

# Budget 2024-25

## Highlights

The **Budget 2024-25** aims to provide a good balance of works and services to our community, while keeping the rate increase low at **2.75% — down from 3.5%** last year in line with the State Government rate cap.

Over 100 submissions and community feedback helped shape it, with a number of important community-driven ideas allocated funding. Here is a snapshot of some of the key projects and initiatives.

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### Projects by ward



#### East ward

- Bolinda Hall  
Building upgrades
- Burke and Wills Track  
Road widening and rehabilitation
- White Bridge Road  
Upgrades
- Lancefield Pool  
Fence replacement
- First Riddells Creek Scouts Hall  
Building upgrades
- Riddells Creek Senior Citizens  
Building upgrades
- Romsey Recreation Reserve  
Tennis and netball court  
resurfacing works
- Romsey Structure Plan  
Implementation

#### West ward

- Kyneton Showgrounds  
Netball facilities
- Malmsbury Botanic Gardens  
Drainage works
- Gilbert Gordon Oval social rooms  
Decking and carpet replacement
- Buffalo Stadium  
Floor upgrades and drainage works
- Racecourse Reserve  
Female-friendly changerooms  
(designs)
- Woodend tennis courts  
Upgrades

#### South ward

- Clarke Street Macedon  
Footbridge construction
- Tony Clarke Reserve  
Bowling clubroom designs
- Macedon Ranges Regional Sports  
Precinct project  
Stage 2
- Gisborne Mechanics Institute  
Building upgrades
- Gisborne Skate & BMX park  
Feasibility study
- Gilligan Reserve  
Lighting upgrades

### Key initiatives

-  **\$12.5m** in planned road works
-  **\$952,000** in bridge, footpath and cycleway works
-  Macedon Ranges  
**Shared Trails Project**  
(Woodend to Riddells Creek)
-  Progress Council's  
**Zero Net Emissions Plan**
-  Kyneton Showgrounds  
**Netball Facilities**
-  **Romsey Recreation Reserve**  
Tennis and Netball Court Resurfacing Works
-  Stage 2 of Macedon Ranges  
**Regional Sports Precinct Project**
-  **Council elections** (October 2024)

### Spend on key service areas

#### Council spending per \$100

- \$9.37** Maintenance of recreation and sports facilities
- \$8.29** Planning and building services
- \$11.13** Maintenance of parks, environment and open spaces
- \$13.27** Community Services
- \$18.63** Garbage, recycling and garden waste collection
- \$8.53** Emergencies, local laws and public health
- \$23.42** Maintenance of roads, drains, buildings and paths
- \$7.36** Economic development, tourism, arts, culture and libraries



#### Kerbside Collection Fees Unchanged

The kerbside collection charge on rates notices remains unchanged for all ratepayers. In the 2024-25 Budget, Council implemented new fees for green waste and comingled recycling at local resource recovery facilities so users of these services will now contribute at the facility gates.

These fees are deemed necessary to ensure the long-term viability of these services and help cover processing costs. The new green waste fee will be around \$13.80 per standard trailer load - check the fee schedule in the budget for details.

### Looking back at 2023-24 achievements

Stage 1 of Macedon Ranges  
**Regional Sports Precinct**

New public Electric Vehicle  
**charging stations**  
in Kyneton, Lancefield and Macedon

Nearly **90%** of Council's planned  
**Capital program complete**

East Paddock sale at **Hanging Rock**  
to ensure the protection of the reserve for public use

Gisborne and District  
**Bowling Club**  
new synthetic rink

**Community Local  
Law 2023** adopted

Manna Gum Family and Children's Centre  
**new outdoor play space**

**Barkly Square**  
sports field reconstruction

**Woodend Golf Club**  
renovated clubrooms