

# MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Dear citizen,

Council is proud to present the 2019-20 Budget with a record \$60 million in capital works infrastructure, and funding for more than 100 important community services.

We believe that our budget represents a financially responsible outlook and aims for both economic sustainability and value for money for our community. It means efficiency and reliable service delivery as a Council of excellence.

In addition to capital works, council rates help fund a number of vital services that benefit the community including five libraries, local business development, meals on wheels, disability services, cultural events, children and youth services and immunisation services.

The budget is predicted to have an operational surplus of \$25 million. While this operational surplus reflects a healthy financial position, surpluses are expected to decline in future years as a result of rate capping, yet the costs associated with service delivery increase every year.

In 2019-20, general rates will increase by 2.47 per cent which is below the state government's mandatory rate cap of 2.5 per cent.

This year's rates are based on new 2019 property valuations, which may result in a change in your rates from previous notices. The rate cap applies to the average rateable property, **not individual rates notices**. This means that some individual ratepayers will pay less than 2.47 per cent and others will pay more, but overall, rates won't exceed the rate cap when all the rates collected are totalled up across the City of Hobsons Bay. Our rate cap is slightly reduced from the state government's required cap of 2.5% in order to refund ratepayers for the immaterial non-compliance from 2018-19.

In addition to our focus on efficiencies, best practice and value for money, Council continues advocating to state and federal governments to find future funding opportunities that will help us deliver a high standard of services and infrastructure for local residents, workers and visitors.

Thank you for your investment in our community.

**Cr Jonathon Marsden**  
Mayor of Hobsons Bay

# BUDGET AT A GLANCE

## 2019-20



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# 2019–20 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

Roads, including resurfacing and rehabilitation

**\$4.67M**

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

**\$17.90M**

Community buildings and sporting infrastructure

**\$27.72M**

Footpaths and cycle ways

**\$3.54M**

## HOW FAR DOES \$100 GO?\*

\*Figures shown are based on total costs of providing the service, including staff, administration, contracts and materials.

**\$34.95**

**\$25.98**

**\$6.48**

**\$5.38**

**\$5.34**

**\$5.44**

**\$3.90**

**\$4.91**

**\$2.22**

**\$3.28**

**\$2.12**

Community Development & Emergency Management

Local Laws, Health & Animals

Building & Planning

Parks, Sport & Recreational & Environmental Services

Waste & Recycling Services

Tourism, Events & Economic Development

Arts, Culture & Libraries

Aged & Disability Services

Family, Youth & Children's Services

Roads, Footpaths & Building Renewal & Maintenance

City Cleanup & Maintenance

**We've gone green, you can too!**

Register to receive future rates notices by email at [hobsonsbay.enotices.com.au/#signuptab](mailto:hobsonsbay.enotices.com.au/#signuptab)



**RECYCLING UPDATE:** Recyclables are being collected but unfortunately going to landfill. More info at [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/recycling](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/recycling)