

Moving Ahead

IN THE CITY
OF MELTON
AUGUST 2024



Budget Highlights and Year in Review



The City of Melton is a fast growing, and diverse community, and Council strives to make life better and safer for our residents and visitors alike.

All the great things about living in our City, like open spaces, playgrounds, sports facilities, and recreation reserves; children's and community centres; roads and tree-lined boulevards; bike and walking paths; and libraries and public art, all have to be planned and budgeted for in advance.

So, this year, when we prepared our 2024/2025 budget, Council made sure to cement its commitment to our residents by delivering a family-

friendly budget, prioritising high-quality community services and our largest ever capital works program.

Our budget has been developed to ensure our community has access to a well-maintained, quality road network; that our sports clubs are supported; that upgrades continue to be rolled out across the City and importantly, that our children have new and upgraded play spaces to enjoy.

Read on to find out more about our key projects, and if you want to view the 2024/2025 Melton City Council Budget in full, visit

melton.vic.gov.au/budget

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Mayor's Message

Council has adopted its 2024/25 budget centred around an impressive \$223.1 million capital works program, which demonstrates our commitment to delivering high-quality services and facilities for our fast-growing community.

Highlights include:

- Mt Atkinson East Sports Reserve (\$17.8 million)
- Finalising upgrades to Bulmans Road (\$11.9 million), the signalised intersection at Caroline Springs Boulevard and Rockbank Middle Road (\$7.8 million), and duplication of Hume Drive, between Calder Park Drive and Gourlay Road (\$4.5 million)
- Duplication of Taylors Road, from Gourlay Rd to Westwood Drive (\$5.3 million)
- Design and early work on the Plumpton Aquatic and Leisure Centre (\$9.7 million)
- Bridge Road Community Hub (\$10.6 million)
- Plumpton Community Centre (\$14.6 million)
- Weir Views Children's and Community Centre (\$8.3 million)
- Aintree Children's and Community Centre (\$8.3 million)
- Cobblebank Community Services Hub (\$5.3 million)

The budget also delivers services for our residents including social care; maternal and child health; libraries; and children, family, and youth services.

I'd like to thank the community for the invaluable input that helped inform budget deliberations, and my fellow Councillors and Council staff for their hard work in achieving a great outcome for the community.

Cr Kathy Majdlik
Mayor, City of Melton

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS 2024/25

Delivering for our growing community



You can read more about what's in the budget at melton.vic.gov.au/budget



You can check out the projects being delivered in your neighbourhood at budget.melton.vic.gov.au

\$223.1m

capital works program

\$205.8m

in services to our community

Making our roads better, safer

- Duplicate Taylors Road in Caroline Springs, from Gourlay Rd to Westwood Drive
- Deliver Troups Road South, Mount Cottrell, stage 2 upgrade
- Construct East-West Arterial Road, between Ferris Road and Mount Cottrell Road
- Upgrade Boundary Road, Mount Cottrell, between The Mall and Tarneit Road

New community hubs

- Construct Plumpton Community Centre
- Commence construction on Aintree Children's and Community Centre
- Commence construction on Weir Views Children's and Community Hub

Building sports facilities for the future

- Finalise design and commence early work on the Plumpton Aquatic and Leisure Centre
- Commence construction on MacPherson Park Recreation Reserve Rugby Facility (Stage 3)
- New sports precinct for Mt Atkinson East
- Rockbank North PSP/Aintree Sports Reserve

Better parks and open spaces

- Upgrade playspace at The Parkway Reserve, Caroline Springs
- Upgrade playspace at Earlington Square Reserve, Burnside
- Upgrade playspace at Navan Park, Melton West
- Multiple minor park improvement across the City

Services for a healthy and connected community

- Immunisation
- Families and Children's services
- Youth programs
- Libraries
- Home and personal support
- Neighbourhood House programs

Where your rates go: For every \$100

\$46.45 Capital Works	\$12.19 Waste Management	\$8.98 Parks, Open Space and Environmental Reserves	\$5.51 Families and Children Services	\$5.07 Road Services	\$4.52 Community and Aged Care Services	\$3.82 Statutory Planning and City Design Services	\$3.46 Community Safety
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\$2.92 Properties Maintenance	\$1.67 Library Services	\$1.42 Recreation and Youth Services	\$1.41 Engineering Services	\$0.77 Arts, Culture and Festivals	\$0.62 Environment and Sustainability	\$0.62 Community Planning	\$0.56 Local Business Growth
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A year in review 2023/2024

A snapshot of highlights from the past 12 months

CAPITAL WORKS

COMPLETED

Thornhill Park Children's and Community Centre

Mt Atkinson Children's and Community Centre

Burnside Heights Recreation Reserve: redevelopment and expansion of Oval 2

Diggers Rest Recreation Reserve:

- redevelopment of Oval 2 and surrounds
- construction of four new cricket nets
- construction of new community and sporting pavilion
- installation of electronic scoreboard

Sportsground lighting upgrades to Springside Recreation Reserve, MacPherson Park and Arnolds Creek

Draft masterplan for Plumpton Aquatic and Leisure Centre

COMMENCED

Construction on upgrade of the MacPherson Park Ruby Pitch

Construction on a project a new sports pavilion and improved car parking at the Melton Recreation Reserve

4
major bridges constructed

124 km
of kerb works

134 km
of footpaths and shared paths

59 km
of roads constructed

157
pieces of playing equipment installed

94 km
of stormwater pipes

12,341
trees planted

9 km
roads resurfaced

8 km
footpaths replaced

WASTE SERVICES

9 million
kerbside bin collections totalling 38,000 tonnes diverting 40% from landfill

18,435
hard waste collections

4,350m²
of graffiti removed

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS

36
in-person

144
online

36,297
visitors to City of Melton Conversations page

15 per cent
of the community participated in engagement and consultation activities

COMMUNITY CARE AND ACTIVE LIVING

Delivered **63,492** hours of domestic assistance, personal care, respite care, property maintenance and social support groups delivered to **1,363** eligible residents.

Delivered **18,519** meals at home, and in centre, for **2,487** eligible residents.

EVENTS

Djerriwarrh Festival
25,000 attendees

Lakeside Alive
15,000 attendees

Flavour Fest
25,000 attendees

Reimagine Melton
2,000 attendees

Four major events

LIBRARIES

60,000
items lent

460,000
library visits

CUSTOMER SERVICE

210,490

Total number of enquiries

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

Key Age and Stage

19,461
Consultations

3,454
New babies

New Parent Groups

64
Groups

358
Sessions

700
Attended

KINDERGARTENS

3,711
2023 kindergarten registrations

3,888
2024 kindergarten registrations

GRANTS

Community Grants Programs:
\$132,246.37 awarded via 46 grants to 35 community groups.

Resident Achievement Fund:
\$19,250 been awarded to 26 individuals.

FairGo 4 Youth Fund:
157 applicants were awarded a total of \$62,145.



Waste entitlements



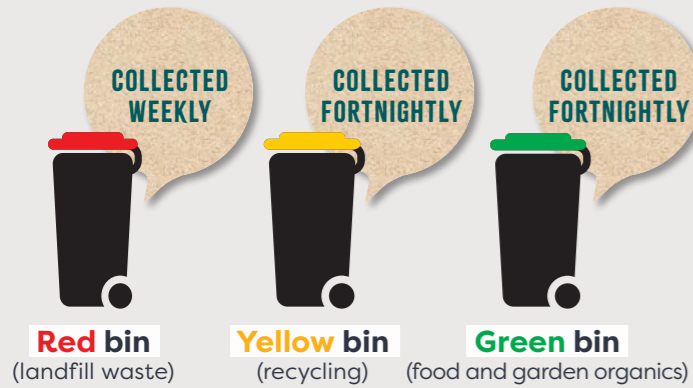
Kerbside bin collections

Household waste, green waste and recycling is managed through kerbside bin collection, with various bin sizes and combinations available to choose from.

TABLE OF WASTE CHARGES

Option	GARBAGE BIN	RECYCLE BIN	FOGO BIN	ANNUAL CHARGE
A	120 LT	240 LT	240 LT	\$300
C	120 LT	240 LT	120 LT	
E	120 LT	240 LT	NIL	

The charge for an additional bin is \$160.



A copy of the bin collection calendar, and a detailed list of all the items that can be placed in each bin can be found on Council's website: melton.vic.gov.au/waste

If you are receiving a Council kerbside waste collection service, including both tenants and owners, you can access waste entitlements:

Two hard waste collections up to 3m³ from within your property boundary. Bookings essential. Visit melton.vic.gov.au/hardwaste

OR

Two visits to the Melton Recycling Facility with a car or trailer up to 1m³. Access for ratepayers is available by scanning your rates notice or quoting your Rates Assessment Number. Residential tenants can access these options by applying in advance. Proof of residency is required.

OR

One visit to the Melton Recycling Facility and one At Home hard waste collection.

Options expire on 30 June 2025. Terms and conditions apply. Visit melton.vic.gov.au/waste for more information.

Rates:



Each year Council determines the amount of rate revenue needed to deliver key services, programs, facilities, parks, and other community infrastructure.

How are my rates calculated?

Rates are calculated on the Capital Improved Value (CIV) of your property. This means the combined value of your land and all improvements to the property. State legislation requires properties to be valued on a common date every year. All properties were valued on 1 January each year.

For any questions regarding your property valuation, contact Council's Revenue department on 9747 7200.

What are the other charges on my notice?

Municipal Charge - \$164 is applied to each rateable property to recover part of the administrative costs of operating Council.

Waste Management Charge - a flat rate of \$300 is payable for waste disposal. This fee covers kerbside waste collection and disposal, and household waste entitlements.

Fire Services Property Levy - Council is required by the State Government to collect the Fire Services Property Levy via your rates and pass on the payment to the State Government. The charge is made up of two parts, a fixed charge on each property and a variable charge based on your capital improved value.

You can access more information at sro.vic.gov.au/fire-services-property-levy

What if I'm experiencing financial hardship?

We understand that some people in our community are facing financial hardship, and this is something Council has taken into account in considering rates payments.

If you are having difficulty paying your rates, please contact Council on 9747 7200.

To view our Financial Assistance (Rates and Charges) Policy and options please visit our website melton.vic.gov.au/rates

Major Projects update



Plumpton Community Centre underway

The \$15 million Plumpton Community Centre in the rapidly growing area of Fraser Rise is taking shape.

The centre will help local organisations and community groups deliver programs and support children and young people to learn, develop and reach their full potential, while offering a variety of early childhood and community programs to meet the increasing demands of this fast-growing community.

Services provided at the centre will include kindergarten, maternal and child health, family and early childhood services, breastfeeding support, parenting support, playgroups, immunisations and a wide range of community programs and activities.

The facility, on Pear Parade, Fraser Rise, is expected to be completed by early 2025, and has been funded by State Government grants of \$1.5 million through the Growing Suburbs Fund, and \$9 million from the Building Blocks Fund, coupled with \$6.6 million in developer contributions and Council's own contribution of around \$300,000.



Melton Recreation Reserve Upgrade

Upgrades to the Melton Recreation Reserve are well underway, with a new community sports pavilion nearing completion.

The pavilion will serve as a hub for local football, netball, and cricket clubs, with the new building centralised for optimal viewing of the sportsground.

Female friendly changerooms, umpires' rooms, community social and meeting space, a kitchen and a kiosk are also included as part of the new building.

Construction of the pavilion was finished in July, with the sealed car park set to be finished by the end of the year. Construction of the double-storey timekeeper and coaches box kicked off in April.

The project is being funded through Melton City Council with \$3.3 million in support from the State Government's Community Sports Infrastructure Loans Scheme.

Follow updates on all Council capital works projects by visiting melton.vic.gov.au/majorprojects



How to pay your rates



For full information about how you can pay your rates online, in-person or by direct debit or BPAY, visit melton.vic.gov.au/rates

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- 1 Go to melton.enotices.com.au
- 2 Enter in your email address and eNotices Reference Number. You can find this on your rates notice.
- 3 Check your email inbox and click the validation link.
- 4 Select a password and mobile number.

You will now receive notices in your email inbox and can login to view them online at any time.

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