

Dear resident

The Annual Budget 2022–23 is a financially responsible and sustainable budget that meets the needs of our community and delivers value for money as we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

It ensures Council can continue to deliver more than 100 critical community services and a strong \$62.96 million Capital Works Program consistent with our four-year plan and the Hobsons Bay 2030 Community Vision.

This program is vital to providing new infrastructure, maintaining our ageing assets, stimulating our local economy, and providing local jobs.

The budget also includes funding for a diverse range of core community Council services, including conservation and maintenance of open spaces, management of five libraries, three community centres, waste and recycling collections, local business development and support, disability services, cultural and art events and programs, children and youth services, meals on wheels, and immunisation services.

To ensure Council remains financially viable and can continue with a robust Capital Works Program, it is diversifying revenue streams and actively pursuing grant funding and partnerships from the state and federal governments.

It also plans to borrow \$8 million this year to bring forward capital works which would otherwise be 12 months or more away before they would begin. These are projects our community has advocated for in the past.

Community consultation is a fundamental part of the development of our annual budget and residents, community groups, sporting clubs, businesses and organisations were invited to pitch ideas for the 2022–23 financial year. In total, 113 ideas were received, and all 13 short-listed projects are being funded through this year's annual budget.

To maintain essential services, programs and infrastructure projects that benefit our community, general rates will increase by 1.75 per cent, which is consistent with the Victorian Government's rate-capping policy. However, the rate increase is not applied equally to individual properties, so some ratepayers will pay less than 1.75 per cent and some will pay more.

Despite the challenges that come from global circumstances, Council will continue to strive towards achieving the community vision articulated in Hobsons Bay 2030 and is committed to delivering value for money, while delivering valuable services and infrastructure to our community.

Cr Peter Hemphill
Mayor of Hobsons Bay



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Budget AT A GLANCE

2022–23

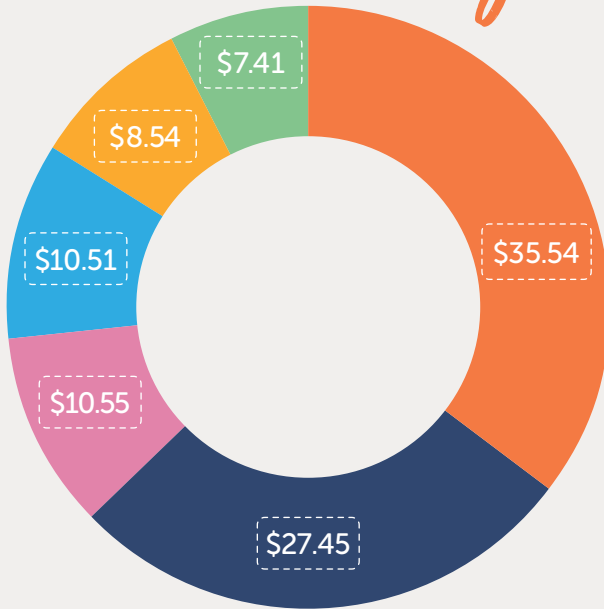


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HOW FAR DOES

\$100 go?



\$35.54



Roads, footpath and building renewal and maintenance, and city cleaning/maintenance

\$10.51



Environmental, waste and recycling services

\$27.45



Parks, sport and recreation

\$8.54



Building and planning, local laws, health, and animals

\$10.55



Aged and disability services, family services, community development, and emergency management

\$7.41



Arts, tourism, events, economic development, and libraries

2022-23 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

\$62.96
Million



Recreation and open space, including parks and streetscapes, community facilities and parking

\$13.12M

\$19.32M

Roads and drains

\$20.74M



Community buildings and infrastructure, including environmentally sustainable initiatives

\$2.37M



Footpaths and cycleways

Making it easier to
access Council services



It is now easier for the community to access Council's services – and all you need to do is visit your local library.

You can now visit our Council+ sites at Williamstown, Altona North and Altona Meadows libraries and ask staff questions not only about our library services, but organise anything from upsizing bins and pet registration, to paying rates and parking permits.

Find out more: hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/councilplus

Note: Eftpos payment only available at Council+ centres. Cash and eftpos payment available at Civic Centre.

Objections: Valuations are calculated on 1 January each year. Any changes in the marketplace since that date will be reflected on next year's rates notice. If you do not agree with the valuation on your rate notice or land classification code, you may lodge an objection with Council. Please call Council on **1300 179 944** or visit hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/rates for more information.

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