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Council 2018/19 Budget adopted

Melton City Council has adopted the 2018/19 Budget.

Through the Budget, Council has committed to the ongoing delivery of services to the community with a budget of \$134 million.

Council invited residents to provide feedback once the Draft Budget was released in March. This was in addition to comprehensive community consultation in 2017.

A number of items have since been added to the Budget, including an increase to the rates rebate for eligible pensioners to \$75. This brings the total reduction to \$349.40 when coupled with savings from the State Government rebate.

Council will continue to invest in new and renewal infrastructure projects totalling \$77.82 million, including roads (\$17.15 million); bridges (\$4.71 million); recreational, leisure and community facilities (\$24.72 million); footpaths and cycle ways (\$1.15 million); parks, open space and streetscapes (\$897,000); public art (\$90,000) and other assets (\$3.58 million).

Some highlights include the female change room upgrade program (\$900,000); design and construction City Vista sporting ovals, tennis and netball courts, and pavilion (\$2.9 million); completion of Caroline Springs Leisure Centre redevelopment and construction of Sub-regional Tennis Facility (\$2.7 million); design and construction of Weir Views Park and Wetlands (\$690,000); Arnolds Creek Playground (\$300,000); Hannah Watts Park (\$850,000); design and construction of Fraser Rise (\$4 million) and Aintree (\$2.58 million) Children's and Community Centres; design and construction of Kurunjang Neighbourhood House (\$2.42 million); and redevelopment of Macpherson Park Regional Facility (\$5.9 million).

Another addition to the Budget resulting from community feedback is the construction of a toilet block at Lake Caroline.

City of Melton Mayor, Cr Bob Turner, said community feedback was integral to ensuring community needs were met in the coming financial year.

"It's very exciting to map out all the wonderful things we hope to achieve next year, through the Budget," Cr Turner said.

"We have a significant capital works budget, which shows Council is committed to continuously improving the municipality for our residents, to ensure the City is the best place to live, work and play."

To read the 2018/19 Budget see: melton.vic.gov.au/budget1819

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