

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Citizen,

Hobsons Bay City Council's Annual Budget 2020-21 has been developed and released in unprecedented times but with the community and their needs at its centre. Council listened and responded to feedback and has reshaped the Annual Budget 2020-21 to provide targeted support for Hobsons Bay community and businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The budget includes \$2.2 million in rate relief, ongoing delivery of more than 100 vital community services, \$3 million to boost our grants and community support packages and a revised Financial Hardship Policy. Rebates for pensioners have been increased. The budget also includes a \$67.566 million Capital Works Program to strengthen our local economy, support jobs and provide infrastructure our community can enjoy and expect.

To keep delivering essential services and projects, the budget applies a 2 per cent rate increase, in line with the Victorian Government's Fair Go Rates System. While this would normally generate additional revenue of approximately \$2 million

for the financial year, we are implementing a rate adjustment to redirect approximately \$2.2 million in funds back to ratepayers. This means rates notices for 2020-21, when compared to the previous year will on average, decrease across five rating categories, including residential properties (-0.17 per cent) and commercial properties (-1.91 per cent). This excludes the municipal waste charge and State Government Fire Services Levy which are itemised separately on the rates notice.

Council will continue to consult with the community and help our residents, ratepayers, local businesses and industry with services and programs to recover and get through the pandemic.



Cr Colleen Gates
Mayor of Hobsons Bay



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BUDGET AT A GLANCE 2020-21

Building a strong, resilient
Hobsons Bay community
and economy



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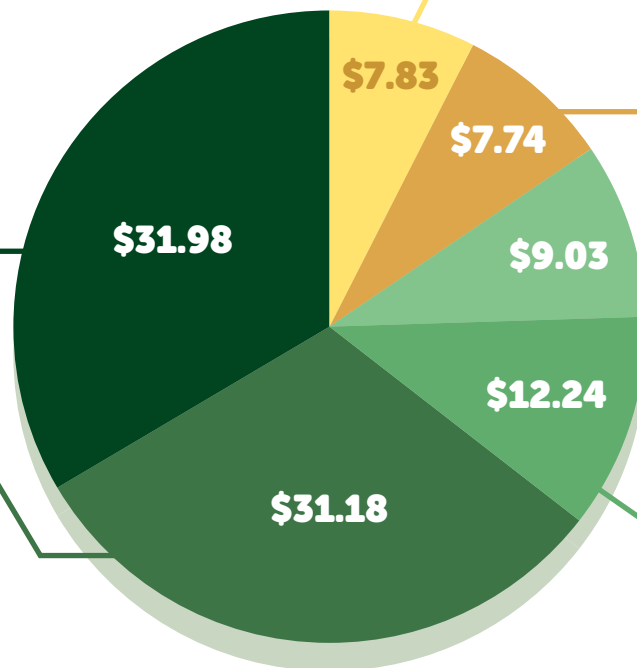
HOW FAR DOES \$100 GO?



Parks, sport and recreation



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



Arts, tourism, events, economic development and libraries



Building and planning, local laws, health and animals



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



Environmental services and waste and recycling services

2020-21 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM: \$67.566 MILLION

Roads and drains including resurfacing and rehabilitation **\$15.60 M**

Open space including recreation, leisure and community facilities, parks and streetscapes **\$16.33 M**

Community buildings and sporting infrastructure **\$29.96 M**

Footpaths and cycle ways **\$1.51 M**



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

If you are experiencing financial hardship and can no longer pay your Council rates, interest on outstanding rates or Council fees and charges for your home, business, sporting club/association or community group, you can apply for financial assistance.

Complete the Request for Financial Assistance Application online at www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/financialassistance or call Customer Service on **1300 179 944** for confidential assistance.

Valuations are calculated on 1 January each year. Any changes in the market place 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 www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/rates for more information.

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