88%	9.90%	10.10%	15.50%	15.40%	+
<i>Loans and borrowings</i>	Interest and principal repayments on interest bearing loans and borrowings / rate revenue	11	3.93%	3.55%	3.20%	2.60%	2.00%	2.10%	-
<i>Indebtedness</i>	Non-current liabilities / own source revenue		37.69%	30.53%	35.50%	34.00%	36.50%	34.60%	-
Stability <i>Rates effort</i>	Rate revenue / CIV of rateable properties in the municipality	12	0.37%	0.50%	0.50%				o
Efficiency <i>Revenue level</i>	General rates and municipal charges / no. of property assessments	13	\$1,882	\$1,880	\$2,032	\$2,086	\$2,142	\$2,198	+
TCV loans framework indicators <i>Interest Cover Ratio</i>	EBITDA : interest expenses		62:1	76:1	37:1	56:1	33:1	13:1	+
<i>Interest bearing liabilities to own source revenue</i>	Interest bearing liabilities / own source revenue		8.31%	7.26%	8.15%	8.36%	9.94%	11.65%	-

****Unrestricted cash** – The Local Government Performance Reporting Framework considers term deposits with an original maturing age of greater the 90 days as restricted. This categorisation resulted in a negative result for the 2023/2024 financial year. The City considers term deposits with an original maturing date of greater than 90 days to be unrestricted for cash management purposes and is treated this way in the Long Term Financial Plan.

Notes to indicators

9. Adjusted underlying result

This is an indicator of the sustainable operating result required to enable the City to continue to provide core services in the long term, which includes depreciation, but is not impacted by capital income items.

This indicator is targeted to improve over the long term. Impacting on this measure is the finalisation of non-capitalised, waste-related expenses (landfill remediation) and ongoing increasing operational expenses.

10. Liquidity

The proportion of current liabilities represented by current assets. The trend in later years remains steady. Current loans will be repaid over future years. The City plans to borrow to support the funding of new projects in the capital works program where necessary.

11. Obligations

This represents the ability of the City to pay its short-term liabilities as required. The City is forecasting to borrow over the coming four years to support new and upgrade capital works in growth areas where necessary. The indebtedness measure is not a good indicator of loans and borrowings, as it also includes significant long term lease liabilities in the calculation, included in the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework (LGPRF).

12. Stability

The modelling suggests that the extent of the City's reliance on rate revenues to fund ongoing services remains steady. It is difficult to accurately forecast future government grant revenue due to shifting State and Federal Government priorities and fiscal settings.

13. Efficiency

This is a percentage calculation of the amount the City invests in renewing its assets against its depreciation costs (which is an indication of the decline in value of existing capital assets). A percentage greater than 100 indicates the City is investing more than an efficient level towards maintaining existing assets. A percentage less than 100 means asset replacement costs may be increasing faster than they are being renewed and future capital expenditure will be required to renew assets.

6. Long Term Financial Plan

The City maintains and regularly updates a 10-year Financial Plan model, which is used to inform the Budget process and ensure long term financial sustainability.

This section presents information which incorporates the Budget (four years from 2025/2026 to 2028/2029) and some key

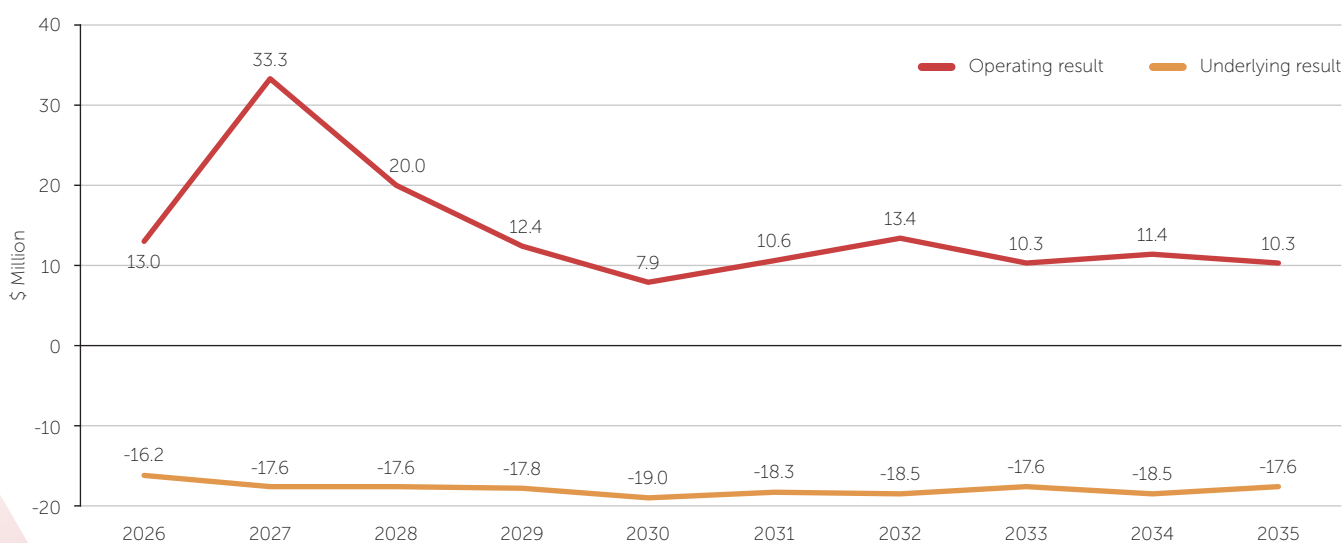
information projected across the 10 years. The 10-year model is maintained on rolling basis and builds on the principles of the Financial Plan 2025-2035 that will be adopted by Council in June 2025.

6.1 Surplus / deficit results

The adjusted underlying result should be considered in line with our indicators and not as a stand-alone measurement. Depreciation charges on City assets are high and recent changes to the useful life of footpaths from 100 year to 80 years, along with changes to Accounting Standard AASB13, depreciation

charges are increasing considerably over the life of this Plan. This does not impact on the City's funding position, (cash on hand, reserves and the ability to borrow), and therefore the City is aiming for a consistent adjusted underlying result, rather than 0 per cent.

Results: Operating vs underlying surplus

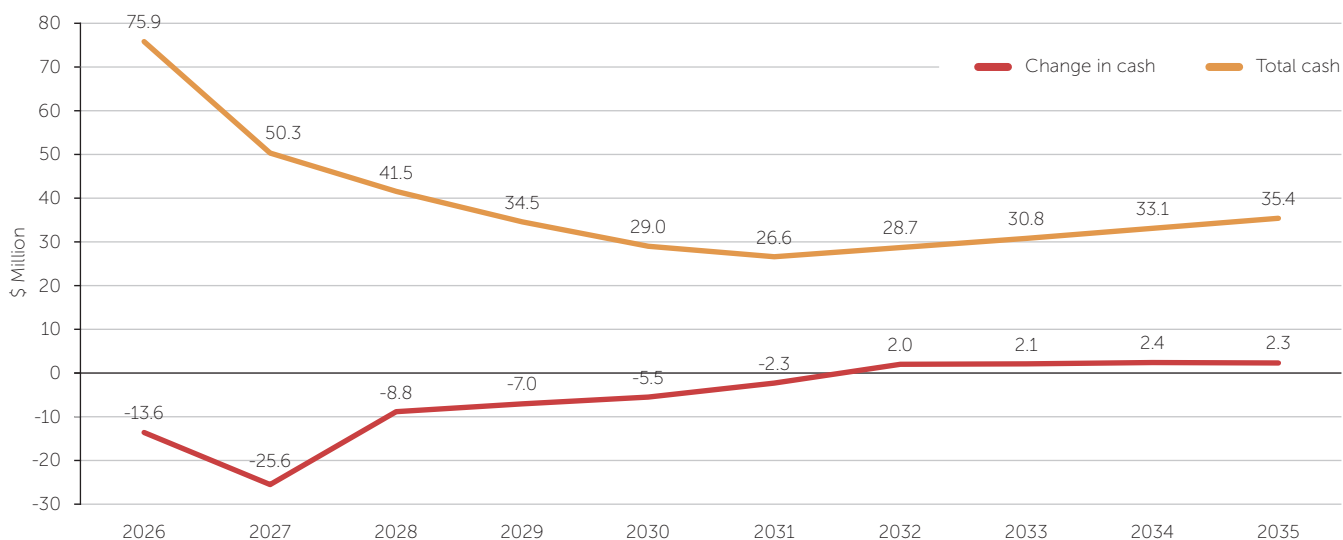


6.2 Cash

The City's cash holdings are projected to drop over the next four years due to an increase in the anticipated investment in the City's existing asset base for required renewal expenditure along with escalations in operational costs.

Across the longer term, the cash balance is forecast to grow slightly to ensure that there are sufficient cash holdings to support growing commitments and liabilities.

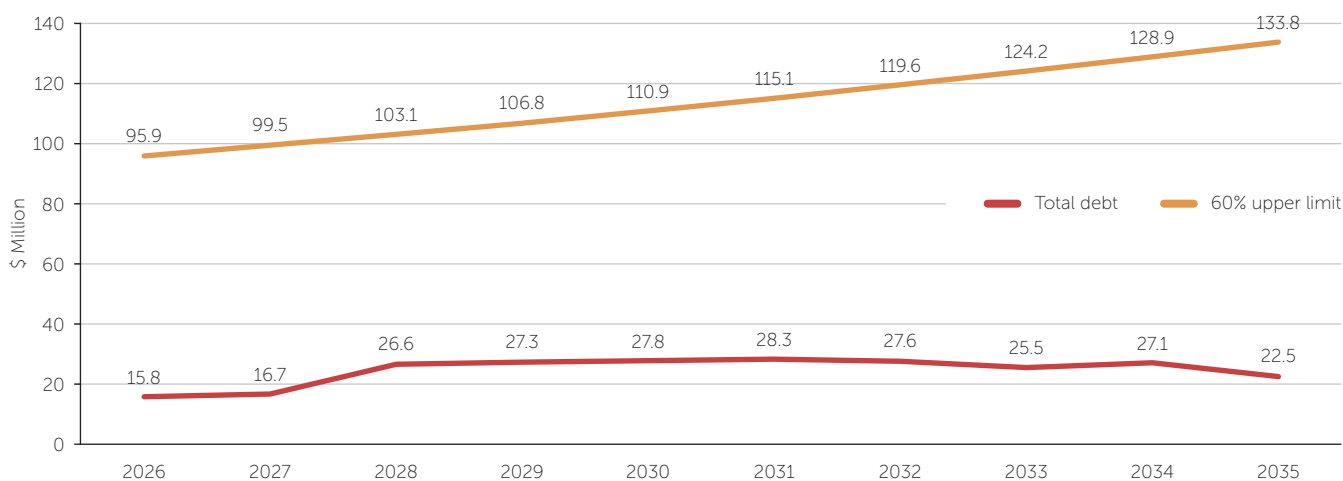
June 30 cash balance



6.3 Borrowings

The current model takes a conservative approach to future debt redraws. The total debt line below is modelled in the City's current financial plan – and the 60 per cent upper limit is a theoretical upper limit of borrowings.

Interest bearing liabilities balance



Appendices

The following appendices include voluntary and statutory disclosures of information which provide support for the analysis contained in sections **1** to **6** of this report.

This information has not been included in the main body of the Budget in the interests of clarity. The City has decided that while the Budget needs to focus on the important elements of the Budget and provide appropriate analysis, the detail upon which the Budget is based should be provided in the interests of open and transparent Local Government.

The contents of the appendices are summarised below:

Appendix	Nature of information
A	User fees and charges schedule
B	Planned capital works program 2025/2026

Appendix A – User fees and charges schedule

This appendix presents the fees and charges of a statutory and non-statutory nature which will be charged in respect to various goods and services provided during the 2025/2026 financial year. Certain prices may change over the course of the year due to legislative requirements. Where changes occur, the City's website will be updated and communicated with all relevant stakeholders.

Pricing type definitions:

- **Accessible pricing** – a discount on the full cost of providing the service. The discounted rate is determined on the community benefit or social good and can be set between 100 per cent discount up to full cost recovery
- **Full cost pricing** – applied where the objective is to achieve a financial return for the City
- **Incentive Pricing** – utilised where certain behaviours are encouraged by pricing above full cost recovery
- **Market pricing** – applied to services considered discretionary and is without strong social benefit, or ancillary to the social benefit of the service
- **Statutory** – pricing which is set by legislation and which does not enable Council to apply any discretion on the amount charged. This includes fees subject to a signed funding agreement

Corporate Performance

Name	Pricing Type	Unit of Measure	GST	Year 2024/2025 Fee (incl. GST) \$	Year 2025/2026 Fee (incl. GST) \$	Increase %
FINANCIAL STRATEGY						
Finance						
Dishonoured Cheque – Dishonoured by Post Office	Full Cost	Each	N	32.50	33.50	3.08%
Dishonoured Cheque – Dishonoured by Bank	Full Cost	Each	N	32.50	33.50	3.08%
Rates and Charges						
Land Information Certificate	Full Cost	Unit	N	1.8 Units	1.8 Units	-
Property Ownership Detail - per hour	Full Cost	Per hour	N	67.00	69.50	3.73%
Rate Searches 15 year - per hour	Full Cost	Per hour	N	67.00	69.50	3.73%
Rate Searches 30 year - per hour	Full Cost	Per hour	N	67.00	69.50	3.73%
Sales Information to Valuers	Full Cost	Per month	N	77.00	79.50	3.25%
Reprint of previous years rates notice – per notice	Full Cost	Per year	N	17.00	17.60	3.53%
GOVERNANCE & PERFORMANCE						
Risk Management						
Public Liability Ins for venue booking (up to 3 consecutive days)	Full Cost	Function	Y	27.50	27.50	0.00%
Freedom of Information						
Application fee	Statutory	Unit	N	2 Units	2 Units	-
Search Time	Statutory	Per Hour	N	1.5 Units	1.5 Units	-
Supervision Charge	Statutory	Per Hour	N	1.5 Units	1.5 Units	-
Black and White Photocopy	Statutory	A4	N	0.20	0.20	0.00%
Photocopy other than Black and White	Full Cost	A4	N	0.70	0.75	7.14%
CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATIONS						
Customer Support						
Heathcote Service Centre – Community Art/ Meeting Spaces for Commercial/Corporate Use (up to 4 hours)	Accessible	Up to 4 hours	Y	42.00	43.50	3.57%
Heathcote Service Centre – Community Art/ Meeting Spaces for Commercial/Corporate Use (over 4 hours)	Accessible	Over 4 hours	Y	68.50	71.00	3.65%
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY						
File Retrieval Fee (Commercial)	Full Cost	Each	N	283.00	291.50	3.00%
File Retrieval Fee (Residential)	Full Cost	Each	N	170.00	175.50	3.24%

Strategy & Growth

Name	Pricing Type	Unit of Measure	GST	Year 2024/2025 Fee (incl. GST) \$	Year 2025/2026 Fee (incl. GST) \$	Increase %
BENDIGO VENUES & EVENTS						
Public Programs						
Numerous public programs and events	Accessible	Person	Y	Varies	Varies	-
Venue Hire – Local Community Hirers						
Old Fire Station - Downstairs Office – Weekly	Accessible	Week	Y	125.00	128.00	2.40%
Old Fire Station - Rear - Back Meeting Rooms – Day	Accessible	Day	Y	63.00	65.00	3.17%
Old Fire Station - Rear - Back Meeting Rooms – up to 4 hours	Accessible	Half Day	Y	38.00	39.00	2.63%
Old Fire Station - Upstairs Office – Weekly	Accessible	Week	Y	125.00	128.00	2.40%
Capital Theatre Rental (5 hrs) – Community Hirers	Accessible	Event	Y	845.00	900.00	6.51%
Capital Theatre additional Performance/s in same day – Community Hirers	Accessible	Event	Y	422.00	450.00	6.64%
Capital Theatre Hire (basic event with minimal staging and technical requirements) – Community Hirers	Accessible	Day	Y	683.00	690.00	1.02%
Capital Theatre Bump In/Out and Stage Rehearsals – Community Hirers	Accessible	Hour	Y	59.00	64.00	8.47%
Capital Theatre Dark Day/minimum hire rate – Community Hirers	Accessible	Event	Y	683.00	690.00	1.02%
Banquet Room/Bendigo Bank Theatre Performance Rental (max 5 hrs)	Accessible	Event	Y	222.50	244.00	9.66%
Banquet Room/Bendigo Bank Theatre Performance Additional Hours	Accessible	Hour	Y	39.00	40.00	2.56%
Banquet Room/Bendigo Bank Theatre Non Performance Rental Hire – Day	Accessible	Day	Y	283.50	429.00	51.32%
Banquet Room/Bendigo Bank Theatre Non Performance Rental Hire – Half Day	Accessible	Half Day	Y	170.00	258.00	51.76%
Lanyon Room – Day – Community Hirers	Accessible	Day	Y	172.00	177.50	3.20%
Lanyon Room – Half Day – Community Hirers	Accessible	Half Day	Y	103.50	106.50	2.90%
Old Fire Station Upstairs – Ballet Studio – Day – Community Hirers	Accessible	Day	Y	140.00	144.50	3.21%
Old Fire Station Upstairs – Ballet Studio – Half Day – Community Hirers	Accessible	Half Day	Y	95.00	98.00	3.16%
Old Fire Station Upstairs – Ballet Studio – Weekly	Accessible	Week	Y	785.00	809.00	3.06%
Old Fire Station – Downstairs – Auditorium – Day – Community Hirers	Accessible	Day	Y	140.00	144.50	3.21%
Old Fire Station – Downstairs – Auditorium – Half Day – Community Hirers	Accessible	Half Day	Y	95.00	98.00	3.16%
Old Fire Station – Downstairs – Auditorium – Weekly	Accessible	Week	Y	785.00	809.00	3.06%
Dudley House – Day	Accessible	Day	Y	140.00	144.50	3.21%
Dudley House - Garden space (up to 50 people) - Community Hirers	Accessible	Day	Y	106.00	109.50	3.30%
Dudley House – Half Day	Accessible	Half Day	Y	95.00	98.00	3.16%
Dudley House (Exhibitions) – Weekly	Accessible	Week	Y	785.00	809.00	3.06%
Bendigo Town Hall, Fri – Sunday – Full Day – Community Hirers	Accessible	Full Day	Y	1,090.00	1,125.00	3.21%
Bendigo Town Hall, Fri – Sunday – Half Day – Community Hirers	Accessible	Half Day	Y	680.00	690.00	1.47%
Bendigo Town Hall, Mon – Thursday – Full Day – Community Hirers	Accessible	Full Day	Y	870.00	900.00	3.45%
Bendigo Town Hall, Mon – Thursday – Half Day – Community Hirers	Accessible	Half Day	Y	522.00	540.00	3.45%
Town Hall Dark Day – Community Hirers	Accessible	Event	Y	870.00	900.00	3.45%
Ulumbarra Theatre Rental (5 hrs) – Community Hirers	Accessible	Event	Y	1,560.00	1,610.00	3.21%

Strategy & Growth continued.

Name	Pricing Type	Unit of Measure	GST	Year 2024/2025 Fee (incl. GST) \$	Year 2025/2026 Fee (incl. GST) \$	Increase %
Ulumbarra Theatre additional performance/s in same day – Community Hirers	Accessible	Event	Y	780.00	805.00	3.21%
Ulumbarra Theatre Bump In/Out and Stage Rehearsals – Community Hirers	Accessible	Hour	Y	109.00	113.00	3.67%
Ulumbarra Theatre Dark Day/minimum hire rate – Community Hirers	Accessible	Event	Y	770.00	847.00	10.00%
Ulumbarra Theatre Hire (basic event with minimal staging and technical requirements) – Community Hirers	Accessible	Day	Y	1,060.00	1,060.00	0.00%
Hon Howard Nathan Foyer venue hire non-performance – Day – Community Hirers	Accessible	Day	Y	567.00	584.00	3.00%
Hon Howard Nathan Foyer venue hire – non performance – Half Day – Community Hirers	Accessible	Half Day	Y	340.00	350.00	2.94%
Ulumbarra Balcony Foyer venue hire non-performance – Day – Community Hirers	Accessible	Day	Y	283.50	292.00	3.00%
Ulumbarra Balcony Foyer venue hire non-performance – Half Day – Community Hirers	Accessible	Half Day	Y	170.00	175.00	2.94%
Ulumbarra Stratagem, Dance, Drama Studio, MPR venue hire – Community Hirers	Full Cost	Day	Y	Cost charged by BSSC	Cost charged by BSSC	-
Capital Theatre - overtime for venue hire (exceeding 12 hours of hire in a day)	Accessible	Per hour for any hours exceeding 12 hours	Y		128.00	-
Ulumbarra Theatre - overtime for venue hire (exceeding 12 hours of hire in a day)	Market	Per hour for any hours over 12 hours	Y		226.00	-
Other – Local Community Hirers						
Supervising Technician – Community Hirers	Accessible	Hour	Y	44.50	46.00	3.37%
FoH Supervisor/Attendant – Community Hirers	Accessible	Hour	Y	44.50	46.00	3.37%
Box Office Staff/Merchandise Staff – Community Hirers	Accessible	Hour	Y	44.50	46.00	3.37%
Technicians – Community Hirers	Accessible	Hour	Y	44.50	46.00	3.37%
Additional Cleaning – Community Hirers	Full Cost	Hour	Y	By negotiation	By negotiation	-
Mid Conference Clean – Community Hirers	Full Cost	Each	Y	By negotiation	By negotiation	-
Catering Costs (Various Menus for Different Functions) – Community Hirers	Full Cost	Person	Y	By negotiation	By negotiation	-
Equipment Hire, Service and Consumables – Local Community Hirers						
Additional Speaker – KV2	Market	Per Speaker	Y	20.00	21.00	5.00%
Balcony Front Conductor TV's (UT only)	Market	Per Day	Y	50.00	51.50	3.00%
Choir hanging microphones	Market	Each	Y	45.00	46.00	2.22%
Hazer	Market	Unit	Y	136.00	140.00	2.94%
Headset Microphone (each)	Accessible	Each	Y	45.00	46.00	2.22%
Large stage up to 20 pieces	Market	Event	Y	240.00	248.00	3.33%
Medium stage 6 pieces (3m x 4m)	Market	Event	Y	120.00	124.00	3.33%
Mirror Ball	Accessible	Event	Y	44.50	46.00	3.37%
On Stage Conference Package - Screen and projector, vision mixer and monitor, long range clicker, laptop, side of stage set up	Full Cost	Event	Y	339.00	350.00	3.24%
Portable Astera AX3 LED Par Set	Market	Per Hire	Y	200.00	206.00	3.00%
QL1 Monitor Mixing desk	Market	Event	Y	160.00	165.00	3.13%
Small stage 2 pieces (2m x 2m)	Market	Event	Y	40.00	42.00	5.00%
Steinway Grand Piano at Capital (without tuning)	Accessible	Day	Y	110.00	113.50	3.18%
Steinway Baby Grand at Capital (without tuning)	Accessible	Day	Y	110.00	113.50	3.18%
Kawai Baby Grand in BBT (without tuning)	Accessible	Day	Y	110.00	113.50	3.18%
Kawai Upright Piano in Capital or OFS (without tuning)	Accessible	Day	Y	110.00	113.50	3.18%
Piano Hire with Tuning – recommended (excluding Steinway Grand at The Capital)	Accessible	Day	Y	380.00	392.00	3.16%

Strategy & Growth continued.

Name	Pricing Type	Unit of Measure	GST	Year 2024/2025 Fee (incl. GST) \$	Year 2025/2026 Fee (incl. GST) \$	Increase %
Steinway Grand Piano at Capital (including tuning)	Accessible	Day	Y	474.00	489.00	3.16%
Yamaha Grand Piano at Ulumbarra (without tuning)	Accessible	Day	Y	110.00	113.50	3.18%
Yamaha Grand Piano at Ulumbarra (hire & tune – recommended)	Accessible	Day	Y	380.00	392.00	3.16%
Dancefloor (hire only) – Community Hirers	Accessible	Event	Y	120.00	124.00	3.33%
Hire of Projector in the Capital Theatre auditorium – Community Hirers	Accessible	Day	Y	226.00	233.00	3.10%
Hire of Projector in Ulumbarra Theatre auditorium	Accessible	Day	Y	226.00	233.00	3.10%
Follow spots (each unit)	Accessible	Day	Y	26.00	28.00	7.69%
Laptop hire – Community Hirers	Accessible	Day	Y	113.00	116.00	2.65%
Ulumbarra – TV hire – Community Hirers	Accessible	Day	Y	113.00	116.00	2.65%
2 x handheld wireless microphones – Community Hirers	Accessible	Event	Y	45.00	46.00	2.22%
Small portable PA system suitable for small spaces background music and speeches – Community Hirers	Accessible	Event	Y	66.00	68.00	3.03%
Additional AV/Audio/Lighting equipment – Community Hirers	Full Cost	Event	Y	Market rate	Market rate	-
Engine Room/BBT audio package: 2 foldback wedges, 4 x vocal mics, 4 x stands 2 x DI's, associated cables	Accessible	Event	Y	302.00	312.00	3.31%
Foyer/Touring Lighting package: 4 x trees, 2 x model 4 dimmer packs, 8 par can lights, associated cables	Accessible	Event	Y	404.00	416.00	2.97%
Touring PA: QSC Mixer + 2 x speakers with stands + 2 subs and cabling – small band not theatre space	Accessible	Event	Y	302.00	312.00	3.31%
Conferencing PA: QSC Mixer module + 2 x speakers with stands and cabling – use in non theatre space	Accessible	Event	Y	302.00	312.00	3.31%
Conference Kit Ulumbarra foyer: Conferencing PA, 2 speakers with stands, audio mixing console, 2 wireless handheld mics, lectern with mic, 1.2x2.4 stage – Community Hirers	Accessible	Event	Y	340.00	350.00	2.94%
Fast fold screen – Community Hirers	Accessible	Event	Y	404.00	416.00	2.97%
2 x push up poles and black draping – Community Hirers	Accessible	Event	Y	203.00	210.00	3.45%
Gaffer tape – Community Hirers	Full Cost	Per roll	Y	30.50	31.50	3.28%
Batteries – Community Hirers	Full Cost	Each	Y	3.00	3.10	3.33%
Electrical tape – Community Hirers	Full Cost	Roll	Y	2.40	2.50	4.17%
Mark up tape – Community Hirers	Full Cost	Roll	Y	4.60	4.80	4.35%
Missed Meal Break Allowance – Community Hirers	Full Cost	Each	Y	25.00	50.00	100.00%
Security on Sundays & after midnight – Community Hirers	Full Cost	Hour	Y	Market rate	Market rate	-
Security – Monday to Saturday Prior to Midnight – Community Hirers	Full Cost	Hour	Y	Market rate	Market rate	-
Standard use of NBN service where available – Community Hirers	Full Cost	Day	Y	66.00	68.00	3.03%
Box Office Fees – Local Community Hirers						
Inside charge - Per Ticket Sold – Community Hirers	Accessible	Ticket	Y	2.10	2.50	19.05%
Inside charge - Per Complimentary Ticket Issued – Community Hirers	Accessible	Ticket	Y	0.95	0.95	0.00%
Inside charge - Free event online only registration – Community Hirers	Full Cost	Ticket	Y	0.40	0.40	0.00%
Inside Charge - Credit Card Charges – Community Hirers	Full Cost	Value of Sales	Y	2%	2%	-

Name	Pricing Type	Unit of Measure	GST	Year 2024/2025 Fee (incl. GST) \$	Year 2025/2026 Fee (incl. GST) \$	Increase %
Marketing Costs – Local Community Hirers						
OFS Billboard – Community Hirers	Full Cost	Billboard	Y	By negotiation	By negotiation	-
EDM (Electronic direct mail) – Community Hirers	Full Cost	Email	Y	110.00	113.50	3.18%
Social Media boost – Community Hirers	Full Cost	Service	Y	By negotiation	By negotiation	-
Newspaper advertising – Community Hirers	Full Cost	Unit	Y	By negotiation	By negotiation	-
Large Format Light Box Poster Print – Community Hirers	Full Cost	Unit	Y	By negotiation	By negotiation	-
Marketing services	Full Cost	By negotiation	Y		By negotiation	-
Ticketing Services – Local Community Hirers						
Inside charge - Per Complimentary Ticket Issued	Accessible	Per Complimentary Ticket Issued	Y		0.95	-
Inside charge - Per Ticket Sold	Accessible	Per Ticket Sold	Y		2.50	-
New venue builds, customisation and web development	Full Cost	By negotiation	Y		By negotiation	-
Venue Hire – Commercial Hirers						
Old Fire Station - Downstairs Office – Weekly	Market	Week	Y	167.00	172.00	2.99%
Old Fire Station - Rear - Back Meeting Rooms - Day	Market	Day	Y	84.00	87.00	3.57%
Old Fire Station - Rear - Back Meeting Rooms – up to 4 hours	Market	Half Day	Y	52.50	54.00	2.86%
Old Fire Station - Upstairs Office – Weekly	Market	Week	Y	167.00	172.00	2.99%
Dudley House - Garden space (up to 50 people) – Commercial	Market	Day	Y	132.00	136.00	3.03%
Capital Theatre Rental (5 hrs) – Commercial Hirers	Market	Event	Y	1,580.00	1,625.00	2.85%
Capital Theatre additional Performance/s in same day – Commercial Hirers	Market	Event	Y	790.00	813.00	2.91%
Capital Theatre Hire (basic event with minimal staging and technical requirements) – Commercial Hirers	Market	Day	Y	878.00	905.00	3.08%
Capital Theatre Bump In/Out and Stage Rehearsals – Commercial Hirers	Market	Hour	Y	110.00	113.00	2.73%
Capital Theatre Dark Day/minimum hire fee – Commercial Hirers	Market	Event	Y	878.00	905.00	3.08%
Banquet Room/Bendigo Bank Theatre Performance Rental (max 5 hours)– Commercial Hirers	Market	Event	Y	518.00	533.00	2.90%
Banquet Room/Bendigo Bank Theatre performance additional hrs – Commercial Hirers	Market	Hour	Y	59.50	61.00	2.52%
Banquet Room/Bendigo Bank Theatre Rental Only Non-Performance Hire – Day – Commercial Hirers	Market	Day	Y	533.00	725.00	36.02%
Banquet Room/Bendigo Bank Theatre Rental Only Non-Performance Hire – Half Day – Commercial Hirers	Market	Half Day	Y	320.00	435.00	35.94%
Lanyon Room – Day – Commercial Hirers	Market	Day	Y	266.00	274.00	3.01%
Lanyon Room – Half day – Commercial Hirers	Market	Half Day	Y	160.00	165.00	3.13%
Old Fire Station Upstairs – Ballet Studio – Day – Commercial Hirers	Market	Day	Y	266.00	274.00	3.01%
Old Fire Station Upstairs – Ballet Studio – Half Day – Commercial Hirers	Market	Half Day	Y	160.00	165.00	3.13%
Old Fire Station Upstairs Ballet Studio – Weekly Rental – Commercial Hirers	Market	Week	Y	1,490.00	1,535.00	3.02%
Old Fire Station – Downstairs – Auditorium – Day – Commercial Hirers	Market	Day	Y	266.00	274.00	3.01%
Old Fire Station – Downstairs – Auditorium – Half Day – Commercial Hirers	Market	Half Day	Y	160.00	165.00	3.13%
Old Fire Station – Downstairs – Auditorium – Weekly Rental – Commercial Hirers	Market	Week	Y	1,490.00	1,535.00	3.02%

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Dudley House Daily Rental – Commercial Hirers	Market	per day	Y	266.00	274.00	3.01%
Dudley House Half Day Rental – Commercial Hirers	Market	Half Day	Y	160.00	165.00	3.13%
Dudley House Weekly Rental (Exhibitions) – Commercial Hirers	Market	Week	Y	1,490.00	1,535.00	3.02%
Bendigo Town Hall, Fri – Sunday – Full Day – Commercial Hirers	Market	Full Day	Y	1,950.00	2,010.00	3.08%
Bendigo Town Hall, Fri – Sunday – Half Day – Commercial Hirers	Market	Half Day	Y	1,200.00	1,240.00	3.33%
Bendigo Town Hall, Mon – Thursday – Full Day – Commercial Hirers	Market	Full Day	Y	1,565.00	1,610.00	2.88%
Bendigo Town Hall, Mon – Thursday – Half Day – Commercial Hirers	Market	Half Day	Y	940.00	965.00	2.66%
Town Hall Dark Day – Commercial Hirers	Market	Event	Y	1,565.00	1,610.00	2.88%
Ulumbarra Theatre Rental (max 5 hrs) – Commercial Hirers	Market	Event	Y	2,370.00	2,445.00	3.16%
Ulumbarra Theatre additional performance/s in same day – Commercial Hirers	Market	Event	Y	1,185.00	1,225.00	3.38%
Ulumbarra Theatre Bump In/Out and Stage Rehearsals – Commercial Hirers	Market	Hour	Y	164.00	168.00	2.44%
Ulumbarra Theatre Dark Day/minimum hire rate – Commercial Hirers	Market	per day	Y	1,320.00	1,350.00	2.27%
Ulumbarra Theatre Hire (basic event with minimal staging and technical requirements) – Commercial Hirers	Market	Day	Y	1,320.00	1,350.00	2.27%
Hon Howard Nathan Foyer venue hire non-performance – day – Commercial Hirers	Market	Day	Y	844.00	869.00	2.96%
Hon Howard Nathan Foyer venue hire – non performance – half day – Commercial Hirers	Market	Half Day	Y	506.00	522.00	3.16%
Ulumbarra Balcony Foyer venue hire non-performance – day – Commercial Hirers	Market	Day	Y	422.00	435.00	3.08%
Ulumbarra Balcony Foyer venue hire non-performance – half day – Commercial Hirers	Market	Half Day	Y	253.00	261.00	3.16%
Ulumbarra Stratagem, Dance, Drama Studio, MPR venue hire – Commercial Hirers	Full Cost	Day	Y	Cost charged by BSSC	Cost charged by BSSC	-
Capital Theatre - overtime for venue hire (exceeding 12 hours in a day)	Market	Per hour for any hours over 12 hours	Y		226.00	-
Ulumbarra Theatre - overtime for venue hire (exceeding 12 hours in a day)	Market	Per hour for any hours over 12 hours	Y		336.00	-
Other – Commercial Hirers						
Supervising Technician – Commercial Hirers	Market	Hour	Y	58.00	60.00	3.45%
FoH Supervisor / Attendant – Commercial Hirers	Market	Hour	Y	58.00	60.00	3.45%
Box Office Staff/Merchandise Staff – Commercial Hirers	Market	Hour	Y	58.00	60.00	3.45%
Technicians – Commercial Hirers	Market	Hour	Y	58.00	60.00	3.45%
Additional Cleaning – Commercial Hirers	Market	As Required	Y	By negotiation	By negotiation	-
Mid Conference Clean – Commercial Hirers	Market	Each	Y	By negotiation	By negotiation	-
Catering Costs (Various Menus for Different Functions) – Commercial Hirers	Market	Person	Y	By negotiation	By negotiation	-
Equipment Hire, Service and Consumables – Commercial Hirers						
Additional Speaker – KV2	Market	Per Speaker	Y	20.00	21.00	5.00%
Balcony Front Conductor TV's (UT only)	Market	Each	Y	50.00	51.50	3.00%
Choir hanging microphones	Market	Each	Y	45.00	46.00	2.22%
Hazer (per unit)	Market	Unit	Y	136.00	140.00	2.94%
Headset Microphone (each)	Full Cost	Each	Y	45.00	46.00	2.22%
Large stage up to 20 pieces	Market	Event	Y	240.00	248.00	3.33%
Medium stage 6 pieces (3m x 4m)	Market	Event	Y	120.00	124.00	3.33%

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Mirror Ball	Full Cost	Event	Y	58.00	60.00	3.45%
On Stage Conference Package - Screen and projector, vision mixer and monitor, long range clicker, laptop, side of stage set up	Full Cost	Event	Y	405.00	418.00	3.21%
Portable Astera AX3 LED Par Set	Market	Each	Y	200.00	206.00	3.00%
QL1 Monitor Mixing desk	Market	Event	Y	160.00	165.00	3.13%
Small stage 2 pieces (2m x 2m)	Market	Event	Y	40.00	42.00	5.00%
Steinway Grand Piano at Capital (hire & tuning)	Market	Day	Y	490.00	505.00	3.06%
Steinway Baby Grand at Capital (hire & tuning)	Market	Day	Y	460.00	474.00	3.04%
Kawai Baby Grand in BBT (hire & tuning)	Market	Day	Y	460.00	474.00	3.04%
Kawai Upright Piano in Capital or OFS (hire & tuning)	Market	Day	Y	460.00	474.00	3.04%
Yamaha Grand Piano at Ulumbarra (hire & tuning)	Market	Day	Y	460.00	474.00	3.04%
Additional piano tune on same day	Market	Day	Y	Fee at market cost	Fee at market cost	-
Dancefloor (hire only) – Commercial Hirers	Market	Event	Y	120.00	124.00	3.33%
Hire of Projector in the Capital Theatre auditorium – Commercial Hirers	Market	Day	Y	226.00	233.00	3.10%
Projector and screen hire in Ulumbarra auditorium – Commercial Hirers	Market	Day	Y	226.00	233.00	3.10%
Follow spot hire (per unit) – Commercial Hirers	Market	Event	Y	71.50	74.00	3.50%
Laptop hire – Commercial Hirers	Market	Day	Y	113.00	116.00	2.65%
Ulumbarra – TV hire – Commercial Hirers	Market	Each	Y	113.00	116.00	2.65%
2 x handheld wireless microphones – Commercial Hirers	Market	Event	Y	45.00	46.00	2.22%
Small portable PA system suitable for small spaces background music and speeches – Commercial Hirers	Market	Event	Y	66.00	68.00	3.03%
Conference Kit Ulumbarra foyer: Conferencing PA, 2 speakers with stands, audio mixing console, 2 wireless handheld mics, lectern with mic, 1.2x2.4 stage – Commercial Hirers	Market	Event	Y	400.00	412.00	3.00%
Engine Room/BBT audio package: up to 2 foldback wedges, 4 x vocal mics, 4 x stands 2 x DI's, associated cables – no discounts for less items – Commercial Hirers	Market	Event	Y	355.00	366.00	3.10%
Foyer/Touring Lighting package: up to 4 x trees, 2 x model 4 dimmer packs, 8 par can lights, associated cables – Commercial Hirers	Market	Event	Y	475.00	490.00	3.16%
Touring PA: QSC Mixer + 2 x speakers with stands + 2 subs and cabling – small band not theatre space – Commercial Hirers	Market	Event	Y	355.00	366.00	3.10%
Conferencing PA: QSC Mixer module + 2 x speakers with stands and cabling – use in non theatre space – Commercial Hirers	Market	Event	Y	355.00	366.00	3.10%
Fast fold screen – Commercial Hirers	Market	Event	Y	475.00	490.00	3.16%
2 x push up poles and black draping – Commercial Hirers	Market	Event	Y	238.00	245.00	2.94%
Additional AV/Audio/Lighting equipment – Commercial Hirers	Market	Event	Y	Market rate	Market rate	-
Electrical tape – Commercial Hirers	Full Cost	Roll	Y	2.40	2.50	4.17%
Mark up tape – Commercial Hirers	Full Cost	Roll	Y	4.60	4.80	4.35%
Gaffer tape – Commercial Hirers	Full Cost	Per roll	Y	30.50	31.50	3.28%
Batteries – Commercial Hirers	Full Cost	Each	Y	3.00	3.10	3.33%
Missed Meal Break Allowance – Commercial Hirers	Full Cost	Each	Y	25.00	50.00	100.00%
Security on Sundays & after midnight – Commercial Hirers	Market	Hour	Y	Market rate	Market rate	-
Security – Monday to Saturday Prior to Midnight – Commercial Hirers	Market	Hour	Y	Market rate	Market rate	-

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Standard use of NBN service where available – Commercial Hirers	Market	Day	Y	66.00	68.00	3.03%
Box Office Fees – Commercial Hirers						
Merchandise Fee	Full Cost	Total % of sales	Y	11%	11%	-
Ticket Inside Commission (average ticket price greater than \$50)	Market	Ticket	Y	10%	10%	-
Inside charge - Per Ticket Sold (average ticket price \$50 or under) – Commercial Hirers	Market	Ticket	Y	5.00	5.00	0.00%
Inside Charge - Per Complimentary Ticket Issued – Commercial Hirers	Market	Ticket	Y	2.10	2.10	0.00%
Inside Charge - Free event online only registration – Commercial Hirers	Market	Ticket	Y	0.40	0.40	0.00%
Marketing Costs – Commercial Hirers						
Collateral Distribution	Full Cost	Event	Y	55.00	57.00	3.64%
OFS Billboard – Commercial Hirers	Market	Billboard	Y	By negotiation	By negotiation	-
EDM (Electronic Direct Mail) – Commercial Hirers	Market	Email	Y	110.00	113.50	3.18%
Social Media boost – Commercial Hirers	Market	Service	Y	By negotiation	By negotiation	-
Newspaper advertising – Commercial Hirers	Market	Unit	Y	By negotiation	By negotiation	-
Large Format Light Box Poster Print – Commercial Hirers	Market	Unit	Y	By negotiation	By negotiation	-
Marketing services	Full Cost	By negotiation	Y		By negotiation	-
Industry Service Fee – Commercial Hirers						
LPA Industry Service Fee	Market	Event	Y	On charge of regulated fee set by Live Performance Australia	On charge of regulated fee set by Live Performance Australia	-
Ticketing Services – Commercial Hirers						
Inside charge - Per Ticket Sold	Market	Per ticket sold	Y		5.00	-
Inside charge - Per Complimentary Ticket Issued	Market	Per ticket	Y		2.10	-
New venue builds, customisation and web development	Full Cost	Market rate	Y		At market rate	-
Outside Ticketing Charges						
Postage Fee	Market	Transaction	Y	4.00	4.00	0.00%
Express Postage	Market	Transaction	Y	10.00	10.00	0.00%
Public Spaces						
CBD Public Spaces	Accessible	Varies	Y	Varies	Varies	-
CBD Public Space Marquee's for Commercial/ Corporate Use	Market	Per Marquee	Y	75.50	78.00	3.31%
CBD Public Space Marquee's for CBD Traders	Accessible	Per Marquee	Y	34.50	36.00	4.35%
CBD Public Space Stage for Commercial/ Corporate Use	Market	Varies	Y	Varies	Varies	-
ECONOMY & EXPERIENCE						
Bendigo Airport						
Bendigo Airport Boardroom Full Day Hire Fee	Market	Per Day	Y	260.00	268.00	3.08%
Bendigo Airport Boardroom Half Day Hire Fee	Market	Half Day	Y	130.00	134.00	3.08%
Bendigo Airport Waiting Lounge Full Day Hire Fee	Market	Per Day	Y	360.00	371.00	3.06%
Bendigo Airport Waiting Lounge Half Day Hire Fee	Market	Half Day	Y	180.00	185.50	3.06%
Daily office hire	Full Cost	Daily Hire	N		165.00	-
Non-Emergency Call Out Fee	Market	Each	Y	200.00	206.00	3.00%
Replacement Terminal Key	Market	Each	Y	150.00	154.50	3.00%
Airport Rental Rates						
Airport unserviced lease rate	Market	Site Value	Y	site value x 0.0737 (incl. GST)	site value x 0.0737 (incl. GST)	-

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Airport serviced lease rate	Market	Site Value	Y	site value x 0.1229 (incl. GST)	site value x 0.1229 (incl. GST)	-
Airport License Fees – applicable to new leases only based on use (annual CPI applies)						
Handstand Parking - Annual	Full Cost	Each	Y	3,872.65	3,988.83	3.00%
Private use	Market	Licence	Y	353.00	364.00	3.12%
Commercial use	Market	Licence	Y	704.00	726.00	3.13%
Premium use	Market	Licence	Y	1,125.00	1,160.00	3.11%
Landing fee - per landing	Market	\$p/1,000kg	Y	12.80	13.20	3.12%
<i>Aircraft below 1,000kg will be charged at a 1,000kg minimum.</i>						
Local user fee - annual	Market	\$p/1,000kg	Y	379.00	391.00	3.17%
<i>Aircraft below 1,000kg will be charged at a 1,000kg minimum. Aircraft over 3,000kg cannot apply for an annual option.</i>						
Non local user fee - annual	Market	\$p/1,000kg	Y	632.00	651.00	3.01%
<i>Aircraft below 1,000kg will be charged at a 1,000kg minimum. Aircraft over 3,000kg cannot apply for an annual option.</i>						
Passenger fee	Market	Per passenger	Y	15.60	16.20	3.85%
Flight training – Bendigo Airport leaseholder - annual	Market	Per aircraft	Y	1,265.00	1,305.00	3.16%
Flight training – non local - annual	Market	Per aircraft	Y	2,525.00	2,605.00	3.17%
Hardstand parking - per day	Market	Per aircraft	Y	14.00	14.60	4.29%
<i>First 3 nights of aircraft parking per calendar month are free for non locals.</i>						
Grassed parking per day	Market	Per aircraft	Y	6.40	6.60	3.12%
Grassed parking annual	Market	Per aircraft	Y	1,265.00	1,305.00	3.16%
Tourism Other						
Shop Sales including goods on consignment	Market	Item	Y	Varies	Varies	-
Tours/Commission	Market	Booking	Y	Varies	Varies	-
Accommodation	Full Cost	Booking	Y	10%	Varies	-
Federation Room Conference Facility						
Hire – Corporate Rate – Half Day – Federation Room Conference Facility	Full Cost	9am-1pm or 1-5pm	Y	159.00	164.00	3.14%
Hire – Corporate Rate – Full Day – Federation Room Conference Facility	Full Cost	9am-1pm or 9am-5pm	Y	268.00	276.50	3.17%
Hire – Corporate Rate – After Hours – Federation Room Conference Facility	Full Cost	Hourly	Y	74.00	76.50	3.38%
Hire – Community and Industry Rate – Half Day – Federation Room Conference Facility	Full Cost	9am-1pm or 1-5pm	Y	104.00	107.50	3.37%
Hire – Community and Industry Rate – Full Day – Federation Room Conference Facility	Full Cost	9am-5pm	Y	172.00	177.50	3.20%
Hire – Community and Industry Rate – After Hours – Federation Room Conference Facility	Full Cost	Hourly	Y	49.50	51.00	3.03%
Tea and Coffee – Federation Room Conference Facility	Full Cost	Head	Y	4.20	4.40	4.76%
Security Open – After Hours – Federation Room Conference Facility	Full Cost	Each	Y	49.00	50.50	3.06%
Security Close – After Hours – Federation Room Conference Facility	Full Cost	Each	Y	49.00	50.50	3.06%
Security After Hours for functions/events (4 hour minimum) cost per hour indicated – Weeknights – Federation Room Conference Facility	Full Cost	Each	Y	51.00	53.00	3.92%
Security After Hours for functions/events (4 hour minimum) cost per hour indicated – Saturday – Federation Room Conference Facility	Full Cost	Each	Y	54.50	56.50	3.67%
Security After Hours for functions/events (4 hour minimum) cost per hour indicated – Sunday – Federation Room Conference Facility	Full Cost	Each	Y	67.00	69.50	3.73%
Security After Hours for functions/events (4 hour minimum) cost per hour indicated – Public Holiday – Federation Room Conference Facility	Full Cost	Each	Y	72.50	75.00	3.45%

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Additional cleaning outside normal cleaning – cost per hour indicated – Federation Room Conference Facility	Full Cost	Each	Y	69.50	72.00	3.60%
Staff Call Out Fee for After Hours Functions – cost per call out indicated – Federation Room Conference Facility	Full Cost	Each	Y	69.50	72.00	3.60%
Hire of Projector/whiteboard – Federation Room Conference Facility	Full Cost	Day	Y	114.00	114.00	0.00%
The Basement Conference Facility						
Hire – Corporate Rate – Half Day – The Basement Conference Facility	Full Cost	9am-1pm or 1-5pm	Y	159.00	164.00	3.14%
Hire – Corporate Rate – Full Day – The Basement Conference Facility	Full Cost	9am-1pm or 9am-5pm	Y	268.00	276.50	3.17%
Hire – Corporate Rate – After Hours – The Basement Conference Facility	Full Cost	Hourly	Y	74.00	76.50	3.38%
Hire – Community and Industry Rate – Half Day – The Basement Conference Facility	Full Cost	9am-1pm or 1-5pm	Y	104.00	107.50	3.37%
Hire – Community and Industry Rate – Full Day – The Basement Conference Facility	Full Cost	9am-5pm	Y	172.00	177.50	3.20%
Hire – Community and Industry Rate – After Hours – The Basement Conference Facility	Full Cost	Hourly	Y	49.50	51.00	3.03%
Tea and Coffee – The Basement Conference Facility	Full Cost	Head	Y	4.20	4.40	4.76%
Security Open – After Hours – The Basement Conference Facility	Full Cost	Each	Y	49.00	50.50	3.06%
Security Close – After Hours – The Basement Conference Facility	Full Cost	Each	Y	49.00	50.50	3.06%
Security After Hours for functions/events (4 hour minimum) cost per hour indicated – Weeknights – The Basement Conference Facility	Full Cost	Each	Y	51.00	53.00	3.92%
Security After Hours for functions/events (4 hour minimum) cost per hour indicated – Saturday – The Basement Conference Facility	Full Cost	Each	Y	54.50	56.50	3.67%
Security After Hours for functions/events (4 hour minimum) cost per hour indicated – Sunday – The Basement Conference Facility	Full Cost	Each	Y	67.00	69.50	3.73%
Security After Hours for functions/events (4 hour minimum) cost per hour indicated – Public Holiday – The Basement Conference Facility	Full Cost	Each	Y	72.50	75.00	3.45%
Additional cleaning outside normal cleaning – cost per hour indicated – The Basement Conference Facility	Full Cost	Each	Y	69.50	72.00	3.60%
Staff Call Out Fee for After Hours Functions – cost per call out indicated – The Basement Conference Facility	Full Cost	Each	Y	69.50	72.00	3.60%
Hire of Projector/whiteboard – The Basement Conference Facility	Full Cost	Day	Y	114.00	117.50	3.07%
LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE						
Cattle Yard Dues	Market	Per head	Y	11.40	11.80	3.51%
Cow and Calf Yard Dues	Market	Per head	Y	13.00	13.40	3.08%
Bull Yard Dues	Market	Per head	Y	14.00	14.60	4.29%
Calf Yard Dues	Market	Per head	Y	1.95	2.10	7.69%
Sheep and Lamb Yard Dues	Market	Per head	Y	0.97	1.06	9.28%
Market Fee Sheep and Lambs	Market	Dist over all Agts	Y	3,480.00	3,585.00	3.02%
AV Data (Stock Crate Wash)	Market	Per minute	Y	1.75	1.80	2.86%
Store Sales Cattle – Market fee	Market	Per head	Y	1.85	1.90	2.70%
Store Sales Sheep Fee	Market	Dist over operating Agents	Y	1,740.00	1,792.19	3.00%
Paddocking Fees Sheep and Lambs Outwards	Market	Per head per day	Y	0.15	0.25	66.67%

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Paddockings Fees Sheep and Lambs Inwards	Market	Per head	Y	0.10	0.20	100.00%
Sheep loading fee	Market	Per head	Y	0.15	0.15	0.00%
AVData Access Keys	Market	Each	Y	44.00	45.50	3.41%
Complex Hire – Full Day	Market	Day	Y	495.00	510.00	3.03%
Complex Hire – Half Day	Market	1/2 Day	Y	250.00	257.50	3.00%
Complex Hire – Conference Room	Market	Weekday	Y	210.00	210.00	0.00%
Complex Hire – Conference Room – Weekends	Market	Weekend	Y	480.00	480.00	0.00%
Complex Hire hourly rate	Market	Per hour	Y	20.00	21.00	5.00%
Agents Flagfall Sheep	Market	Dist over 6 Agts	Y	67.50	70.00	3.70%
Paddockings Fees Cattle	Market	Per head per day	Y	2.70	2.80	3.70%
Cattle Market Ring Sale	Market	Dist over 6 Agts	Y	3,215.00	3,315.00	3.11%
Cattle Market Post Weigh	Market	Dist over 6 Agts	Y	2,645.00	2,725.00	3.02%
Agents Flagfall Cattle (Rental)	Market	Dist over 6 Agts	Y	64.00	66.00	3.13%
RFID Replacement	Market	Device	Y	4.40	4.40	0.00%
Unfit Livestock Disposal Fee	Market	Animal	Y	120.00	124.00	3.33%
Unfit Livestock Disposal Fee – Selling Pen	Market	Per head	Y	240.00	247.20	3.00%
Office Rental – BASA	Market	Per month	Y	115.00	118.50	3.04%
RFID Replacement – Sheep and Lambs	Market	Per month	Y	2.15	2.30	6.98%
STRATEGIC PLANNING						
Planning Scheme Amendments						
Stage 1 - consider request	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	206 units	206 units	-
Stage 2 – up to 10 submissions	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	1,021 units	1,021 units	-
Stage 2 – 11 to 20 submissions	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	2,040 units	2,040 units	-
Stage 2 – More than 20 submissions	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	2,727 units	2,727 units	-
Stage 3 - Adopt and approval of amendment	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	32.5 units	32.5 units	-
Stage 4 - consideration and approval by the Minister	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	32.5 units	32.5 units	-
STATUTORY PLANNING						
Planning Permits*						
Application to change or allow a new use of the land - Class 1	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	89 units	89 units	-
Amendment to change the statement of what the permit allows; or change any or all conditions - Class 1	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	89 units	89 units	-
Single Dwelling – Permit Application*						
Development up to \$10,000 – Single Dwelling - Class 2	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	13.5 units	13.5 units	-
Development \$10,001 to \$100,000 – Single Dwelling - Class 3	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	42.5 units	42.5 units	-
Development \$100,001 to \$500,000 – Single Dwelling - Class 4	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	87 units	87 units	-
Development \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 – Single Dwelling - Class 5	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	94 units	94 units	-
Development \$1M to \$2M – Single Dwelling - Class 6	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	101 units	101 units	-
Single Dwelling – Amendment to Permit*						
Development up to \$10,000 – Single Dwelling – Amendment to Permit - Class 2	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	13.5 units	13.5 units	-
Development \$10,001 to \$100,000 – Single Dwelling – Amendment to Permit - Class 3	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	42.5 units	42.5 units	-

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Development \$100,001 to \$500,000 – Single Dwelling – Amendment to Permit - Class 4	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	87 units	87 units	-
Development \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 – Single Dwelling – Amendment to Permit - Class 5	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	94 units	94 units	-
Development \$1M to \$2M – Single Dwelling – Amendment to Permit - Class 6	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	94 units	94 units	-
All Other Development – Permit Application*						
Development up to \$100,000 – All Other Development - Class 10	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	77.5 units	77.5 units	-
Development \$100,001 to \$1M – All Other Development - Class 11	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	104.5 units	104.5 units	-
Development \$1M to \$5M – All Other Development - Class 12	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	230.5 units	230.5 units	-
Development \$5M to \$15M – All Other Development - Class 13	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	587.5 units	587.5 units	-
Development \$15M to \$50M – All Other Development - Class 14	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	1,732.5 units	1,732.5 units	-
Development more than \$50M – All Other Development - Class 15	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	3,894 units	3,894 units	-
All Other Development – Amendment to Permit*						
Development up to \$100,000 – All Other Development – Amendment to Permit - Class 10	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	77.5 units	77.5 units	-
Development \$100,001 to \$1M – All Other Development – Amendment to Permit - Class 11	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	104.5 units	104.5 units	-
Development \$1M to \$5M – All Other Development – Amendment to Permit - Class 12	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	230.5 units	230.5 units	-
Development \$5M to \$15M – All Other Development – Amendment to Permit - Class 13	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	230.5 units	230.5 units	-
Development \$15M to \$50M – All Other Development – Amendment to Permit - Class 14	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	230.5 units	230.5 units	-
Development more than \$50M – All Other Development – Amendment to Permit - Class 15	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	230.5 units	230.5 units	-
VicSmart – Application for Permit and Amendment to Permit*						
Development up to \$10,000 – VicSmart - Class 7	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	13.5 units	13.5 units	-
Development more than \$10,000 – VicSmart - Class 8	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	29 units	29 units	-
Application to subdivide or consolidate land – VicSmart - Class 9	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	13.5 units	13.5 units	-
Any other VicSmart application - Class 10	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	13.5 units	13.5 units	-
Subdivision – Application for Permit and Amendment to Permit*						
To subdivide an existing building - Class 16	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	89 units	89 units	-
To subdivide land into two lots - Class 17	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	89 units	89 units	-
To effect a realignment of a common boundary between 2 lots or to consolidate 2 lots - Class 18	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	89 units	89 units	-
To subdivide land – \$1,241 for each 100 lots created - Class 19	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	89 units	89 units	-
To create, vary or remove a restriction within the meaning of the Subdivision Act 1988; or to create or move 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. - Class 20	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	89 units	89 units	-
A permit not otherwise provided for in this Regulation, including a reduction in car parking requirements - Class 21	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	89 units	89 units	-
Permit Applications for More Than One Class*						
An application for more than one class of permit set out in the above table	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	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		-

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An application to amend a permit in more than one class set out in the above table	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	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		-
Fees to Amend After Notice Has Been Given*						
Section 57A – Request to amend an application for permit after notice has been given	Statutory	Amend Permit	N	40% of the application fee for that class of permit or amendment to permit; and where the class of application is changing to a new class of higher application fee, the difference between the fee for the application to be amended and the fee for the new class		-
Section 57A – Request to amend an application for an amendment to a permit after notice has been given	Statutory	Amend Permit	N	40% of the application fee for that class of permit or amendment to permit; and where the class of application is changing to a new class of higher application fee, the difference between the fee for the application to be amended and the fee for the new class		-
Advertising of Applications by Council*						
On-site notice – additional	Full Cost	Each	N	94.00	140.00	48.94%
Notice letter	Full Cost	Each	N	8.30	10.00	20.48%
On-Site Notice	Full Cost	Each	N	190.00	290.00	52.63%
Subdivision Certification*						
Certification of a plan of subdivision	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	11.8 units	11.8 units	-
Alteration of a plan	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	7.5 units	7.5 units	-
Amendment of certified plan	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	9.5 units	9.5 units	-
Subdivision Engineering – costs based on the estimated cost of construction works*						
Engineering plan prepared by Council	Statutory	Subd Value	N	3.50%	3.50%	-
Checking of engineering plans	Statutory	Subd Value	N	0.75%	0.75%	-
Supervision of works	Statutory	Subd Value	N	2.50%	2.50%	-
Sale of Documents*						
Planning file search	Full Cost	Each	N	110.00	150.00	36.36%
Planning file search - simple	Full Cost	Each	N	55.39	100.00	80.54%
Black and white photocopying A4 and A3 size	Full Cost	Each	N	0.50	0.55	10.00%
Photocopying A2	Full Cost	Each	N	2.60	2.60	0.00%
Other Planning Fees*						
Condition 1 minor amendments to plans	Full Cost	Each	N	150.00	155.00	3.33%
Planning Information Request	Full Cost	Each	N	100.00	150.00	50.00%
Planning information request – detailed	Full Cost	Each	N	220.00	270.00	22.73%
Pre application meeting – basic	Full Cost	Each	N		150.00	-
Pre application meeting – detailed	Full Cost	Each	N		270.00	-
Pre application meeting – intermediate	Full Cost	Each	N		200.00	-
Retrospective permit – additional fee	Full Cost	Each	N	315.00	325.00	3.17%
Satisfaction matters	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	22 units	22 units	-
Secondary consent to plans	Full Cost	Fee Unit	N	285.00	310.00	8.77%
Extension of Time – 1st request	Full Cost	Each	N	240.00	300.00	25.00%
Extension of Time – 2nd request	Full Cost	Each	N	480.00	550.00	14.58%
Extension of Time – 3rd request	Full Cost	Each	N	720.00	800.00	11.11%
Amend or end a Section 173 Agreement	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	44.5 units	44.5 units	-
Certificate of Compliance section 97N	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	22 units	22 units	-
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Healthy Communities & Environments

Name	Pricing Type	Unit of Measure	GST	Year 2024/2025 Fee (incl. GST) \$	Year 2025/2026 Fee (incl. GST) \$	Increase %
SAFE ENVIRONMENTS						
Building Fee						
Class 10 Misc Structures Garages/Sheds (2 Insp) Over \$100,001	Full Cost	Application	Y		Varies	-
Class 10 Misc Structures Garages/Sheds (2 Insp) up to \$100,000	Full Cost	Application	Y		1,800.00	-
Class 10 Misc Structures Garages/Sheds (2 Insp) up to \$75,000	Full Cost	Application	Y		1,500.00	-
Class 1 Dwellings (max 5 inspections) less than \$400,000	Full Cost	Application	Y	3,780.00	3,895.00	3.04%
Class 1 Dwellings (max 5 inspections), greater than \$400,000	Full Cost	Application	Y	4,985.00	5,135.00	3.01%
Class 1 Multi Unit Developments (first Unit)	Full Cost	Application	Y	2,260.00	2,330.00	3.10%
Class 1 Alterations and Additions less than \$100,000 (max 4 inspections)	Full Cost	Application	Y	2,385.00	2,460.00	3.14%
Class 1 Alterations and Additions greater than \$100,000 (max 4 inspections)	Full Cost	Application	Y	3,105.00	3,200.00	3.06%
Additional Inspections/Inspections for other Councils	Full Cost	Inspection	Y	183.50	189.50	3.27%
House Relocation/Restructure	Full Cost	Application	Y	3,770.00	3,885.00	3.05%
Class 10 Misc Structures Garages/Sheds(2 Insp) up to \$25,000	Full Cost	Application	Y	1,070.00	1,105.00	3.27%
Class 10 Misc Structures Garages/Sheds(2 Insp) up to \$50,000	Full Cost	Application	Y	1,255.00	1,295.00	3.19%
Class 10 Swimming Pools and fence	Full Cost	Application	Y	1,385.00	1,430.00	3.25%
Class 10 Small Spas and kids pools and fence	Full Cost	Application	Y	516.00	532.00	3.10%
Class 10 Pool/Spa fence only	Full Cost	Application	Y	746.00	769.00	3.08%
Restumping, recladding, verandas, decks, retaining walls up to \$12,000	Full Cost	Application	Y	965.00	994.00	3.01%
Others Classes – Price on Application	Full Cost	Application	Y	Varies	Varies	-
Change of Use Permit	Full Cost	Application	Y	2,320.00	2,390.00	3.02%
Commercial Airport Hangers (minimum fee)	Full Cost	Application	Y	1,255.00	1,295.00	3.19%
Commercial & Industrial up to \$5,000	Full Cost	Application	Y	597.00	615.00	3.02%
Commercial & Industrial \$5,001-\$15,000	Full Cost	Application	Y	836.00	862.00	3.11%
Commercial & Industrial \$15,001-\$30,000	Full Cost	Application	Y	1,080.00	1,115.00	3.24%
Commercial & Industrial \$30,001-\$100,000 value x 1.0% + \$1,000	Full Cost	Application	Y	2,300.00	2,370.00	3.04%
Commercial & Industrial \$100,001-\$500,000 value x 0.4% + \$2,200	Full Cost	Application	Y	4,815.00	4,960.00	3.01%
Commercial & Industrial \$500,001-\$2M value x 0.25% + \$3,000	Full Cost	Application	Y	9,150.00	9,425.00	3.01%
Commercial & Industrial over \$2M value/500 + \$2,000) x 1.2	Full Cost	Application	Y	Varies	Varies	-
Extension of Building Permit Class 1 and 10	Full Cost	Application	Y	317.00	327.00	3.15%
Extension of Building Permit Class 2 to 9	Full Cost	Application	Y	512.00	528.00	3.13%
Lapsed Permit Approvals and Inspections less than 5 years	Full Cost	Application	Y	367.00	379.00	3.27%
Lapsed Permit Approvals and Inspections greater than 5 years	Full Cost	Application	Y	519.00	535.00	3.08%
Amendments/Variations to Approved Documents	Full Cost	Amendment	Y	183.50	189.50	3.27%
Lodgement Fee						
Permit From Private Building Surveyor – Reg 320, etc.	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	8.23 Fee Units	8.23 Fee Units	-
Information/Reports						
Building File Retrieval from Archives (Residential)	Full Cost	Lodgement	N	170.00	175.50	3.24%

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Building File Retrieval from Archives (Commercial)	Full Cost	Lodgement	N	283.00	291.50	3.00%
Property Information Only – Regulation 326 (1) (2) (3)	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	3.19 Fee Units	3.19 Fee Units	-
Legal Point of Discharge	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	9.77 Fee Units	14.17 Fee Units	-
Local Drainage Information	Statutory	Application	N	132.61	136.59	3.00%
Report and Consent Fee	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	19.61 Fee Units	27.45 Fee Units	-
Amendment to Report and Consent	Full Cost	Fee Units	N	4 Fee Units	4 Fee Units	-
Demolitions						
Single Storey building more than 6m from street	Full Cost	Building	N	1,095.00	1,130.00	3.20%
Form 29A Report & Consent	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	5.75 Fee Units	5.75 Fee Units	-
Asset Protection						
Asset Protection Permit	Full Cost	Permit	N	132.00	136.00	3.03%
Miscellaneous Permits (Hoarding and Road Occupation)						
Short Term Occupation in Any Area (Half Day Maximum)	Full Cost	Half Day	N	120.96	124.25	2.72%
Short Term Occupation in Any Area (1 Day Maximum)	Full Cost	Application	N	242.00	249.50	3.10%
Short Term Occupation – 2 Days	Full Cost	Application	N	292.50	302.00	3.25%
Short Term Occupation – Week	Full Cost	Application	N	390.00	402.00	3.08%
Short Term Occupation – 2 Weeks	Full Cost	Application	N	512.00	528.00	3.13%
Long Term Occupation – per month	Full Cost	Application	N	644.00	664.00	3.11%
Long Term Occupation – per month (OUTSIDE CBD) NEW FEE	Full Cost	Application	N	322.00	332.00	3.11%
Standard Hourly Rates						
Municipal Building Surveyor	Full Cost	Hour	Y	277.00	285.50	3.07%
Building Inspector	Full Cost	Hour	Y	188.00	194.00	3.19%
Administration Staff	Full Cost	Hour	Y	134.00	138.50	3.36%
Certification of Private Projects by MBS (minimum)	Full Cost	Application	Y	724.00	746.00	3.04%
POPE's (Places of Public Entertainment)						
Places of Public Entertainment Occupancy Permits – Standard	Full Cost	Each	N	416.00	429.00	3.13%
Places of Public Entertainment Occupancy Permits – Large Events	Full Cost	Each	N	611.00	630.00	3.11%
Temporary Structures and Special Use Occupancy Permits – Small Events Stands <50 people / Tents <250m2 / Stages <250m2	Full Cost	Each	N	189.50	195.50	3.17%
All POPE Applications submitted within 4 days of event attract late fee	Full Cost	Each	N	304.00	314.00	3.29%
Pool or Spa Barrier Register						
Pool or spa registration fee	Statutory	Application	N	2.15 Fee Units	2.15 Fee Units	-
Information search fee	Statutory	Each	N	3.19 Fee Units	3.19 Fee Units	-
Failure to register pool or spa barrier	Statutory	Each	N	10 Penalty Units	10 Penalty Units	-
Lodgement of certificate of compliance	Statutory	Each	N	2.07 Fee Units	1.38 Fee Units	-
Lodgement of certificate of non-compliance	Statutory	Each	N	2.3 Penalty Units	26 Fee Units	-
Failure to lodge certificate of barrier compliance	Statutory	Each	N	2.3 Penalty Units	10 Penalty Units	-
Failure to lodge certificate of barrier non-compliance	Statutory	Each	N	2.3 Penalty Units	10 Penalty Units	-
Failure to comply with a barrier improvement notice	Statutory	Each	N	2.3 Penalty Units	10 Penalty Units	-
Illegal Building Works						
Cancelling Building Notice	Incentive	Fee Unit	Y	13 Fee Units	13 Fee Units	-
Pool Fence	Incentive	Application	Y	531.00	547.00	3.01%
Basic Pool and Pool Fence (Built after Jan 2018)	Incentive	Application	Y	1,015.00	1,050.00	3.45%

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Basic Pool and Pool Fence (Built before Jan 2018)	Incentive	Application	Y	1,610.00	1,660.00	3.11%
Spa/Pool and Kids Pool Fence	Incentive	Application	Y	516.00	532.00	3.10%
Sheds (under 50 m ²)	Incentive	Application	Y	1,135.00	1,170.00	3.08%
Sheds (51 to 250m ²)	Incentive	Application	Y	1,786.96	1,840.56	3.00%
Sheds (251 to 500 m ²)	Incentive	Application	Y	2,445.00	2,520.00	3.07%
Sheds (501 to 800m ²)	Incentive	Application	Y	2,945.00	3,035.00	3.06%
Sheds (greater than 800m ²)	Incentive	Application	Y	3,657.50	3,767.23	3.00%
Verandas and Carports	Incentive	Application	Y	1,690.00	1,745.00	3.25%
New Dwellings (including change of use)	Incentive	Application	Y	5,295.00	5,455.00	3.02%
Relocatable dwellings ancillary to existing dwelling	Incentive	Application	Y	2,720.00	2,805.00	3.13%
New Commercial Buildings (Including change of use) (\$3,640 min + \$2.2/sqm floor area)	Incentive	Application	Y	4,120.00	4,245.00	3.03%
Additions, Extensions, Alterations to Dwellings (under 40 m ²)	Incentive	Application	Y	2,035.00	2,100.00	3.19%
Additions, Extensions, Alterations to Dwellings	Incentive	Application	Y	3,385.00	3,490.00	3.10%
Commercial Alterations/Additions under \$20,000 (\$2,250 plus \$2.50 per sqm)	Incentive	Application	Y	2,545.00	2,625.00	3.14%
Commercial & Industrial \$20,000 – \$50,000 (\$3,200 plus \$2.50 per sqm)	Incentive	Application	Y	3,620.00	3,730.00	3.04%
Commercial & Industrial \$50,001 – \$100,000 (\$3,700 plus \$2.50 per sqm)	Incentive	Application	Y	4,180.00	4,310.00	3.11%
Commercial & Industrial \$100,001 – \$500,000 value x 0.4% + \$6,700 Maximum fee published	Incentive	Application	Y	7,575.00	7,805.00	3.04%
Commercial & Industrial \$500,001 – \$2M value x 0.25% + \$12,500 Maximum fee published	Incentive	Application	Y	14,115.00	14,540.00	3.01%
Commercial & Industrial over \$2M value/\$500 + \$3,500) x 1.2 Maximum fee published	Incentive	Application	Y	Varies	Varies	-
Demolitions – Houses	Incentive	Application	Y	1,780.00	1,835.00	3.09%
Demolitions – Outbuildings	Incentive	Application	Y	951.00	980.00	3.05%
Demolitions – Commercial Buildings	Incentive	Application	Y	1,775.00	1,830.00	3.10%
Reblocking	Incentive	Application	Y	1,075.00	1,110.00	3.26%
Retaining Wall under 30m long	Incentive	Application	Y	804.00	829.00	3.11%
Retaining Wall over 30m long	Incentive	Application	Y	2,015.00	2,080.00	3.23%
Any illegal building works or works without a permit may incur a hourly rate. MBS - Municipal Building Surveyor \$277 per hour. BINSF - Building Inspector \$188 per hour. ADMIN - Administrative Staff \$134 per house.						
Local Laws						
Recovery of Impounded Items	Incentive	Each	N		92.50	-
A Frame – 1st Sign	Full Cost	Each	N	77.00	79.50	3.25%
A Frame – 2nd Sign	Full Cost	Each	N	159.00	164.00	3.14%
A Frame – 3rd Sign	Full Cost	Each	N	347.00	358.00	3.17%
Table and Chairs – in CBD	Full Cost	Chair	N	71.00	73.00	2.82%
Table and Chairs – outside CBD	Full Cost	Chair	N	57.50	59.00	2.61%
Local Law Permits (Processing Permit Applications/ Issuing Permits) – Commercial	Full Cost	Each	N	90.00	92.50	2.78%
Sale of copy of all Councils Local Laws Charge	Full Cost	Each	N	44.50	46.00	3.37%
Display of Goods for sale on Footpath – CBD	Full Cost	Each	N	366.00	377.00	3.01%
Display of Goods for sale on Footpath – non CBD	Full Cost	Each	N	201.00	207.00	2.99%
Display of Goods on Footpath – Decorative only – CBD	Full Cost	Each	N	150.00	154.50	3.00%
Display of Goods for sale on Footpath – Decorative only – non CBD	Full Cost	Each	N	89.00	91.50	2.81%
Late fee Administration for renewal of Outdoor Dining & Street Trading Permits	Full Cost	Each	N	207.00	213.00	2.90%

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Itinerant Trade Lake Trader	Full Cost	Monthly	N	803.00	827.00	2.99%
Itinerant Trade CBD area	Full Cost	Monthly	N	594.00	612.00	3.03%
Itinerant Trade Outer Area	Full Cost	Monthly	N	473.00	488.00	3.17%
Itinerant Trade Rural Area	Full Cost	Monthly	N	339.00	350.00	3.24%
Itinerant Trade Miscellaneous/one off permits	Full Cost	Each	N	90.00	92.50	2.78%
Live on site Application Fee	Full Cost	Application	N	232.00	239.00	3.02%
Live on site Renew Permit (each six months)	Full Cost	Application	N	232.00	239.00	3.02%
Permit fees 1 July – 30 September	Full Cost	Each	N	100% permit fee	100% permit fee	-
Permit fees 1 October – 31 December	Full Cost	Each	N	75% permit fee	75% permit fee	-
Permit fees 1 January – 31 March	Full Cost	Each	N	50% permit fee	50% permit fee	-
Permit fees 1 April – 30 June	Full Cost	Each	N	25% permit fee	25% permit fee	-
Administrative Fee – Fire Prevention – Invoices	Full Cost	Each	N	239.00	246.50	3.14%
Grass Slashing (Administrative Cost – Slashing Carried Out by Council's Contractors)	Full Cost	Time	N	100% cost recovery	100% cost recovery	-
Livestock release from pound	Market	DSE	N	\$6 per DSE	\$6 per DSE	-
Livestock impounding	Market	DSE	N	\$8 per DSE	\$8 per DSE	-
Livestock feeding daily cost	Market	DSE	N	\$2 per DSE	\$3 per DSE	-
Registration of Domestic Animal Business	Market	Fee Unit	N	12 Fee Units	12 Fee Units	-
Animal Registrations – Non Concession Fees						
Animal adopted from Bendigo Animal Relief Centre	Incentive	Animal	N	0.00	0.00	-
Cats under 12 months in first registration period	Incentive	Animal	N	0.00	0.00	-
Dogs under 12 months in first registration period	Incentive	Animal	N	0.00	0.00	-
Release Fee Cat – Day 1 (Registered on admission)	Incentive	Animal	N	0.00	0.00	-
Release Fee Dog – Day 1 (Registered on admission)	Incentive	Animal	N	0.00	0.00	-
Request to inspect the animal registry	Market	Each	N	11.00	11.55	5.00%
Request to obtain Certificate of from Registry	Market	Each	N	11.00	11.55	5.00%
Dogs – Desexed	Market	Animal	N	52.00	53.00	1.92%
Dogs – Over 10 Years	Market	Animal	N	52.00	53.00	1.92%
Dogs – Domestic Animal Business conducted on Registered Premises	Market	Animal	N	52.00	53.00	1.92%
Dogs registered with the Victorian Canine Association	Market	Animal	N	52.00	53.00	1.92%
Dog undergone Obedience Training which complies with Regulations	Market	Animal	N	52.00	53.00	1.92%
Dog kept for working stock – rural property	Market	Animal	N	52.00	53.00	1.92%
Dogs – all other	Market	Animal	N	156.00	159.00	1.92%
Cats – Desexed	Market	Animal	N	42.00	43.00	2.38%
Cats – Over 10 Years	Market	Animal	N	42.00	43.00	2.38%
Cat kept for breeding by the proprietor of a Domestic Animal Business conducted on registered premises	Market	Animal	N	42.00	43.00	2.38%
Cat registered with the Feline Control Council	Market	Animal	N	42.00	43.00	2.38%
Cats – all other	Market	Animal	N	126.00	129.00	2.38%
Animal Registrations Concession Fees						
Dogs – Desexed – concession	Market	Animal	N	26.00	26.50	1.92%
Dogs – Over 10 Years – concession	Market	Animal	N	26.00	26.50	1.92%
Dogs – Domestic Animal Business conducted on Registered Premises – concession	Market	Animal	N	26.00	26.50	1.92%
Dogs registered with the Victorian Canine Association – concession	Market	Animal	N	26.00	26.50	1.92%
Dog undergone Obedience Training which complies with Regulations – concession	Market	Animal	N	26.00	26.50	1.92%

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Dog kept for working stock – rural property – concession	Market	Animal	N	26.00	26.50	1.92%
Dogs – all other – concession	Market	Animal	N	78.00	79.50	1.92%
Cats – Desexed – concession	Market	Animal	N	21.00	21.50	2.38%
Cats – Over 10 Years – concession	Market	Animal	N	21.00	21.50	2.38%
Cat kept for breeding by the proprietor of a Domestic Animal Business conducted on registered premises.	Market	Animal	N	21.00	21.50	2.38%
Cat registered with the Feline Control Council – concession	Market	Animal	N	21.00	21.50	2.38%
Cats – all other – concession	Market	Animal	N	63.00	64.50	2.38%
Meter Hoods, etc						
Reserved parking fee paying bay (metered) – per bay	Market	Day	Y	15.20	15.80	3.95%
Reserved parking free (unmetered) time restricted bay – per bay	Market	Day	Y	7.60	7.90	3.95%
Multi Storey Carpark – Hargreaves St						
Bay Hire – level 7 (Mon-Fri)	Market	Monthly	Y	147.00	165.00	12.24%
Bay Hire – level 7 (24/7)	Market	Monthly	Y	170.00	195.50	15.00%
Bay Hire – roof top	Market	Monthly	Y	106.00	122.00	15.09%
Bay Hire – roof top (24/7)	Market	Monthly	Y	121.50	139.50	14.81%
Car Park Fees – Hargreaves St	Market	Hour/Day	Y	\$2.20/\$9.50	\$2.30/\$9.80	3.16%
Multi Storey Carpark – Edward St						
Bay Hire – Mon-Friday	Market	Monthly	Y	160.00	165.00	3.13%
Bay Hire – 24/7	Market	Monthly	Y	189.50	195.50	3.17%
Car Park Fees – Edward St	Market	Hour/Day	Y	First 90 min free then \$2.20/\$9.50	First 90 min free then \$2.30/\$9.80	3.16%
Parking Fees						
On Street Parking	Market	Per Hour	Y	2.20	2.30	4.55%
Signed all day car parking	Market	Hour/Day	Y	\$2.20/\$7.60	\$2.30/\$7.80	2.63%
Car Park Cnr Edwards & Hargreaves	Market	Hour/Day	Y	\$2.20/\$9.50	\$2.30/\$9.80	3.16%
Fines						
Unfit Livestock Disposal Fee	Market	Animal	N	113.00	116.50	3.10%
Parking Offence Road Rules	Market	Penalty Unit	N	0.5 Penalty Units	0.5 Penalty Units	-
Parking Offence Road Rules	Statutory	Penalty Unit	N	0.6 Penalty Units	0.6 Penalty Units	-
Parking Offence Road Rules	Statutory	Penalty Unit	N	1.0 Penalty Units	1.0 Penalty Units	-
Abandoned vehicle release from pound	Market	Each	N	162.00	167.00	3.09%
After hours release from Multi Storey Car Park	Market	Each	Y	144.50	149.00	3.11%
Bendigo Animal Relief Centre						
Release Fee Cat – Day 1 **	Market	Animal	N	0.00	0.00	-
Release Fee Dog – Day 1 **	Market	Animal	N	0.00	0.00	-
** Capped at 5 reclaims per financial year starting from July 1, 2025.						
Release Fee Dog – Day 1 (Unregistered on admission)	Market	Animal	N	40.00	41.00	2.50%
Release Fee Dog – Day 2-4	Market	Animal	N	100.00	103.00	3.00%
Release Fee Dog – Day 5-8	Market	Animal	N	150.00	154.00	2.67%
Release Fee Cat – Day 1 (Unregistered on admission)	Market	Animal	N	30.00	31.00	3.33%
Release Fee Cat – Day 2-4	Market	Animal	N	80.00	82.00	2.50%
Release Fee Cat – Day 5-8	Market	Animal	N	120.00	124.00	3.33%
Release Fee Small Domestic Animal – Day 1	Market	Animal	N	20.00	20.00	0.00%
Release Fee Small Domestic Animal – Day 2-4	Market	Animal	N	80.00	80.00	0.00%
Release Fee Small Domestic Animal – Day 5-8	Market	Animal	N	120.00	120.00	0.00%

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Daily keeping fee	Market	Animal	N	41.00	42.50	3.66%
Microchipping Fee Impounded	Market	Animal	N	40.00	40.00	0.00%
Microchipping fee – public	Market	Animal	N	40.00	40.00	0.00%
Vaccination fee Cat	Market	Animal	N	50.00	50.00	0.00%
Vaccination fee Dog	Market	Animal	N	75.00	75.00	0.00%
Surrender Fee – not COGB resident						
Dog	Market	Animal	Y	79.50	400.00	403.14%
Cat	Market	Animal	Y	57.00	350.00	514.04%
Adoption fees						
Puppy (up to 6 months)	Market	Animal	Y	420.00	430.00	2.38%
Dog (6 months to 7 years)	Market	Animal	Y	380.00	390.00	2.63%
Senior Dog (7 years+)	Market	Animal	Y	100.00	100.00	0.00%
Kittens (up to 6 months)	Market	Animal	Y	170.00	180.00	5.88%
Cats (6 months to 7 years)	Market	Animal	Y	120.00	130.00	8.33%
Senior Cats (7 years+)	Market	Animal	Y	50.00	50.00	0.00%
Small Domestic Animal (Rabbit, Guinea Pig, Rodent, Ferret)	Market	Animal	Y	30.00	30.00	0.00%
Miscellaneous						
Registration of Foster Carer	Full Cost	Each	N	90.00	92.50	2.78%
Animal Registration – Non Concession Fees						
Dog – Registered foster carer	Market	Animal	N	8.70	8.70	0.00%
Cat – Registered foster carer	Market	Animal	N	8.70	8.70	0.00%
ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES						
Pool Entry Fees						
Adult Ticket – Day	Accessible	Day	Y	6.40	6.60	3.12%
Child Ticket (Child under 2 years old free when accompanied by a paying adult) – Day	Accessible	Day	Y	5.20	5.40	3.85%
Family Ticket (2 adults and dependent children under 16 years of age) – Day	Accessible	Day	Y	17.00	17.60	3.53%
Concession Adult Ticket – Day	Accessible	Day	Y	5.20	5.40	3.85%
Concession Family Ticket (2 adults and dependent children under 16 years of age) – Day	Accessible	Day	Y	12.80	13.20	3.12%
Concession Student Ticket – Day	Accessible	Day	Y	5.20	5.40	3.85%
School Group Student Entry – Day	Accessible	Day	Y	2.30	2.40	4.35%
Adult Ticket – Season	Accessible	Season	Y	122.50	126.50	3.27%
Child Ticket (Child under 2 years old free when accompanied by a paying adult) – Season	Accessible	Season	Y	89.50	92.50	3.35%
Family Ticket (2 adults and dependent children under 16 years of age) – Season	Accessible	Season	Y	233.50	240.50	3.00%
Adult Extended Season Ticket	Accessible	Season	Y	185.50	191.50	3.23%
Child Extended Season Ticket	Accessible	Season	Y	145.00	149.50	3.10%
Family Extended Season Ticket (2 adults and dependent children under 16 years of age)	Accessible	Season	Y	306.00	316.00	3.27%
Concession Adult Ticket – Season	Accessible	Season	Y	92.00	95.00	3.26%
Concession Family Ticket (2 adults and dependent children under 16 years of age) – Season	Accessible	Season	Y	183.50	189.50	3.27%
Concession Adult Extended Season Ticket	Accessible	Season	Y	147.50	152.00	3.05%
Concession Family Extended Season Ticket	Accessible	Season	Y	245.50	253.00	3.05%
Rural Pool Pass – Adult	Accessible	Season	Y	93.50	96.50	3.21%
Rural Pool Pass – Child	Accessible	Season	Y	62.50	64.50	3.20%
Rural Pool Pass – Family	Accessible	Season	Y	147.50	152.00	3.05%
January 31 Season Ticket Price – Adult	Accessible	Season	Y	58.00	60.00	3.45%

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January 31 Season Ticket Price – Child	Accessible	Season	Y	44.50	46.00	3.37%
January 31 Season Ticket Price – Family	Accessible	Season	Y	111.50	115.00	3.14%
Intermediate Pool	Accessible	Hour	Y	52.50	54.50	3.81%
Dive Pool, 1m, 3m, 5m Boards	Accessible	Hour	Y	52.50	54.50	3.81%
Lane Hire	Accessible	Hour	Y	27.50	28.50	3.64%
Water Slide Hire	Accessible	Hour	Y	84.00	87.00	3.57%
Large Aquatic Facility Hire (additional charge where >400 people attend)	Accessible	Facility per hour	Y	200.00	206.00	3.00%
Small Aquatic Facility Hire (additional charge where >400 people attend)	Accessible	Facility per hour	Y	136.00	140.50	3.31%
Pool Marketing and promotional discounts	Incentive	Season	Y	Varies up to 20%	Varies up to 20%	-
Bendigo East Winter Pool Entry Fees						
Winter Seasonal Use – Adult - Concession	Accessible	Season	Y	238.00	245.50	3.15%
Winter Seasonal Use – Adult 10 Swim Pass	Accessible	Multi Visit Pass	Y	79.00	81.50	3.16%
Winter Seasonal Use – Concession 10 Swim Pass	Accessible	Multi Visit Pass	Y	60.00	62.00	3.33%
Winter Seasonal Use – Family - Concession	Accessible	Season	Y	479.00	494.00	3.13%
Winter Seasonal Use – Student - Concession	Accessible	Season	Y	238.00	245.50	3.15%
Winter Seasonal Use – Adult	Accessible	Season	Y	299.00	308.00	3.01%
Winter Seasonal Use – Child	Accessible	Season	Y	238.00	245.50	3.15%
Winter Seasonal Use – Family	Accessible	Season	Y	510.00	526.00	3.14%
Indoor Aquatic and Wellbeing Centres						
Indoor Pool Adult Casual	Accessible	Casual	Y	7.90	8.20	3.80%
Indoor Pool Casual Child/Concession Casual	Accessible	Casual	Y	5.40	5.60	3.70%
Indoor Pool Family (2 adults + dependant children)	Accessible	Casual	Y	22.00	23.00	4.55%
Indoor Pool Small Family (1 adult + dependant children)	Accessible	Casual	Y	15.20	15.80	3.95%
Indoor Pool Lane Hire	Accessible	Casual	Y	14.40	15.00	4.17%
Indoor Pool Group Entry (over 20 people)	Accessible	Casual	Y	4.50	4.70	4.44%
Indoor Pool School Child Entry	Accessible	Casual	Y	4.10	4.30	4.88%
Indoor Pool Schools 3/4 hour lesson (inc. entry)	Accessible	Session	Y	9.40	9.70	3.19%
Indoor Pool Schools 3/4 hour lesson (RLS accredited)	Accessible	Session	N	9.00	9.00	0.00%
Indoor Pool Aquatic Teacher/Instructor - From	Accessible	Hour	Y	44.50	46.00	3.37%
Indoor Pool Swim/Spa/Sauna	Accessible	Casual	Y	11.80	12.20	3.39%
Indoor Pool Swim/Spa/Sauna Concession	Accessible	Casual	Y	10.20	10.60	3.92%
Indoor Pool Adult Swim Pass 10 Visits	Accessible	Multi Visit Pass	Y	62.50	64.50	3.20%
Indoor Pool Child/Concession Pass 10 Visits	Accessible	Multi Visit Pass	Y	43.50	45.00	3.45%
Indoor Pool Family Pass 10 Visits	Accessible	Multi Visit Pass	Y	170.00	175.50	3.24%
Indoor Pool Adult Swim Pass 20 Visits	Accessible	Multi Visit Pass	Y	124.50	128.50	3.21%
Indoor Pool Child/Concession Pass 20 Visits	Accessible	Multi Visit Pass	Y	86.50	89.50	3.47%
Indoor Pool Family Swim Pass 20 Visits	Accessible	Multi Visit Pass	Y	340.00	351.00	3.24%
Aquatic Events Indoor 50m Peak Time	Accessible	Hour	Y	770.00	794.00	3.12%
Aquatic Events Indoor 50m Off Peak	Accessible	Hour	Y	357.00	368.00	3.08%
Aquatic Programs Child Learn to Swim Membership – Direct Debit	Accessible	Weekly	Y	17.80	18.40	3.37%
Aquatic Programs Adult Learn to Swim Membership – Direct Debit	Accessible	Weekly	Y	20.50	21.50	4.88%
Aquatic Programs Squad Membership – Direct Debit	Accessible	Weekly	Y	20.50	21.50	4.88%
Aquatic Programs Aqua Aerobics Class	Accessible	Casual	Y	14.40	15.00	4.17%
Aquatic Programs Aqua Aerobics Class (Concession)	Accessible	Casual	Y	11.00	11.40	3.64%

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Aquatic Programs Aqua Aerobics 20 Visit Pass	Accessible	Multi Visit Pass	Y	255.50	263.50	3.13%
Aquatic Programs Aqua Aerobics 20 Visit Pass (Concession)	Accessible	Multi Visit Pass	Y	193.50	199.50	3.10%
Aquatic Programs Aqua Play (Splish Splash – 2 to 6 months)	Accessible	Casual	Y	7.90	8.20	3.80%
Aquatic Programs Birthday Parties (per child + food)	Accessible	Session	Y	24.50	25.50	4.08%
Aquatic Membership Joining Fee - From	Accessible	Application	Y	47.50	49.00	3.16%
Aquatic Membership Adult – Direct Debit	Accessible	Weekly	Y	11.40	11.80	3.51%
Aquatic Membership Student/Concession – Direct Debit	Accessible	Weekly	Y	8.80	9.10	3.41%
6 Month Aquatic Membership Adult	Accessible	Term	Y	331.00	341.00	3.02%
6 Month Aquatic Membership Student/Concession	Accessible	Term	Y	271.50	280.00	3.13%
12 Month Aquatic Membership Adult	Accessible	Term	Y	616.00	635.00	3.08%
12 Month Aquatic Membership Student/Concession	Accessible	Term	Y	504.00	520.00	3.17%
Platinum & Gold Membership Joining Fee - From	Accessible	Application	Y	44.50	46.00	3.37%
Platinum Membership – Direct Debit	Accessible	Weekly	Y	23.00	24.00	4.35%
Platinum Membership Student/Concession – Direct Debit	Accessible	Weekly	Y	18.20	18.80	3.30%
Gold/Partner Health Membership – Direct Debit	Accessible	Weekly	Y	18.20	18.80	3.30%
Gold/Partner Health Membership Student/Concession – Direct Debit	Accessible	Weekly	Y	15.00	15.60	4.00%
Teen (13-15 years) Flexi Membership – Direct Debit	Accessible	Weekly	Y	13.40	13.80	2.99%
Coaching Zone Membership – Direct Debit - From	Accessible	Weekly	Y	56.00	58.00	3.57%
2 Weeks Platinum Membership	Accessible	Term	Y	71.00	73.50	3.52%
2 Weeks Gold/Partner Health Membership	Accessible	Term	Y	57.00	59.00	3.51%
6 Month Platinum Membership	Accessible	Term	Y	617.00	636.00	3.08%
6 Month Gold/Partner Health Membership	Accessible	Term	Y	516.00	532.00	3.10%
6 Month Teen Platinum Membership	Accessible	Term	Y	391.00	403.00	3.07%
12 Month Platinum Membership	Accessible	Term	Y	1,195.00	1,235.00	3.35%
12 Month Gold/Partner Health Membership	Accessible	Term	Y	984.00	1,015.00	3.15%
12 Month Teen Platinum Membership	Accessible	Term	Y	735.00	758.00	3.13%
Group Fitness Class Adult	Accessible	Casual	Y	14.40	15.00	4.17%
Group Fitness Class Concession/Student	Accessible	Casual	Y	11.00	11.40	3.64%
Casual Gym Adult	Accessible	Casual	Y	19.00	19.60	3.16%
Casual Gym Concession/Student	Accessible	Casual	Y	15.60	16.20	3.85%
Group Fitness Class 20 Visit Pass	Accessible	Multi Visit Pass	Y	274.00	282.50	3.10%
Group Fitness Class 20 Visit Pass Concession	Accessible	Multi Visit Pass	Y	181.00	186.50	3.04%
Casual Gym 20 Visit Pass	Accessible	Multi Visit Pass	Y	348.00	359.00	3.16%
Casual Gym Concession/Student 20 Pass Visit	Accessible	Multi Visit Pass	Y	287.50	296.50	3.13%
Personal Training – From	Accessible	Casual	Y	52.50	54.50	3.81%
School Fitness School Fitness Program Entry	Accessible	Casual	Y	6.00	6.20	3.33%
Room Hire – Multi Purpose Room	Accessible	Hour	Y	34.50	36.00	4.35%
Childcare 90 Minutes Member	Accessible	Casual	Y	10.20	10.60	3.92%
Childcare 90 Minutes Non-Member	Accessible	Casual	Y	12.40	12.80	3.23%
Occasional Care 90 Minutes Member	Accessible	Casual	Y	18.20	18.80	3.30%
Occasional Care 90 Minutes Non-Member	Accessible	Casual	Y	22.00	23.00	4.55%
Pool Marketing, sponsor and promotional discounts	Incentive	Application	Y	Varies up to 20%	Varies up to 20%	-

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Pool Marketing, sponsor and promotional discounts – Term/Monthly	Incentive	Term/ Monthly	Y	Varies up to 20%	Varies up to 20%	-
Pool Marketing, sponsor and promotional discounts – Incentive	Incentive	Casual	Y	Varies up to 20%	Varies up to 20%	-
Wellness Centre Services – From	Accessible	Session	Y	74.00	76.50	3.38%
Exercise physiology – From	Accessible	Session	Y	69.00	71.50	3.62%
Squash Court Hire 1 hour	Accessible	Hour	Y	17.20	17.80	3.49%
Squash Court Hire 1/2 hour	Accessible	1/2 hour	Y	11.60	12.00	3.45%
Stadium hire 1 hour	Accessible	Hour	Y	23.00	24.00	4.35%
Stadium hire not for profit 1 hour	Accessible	Hour	Y	17.20	17.80	3.49%
<i>Additional prices, programs and services can be added at the discretion of the CEO.</i>						
Reserves/Ovals – Season Hire						
Graded A Reserve – Season Summer	Accessible	Season	Y	4,450.00	4,585.71	3.05%
Graded A Reserve – Season Winter	Accessible	Season	Y	8,890.00	9,157.14	3.00%
Graded A Reserve – Junior Use – Season Summer	Accessible	Season	Y	2,230.00	2,300.00	3.14%
Graded A Reserve – Junior Use – Season Winter	Accessible	Season	Y	4,450.00	4,585.71	3.05%
Graded B Reserve – Season Summer	Accessible	Season	Y	2,230.00	2,300.00	3.14%
Graded B Reserve – Season Winter	Accessible	Season	Y	4,450.00	4,585.71	3.05%
Graded B Reserve – Junior Use – Season Summer	Accessible	Season	Y	1,120.00	1,157.14	3.32%
Graded B Reserve – Junior Use – Season Winter	Accessible	Season	Y	2,230.00	2,300.00	3.14%
Graded C Reserve – Season Summer	Accessible	Season	Y	1,120.00	1,157.14	3.32%
Graded C Reserve – Season Winter	Accessible	Season	Y	2,230.00	2,300.00	3.14%
Graded C Reserve – Junior Use – Season Summer	Accessible	Season	Y	555.00	572.38	3.13%
Graded C Reserve – Junior Use – Season Winter	Accessible	Season	Y	1,120.00	1,157.14	3.32%
Graded D Reserve – Season Summer	Accessible	Season	Y	555.00	572.38	3.13%
Graded D Reserve – Season Winter	Accessible	Season	Y	1,120.00	1,157.14	3.32%
Graded D Reserve – Junior Use – Season Summer	Accessible	Season	Y	277.50	286.18	3.13%
Graded D Reserve – Junior Use – Season Winter	Accessible	Season	Y	555.00	572.38	3.13%
Booking fee ***	Accessible	Percentage	Y	5%	5%	0.00%
Occasional Hire						
Booking fee ***	Accessible	Percentage	Y	5%	5%	0.00%
Graded A Reserve – Day	Accessible	Day	Y	304.00	313.34	3.07%
Graded A Reserve – Junior Use – Day	Accessible	Day	Y	152.00	156.67	3.07%
Graded B Reserve – Day	Accessible	Day	Y	226.50	233.33	3.02%
Graded B Reserve – Junior Use – Day	Accessible	Day	Y	113.50	117.14	3.21%
Graded C Reserve – Day	Accessible	Day	Y	152.00	156.67	3.07%
Graded C Reserve – Junior Use – Day	Accessible	Day	Y	76.50	79.05	3.33%
Graded D Reserve – Day	Accessible	Day	Y	76.50	79.05	3.33%
Graded D Reserve – Junior Use – Day	Accessible	Day	Y	39.00	40.48	3.79%
Graded A Reserve – up to 3 hours	Accessible	Up to 3 Hours	Y	152.00	156.67	3.07%
Graded A Reserve – Junior Use – up to 3 hours	Accessible	Up to 3 Hours	Y	76.50	79.05	3.33%
Graded B Reserve – up to 3 hours	Accessible	Up to 3 Hours	Y	113.50	117.14	3.21%
Graded B Reserve – Junior Use – up to 3 hours	Accessible	Up to 3 Hours	Y	57.00	59.05	3.60%
Graded C Reserve – up to 3 hours	Accessible	Up to 3 Hours	Y	76.50	79.05	3.33%
Graded C Reserve – Junior Use – up to 3 hours	Accessible	Up to 3 Hours	Y	39.00	40.48	3.79%
Graded D Reserve – up to 3 hours	Accessible	Up to 3 Hours	Y	39.00	40.48	3.79%
Graded D Reserve – Junior Use – up to 3 hours	Accessible	Up to 3 Hours	Y	19.40	20.00	3.09%
Graded A Reserve – up to 1 hour	Accessible	Up to 1 hour	Y	51.50	53.33	3.55%

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Graded B Reserve – up to 1 hour	Accessible	Up to 1 hour	Y	39.50	40.95	3.67%
Graded C Reserve – up to 1 hour	Accessible	Up to 1 hour	Y	26.50	27.62	4.23%
Graded D Reserve – up to 1 hour	Accessible	Up to 1 hour	Y	13.20	13.81	4.62%
Lighting at Sports Centre Track or Oval Only	Accessible	Hour	Y	42.50	43.81	3.08%
Lighting at Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve	Accessible	Hour	Y	42.50	43.81	3.08%
<i>Bonds for events are subject to the nature of the event.</i>						
Epsom Huntly Regional Recreation Reserve Pavilions						
Booking fee ***	Accessible	Percentage	Y	5%	5%	0.00%
Change Room Casual Use	Accessible	Day	Y	25.00	26.19	4.76%
Meeting Room Casual Use up to 4 hours	Accessible	Hour	Y	34.50	35.71	3.51%
Function Room, Kitchen & Bar Community Use – Casual	Accessible	Per Use	Y	122.50	126.19	3.01%
Function Room, Kitchen & Bar Commercial/Private Use – Casual	Accessible	Per Use	Y	400.00	412.38	3.10%
Function Room Playgroup Use	Accessible	Per Use	Y	13.40	13.90	3.73%
Kitchen / Kiosk – Seasonal	Accessible	Per Use	Y	42.50	43.81	3.08%
Function Room, Kitchen & Bar Community Use – Seasonal	Accessible	Per Use	Y	122.50	126.19	3.01%
Function Room – Training Nights – Seasonal	Accessible	Per Use	Y	26.00	27.14	4.38%
Seasonal Cleaning Fee – From	Accessible	Weekly	Y	25.50	26.67	4.59%
Casual Use Cleaning Fee – From	Accessible	Per Use	Y	142.00	146.67	3.29%
<i>Bonds for events are subject to the nature of the event.</i>						
Marist College Community Facility						
Booking fee ***	Accessible	Percentage	Y	5%	5%	0.00%
Indoor Stadium Hire	Accessible	Hourly	Y	34.50	35.71	3.51%
Function Room, Kiosk & Bar Community Use – Casual	Accessible	Per Use	Y	122.50	126.19	3.01%
Function Room, Kiosk & Bar Commercial/Private Use – Casual	Accessible	Per Use	Y	400.00	412.38	3.10%
Commercial Fitness Operators						
Commercial Fitness Operator Fee – Over 3 sessions per week (Annual Permit)	Accessible	Application	Y	1,360.00	1,405.00	3.31%
Commercial Fitness Operator Fee – Over 3 sessions per week (Summer Permit)	Accessible	Application	Y	678.00	699.00	3.10%
Commercial Fitness Operator Fee – Under 3 sessions per week (Annual Permit)	Accessible	Application	Y	678.00	699.00	3.10%
Commercial Fitness Operator Fee – Under 3 sessions per week (Summer Permit)	Accessible	Application	Y	339.00	350.00	3.24%
Commercial Fitness Operator Fee – Casual Use	Accessible	Application	Y	29.00	30.00	3.45%
Commercial Fitness Operator Additional Trainers Fee (Applicable 3+ trainers)	Accessible	Application	Y	136.00	140.50	3.31%
Hire of Mercy Junortoun Sports Precinct						
Booking fee ***	Accessible	Percentage	Y	5%	5%	0.00%
Casual Use Cleaning Fee – From	Accessible	Per Use	Y	142.00	142.00	0.00%
Function Room – Training Nights – Seasonal - Junior	Accessible	Per Use	Y	26.00	26.00	0.00%
Function Room – Training Nights – Seasonal - Senior	Accessible	Per Use	Y	26.00	26.00	0.00%
Function Room, Kitchen & Bar Commercial/Private Use – Casual	Accessible	Per Use	Y	400.00	400.00	0.00%
Function Room, Kitchen & Bar Community Use – Casual	Accessible	Per Use	Y	122.50	122.50	0.00%
Function Room, Kitchen & Bar Community Use – Seasonal - Junior	Accessible	Per Use	Y	122.50	122.50	0.00%
Internal Toilets - Casual	Accessible	Day	Y	23.50	23.50	0.00%

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Kitchen / Kiosk - Junior	Accessible	Per Use	Y	42.50	42.50	0.00%
Kitchen / Kiosk – Seasonal	Accessible	Per Use	Y	42.50	42.50	0.00%
Change Room Casual Use	Accessible	Day	Y	25.00	25.00	0.00%
Meeting Room Casual Use up to 4 hours	Accessible	Hour	Y	34.50	34.50	0.00%
***Booking fee is applicable to Reserves, Ovals, Pavilions and Facility hire.						
COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH						
Child Care						
Orientation - Hourly Rate	Market	Per Hour	N		20.50	-
Full Day Care under 3 years of age	Market	Day	N	156.00	164.00	5.13%
Full Day Care over 3 years of age	Market	Day	N	156.00	164.00	5.13%
Late Collection of Children	Market	Minute	N	7.30	7.70	5.48%
Non Cancellation of OCC bookings	Accessible	Flat Admin	N	14.00	14.80	5.71%
Food Act						
Class 4 – Notification Fee	Full Cost	Each	N	75.00	150.00	100.00%
Community Group Class 2	Full Cost	Annual	N	85.00	170.00	100.00%
Community Group Class 3	Full Cost	Annual	N	65.00	130.00	100.00%
Class 1A – Proprietary FSP and Scale	Full Cost	Fee Unit	N	88 Fee Units	88 Fee Units	-
Class 1B – Proprietary FSP	Full Cost	Fee Unit	N	55 Fee Units	55 Fee Units	-
Class 2A – Proprietary FSP or Independent & Scale	Full Cost	Fee Unit	N	88 Fee Units	88 Fee Units	-
Class 2B – Standard or Independent	Full Cost	Fee Unit	N	44 Fee Units	44 Fee Units	-
Class 2C – Standard FSP (Home based/farm gate/B&B)	Full Cost	Fee Unit	N	22 Fee Units	22 Fee Units	-
Class 3A – Minimum Records	Full Cost	Fee Unit	N	22 Fee Units	22 Fee Units	-
Class 3B (minimum records including community groups)	Full Cost	Fee Unit	N	11 Fee Units	11 Fee Units	-
Follow Up of Non-Compliance Food Sampling	Full Cost	Fee Unit	N	11 Fee Units	11 Fee Units	-
One Off Event	Full Cost	Fee Unit	N	11 Fee Units	11 Fee Units	-
Extracts						
Copy of Certificate of Analysis	Full Cost	Each	N	50.00	51.50	3.00%
Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008						
Prescribed Accommodation	Full Cost	Fee Unit	N	24 Fee Units	24 Fee Units	-
Public Health and Wellbeing Premises (including pool registrations)	Full Cost	Fee Unit	N	28 Fee Units	28 Fee Units	-
Caravan Parks						
Registration	Statutory	Site	N	As per schedule – varies	As per schedule – varies	-
Transfer Fee – Caravan Parks	Full Cost	Each	N	As per schedule (5 fee units)	As per schedule (5 fee units)	-
Inspection and Report Fee	Full Cost	Each	N	410.00	423.00	3.17%
All Registrations (except caravan parks)						
Ongoing Low Risk Registration	Full Cost	Fee Unit	N	28 fee units	28 fee units	-
Transfer Fee	Statutory	Fee Unit	N	24 Fee Units	24 Fee Units	-
New Premise Fee	Full Cost	Fee Unit	N	24 Fee Units	24 Fee Units	-
Registration of new premises 1 July – 30 September	Full Cost	Each	N	New Premise fee + Annual registration fee	New Premise fee + Annual registration fee	-
Registration of new premises 1 October – 31 December	Full Cost	Each	N	New Premise fee + 75% of Annual registration fee	New Premise fee + 75% of Annual registration fee	-
Registration of new premises 1 January - 31 March	Full Cost	Each	N	New Premise fee + 50% of Annual registration fee	New Premise fee + 50% of Annual registration fee	-

Name	Pricing Type	Unit of Measure	GST	Year 2024/2025 Fee (incl. GST) \$	Year 2025/2026 Fee (incl. GST) \$	Increase %
Registration of new premises 1 April – 30 June	Full Cost	Each	N	New Premise fee + 25% of Annual registration fee	New Premise fee + 25% of Annual registration fee	-
Major Non-Compliant Premise Re-inspection Fee	Full Cost	Fee Unit	N	24 Fee Units	24 Fee Units	-
Environment Protection Act (septic tanks)						
Construct, install or alter OWMS	Statutory	Application	N	As schedule (minimum 48.88 fee units for assessments not exceeding 8.2 hours with an additional 6.12 fee units payable per hour of assessment exceeding 8.2 hours up to a maximum of 135.43 fee units)		-
Minor alteration to OWMS	Statutory	Application	N	As per schedule (37.25 fee units)	As per schedule (37.25 fee units)	-
Transfer a permit	Statutory	Application	N	As per schedule (9.93 fee units)	As per schedule (9.93 fee units)	-
Amend a permit	Statutory	Application	N	As per schedule (10.38 fee units)	As per schedule (10.38 fee units)	-
Renew a permit	Statutory	Application	N	As per schedule (8.31 fee units)	As per schedule (8.31 fee units)	-
Exemption	Statutory	Application	N	As per schedule (minimum 14.67 fee units for assessments not exceeding 2.6 hours with an additional 5.94 fee units payable per hour of assessment exceeding 2.6 hours up to a maximum of 61.41 fee units)		-
Additional Site Inspection charge	Full Cost	Fee Unit	N	15 Fee Units	15 Fee Units	-
Septic Plan/File Search Fee charge	Full Cost	Each	N	170.00	175.50	3.24%
Housing Orders – Certificate of Title						
Report on orders affecting property	Market	Each	N	96.00	99.00	3.13%
Removal of Director of Housing Declarations affecting title	Market	Each	N	191.00	197.00	3.14%

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Name	Pricing Type	Unit of Measure	GST	Year 2024/2025 Fee (incl. GST) \$	Year 2025/2026 Fee (incl. GST) \$	Increase %
ENGINEERING						
Preparation / Registration of Section 173 Agreements	Full Cost	Each	N		500.00	-
Consent for Works in Road Reserves (Municipal roads) – Works other than minor works or traffic impact works						
Conducted on, or on any part of, the roadway, shoulder or pathway which the maximum speed limit is more than 50km/hr	Statutory	Each	N	Fee is set by State Government based on fee unit		-
Not conducted on, or on any part of, the roadway, shoulder or pathway which the maximum speed limit is more than 50km/hr	Statutory	Each	N	Fee is set by State Government based on fee unit		-
Conducted on, or on any part of, the roadway, shoulder or pathway which the maximum speed limit is not more than 50km/hr	Statutory	Each	N	Fee is set by State Government based on fee unit		-
Not conducted on, or on any part of, the roadway, shoulder or pathway which the maximum speed limit is not more than 50km/hr	Statutory	Each	N	Fee is set by State Government based on fee unit		-
Land Use Activity Agreement (LUAA) – Council administration fee for negotiable activity	Accessible	Each	N	1,180.00	1,220.00	3.39%
Conducted on, or on any part of, the roadway, shoulder or pathway which the maximum speed limit is more than 50km/hr – minor works	Statutory	Each	N	Fee is set by State Government based on fee unit		-
Not conducted on, or on any part of, the roadway, shoulder or pathway which the maximum speed limit is more than 50km/hr – minor works	Statutory	Each	N	Fee is set by State Government based on fee unit		-
Conducted on, or on any part of, the roadway, shoulder or pathway which the maximum speed limit is not more than 50km/hr – minor works	Statutory	Each	N	Fee is set by State Government based on fee unit		-
Not conducted on, or on any part of, the roadway, shoulder or pathway which the maximum speed limit is not more than 50km/hr – minor works	Statutory	Each	N	Fee is set by State Government based on fee unit		-
Full Colour – Posters etc.						
A1 – Full Colour	Market	Each	Y	26.00	27.00	3.85%
AO – Full Colour	Market	Each	Y	45.00	46.50	3.33%
Black and White Print						
AO – Black and White	Market	Each	Y	30.00	31.00	3.33%
A1 – Black and White	Market	Each	Y	18.00	18.60	3.33%
PARKS & OPEN SPACE						
Tree Replacement and Maintenance	Full Cost	Each	N	500.00	515.00	3.00%
Booking fee – bookable Parks, Gardens and Passive Reserves	Accessible	Per bookable location	Y	5%	5%	-
Community/General Event/Gathering (0-30 People)	Accessible	No booking required	Y	0.00	0.00	-
Community/General Event/Gathering (30-50 People)	Accessible	Per bookable location	Y	107.00	110.48	3.25%
Community/General Event/Gathering (Above 50 People)	Accessible	Per bookable location	Y	112.50	116.19	3.28%
Wedding / private event (birthday party / family reunion)	Accessible	Per bookable location	Y	154.00	159.05	3.28%
Commercial Event	Accessible	Per bookable location	Y	154.00	159.05	3.28%
PROPERTY SERVICES						
Contamination - Soil & Site Investigations	Full Cost	Application	N	Varies	Varies	-
Property Land Valuations	Full Cost	Application	N	varies	varies	-
Property Searches - Land Searches	Full Cost	Application	N	varies	varies	-
Services in connection with a Council land transaction	Full Cost	Varies	Y	Varies	Varies	-

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RESOURCE RECOVERY & EDUCATION						
Eaglehawk Landfill						
Car Tyre Contaminated – Eaglehawk Landfill	Accessible	Each	Y	20.00	20.60	3.00%
Domestic Minimum Charge	Accessible	Under 20 kg	Y	6.70	7.60	13.43%
Heavy Truck Tyre Contaminated – Eaglehawk Landfill	Accessible	Each	Y	80.00	82.40	3.00%
Light Truck Tyre Contaminated – Eaglehawk Landfill	Accessible	Each	Y	40.00	41.20	3.00%
Domestic Waste – Eaglehawk Landfill	Accessible	Tonne	Y	336.00	382.00	13.69%
Domestic Waste (Unsorted Load) – Eaglehawk Landfill	Accessible	Tonne	Y		573.00	-
Separated Waste – Eaglehawk Landfill	Accessible	Tonne	Y	232.50	232.50	0.00%
Domestic Asbestos – Eaglehawk Landfill	Accessible	Tonne	Y	427.00	485.00	13.58%
Domestic Green Waste – Eaglehawk Landfill	Accessible	Tonne	Y	Free	Free	-
Green Commercial – Eaglehawk Landfill	Accessible	Tonne	Y	111.50	115.00	3.14%
Industrial, Commercial – Eaglehawk Landfill	Accessible	Tonne	Y	336.00	382.00	13.69%
Industrial, Commercial <100kg – Eaglehawk Landfill	Accessible	Each	Y	34.00	39.00	14.71%
Industrial, Commercial (Polystyrene, carpet, PET, HDPE, LDPE, foam mattresses, insulation etc) – Eaglehawk Landfill	Accessible	Tonne	Y	644.00	731.00	13.51%
Industrial, Commercial (Mixed loads of recycling and waste) – Eaglehawk Landfill	Accessible	Tonne	Y	644.00	731.00	13.51%
LL Contaminated Soil – Eaglehawk Landfill	Accessible	Tonne	Y	411.00	411.00	0.00%
Car Tyres – Eaglehawk Landfill	Accessible	Each	Y	9.00	9.30	3.33%
Car Tyre (with Rim) – Eaglehawk Landfill	Accessible	Each	Y	18.00	18.60	3.33%
Motorcycle Tyre – Eaglehawk Landfill	Accessible	Each	Y	9.00	9.30	3.33%
Light Truck Tyre – Eaglehawk Landfill	Accessible	Each	Y	18.00	18.60	3.33%
Light Truck Tyre (with Rim) – Eaglehawk Landfill	Accessible	Each	Y	38.00	39.50	3.95%
Heavy Truck Tyre – Eaglehawk Landfill	Accessible	Each	Y	31.00	32.00	3.23%
Heavy Truck Tyre (with Rim) – Eaglehawk Landfill	Accessible	Each	Y	85.50	88.50	3.51%
Mattresses – Eaglehawk Landfill	Accessible	Each	Y	36.00	37.50	4.17%
Fridges/Air conditioners/Freezers – Eaglehawk Landfill	Accessible	Each	Y	50.00	58.50	17.00%
Immediate Deep Burial of Prohibited or Dangerous Items – Eaglehawk Landfill	Accessible	Fee unit	Y	181.00	211.00	16.57%
Goornong/Strathfieldsaye Transfer Stations						
Bicycle Tube – Goornong/Strathfieldsaye Transfer Stations	Accessible	Each	Y	0.50	0.55	10.00%
Bicycle Tyre – Goornong/Strathfieldsaye Transfer Stations	Accessible	Each	Y	2.50	2.60	4.00%
Commercial Cardboard/Recycling (6 x 4 Trailer/ Ute or equivalent	Accessible	Each	Y	10.00	10.40	4.00%
Domestic Garbage Bag – Goornong/Strathfieldsaye Transfer Stations	Accessible	Domestic Bag	Y	6.50	7.60	16.92%
Domestic Wheelie Bin – Goornong/Strathfieldsaye Transfer Stations	Accessible	Load	Y	16.20	18.40	13.58%
Domestic Car Boot – Goornong/Strathfieldsaye Transfer Stations	Accessible	Car Boot	Y	25.50	29.00	13.73%
Domestic Car Boot (Unsorted Load) – Goornong/Strathfieldsaye Transfer Stations	Accessible	Car Boot	Y	54.00	61.50	13.89%
Trailer 6 x 4 – Goornong/Strathfieldsaye Transfer Stations	Accessible	Trailer etc	Y	54.00	61.50	13.89%
Trailer 6 x 4 (Unsorted Load) – Goornong/Strathfieldsaye Transfer Stations	Accessible	Trailer etc	Y	107.00	121.50	13.55%
Trailer with cage 6 x 4 – Goornong/Strathfieldsaye Transfer Stations	Accessible	Trailer etc	Y	97.00	110.50	13.92%

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Name	Pricing Type	Unit of Measure	GST	Year 2024/2025 Fee (incl. GST) \$	Year 2025/2026 Fee (incl. GST) \$	Increase %
Trailer with cage 6 x 4 (Unsorted Load) – Goornong/Strathfieldsaye Transfer Stations	Accessible	Trailer etc	Y	192.00	218.00	13.54%
Tandem Trailer 8 x 5 – Goornong/Strathfieldsaye Transfer Stations	Accessible	Load	Y	112.50	128.00	13.78%
Tandem Trailer 8 x 5 (Unsorted Load) – Goornong/Strathfieldsaye Transfer Stations	Accessible	Load	Y	223.50	254.00	13.65%
Tandem Trailer with cage 8 x 5 – Goornong/Strathfieldsaye Transfer Stations	Accessible	Load	Y	223.50	254.00	13.65%
Tandem Trailer with cage 8 x 5 (Unsorted Load) – Goornong/Strathfieldsaye Transfer Stations	Accessible	Load	Y	448.00	509.00	13.62%
Fridges/Air conditioners/Freezers (Fridges & Large White Goods not accepted at Goornong) – Goornong/Strathfieldsaye Transfer Stations	Accessible	Each	Y	Free	Free	-
Domestic Gas Bottles (<9kg) – Goornong/Strathfieldsaye Transfer Stations	Accessible	Each	Y	14.80	15.40	4.05%
Fire Extinguishers (<9kg) – Goornong/Strathfieldsaye Transfer Stations	Accessible	Each	Y		15.00	-
Oil – Volumes <20L – Goornong/Strathfieldsaye Transfer Stations	Accessible	Each	Y	5.70	5.90	3.51%
Mattresses – Goornong/Strathfieldsaye Transfer Stations	Accessible	Each	Y	36.00	37.50	4.17%
Domestic green waste (Goornong only) – Goornong/Strathfieldsaye Transfer Stations	Accessible	Each	Y	Free	Free	-
E-waste – Goornong/Strathfieldsaye Transfer Stations	Accessible	Each	Y	Free	Free	-
Heathcote Transfer Station						
Bicycle Tube - Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Each	Y	0.50	0.55	10.00%
Bicycle Tyre - Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Each	Y	2.50	2.60	4.00%
Car Tyre Contaminated - Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Each	Y	20.00	20.60	3.00%
Commercial Cardboard/Recycling (6 x 4 Trailer/ Ute or equivalent)	Accessible	Each	Y	10.00	10.30	3.00%
Heavy Truck Tyre Contaminated - Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Each	Y	80.00	82.40	3.00%
Light Truck Tyre Contaminated - Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Each	Y	40.00	41.20	3.00%
Fire Extinguishers (<9kg) – Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Each	Y		15.00	-
Domestic Garbage Bag – (< 70 Litres) – Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Each	Y	6.50	7.60	16.92%
Domestic Wheelie Bin – Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Each	Y	16.20	18.40	13.58%
Domestic Car Boot – Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Load	Y	25.50	29.00	13.73%
Domestic Car Boot (Unsorted Load) – Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Load	Y	54.00	61.50	13.89%
Trailer/Ute 6 x 4 – Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Load	Y	54.00	61.50	13.89%
Trailer/Ute 6 x 4 (Unsorted Load) – Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Load	Y	107.00	121.50	13.55%
Trailer with cage 6 x 4 – Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Load	Y	97.00	110.50	13.92%
Trailer with cage 6 x 4 (Unsorted Load) – Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Load	Y	192.00	218.00	13.54%
Tandem Trailer 8 x 5 – Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Load	Y	112.50	128.00	13.78%
Tandem Trailer 8 x 5 (Unsorted Load) – Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Load	Y	223.50	254.00	13.65%
Tandem Trailer with cage 8 x 5 – Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Load	Y	223.50	254.00	13.65%
Tandem Trailer with cage 8 x 5 (Unsorted Load) – Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Load	Y	448.00	509.00	13.62%
Domestic green waste – Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Load	Y	Free	Free	-

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Name	Pricing Type	Unit of Measure	GST	Year 2024/2025 Fee (incl. GST) \$	Year 2025/2026 Fee (incl. GST) \$	Increase %
Green Commercial – Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Cubic Metre	Y	22.50	23.50	4.44%
Industrial/Commercial – Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Cubic Metre	Y	71.50	81.50	13.99%
Industrial/Commercial (Unsorted Load) – Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Cubic Metre	Y	143.00	162.50	13.64%
Car Tyre – Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Each	Y	9.00	9.30	3.33%
Car Tyre (with Rim) – Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Each	Y	18.00	18.60	3.33%
Motorcycle Tyre – Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Each	Y	9.00	9.30	3.33%
Light Truck Tyre – Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Each	Y	18.00	18.60	3.33%
Light Truck Tyre (with Rim) – Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Each	Y	38.00	39.50	3.95%
Heavy Truck Tyre – Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Each	Y	31.00	32.00	3.23%
Heavy Truck Tyre (with Rim) – Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Each	Y	85.50	88.50	3.51%
Fridges /Air conditioners/Freezers – Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Each	Y	Free	Free	-
Domestic Gas Bottles (<9kg) – Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Each	Y	14.80	15.40	4.05%
Oil – Volumes <20L – Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Each	Y	5.70	5.90	3.51%
Mattresses – Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Each	Y	36.00	37.50	4.17%
E-waste – Heathcote Transfer Station	Accessible	Each	Y	Free	Free	-
Bin Hire						
Up to 5 240L Bins	Accessible	Fee Unit	Y	170.50	194.00	13.78%
6 to 10 240L Bins	Accessible	Fee Unit	Y	226.00	256.50	13.50%
11 to 15 240L Bins	Accessible	Fee Unit	Y	263.00	298.50	13.50%
16 to 20 240L Bins	Accessible	Fee Unit	Y	404.00	459.00	13.61%
21 to 25 240L Bins	Accessible	Fee Unit	Y	462.00	525.00	13.64%
26 to 30 240L Bins	Accessible	Fee Unit	Y	504.00	573.00	13.69%
31 to 35 240L Bins	Accessible	Fee Unit	Y	644.00	731.00	13.51%
36 to 40 240L Bins	Accessible	Fee Unit	Y	706.00	802.00	13.60%
41 to 45 240L Bins	Accessible	Fee Unit	Y	948.00	1,080.00	13.92%
46 to 50 240L Bins	Accessible	Fee Unit	Y	989.00	1,125.00	13.75%
Bin Charge (one off charge)						
Supply of kerbside bin****	Full Cost	Bin	N	115.50	119.00	3.03%
**** This fee may be waived for an organics bin where ratepayers have held an organics exemption since the 2016/2017 rollout.						

Appendix B – Planned capital works program 2025/2026

A detailed list of planned capital works for 2025/2026 is provided below. A number of these projects are also included in the City's Annual Actions.

There are a number of projects within the following listing which are dependent on co-contribution by government, community groups or the private sector. In some cases, the progress and delivery of these projects are contingent on these funding agreements.

Bridges

- Thistle Street and Wade Street footbridge, Bendigo (renewal)
- Toolleen – Axedale Road bridge (renewal)
- Heathcote – East-Baynton Road bridge (renewal)
- Various road bridges in City of Greater Bendigo (renewal)
- Bridge Street and Hallam Street road bridges (renewal)

Buildings

- Bendigo Art Gallery redevelopment
- Eaglehawk Transfer Station building decommission – small amenities building in landfill
- Getting off gas – small sites
- Heathcote Civic Precinct (incorporating Heathcote Library)
- Small scale solar and efficiency upgrades
- Getting off gas – Faith Leech Aquatic Centre – design
- Bendigo Town Hall HVAC upgrade
- Faith Leech Aquatic Centre filtration and plant compound upgrades
- North Bendigo Recreation Reserve redevelopment – stage 1 (renewal)
- Australian Manchester Unity building, Eaglehawk – investigation and design (renewal)
- Bendigo Animal Rescue Centre (BARC) (renewal)
- Bendigo Art Gallery heritage roof lantern (renewal)
- Bendigo Library amenity (renewal)
- Bendigo Library lighting (renewal)
- Conservatory (renewal)
- Cooina Park toilet (renewal)
- Dudley House drainage (renewal)
- Golden Square Recreation Reserve pavilion (renewal) and upgrade
- Long Gully Neighbourhood Centre (renewal) – design
- Malone Park timekeepers box – design (renewal)
- QEO grandstand (renewal) – investigation and design
- Shade sail (renewal) – Michie Street playspace (renewal)
- Strathdale Park tennis (Hester) pavilion (renewal) – site and building concept design
- Tom Flood Park Road hall amenity (renewal)

Drainage

- Crusoe Reservoir – replace butterfly valve (renewal)
- Bendigo Creek – Booth to High Street (north side) (renewal)
- Bendigo Creek – Back Creek to Nolan (north side) (renewal)
- Bendigo Creek – Chapel to Baxter (south side) (renewal)
- Back Creek – Williamson to Mundy Street (renewal)
- Development related drainage
- Stormwater quality works
- Flood mitigation waterway and drainage improvements
- Drainage (renewal)

Fixtures, fittings and furniture

- BVE – equipment (renewal)

Fountains, statues and monuments

- Refurbishment of fountains and water features (renewal)
- Statue and monument (renewal)

Land improvements

- Irrigation system replacement program (renewal)
- Bendigo Bowls and Croquet Clubs project
- Malone Park master plan – preliminary site assessment
- Heathcote half court basketball court
- QEO northwest corner redevelopment – design of public realm facilities
- Kangaroo Flat Skate Park – design
- Waterways restoration contribution
- Landscaping – heritage gardens (renewal)
- Landscaping – parks and reserves (renewal)
- Landscaping – natural reserves (renewal)
- Landscaping – paved roundabouts and medians (renewal)
- Lighting – sports grounds – general (renewal)
- Malone Park sports oval lighting (renewal) and recreation reserve power upgrade
- Street lighting (renewal) works
- Lighting – heritage and passive (renewal)
- Eaglehawk BMX Track drainage design (renewal)
- Sports fields – improvements (renewal)
- Strathfieldsaye Recreation Reserve – netball courts (renewal)
- Heathcote tennis netball courts and lighting (renewal) design
- Sports fields – soft surfaces (renewal)
- Maiden Gully cricket nets (grant contingent)

Pathways

- Havelock Street – Baxter Street to Arnold Street (south) concrete pathways (renewal)
- Violet Street – High Street to Creek Street North (west) concrete pathways (renewal)
- Forest Street – Barnard Street to Rowan Street (west) concrete pathways (renewal)
- Condon Street – Barwon Drive to Lambruk Court (west) concrete pathways (renewal)
- High Street – Lily Street to Violet Street (north) concrete pathways (renewal)
- Spring Gully Road – Autumn Gully Road to school crossing (east) concrete pathways (renewal)
- Mundy Street – Brougham Street to Havlin Street West (south) concrete pathways (renewal)
- Poplar Street – High Street to Panton Street (south) concrete pathways (renewal)
- Moran Street – Brown Street to No 3 (west) concrete pathways (renewal)
- View Street – Valentine Street to Langston Street (east) concrete pathways (renewal)
- Rowan Street – View Street to Forest Street (south) concrete pathways (renewal)
- Rowan Street – Short Street to Wattle Street (south) concrete pathways (renewal)
- Low Line shared walking cycling trail and creek wall renewals
- Mundy Street separated cycling path
- Simpsons Road – Hill Street to Burnside Street concrete pathways (new)
- Sparrowhawk Road – 112 Stray Street to Humboldt Drive concrete pathways (new)
- Reserve Street – Eaglehawk Road to Bright Street concrete pathways (new)
- Mistletoe Street – MacKenzie Street West to Aspinall Street concrete pathways (new)
- Carolyn Way – Monsants Road to Prattys Way concrete pathways (new)
- Various minor footpath links

Plant and equipment

- Plant and equipment (general vehicles renewal)
- Plant and equipment (P&A – renewal)
- Electric vehicle charger station for council fleet
- Purchase of a portable mobilift
- Purchase of mini excavator
- Purchase of front deck mower
- Replacement loading cells for weighbridge at Eaglehawk Landfill
- Survey equipment (renewal) and upgrades

Public furniture

- Bus shelter replacement program (renewal)
- New street lighting program
- Playspace (renewal) – Fairfield Boulevard
- Playspace (renewal) – Michie Street
- Playspace (renewal) – Osborn Avenue
- Playspace (renewal) – Howell Crescent
- Undersurface audit actions – playspaces (renewal)
- Component replacement from audit actions – playspaces (renewal)
- Neighborhood playspaces – design and technical (renewal)
- Street furniture (renewal) program
- Park furniture – all open space program (renewal)
- (Renewal) of road, curb and pathways due to tree damage in city centre
- Tree pit (renewal)
- Signage replacement – parks (renewal)
- Drinking fountains (renewal)

Sealed roads

- Guard rail (renewal)
- Waratah Road and Midland Highway intersection signalisation
- Raised pedestrian crossings – Railway Place and Mollison Street, Bendigo
- Raised pedestrian crossings and road closure – Mundy Street, Brougham Street and Galvin Street, Bendigo
- Raised pedestrian crossings – Blucher Street and Apsley Street, Strathfieldsaye
- Roundabouts – Rowan Street, MacKenzie Street, View Street and Forest Street intersections, Bendigo
- Sealed carparks (renewal)
- Traffic light (renewal)
- Howard Street road (renewal) and upgrade
- Mitchell Street reconstruction (renewal)
- Racecourse Road pavement (renewal) and intersection upgrade
- Reseals and asphalt resurfacing – various (renewal)
- Sealed roads – major patching various (renewal)
- Minor asset extensions widening (renewal)s with developments (renewal)
- Tram track (renewal) in Pall Mall (renewal)
- Bendigo airport runway (renewal)

Unsealed roads

- Road (renewals) – unsealed roads gravel resheeting



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