

Moving Ahead

IN THE CITY
OF MELTON
SPRING 2023



Budget Special edition and Year in Review



The City of Melton is a great place to live, work and play, and Council continuously strives to make life better and safer for our residents and visitors alike.

All the great things about living in our City, like open spaces, playgrounds, sports facilities, and recreation reserves; children's and community centres; safe roads and tree-lined boulevards; bike and walking paths; and libraries and public art, all have to be planned and budgeted for in advance.

And that's no easy task.

So, this year, when we prepared our 2023/2024 budget, we made sure to cement our commitment

to our residents by delivering a family-friendly budget, prioritising high-quality community services and an extensive capital works program.

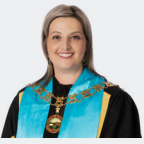
Our budget has been developed to ensure our community has access to a well-maintained, quality road network; that our sports clubs are supported; that upgrades continue to be rolled out across the municipality and importantly, that our children have new and upgraded play spaces to enjoy.

Read on to find out more about our key infrastructure projects, and remember if you want to view the 2023/2024 Melton City Council Budget in full, visit

melton.vic.gov.au/budget

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Mayor's Message

It's budget time, and with the City of Melton now the fastest growing municipality in Australia, it's more important than ever to deliver the high-quality infrastructure, programs, services our community needs to thrive.

We have focussed on strengthening our community by maintaining and upgrading existing assets, as well as preparing our City for the future with new infrastructure to support increasing development and population.

This budget demonstrates Council's continued commitment to responsible governance. As such, it has been framed around an average rate increase of 3.25 per cent, which is below the State Government's rate cap amount for this financial year.

This financial year, our Capital Works Budget will total \$114.35 million and include roads (\$29.4 million); recreational, leisure and community facilities (\$14.1 million); footpaths and cycleways (\$6.2 million); bridges (\$2.9 million); street tree planting program (\$500,000); street lighting improvement program (\$231,000); and park upgrades and improvements (\$14.2 million).

An \$85 pensioner rebate will again be available to eligible property owners.

Once again, community consultation informed Council's 2023/2024 budget deliberations, so I'd like to extend my thanks to everyone who shared their ideas and visions for our City with us.

Your local knowledge and insights have been invaluable, enabling us to prepare a budget that's not only fair and equitable, but also strives to achieve the timely delivery of infrastructure, programs, and services for our community.

Cr Lara Carli
Mayor, City of Melton

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS 2023/24

Delivering for our growing community



Where your rates go: For every \$100





You can read more about what's in the budget at melton.vic.gov.au/budget



You can check out the projects being delivered in your neighbourhood at budget.melton.vic.gov.au

High quality sports facilities

Commence construction of rugby pavilion and pitch at MacPherson Park Recreation Reserve



Construction of Mt Atkinson sports precinct

Construction of new public convenience facility at Toolern Recreation Reserve



Burnside Heights Recreation Reserve upgrade



Complete the new Diggers Rest Pavilion and Oval redevelopment

Kurunjang Recreation Reserve Synthetic Turf Renewal



Caroline Springs Town Centre oval redevelopment

More parks and open spaces

Upgrade playspace at: The Parkway Reserve, Caroline Springs



Upgrade playspace and landscaping at Cobblestone Green Reserve, Caroline Springs

New playspace at: Sovereign Boulevard Reserve, Melton West



Develop a new nature play space at Melton Botanic Garden



Design playspace upgrade at Navan Park, Harkness



Complete Black Knight Way Reserve Redevelopment, Kurunjang

Improving our local roads



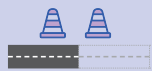
Roundabout at Mount Cottrell Road and Greigs Road, Strathulloh

Major upgrade of Bulmans Road, West Melton (from High Street to Centenary Avenue)



Hume Drive duplication, Calder Park to Gourlay Road

Extension to Bridge Road, Cobblebank



Traffic lights at Caroline Springs Boulevard and Rockbank Middle Road



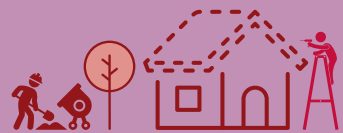
More community hubs

Construct **Aintree** Children's and Community Centre



Commence construction of **Bridge Road** Community Hub

Construct **Weir Views** Children's and Community Hub



Construct **Plumpton** Community Centre and Neighbourhood House

\$8.35

Parks, Open Space and Reserves

\$5.99

Properties Maintenance

\$3.79

Community & Aged Care Services

\$5.89

Families & Children Services

\$2.28

Library Services

\$4.20

Community Safety

\$0.80

Environment and Sustainability

\$34.04

Capital Works



A year in review 2022/2023

Capital Works completed

\$7.8m

Mt Atkinson Children and Community Centre

\$12.8m

Thornhill Park Children's and Community Centre

\$2.8m

Taylors Hill Youth & Community Centre upgrades

\$665,000

Centenary Park Revitalisation - Kurunjang

\$739,000

Banchory Green in Banchory Park Rejuvenation - Taylors Hill



Community consultations

22

in-person community consultations

126 projects

online community consultations

17,482

visitors to Melton Conversations page

14%

Around 14% of the community participated in engagement and consultation activities

382,850

visitors to our libraries

706

Home Library deliveries

26,441

library programs and events participants

627,871

items checked out

985

library programs and events



70km

Roads

140km

Pathways

135km

Kerbs

119km

Stormwater Drains

122

Play Equipment

4,414

Stormwater Pits

Kerbside Bin Collections:

7,100,331 collections

62,556 tonne of waste collected

44% diverted from landfill

Hard Waste Collections:

17,180 collections

1,328 tonne of waste collected

Melton Recycling Facility:

81,745 visitors

29,524 tonne of waste collected

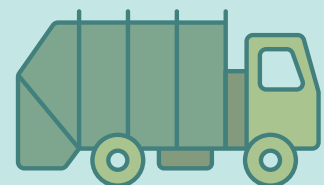
50% diverted from landfill

Dumped Rubbish:

4,594.52 tonne of waste collected

Graffiti Crew Removed:

11,304 sqm of graffiti



Reduced Greenhouse Gas Emissions by **81.3%**

Cobblebank Indoor Stadium electric vehicle chargers were used over **1,400 times**





19,825 community members participated in 393 community programs

\$264,310 in Community Grants awarded to 106 local groups and individuals

102 community members completed the Daughters of the West and Sons of the West health programs

Events

4 Major Events delivered with over **55,000 attendees** (combined)

- Djerriwarrh Festival
- FlavourFest
- Carols by Candlelight
- Lakeside Alive

Other events we held

- International Women's Day
- Adult Learners Week
- Neighbourhood House Week
- Lifelong Learning Festival
- Neighbours Day
- Volunteer Week
- CARE Melton Expo
- Careers Expo
- Australia Day
- Heritage Festival
- City of Melton Business Excellence Awards
- Harmony Day
- Youth Forum
- IDAHOBIT
- NAIDOC Week
- Refugee Week
- 2023 Community Achievement Awards
- Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week
- Careers Expo
- Trade Training Centre Expo



129,185 hours of Family Day Care

3,500 hours of parenting support delivered to families



1600+ businesses supported through Venture Melton Business Network

Delivered **65,322 hours**

of domestic assistance, personal care, respite care, property maintenance and social support groups delivered to 1,714 seniors, people with disability and carers

21,609 meals provided to 446 community members

627 hours of access and support to help the community navigate services



Maternal and Child Health KEY AGE AND STAGE

Consultations **18,469**
Birth notices **3,222** new babies

Maternal and Child Health ENHANCED HOME VISITING

Families: **451**
Service hours delivered: **6,008**

Maternal and Child Health PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM

Clients: **349**
Group Sessions: **82**

Maternal and Child Health SLEEP & SETTLING

Total outreach hours delivered: **647**
Outreach service provided to **211 families**
Sleep & Settling group sessions: **85**

Maternal and Child Health BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT SERVICE

Centre consultations: **652**
Home consultations: **22**
Telephone support: **767**



Customer Service

199,492 Total number of Enquiries

121,820 Telephone calls

27,026 Face to Face

50,646 Online enquiries

Waste entitlements



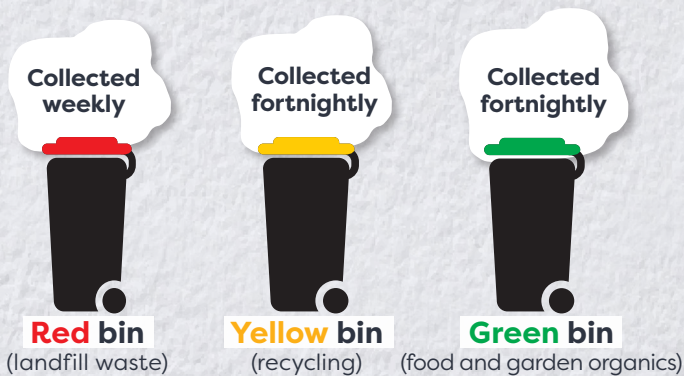
Kerbside bin collections

Household waste, green waste and recycling is managed through kerbside bin collection, with various bin sizes and combinations available to choose from.

TABLE OF WASTE CHARGES

Option	GARBAGE BIN	RECYCLE BIN	FOGO BIN	ANNUAL CHARGE
A	120 LT	240 LT	240 LT	\$319
C	120 LT	240 LT	120 LT	
E	120 LT	240 LT	NIL	

Additional bins are available on request (fees and charges apply).



A copy of the bin collection calendar, and a detailed list of all the items that can be placed in each bin can be found on Council's website: melton.vic.gov.au/waste

If you are receiving a Council kerbside waste collection service, including both tenants and owners, you can access waste entitlements:

Two hard waste collections up to 3m³ from within your property boundary. Bookings essential. Visit melton.vic.gov.au/hardwaste

OR

Two visits to the Melton Recycling Facility with a car or trailer up to 1m³. Access for ratepayers is available by scanning your rates notice or quoting your Rates Assessment Number. Residential tenants can access these options by applying in advance. Proof of residency is required.

OR

One visit to the Melton Recycling Facility and one At Home hard waste collection.

Options expire on 30 June 2024. Terms and conditions apply. Visit melton.vic.gov.au/waste for more information.

Rates: Your questions answered

Each year Council determines the amount of rate revenue needed to deliver key services, programs, facilities, parks, and other community infrastructure.

How are my rates calculated?

Rates are calculated on the Capital Improved Value (CIV) of your property. This means the combined value of your land and all improvements to the property. State legislation requires properties to be valued on a common date every year. All properties were valued as at 1 January 2023.

For any questions regarding your property valuation, contact Council's Revenue department on 9747 7200.

What are the other charges on my notice?

Municipal Charge - \$160 is applied to each rateable property to recover part of the administrative costs of operating Council.

Waste Management Charge - a flat rate of \$319 is payable for waste disposal. This fee covers kerbside waste collection and disposal, and household waste entitlements.

Fire Services Property Levy - Council is required by the State Government to collect the Fire Services Property Levy via your rates and remit the payment to the State Government. The charge is made up of two parts, a fixed charge on each property and

a variable charge based on your capital improved value.

You can access more information at sro.vic.gov.au/fire-services-property-levy

What if I'm experiencing financial hardship?

We understand that some people in our community may be facing financial hardship, and this is something Council has taken into account in considering rates payments.

If you are having difficulty paying your rates, please contact Council on 9747 7200.

To view our Financial Assistance (Rates and Charges) Policy and options please visit our website melton.vic.gov.au/rates

Capital Projects update



Diggers Rest Recreation Reserve



By the end of 2023, Diggers Rest Recreation Reserve will have a new multipurpose sports pavilion, and community facility, a redeveloped oval, new cricket nets, electronic scoreboard, more car parking, and new access road.

The new pavilion and community facility will be centrally located at the reserve and will replace three aged buildings that are no longer fit for purpose and will serve as a hub for the Diggers Rest community and fast-growing local sporting clubs.

Turf for the oval has been laid and has shown early signs of root growth. This type of grass will go dormant over the winter months and will need time to fully establish in spring.



The cricket nets have progressed well, with the concrete having been poured and the synthetic turf laid.

The new carpark and access road are progressing well and once these are complete, the cricket nets will be available for use.

The steel structure of the pavilion is also in place for both the north and south buildings. Roof installation and wall cladding will commence shortly, so the building will start to take shape. The balconies to the east and west are in place and will provide great viewing to both ovals.

Council has invested \$8.2 million in delivering these upgrades, supported by an additional \$4.1 million contribution from the Victorian Government.

Bridge Road extension



Works have begun on the new extension to Bridge Road in Cobblebank, between Ferris Road and Adelong Boulevard.

The \$10 million project, which will link the Atherstone and Robinsons Rise estates, will provide access to the future Melton Hospital, expected to open in 2029, and to the St Francis Catholic School, the construction of which is near completion.

The roadworks will include an 830-metre extension to Bridge Road between Ferris Road and Adelong Boulevard, the upgrade of the intersection at Ferris Road to a signalised intersection, the extension of all services and associative works surrounding the area on Ferris Road.



We expect minimal disruption to residents, motorists and the community during the construction works. The latter part of construction will also include the signalisation of the Ferris Road and Bridge Road intersection. The Bridge Road extension is scheduled to be completed by mid-2024.

The Victorian Government has contributed \$620,000 to the project to support sewerage and conduit works required to service the Hospital.

Find out more about these and other Capital Projects in our community, visit



How to pay your rates



For full information about how you can pay your rates online, in-person or by direct debit or BPAY, visit melton.vic.gov.au/rates

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- 1 Go to melton.enotices.com.au
- 2 Enter in your email address and eNotices Reference Number. You can find this on your rates notice.
- 3 Check your email inbox and click the validation link.
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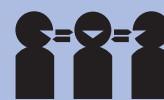
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