

Ever wondered what your rates are used for?

Here's a quick guide to how rates will be divided to deliver community assets and services this financial year.

\$11.89

\$29.18

At its June meeting, Council adopted its 2023–24 budget. Despite challenging economic conditions, the budget is financially responsible and sustainable, while still delivering essential infrastructure and services.

The budget includes \$65 million for infrastructure, as well as funding for more than 100 services our community relies on.

It is a budget that gets the balance right by providing these great community assets and services, while recognising that ratepayers might be doing it tough financially.

For residential properties, the average rate increase will be less than one per cent, much lower than the inflation rate.

This budget is more than a financial document – it's our vision for the next year and how your rates will serve and provide for our community.

It goes to building the new pavilion at your sports club, upgrading the road you drive down every day to work, and creating and maintaining the parks and open spaces you enjoy with family and friends.

It delivers the maternal and child health services that are vital for new parents in the early weeks, months and years of a child's life. It helps our older residents maintain their independence and remain an active physical and social part of our community.

It delivers library services, which are so much more than just lending books. Our libraries are educational facilities and social hubs, and a key way to access Council services.

It delivers art and culture projects that make Hobsons Bay a more vibrant place to live and helps keep our community more informed and engaged.

Our community played an important role in helping us develop this budget.

Over the six months it takes to put the budget together, Council consulted directly with sports clubs, community groups and businesses, and the community. Councillors also had an influence, including bringing forward items for consideration on behalf of their community.

The policies, strategies and master plans Council develops throughout the year also influence the budget development, as well as other existing strategic documents, including the long-term financial plan and asset management plan.

I can't wait to see some of the fantastic projects that will come to life thanks to this budget.

For more information on this year's budget, visit hobsonsbay. vic.gov.au/budget2023-24

**Cr Antoinette (Tony) Briffa**Mayor of Hobsons Bay





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



Parks, sport and recreation



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





Environmental, waste and recycling services





Building and planning, local laws, health, and animals





Arts, tourism, events, economic development, and libraries

We're investing your rates into developing and maintaining great community assets that make Hobsons Bay a better place to live, work and play. Some of the highlights of our capital works program for the year ahead include:





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







Community buildings and infrastructure, including environmentally sustainable initiatives

\$23.1M \$20



Footpaths and cycleways



## YOUR RATES NOTICE explained

The body includes all charges and concession rebates that have been applied to the property.

We collect the Fire Services Property Levy for all properties on behalf of the state government.

This is the total amount due on your account (including any arrears). If you have arrears, they are due immediately.

Your rates due dates, unless you opt in for direct debits or are on a payment plan.



Your unique assessment number helps us find your property quickly if you contact us.

Your mailing address. This might differ from the property address.

The property owners, as per the Certificate of Title.

This code is only used to calculate the fire services property levy. It does not indicate a planning zone or use of the land.

If you have made any changes or payments that were received by Council after this date, they may not be shown on this rates notice.

## Site value:

The value of the land only.

Capital improved value

(CIV): The value of the land plus any improvements. This value is used to calculate rates and part of the Fire Services Property Levy. **Net annual value:** For residential properties, this is 5 per cent of the CIV. For non-residential, it is the annual market net rental of the property, less all necessary expenses required to maintain that property, except Council rates.



## Easier and more convenient access to Council services

Visit your nearest Council+ service centre at Altona, Altona Meadows, Altona North, Williamstown and Newport libraries, or the Laverton Community Hub and Seabrook Community Centre, or Civic Centre at Altona.

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