

News from our Neighbourhood



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- Budget 2023/24
- Hardship assistance
- New crossing for Monty school
- Car park lighting

Budget 2023/34

In the face of increasing inflation and cost pressures, Banyule remains in a secure and sustainable financial position as we adopt our Budget.

We've maintained services without increasing borrowings and we're delivering \$40.53 million new funding for capital works.

Council is investing in building and maintaining important infrastructure and facilities including:

- Buildings – \$29.05 million
- Roads, streets and bridges, footpaths – \$16.23 million
- Parks, gardens and playgrounds – \$11.12 million
- Drainage and irrigation – \$2.62 million

Turn over for a snapshot of the Budget. Here are just some of the projects we're delivering to keep improving facilities in Sherbourne Ward:

- EJ Andrews Reserve improved access, accessible play equipment, landscaping – \$206,000
- Fitzsimons Lane shared user path and bridge – \$230,000
- Montmorency Bowling Club upgrade – \$700,000 (Jointly funded by Council and Victorian Government)
- Main Rd Lower Plenty car park resurfacing – \$67,000
- Lakeside Dve bridge repairs – \$40,000
- Lower Plenty Oval cricket nets – \$30,000

Rates assistance

We know many people are struggling with the cost of living and we've kept our rates rise to the cap of 3.5%, well below inflation.

There is help available for people experiencing hardship, including payment arrangements, interest-free periods and partial rates waivers for eligible applicants.

To find out more call Customer Service on **9490 4222** or go to banyule.vic.gov.au/RatesHelp

Lighting up the car park

Many of you will be happy to hear we are upgrading lighting in the Lower Plenty Shopping Centre car park.

The rear car park off Para Road needs more lighting to make the area safer and more inviting for the community.

We've appointed a contractor to do this work, all the materials are ready and we've booked a boring machine to begin works in late July, weather permitting.

Once started, the works should be completed within one month.

New school crossing ahead



Encouraging walking as a form of active transport is a major objective of Banyule Council's Walking Strategy.

To improve safety and encourage walking, we'll soon be putting in a school crossing on Alban St, right outside the entrance of Montmorency Primary School, pictured.

We've just started the consultation process and plan to deliver the project in the next six months.

I am always open to hearing from you about how we can make Sherbourne safer and more walkable. My contact details are at the top of this newsletter.

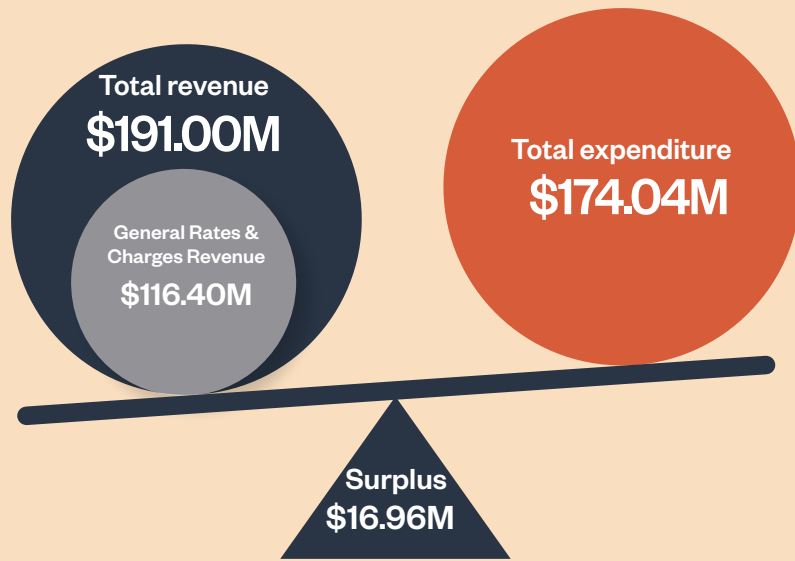
Read more about our walking strategy at banyule.vic.gov.au/WalkingStrategy



2023/2024

Budget at a Glance

Our Budget aligns with the key priorities and aspirations of our community as identified in the Banyule Community Vision 2041. It paves the way forward to build on what we have and continues to enhance Banyule as a place to live, work, play and do business.



Council departments

Operations \$29.70M



Family & Community Services \$16.88M



Healthy & Active Communities \$15.10M



Parks & Natural Environment \$13.90M



Planning & Building Laws \$8.43M



Transport & Environment \$7.54M



Delivery & Assets \$6.70M



Resilient & Connected Communities \$4.81M



Inclusive & Creative Communities \$4.75M



City Futures \$4.56M



\$1.83 billion



Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment under the care of Council



Asset renewal & upgrade

\$64.64 million = 95.06% of capital works expenditure

Capital Works Program \$68 million

Buildings
\$29.05M

Roads, footpaths and bridges
\$16.23M

Parks and gardens
\$11.12M

Motor vehicles
\$4.90M

Drainage and irrigation
\$2.62M

Plant and equipment
\$2.44M

Playgrounds
\$1.25M

Other assets
\$0.39M