

# Hepburn

SHIRE COUNCIL

## Draft Budget Webinar

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CEO - Bradley Thomas






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# ▶ Welcome & Background

- Welcome and Introductions
- Acknowledgment of Country
- Financial Position
- Draft Budget 2022/23 Background
- Next steps

# ▶ Budget Overview

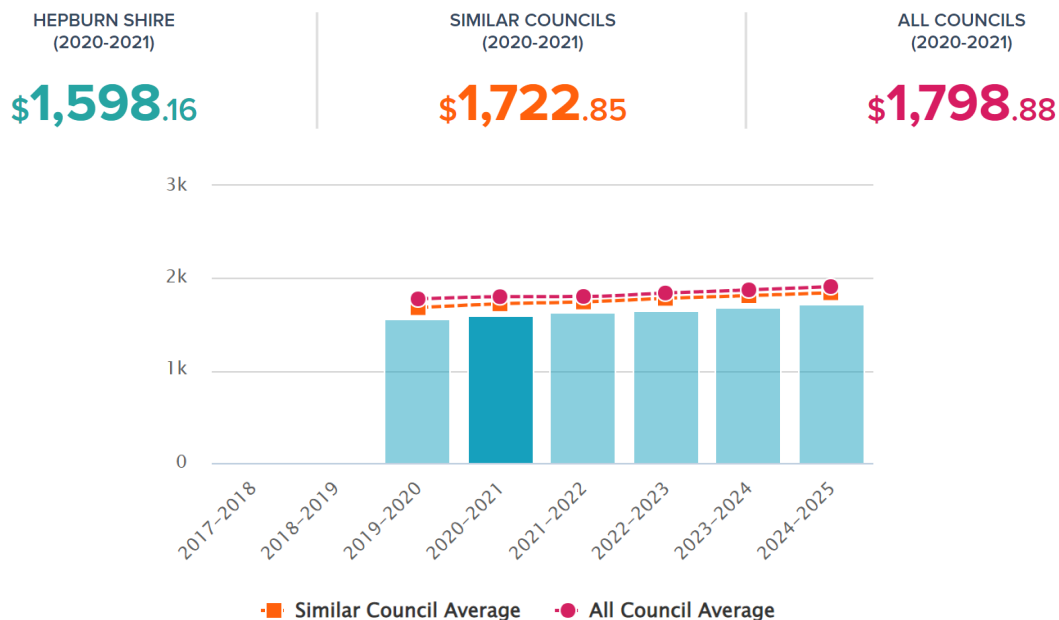
The 2022-2023 Draft Budget has been developed to support the Community Vision and Council Plan. It achieves key actions identified in the Council Plan and aligns to the five focus areas:

-  1. A resilient, sustainable and protected environment
-  2. A healthy supported, and empowered community
-  3. Embracing our past and planning for the future
-  4. Diverse economy and opportunities
-  5. A dynamic and responsive council

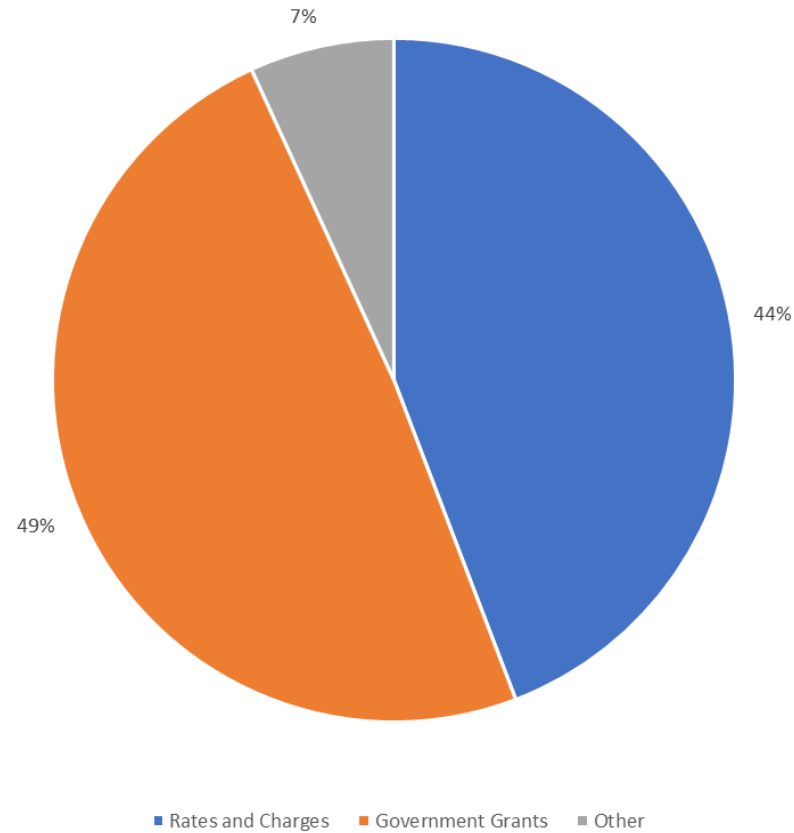
# ▶ Key Financials

- Total revenue \$56.02M an increase of \$15.33M
- Funding for the provision of more than 100 services to the community
- Rate increases capped at 1.75% in-line with the Victorian Government Fair Go Rates System.
  - Council will continue with the Council funded \$21 pensioner rebate scheme
- Annual waste charges increase by average 12% equates to additional cost of \$56 per property per year. Increase supports community driven initiatives developed through Sustainable Hepburn.
- Total Operating Expenditure of \$43.57M an increase of \$7.8M or 22%
- Operating Surplus \$12.45M – Council has budgeted to receive \$15.22M of capital grants
- Cash and Investments of \$11.28M forecast at 30 June 2023
- Budgeted unrestricted cash as at 30 June 2023 forecast surplus \$786K improving from \$648k forecast 30 June 2022

## Average Rate per Property Assessment



# ▶ Income Make Up



- Record investment in capital projects \$21.25M
- Supported by unprecedented \$15.22M in stimulus grant funding from State and Federal Government
- Supplemented by \$1.50M in new borrowings to support the program
- Major investment in buildings and recreational, leisure and community facilities across Shire including:
  - Trentham Community Hub \$4.40M total project \$5.87M
  - Creswick Town Hall \$688K total project \$1.8M
  - Bullarto Railway Station \$277K total project \$677K
  - Hammon Park Trailhead \$1.41M total project \$2.47M
  - Trentham Sportsground \$1.69M total project \$2.67M
  - Wombat Hill Botanic Gardens \$188K total project \$888K

## ▶ Capital Program cont.

- Capital Project Highlights continued:
  - Lee Medlyn Bottle Museum Clunes building renewal works \$458k
  - Creswick Bowls Club Green replacement \$399K
  - Aquatics strategy implementation \$263K
  - Bridge renewal works \$3.2M (subject to grant funding)
  - Road reseal program \$1.05M
  - Road rehabilitation program \$2.06M
  - Road upgrades \$0.20M
  - Gravel road resheet \$0.57M
  - Drainage and kerbing \$0.41M
  - Footpaths and cycleways \$1.40M including \$925K planning funding for the Daylesford to Hanging Rock Rail Trail (subject to Government Grant)





## Focus Area One - A resilient, sustainable and protected environment

### Key Initiatives:

- Employment of an officer to work on Circular Economy Opportunities
- Delivering actions included in Sustainable Hepburn Strategy
- Increased investment in Emergency Management to work with the community and response agencies
- Waste Management and Cleaning Services – including returning the waste reserve to a surplus



## Focus Area Two – A healthy, supported and empowered community

### Key Initiatives

- Implementation of the Aquatics Strategy including undertaking a feasibility study for an indoor aquatics for the Shire
- Investment in the Positive Ageing Strategy, including a Positive Ageing Officer and an Inclusion Officer
- Investment in maintaining parks and gardens, sporting fields and public open space
- Library services which provide a welcoming space to connect communities and promote a culture of reading
- Early years services and programs including maternal and child health
- Education and Local Law enforcement to provide a safe community



## Focus Area Three – Embracing our past and planning for the future

### Key Initiatives

- Continued investment in planning resources to support the increase in planning permits being processed
- Further studies to inform Council's Environmental Effects Statement submission regarding the Western Victoria Transmission Network Project
- Activities to ensure responsible current and future land use planning and compliance with planning permits and controls
- Provide quality regulatory advice on all building matters associated with properties in the Shire



## Focus Area Four – Diverse economy and opportunities

### Key Initiatives:

- Creation of new traineeship opportunities within Council
- Implementation of Youth 'ACE' Strategy
- Investing and engaging in our young people to create future community leaders
- Continuation of the Economic Development Strategy
- Continuing to foster appropriate economic development to increase employment and business opportunities and recognition of Hepburn as a tourist destination



## Focus Area Five – A dynamic and responsive Council

### Key Initiatives

- Update the long-term financial plan to assist with sound financial planning and management and effective allocation of resources
- Capital works investment to improve ICT infrastructure to benefit residents and staff
- Development and roll out of initiatives from Customer Service Strategy
- Providing good governance through the development and implementation of policies and procedures that support good decision making
- Provision of service and support for recruiting and retaining qualified and diverse staff and development and delivery of training to enhance employee skills

# Remaining Steps and Timing

- Get Involved survey available via Participate Hepburn

<https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/>

Submissions accepted until 5 pm on Tuesday 31 May, 2022.

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| • Community consultation concludes                 | 31 May 2022  |
| • Council consider community feedback              | 14 June 2022 |
| • Council Meeting to adopt 2022/2023 Annual Budget | 28 June 2022 |

# ▶ Questions

