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Council Budget invests in roads; buildings; recreation

Melton City Council adopted its Budget on Monday night, committing to more than \$200 million in services, infrastructure and projects for the community in the 2019/20 financial year.

A \$66.7 million capital works investment is a major feature of the Budget and includes new and renewed roads (\$20.6 million), buildings (\$22.3 million), recreation, leisure and community facilities (\$15.3 million), footpaths and cycle-ways (\$1.1 million), and library books, street tree-planting, street lighting improvements and public art.

City of Melton Mayor Cr Bob Turner said the Budget 2019/20 would deliver high quality infrastructure and services across the City.

“I’m proud that in the next 12 months, this Budget will see Council upgrade local roads, progress new sports and community facilities, deliver valuable services and so much more,” Cr Turner said.

“The diverse needs of our residents and our rising population have been well considered and I’m confident that the plans within this Budget will make a positive difference to our City.”

Council accepted public submissions on the Draft Budget ahead of adopting the final Budget 2019/20.

“Thank you to the residents and community groups who made comments on the Draft Budget,” Cr Turner said.

“We listened to the community and made adjustments based on submissions, including increasing our already significant capital works program.”

Highlights in the Budget 2019/20 include completing the Aintree Children’s and Community Centre (\$1.4 million), designing the Eynesbury Station Early Learning

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Centre (\$1.2 million), intersection works at Taylors Road/Westwood Drive (\$2.5 million), Macpherson Park redevelopment stages 1 – 3 (\$4.3 million), and Cobblebank Indoor Stadium construction stage 1 (\$3 million).

Rates will rise 2.5 per cent in line with State Government rate capping.

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