

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Dear residents and ratepayers,

Council is proud to present the 2018–19 Budget. We have worked hard to deliver a financially responsible and sustainable budget that meets our community's expectations as outlined in the Hobsons Bay 2030 Community Vision and Council Plan 2017–21.

The 2018–19 Budget will see \$45.53 million in capital works, the highest spend on capital works in the Council's history. Such a significant investment in our city's infrastructure is needed and will go a long way to improve many of our local sporting grounds, open spaces, community centres, local roads and footpaths.

The budget also funds more than 100 vital community services. These include five libraries, meals on wheels, cultural events, children and youth services, waste and recycling services and local business development, to list only a few.

We have increased rates by 2.25 per cent, in line with the State Government's rate capping policy. Rates will also be based on new 2018 property valuations, meaning rate increases will vary considerably across the differential rating categories and individual properties. Residential property values, especially in Altona Meadows, Laverton and Seabrook, have increased significantly, therefore rates for many residential properties will increase.

The rate cap applies to the average rateable property, not individual rates notices – so some ratepayers will pay less than the 2.25 per cent cap and others will pay more, but overall, general rates won't exceed the rate cap. The revaluation process results in a shift of rates across all rateable properties so there is no additional income for Council beyond our capped increase of 2.25 per cent.

Following recent changes in the recycling industry, the 2018–19 Budget also reflects an increase to waste service charges. Council has adapted to the required changes and remains committed to keeping costs to a minimum where possible. Extra recycling costs will cover additional fees relating to Council's recycling contractors' purchase of upgraded machinery that can better clean, refine and process paper and plastics to the required higher standard.

We will continue our journey of being a Council of Excellence and work with the local members of State and Federal Governments to identify future funding opportunities that will assist Council to deliver the high quality services that our local residents, workforce and visitors have come to expect.

Cr Angela Altair
Mayor of Hobsons Bay

BUDGET AT A GLANCE

2018–19



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COUNCIL**



Roads, including
resurfacing and
rehabilitation

Open space including
parks, foreshore, car
parks and recreation
and leisure facilities

Community buildings
and sporting
infrastructure

Footpaths and
cycle ways

\$7.89M

\$12.23M

\$14.89M

\$3.27M

HOW FAR DOES \$100 GO?

