

# Moving — Ahead

IN THE CITY  
OF MELTON  
AUGUST 2025



## Building a Better City, Together

Melton City  
Council Budget  
Feature  
2025/26



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## Mayor's Message

As one of Australia's fastest-growing areas, the City of Melton is undergoing rapid transformation. With that growth comes opportunity—but also the need for bold vision, smart planning, and targeted investment.

That's why, in preparing our 2025/2026 Budget, Council remained focused on our community, prioritising quality services and infrastructure as well as supporting families.

Our budget was carefully developed to respond to cost-of-living pressures whilst maintaining strong financial management and balancing the delivery of essential infrastructure and services that focus on sustainability, liveability, and community wellbeing.

As part of this budget, we listened closely to your feedback, with 17 community-led initiatives, worth \$3.6 million, included this year, demonstrating our commitment to delivering on what matters most to you.

Backed by a \$225.8 million capital works program—our biggest yet—this budget will deliver new community centres, better roads, public spaces, and inclusive services to help shape a stronger, more connected City for everyone.

**Cr Steve Abboushi**  
**Mayor, City of Melton**

## Budget highlights 2025/26

# Delivering for our growing community

**\$225.8m** Capital works program

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

### Major Projects

**\$45.3 million**

for construction of Cobblebank Community Services Hub

### Playspaces

**\$800,000**

for Arbour Boulevard Central Reserve playspace upgrade

**\$1 million**

for Parkwood Green Reserve playspace upgrades

**\$800,000**

for Melton South Recreation Reserve playspace upgrade

**\$800,000**

for Mt Carberry Reserve playspace upgrades

**\$700,000**

for Norm Raven Reserve playspace upgrade



### Recreation Reserves

**\$5.9 million**

for the redevelopment of Taylors Hill Recreation Reserve Sportsground

**\$3.8 million**

to complete the MacPherson Park Rugby Pavilion

**\$2.5 million**

for reconstruction of the Arnolds Creek tennis courts



### Children's and Community Centres

**\$8.4 million**

for the Weir Views Children's and Community Centre

**Road and Transport Upgrades – Taylors Road Corridor**

**\$4.5 million**

for traffic lights at Sinclairs Road

**\$2.1 million**

for the completion of traffic lights at Plumpton Road

**\$1.3 million**

to commence construction of traffic lights at intersection of Westwood Drive, including road duplication between Westwood Drive and Gourlay Road

**\$1.8 million**

to commence duplication - Gourlay Rd to Westwood Drive, including upgrading Gourlay Road intersection



### Additional Road Projects

**\$2.8 million**

for turning lanes at Exford Road car park and Murphys Road

**\$2.3 million**

to construct Sugar Gum Estate Pedestrian Path

**\$2.2 million**

for a new pedestrian bridge in Modeina Estate, Burnside

**\$1.9 million**

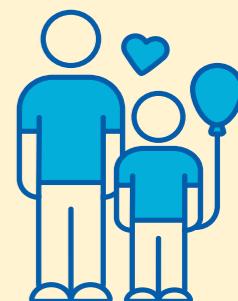
to upgrade the Exford Road/Wilson Road and Exford Road/Northcott Street intersection



### Services

#### 100+ services

to support our rapidly growing City, from Maternal and Child Health and community events, to state-of-the-art libraries, and services for seniors, families, children and youth.



## Where your rates go: For every \$100

**\$40.83**  
Capital Works

**\$13.18**  
Waste Management

**\$10.31**  
Parks, Open space and Environmental Reserves

**\$6.38**  
Families and Children Services

**\$4.79**  
Community & Aged Care Services

**\$4.65**  
Road Services

**\$4.46**  
Community Safety

**\$4.21**  
Statutory Planning and City Design Services

**\$4.20**  
Properties Maintenance

**\$1.64**  
Library Services

**\$1.41**  
Recreation and Youth Services

**\$1.36**  
Engineering Services

**\$0.74**  
Environment and Sustainability

**\$0.69**  
Local Business Growth and Economic Development

**\$0.61**  
Arts and Culture, and Festivals

**\$0.54**  
Community Planning



# A Year in Review 2024/2025

Snapshot of highlights from the past 12 months



## WASTE SERVICES

**7.5 million**

kerbside bin collections

**19,752**

hard waste collections

**4,075m<sup>2</sup>**  
graffiti removed

**66,490**

total tonnes of garbage, recycling and FOGO collected

**39%**

percent diverted from landfill



## COMMUNITY CARE

**83,400 hours**

of domestic assistance, personal care, respite care, property maintenance and social support groups delivered to **1,856** residents

**19,800 meals**

delivered at home, and in centre, for **424** eligible residents



## CITIZENSHIP

**2,935**

new citizens conferred

## CAPITAL PROJECTS

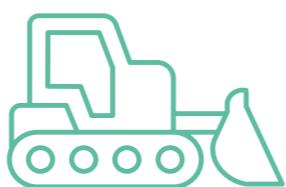
### COMPLETED

- Plumpton Community Centre
- Construction of the Melton Recycling Centre, and refurbishment of the Resale Shop, at the Melton Recycling Facility
- Bridge Road Community Hub
- Bridge Road intersection upgrade
- Bulmans Road upgrade



### COMMENCED

- Caroline Springs and Rockbank Middle Road intersection upgrade
- Caroline Springs Town Centre Recreation Reserve Oval 2 redevelopment
- MacPherson Park Rugby Pitches
- Troups Road South upgrade
- Weir Views Children and Community Centre
- MacPherson Park Rugby Pavilion



## FAMILY SERVICES



Provided  
**7,323 hours**  
of parenting support to  
**79 families**

## MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

**3,957**

births

**26,462**

Key Ages and Stages visits

**3,530 hours**

of telephone consultations



**3,043**

referrals made

**895**

group hours delivered

**301 hours**

of community strengthening activities delivered

## GRANTS

Community Grants Program:

**\$289,181**

awarded to **83** community groups

Resident Achievement Fund:

**\$39,182**

awarded to **33** individuals

FairGo 4 Youth Fund:

**\$113,954**

been awarded **313** individuals



## LIBRARIES

**559,982**

library visits



**1,509**

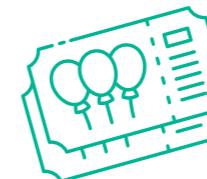
programs delivered with 37,561 attendees

## CUSTOMER SERVICE ENQUIRIES

**207,452**



## ARTS AND EVENTS



Djerriwarrh Festival ATTENDEES

**15,000**

Carols by Candlelight ATTENDEES

**4,500**

Lakeside Alive ATTENDEES

**10,000**

Art Exhibitions ATTENDEES

**11**

across three exhibition spaces

## ROADS, FOOTPATHS, STORMWATER AND BRIDGES

**61kms**

of roads constructed

**97kms**

of stormwater pipes

**24kms**

of roads resurfaced

**1.6kms**

of footpaths renewed

# Major Projects update



## New Aquatic and Leisure Centre to make a splash

Get ready, something big (and splashy) is on its way to Plumpton/Fraser Rise. A brand-new Aquatic and Leisure Centre is set to transform Beattys Road into a vibrant destination for fun, fitness, and community connection.

This landmark, state-of-the-art facility is set to be a real game-changer for our community, featuring:

- a 50-metre indoor pool
- an outdoor leisure pool
- two dedicated learn-to-swim pools
- interactive splash play zones
- a fully equipped gym

- a rooftop deck with stunning views
- a welcoming café, and
- Australia's first sensory aquatic space designed for inclusive, calming aquatic experiences for people of all ages and abilities

But that's not all! With additional spaces for fitness and allied health services, modern change rooms, and a strong focus on accessibility and inclusion, this centre is all about supporting active, healthy lifestyles in a welcoming community environment.

Construction is expected to kick off later this year, following the appointment of a head contractor. The project has received a \$15 million contribution from the Australian Government through the Thriving Suburbs Program—a major boost for the wellbeing of our growing community.

**Get ready to dive into something amazing.**

## New Community Services Hub for Cobblebank: A New Heart for Community Support

Big things are coming to Cobblebank! Construction has officially begun on a brand-new Community Services Hub, a vibrant and welcoming space designed to support the growing needs of our community in Melbourne's booming west.

Following a competitive process, Kane Constructions has been appointed to bring this exciting project to life. Strategically located on the corner of Stadium Drive and Hollingsworth Drive, the Hub will sit right in the heart of a thriving precinct—just steps from the new train station, Cobblebank Stadium, the future Melton Hospital, and a buzzing mix of shops and entertainment.

This five-storey, purpose-built facility (complete with basement parking) is set to be a game changer.



Designed to achieve a Green Star sustainability rating, the Hub will offer a mix of community service spaces and commercial tenancies.

Most importantly, it's about people, and creating a space that evolves with our community's needs. The Hub will support the ongoing delivery of essential services while remaining flexible enough to adapt to the changing priorities of both service providers and the people they serve—now and into the future.



Follow updates on all Council capital works projects by visiting [melton.vic.gov.au/majorprojects](http://melton.vic.gov.au/majorprojects)

# Rates

## 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 - \$189 is applied to each rateable property to recover part of the administrative costs of operating Council.

**Waste Management Charge** - a flat rate of \$308 is payable for waste disposal. This fee covers kerbside waste collection and disposal, and household waste entitlements.

## Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund

Since 2013, all properties in Victoria have paid the State Government's Fire Services Property Levy (FSPL). As of 1 July 2025, the Fire Services Property Levy was replaced by the Emergency Services Volunteer Fund (ESVF). **This is not a Council levy**; however, Council is required to collect the ESVF levy on behalf of the Victorian Government. All funds collected by Council under the ESVF are passed on to the Victorian Government. For more information visit the State

Revenue Office website: [sro.vic.gov.au/esvf](http://sro.vic.gov.au/esvf) or call the ESVF support line on 1300 819 033.

## 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](http://melton.vic.gov.au/rates)

# 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](http://melton.vic.gov.au/rates)

## → Sign up for eNotices



eNotices allows you to self-manage all your properties, send notices to multiple email addresses, and print additional copies. Signing up will also let you login to view your notices online at any time.

- 1 Go to [melton.enotices.com.au](http://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.

# Waste entitlements

## Kerbside bin collections

Household waste, green waste and recycling is managed through kerbside bin collections, 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 litres	240 litres	240 litres	\$308
C	120 litres	240 litres	120 litres	
E	120 litres	240 litres	NIL	

The charge for an additional bin is \$164.

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](http://melton.vic.gov.au/waste)

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

Two hard waste collections up to 3m<sup>3</sup> from within your property boundary. Bookings essential.  
Visit [melton.vic.gov.au/hardwaste](http://melton.vic.gov.au/hardwaste)

OR

Two visits to the Melton Recycling Facility with a car or trailer up to 1m<sup>3</sup>. Proof of residency is required.  
Visit [melton.vic.gov.au/waste](http://melton.vic.gov.au/waste) for more information.

OR

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

Options expire on 30 June 2026. Terms and conditions apply.  
Visit [melton.vic.gov.au/waste](http://melton.vic.gov.au/waste) for more information.



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