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Record capital works program planned in draft Council budget

Melton City Council has planned its largest ever capital works program in its draft budget 2021-22, with a low rate rise of 1.5 per cent.

Residents are set to benefit from \$137.7 million in works across the city including significant building works valued at \$41.66 million; \$9.82 million in recreational, leisure and community facilities; an extensive roads investment of \$60.96 million; footpaths and cycle-ways worth \$1.15 million; bridges at \$4.22 million; \$700,000 in street tree planting; \$450,000 in library books; and \$214,300 in public art.

City of Melton Mayor Cr Kathy Majdlik said the draft budget proposed a strong investment in the city.

“This is a really exciting draft budget. We’ve planned more capital projects than ever before to meet the needs of our fast growing community, while also ensuring it’s a financially responsible plan with a low rate rise,” Cr Majdlik said.

“It’s set to deliver an outstanding mix of new leisure facilities, community buildings, major road upgrades, increased pathway connections, and so much more.

“As we continue to recover from the events of 2020, the proposed works will also have a really positive impact on the local economy.

“There’s something in this draft budget for all residents, and I’d encourage everyone to take a look and discover the high quality projects, services and activities that are there for you.

“We’re also asking you to share your views on the draft budget with us to help ensure the final budget meets your needs now and in the future.”

Draft Budget highlights include:

- Construction of Bridge Road Recreation Reserve pavilion, Cobblebank
- Construction of the Mt Atkinson East Community Hub
- Expansion of the Melton Recycling Facility (Stage Two)
- Signalisation of the intersection at Caroline Springs Boulevard and The Crossing, Caroline Springs
- Signalisation of the intersection at Caroline Springs Boulevard and Rockbank Middle Road, Caroline Springs



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- Signalisation of the intersection at Taylors Road and Sinclairs Road, Plumpton
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- Duplication of Hume Drive, Taylors Hill (from Calder Park Drive to Gourlay Road)
- Major upgrade of Bulmans Road, West Melton (from Westlake Drive to Centenary Avenue)
- Extension of Boundary Road from Mt Cottrell Road to The Mall, Melton
- Extension of Taylors Hill Youth and Community Centre, Taylors Hill
- Completion of Cobblebank Indoor Stadium, Cobblebank
- Construction of community pavilion and oval at Diggers Rest Recreation Reserve, Diggers Rest
- MacPherson Park redevelopment (Stage Two), Toolern Vale
- Construction of Melton Recreation Reserve pavilion, Melton

The draft budget 2021-22 is on public exhibition and residents are encouraged to provide written feedback by 5pm on Thursday 13 May.

To view the draft budget and have your say, visit conversations.melton.vic.gov.au/draftbudget or contact Council on 9747 7200 to view a hard copy.

Submissions will be considered at a Section 223 Committee Meeting of Council on Thursday 27 May and Council will consider adopting the final budget at the Ordinary Council Meeting on Monday 28 June.

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