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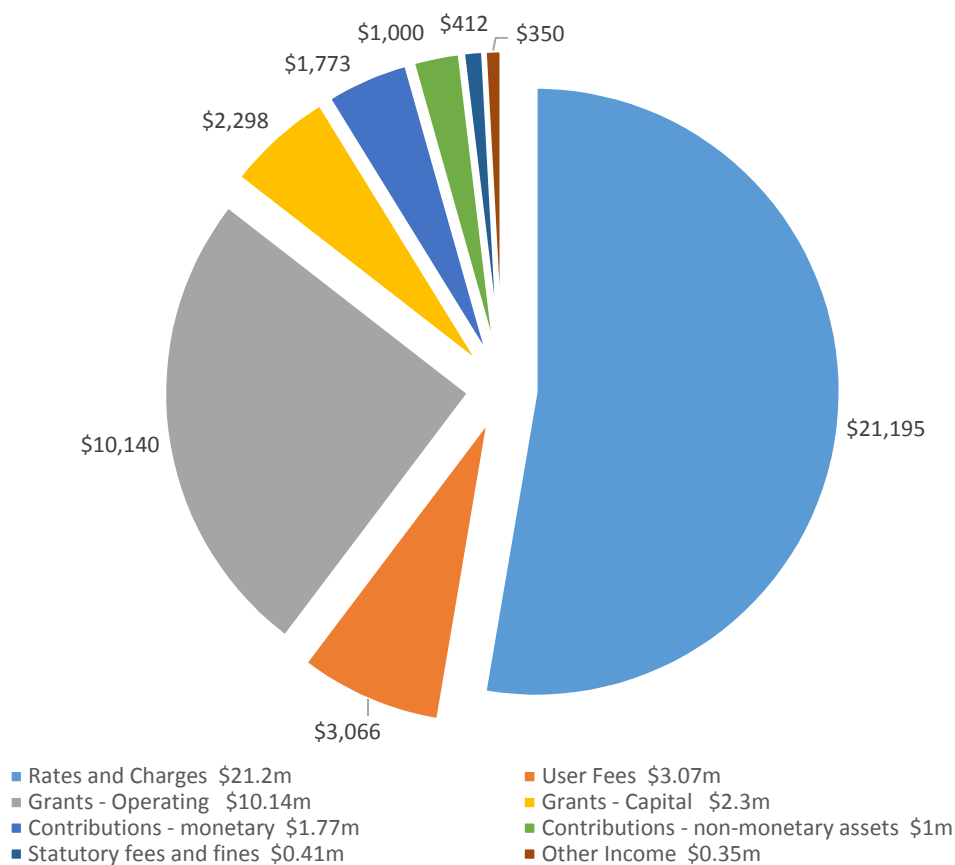
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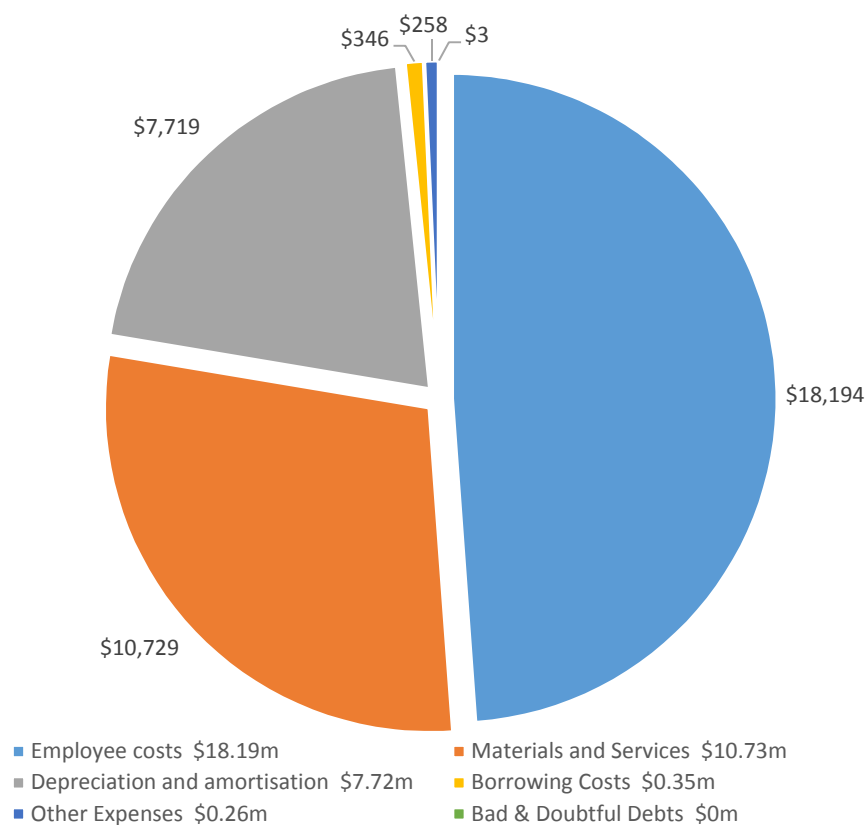
Council's 2017-18 Budget at a Glance

(Per Comprehensive Income Statement)

How Council's Revenue is Generated (\$'000)



Where Council will Spend the Money (\$'000)



1 OVERVIEW

1.1 MAYOR'S INTRODUCTION

Dear Residents

I am pleased to present Council's 2017-18 Budget to you.

The Budget includes an average rate increase of 2.0% per assessment. This is in line with the continuation of the Fair Go Rates System (FGRS) which has capped the average rate increase by Victorian councils in 2017-18.

I believe this Budget meets the needs of our community. It delivers roads, programs and services while still preserving our financial sustainability.

Council delivers many programs and services for our 56 communities – managing over 1,700 kilometres of road network, delivering family services, aged and disability services, fire management and environmental services, and maintaining a high standard of recreation facilities and public spaces.

The Shire's strong population growth over the past decade is forecast to moderate slightly, however careful planning is required to meet the demands of future infrastructure and community services requirements.

We will continue to lobby State and Federal Governments on your behalf to deliver the services and infrastructure that you need and deserve.

Guided by the Council Plan 2017-21, we will focus on the delivery of high quality, responsive and accessible services to the community.

Cr Des Phelan
MAYOR

1.2 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Fair Go Rates System

2017-18 will be the second year of operating within the State Government's Fair Go Rates System (FGRS). As per the determination by the Minister for Local Government, in December 2016, the average rate increase in Council's 2017-18 budget will be capped at 2.0%. This has been reduced from a cap of 2.5% in 2016-17. The Strategic Resource Plan (SRP) assumes an annual cap of 2.0% for the next four years.

While the legislation limits Council's ability to raise revenue, it does recognise the differing challenges faced by the 79 Councils across the state by including the provision for Councils to apply to the Essential Services Commission (ESC) for a variation to the cap. Golden Plains Shire Council will not be applying for a variation for the 2017-18 year.

In 2017-18, the State Government rate cap only applies to general rates and municipal charges, not to other revenue, such as service rates and charges (i.e. garbage services). Such charges are to be calculated based on 'full cost recovery'. However, these charges will be monitored by the ESC with provision within the legislation for the Minister to extend the application of the rate cap to other rates or charges in future. In 2017-18 Council has budgeted for an increase of 2.2% in the garbage charge.

Similarly, User Fees and Charges are not included in the rate cap, however Council has generally kept increases in non-statutory fees to 2.5%.

For more information, please visit <http://www.delwp.vic.gov.au/fairgorates>

The Rate Increase

As outlined above the Budget provides for an average annual rate increase of 2.0%. Table 1 provides a summary of the calculation, according to the formula prescribed by the State Government.

Table 1

Forecast Annualised Rate Revenue at 30 June 2017	\$18,602,892
Forecast Number of Assessments at 30 June 2017	10,846
Forecast Base Average Rate 2016-17 per assessment	\$1,715.18
Budget Rate Revenue 2017-18	\$18,974,662
Capped Average Rate 2017-18 per assessment	\$1,749.46
Average Capped Increase	2.00%

It is important to note that this is only an **average** increase and actual increases will vary depending on the relative value of individual properties. As required by legislation, the rate burden must be distributed based upon the value of a property which will result in higher valued properties increasing by more than 2.0% and lower valued properties increasing by less than 2.0%.

Some of the initiatives Council has implemented since the introduction of the FGRS, to ensure it complies with the State Government cap are:

- No additional or improved services
- No additional staff resources funded by rates
- Deferred replacement of fleet vehicles
- Deferred replacement of non-critical computer hardware
- Reduced the 'real value' of asset maintenance, by constraining increased costs.

These are only short term options and appropriate planning must be undertaken to ensure Council's long term sustainability. This may or may not require a future application/s for a variance to the cap.

Prior to the introduction of the FGRS, Golden Plains Shire Council had spent 10-15 years restoring its financial sustainability, due to an over-reliance on grant income and inadequate levels of rate revenue. It was evident that the business model would not be sustainable if Council was going to meet the service demands of a rapidly growing and changing community.

As demonstrated in the Budget and many of the financial indicators, the decision to address these concerns, improved strategic planning and financial discipline have built a strong foundation for Council to commence operating within a 'rate capping' environment.

This greatly assisted the previous Council in making the decision to implement some interim initiatives and prevent the need to apply for a variation to the cap in the first two years of the framework, allowing the new Council time to develop the strategies within their Council Plan. This is not necessarily the case with many small rural councils within the State.

Under the FGRS, Victorian Council's will need to continue with the process of developing new and innovative ways of meeting the needs of a growing community. Golden Plains Shire Council has been working in this environment for many years already, but has seen an increase in the willingness from other organisations to collaborate and participate.

One such initiative has been the commitment of the G21 Councils to work together to demonstrate innovation and enhance operations to improve outcomes for our communities.

Major Initiatives

As per Section 127 of the Local Government Act, the following six initiatives have been identified by Council as priorities to be undertaken during the 2017-18 financial year:

1. Council will support the opening of the Bannockburn P-12 school in January 2018 through the planning for future development and facilitation of programs to support secondary school students in the local community.

Council will be working towards increasing:

- the number of students involved in employment training programs;
 - the number of students employed in part time and casual employment;
 - the activity at the hub and the library;
 - community engagement and community development activities with young people; and
 - the options for transport.
2. Funding has been secured to build stage one of the Bannockburn Civic Heart Precinct. Stage one will be a \$2.6m project to create a play space with water play elements, a new car park, public toilets, a BBQ area, shade and a paved plaza next to the Bannockburn Library and Cultural Centre.
 3. In 2017-18 Council will complete a Northern Settlement Strategy that will explore where the projected growth in the North of the Shire can be sustainably accommodated. It will identify the most sustainable locations for growth and development and those areas where growth should not be encouraged.
 4. 2017-18 will be the first full year of operation of the new Resource Recovery Centre at Rokewood. This facility replaces the landfill which had operated at the site for a period in excess of twenty years. The facility will provide convenient and safe access to waste and recyclables containers and will also provide for the disposal of waste oil, tyres, vehicle batteries, mattresses, empty chemical containers, gas bottles, scrap metal and white goods. The facility will continue to be open to the public for 5 hours each Sunday.
 5. Golden Plains Shire Council is focused on providing quality customer service and achieving efficiencies for residents. As part of these efforts, this Budget allocates \$500k for community engagement, and detailed architectural and engineering designs for redevelopment of the existing customer service centre located at 2 Pope Street, Bannockburn. The Golden Plains Community and Civic Centre is one aspect of a broader Civic Precinct including the Bannockburn Family Services Centre, planned for the site in future. This will enable Council to deliver community services from this site for many years to come.

Council has made this decision for a number of reasons, including the need to provide more modern and welcoming public areas, improve efficiencies in our operations, and provide improved access and transparency around monthly Council meetings.

The existing Shire Hall and Customer Service Centre are over 120 and 40 years old respectively and present a number of building compliance and safety issues, resulting in increased spending on building maintenance. In addition, the customer service areas are outdated and do not provide privacy for residents to discuss sensitive issues such as planning matters.

The redeveloped facility will have an increased focus on the availability of dedicated community space within the central building.

6. During 2017-18 Council will advocate for a new emergency services precinct on an appropriate site in Bannockburn with a purpose built multifunction centre to accommodate the CFA and SES

Waste Management

Waste management, in particular the volume of waste going to landfill, continues to be one of the largest issues facing society at present (both from an environmental and financial perspective). Council has already taken significant steps to reduce the levels of waste it is sending to landfill. This has seen an approximate 30% reduction in the amount of waste per household being sent to landfill. Approximately 700kg of waste has reduced to approximately 500kg per household per annum, significantly reducing waste disposal costs. Council's Garbage Charge is inclusive of the State Government Landfill Levy, which is the prescribed fee that the operators of regional landfills are required to pay to the State Government for each tonne of waste deposited at their facilities.

The Garbage Charge is set at \$252 (2.2% increase) which represents full cost recovery of the service, as required under the rate capping framework.

Financial Performance and Sustainability

The budget, with total expenditure of \$37.3m and a capital program totalling \$9.2m, will deliver a broad range of services, programs and infrastructure projects.

The budgeted programs include:

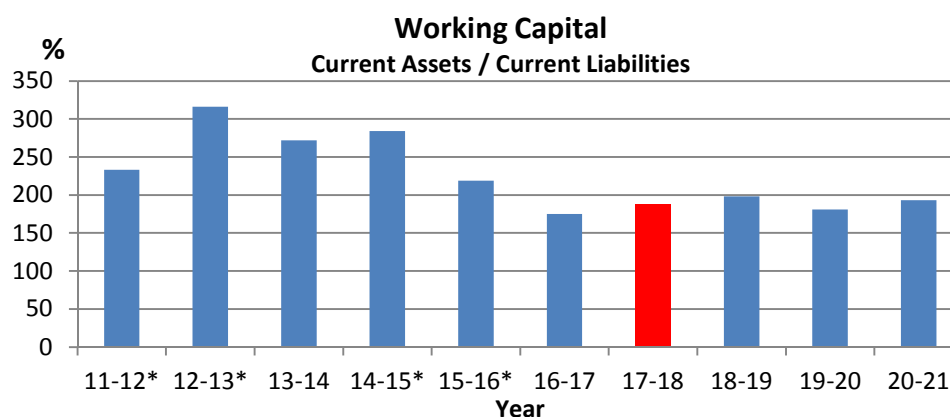
- \$14.6m allocated to the construction and maintenance of road and street infrastructure;
- \$9.8m to support and develop our recreation and community spaces and groups;
- \$8.7m to human support services, including children, aged, disability and maternal support;
- \$3.6m to managing Council's environmental and land use planning responsibilities;
- \$2.3m to managing Council's waste collection and disposal service;
- \$601k to support economic development and tourism; and
- \$333k to support Council's emergency management responsibilities.

Council's Rate Concentration as calculated under the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework (LGPRF) (rates, municipal charge and garbage charges compared to adjusted underlying revenue) is budgeted to be 56%, well behind similar large rural shires and the state average of 64%, in 2015-16.

This ratio is vitally important in ensuring Council is able to continue to deliver a broad range of services without over dependence on grants.

A key indicator of financial sustainability is Council's Working Capital balance. As Chart 1 demonstrates this balance has reduced slightly since the introduction of rate capping, but it has also been impacted by the Federal Government decision to cease paying 50% of their Federal Assistance Grant's in advance. Council's liquidity (working capital), while currently at an acceptable level will continue to be placed under pressure as a result of the high growth in population and the corresponding demand for services.

Chart 1



*includes 50% of Federal Assistance Grants received in advance

The Financial Performance Indicators disclosed in the budget reflect Council's ongoing commitment to sound financial management. This has provided Council with a sound foundation to begin operating within a rate capping environment.

The indicators Council considers critical in maintaining financial sustainability are outlined in Table 2 and show that the 2017-18 results are generally positive when compared to best practice and Council's preferred targets.

As mentioned earlier, it is critical that the strategies identified in the 2017-2021 Council Plan and SRP are adhered to, in order to achieve the financial outcomes detailed in the plan.

Council's strong financial performance during recent periods has been achieved by adhering to Council's long term strategy of decreasing its reliance on grant revenue and increasing the level of rates and charges.

Table 2 compares some key indicators to best practice and GPS targets.

Table 2

Indicator	Budget 2017-18	Best Practice	GPS Target	Traffic Light Position
Surplus ¹	\$2,987k	>\$0	>\$5,000k	Amber
Adjusted Underlying Result ²	(\$85k)	>\$0	>\$0	Red
Working Capital (%) ³	188%	>100%	>180%	Green
Discretionary Retained Earnings ⁴	\$3,897k	>\$1,000k	>\$2,000k	Green
Borrowings (% of Rates and Charges) ⁵	37.2%	<60%	<30%	Amber
Cash Balance ⁶	\$6,580k	>\$0	>\$5,000k	Green
Rate Determination ⁷	\$920k	>\$0	>\$0	Green

Indicators that meet both Best Practice and GPS Target are given a 'Green' light, one of the two targets 'Amber' and neither target a 'Red' light.

Council's Rating Strategy ensures that the financial burden is shared equitably amongst ratepayers, whilst generating sufficient revenue to meet the increasing demands of future infrastructure and service needs of the Shire. Further detail of Council's rating principles can be found in Section 5.4 and Appendix 6.1 of the budget.

¹ Surplus – The net result of total revenue and expenditure, including non-cash items such as depreciation.

² Adjusted Underlying Result – Surplus less non-recurrent capital grants, non-monetary asset contributions and other contributions to fund capital expenditure. These items have the potential to incorrectly inflate the operating surplus.

³ Working Capital – This is a measure of Council's ability to meet its short term commitments.

⁴ Discretionary Retained Earnings – The component of total equity that is not committed (includes proceeds from sale of land at Bakers Lane and VGC received in advance).

⁵ Borrowings – Balance of total interest bearing loans and liabilities as a percentage of rates and charges (including garbage charges). The prudent limit is considered to be 60%.

⁶ Cash Balance – The total cash and cash equivalents.

⁷ Rate Determination – This calculation demonstrates Council's ability to fund its capital program from operations. A deficit means retained earnings will be depleted further.

In preparing the Council Plan and Budget, Council considered the long term financial planning principles which include:

- Ensuring long term financial sustainability
- Delivering services in a cost effective and efficient manner
- Ensuring operating revenues are sustainable and consider community wide and individual benefits (rates versus user charges)
- Using debt finance where appropriate
- Maintaining cash reserves and operating surpluses at appropriate levels
- Identifying and quantifying long term liabilities
- Meeting social equity objectives through specific programs
- Managing the Shire's capital assets to maximise long term community benefit
- Recognising that funding from State and Federal Government is a crucial element of financial sustainability and
- Ensuring there is an underlying surplus

The strategies adopted in the Council Plan are reflected in the Budget and meet these requirements. This was more challenging than in the past given Council is now operating within an environment where revenue is restricted due to rate capping and Federal Assistance Grants have been frozen for the last three years, creating a permanent impact on Council's reserves.

Furthermore, Council has implemented the principles of sound financial management as required under Section 136 of the Act:

- Managing financial risks faced by the Council prudently, having regard to economic circumstances;
- Pursuing spending and rating policies that are consistent with a reasonable degree of stability in the level of the rates burden;
- Ensuring that decisions are made and actions are taken having regard to their financial effects on future generations; and
- Ensuring full, accurate and timely disclosure of financial information relating to the Council.

As has been the case for many years, Golden Plains faces many challenges:

- **High population growth.**
Golden Plains Shire is ranked as one of the fastest growing regional municipalities in Victoria with a current growth rate of 2.0%. Leading this growth is Bannockburn at 7.2%, Smythesdale at 12%, Teesdale at 7.4% and Inverleigh at 4.9%.
- **Substantial challenges associated with provision and renewal of roads, paths, and community and recreation facilities.**
In February 2014, VAGO tabled a report in Parliament highlighting its concerns over this exact challenge that councils face in meeting the growing demand of asset maintenance and renewal. The Auditor-General, Mr. John Doyle, states in the report:
'They also have legislative obligations to manage financial risks prudently and to ensure that their asset management decisions take into account economic circumstances and their financial effects on future generations. This is especially important in the current economic climate and in an environment where reliance on sources of revenue such as government grants cannot be assured.'

This challenge is even greater for Golden Plains Shire Council who has a comparatively larger infrastructure network to maintain than other Victorian Municipalities and is further exacerbated with the introduction of rate capping. History shows that the cost of maintaining and constructing such assets greatly exceeds CPI and the rate cap.

- **Increased demand for new services.**

Golden Plains Shire has one of the highest proportions of 0-4 year olds in Victoria with 7.0%, compared to the state figure of 6.4%. 5-9 year olds comprise 8.1% of Golden Plains' population but only 6.4% of Victoria. In the 10-14 age range Golden Plains has 8.4% compared to Victoria with 6.1%. Young people make up almost one third of the population and this places pressure on Council to deliver services from day care, kindergartens and play groups to play grounds, pathways, recreation reserves, skate parks and youth support activities.

Our ageing population is also outstripping the State average with the 60-64 age group in Golden Plains Shire making up 6.6% of the population while in Victoria it is only 5.4%. Council provides home and community care, meals on wheels and other services, but as the population grows demand will also continue to grow. Demand will also grow in the provision of infrastructure to meet the needs of an ageing population, and as with the needs of young people, the need for increased services and infrastructure is spread across the Shire's 56 communities and 16 townships.

- **Although increasing, still a comparatively low rating revenue base.**

Council's Rate Concentration (rates, municipal charge and garbage charges compared to adjusted underlying revenue) is budgeted to be 56%, well behind similar large rural shires and the state average of 64%, in 2015-16.

- **A history of significant dependence on grants, contributions and recoupments.**

This has had the effect of reducing the level of funds required from rate revenue to build community infrastructure and provide programs and services. For example, planned community infrastructure capital projects in 2017-18 total \$4m, with anticipated grant income of \$2.3m and other contributions of \$550k, leaving Council a lesser contribution of \$1.1m. Many grant funds are competitive and by definition are granted, not provided automatically.

- **Supporting community based Committees and Volunteers that currently manage the vast majority of community and recreation facilities on Council and Crown land.**

Council currently has 21 groups that require staffing support to assist with facility hire, managing volunteers, strategic and financial planning, and compliance with governance regulations in respect to meetings, minutes, annual returns and financial statements. This structure is currently being reviewed to ensure it remains the most efficient method for managing these facilities.

- **Managing the competing interests of rural and urban communities.**

Council must balance the demands being placed on resources, from the rapidly growing urban areas, with those of our ever important rural sector. Over 70% of properties in Golden Plains Shire are now classified as residential.

- **Managing the expectations of new residents who have relocated from highly urbanised Councils to a semi-rural Council.**

New residents relocating from more urbanised localities need to understand that Golden Plains Shire will not necessarily deliver the same level of services in relation to community infrastructure, etc.

- **Maintaining the extensive road network of over 1,800km.**

Golden Plains Shire was formed originally as an agricultural municipality with a number of small settlements across 2,705 square kilometres of rural land. While it remains predominantly rural and agricultural, rapid growth over the past 10 years has created a more urban character in parts of the Shire.

In 1994 the Shire's population was approximately 13,000 with 75% of rates income from rural areas. Now the population is approximately 21,000 and 75% of rates income is from townships. Council must maintain a high level of service to its rural areas, but is now also facing far greater demand for infrastructure in residential areas such as footpaths, curb and channel, drainage and sealed roads.

Therefore, Council must remain focused on its adopted strategies to provide the foundations on which to plan positively for the future.

Further highlights of this Budget include Council's investment in activities and initiatives such as:

- Delivery of a range of human support services that maintain or enhance the wellbeing and quality of life of Golden Plains' residents;
- Implementation of Council's Municipal Early Years Plan, which focuses on all areas that impact on the health and wellbeing of children from the ages of birth to ten years;

- Ensuring the necessary infrastructure is developed to accommodate the new school in Milton Street, Bannockburn.
- The development of the Bannockburn Civic Heart;
- Commitment to contribute funding to the redevelopment of new recreation pavilions at both the Rokewood and Maude Recreation Reserves. These projects are subject to other government funding;
- Sustained investment in the maintenance of recreation and community facilities;
- Continuing commitment to assist in the maintenance of major recreation facilities; and
- Strategic investment in economic development to facilitate the growth of the local economy, particularly in township development and rural based industries

Council is confident the 2017-18 budget meets the requirements of sound financial management, while delivering the strategies identified in the 2017-2021 Council Plan.

Adjusted Underlying Surplus

Each year Council's aim is to deliver a balanced adjusted underlying result. The regulations prescribe the method for calculating the 'Adjusted Underlying Result'. The purpose for calculating the Adjusted Underlying Result is to remove the effect on the budget of one-off revenue items that may otherwise overstate Council's 'normal' performance. Under the regulations the 2017-18 deficit of \$85k is calculated as follows:

Table 3

	\$'000
Total Comprehensive Result	2,987
Non-recurrent grants used to fund capital expenditure	(1,332)
Non-monetary asset contributions	(1,000)
Other contributions to fund capital expenditure	(740)
Adjusted Underlying Deficit	(85)

Revenue

The following key points relate to the budgeted revenue of \$40.2m which has decreased by \$6.7m.

- Rates and charges total \$21.2m.
- Operating grants have decreased by \$200k to \$10.1m.
- The Federal Assistance Grants distributed via the Victoria Grants Commission is assumed to increase by 2.0% from the 2016-17 allocation. This is the first budgeted increase in three years after the Federal Government placed a 'freeze' on this funding in 2013.
- Capital grants have decreased by \$8.1m to \$2.3m. This is the result of Council successfully applying for significant capital grants in 2016-17 and an increased distribution from the Roads to Recovery program in 2016-17.
- Monetary Contributions of \$1.8m include \$400k relating to the Rokewood recreation reserve pavilion, \$211k from the Wind Farm at Mt Mercer and \$150k towards the construction of Gumley Road.
- Non-Monetary Contributions of \$1m relate to the assets that are handed to Council after the maintenance period has expired on new subdivisions.
- Statutory fees and fines have increased by \$114k to \$412k, primarily due to the legislated increase in Statutory Fees.
- User fees total \$3.1m.
- Other income has increased by \$50k primarily due to an increase in interest on rates and charges.

Expenditure

The following key points relate to the budgeted expenditure of \$37.2m which has decreased by \$1.5m.

- Materials and services have decreased by \$2.4m to \$10.7m.
- Employee costs allow for an annual Enterprise Agreement (EA) increment of 1.5%
- Depreciation expense will increase by \$339k to \$7.7m.
- Borrowing costs will decrease by \$13k to \$346k.

Balance Sheet

The key points to note are:

- Council's net worth will increase by \$3.0m to \$437m. Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment comprise 97% of Council's total assets.
- \$650k will be borrowed in 2017-18 to:
 - partly fund Council's contribution to the construction of the Maude recreation reserve pavilion (\$150k); and
 - to commence the Golden Plains Community and Civic Centre redevelopment (\$500k).
- The MAV Local Government Funding Vehicle will be utilised to fund new borrowings.
- Working capital is in surplus \$4.5m. Current assets will be 1.9 times current liabilities at the end of the financial year, up from 1.75 in 2016-17.
- Non-current assets include an investment totalling \$1.9m relating to the sinking fund established to repay the LGFV bonds when they mature. The first of which is due in November 2019.
- The retained earnings balance at 30 June 2018 is budgeted to be \$4.5m, of which \$3.9m will be classified as discretionary. This retained earnings balance includes the proceeds from the sale of the Bakers Lane Teesdale, Stage 3 (\$1.35m) and the surplus from the sale of the Warrambine Hall (\$171k).

Cash Flow

- The cash balance is \$6.6m.
- Under the regulations \$6.0m of this balance will be classified as unrestricted, with the remaining \$560k being restricted within statutory and discretionary reserves.
- As depicted in chart 1, the closing cash balance will be sufficient to cover all of Council's commitments and have a cash surplus from operations of \$4.5m.
- Cash inflow generated from operating activities will be applied to capital expenditure (\$9.2m).
- As shown in Chart 3, the cash flow trend for 2017-18 is expected to be similar to 2016-17 and previous years.

Chart 2: Closing Cash Balance (\$6.6m)

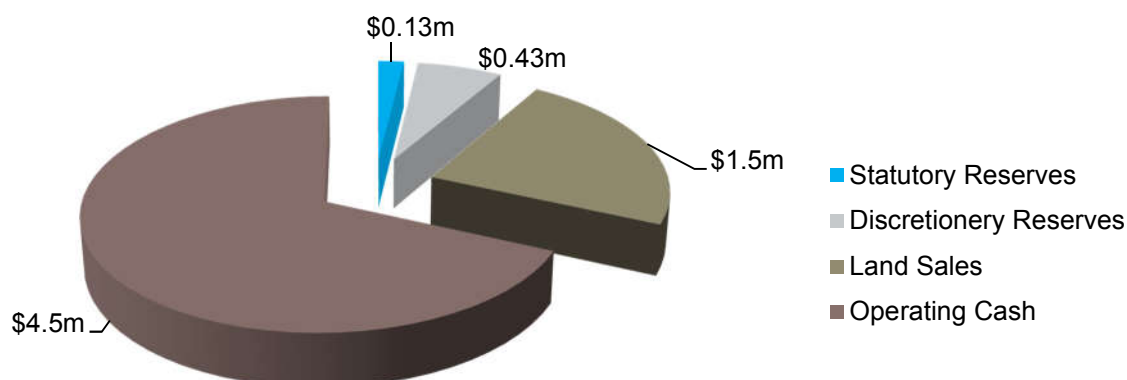
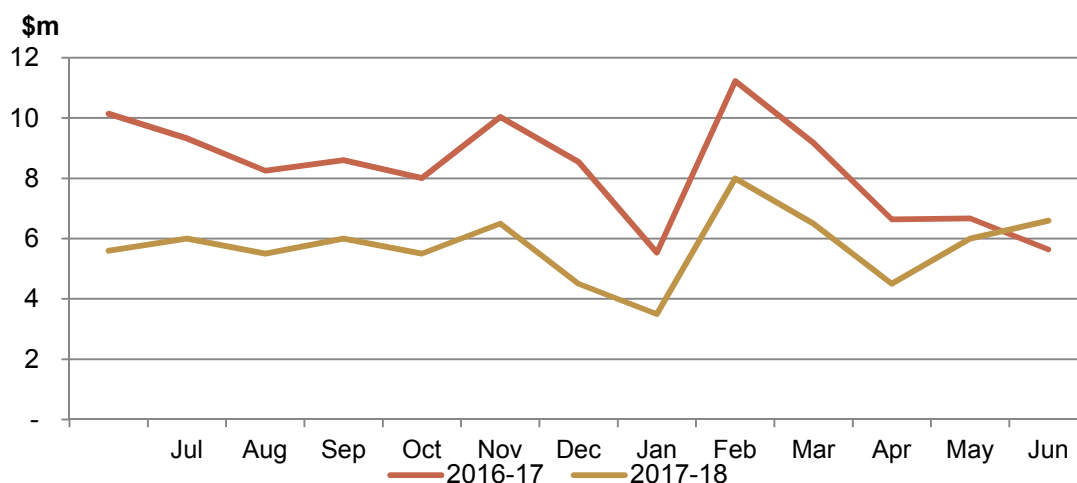


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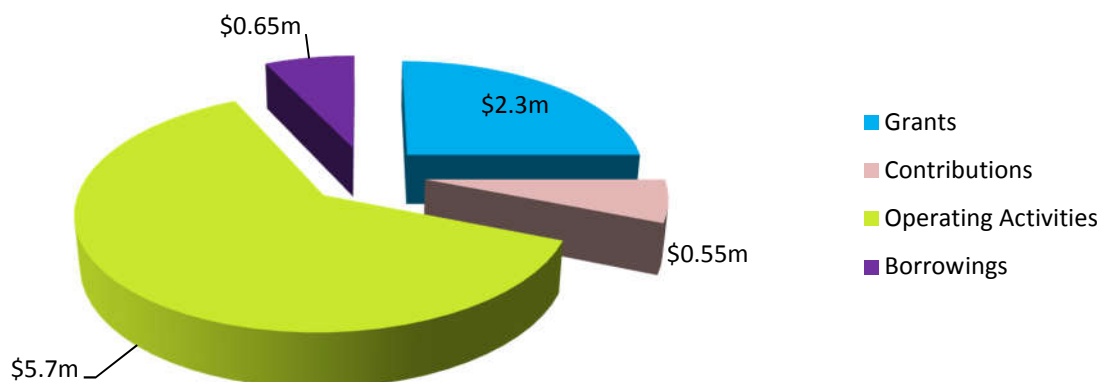


Capital Works

The key points to note are:

- The capital works program for 2017-18 has reduced significantly to \$9.2m, a decrease of \$9m compared to the 2016-17 forecast of \$18.2m.
- The program is divided between capital renewal (45%), capital upgrade (15%), capital expansion (5%) and new assets (35%).
- The capital works budget is funded from a mix of external and internal sources. Chart 4 below demonstrates that 25% is funded by grants, 6% by contributions, 62% by operations and 7% from borrowings.

Chart 4: Capital Works Funding Sources (\$9.2m)



Following is a summary of the major items of capital expenditure funded in the budget:

- Rokewood Recreation Reserve pavilion - \$1.15m.
- Roads to Recovery – \$950 (refer to Attachment for further detail)
- Gumley Road reconstruction - \$900k
- Local roads resealing – \$850k.
- Plant and machinery replacements – a replacement cost of \$1.3m, of which \$0.63m is the net cost to Council after asset sales.
- Maude Recreation Reserve pavilion - \$650k
- Golden Plains Community and Civic Centre - \$500k
- Construction of Ross Creek Reserve toilet block - \$200k

Cost Shifting

Cost shifting continues to have a significant impact on Council's ability to deliver services. Cost shifting occurs when Commonwealth and State programs transfer responsibilities to Local Government with insufficient funding or grants which don't keep pace with delivery costs. Some examples are:

Cost Shifting for Specific Services

- Library Services - \$246k from 2011-12 to 2017-18
- Maternal and Child Health - \$98k from 2011-12 to 2017-18

Loss of funding in General

- A freeze on indexation of the federal financial assistance grants. The Commonwealth announced in its 2014-15 Budget that it would pause indexation of the total national pool of financial assistance grants to local government for three years (2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17). The cumulative impact on Council for the three years exceeded \$800k and although the freeze has now been removed this is a permanent compounding loss of revenue.
- Discontinuance of the Community Support Program (CSP) Fund for Family Day Care program from 1 July 2015 - \$55k per annum.

Statutory fee that prohibits full cost recovery

- After freezing planning fees since 2009 the State Government in October 2016 increased the allowable fee that Council may charge for these services. While this belated action is welcomed the new fees still do not cover the full cost of providing the service hence rate payers are still forced to subsidise the activities of developers across the city.

Levies

- Fire Service Property levy – Council is legislated to collect this levy on behalf of the State Government. The net cost of administering this process is estimated to be approximately \$30k per annum

Statutory requirements lead to increased costs

- Council is now compelled to utilise the services of the Victorian Electoral Commission to deliver electoral services, removing the competitive procurement process. This resulted in a 30% increase in the 2016 election costs for Council
- New national policy of 15 hours kinder for four-year olds – Over \$3m of capital works over the past 5 years

Conclusion

While negatively impacted by the introduction of the State Governments rate capping framework, the 2017-18 budget still delivers the core services required of Council while maintaining a sustainable financial position, which has only been achieved by implementing several short term initiatives that cannot be sustained in the long term.

Council's financial discipline over recent years has allowed it to implement the strategies and deliver the services detailed within its Council Plan, during a challenging period, without placing its financial sustainability at risk. This has built a strong foundation to commence operating within a rate capping environment.

1.3 BUDGET PREPARATION

This section lists the Budget processes to be undertaken in order to adopt the Budget in accordance with the Act and Regulations.

Officers begin preparing the operating and capital components of the Annual Budget during the period December to February. These budgets are prepared based on the actions included in the Council Plan, which is developed and reviewed after undertaking detailed community engagement activities.

A Draft Budget is then prepared and delivered to Councillors in March. At least one full day workshop between officers and Council is then conducted to make any alterations to the Draft Budget. A 'proposed' Budget is prepared in accordance with the Act and submitted to Council in late April for approval 'in principle'. Council is then required to give 'public notice' that it intends to 'adopt' the Budget. It must give 28 days' notice of its intention to adopt the proposed Budget and make the Budget available for inspection at its offices and on its web site. A person has a right to make a submission on any proposal contained in the Budget and any submission must be considered before adoption of the Budget by Council.

The final step is for Council to adopt the Budget after receiving and considering any submissions from interested parties. The Budget is required to be adopted and a copy submitted to the Minister by 30 June (an extension to 31 August has been provided for in 2017). The key dates for the budget process are summarised below:

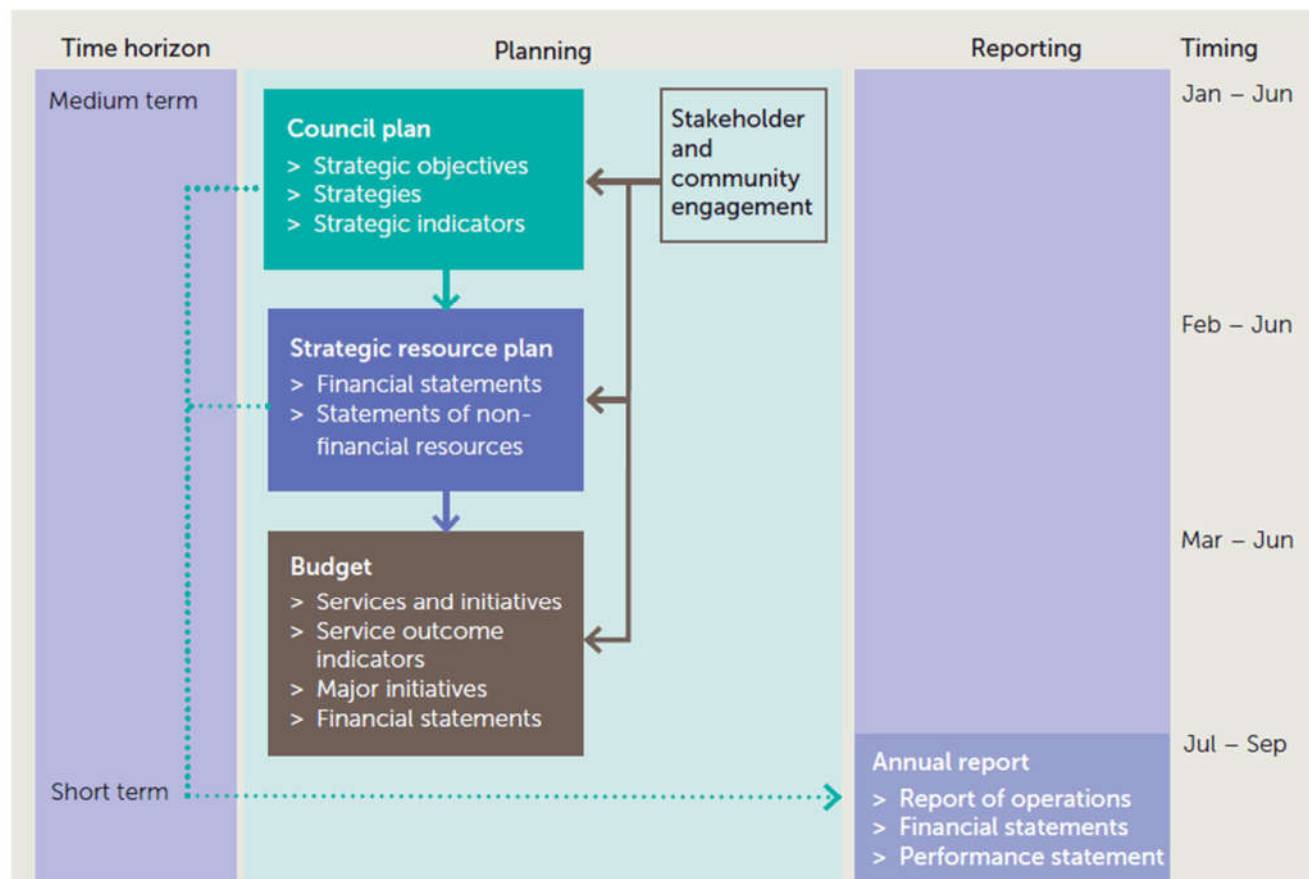
Budget Process	Timing
1. Community Engagement Activities	Ongoing
2. Analysis and consideration of Community Engagement activities	Dec - Jan
3. Officers prepare operating and capital budgets	Dec – Feb
4. Council receives Draft Budget for review	March
5. Council workshop/s conducted to review Draft Budget	March/April
6. Draft Budget submitted to Council for 'in principle' approval	April
7. Public notice advising intention to adopt Budget	April
8. Proposed Budget available for public inspection and comment	April
9. Submissions period closes (28 days)	May
10. Submissions considered by Council	June
11. Budget and submissions presented to Council for adoption	June
12. Copy of adopted Budget submitted to the Minister	June

1.4 LINKAGE TO THE COUNCIL PLAN

This section describes how the Annual Budget links to the achievement of the Council Plan within an overall planning and reporting framework. This framework guides the Council in identifying community needs and aspirations over the long term, medium term (Council Plan) and short term (Annual Budget) and then holding itself accountable (Annual Report).

Planning and accountability framework

The Strategic Resource Plan, part of and prepared in conjunction with the Council Plan, is a rolling four year plan that outlines the financial and non-financial resources that Council requires to achieve the strategic objectives described in the Council Plan. The Annual Budget is framed within the Strategic Resource Plan, taking into account the services and initiatives which contribute to achieving the strategic objectives specified in the Council Plan. The following diagram depicts the planning and accountability framework that applies to local government in Victoria.



Source: Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (formerly Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure)

The timing of each component of the planning framework is critical to the successful achievement of the planned outcomes. The Council Plan, including the Strategic Resource Plan, is required to be completed by 30 June following a general election and is reviewed each year in conjunction with the preparation of the Annual Budget process.

1.5 BUDGET INFLUENCES AND PRINCIPLES

This section sets out the key budget influences arising from the internal and external environment within which the Council operates.

Shire Profile

Golden Plains Shire is a rural municipality situated between two of Victoria's largest regional cities, Geelong and Ballarat, with a population of over 20,000 people across 56 vibrant rural communities.

Renowned for its award-winning food and wine, iconic music festivals, goldfield heritage and friendly communities, Golden Plains Shire is an attractive destination both to visit and call home.

New residents, particularly young families, are attracted to the area's rural lifestyle, affordable housing and proximity to the services and jobs available in the Shire, as well as those in Melbourne, Geelong, Ballarat and the Surf Coast. Residents value the character of Golden Plains' small townships and communities, local facilities and services, and natural environment. As one of the fastest growing regions in Victoria, boasting rich biodiversity and a broad range of flora and fauna, Golden Plains Shire has much to offer.

Golden Plains also offers many opportunities for businesses, investment, sustainable development and employment, with more than 1,700 businesses in farming, retail and home-based businesses. In agriculture, the region has a strong tradition in wool and grain production and is a leading producer of prime lambs. Intensive animal farming continues to increase and strengthen, with the production of goat dairy, beef, chicken and pork strong in Golden Plains, and marked growth in viticulture. Many of the producers and businesses of Golden Plains

sell their produce at the monthly Council-run Golden Plains Farmers' Market, attracting visitors to the Shire from far and wide.

Golden Plains Shire is also one of the leading egg producers in Victoria, and is attracting new investment in free-range egg production in the Golden Plains Food Production Precinct—this is an area of land in the southern part of the Shire set to become one of Victoria's premier areas for intensive agriculture.

Golden Plains Shire Council is renowned for engaging with its communities to build community spirit, plan for growth and future facilities and services. Residents continue to support their communities, with high levels of participation in community clubs, activities and volunteering.

Looking to the future, Golden Plains Shire residents have shared their vision and priorities for the next 10-20 years. They identified the need to plan and manage the competing interests of a growing population whilst maintaining the Shire's highly valued rural character, meet community service and infrastructure needs and maintain and improve the Shire's extensive road network.

Golden Plains offers relaxed country living, with the services and attractions of Melbourne, Geelong and Ballarat just a stone's throw away. With an abundance of events, attractions and activities, as well many great local businesses and breathtaking views, Golden Plains a great place to live, invest, taste, see and explore.

Our Vision

A healthy, safe, vibrant, prosperous and sustainable community supported by strong leadership, transparent governance and community partnerships - Our Community, Our Economy, and Our Pride.

Our Mission

We will achieve our vision through:

- Demonstrating good governance and involving the community in decision making
- working and advocating in partnership with our community to address social, economic and environmental challenges
- Promoting gender equality and equity and inclusion for all
- sustaining a focus on long term outcomes and delivering increased public value through good decision-making and wise spending
- building awareness and strategic alliances with government, regional groups and community.

Our Values

Honesty and Integrity

We will act ethically and honestly and work to continue to build the trust and confidence of the community

Leadership

We will demonstrate strong and collaborative community leadership

Accountability

We will act in an open and transparent manner and be accountable to our community for our processes, decisions and actions

Adaptability

We will implement progressive and creative responses to emerging issues and will continue to work to build organisational and community resilience

Fairness

We will base our decision making on research, information and understanding of the needs and aspirations of the whole community and promote equitable access to the Shire's services and public places.

External Factors

Local Government Amendment (Fair Go Rates) Act 2015

- Local Government Amendment (Fair Go Rates) Act 2015 received Royal Assent on 2 December 2015. The Minister for Local Government has made a determination that the cap will be set at 2.0% for the 2017-18 year.

Fire Services Property Levy Act 2012

- Council will continue to collect the Fire Services Property Levy (FSPL), on behalf of the State Government, that was introduced on 1 July 2013. Hence, Council does not recognise any revenue and this levy is not included in any rating calculation or comparisons

Local Authorities Superannuation Fund Defined Benefit Plan (LASF DB Plan)

- The LASF DB Plan is an industry wide defined benefit fund that current and past employees of Council are members of and Council has a legal obligation to meet any 'calls' made on the fund. The fund was closed to new members in 1993.

In February 2011 and again in July 2012, Council was advised of the outcome of an Actuarial Investigation into the fund. The outcome of the investigations resulted in Council having to contribute amounts of \$420,881 and \$1,758,927 to the fund. This fund is managed by Vision Super and is exposed to fluctuations in the market. No 'call' is expected in the short term and no provision has been made in 2017-18.

Local Government Costs

- The Budget has been framed taking into account the cost of delivering local government services. Research indicates that local government costs typically increase by around one per cent above the consumer price index (CPI). The CPI is a weighted basket of household goods and services. But, council services are quite different to household services, since a greater proportion of costs are directed towards providing infrastructure and social and community services.

These costs generally exceed other cost increases in the economy.

Household Waste Disposal

- In recent years the cost of disposing of household waste has increased significantly in Victoria. In 2015-16 Council introduced a new service to help combat these increases, however, above CPI increases are expected to continue into the future. These increased costs have resulted from landfill closures, increased cartage and disposal costs and increased compliance costs for landfill operators.

Interest Rates

- Fixed interest rates on new long-term borrowings are assumed to be 4.0% per annum.
- Interest rates for investments are assumed to be between 2.0% and 3.0% per annum.

Population Growth

- Future population growth from 2014 to 2036 is estimated to be 3.5% per annum.

Rates and Charges

- Total rates and charges of \$21.2m include rates, municipal charge and garbage charge, including supplementary rates.
- The interest rate on outstanding rates and charges (per the Penalty Interest Rates Act 1983) is assumed to be 10.0% per annum. The rate can be reviewed at any stage during the year by the Attorney-General and this will be the rate that Council uses in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989.
- 7.17% of rates and charges raised in 2017-18 have been budgeted to remain outstanding at 30 June 2018.

Grants

- The Federal Assistance Grants distributed via the Victoria Grants Commission is assumed to increase by 2.0% from the 2016-17 allocation. This is the first budgeted increase in three years after the Federal Government placed a 'freeze' on this funding in 2013.
- Operating grants have decreased by 2% to \$10.1m.
- Capital grants have decreased by 78% to \$2.3m. This is the result of Council successfully applying for significant capital grants in 2016-17 and an increased distribution from the Roads to Recovery program in 2016-17.
- Further detail on grant revenue is provided in Note 4 and 5 on page 45 and 46.

User Fees and Charges

- Some statutory fees and charges will increase and the level of income from these fees is generally assumed to increase by 2.5% as a result of growth in the level of activity.
- Most of Council's non-statutory fees and charges will increase by 2.5% in accordance with the Strategic Resource Plan.

Payables

- Trade creditors are based on total capital expenditure, expenditure on Materials and Services and a portion of employee costs such as superannuation. The normal payment cycle is 30 days.

Receivables

- The balance of Other Debtors is based on collecting 91.0% of contributions, recoupments, grants, fees and charges raised during the year.

Economy

- Economic conditions are expected to remain stable during the budget period. Local Government plays a key role in the implementation of State and Federal Government economic development programs which impact on the level of capital works expenditure of Council.

Internal Factors**Employee Costs**

- The Victorian Wage Price index is forecast to be 2.25% in 2017-18. As 2016-17 was the last year of Council's previous Enterprise Agreement (EA), Council will negotiate a new agreement to apply from 1 July 2017.
- Employee costs are expected to increase by 3.3% (EA 1.5%, increase in FTE 0.9% and band level and other increases 0.9%)

Impact of 2016-17 year on 2017-18 Budget

- The 2016-17 forecast Balance Sheet becomes the starting point for the 2017-18 financial year; therefore this Statement holds the key to analysing the impact of last year's operations on the new Budget.
- The 2016-17 forecast as at 20 February 2017 remains consistent with the original Budget and any known material variance has been allowed for in the forecast. However, any subsequent movement to the forecast before 30 June 2017 will impact the opening Balance Sheet for 2017-18.
- Transactions occurring in the 2016-17 year will have an impact on the 2017-18 Budget. These include such items as closing cash balance, capital purchases and borrowings. These will impact opening cash balance, depreciation and interest respectively.

Councillor and Mayoral Allowances

- The Councillor and Mayoral allowances are set in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989. The base allowance set in December 2016 will remain in force until any change is gazetted by the Minister (usually in November each year).

Allowance	Annualised Thresholds From 1 July 2017
Councillor	\$21,620
Mayoral	\$64,857

The Mayor is also provided with a motor vehicle to conduct mayoral duties.

Budget Principles

The Budget also takes into account the following principles:

- The financial result should be consistent with Council's Long Term Financial Plan, to ensure long-term sustainability
- All strategies contained within the Council Plan for the 2017-18 year should be funded in the Budget
- Rates and charges are levied in accordance with Council's Rating Strategy and in compliance with the Local Government Amendment (Fair Go Rates) Act 2015
- Spending and rating policies should be consistent with a reasonable degree of stability in the level of the rates burden
- Council should have regard to the effect on future generations of decisions made
- Staffing levels should be in accordance with Council's Strategic Resource Plan
- Only one-off capital projects should be funded from any retained earnings balance
- Debt finance can be used where appropriate as per Council's Borrowing Policy
- Cash reserves should be maintained at appropriate levels
- Long-term assets should be managed to maximise community benefit
- Existing fees and charges should be increased in line with Council's Strategic Resource Plan or market forces
- New revenue sources should be identified wherever possible
- New initiatives or new employee proposals should be justified through a business case
- Council recognises that government grants are a crucial element of financial sustainability
- Council's Budget should take into account all of Council's other strategic plans
- Financial risks faced by Council should be managed having regard to economic circumstances

Legislative Requirements

Under the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act), Council is required to implement the principles of sound financial management. The principles of sound financial management are that a Council must:

- Manage financial risks faced by the Council prudently, having regard to economic circumstances
- Pursue spending and rating policies that are consistent with a reasonable degree of stability in the level of the rates burden
- Ensure that decisions are made and actions are taken having regard to their financial effects on future generations and
- Ensure full, accurate and timely disclosure of financial information relating to Council

Under the Act, Council is required to prepare and adopt an Annual Budget for each financial year. The Budget is required to include certain information about the rates and charges that Council intends to levy as well as a range of other information required by the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014 (the Regulations) which support the Act.

The 2017-18 Budget, which is included in this report, is for the year 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 and is prepared in accordance with the Act and Regulations. The Budget includes financial statements being a Comprehensive Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows and a Statement of Capital Works. The Budget also includes a Statement of Human Resources.

These statements have been prepared for the year ended 30 June 2018 in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements and in accordance with the Act and Regulations. It also includes detailed information about the rates and charges to be levied, the capital works program to be undertaken and other financial information, which Council requires in order to make an informed decision about the adoption of the Budget.

The Budget includes consideration of a number of long term strategies to assist Council in considering the Budget in a proper financial management context. These include a Strategic Resource Plan (Section 5.1), Rating Strategy and other strategies as detailed in Services, Initiatives and Service Performance Indicators (Section 3).

2 STATEMENTS

This section presents information in regard to the Financial Statements and Statement of Human Resources.

At the end of each financial year, Council is required to include in the Financial Statements in its Annual Report a comparison of actual income and expenditure compared with the income and expenditure in the Financial Statements in the Budget.

2.1 COMPREHENSIVE INCOME STATEMENT

For the four years ending 30 June 2021

	Note	Forecast 2016-17 \$'000	Budget 2017-18 \$'000	Strategic Resource Plan Projections		
				2018-19 \$'000	2019-20 \$'000	2020-21 \$'000
Operating Revenue						
Rates and Charges	1	20,427	21,195	21,971	22,769	23,590
Statutory fees and fines	2	298	412	420	428	437
User Fees	3	2,908	3,066	3,181	3,244	3,368
Grants - Operating	4	10,340	10,140	10,690	10,508	10,003
Grants - Capital	5	10,362	2,298	2,452	2,832	3,102
Contributions - monetary	6	1,338	1,773	1,244	1,260	1,173
Contributions - non-monetary	7	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Net Gain/(Loss) on Disposal of Property, Infrastructure,	8	-	2	-	-	657
Other Income	9	300	350	350	350	350
Total Income		46,973	40,236	41,308	42,391	43,679
Operating Expenditure						
Employee costs	10	(17,613)	(18,194)	(18,873)	(19,531)	(20,210)
Materials and Services	11	(13,102)	(10,729)	(10,776)	(11,110)	(11,749)
Bad & Doubtful Debts	12	(1)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)
Depreciation and amortisation	13	(7,380)	(7,719)	(7,925)	(8,153)	(8,291)
Borrowing Costs	14	(357)	(346)	(351)	(463)	(425)
Other Expenses	15	(253)	(258)	(264)	(271)	(278)
Total Expenses		(38,706)	(37,249)	(38,192)	(39,531)	(40,957)
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		8,268	2,987	3,116	2,860	2,722
Other comprehensive income		-		-	-	-
Total comprehensive result		8,268	2,987	3,116	2,860	2,722

* Notes are included in Section 4, beginning on page 43

2.2 BALANCE SHEET

For the four years ending 30 June 2021	Note	Forecast 2016-17 \$'000	Budget 2017-18 \$'000	Strategic Resource Plan Projections		
				2018-19 \$'000	2019-20 \$'000	2020-21 \$'000
Current Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents		5,636	6,580	7,182	6,122	6,709
Trade and Other Receivables		2,203	2,524	2,579	2,637	2,696
Inventories - Consumables		20	19	19	19	19
Non-current assets classified as held for sale		322	322	322	322	269
Other Assets		51	53	53	53	53
Total Current Assets	16	8,232	9,498	10,156	9,153	9,746
Non-Current Assets						
Investments in associates and joint ventures		792	792	792	792	792
Other non-current financial assets		1,373	1,989	2,818	1,442	2,458
Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment		436,406	438,245	444,833	452,151	453,365
Total Non-Current Assets	17	438,571	441,026	448,443	454,386	456,616
TOTAL ASSETS		446,803	450,524	458,599	463,539	466,362
Current Liabilities						
Trade and Other Payables		1,828	1,874	1,875	1,875	1,876
Trust Funds and Deposits		140	184	184	184	184
Provisions		2,470	2,707	2,787	2,867	2,947
Interest bearing loans and borrowings		257	276	274	129	51
Total Current Liabilities	18	4,695	5,041	5,120	5,055	5,058
Non-Current Liabilities						
Provisions		1,328	1,341	1,341	1,341	1,341
Interest bearing loans and borrowings		7,234	7,609	12,489	14,634	14,733
Total Non-Current Liabilities	19	8,562	8,950	13,830	15,975	16,074
TOTAL LIABILITIES		13,257	13,991	18,950	21,030	21,132
NET ASSETS		433,546	436,533	439,649	442,509	445,231
Equity						
Accumulated Surplus		179,008	182,033	185,149	188,009	190,731
Reserves		254,538	254,500	254,500	254,500	254,500
TOTAL EQUITY	20	433,546	436,533	439,649	442,509	445,231

* Notes are included in Section 4, beginning on page 43

2.3 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the year ending 30 June 2018	Note	Total \$'000	Accumulated Surplus \$'000	Revaluation Reserve \$'000	Other Reserves \$'000
Balance at beginning of the financial year		433,546	179,008	251,170	3,368
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		2,987	2,987	-	-
Net asset revaluation increment/(decrement)		-	-	-	-
Transfers to other reserves		-	38	-	(38)
Transfers from other reserves		-	-	-	-
Balance at end of the financial year	20	436,533	182,033	251,170	3,330

For the year ending 30 June 2019	Note	Total \$'000	Accumulated Surplus \$'000	Revaluation Reserve \$'000	Other Reserves \$'000
Balance at beginning of the financial year		436,533	182,033	251,170	3,330
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		3,116	3,116	-	-
Net asset revaluation increment/(decrement)		-	-	-	-
Transfers to other reserves		-	-	-	-
Transfers from other reserves		-	-	-	-
Balance at end of the financial year		439,649	185,149	251,170	3,330

For the year ending 30 June 2020	Note	Total \$'000	Accumulated Surplus \$'000	Revaluation Reserve \$'000	Other Reserves \$'000
Balance at beginning of the financial year		439,649	185,149	251,170	3,330
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		2,860	2,860	-	-
Net asset revaluation increment/(decrement)		-	-	-	-
Transfers to other reserves		-	-	-	-
Transfers from other reserves		-	-	-	-
Balance at end of the financial year		442,509	188,009	251,170	3,330

For the year ending 30 June 2021	Note	Total \$'000	Accumulated Surplus \$'000	Revaluation Reserve \$'000	Other Reserves \$'000
Balance at beginning of the financial year		442,509	188,009	251,170	3,330
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		2,722	2,722	-	-
Net asset revaluation increment/(decrement)		-	-	-	-
Transfers to other reserves		-	-	-	-
Transfers from other reserves		-	-	-	-
Balance at end of the financial year		445,231	190,731	251,170	3,330

*Notes are included in Section 4, beginning on page 43

2.4 STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the four years ending 30 June 2021	Note	Forecast 2016-17 \$'000	Budget 2017-18 \$'000	Strategic Resource Plan Projections		
				2018-19 \$'000	2019-20 \$'000	2020-21 \$'000
Cash Flows From Operating Activities (Inclusive of GST where applicable)						
Receipts from Ratepayers		20,431	21,176	21,971	22,769	23,590
Grants		21,519	12,740	13,049	13,517	13,336
Interest Received		288	332	350	350	350
User Fees		3,240	3,460	3,181	3,244	3,368
Contributions and Recoupments		1,310	1,693	1,244	1,260	1,173
Payments to Employees		(18,140)	(17,872)	(18,873)	(19,531)	(20,210)
Payments to Suppliers		(15,384)	(12,154)	(11,841)	(12,221)	(12,987)
Net GST Refunded		907	649	1,076	1,111	1,188
Net cash provided by/(used in) Operating Activities	21	14,171	10,024	10,157	10,499	9,808
Cash Flows From Investing Activities (Net of GST)						
Payment for Land & Buildings		(4,695)	(2,653)	(7,410)	(8,450)	(3,540)
Payment for Infrastructure Assets		(7,841)	(4,366)	(4,350)	(4,273)	(3,762)
Payment for Plant & Machinery		(1,888)	(1,287)	(1,099)	(1,573)	(1,008)
Payment for Furniture & Equipment		(306)	(172)	(309)	(98)	(212)
Payment for Other Structures		(3,355)	(732)	(745)	(745)	(745)
Proceeds from Sale of Land		-	-	-	-	850
Proceeds from Sale of Assets		495	655	668	668	616
Net cash provided by/(used in) Investing Activities	22	(17,590)	(8,555)	(13,245)	(14,471)	(7,801)
Cash Flows From Financing Activities						
Interest Paid		(357)	(346)	(351)	(463)	(425)
Repayment of Borrowings		(245)	(257)	(273)	(2,650)	(129)
Proceeds from Loan		150	650	5,150	4,650	150
LGFV Sinking Fund		(524)	(566)	(786)	1,425	(966)
Non-Current Investment		-	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)
Trust Funds		(107)	44	-	-	-
Net cash provided by/(used in) Financing Activities	23	(1,083)	(525)	3,690	2,912	(1,420)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and cash equivalents		(4,502)	944	602	(1,060)	587
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		10,138	5,636	6,580	7,182	6,122
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year		5,636	6,580	7,182	6,122	6,709

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2.5 STATEMENT OF CAPITAL WORKS

For the four years ending 30 June 2021

	Note	Forecast 2016-17 \$'000	Budget 2017-18 \$'000	Strategic Resource Plan Projections		
				2018-19 \$'000	2019-20 \$'000	2020-21 \$'000
Property						
Land		-	-	-	-	-
Land improvements		-	-	-	-	-
Total land		-	-	-	-	-
Buildings – specialised		505	1,988	7,410	7,080	2,790
Buildings – unspecialised		4,355	665	-	750	750
Heritage buildings		-	-	-	-	-
Building improvements		-	-	-	-	-
Leasehold improvements		-	-	-	-	-
Total buildings		4,860	2,653	7,410	7,830	3,540
Total property	24	4,860	2,653	7,410	7,830	3,540
Plant and equipment						
Heritage plant and equipment		-	-	-	-	-
Plant, machinery and equipment		1,888	1,287	1,099	1,573	1,008
Fixtures, fittings and furniture		92	30	-	-	-
Computers and telecommunications		170	142	309	98	212
Library books		-	-	-	-	-
Total plant and equipment	24	2,150	1,459	1,408	1,671	1,220
Infrastructure						
Roads		6,818	3,645	2,285	3,398	2,285
Bridges		750	525	450	450	450
Footpaths and cycleways		301	196	282	282	282
Drainage		63	-	33	33	33
Recreational, leisure and community facilities		2,971	512	1,900	720	660
Waste management		-	-	-	-	-
Parks, open space and streetscapes		133	130	85	85	85
Off street car parks		137	90	50	50	50
Other infrastructure		-	-	-	-	-
Total infrastructure	24	11,173	5,098	5,095	5,018	3,845
Total capital works expenditure	24	18,183	9,210	13,913	14,519	8,605
Represented by:						
New asset expenditure	25	5,350	3,189	2,990	5,338	4,380
Asset renewal expenditure	26	7,720	4,101	4,364	4,122	3,666
Asset upgrade expenditure	27	4,980	1,318	559	559	559
Asset expansion expenditure	28	133	602	6,000	4,500	-
Total capital works expenditure		18,183	9,210	13,913	14,519	8,605

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2.6 STATEMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

For the four years ending 30 June 2021

	Note	Forecast 2016-17 \$'000	Budget 2017-18 \$'000	Strategic Resource Plan Projections		
				2018-19 \$'000	2019-20 \$'000	2020-21 \$'000
Staff expenditure						
Employee costs – operating		17,608	18,194	18,873	19,531	20,210
Employee costs - capital						
Total staff expenditure	10	17,608	18,194	18,873	19,531	20,210
		FTE	FTE	FTE	FTE	FTE
Staff numbers						
Employees		203	206	208	210	212
Total staff numbers	10	203	206	208	210	212

* Notes are included in Section 4, beginning on page 43

3 SERVICES, INITIATIVES AND SERVICE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

This section provides a description of the services and initiatives to be funded in the Budget for the 2017-18 year and how these will contribute to achieving the strategic objectives specified in the Council Plan as set out in Section 1. It also includes a number of initiatives, major initiatives and service performance outcome indicators.

Services for which there are prescribed performance indicators to be reported on in accordance with the Regulations are shown in **bold** and underlined in the following programs.

Strategic Objective 1: Promoting Healthy and Connected Communities

To achieve the strategic objective of promoting healthy and connected communities Council will continue to plan, deliver and improve high quality, cost effective, accessible and responsive services. The services, initiatives, major initiatives and service performance indicators for each service area are described below.

Service Area	Description of Services and Initiatives	Expenditure /(Revenue) Net Cost \$'000
Maternal and Child Health	Enhance the health and development of children and families by providing high quality <u>Maternal and Child Health Services</u> across the Shire. Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family violence prevention programs Maternal & child health strategy implementation Provides support to every family with new born – municipality wide 	641 (256) 385
Children Services	Improve the health and wellbeing of families by increasing access to a range of quality universal and specialist children and family services including kindergarten and child care. Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipal early years plan implementation Playgroups Management of kindergartens Grant writing Project management Staff training 	369 (6) 363
Aged and Disability - HACC for Younger People	The <u>Home and Community Care</u> PYP aims to provide a coordinated, integrated and responsive range of basic maintenance and support services enabling people to be more active and independent at home and in the community. People who are eligible include frail people under the age of 65, younger people with disabilities who are not eligible for the NDIS and carers. Services include home care, property maintenance, personal care, respite, planned activity group and delivered meals. Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance the service planning and delivery relationships with community based service providers including allied health, district nursing, community health and disability service providers in Ballarat, Geelong and throughout Golden Plains Shire. Maintain a dynamic Continuous Quality Improvement Action Plan ensuring service provision is consumer-driven and responsive. 	466 (394) 72
Aged and Disability - Commonwealth Home Support Program	The Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) aims to provide a coordinated, integrated and responsive range of basic maintenance and support services enabling people to be more active and independent at home and in the community. The program has a specific reablement focus and offers short-term case management for people experiencing complex health and social issues. To be eligible for the program, people must be	1,387 (1,061) 326

Service Area	Description of Services and Initiatives	Expenditure /(Revenue) Net Cost \$'000
	<p>over the age of 65 years.</p> <p>Services include domestic assistance, home maintenance, personal care, flexible respite, social support programs, delivered meals and home modifications</p> <p>Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance the service planning and delivery relationships with community based service providers including allied health, district nursing, community health and disability service providers in Ballarat, Geelong and throughout Golden Plains Shire. Maintain a dynamic Continuous Quality Improvement Action Plan ensuring service provision is consumer-driven and responsive. 	
Community Transport	<p>Providing access to a range of services by providing a flexible, responsive community transport service.</p> <p>Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fee for service transport for isolated residents across the Shire. Volunteer drivers provide the service, Council provides the buses. 	<p>216</p> <p><u>(19)</u></p> <p>197</p>
Community Centres	<p>Improving the health and wellbeing of Golden Plains Shire residents and facilitating the development of healthy vibrant communities.</p> <p>Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bannockburn Family Service Centre operating & maintenance expenses Smythesdale Business Hub operating & maintenance Bannockburn Cultural Centre operating & maintenance Kindergartens maintenance Northern Community Centre operating & maintenance expenses Bannockburn Recreation Centre operating costs Meredith early learning centre maintenance Meredith Community Hub operating expenses 	<p>1,022</p> <p><u>(154)</u></p> <p>868</p>
Kindergartens	<p>Cluster management of five local kindergarten services. This relieves pressure felt by parents in running a kindergarten program and provides a stable employment model for staff.</p> <p>Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teesdale kindergarten operations Inverleigh kindergarten operations Meredith kindergarten operations Rokewood kindergarten operations 	<p>1,009</p> <p><u>(1,017)</u></p> <p>(9)</p>
Bannockburn Children Services	<p>Management of the integrated children services centre at Bannockburn, incorporating long day care and kindergarten facilities.</p> <p>Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management of long day care and kindergarten programs at Bannockburn Family Services Centre 	<p>3,242</p> <p><u>(3,270)</u></p> <p>28</p>
Family Day Care	<p>Management of Family Day Care Educators who operate across the Shire. Each Educator provides care to between four and seven children per day and follow processes determined by the Department of Education and Training. Currently over 80 children access our FDC service.</p> <p>Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> management of family day care providers across shire 	<p>307</p> <p><u>(257)</u></p> <p>50</p>
Community Development	<p>Supporting and strengthening local communities through the development of Community Plans and Council's community grants program.</p> <p>Initiatives:</p>	<p>865</p> <p><u>(17)</u></p> <p>848</p>

Service Area	Description of Services and Initiatives	Expenditure /(Revenue) Net Cost \$'000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance leadership and other civic skills within communities so as to increase the capacity of communities to address local issues and challenges and to build vibrant, healthy places. Assist in developing a sense of community spirit, pride, ownership and identity within communities. Encourage and support local leadership and active participation in community groups, volunteer organisations and local projects. Facilitate community-connectedness and social inclusion to improve the health and wellbeing of communities. Ensure Council's engagement practice is accessible and transparent Create more opportunities for participation in engagement processes Develop and promote a range of options for communities to participate in engagement processes Reduce the barriers for wider community involvement Ensure better representation from across the Shire 	
Health Promotion	<p>Creating healthy, vibrant and connected communities and improving the health and wellbeing of people living in Golden Plains Shire.</p> <p>Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify community health needs and gaps in services Work with local and regional agencies to increase service provision Implement health promotion initiatives across the Shire in the aged care, disability, youth, family and children service sectors Coordinate the management and operations at The Well, Northern Community Centre and the Bannockburn Cultural Centre Support the development and delivery of a range of health & wellbeing activities and services based at Council's community centres Plan, create and deliver natural and built environments that support access and inclusion for everyone Provide and support program opportunities that increase community participation and involvement Provide, co-ordinate and advocate for a range of services that support people with a disability and their carer's Ensure the community can access news and information and engage with Council through a range of inclusive communication approaches 	<p>549 (492) 57</p>
Libraries	<p>Providing a library service to residents of Golden Plains Shire.</p> <p>Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in the management of the Geelong Regional Library Corporation Support the development of a sustainable mobile library service Support the continued development of the static library in Bannockburn Support the development of opportunities to provide multiple means of library service delivery to rural communities 	<p>454 (1) 453</p>
Arts and Culture	<p>Facilitating the development of community arts and cultural development projects in collaboration with local artists and communities. Arts and cultural is central to the quality of life and wellbeing of residents in Golden Plains Shire.</p> <p>Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting arts activity to increase engagement and participation Improving the cultural literacy and skills of community members Working with artists, arts workers and arts businesses to 	<p>190 (1) 189</p>

Service Area	Description of Services and Initiatives	Expenditure /(Revenue) Net Cost \$'000
	strengthen innovation, viability and growth of creative industries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with artists to enhance the natural and built environment of Golden Plains Shire 	
Youth Development	Working with young people, local communities and service providers to improve the health and wellbeing of young people living in Golden Plains Shire. Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve young people's access to employment options Support young people to be actively involved in their communities Ensure young people have access to local events and activities Major Initiative: Council will support the opening of the Bannockburn P-12 school in January 2018 through the planning for future development and facilitation of programs to support secondary school students in the local community. Council will be working towards increasing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the number of students involved in employment training programs; the number of students employed in part time and casual employment; the activity at the hub and the library; community engagement and community development activities with young people; and the options for transport. 	363 (72) 291
Recreation Planning	Working with local communities and committees of management to develop a range of recreation facilities and activities. Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the recreation services and facility needs of the Golden Plain's community. Support the development of recreation services and facility provision in Golden Plains Shire Encourage and support local leadership in facility committees of management and sporting clubs Increase the physical activity of residents and active participation in clubs and activities 	733 (51) 682
Recreation Construction	Construction of community facilities, including halls, paths and trails, recreation reserves and pavilions, sporting facilities and playgrounds Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of the Bannockburn Civic Heart Allocation of funds to assist with the redevelopment of the Rokewood Recreation Reserve pavilion Upgrade of Rokewood cricket net facilities Construction of a playspace in Batesford 	356 (1,188) (832)
Recreation Infrastructure maintenance	Undertaking general maintenance of all Council owned and controlled land, buildings and facilities and supporting communities that undertake these activities on behalf of Council. Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintenance of sports ovals, reserves, stadiums and pavilions Maintenance of public halls Maintenance eof playgrounds and skate parks Maintenance and cleaning of public amenities 	2,773 (23) 2,750
Volunteers	Supporting volunteers to best service their communities through recruitment and retention, capacity building, developing new programs and achieving best practice in volunteer management.	27 (0) 27

Service Area	Description of Services and Initiatives	Expenditure /(Revenue) Net Cost \$'000
	Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the recruitment and retention of volunteers Assist with the skill development of volunteers Increase the range of volunteer opportunities in the Shire. 	

Service Performance Outcome Indicators

Service	Indicator	Performance Measure	Computation
Maternal and Child Health	Participation	Participation in MCH key ages and stages visits (Percentage of children attending the MCH key ages and stages visits)	$\frac{\text{Number of children who attend the MCH service at least once (in the year)}}{\text{Number of children enrolled in the MCH service}} \times 100$
	Participation	Participation in MCH key ages and stages visits by Aboriginal children (Percentage of Aboriginal children attending the MCH key ages and stages visits)	$\frac{\text{Number of Aboriginal children who attend the MCH service at least once (in the year)}}{\text{Number of Aboriginal children enrolled in the MCH service}} \times 100$
Home and Community Care	Participation	Participation in HACC service (Percentage of the municipal target population that receive a HACC service)	$\frac{\text{Number of people that received a HACC service}}{\text{Municipal target population for HACC services}} \times 100$
	Participation	Participation in HACC service by CALD people (Percentage of the municipal target population in relation to CALD people that receive a HACC service)	$\frac{\text{Number of CALD people who receive a HACC service}}{\text{Municipal target population in relation to CALD people for HACC services}} \times 100$
Libraries	Participation	Active library members (Percentage of the municipal population that are active library members)	$\frac{\text{Number of active library members}}{\text{Municipal population}} \times 100$

Strategic Objective 2: Enhancing Local Economies

To achieve the strategic objective of enhancing local economies Council will continue to plan, deliver and improve high quality, cost effective, accessible and responsive services. The services, initiatives, major initiatives and service performance indicators for each service area are described below.

Service Area	Description of Services and Initiatives	Expenditure /(Revenue) Net Cost \$'000
Economic Development	<p>Investment attraction Investment attraction activities will be attract new business investment and facilitate business growth through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the local economy, identifying opportunities, and gaps • Marketing our strengths and developing external relationships • Provide information, data and guidance to investors • Identifying suitable land for development • Facilitating the Investment Task Force to provide high level support to new investment <p>Business Support Business support will take the form of support and nurture through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business visits and relationship building • Problem solving • Facilitating linkages & referrals • Responding to business enquiries • Facilitating business networking events • Facilitating & auspicing links to grant programs • Business training and mentoring • Economic Development Quarterly newsletter • Buy local campaign <p>Tourism development To develop the visitor economy through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Golden Plains Farmers Market • Supporting community and commercial events • Facilitating State Government grants • Implementing and supporting township Welcome Hubs • Developing the Moorabool Valley Food & Wine Trail • Supporting the Golden Plains Arts Trail • Promoting Golden Plains heritage • Supporting Lethbridge Airport <p>Lobbying and Advocacy To engage Government in supporting local business and local infrastructure through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying and communicating key priorities, issues, concerns and projects • Organising a calendar of meetings with relevant Ministers and members of parliament • Developing and regularly updating the Priority Projects booklet and issue specific Briefing Notes. • Writing submissions highlighting key issues for business and the community • Participating in G21 Regional Alliance delegations to State and Federal Ministers • Organising guest presenters to Council • Running corporate event announcements, openings and other official events • Developing event-specific Briefing Notes 	<p>601 (74) 527</p>

Service Area	Description of Services and Initiatives	Expenditure <u>/(Revenue)</u> Net Cost \$'000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaising with Government agencies • Supporting utility and telecommunication providers to expand infrastructure and services <p>Partnership To work with business, government and community, key stakeholders and groups through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active networking • Integrated cross departmental planning • Membership of regional influence groups • Collaborative project development <p>Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Development Strategy implementation • REMPLAN Economic Investment Modelling • Population profile and forecast service • Website maintenance – tourism • Regional Tourism membership • Golden Plains Farmers Market 	

Strategic Objective 3: Maintaining Natural and Built Environments

To achieve the strategic objective of maintaining Natural and Built environments Council will continue to plan, deliver and improve high quality, cost effective, accessible and responsive services. The services, initiatives, major initiatives and service performance indicators for each service area are described below.

Service Area	Description of Services and Initiatives	Expenditure /(Revenue) Net Cost \$'000
Major Projects	<p>Planning and development of major projects, including halls, recreation reserves and pavilions and sporting facilities. Major land development projects undertaken by Council are also included in this program.</p> <p>Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for proposed future major projects • Monitoring of current major projects <p>Major Initiative:</p> <p>Funding has been secured to build stage one of the Bannockburn Civic Heart Precinct. Stage one will be a \$2.6m project to create a play space with water play elements, a new car park, public toilets, a BBQ area, shade and a paved plaza next to the Bannockburn Library and Cultural Centre.</p>	<p>102 (4) (98)</p>
Land Use Planning	<p>To provide for fair, orderly, economic and sustainable use and development of land within the Shire and to undertake all strategic and <u>statutory land use planning</u> functions.</p> <p>Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Use Planning • Inverleigh Flood Study • Panel & VCAT Hearings • Major Planning Applications • Strategic Planning & Amendments • Heritage Adviser • Complete a review of the Municipal Strategic Statement • Implement the Rural Land Use Strategy (2008) • Implement the Bruces Creek Masterplan • Undertake planning scheme enforcement and compliance checks when and where necessary • Develop and implement town structure plans and urban design framework • Conduct a review of the Inverleigh Structure Plan • Implement the revised Meredith and Lethbridge Structure Plans • Implement the Gheringhap Structure Plan • Implement the Napoleons Structure Plan review • To continue the development of a comprehensive settlement strategy for the north of Golden Plains Shire • To explore opportunities for the identification of new employment land within the Shire <p>Major Initiatives:</p> <p>In 2017-18 Council will complete a Northern Settlement Strategy that will explore where the projected growth in the North of the Shire can be sustainably accommodated. It will identify the most sustainable locations for growth and development and those areas where growth should not be encouraged.</p>	<p>1,324 (525) 798</p>
Building Control	<p>To undertake a range of regulatory compliance actions to ensure a safe build environment for all Golden Plains Shire residents. To provide complementary statutory and non-statutory building services to facilitate compliant building activity throughout Golden Plains Shire.</p>	<p>400 (77) 323</p>

Service Area	Description of Services and Initiatives	Expenditure /(Revenue) Net Cost \$'000
	Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building control • Essential Safety Measures program • Building compliance • Swimming pool safety program • To develop and implement a comprehensive program of Essential Safety Measures audit and inspections • To develop and implement a targeted inspection program for Swimming Pool compliance 	
Fire Protection	To identify potential fire hazards and to minimise the risks in the event of bushfire. Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect the community against fire risk • Eradication of fire hazards • Fire access road maintenance • Standpipe operations • Standpipe & Drought Bore Maintenance 	286 <u>(63)</u> 223
Environmental Management	To protect and enhance the natural environment. Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Management • Pest, plant & animal control • Environmental Strategy implementation • Roadside weed control • Develop Shire responses on Government Environment and Land Use Strategies, including native vegetation, catchments, biodiversity, river health, etc. 	465 <u>(51)</u> 414
Community Protection	Educate the community about local laws and animal control and enforce Council's local laws. Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community protection • School crossing supervision • Local laws • Animal control • Impounding expenses • Registration, tags, forms & postage • DPI animal registration fee 	606 <u>(399)</u> 207
Public Health	To protect and enhance the health of the public and the environment via education and enforcement of Food Safety and Environmental Health. Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health • Sampling Analysis – Public Health • Domestic Waste Water Management Plan implementation • Immunisation • Undertake a program incorporating targeted compliance, education and awareness for all tobacco retailers within Golden Plains Shire • Undertake a range of food safety program actions 	487 <u>(195)</u> 292
Sealed Roads Routine Maintenance	Routine maintenance of the sealed local road network. Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine maintenance of the Shire's sealed roads 	1,397 <u>(174)</u> 1,223
Local Roads Resealing	Bituminous resealing of Council's local sealed road network. Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver the resealing program as per the resealing schedule 	2,014 <u>(3)</u> 2,011

Service Area	Description of Services and Initiatives	Expenditure /(Revenue) Net Cost \$'000
Local Roads Rehabilitation	Local Roads Rehabilitation. Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major patching of sealed roads 	1,720 (1) 1,719
Local Roads Improvements	Creating improvements to Council's local road network. Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver local road improvement projects approved by Council Deliver the Roads to Recovery Funding Program of \$950k 	68 (1,721) (1,653)
Gravel Roads Routine Maintenance	Routine maintenance of Council's local gravel road network. Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gravel roads routine maintenance Dust suppressant 	737 (14) 723
Gravel Re-sheeting	Gravel re-sheeting works on Council's local gravel road network. Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision for resheeting of local roads 	1,126 (1) 1,125
Bridge Maintenance	Maintenance of Council's bridges and major culverts. Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Routine bridge maintenance 	558 (3) 555
Tree Clearing	Tree clearing works on Council's local road network, to ensure community safety. Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tree clearing Maintenance of Meredith & Inverleigh Avenues of Honour Roadside verge clearing 	355 (0) 355
Gravel Pits	Operation and rehabilitation of Council operated gravel pits. Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gravel procurement and sales Continue a program to restore gravel pits where Council utilised the resource Monitor and rehabilitate Council land that is being, or has been, utilised as landfill sites 	215 (215) (0)
Asset Management	Management of Council's road and bridge assets. Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintenance of asset systems to ensure accurate records of roads, bridges, drainage, buildings, footpaths, etc. are maintained Maintain an intervention level of 7.5 on Moloney Asset Management System 	296 (53) 243
Drainage Maintenance	Maintenance of Council's township and rural drainage assets. Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural drainage maintenance Townships drainage maintenance 	445 (21) 424
Private Works	Provision of private works services for residents, other Councils and developers. Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake private works projects as required 	26 (26) 0
Line marking, Guideposts and Signs	Maintenance of line-marking, and delineation in the form of guideposts and signage across Council's local road network.	245 (4) 241

Service Area	Description of Services and Initiatives	Expenditure /(Revenue) Net Cost \$'000
	Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign & guidepost maintenance • Re-striping of 350 km centre line plus Statcon markings (centreline repainting based on a 24 month cycle) plus 12 rail crossings plus school crossings 	
Street Lighting	Provision of street lighting across Council's local road network. Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street light operations • Participate in Stage 1 of the G21 LED Street lighting program 	127 <u>(0)</u> 127
Township Maintenance	Provision of street beautification works including grass cutting in townships in accordance with Council policy. Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Township mowing & maintenance • Tree planting in townships • Street furniture maintenance 	646 <u>(22)</u> 624
Bus Shelters	Provision and maintenance of bus shelters across the Shire. Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor repairs to existing shelters including painting of up to two shelters 	12 <u>(0)</u> 12
Paths and Trails	Maintenance of Council's network of footpaths. Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain Council paths and trails • Rail Trail maintenance • Maintenance of Ballarat – Skipton Rail Trail including minor bridge repairs 	231 <u>(1)</u> 230
Garbage Collections	<u>Collection of domestic garbage and recyclables</u> and disposal of garbage across the Shire. Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household garbage collection • Disposal of waste to landfill • Recycling collection & education • Review waste management strategy • Advocate for local projects funded by sustainability victoria • Participate in the regional waste and resource recovery group 	2,106 <u>(2,236)</u> (130)
Municipal Landfills	Rehabilitation and environmental monitoring of Council's landfill sites and operation of the Rokewood transfer station. Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehabilitation and environmental monitoring of Council's landfill sites Major Initiative: 2017-18 will be the first full year of operation of the new Resource Recovery Centre at Rokewood. This facility replaces the landfill which had operated at the site for a period in excess of twenty years. The facility will provide convenient and safe access to waste and recyclables containers and will also provide for the disposal of waste oil, tyres, vehicle batteries, mattresses, empty chemical containers, gas bottles, scrap metal and white goods. The facility will continue to be open to the public for 5 hours each Sunday.	86 <u>(13)</u> 73
Litter Control	Control litter and illegal dumping across the Shire.	57 <u>(1)</u>

Service Area	Description of Services and Initiatives	Expenditure /(Revenue) Net Cost \$'000
	Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Litter control Garbage collection from public spaces Improve process for reporting and investigation of litter and illegal dumping 	56

Service Performance Outcome Indicators

Service	Indicator	Performance Measure	Computation
Statutory planning	Decision making	Council planning decisions upheld at VCAT (Percentage of planning application decisions subject to review by VCAT and that were upheld in favour of the Council)	$\frac{\text{Number of VCAT decisions that did not set aside Council's decision in relation to a planning application}}{\text{Number of VCAT decisions in relation to planning applications}} \times 100$
Animal Management	Health and safety	Animal management prosecutions (Number of successful animal management prosecutions)	Number of successful animal management prosecutions
Food safety	Health and safety	Critical and major non-compliance notifications (Percentage of critical and major non-compliance notifications that are followed up by Council)	$\frac{\text{Number of critical non-compliance outcome notifications and major non-compliance outcome notifications about a food premises followed up}}{\text{Number of critical non-compliance outcome notifications and major non-compliance outcome notifications about food premises}} \times 100$
Roads	Satisfaction	Satisfaction with sealed local roads (Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how Council has performed on the condition of sealed local roads)	Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how Council has performed on the condition of sealed local roads.
Waste collection	Waste diversion	Kerbside collection waste diverted from landfill (Percentage of garbage, recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins that is diverted from landfill)	$\frac{\text{Weight of recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins}}{\text{Weight of garbage, recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins}} \times 100$

Strategic Objective 4: Delivering Good Governance and Leadership

To achieve the strategic objective of delivering good governance and leadership Council will continue to plan, deliver and improve high quality, cost effective, accessible and responsive services. The services, initiatives, major initiatives and service performance indicators for each service area are described below.

Service Area	Description of Services and Initiatives	Expenditure /(Revenue) Net Cost \$'000
Communications and Marketing	<p>Clear articulation of Council initiatives, strategies, benefits and services to internal and external stakeholders through communication channels including corporate publications.</p> <p>Facilitation of effective communication between Council, residents, community groups, businesses and media.</p> <p>Transformation to digital communications through website, social media and other digitised platforms.</p> <p>Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events, Communications and Marketing Strategy implementation • Website development • Social Media communications • Media monitoring • Regional Marketing programs • Golden Plains Gazette • Corporate events - openings and announcements • Festivals – Australia Day • Publications • Community First continuous improvement program 	<p>730</p> <p>(10)</p> <p>720</p>
Customer Services Centres	<p>Operation of customer service centres to provide bases from which Council can deliver services.</p> <p>Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake a community satisfaction survey • Implement customer service strategy action plan 	<p>454</p> <p>(7)</p> <p>447</p>
Governance	<p>Governance is the process of decision making and the process by which decisions are implemented. This program aims to strengthen Council's decision making capacity and identifies key areas of advocacy that Council will focus on in the 2016-17 financial year.</p> <p>Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayoral & Councillor's allowances • Councillors travel, accommodation, meals & other expenses • Councillor communications • Councillor's conferences & professional development • Memberships • Civic ceremonies & memorabilia • Independent audit committee members • Lobbying of politicians and key players in the local government industry • Advocacy on behalf of the community on key government issues <p>Major Initiative:</p> <p>Golden Plains Shire Council is focused on providing quality customer service and achieving efficiencies for residents. As part of these efforts, this Budget allocates \$500k for community engagement, and detailed architectural and engineering designs for redevelopment of the existing customer service centre located at 2 Pope Street, Bannockburn. The Golden Plains Community and Civic Centre is one aspect of a broader Civic Precinct including the Bannockburn Family Services Centre, planned for the site in future. This will enable Council to deliver community services from this site for many years to come.</p>	<p>806</p> <p>(32)</p> <p>774</p>

Service Area	Description of Services and Initiatives	Expenditure /(Revenue) Net Cost \$'000
	<p>Council has made this decision for a number of reasons, including the need to provide more modern and welcoming public areas, improve efficiencies in our operations, and provide improved access and transparency around monthly Council meetings.</p> <p>The existing Shire Hall and Customer Service Centre are over 120 and 40 years old respectively and present a number of building compliance and safety issues, resulting in increased spending on building maintenance. In addition, the customer service areas are outdated and do not provide privacy for residents to discuss sensitive issues such as planning matters.</p> <p>The redeveloped facility will have an increased focus on the availability of dedicated community space within the central building.</p>	
Elections	<p>Maintenance of voters' rolls in readiness for 2016 election.</p> <p>Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintenance of voters' rolls 	<p>32</p> <p><u>(1)</u></p> <p>31</p>
Meetings	<p>Conduct Council meetings, committee meetings, workshops and other meetings of Council with management.</p> <p>Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare for, and conduct, Council meetings, committee meetings, workshops, retreats and other meetings of Council with Management 	<p>84</p> <p><u>(0)</u></p> <p>84</p>
Strategic and Service Planning	<p>Maintenance of an integrated approach to strategic planning, financial planning, budgeting and resource allocation and the maintenance and measurement of organisational performance and promotion of cultural change to meet customer service needs.</p> <p>Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of sound advice to aid the Council Plan and Strategic Resource Plan processes Ongoing and systematic analysis of the organisation's activities and strategic direction 	<p>905</p> <p><u>(42)</u></p> <p>863</p>
Emergency Management Plan/SES	<p>Maintenance of the Shire's Municipal Emergency Plan in accordance with State legislation, training of emergency management staff and maintenance assistance for the Bannockburn State Emergency Services Unit.</p> <p>Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintenance of neighbourhood safer places Emergency management meetings State Emergency Service contribution Emergency management Contribution to Barwon flood warning management Lease of Victrack land <p>Major Initiative:</p> <p>During 2017-18 Council will advocate for a new emergency services precinct on an appropriate site in Bannockburn with a purpose built multifunction centre to accommodate the CFA and SES</p>	<p>333</p> <p><u>(127)</u></p> <p>206</p>
Risk Management and OH & S	<p>Identify, monitor and manage Council's risks in relation to employee relations, occupational health and safety, workforce requirements, infrastructure, property and business operations.</p> <p>Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff flu vaccinations Implement council's Risk Management Strategy action plan and Occupational Health and Safety plan 	<p>301</p> <p><u>(5)</u></p> <p>296</p>

Service Area	Description of Services and Initiatives	Expenditure /(Revenue) Net Cost \$'000
General revenue	<p>Levying of rates and charges, managing and collecting interest on rates, receipt of Victoria Grants Commission general purpose grant, managing investments to maximise interest and accounting for subdivisions handed to Council.</p> <p>Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobby Government for extra resources for a developing municipality • Lobby Federal Government in relation to cost shifting and direct funding to Local Government 	<p>2</p> <p>(25,764)</p> <p>(25,762)</p>
Property and Rating	<p>Management of Council's rating system, including levying rates and charges, outstanding interest and valuing all rateable properties.</p> <p>Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplementary valuations • Rate notice printing & postage • General revaluation 	<p>926</p> <p>(523)</p> <p>403</p>
Statutory Reporting and Budgeting	<p>Preparation of Council's Annual Budget, annual financial statements, Strategic Resource Plan, and other statutory returns in accordance with statutory requirements.</p> <p>Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage external and internal audit function • Preparation of the annual budget • Preparation of the annual report • Management information system • Conduct asset revaluations as required 	<p>382</p> <p>(9)</p> <p>373</p>
Procurement and Contract Management	<p>Develop and maintain documented standards for procurement governance and procurement process which result in value for money outcomes and minimal procurement risk. Also, develop the contract management capacity of Council.</p> <p>Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplier relationship management • Develop procurement and contract management capacity within council • Ensure compliance with council's procurement policy • Co-ordination of tenders per council 	<p>392</p> <p>(9)</p> <p>383</p>
Records Management	<p>Effective and efficient recording, maintenance, archival and disposal of Council documents.</p> <p>Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement Records Management Strategy Actions: Records Archive Storage • Maintenance and storage of historical records and memorabilia for access by Golden Plains Shire residents and researchers at the Geelong Heritage Centre 	<p>277</p> <p>(3)</p> <p>274</p>
Borrowings	<p>Effective management of Council borrowings.</p> <p>Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate and Implement the most efficient method of financing Council's operations in order to achieve Best Value 	<p>347</p> <p>(0)</p> <p>347</p>
Plant Replacement	<p>Management and replacement of Council's plant and equipment in accordance with the plant replacement schedule.</p> <p>Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace/Procure key items of plant as identified in the capital program 	<p>199</p> <p>(160)</p> <p>39</p>

Service Performance Outcome Indicators

Service	Indicator	Performance Measure	Computation
Governance	Satisfaction	Satisfaction with Council decisions (Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how Council has performed in making decisions in the interests of the community)	Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how Council has performed in making decisions in the interests of the community

Performance Statement

The service performance indicators detailed in the preceding pages will be reported on within the Performance Statement which is prepared at the end of the year as required by section 132 of the Act and included in the 2017-18 Annual Report. The Performance Statement will also include reporting on prescribed indicators of financial performance (outlined in section 5.2) and sustainable capacity, which are not included in this Budget report. The full set of prescribed performance indicators are audited each year by the Victorian Auditor General who issues an audit opinion on the Performance Statement. The major initiatives detailed in the preceding pages will be reported in the Annual Report in the form of a statement of progress in the report of operations.

4 BUDGET ANALYSIS

4.1 ANALYSIS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME STATEMENT

This section of the Budget analyses the various components of income and expenditure expected during the year.

Adjusted Underlying Result

Council's budgeted surplus for 2017-18 is \$3.0m, however this 'headline' figure can be misleading. The 'adjusted underlying result' of \$85k deficit more accurately represents the true financial performance of Council in a 'normal' year.

The regulations prescribe the method for calculating the 'Adjusted Underlying Result'. Per the following table, it removes any non-recurrent grants used to fund capital expenditure, non-monetary asset contributions and other contributions to fund capital expenditure from the total comprehensive result.

	\$'000
Total Comprehensive Result	2,987
Non-recurrent grants used to fund capital expenditure	(1,332)
Non-monetary asset contributions	(1,000)
Other contributions to fund capital expenditure	(740)
Adjusted Underlying Surplus	(85)

Income

Note 1: Rates and Charges (\$768k increase)

Council must raise income each year sufficient for the purpose of good governance, administration, maintenance of physical infrastructure and provision of appropriate goods and services for the community.

However, with the introduction of the State Governments Rate Capping legislation in 2015, councils are now unable to determine the level of rate increase and instead must use a maximum rate increase determined by the Minister for Local Government which is announced in December for application in the following financial year. The Minister has set the cap on general rates and municipal charge at 2.0% for 2017-18. Other service charges (e.g. garbage charge) are to be calculated on a 'full cost recovery' basis.

The current Rating Strategy is based on the following rating principles:

- Municipal charge of \$225 on all properties
- 90% differential rate for farms over 40 hectares and intensive farms
- No discount for farms of 2 to 40 hectares (unless intensive farm)
- General rate applicable to non-farm, non-developable land in the Farm Zone
- Non-Farm Vacant Land rate of 200% of the general rate
- Business rate of 100% of the general rate
- Growth area differential rate on properties covered by the Bannockburn Urban Design Framework, Township Structure Plans, Township Zones, Low Density Residential Zones and Rural Living Zones as identified in the Golden Plains Planning Scheme and
- General rate applicable to all other properties

In 2017-18, the average capped increase per assessment is 2.0%. The following table provides a summary of how this increase is calculated, according to the formula prescribed by the State Government.

Forecast Annualised Rate Revenue at 30 June 2017	\$18,602,892
Forecast Number of Assessments at 30 June 2017	10,846
Forecast Base Average Rate 2016-17 per assessment	\$1,715.18
Budget Rate Revenue 2017-18	\$18,974,662
Capped Average Rate 2017-18 per assessment	\$1,749.46
Average Capped Increase	2.00%

The rates and charges, together with supplementary rate revenue derived from a growth in the rate base, will generate \$21.2m (\$20.4m 2016-17).

Further detailed information concerning Rates and Charges can be found in Section 5.3 Rating Information and Section 6 Appendices.

Note 2: Statutory Fees and Fines (\$114k increase)

Statutory fees and fines represent 0.28% of total income. A detailed listing of individual fees and fines is contained in section 6.2 on page 102.

Details of total fees and fines contained in the Budget follow.

Statutory Fees and Fines	\$'000
Planning and Building Fees	325
Animal Infringement Fines	30
Land Information Certificate Fees	22
Drainage Information Fees	19
Subdivision Supervision Fees	15
Other Fees and Fines	1
Total Statutory Fees and Fines	412

Note 3: User Fees (\$158k increase)

User fees represent 7.62% of total income. A detailed listing of individual fees is contained in section 6.2 on page 102.

Details of total fees contained in the Budget follow.

User Fees	\$'000
Bannockburn Child Care	1,656
Kindergarten Cluster	268
Animal Registration Charges	260
Home and Community Care Fees	230
Gravel Cartage Levy	120
Septic Tank Fees	95
Food and Health Fees	66
Rents and Leases	55
Smythesdale Business Hub Fees	53
Subdivision Supervision Fees	50
Bannockburn Cultural Centre Fees	40
Fire Hazard Eradication Fees	30
Bannockburn Family Services Centre Fees	30
Farmers Market Fees	30
Community Protection Fees	16
Community Bus Hire Charges	12
Northern Community Centre Fees	12
Road Opening Permit Fees	10
Meredith Community Hub Fees	10
Tip Fees	6
Planning and Building Fees	5
Other	4
Health Promotion User Fees	3

User Fees	\$'000
Animal Fees and Fines	2
Local Laws Infringement Fines	2
User Fees Total	3,066

Note 4: Grant - Operating (\$200k decrease)

Operating grants comprise 25.2% of the total income. The Budget provides for \$10.14m in operating grants, representing a decrease of \$200k from 2016-17 forecast.

The Budget allows for a Victoria Grants Commission (VGC) allocation of \$5.3m, which represents a 2.0% increase from 2016-17. A complete listing of total budgeted grants is shown below.

Operating grants are those grants utilised to deliver ongoing services and programs.

Non-recurrent grant means a grant obtained on the condition that it is expended in a specified manner and is not expected to be received again during the period covered by Council's Strategic Resource Plan.

Operating Grant Funding Types And Source

Recurrent - Commonwealth Government	\$
General Purposes Grants (VGC)	3,340
Local Road Funding (VGC)	1,944
Commonwealth Home Support Program	915
Recurrent - State Government	
Children Services	1,796
Kindergarten	784
Health Promotion	449
Age & Disability Services	261
Maternal & Child Health	216
Emergency Management	120
Youth Development	66
Environment Management	41
Other	41
Community Protection	32
Public Health	18
Total Recurrent Grants – Operating	10,023
Non-Recurrent - State Government	
Recreation, Leisure and Community	87
Economic Development	30
Total Non-Recurrent Grants – Operating	117
Total Grants – Operating	10,140

Note 5: Capital Grant (\$8.06m decrease)

The Budget provides for \$2.3m in capital grants representing a decrease of \$8.06m or 78.8% from 2016-17 forecast. Capital grants comprise 5.7% of the total income. Capital grants are utilised to deliver Capital projects.

Recurrent - Commonwealth Government	\$
Roads to Recovery	950
Recurrent – State Government	
Roads	16
Total Recurrent Grants – Capital	966
Non-Recurrent - State Government	
Recreation, Leisure and Community	714
Roads	600
Footpath	18
Total Non-Recurrent Grants – Capital	1,332
Total Grants – Capital	2,298

Note 6: Contributions - Monetary (\$435k increase)

The Budget provides for \$1.7m monetary contributions, representing an increase of \$435k from 2016-17 forecast. Contributions comprise 4.4% of total income.

Below is a list of monetary contributions contained in the Budget.

Contributions – Monetary	\$'000
Rokewood Recreation Reserve CoM/Club	400
Gravel Sales	215
Wind Farm Income	211
Contribution - Gumley Road Construction	150
Developer Community Contributions	130
Debt Collection Recoupment	120
Motor Vehicle Recoupments	104
Contribution to Revaluation	80
Recycling Contribution	65
Public Open Space Contributions	60
Family Day Care Administration & Carer Levy	41
Access & Inclusion Projects	36
Special Charge Income	34
Contributions for Private Works	25
Panel Hearing Reimbursement	20
Sale of Recycle Bins	19
Sale of Waste Bins	19
Standpipe Water Sales	12
Other	11
Bannockburn Child Care	9
Scrap Metal - Rokewood Transfer Station	4
Valuation Fee Recoupments	3

Contributions – Monetary	\$'000
Recoups Telephone and Photocopying	2
Auction Revenue - Animal Control	1
Pensioner Claim - Administration Fees	1
Stock Call Out Recoupments	1
Total Contributions – Monetary	1,773

Note 7: Contributions - Non-Monetary (No change)

The Budget provides for \$1m non-monetary (assets) contributions, representing 2.5% of total income.

Contributions - Non-Monetary	\$'000
Subdivisional Assets Handed to Council	1,000
Total Contributions - Non-Monetary	1,000

Note 8: Net Gain on Disposal of Property, Plant and Equipment (\$2k increase)

Proceeds from the sale of assets, less their written down value, is disclosed as a net figure in the Income Statement. The details of the net result are detailed in the table below.

Proceeds From Sale of Assets	\$'000
Information Communications Technology	2
Plant and Machinery	160
Motor Vehicles	493
Total Proceeds from Sale of Assets	655
Written Down Value of Assets Sold	
Information Communications Technology	-
Plant and Machinery	160
Motor Vehicles	493
Total Written Down Value of Assets Sold	653
Net Gain on Disposal	2

Note 9: Other Income (\$50k increase)

Other income includes interest on investments and interest on rates and charges. Interest on investments has been based on short term deposit rates ranging from 2% to 3%. The budget of \$350k comprises only 0.9% of total income. Interest on rates and charges is budgeted to be \$120k.

Expenditure

Note 10: Employee Costs (\$581k increase)

Employee costs include all labour related expenditure such as wages and salaries and on-costs such as allowances, leave entitlements, employer superannuation, rostered days off, WorkCover premiums, long service leave and fringe benefits tax.

Employee costs are budgeted to increase by \$585k, or 3.3%, to \$18.19m. This increase primarily relates to the annual Enterprise Agreement increase of 1.5%.

Reconciliation from 2016-17 Budget

Description	FTE	\$'000	% Increase
2016-17 Budget - Employee Benefits	202.9	17,608	
Change in FTE	3.0	162	0.92
EA increase		264	1.50
Other		160	0.91
Total Increase	3.0	586	3.33
2017-18 Budget – Employee Benefits	205.9	18,194	

Budget per Dept. and Type		Comprises		
Department	Budget 2017-18 \$'000	Permanent Full Time \$'000	Permanent Part Time \$'000	Casual \$'000
Community Services	7,653	3,674	3,523	456
Corporate Services	3,023	2,581	413	29
Executive	751	584	167	-
Governance	719	675	44	-
Assets and Amenity	6,048	5,687	361	-
Total	18,194	13,201	4,508	485

FTE per Dept. and Type		Comprises		
Department	Budget FTE 2017-18	Permanent Full Time	Permanent Part Time	Casual
Community Services	94.4	41.8	45.9	6.7
Corporate Services	32.2	26.0	5.8	0.4
Executive	8.0	6.0	2.0	-
Governance	4.6	4.0	0.6	-
Assets and Amenity	66.7	62.4	4.3	-
Total	205.9	140.2	58.6	7.1

Note 11: Materials and Services (\$2.4m decrease)

Materials and Services include the purchase of consumables, payments to contractors for the provision of services, utility costs and one-off operating costs of a capital nature.

Operating materials and services are budgeted to decrease by \$2.4m, or 18.1% to \$10.73m. The Budget for materials and services has generally been based on 2016-17 levels.

Materials and Services	\$'000
Garbage Operations	1,946
Projects and Services	1,735
General Maintenance	1,322
Community Facility Projects	983
Contractors and Consultants	905
IT Operations	549
Building Maintenance	488
Vehicle and Machinery	385
Utilities	361
Other*	355
Cleaning	296
Telecommunications	292
Training	282
Printing and Stationery	227
Insurance	196
Debt Collection and Legal Fees	146
Community Grants Program	145
Advertising	75
Gravel Pit Operations	41
Total Materials and Services	10,729

*Other category contains the following corporate memberships

Organisation	\$'000
G21	43
MAV	22
Central Highlands Mayor/CEO	9
Committee for Ballarat	4
Total Corporate Memberships	79

Note 12: Bad and Doubtful debts

Allocation of bad and doubtful debts of \$3k relates to Age & Disability and Children Services.

Note 13: Depreciation and Amortisation (\$339k increase)

Depreciation is the systematic allocation of the capital cost of a long-term asset over its useful life. It is an accounting measure that attempts to capture the deterioration or usage of Council's long-term assets over a financial year. Long-term assets include buildings, plant and machinery, furniture and equipment, infrastructure and other structures.

Depreciation and Amortisation by Class of Asset	\$'000
Buildings Specialised	713
Buildings Unspecialised	163
Buildings Heritage	56
Information Communications Technology	179
Furniture and Equipment	66
Plant and Machinery	851
Roads	4,449
Footpaths	160
Bridges	392
Drainage	124
Recreation, Leisure & Community	383
Parks, Open Spaces & Streetscapes	117
Car Parks	19
Gravel Pit Rehabilitation	47
Total Depreciation and Amortisation	7,719

Note 14: Borrowing Costs (\$11k decrease)

Finance Costs relate to the interest paid on Council borrowings. The ratio of finance costs as a percentage of income indicates that only 0.9% of income is required to service debt. The decrease of \$11k is primarily the result of fully repaying some older loans that were incurring a higher interest rate than new borrowings.

Note 15: Other Expenses (\$5k increase)

Increase in other expenses consist of increase in Councillor's Allowance.

4.2 ANALYSIS OF BALANCE SHEET

This section of the Budget analyses the expected financial position of Council at the end of the 2017-18 financial year.

Note 16: Current assets (\$1.27m increase)

- Cash assets will increase by \$944k
- Receivables will increase by \$321k
- Land held for resale relates to the remaining undeveloped land at Bakers Lane, Teesdale

Note 17: Non-current assets (\$2.5m increase)

- The increase in non-current assets is detailed in the table below, with the capital works program (\$9.2m), less depreciation and amortisation (\$7.7m) and disposal of assets (\$0.6m) plus the receipt of gifted assets (\$1.0m).
- An increase in the sinking fund investment by \$566k to meet LGFV obligations. In November 2014, Council borrowed a total of \$6.2m via the Local Government Funding Vehicle (LGFV). These borrowings are funded by a five year interest only Bond. As Council has a history of borrowing under a 'principal and interest' structure and this is considered the most appropriate method of borrowing, an investment account has been established to hold funds equivalent to the principle amounts that would have otherwise been repaid. This will ensure there are sufficient funds to repay/refinance the Bond when it matures.

Movements in Non-Current Assets

Description	Balance 1 July 2017 \$'000	Additions \$'000	Handed to Council \$'000	WDV of Disposals \$'000	Depreciation \$'000	Balance 30 June 2018 \$'000
Land	23,432	-	-	-	-	23,432
Buildings Specialised	26,603	1,988	-	-	(713)	27,878
Buildings Unspecialised	6,231	665	-	-	(164)	6,732
Heritage Buildings	1,081	-	-	-	(56)	1,025
Parks, Open Spaces etc.	984	130	-	-	(117)	997
Recreation, Leisure & Community	6,908	512	-	-	(384)	7,036
Car Park	889	90	-	-	(19)	960
Furniture & Equip	293	30	-	-	(66)	257
Plant & Machinery	4,371	1,287	-	(652)	(851)	4,155
Roads	327,068	3,661	1,000	-	(4,449)	327,280
Bridges	18,048	525	-	-	(392)	18,181
Footpaths	11,561	180	-	-	(160)	11,581
Drainage	4,033	-	-	-	(124)	3,909
Information Comm Technology	359	142	-	-	(178)	323
Gravel Pit	219	-	-	-	(46)	173
Land Under Roads	4,326	-	-	-	-	4,326
Invest In Association	792	-	-	-	-	792
Sinking Fund	1,373	566	-	-	-	1,939
Non-Current Investment	-	50	-	-	-	50
Total	438,571	9,826	1,000	(652)	(7,719)	441,026

Note 18: Current liabilities (\$346k increase)

- Current liabilities represent obligations Council must pay within the next year
- The current liability for interest-bearing liabilities as at 30 June 2018 will increase by \$19k
- The provision for employee benefits as at 30 June 2018 represents Council's liability to pay employees annual leave and long service leave

Note 19: Non-current liabilities (\$388k increase)

- Non-current liabilities represent obligations Council must pay beyond the next year
- The non-current liability provision for employment benefits increased by \$28k. This represents the Council's provision for long service leave (non-current)
- Interest bearing liabilities increase by \$375k which is the net result of new borrowings and repayments of loans taken out in prior years
- Gravel pit rehabilitation provision decreases by \$15k in line with anticipated works

4.3 ANALYSIS OF STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Note 20: Equity (\$3.0m increase)

Total equity of \$437m will always equal net assets and is made up of the following components:

- Committed reserves that Council wishes to separately identify as being set aside to meet specific or statutory purpose in the future. These reserves are derived from items such as developer contributions, specific levies and unexpended projects;
- Discretionary reserves are to fund the long term viability of Council. The decisions about future use of any available funds is reflected in Council's Strategic Resource Plan and any changes in future use of the funds will be made in the context of the future funding requirements set out in the plan. The funding of the replacement of long term infrastructure assets generally comes from discretionary funds; which is a component of the accumulated surplus. This is the value of all net assets, less reserves that have accumulated over time.

The total Equity is represented by:

Equity	\$'000
Discretionary reserves	3,897
Committed reserves	560
Non-current assets less non-current liabilities	432,076
Total Equity	436,533

Retained Earnings

Retained earnings is the working capital of the Council; in other words, current assets less current liabilities. It comprises the accumulated surpluses and deficits from prior accounting periods.

Retained earnings are comprised of discretionary funds and committed funds. Committed funds include amounts set aside for long service leave, physical/social infrastructure development (developer contributions) and specific levies. As a matter of good financial management, Council only uses discretionary retained earnings to fund one-off capital community partnership projects. Retained earnings are not used to fund operational expenditure.

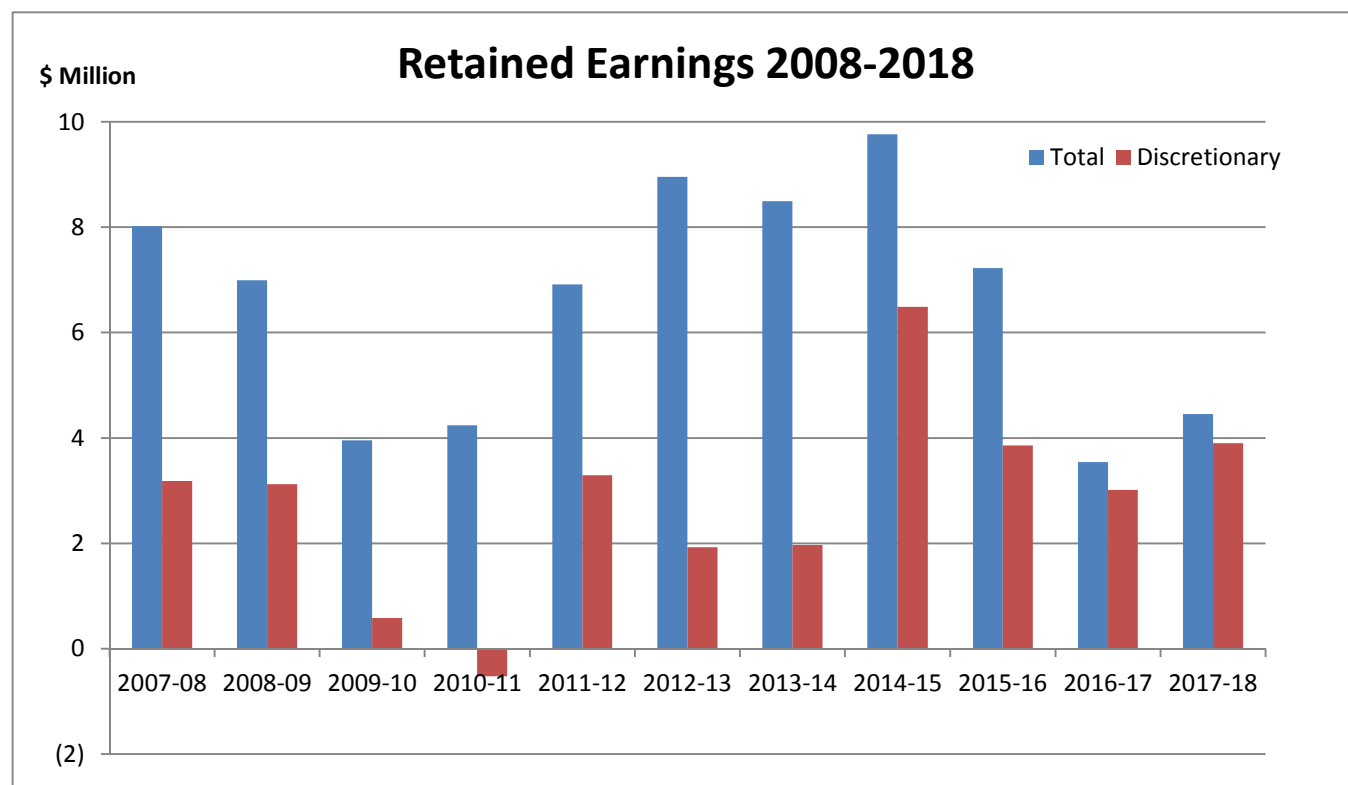
The balance of discretionary retained earnings includes the funds generated from the sale of Bakers Lane, Stage 3 (\$1.5m). This shows that without these funds, Council's discretionary balance would be in surplus by \$2.4m.

As at 30 June 2018, Council will have discretionary funds available of \$3.9m and \$560k in committed funds.

	Opening Balance 1-Jul-17 \$'000	Net Movements \$'000	Closing Balance 30-Jun-18 \$'000
Discretionary			
General Appropriations	1,490	882	2,372
Bakers Lane	1,525	-	1,525
Sub-total Discretionary	3,015	882	3,897
Committed			
Recreational Lands^	-	-	-
Developer Contributions	121	10	131
Employee Entitlements (non-current)	401	28	429
Quarry Levy^	-	-	-
Sub-total Committed	522	38	560
Total Retained Earnings	3,537	920	4,457
Non-Current Assets and Liabilities	430,009	2,067	432,076
Total Equity	433,546	2,987	436,533

^All funds received in these reserves are budgeted to be 100% expended in the same year of receipt.

The following graph demonstrates the movement in retained earnings since 2008 and the level of discretionary funds.



4.4 ANALYSIS OF STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

This section of the Budget analyses the expected cash flows from the operating, investing and financing activities of Council.

The cash balance at year end is budgeted to increase by \$944k to \$6.6m.

Note 21: Operating activities (\$10.0m cash inflow)

Operating activities refer to the cash generated or used in the normal service delivery functions of Council and include:

- Receipts from ratepayers of \$21.18m
- Grants of \$12.74m to fund operating expenses and capital works
- User fees and charges of \$3.46m
- Contributions and recoupments of \$1.69m
- Payments to employees \$17.87m and
- Payments to suppliers \$12.15m

Reconciliation of Surplus to Net Cash Inflow from Operations

	\$'000
Surplus for Period	2,987
Depreciation	7,719
Net Gain on Disposals	(2)
Subdivisions - Roads Handed to Council	(1,000)
Borrowing Costs	346
Decrease/(Increase) in Receivables	(322)
Increase/(Decrease) in Operating Creditors and Provisions	296
Net Cash Inflow from Operations	10,024

Note 22: Investing activities (\$8.56m cash outflow)

Investing activities refer to cash used in the purchase, enhancement or creation of property, plant and equipment and infrastructure. These activities also include the sale of non-current assets.

Note 23: Financing activities (\$0.5m cash outflow)

Financing activities generally refer to borrowings used in the financing of capital projects and movements in funds held in trust.

The net outflow of \$525k includes the receipt of new borrowings undertaken during the year \$650k, as well as the repayment of the principal component of borrowings \$257k, interest expenditure \$346k and payment to LGFV sinking fund of \$566k.

Restricted and unrestricted cash and investments

Cash and cash equivalents held by Council are restricted in part and not fully available for Council's operations. The budgeted cash flow statement indicates that Council is estimating at 30 June 2018 it will have cash and cash equivalents of \$6.6m, which has been restricted as shown in the following table.

	Forecast 2016-17 \$'000	Budget 2017-18 \$'000
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	5,636	6,580
Restricted cash and investments		
-Statutory Reserves	121	131
-Discretionary Reserves	401	429
Unrestricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	5,114	6,020

Statutory Reserves (\$131k)

These funds must be applied for specified statutory purposes in accordance with various legislative requirements. While these funds earn interest revenues for Council, the funds are not available for other purposes. During the 2017-18 year \$130k is budgeted to be transferred to and \$120k from Statutory Reserves.

Discretionary Reserves (\$429k)

These funds are shown as discretionary reserves, although not restricted by a statutory requirement, Council has made decisions regarding the future use of these funds and unless there is a Council resolution these funds should be used for those earmarked purposes. During the 2017-18 year \$208k is budgeted to be transferred to and \$180k from Discretionary Reserves. The decisions about future use of these funds has been reflected in Council's Strategic Resource Plan and any changes in future use of the funds will be made in the context of the future funding requirements set out in the plan.

Unrestricted Cash and Cash Equivalents (\$6m)

It should be noted that \$1.5m of these funds relate to revenue generated from the sale of Bakers Lane, Stage 3.

These funds are free of all specific Council commitments and represent funds available to meet daily cash flow requirements, unexpected short term needs and any budget commitments which will be expended in the following year, such as grants and contributions. Council regards these funds as the minimum necessary to ensure that it can meet its commitments, as and when they fall due, without borrowing further funds.

4.5 ANALYSIS OF STATEMENT OF CAPITAL WORKS

Council's capital works program is broadly categorised into four groups: new assets, capital renewal, capital upgrade and capital expansion.

New assets are assets that did not previously exist prior to 1 July 2017. New assets will result in increased operating costs, maintenance costs and capital renewal in the future.

Capital renewal expenditure reinstates existing assets to original condition. It may reduce future operating and maintenance expenditure if completed at the optimum time.

Capital upgrade expenditure enhances an existing asset to provide a higher level of service or expenditure that will increase the life of the asset beyond that which it had originally. Upgrade expenditure is discretionary and increases operating and maintenance expenditure in the future because of the increase in the Council's asset base.

Capital expansion expenditure extends an existing asset to a new group of users. It is discretionary expenditure that increases future operating and maintenance costs because it increases Council's asset base.

The following is a commentary on the major capital works and how they are funded in 2017-18.

Note 24: Capital Expenditure Funding Sources

Capital Works Area	Project Cost 2017-18 \$'000	Asset expenditure types				Funding sources			
		New \$'000	Renewal \$'000	Upgrade \$'000	Expansion \$'000	Grants \$'000	Contribution \$'000	Council Cash \$'000	Borrowings \$'000
Building Specialised									
06039 Golden Plains Community and Civic Centre	500	-			500	-	-	-	500
06059 Disability Action Plan - Hearing Loop	20			20				20	
06089 Major Rec Facilities Renewal	60	-	60		-	-	-	60	-
06113 Vic Park Bannockburn Toilet Block Upgrade	20			20				20	
06115 Smythesdale "The Well" Façade	38		38					38	
03471 Rokewood Recreation Reserve Pavilion (CFNP)	1,150	1,150				100	400	650	
06119 Ross Creek Reserve Public Toilet	200	200		-				200	
Building Specialised Total	1,988	1,350	98	40	500	100	400	988	500
Building Unspecialised									
06077 Mannibadar Hall Universal Access	10			10				10	
06121 Maude Recreation Reserve Pavilion	650	650				500		-	150
06124 Lethbridge Tennis Pavilion - Power Upgrade	5			5				5	
Building Unspecialised Total	665	650	-	15	-	500	-	15	150
Car Park									
04096 Bannockburn Basketball Stadium Car Park	90	-	-		90	-	-	90	-
Car Park Total	90	-	-	-	90	-	-	90	-
Furniture & Equipment									
07065 Survey - Total Station	30	30		-	-	-	-	30	-
Furniture & Equipment Total	30	30	-	-	-	-	-	30	-
Information Communications Technology									
07000 Councillors' Computers	-								
07006 Computer Hardware	118		118					118	

Capital Works Area	Project Cost 2017-18 \$'000	Asset expenditure types				Funding sources			
		New \$'000	Renewal \$'000	Upgrade \$'000	Expansion \$'000	Grants \$'000	Contribution \$'000	Council Cash \$'000	Borrowings \$'000
07007 Computer Software	18	6			12			18	
07066 BricsCAD - Drawing Design Package	6	6						6	
Information Communications Technology Total	142	12	118	-	12	-	-	142	-
Infrastructure									
09001 Local Roads Resealing	850		850					850	-
09007 Local Roads Improvements (Roads to Recovery)	950	325	366	259		950			-
09008 Local Roads Improvements	280		140	140				280	-
09009 Gravel Resheeting - Local Roads	205		205					205	-
09013 Somerset Estate Road Infrastructure	260	260						260	-
09025 Footpath and Trails	150	105		45				150	-
09037 Fire Access Track	16		16			16			-
09043 Periodic Footpath Maintenance	30		30					30	-
09044 Periodic Bridge Rehabilitation	150		150					150	-
09049 Franklin Bridge Repairs (25%)	375		375					375	
09066 Milton Street School Precinct	160	160				18		142	
09068 Gumley Road Reconstruction	900		450	450		600	150	150	
09069 Inverleigh Service Road - Survey, Design & Construction	40	40						40	
Infrastructure Total	4,366	890	2,582	894	-	1,584	150	2,632	-
Parks, Open Spaces & Streetscapes									
04009 Open Space Implementation - Sign Posts, etc.	45			45				45	
04021 Refurbishment of Playgrounds	40	-	40	-	-	-	-	40	-
04079 Smythesdale Gardens Public Toilet - Sewer Connection	45			45				45	
Parks, Open Spaces & Streetscapes Total	130	-	40	90	-	-	-	130	-
Plant & Machinery									
08000 Vehicle Purchase - Mayor	41		41	-	-	-	-	41	-
08003 Vehicle Purchase - Community Protection	78		78					78	
08008 Vehicle Purchase - Maternal & Child Health Service	56		56					56	

Capital Works Area	Project Cost 2017-18 \$'000	Asset expenditure types				Funding sources			
		New \$'000	Renewal \$'000	Upgrade \$'000	Expansion \$'000	Grants \$'000	Contribution \$'000	Council Cash \$'000	Borrowings \$'000
08013 Vehicle Purchases	462		462					462	
08014 Ute Purchases	190		190	-	-	-	-	190	-
08015 Vehicle Purchase - Planned Activity Group Service	30		30					30	
08017 Super Dog Trailer (P368)	75		75					75	
08037 Kubota 4WD Tractor (P320)	170		81	89				170	
08041 Disc Plough	30	30						30	
08036 Side Shift Slasher	20	20						20	
08046 Events Garbage Trailer	5	5						5	
08054 Isuzu Crane Truck (P337)	130		130					130	
Plant & Machinery Total	1,287	55	1,143	89	-	-	-	1,287	-
Recreational, Leisure & Community									
04022 Resurfacing of Tennis Courts	90		90					90	
04067 Smythesdale Historic Precinct Lighting	30		30					30	
04097 Batesford Playground	70	70				47		23	
06125 Vic Park Bannockburn - Drainage Upgrade	95			95				95	-
06126 Inverleigh Sports Complex - Drainage Upgrade	95			95				95	-
06128 Bannockburn Heart Active Rec (SRV Minors)	100	100				67		33	
06129 Sports Oval Irrigation	32	32						32	-
Recreational, Leisure & Community Total	512	202	120	190	-	114	-	398	-
Total	9,210	3,189	4,101	1,318	602	2,298	550	5,712	650

Note 25: New Assets (\$3.19m expenditure)**Buildings (\$2m expenditure)**

- Rokewood Recreation Reserve pavilion upgrade (CFNP) \$1.15m
- Ross Creek Reserve public toilet \$200k
- Maude Recreation Reserve pavilion \$650k

Furniture and Equipment (\$42k expenditure)

- Computer hardware and software \$12k
- Survey - total station \$30k

Infrastructure (\$890k expenditure)

- The new component of Road to Recovery funding program of \$325k
- Somerset Estate road infrastructure \$260k
- Footpaths and trails \$105k
- Milton Street school precinct \$160k
- Inverleigh service road \$40k

Plant and Machinery (\$55k expenditure)

- Disk plough \$30k
- Side shift slasher \$20k
- Events garbage trailer \$5k

Recreational, Leisure & Community (\$202k expenditure)

- Batesford playground \$70k
- Bannockburn Heart active rec (SRV Minors) \$100k
- Sports oval irrigation \$32k

Note 26: Capital Renewal (\$4.1m expenditure)**Buildings (\$98k expenditure)**

- Major recreation facilities \$60k
- Smythesdale "The Well" façade \$38k

Furniture and Equipment (\$118k expenditure)

Computer hardware and software are updated on a rolling 4 year cycle to ensure that Council takes advantage of productivity gains made possible through the use of new technology.

Plant and Machinery (\$1.14m expenditure)

This expenditure of \$1.14m is generally in line with Council's plant and machinery replacement schedule. The major items of plant to be changed are a Kubota 4WD tractor, Isuzu crane truck and a super dog trailer.

Infrastructure (\$2.58m expenditure)

- The reseal program is budgeted for \$850k; the following page contains detailed information about the planned program for the year
- Gumley Road reconstruction \$450k
- The renewal component of the Roads to Recovery funding program of \$366k is continuing and includes general local road improvements as identified by Council (refer to page 64 for full program details)
- Gravel re-sheeting on local roads will be funded to an amount of \$205k in line with the most recent independent road assessment report (Peter Moloney report)
- Periodic bridge rehabilitation to be funded is \$525k
- Periodic footpath maintenance is \$30k

Recreational, Leisure & Community (\$120k expenditure)

- Resurfacing of tennis courts to cost \$90k
- Smythesdale historic precinct lighting \$30k

Parks, Open Spaces & Streetscapes (\$40k expenditure)

- Refurbishment of playgrounds

Reseal Program

Capital Renewal includes the following road reseal projects totalling \$850k.

ID	Road Name	Datum	From Desc.	To Desc.	Length	Width	Area	Total \$'000
1	Brunel Street	Midland Hwy	Midland Hwy	Broom Rd	428	5.3	2268	9
2	Meredith-Steiglitz Rd	Steiglitz Rd	Taylors Rd	Pioneer Ridge Road	3563	5.9	21022	80
3	Ackland Road	Midland Hwy	Change	Change	1257	6	7542	29
4	Learmonth Street	Bridge	Bridge	Change	300	4	1200	5
5	Happy Valley Road	Linton-Naringhil Rd	Change	Linton Piggoreet Road	3903	3.7	14441	55
6	Wingeel Road	Rokewood-Shelford Rd	Change	Change	1975	3.9	7703	29
7	Wingeel Road	Rokewood-Shelford Rd	Change	Change	1885	3.8	7163	27
8	Wingeel Road	Rokewood-Shelford Rd	Change	Change	8164	3.9	31840	121
9	Berrybank-Wallinduc Road	Lismore-Scarsdale Rd	Change	Change	972	3.9	3791	14
10	Berrybank-Wallinduc Road	Lismore-Scarsdale Rd	Change	Change	710	3.9	2769	11
11	Berrybank-Wallinduc Road	Lismore-Scarsdale Rd	Change	Shire Boundary	2912	3.8	11066	42
12	Wurrook Road	Rokewood Shelford Rd	Reserve Rd	Gumley-Mt Mercer Rd	3126	3.4	10628	41
13	Willowvale Road	Lismore-Pittong Rd	Change	Lismore-Scarsdale Rd	2825	3.6	10170	39
14	Bells Road (Rokewood)	Rokewood-Shelford Rd	Rokewood Shelford Rd	End Seal	1578	3.8	5996	23
15	Bells Road (Rokewood)	Rokewood-Shelford Rd	Start Seal	Shelford Cressy	1509	5.6	8450	32
16	Two Bridges Road	Colac-Ballarat Rd	Gilletts Road	End Seal	1072	3.6	3859	15
17	Lismore-Pittong Road (Final Seal)	Glenelg Hwy	Rokewood Skipton	Change	1050	7	7350	28
18	Tall Tree Road (Final Seal)	English Rd	Change	Change	1960	7	13720	52
19	Meredith - Shelford Road (Final Seal)	Bannockburn-Shelford	Change	Change	3120	7	21840	84
20	Sebastopol-Smythesdale Road (Final Seal)	Glenelg Hwy	Tom Jones Rd	Bowes Rd	1180	7	8260	31
21	Browns Road (Final Seal)	Glenelg Hwy	Wide Seal	Jubilee Rd	680	7	4760	18
22	Hardies Hill Rd (Final Seal)	Buninyong-Mt Mercer	Bibbys Lane	Grenville Drive	686	7	4802	18
23	Pitfield-Cressy Road	Rokewood-Skipton Rd	Bridge	Werneth Rd	1543	7	10801	41
24	Vaggs Road	Sebastopol-Smythesdale	Sebastopol-Smythesdale Rd	School Ln	225	7	1575	6
Total								850

Roads to Recovery

Capital Renewal accounts for 38.5% of the \$950km program, totalling \$366k.

Priority	Road Name	Locality	From Chainage	To Chainage	Distance	Description	Hierarchy	Est Cost \$'000	Comments
1	McPhillips Road	Bannockburn	2,230	2,624	394	Wide Seal to Imperial Way	Access	650	Includes kerb and channel, and footpath works underground drainage
2	Mason Road	Bannockburn	NA	NA	200	Widening at Crest	Access	90	Widening at crest required for safety reasons
3	Meredith-Mt Mercer Road	Meredith	14,219	15,030	811	Change to Elaine-Mt Mercer Road	Link	210	As identified in the latest Moloney Report, Meredith-Mt Mercer Road has a poor condition rating and needs renewal as a matter of urgency
Total								950	

Footpaths and Trails

New Assets includes the following Footpath and Trails projects totalling \$150k.

Priority	Township	Location	Length	Description	Budget \$'000
1	Teesdale	Bannockburn-Shelford Road (School Crossing to Tolson Street)	350m	1.5m wide concrete path along south side of Bannockburn-Shelford Road	45
2	Bannockburn	Stage 1 – Connection to Glen Avon Estate	650m	1.5m wide concrete path from Yverdon Drive, connecting the Glen Avon Estate	105
Total					150

Note 27: Capital Upgrade (\$1.32m expenditure)**Buildings (\$55k expenditure)**

- Disability Action Plan - hearing loop \$20k
- Vic Park Bannockburn toilet block upgrade \$20k
- Mannibadar Hall universal access \$10k
- Lethbridge tennis pavilion - power upgrade \$5k

Infrastructure (\$894k expenditure)

- The upgrade component of the Roads to Recovery funding program of \$259k is continuing and includes general local road improvements as identified by Council. Other local road improvements totalling \$590k & \$45k upgrade to footpath will be funded from Council's operational funds.

Parks, Open Spaces & Streetscapes (\$90k expenditure)

- Open Space Implementation - sign posts, etc. \$45k
- Smythesdale Gardens public toilet - sewer connection \$45k

Plant & Machinery (\$89k expenditure)

- Kubota 4WD tractor

Recreational, Leisure & Community (\$190k expenditure)

- Vic Park Bannockburn - drainage upgrade \$95k
- Inverleigh Sports Complex - drainage upgrade \$95k

Note 28: Capital Expansion (\$602k expenditure)**Buildings (\$500k expenditure)**

- Golden Plains Community and Civic Centre extension planning & design \$500k

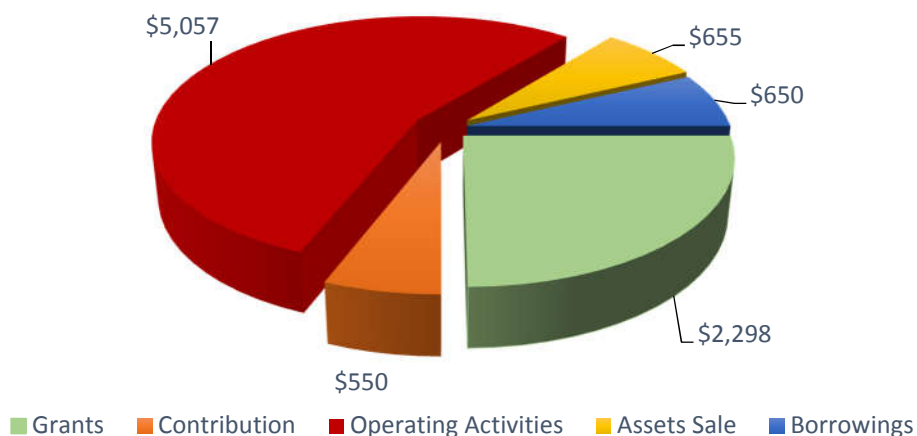
Car Park (\$90k expenditure)

- Bannockburn Basketball Stadium car park \$90k

Furniture and Equipment (\$12k expenditure)

- Computer software

Capital Expenditure Funding Sources \$'000



Borrowings

Council's Strategic Resource Plan provides for annual borrowings of \$150k for community facilities. These borrowings will assist in the construction of the Maude Recreation Reserve pavilion project. \$500k will also be borrowed to fund the commencement of the Golden Plains Community and Civic Centre redevelopment.

Grants

In order for Council to deliver its capital works program, it relies on funding received from State and Federal Governments. Following is a list of all grants included in the Budget. Some, but not all, of these grants have been confirmed by funding agencies.

Grants for Capital Works	\$'000
Roads to Recovery	950
Gumley Road Reconstruction	600
Maude Recreation Reserve pavilion	500
Rokewood Recreation Reserve pavilion Upgrade	100
Bannockburn Heart Active Rec (SRV Minors)	67
Batesford Playground	47
Milton Street School Precinct	18
Fire Access Track	16
Total Grants	2,298

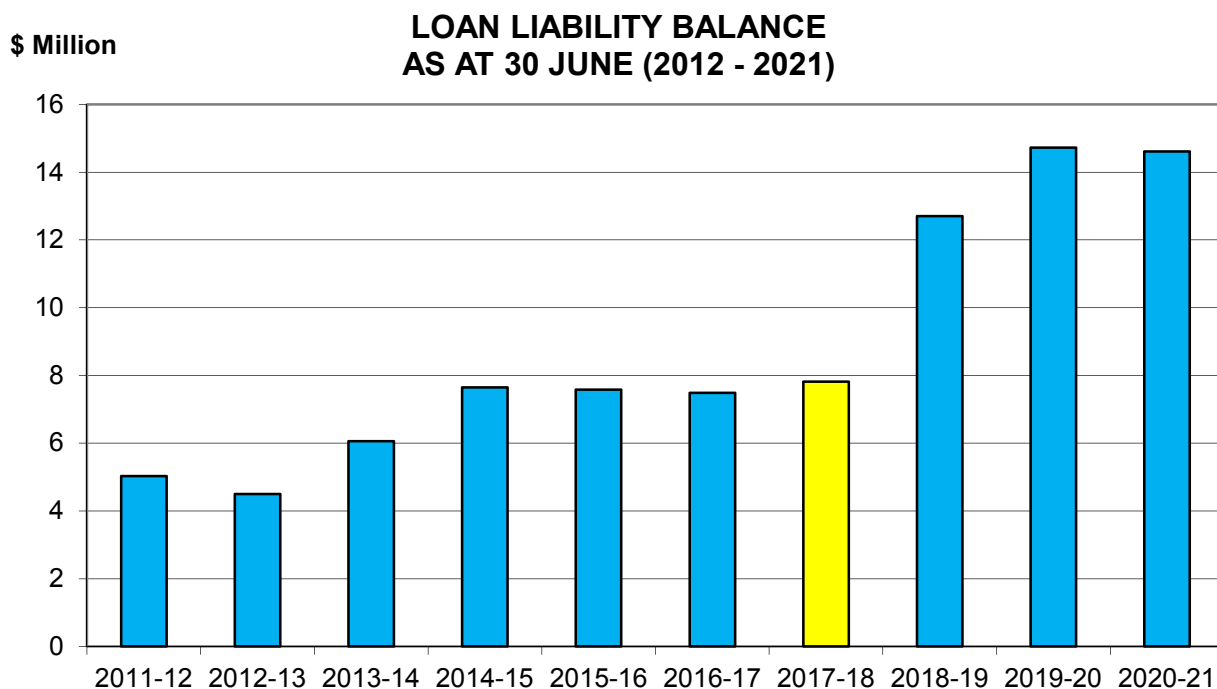
Proceeds from the Sale of Non-Current Assets

Proceeds from the sale of non-current assets totals \$655k and includes the trade-in of motor vehicles and plant items.

4.6 BORROWINGS

The budgeted loan liability of \$7.89m at 30 June 2018 represents 37.2% of rates and charges, which is an increase from 36.64% in 2016-17. These borrowings remain consistent with sound financial management principles. Borrowings allow Council to spread the financing cost of new facilities over a number of years, thereby eliminating the burden on ratepayers in any one year.

The new loan of \$500k relates to the Golden Plains Community and Civic Centre development and \$150k relates to the Maude Recreation Reserve pavilion for 2017-18.



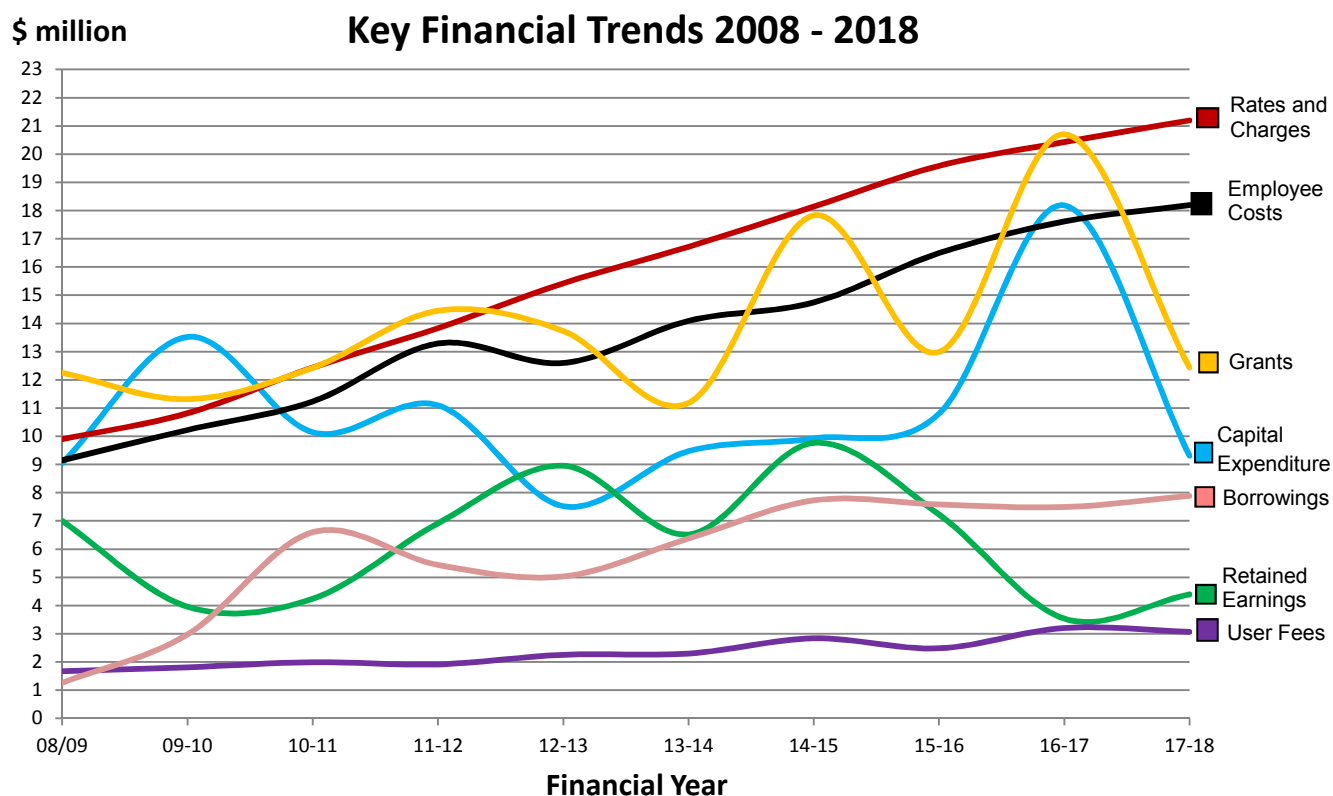
Borrowing Schedule

Loan No.	Loan Purpose	Lender	Draw-down	Loan Term Years	Interest Rate %	Opening Balance \$'000	New Loans \$'000	Debt Redeemed \$'000	Closing Balance \$'000
1	Bannockburn Cultural Centre	Bendigo	Mar- 10	10	8.08	150	0	(49)	101
2	Bannockburn Rec Precinct Development	Bendigo	Mar-10	10	8.08	185	0	(60)	124
3	Bannockburn Rec Precinct Development	LGFV	Jul-10	25	4.24	2,479	0	0	2,479
4	Bannockburn Rec Precinct Development	NAB	Dec-10	10	7.74	308	0	(80)	228
5	Parkers Road Bridge, etc.	NAB	Dec-11	10	6.65	266	0	(52)	214
6	Woody Yaloak Equestrian	ANZ	Dec-12	10	5.99	83	0	(15)	68
7	LASF DB Plan Contribution	LGFV	Jul-13	10	4.24	1,560	0	0	1,560
8	Haddon Rec Upgrade	LGFV	Dec-13	10	4.24	134	0	0	134
9	GP Food Production Precinct	LGFV	Jul-14	10	4.24	1,230	0	0	1,230
10	Somerset Estate & The Well	LGFV	Dec-14	10	4.24	797	0	0	797
11	Bannockburn Civic Heart	LGFV	Jun-16	10	3.97	150	0	0	150
12	Smythesdale Sports Oval	LGFV	Mar-17	10	4.00	150	0	0	150
13	Golden Plains Community & Civic Centre	LGFV	Mar-18	10	4.00	0	500	0	500
15	RDV Project\	LGFV	Mar-18	10	4.00	0	150	0	150
Total 2017-18						7,491	650	(257)	7,885

*LGFV – The Local Government Funding Vehicle is a project the MAV has undertaken on behalf of all Victorian Councils. It is expected to provide significant savings to the sector by raising funds via the Bond market.

	2016-17 \$'000	2017-18 \$'000
Total amount borrowed as at 30 June of the prior year	7,580	7,491
Total amount to be borrowed	150	650
Total amount projected to be redeemed	(239)	(257)
Total amount proposed to be borrowed as at 30 June	7,491	7,885

4.7 KEY FINANCIAL TRENDS 2008-2018



Analysis of Trends

There are a number of interesting trends that are reflected in the above graph.

Capital Expenditure / Grants

Historically, Council's capital expenditure is closely correlated with grant revenue.

Rates and Charges / Grants

Council first identified the need to reduce its reliance on grant revenue and improve its rates and charges in Finance 2005. The above graph demonstrates the result of this decision. Revenue from rates and charges are now at a more 'financially sustainable' level, given the level of growth in grants has generally reduced.

Rates and Charges / Employee Costs

The substantial growth in service delivery demands in recent years coupled with the need to broaden Council's rate base is reflected in the steady incline shown on the graph.

Retained Earnings / Borrowings

As retained earnings have been utilised over recent years to deliver various capital projects, borrowings have increased to fund the major capital works projects being delivered.

5 LONG-TERM STRATEGIES

5.1 STRATEGIC RESOURCE PLAN (SRP)

Council's Strategic Resource Plan is an integral component of the Council Plan. It establishes the financial targets necessary for Council to fund its strategies over a four year period. As stated in the Budget overview, the Budget has been framed within the parameters established in Council's Strategic Resource Plan.

The Act requires a SRP to be prepared, describing both financial and non-financial resources (including human resources) for at least the next four financial years to achieve the strategic objectives in the Council Plan. In preparing the SRP, Council must take into account all other plans and strategies in regard to services and initiatives which commit financial and non-financial resources for the period of the SRP.

Council has prepared a SRP for the four years 2017-18 to 2020-21 as part of its ongoing financial planning to assist in adopting a budget within a longer term framework. The SRP takes the strategic objectives and strategies as specified in the Council Plan and expresses them in financial terms for the next four years.

In the Strategic Resource Plan, Council is mindful of the need to comply with the following Principles of Sound Financial Management as contained in the Local Government Act:

- Manage financial risks faced by the Council prudently, having regard to economic circumstances
- Pursue spending and rating policies that are consistent with a reasonable degree of stability in the level of the rates burden
- Ensure that decisions are made and actions are taken having regard to their financial effects on future generations
- Ensure full, accurate and timely disclosure of financial information relating to the Council

The key financial objectives which underpin the Strategic Resource Plan are:

- Ensure long-term financial sustainability
- Deliver services in a cost-effective and efficient manner
- Ensure incomes are sustainable and consider community-wide and individual benefits (rates versus user charges and adherence to Council's Rating Strategy)
- Use debt finance where appropriate and within responsible limits
- Maintain cash reserves and operating surpluses at appropriate levels
- Identify and quantify long-term liabilities
- Meet social equity objectives through specific programs
- Manage the Shire's capital assets to maximise long-term community benefit
- Recognise that funding from State and Federal Government is a crucial element of financial sustainability
- Manage Council's retained earnings prudently

Departing from Council's Strategic Resource Plan would send the wrong message to stakeholders including governments, ratepayers and future Councils. Council needs to adhere to the Strategic Resource Plan to ensure the long-term financial health of the organisation. The Strategic Resource Plan places Council on a sound financial footing into the foreseeable future.

5.2 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The following table highlights Council's current and projected performance across a range of key financial performance indicators. These indicators provide a useful analysis of Council's financial position and performance and should be used in the context of the organisation's objectives.

Indicator	Measure	Note	Forecast 2016-17	Budget 2017-18	SRP Projections			Trend +/-
					2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	
Efficiency								
Expenditure level	Total expenditure / no. of assessments		\$3,629	\$3,434	\$3,526	\$3,593	\$3,667	+
Revenue level	Residential rate revenue / No. of residential assessments		\$1,801	\$1,858	\$1,905	\$1,994	\$2,075	+
Workforce turnover	No. of resignations & terminations / average no. of staff		13.0%	13.0%	13.0%	13.0%	13.0%	o
Liquidity								
Working Capital	Current assets / current liabilities	1	175.3%	188.4%	198.4%	181.1%	192.7%	o
Unrestricted cash	Unrestricted cash / current liabilities		108.9%	119.4%	129.7%	110.4%	121.9%	o
Obligations								
Loans and borrowings	Interest bearing loans and borrowings / rate revenue	2	36.7%	37.2%	58.1%	64.8%	62.7%	-
Loans and borrowings	Interest and principal repayments / rate revenue		2.9%	2.8%	2.8%	13.7%	2.3%	o
Indebtedness	Non-current liabilities / own source revenue		16.5%	18.5%	29.4%	32.7%	31.5%	-
Asset renewal	Asset renewal expenditure / depreciation	3	104.6%	53.1%	56.8%	55.2%	54.3%	o
Operating position								
Adjusted underlying result	Adjusted underlying surplus (deficit) / Adjusted underlying revenue	4	-0.7%	-0.2%	-1.4%	-0.7%	0.5%	o
Stability								
Rates concentration	Rate revenue / adjusted underlying revenue	5	53.1%	57.0%	58.4%	58.0%	57.3%	o
Rates effort	Rate revenue / property values (CIV)		0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	o

Key to Forecast Trend:

- + Forecasts improvement in Council's financial performance/financial position indicator
- o Forecasts that Council's financial performance/financial position indicator will be steady
- Forecasts deterioration in Council's financial performance/financial position indicator

NOTES TO INDICATORS

1 Working Capital – The proportion of current liabilities represented by current assets. Working capital is forecast to remain at sustainable levels during the period of the Council Plan

2 Loans and Borrowings compared to rates – This ratio is forecast to increase in 2018-19 due to the first tranche of loans required to deliver the Golden Plains Community and Civic Centre. The second tranche will be undertaken in 2019-20

3 Asset renewal - This percentage indicates the extent of Council renewals against its depreciation charge (an indication of the decline in value of its existing capital assets). A percentage greater than 100 indicates Council is maintaining its existing assets, while a percentage less than 100 means its assets are deteriorating faster than they are being renewed and future capital expenditure will be required to renew assets.

4 Adjusted underlying result – An indicator of the sustainable operating result required to enable Council to continue to provide core services and meet its objectives.

5 Rates concentration - Reflects extent of reliance on rate revenues to fund all of Council's on-going services. Current ratio, while still comparatively low, indicates that Council's reliance on government funding has diminished over recent years and this balance is expected to remain steady over the term of the Council Plan. It will be very difficult to improve this ratio within a rate capping environment.

5.3 NON-FINANCIAL RESOURCES

In addition to the financial resources to be consumed over the planning period, Council will also consume non-financial resources, in particular human resources. A summary of Council's anticipated human resource requirements for the 2017-18 year is shown below and further detail is included in Note 7 of this Budget.

Indicator	Forecast 2016-17	Budget 2017-18	SRP Projections		
			2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Employee Costs ('000)					
- Operating	17,608	18,194	18,873	19,531	20,210
- Capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total	17,608	18,194	18,873	19,531	20,210
Employee Numbers (FTE)	203	206	208	210	212

5.4 RATING INFORMATION

This section contains information on Council's past and foreshadowed rating levels, along with Council's rating structure and the impact of changes in property valuations. This section should be read in conjunction with Council's Rating Strategy which is available on Council's website.

Rating context

Rates and charges are an important source of revenue, accounting for approximately 50% of income received by Council annually. Planning for future rate increases is therefore an important component of the Strategic Resource Planning process.

In 2005, it was identified that Council's low level of rate income was becoming unsustainable and that Council had to make a conscious decision to improve its financial position. To ensure this action did not have a detrimental impact on Council services, it was important to increase the unsustainably low rate base and to decrease Council's reliance on government funding.

Golden Plains Shire also faced, and continues to face, the following challenges:

- High population growth
- Increased demand for new services
- A history of significant dependence on grants, contributions and recoupments
- Substantial challenges associated with provision and renewal of roads, paths, and community and recreation facilities
- Supporting community based Committees of Management that currently manage the vast majority of community and recreation facilities on Council and Crown land

- Although increasing, still a comparatively low rating revenue base. Council's Rate Concentration is budgeted to be 56%, well behind similar large rural shires and the state average of 64%, in 2015-16.
- Managing the competing interests of rural and urban communities and
- Maintaining the extensive road network of over 1,800 km

The following table demonstrates the effort Council has made in recent years to improve its rate base to a more sustainable level.

Average Rates and Charges per residential assessment

Year	Average Residential Rate Revenue / Assessment \$	Percentage Increase %	Rate Concentration	
			Budget %	Victoria Councils Average %
2003-04	584	9.40	29	44
2010-11	1,306	13.57	48	58
2011-12	1,402	7.36	51	58
2012-13	1,523	8.64	46	60
2013-14	1,629	6.92	48	64
2014-15	1,740	6.80	45	60
2015-16	1,801	3.50	55	64
2016-17	1,858	3.10	56	64

Note: Figures from 2015-16 onward, are calculated using the Local Government Performance Reporting data and relate to residential properties only.

Estimates

The level of required rates and charges are considered in context, with reference to Council's other sources of income and the planned expenditure on services and works to be undertaken for the Golden Plains community. Golden Plains Shire Council still remains very successful in obtaining government funding to minimise the burden on its ratepayers, while remaining a progressive and developing shire.

Current Year Rates and Charges

The following table sets out future proposed increases in revenue from rates and charges and the total rates to be raised, based on the forecast financial position of Council as at 30 June 2017.

Year	General Rate and Municipal Charge Increase %	Garbage Charge %	Total Rates and Charges Raised
2015-16	6.23	(4.8)	19,435
2016-17	2.32	3.57	20,427
2017-18	2.00	2.2	21,195
2018-19	2.00	2.5	21,971
2019-20	2.00	2.5	22,769
2020-21	2.00	2.5	23,590

Rating structure

Council has established a rating structure which is comprised of three key elements. These are:

- Property values, which form the central basis of rating under the Local Government Act 1989
- A 'user pays' component to reflect usage of certain services provided by Council
- A fixed municipal charge per property to cover some of the administrative costs of the Council.

Striking a proper balance between these elements provides equity in the distribution of the rate burden across residents.

Council makes two further distinctions within the property value component of rates based on the purpose for which the property is used and whether it is located within a defined geographic growth area.

Having reviewed the various valuation bases for determining the property value component of rates, Council has determined to apply a Capital Improved Value (CIV) basis on the grounds that it provides the most equitable distribution of rates across the municipality. There are currently no plans to change that basis, but Council does review its rating structure every four years.

The existing rating structure comprises ten differential rates. These are defined in detail in Appendix 6.1, however a brief summary is as follows:

Residential – Base rate (cents per dollar of Capital Improved Value, CIV)

Business - 100% of residential rate

Farm – 90% of residential rate

Vacant Land – 200% of residential rate and

Non Developable Vacant Land – 100% of residential rate

A slightly higher 'growth' rate is applied to each of these five classifications for properties located within a defined growth area, making ten in total. These rates are structured in accordance with the requirements of Section 161 'Differential Rates' of the Act. Council also levies a municipal charge and a garbage collection charge as allowed under the Act. A brief explanation of each rating component is provided below.

General Rates: General rates are calculated by multiplying the "rate in the dollar" by the property's capital improved value.

Growth Differentials: Growth differentials are applied to properties in defined geographic growth areas. Growth differentials are calculated in the same manner as general rates but the rate in the dollar is slightly higher. This revenue partially funds Council's strategic planning function.

Municipal Charge: The municipal charge is used to collect a portion of revenue not linked to property value, but paid equally by all ratepayers. The charge is applied pursuant to s.159 of the Local Government Act and is intended to cover some of the administrative costs of Council.

The municipal charge is a flat charge, irrespective of the valuation of a property. For lower valued properties, it means that the total rates as a percentage of the property's CIV is higher when compared to higher valued properties. Its function is to ensure that low valued properties pay a fair share of the total rates burden. If Council did not apply a municipal charge the general rate would rise and the rates on higher valued properties would increase substantially. This would be contrary to Council's responsibility to provide a fair and equitable system of rating.

Garbage Charge: The garbage charge is levied on a full cost recovery basis to cover the kerbside collection of household waste and recycling.

When comparing the rates and charges in Golden Plains Shire with those of other Councils, the municipal charge should be included in the calculation. There is a misconception in the community that when the municipal charge is taken into account Golden Plains is a high rating council. That is not the case.

Detailed analysis of the rates to be determined for the 2017-18 year is contained in Appendix 6 'Rates and Charges Statutory Disclosures'.

Council has adopted a formal *Rating Strategy* that contains expanded information on Council's rating structure and the reasons behind its choices in applying the rating mechanisms it has used.

General Revaluation of Properties

As required by the Local Government Act, a revaluation of all properties within the municipality was carried out during 2015-16 and was applied from 1 July 2016 for the 2016-17 year. The outcome of the general revaluation resulted in a moderate increase in property valuations throughout the municipality. Overall, property valuations across the municipal district increased by 6%. The following tables demonstrates the average percentage increase for each property type. The next general revaluation will be conducted in 2017-18 and be applied from 1 July 2018.

Property Type	Average Value Increase 2016-17
Residential	5.7%
Farm	1.3%
Business, Industrial & Commercial	11.1%
Vacant Land	14.0%

Fire Services Property Levy

From 1 July 2013 a new fire levy was introduced and applies to all private property owners – including persons and organisations that do not currently pay council rates, such as churches, charities, private schools and RSL's. Council properties will also be subject to the fire levy. Under the Fire Services Property Levy Act 2012, introduced as a result of recommendations by the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission (VBRC), the Fire Services Property Levy (FSPL) is collected by Council on behalf of the State Government, to fund the operations of the MFB and CFA, hence Council does not recognise any income and this levy is not included in any rating calculation or comparison.

However, it is important to note that this charge will appear on annual and quarterly rate notices.

5.5 OTHER STRATEGIES AND PLANS

In addition to the Council Plan and Strategic Resource Plan, the Budget is shaped by Community Plans and numerous other Council plans and strategies as detailed below:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Community Development Strategy
- Open Space Strategy
- Arts and Culture Strategy
- Access and Inclusion Plan
- Community Engagement Strategy
- Recreation Strategy
- Paths and Trails Strategy
- Youth Development Strategy
- Bannockburn Community Infrastructure Development Plan

HUMAN SERVICES

- Municipal Early Years Plan
- Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan
- Ageing Well

CORPORATE SERVICES

- Annual Budget
- Internal Audit Plan
- Municipal Emergency Management Plan
- Rating Strategy
- ICT Strategy
- Procurement Strategy

ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Organisational Development Strategy
- Customer Services Strategy
- Risk Management Strategy
- Records Management Strategy

EXECUTIVE UNIT

- Economic Development Strategy
- Events, Communications and Marketing Strategy
- Community First Business Improvement Strategy

DEVELOPMENT

- Municipal Strategic Statement
- Environment Strategy
- Golden Plains Food Production Precinct Concept Plan
- Roadside Weed Management Plan
- Bruces Creek Master Plan, Bannockburn
- Heritage Study
- Urban Design Frameworks – Bannockburn; Smythesdale; Inverleigh; Rokewood, Corindhap, Dereel; Batesford
- Domestic Animal Management Plan
- Rural Land Use Strategy
- Northern Settlement Strategy
- Municipal Fire Management Plan
- Domestic Waste Water Management Plan

WORKS

- Road Strategy
- Waste Management Strategy
- Asset Management Strategy
- Stormwater Management Plan
- Road Management Plan

6 APPENDICES

6.1 RATES AND CHARGES STATUTORY DISCLOSURES

	2016-17 Budget	2017-18 Budget	Change	Change
Rates & Charges Revenue	\$	\$	\$	%
Residential Improved	1,604,279	1,707,543	103,264	6.44
Residential Improved (Growth Area)	8,854,645	9,408,666	554,021	6.26
Business, Industrial & Commercial	42,681	39,789	(2,893)	(6.78)
Business, Industrial & Commercial (Growth Area)	255,007	280,983	25,976	10.19
Farm Land	3,304,447	3,385,495	81,047	2.45
Farm Land (Growth Area)	156,684	158,360	1,676	1.07
Non Farm Vacant Land	336,981	324,429	(12,552)	(3.72)
Non Farm Vacant land (Growth Area)	1,247,469	1,227,112	(20,357)	(1.63)
Vacant land Non-Developable	107,246	103,390	(3,856)	(3.60)
Vacant Land Non-Developable (Growth Area)	17,494	18,246	752	4.30
Municipal Charge	2,279,925	2,320,650	40,725	1.79
Annual Service (Garbage) Charge	2,127,295	2,156,185	28,890	1.36
Total Rates & Charges to be Raised	20,334,154	21,130,847	796,693	3.92
Number of Assessments				
Residential Improved	1,202	1,229	27	2.25
Residential Improved (Growth Area)	6,267	6,452	185	2.95
Business, Industrial & Commercial	31	36	5	16.13
Business, Industrial & Commercial (Growth Area)	183	219	36	19.67
Farm Land	1,296	1,295	(1)	(0.05)
Farm Land (Growth Area)	75	75	(0)	(0.44)
Non Farm Vacant Land	275	250	(25)	(9.20)
Non Farm Vacant land (Growth Area)	1,067	1,026	(41)	(3.87)
Vacant Land Non-Developable	237	233	(4)	(1.55)
Vacant Land Non-Developable (Growth Area)	32	31	(1)	(3.13)
Total Rateable Properties	10,665	10,846	181	1.69
The Basis of Valuation				
Residential Improved	441,188,636	459,104,334	17,915,697	4.06
Residential Improved (Growth Area)	2,303,996,352	2,393,503,187	89,506,834	3.88
Business, Industrial & Commercial	11,737,727	10,698,000	(1,039,727)	(8.86)
Business, Industrial & Commercial (Growth Area)	66,353,346	71,480,180	5,126,834	7.73
Farm Land	1,009,719,673	1,011,391,864	1,672,191	0.17
Farm Land (Growth Area)	45,030,983	44,496,707	(534,276)	(1.19)
Non Farm Vacant Land	46,336,160	43,614,402	(2,721,759)	(5.87)
Non Farm Vacant land (Growth Area)	166,786,586	160,402,363	(6,384,223)	(3.83)
Vacant land Non-Developable	29,493,437	27,798,406	(1,695,030)	(5.75)
Vacant Land Non-Developable (Growth Area)	4,552,000	4,641,582	89,582	1.97
Total Valuation of Rateable Properties	4,125,194,900	4,227,131,024	101,936,124	2.47

	2016-17 Budget	2017-18 Budget*	Change	Change
Cents in the \$				
Residential Improved	0.3636	0.3719	0.0083	2.28
Residential Improved (Growth Area)	0.3843	0.3931	0.0088	2.28
Business, Industrial & Commercial	0.3636	0.3719	0.0083	2.28
Business, Industrial & Commercial (Growth Area)	0.3843	0.3931	0.0088	2.28
Farm Land	0.3273	0.3347	0.0075	2.28
Farm Land (Growth Area)	0.3479	0.3559	0.0079	2.28
Non Farm Vacant Land	0.7273	0.7439	0.0166	2.28
Non Farm Vacant land (Growth Area)	0.7479	0.7650	0.0171	2.28
Vacant Land Non-Developable	0.3636	0.3719	0.0083	2.28
Vacant Land Non-Developable (Growth Area)	0.3843	0.3931	0.0088	2.28
Charges Per Tenement	\$	\$	\$	%
Municipal Charge	225	225	-	-
Annual Service (Garbage) Charge	246.50	252	5.50	2.23

*The above rates in the dollar are indicative only as they are based on the rate book as at 31 January 2017. These rates in the dollar will be recalculated in July 2017 using the actual rate book as at 1 July 2017, in order to ensure compliance with the rate capping provisions of the Local Government Act. The rates in the dollar will not increase as a result of a recalculation.

Declaration of Rates and Charges

Recommendation

1. Amount Intended to be Raised

An amount of \$21,130,847 (or such other amount as is lawfully raised as a consequence of this resolution) be declared as the amount which Council intends to raise by general rates, the municipal charge and the annual service charges (described later in this resolution), which amount is calculated as follows:

General Rates	\$16,654,012
Municipal Charge	\$2,320,650
Annual Service (Garbage) Charge	\$2,156,185

2. General Rates

- 2.1. A general rate be declared in respect of the 2017-18 Financial Year.
- 2.2. It be further declared that the general rate be raised by the application of differential rates.
- 2.3. A differential rate be respectively declared for rateable land having the respective characteristics specified below, which characteristics will form the criteria for each differential rate so declared:

2.3.1. Residential Improved

Any land which:

- 2.3.1.1. is used primarily for residential purposes; and
- 2.3.1.2. does not have the characteristics of Residential Improved (Growth Area).

2.3.2. Residential Improved (Growth Area)

Any land which:

- 2.3.2.1. is used primarily for residential purposes;
- 2.3.2.2. is located within any of the areas bounded by the continuous and unbroken lines in the plans attached to this resolution; and
- 2.3.2.3. is designated as such in Council's rating database.

2.3.3. Business, Industrial and Commercial

Any land which:

- 2.3.3.1. is used primarily for commercial or industrial (including extractive industry) purposes; and
- 2.3.3.2. does not have the characteristics of Business, Industrial and Commercial (Growth Area).

2.3.4. Business, Industrial and Commercial (Growth Area)

Any land which:

- 2.3.4.1. is used primarily for commercial or industrial (including extractive industry) purposes;
- 2.3.4.2. is located within any of the areas bounded by the continuous and unbroken lines and the plans is attached to this resolution; and
- 2.3.4.3. is designated as such in Council's rating database.

2.3.5. Farm Land

Any land which:

- 2.3.5.1. is not less than 40 hectares in area; and
- 2.3.5.2. is used primarily for grazing, dairying, pig-farming, poultry-farming, fish-farming, tree-farming, bee-keeping, viticulture, horticulture, fruit-growing or the growing of crops of any kind or for any combination of those activities; and
- 2.3.5.3. is used by a business that:
 - 2.3.5.3.1. has a significant and substantial commercial purpose or character; and
 - 2.3.5.3.2. seeks to make a profit on a continuous or repetitive basis from its activities on the land; and
 - 2.3.5.3.3. is making a profit from its activities on the land, or that has a reasonable prospect of making a profit from its activities on the land if it continues to operate in the way that it is operating.

Or

Any land which:

- 2.3.5.4. is not less than 2 hectares in area and not more than 40 hectares in area; and

- 2.3.5.5. is intensively farmed; and
- 2.3.5.6. is used by a business that:
 - 2.3.5.6.1. has a significant and substantial commercial purpose or character; and
 - 2.3.5.6.2. seeks to make a profit on a continuous or repetitive basis from its activities on the land; and
 - 2.3.5.6.3. is making a profit from its activities on the land, or that has a reasonable prospect of making a profit from its activities on the land if it continues to operate in the way that it is operating.

2.3.6. Farm Land (Growth Area)

- 2.3.6.1. is not less than 40 hectares in area; and
- 2.3.6.2. is used primarily for grazing, dairying, pig-farming, poultry-farming, fish-farming, tree-farming, bee-keeping, viticulture, horticulture, fruit-growing or the growing of crops of any kind or for any combination of those activities; and
- 2.3.6.3. is used by a business that:
 - 2.3.6.3.1. has a significant and substantial commercial purpose or character; and
 - 2.3.6.3.2. seeks to make a profit on a continuous or repetitive basis from its activities on the land; and
 - 2.3.6.3.3. is making a profit from its activities on the land, or that has a reasonable prospect of making a profit from its activities on the land if it continues to operate in the way that it is operating. and
- 2.3.6.4. is located within any of the areas bounded by the continuous and unbroken lines in the plans attached to this resolution; and
- 2.3.6.5. is designated as such in Council's rating database.

Or

Any land which:

- 2.3.6.6. is not less than 2 hectares in area and not more than 40 hectares in area; and
- 2.3.6.7. is intensively farmed; and
- 2.3.6.8. is used by a business that:
 - 2.3.6.8.1. has a significant and substantial commercial purpose or character; and
 - 2.3.6.8.2. seeks to make a profit on a continuous or repetitive basis from its activities on the land; and
 - 2.3.6.8.3. is making a profit from its activities on the land, or that has a reasonable prospect of making a profit from its activities on the land if it continues to operate in the way that it is operating. and
- 2.3.6.9. is located within any of the areas bounded by the continuous and unbroken lines in the plans attached to this resolution; and
- 2.3.6.10. is designated as such in Council's rating database

2.3.7. Non Farm Vacant Land

Any land which:

- 2.3.7.1. is not used primarily for residential, commercial or industrial (including extractive industry) purposes; and
- 2.3.7.2. does not have the characteristics of Farm Land, Farm Land (Growth Area), Non Farm Vacant Land (Growth Area), Vacant Land Non Developable or Vacant Non Developable Land (Growth Area)

2.3.8. Non Farm Vacant Land (Growth Area)

Any land which:

- 2.3.8.1. is not used primarily for residential, commercial or industrial (including extractive industry) purposes; and
- 2.3.8.2. does not have the characteristics of Farm Land, Farm Land (Growth Area), Vacant Land Non Developable or Vacant Non Developable Land (Growth Area); and
- 2.3.8.3. is located within any of the areas bounded by the continuous and unbroken lines in the plans attached to this resolution; and
- 2.3.8.4. is designated as such in Council's rating database.

2.3.9. Vacant Land Non Developable

Any land which:

- 2.3.9.1. is located in the Farming Zone (as zoned within the Golden Plains Planning Scheme); and
- 2.3.9.2. does not have the characteristics of Farm Land or Farm Land (Growth Area), and

- 2.3.9.3. cannot be used for residential, commercial or industrial (including extractive industry) purposes due to the constraints of the Golden Plains Planning Scheme.

2.3.10. Vacant Land Non Developable (Growth Area)

Any land which:

- 2.3.10.1. is located in the Farming Zone (as zoned within the Golden Plains Planning Scheme); and
 2.3.10.2. does not have the characteristics of Farm Land or Farm Land (Growth Area); and
 2.3.10.3. cannot be used for residential, commercial or industrial (including extractive industry) purposes due to the constraints of the Golden Plains Planning Scheme; and
 2.3.10.4. is located within any of the areas bounded by the continuous and unbroken lines in the plans attached to this resolution; and
 2.3.10.5. is designated as such in Council's rating database.

- 2.4. Each differential rate will be determined by multiplying the Capital Improved Value of each rateable land (categorised by the characteristics described in paragraph 2.3 of this resolution) by the relevant cents in the dollar indicated in the following table, or such lesser amount as required to achieve compliance with Part 8A – Rate caps of the Local Government Act 1989:

2.5.

Category	Cents in the dollar on CIV*
Residential Improved	0.3719 cents in the dollar of Capital Improved Value
Residential Improved (Growth Area)	0.3931 cents in the dollar of Capital Improved Value
Business, Industrial and Commercial	0.3719 cents in the dollar of Capital Improved Value
Business, Industrial and Commercial (Growth Area)	0.3931 cents in the dollar of Capital Improved Value
Farm Land	0.3347 cents in the dollar of Capital Improved Value
Farm Land (Growth Area)	0.3559 cents in the dollar of Capital Improved Value
Non Farm Vacant Land	0.7439 cents in the dollar of Capital Improved Value
Non Farm Vacant Land (Growth Area)	0.7650 cents in the dollar of Capital Improved Value
Vacant Land Non Developable	0.3719 cents in the dollar of Capital Improved Value
Vacant Land Non Developable (Growth Area)	0.3931 cents in the dollar of Capital Improved Value

*The above rates in the dollar are indicative only as they are based on the rate book as at 31 January 2017. These rates in the dollar will be recalculated in July 2017 using the actual rate book as at 1 July 2017, in order to ensure compliance with the rate capping provisions of the Local Government Act. The rates in the dollar will not increase as a result of a recalculation.

- 2.6. It be recorded that Council considers that each differential rate will contribute to the equitable and efficient carrying out of Council functions, and that

- 2.6.1. the respective objectives of each differential rate be those specified in the Schedule to this resolution;
 2.6.2. the respective types or classes of land which are subject to each differential rate be those defined in the Schedule to this resolution;
 2.6.3. the respective uses and levels of each differential rate in relation to those respective types or classes of land be those described in the Schedule to this resolution; and
 2.6.4. the relevant
 2.6.4.1. uses of;
 2.6.4.2. geographical locations of;
 2.6.4.3. planning scheme zonings of; and
 2.6.4.4. types of buildings on;
 the respective types or classes of land be those identified in the Schedule to this resolution.

3. Municipal Charge

- 3.1. A municipal charge be declared in respect of the 2017-18 Financial Year.
- 3.2. The municipal charge be declared for the purpose of covering some of the costs of Council.
- 3.3. The municipal charge be in the sum of \$225 for each rateable land (or part) in respect of which a municipal charge may be levied.
- 3.4. It be confirmed that the municipal charge is declared in respect of all rateable land within the municipal district in respect of which a municipal charge may be levied.

4. Annual Service (Garbage) Charge

- 4.1. An annual service charge be declared in respect of the 2017-18 Financial Year.
- 4.2. The annual service charge be declared for the collection and disposal of refuse (including recyclables).
- 4.3. The annual service charge be:
 - 4.3.1. in the sum of \$252 for each rateable land (or part) in respect of which the annual service charge may be levied; and
 - 4.3.2. based on ownership of any land used primarily for residential purposes within the area designated for waste collection in the plan, which are the criteria for the annual service charge so declared.

5. Consequential

- 5.1. It be recorded that Council requires any person to pay interest on any amount of rates and charges to which:
 - 5.1.1. that person is liable to pay; and
 - 5.1.2. have not been paid by the date specified for their payment
- 5.2. The Chief Executive officer be authorised to levy and recover the general rates, municipal charge and annual service charge in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989.
- 5.3. The Chief Executive officer be authorised to make so much of Council's rating database available as is reasonably necessary to enable any person to ascertain the designation of any land located within any of the areas bounded by the continuous and unbroken lines in the plans attached to this resolution.

SCHEDULE

Residential Improved

Objective:

To encourage commerce and industry, and to ensure that all rateable land makes an equitable financial contribution to the cost of carrying out the functions of Council, including the:

- Construction and maintenance of public infrastructure
- Development and provision of health and community services and
- Provision of general support services

Types and Classes:

Rateable land having the relevant characteristics described in the recommendation.

Use and Level of Differential Rate:

The differential rate will be used to fund some of those items of expenditure described in the Budget adopted by Council. The level of the differential rate is the level which Council considers is necessary to achieve the objectives specified above.

Geographic Location:

Wherever located within the municipal district.

Use of Land:

Any use permitted under the relevant Planning Scheme.

Planning Scheme Zoning:

The zoning applicable to each rateable land within this category, as determined by consulting maps referred to in the relevant Planning Scheme.

Types of Buildings:

All buildings which are now constructed on the land or which are constructed prior to the expiry of the 2017-18 Financial Year.

Residential Improved (Growth Area)**Objective:**

To enable more resources to be devoted to strategic planning of Residential Improved (Growth Area) (including planning for the infrastructure and community needs of those residing on Residential Improved (Growth Area)), and to ensure that all rateable land makes an equitable financial contribution to the cost of carrying out the functions of Council, including the:

- Construction and maintenance of public infrastructure
- Development and provision of health and community services and
- Provision of general support services

Types and Classes:

Rateable land having the relevant characteristics described in the recommendation.

Use and Level of Differential Rate:

The differential rate will be used to fund some of those items of expenditure described in the Budget adopted by Council. The level of the differential rate is the level which Council considers is necessary to achieve the objectives specified above.

Geographic Location:

Wherever located within the municipal district.

Use of Land:

Any use permitted under the relevant Planning Scheme.

Planning Scheme Zoning:

The zoning applicable to each rateable land within this category, as determined by consulting maps referred to in the relevant Planning Scheme.

Types of Buildings:

All buildings which are now constructed on the land or which are constructed prior to the expiry of the 2017-18 Financial Year.

Business, Industrial and Commercial**Objective:**

To encourage commerce and industry, and to ensure that all rateable land makes an equitable financial contribution to the cost of carrying out the functions of Council, including the:

- Construction and maintenance of public infrastructure
- Development and provision of health and community services and
- Provision of general support services

Types and Classes:

Rateable land having the relevant characteristics described in the recommendation.

Use and Level of Differential Rate:

The differential rate will be used to fund some of those items of expenditure described in the Budget adopted by Council. The level of the differential rate is the level which Council considers is necessary to achieve the objectives specified above.

Geographic Location:

Wherever located within the municipal district.

Use of Land:

Any use permitted under the relevant Planning Scheme.

Planning Scheme Zoning:

The zoning applicable to each rateable land within this category, as determined by consulting maps referred to in the relevant Planning Scheme.

Types of Buildings:

All buildings which are now constructed on the land or which are constructed prior to the expiry of the 2017-18 Financial Year.

Business, Industrial and Commercial (Growth Area)**Objective:**

To enable more resources to be devoted to strategic planning of Business, Industrial and Commercial (Growth Area) (including planning for the infrastructure and community needs of those operating businesses on Business, Industrial and Commercial (Growth Area)), to encourage commerce and industry and to ensure that all rateable land makes an equitable financial contribution to the cost of carrying out the functions of Council, including the:

- Construction and maintenance of public infrastructure
- Development and provision of health and community services and
- Provision of general support services

Types and Classes:

Rateable land having the relevant characteristics described in the recommendation.

Use and Level of Differential Rate:

The differential rate will be used to fund some of those items of expenditure described in the Budget adopted by Council. The level of the differential rate is the level which Council considers is necessary to achieve the objectives specified above.

Geographic Location:

Wherever located within the municipal district.

Use of Land:

Any use permitted under the relevant Planning Scheme.

Planning Scheme Zoning:

The zoning applicable to each rateable land within this category, as determined by consulting maps referred to in the relevant Planning Scheme.

Types of Buildings:

All buildings which are now constructed on the land or which are constructed prior to the expiry of the 2017-18 Financial Year.

Farm Land**Objective:**

To encourage farming activity, and to ensure that all rateable land makes an equitable financial contribution to the cost of carrying out the functions of Council, including the:

- Construction and maintenance of public infrastructure
- Development and provision of health and community services and
- Provision of general support services

Types and Classes:

Rateable land having the relevant characteristics described in the recommendation.

Use and Level of Differential Rate:

The differential rate will be used to fund some of those items of expenditure described in the Budget adopted by Council. The level of the differential rate is the level which Council considers is necessary to achieve the objectives specified above.

Geographic Location:

Wherever located within the municipal district.

Use of Land:

Any use permitted under the relevant Planning Scheme.

Planning Scheme Zoning:

The zoning applicable to each rateable land within this category, as determined by consulting maps referred to in the relevant Planning Scheme.

Types of Buildings:

All buildings which are now constructed on the land or which are constructed prior to the expiry of the 2017-18 Financial Year.

Farm Land (Growth Area)**Objective:**

To enable more resources to be devoted to strategic planning of Farm Land (Growth Area) (including planning for the infrastructure and community needs of those operating farms or residing on Farm Land (Growth Area)), to encourage farming activity and to ensure that all rateable land makes an equitable financial contribution to the cost of carrying out the functions of Council, including the:

- Construction and maintenance of public infrastructure
- Development and provision of health and community services and
- Provision of general support services

Types and Classes:

Rateable land having the relevant characteristics described in the recommendation.

Use and Level of Differential Rate:

The differential rate will be used to fund some of those items of expenditure described in the Budget adopted by Council. The level of the differential rate is the level which Council considers is necessary to achieve the objectives specified above.

Geographic Location:

Wherever located within the municipal district.

Use of Land:

Any use permitted under the relevant Planning Scheme.

Planning Scheme Zoning:

The zoning applicable to each rateable land within this category, as determined by consulting maps referred to in the relevant Planning Scheme.

Types of Buildings:

All buildings which are now constructed on the land or which are constructed prior to the expiry of the 2017-18 Financial Year.

Non Farm Vacant Land**Objective:**

To enable more resources to be devoted to strategic planning of Non Farm Vacant Land (including planning for the infrastructure and community needs of those who may come to occupy Non Farm Vacant Land), to encourage development of that land and to ensure that all rateable land makes an equitable financial contribution to the cost of carrying out the functions of Council, including the:

- Construction and maintenance of public infrastructure
- Development and provision of health and community services and
- Provision of general support services

Types and Classes:

Rateable land having the relevant characteristics described in the recommendation.

Use and Level of Differential Rate:

The differential rate will be used to fund some of those items of expenditure described in the Budget adopted by Council. The level of the differential rate is the level which Council considers is necessary to achieve the objectives specified above.

Geographic Location:

Wherever located within the municipal district.

Use of Land:

Any use permitted under the relevant Planning Scheme.

Planning Scheme Zoning:

The zoning applicable to each rateable land within this category, as determined by consulting maps referred to in the relevant Planning Scheme.

Non Farm Vacant Land (Growth Area)**Objective:**

To enable more resources to be devoted to strategic planning of Non Farm Vacant Land (Growth Area) (including planning for the infrastructure and community needs of those who may come to occupy Non Farm Vacant Land (Growth Area), to encourage development of that land and to ensure that all rateable land makes an equitable financial contribution to the cost of carrying out the functions of Council, including the:

- Construction and maintenance of public infrastructure
- Development and provision of health and community services and
- Provision of general support services

Types and Classes:

Rateable land having the relevant characteristics described in the recommendation.

Use and Level of Differential Rate:

The differential rate will be used to fund some of those items of expenditure described in the Budget adopted by Council. The level of the differential rate is the level which Council considers is necessary to achieve the objectives specified above.

Geographic Location:

Wherever located within the municipal district.

Use of Land:

Any use permitted under the relevant Planning Scheme.

Planning Scheme Zoning:

The zoning applicable to each rateable land within this category, as determined by consulting maps referred to in the relevant Planning Scheme.

Vacant Land Non Developable**Objective:**

To enable more resources to be devoted to strategic planning of Non Farm Vacant Land (including planning for the infrastructure and community needs of those who may come to occupy Non Farm Vacant Land), to ensure that all rateable land makes an equitable financial contribution to the cost of carrying out the functions of Council, including the:

- Construction and maintenance of public infrastructure
- Development and provision of health and community services and
- Provision of general support services

Types and Classes:

Rateable land having the relevant characteristics described in the recommendation.

Use and Level of Differential Rate:

The differential rate will be used to fund some of those items of expenditure described in the Budget adopted by Council. The level of the differential rate is the level which Council considers is necessary to achieve the objectives specified above.

Geographic Location:

Wherever located within the municipal district.

Use of Land:

Any use permitted under the relevant Planning Scheme.

Planning Scheme Zoning:

The zoning applicable to each rateable land within this category, as determined by consulting maps referred to in the relevant Planning Scheme.

Vacant Land Non Developable (Growth Area)**Objective:**

To enable more resources to be devoted to strategic planning of Vacant Land Non Developable (Growth Area) (including planning for the infrastructure and community needs of those who may come to occupy Vacant Land Non Developable (Growth Area), to ensure that all rateable land makes an equitable financial contribution to the cost of carrying out the functions of Council, including the:

- Construction and maintenance of public infrastructure
- Development and provision of health and community services and
- Provision of general support services

Types and Classes:

Rateable land having the relevant characteristics described in the recommendation.

Use and Level of Differential Rate:

The differential rate will be used to fund some of those items of expenditure described in the Budget adopted by Council. The level of the differential rate is the level which Council considers is necessary to achieve the objectives specified above.

Geographic Location:

Wherever located within the municipal district.

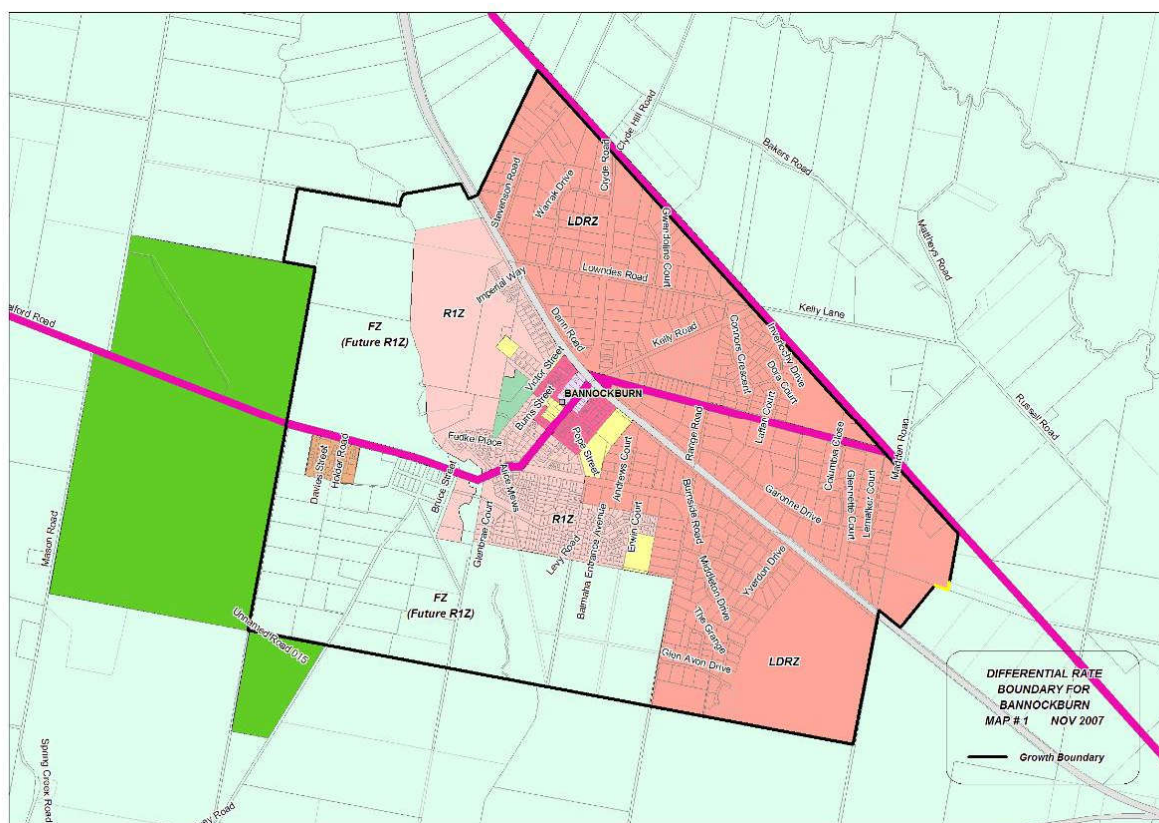
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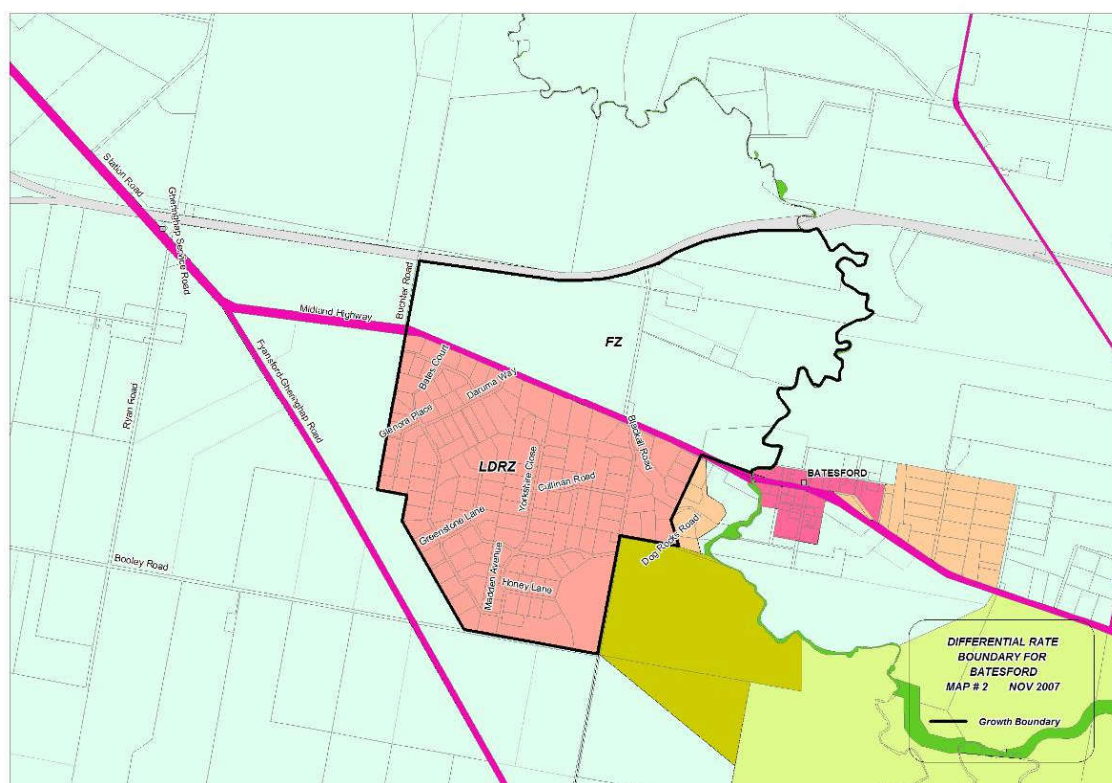
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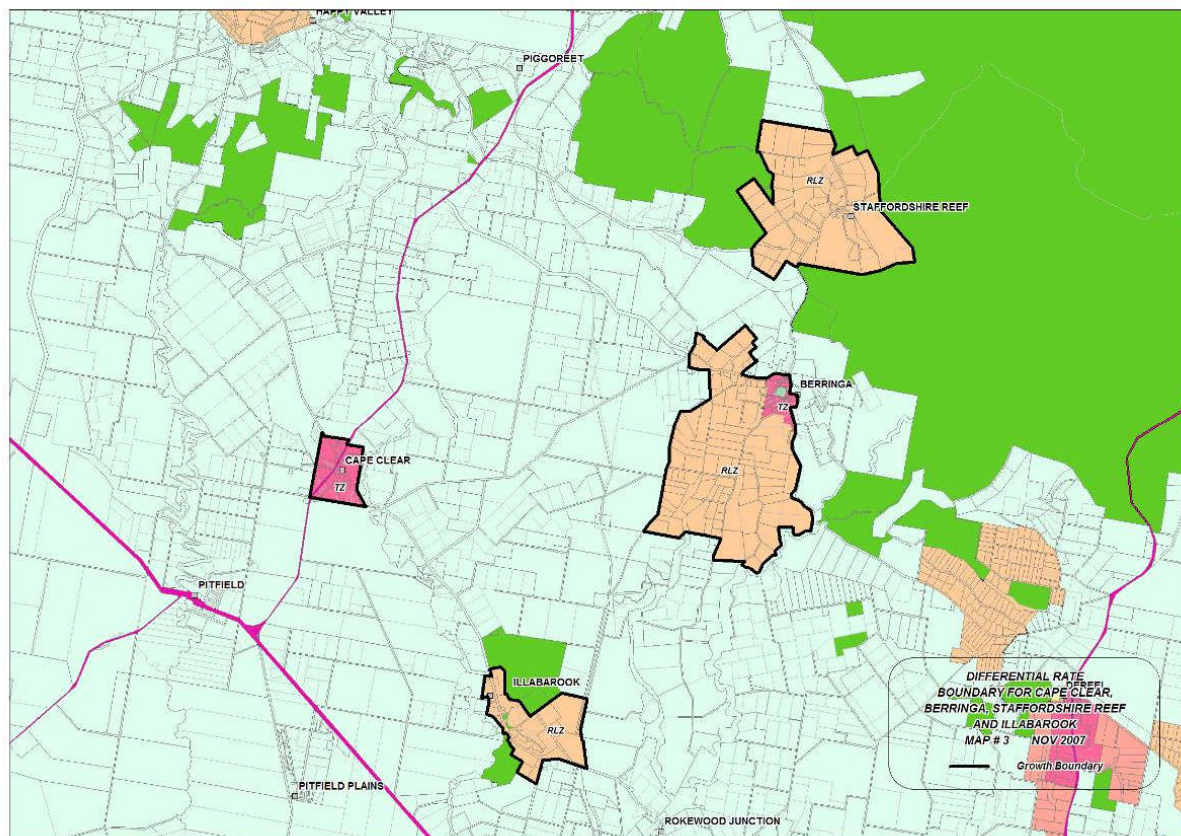
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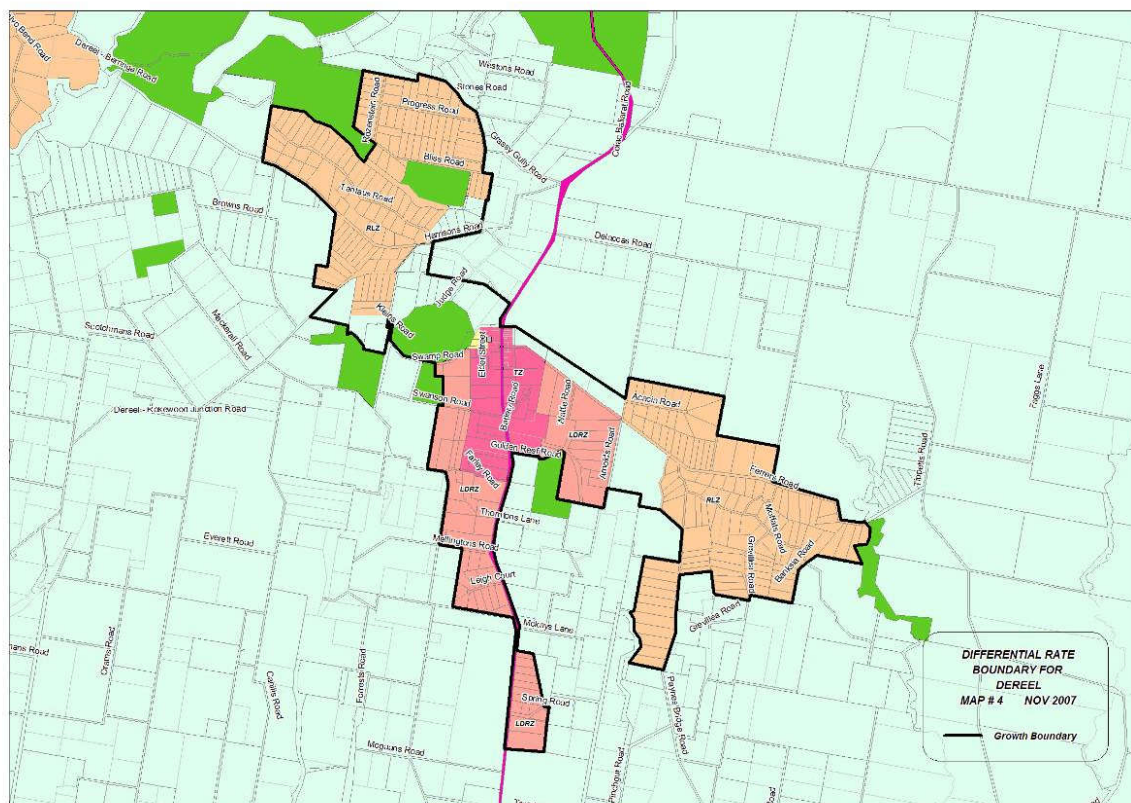
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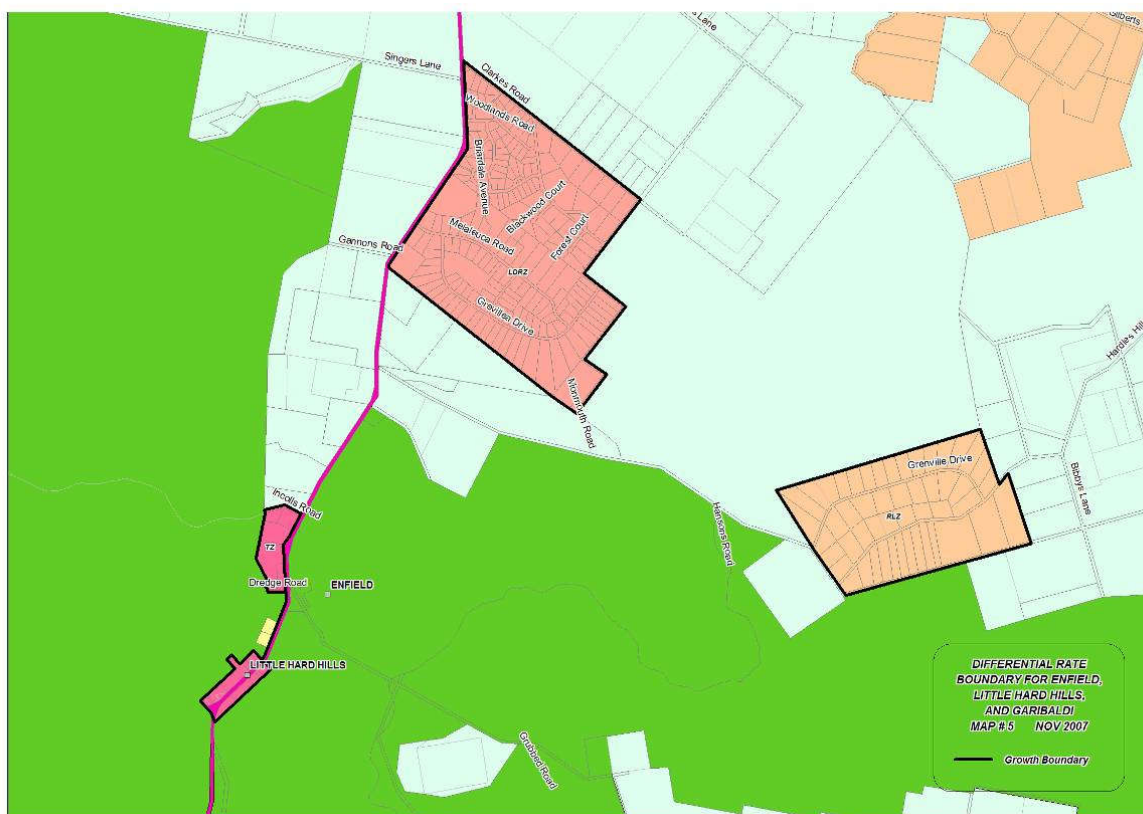
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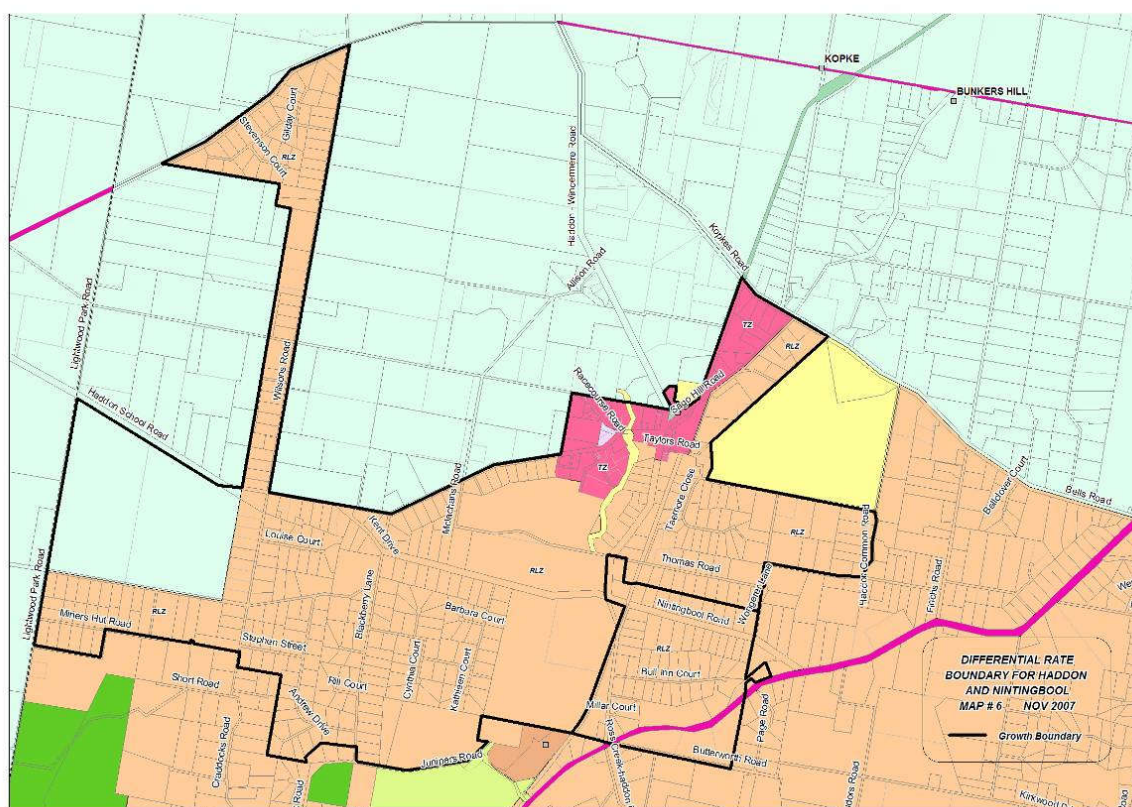
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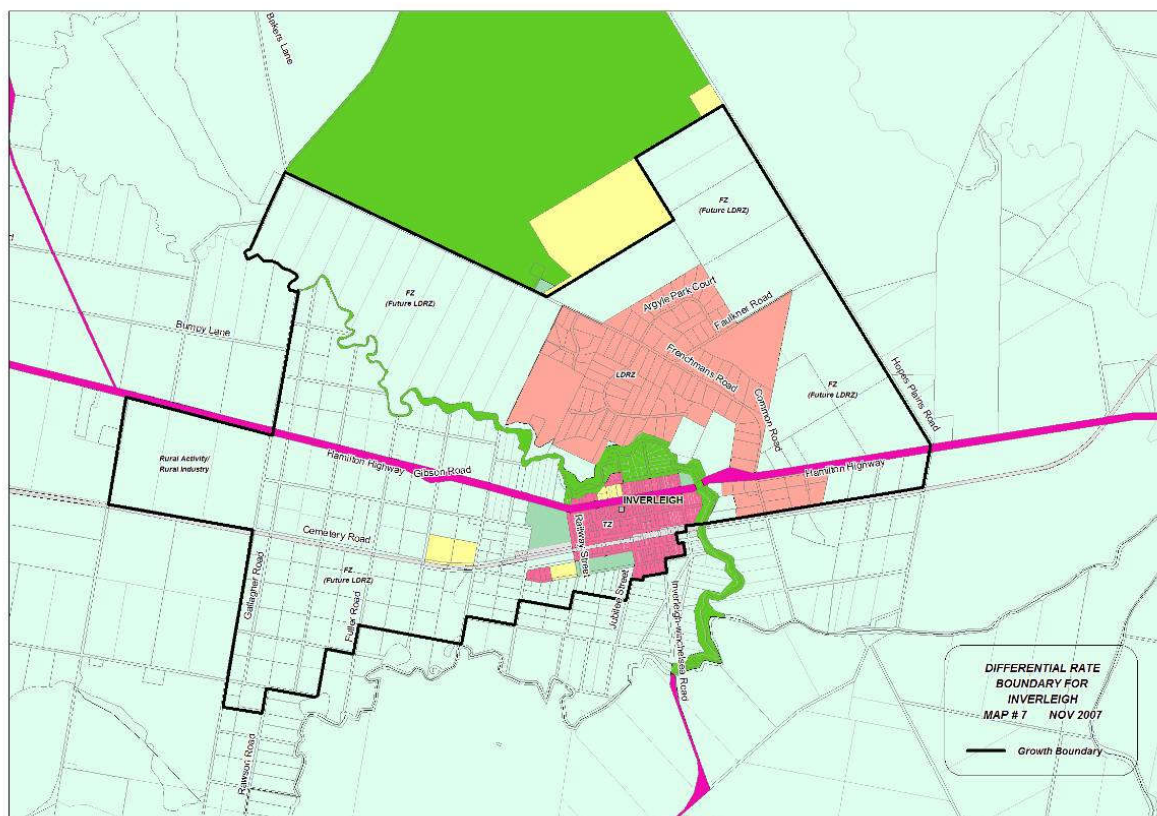
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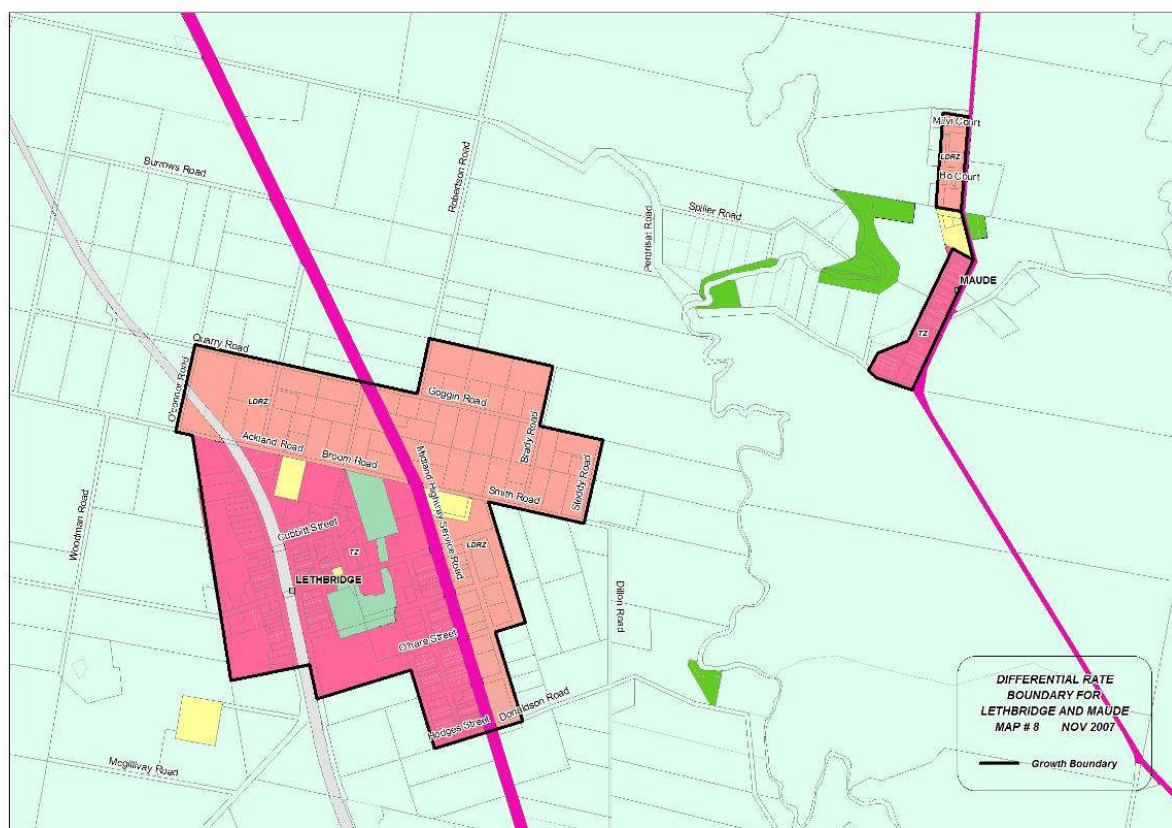
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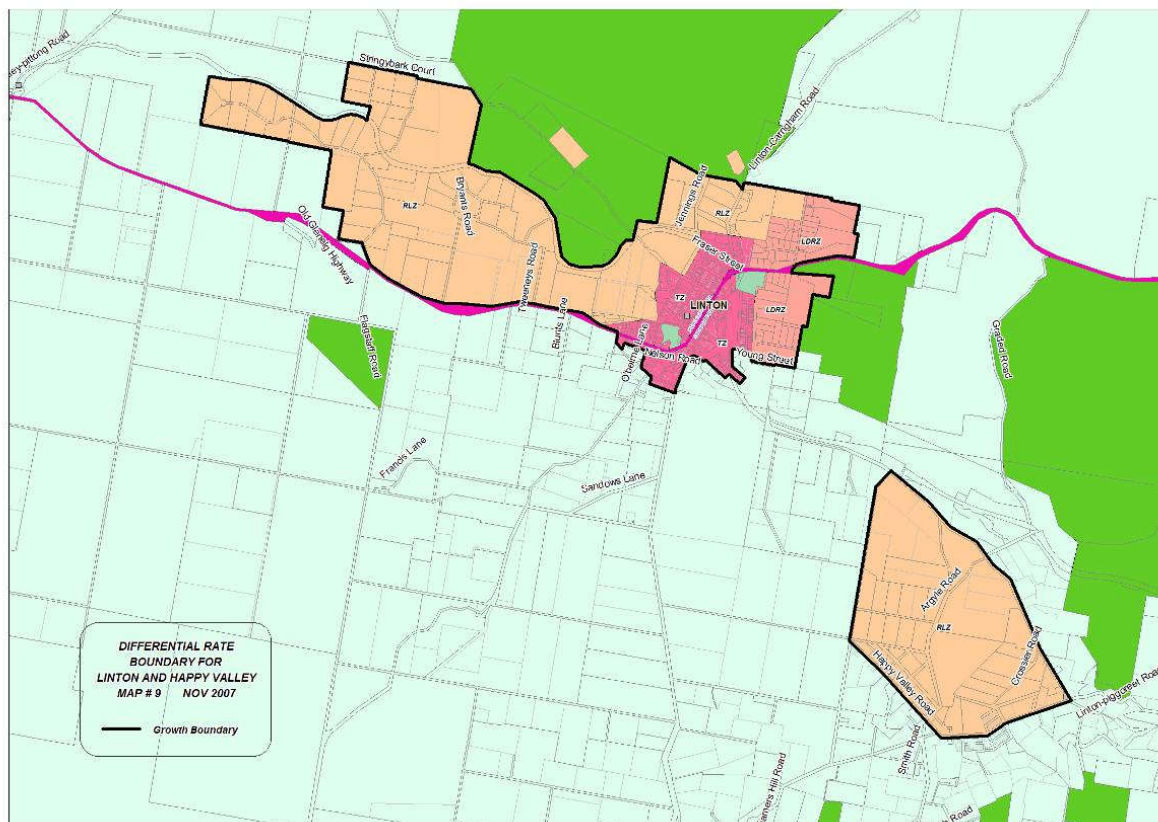
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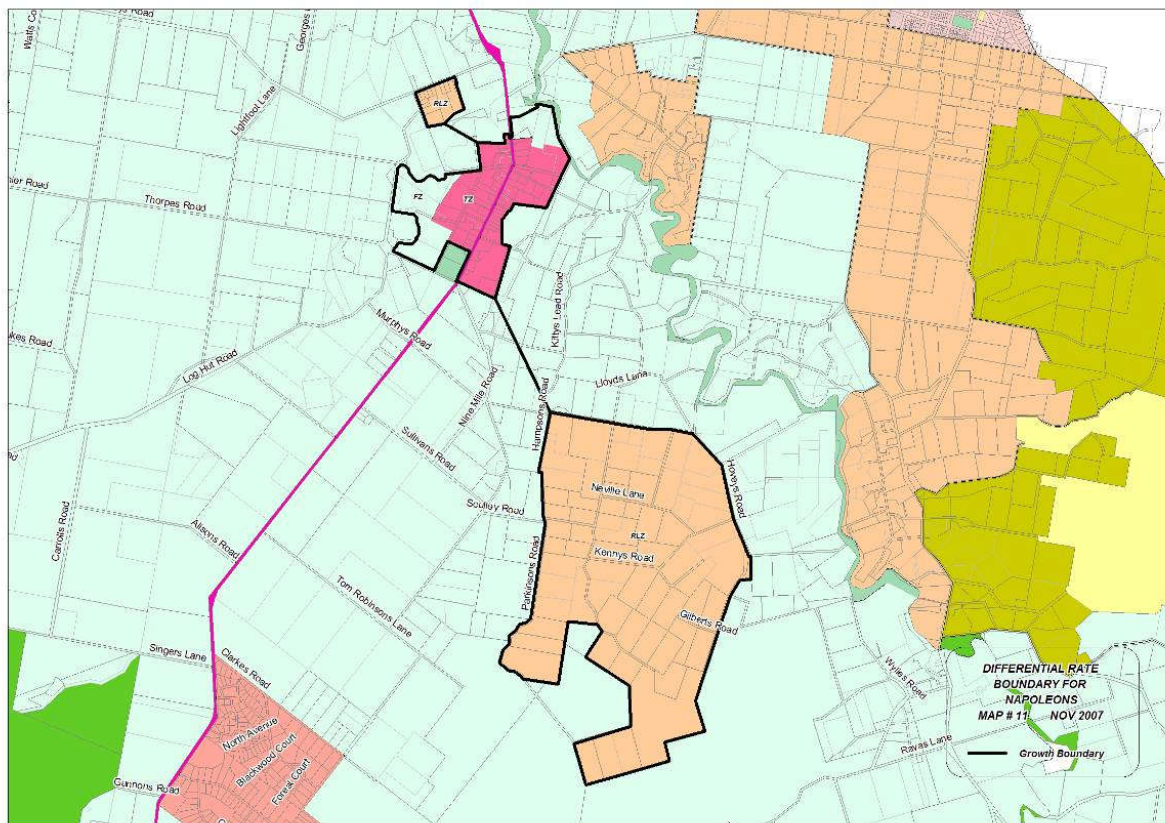
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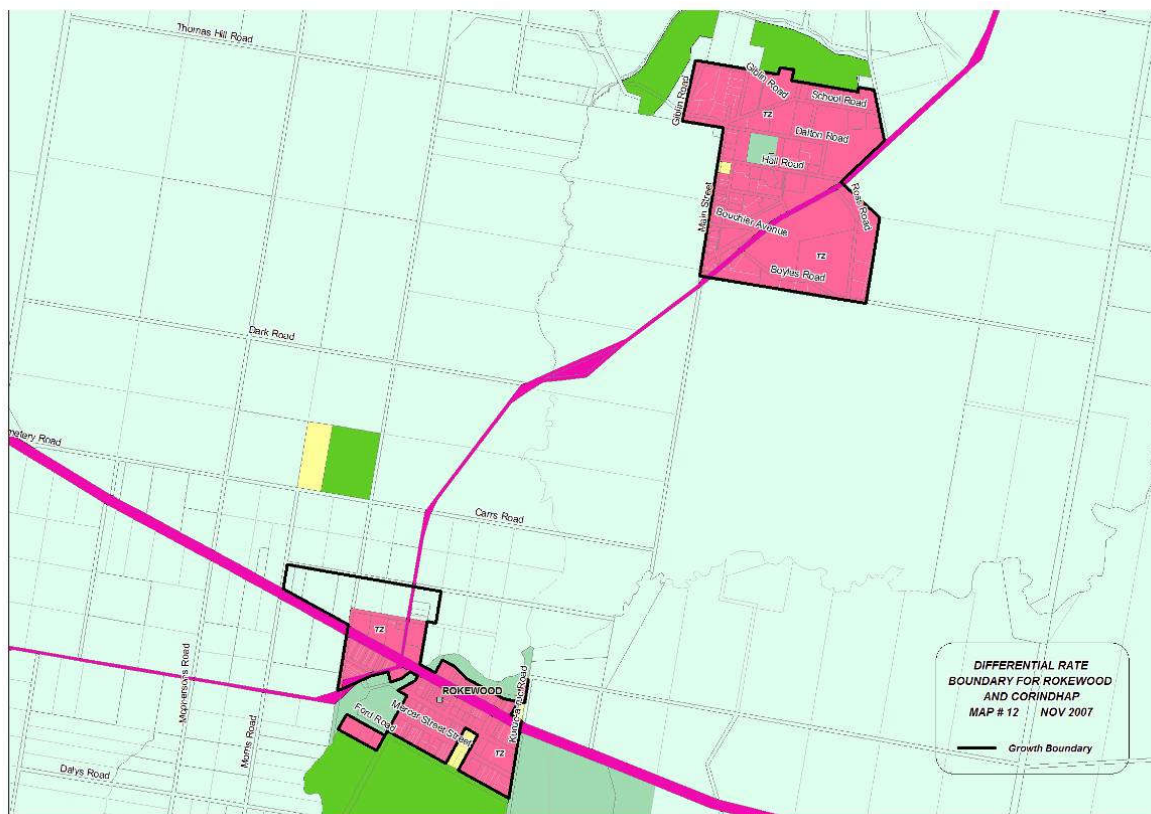
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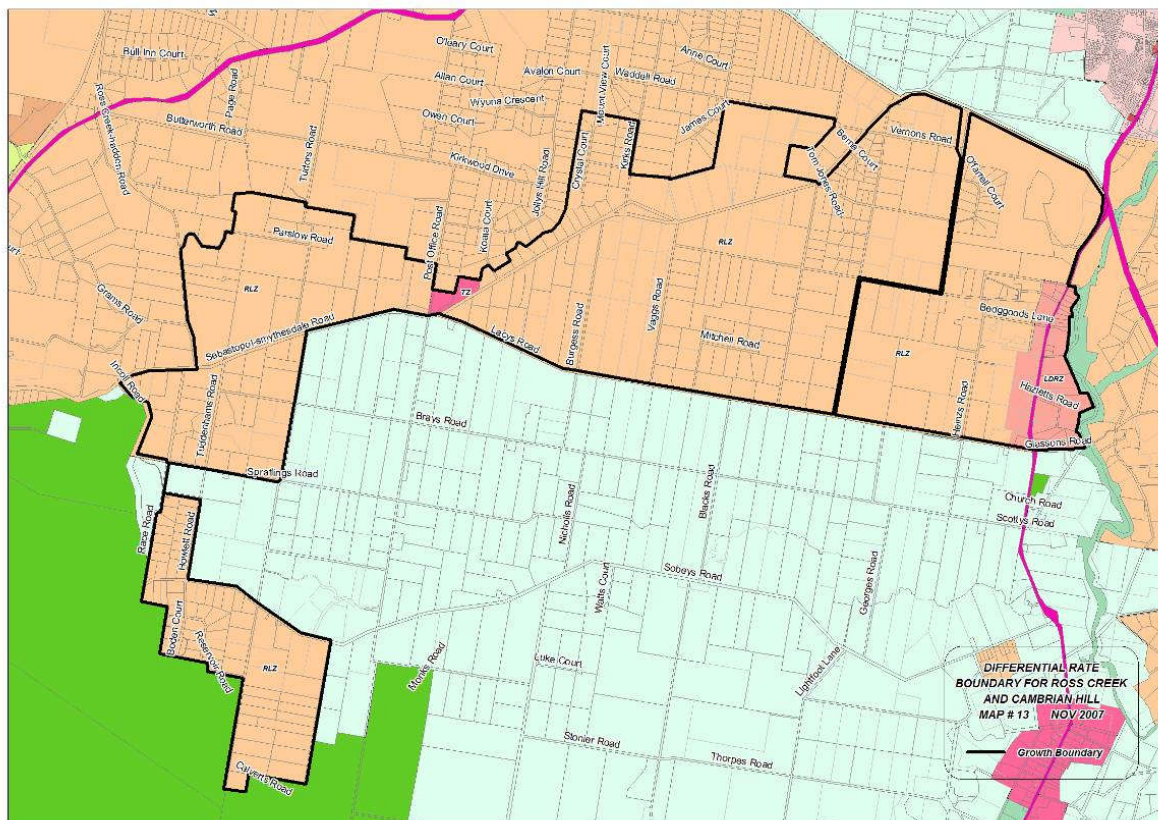
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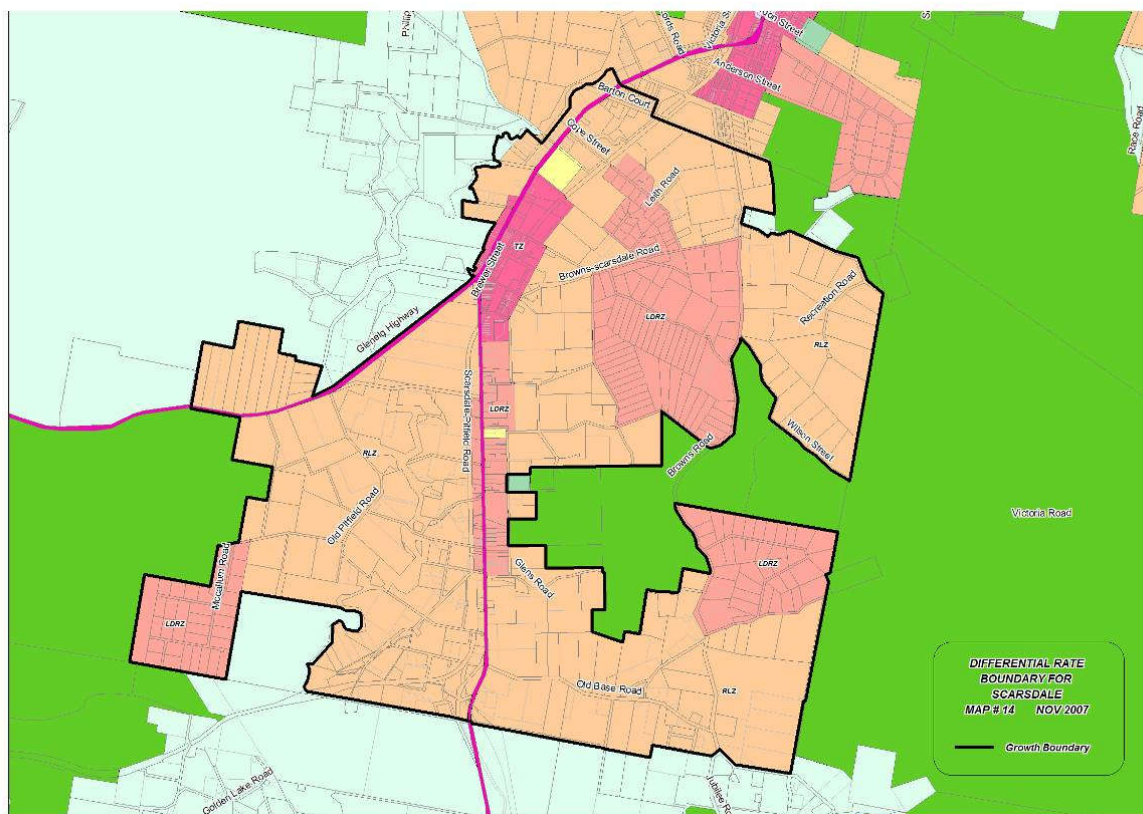
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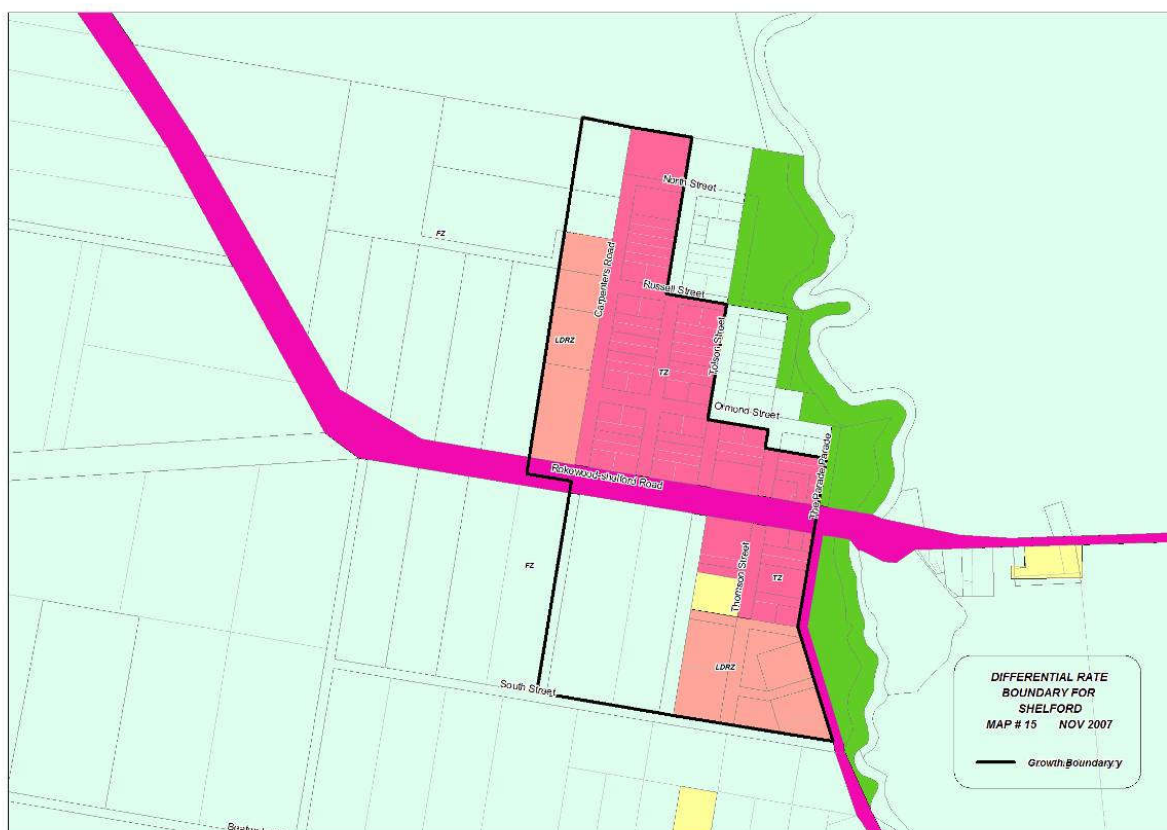
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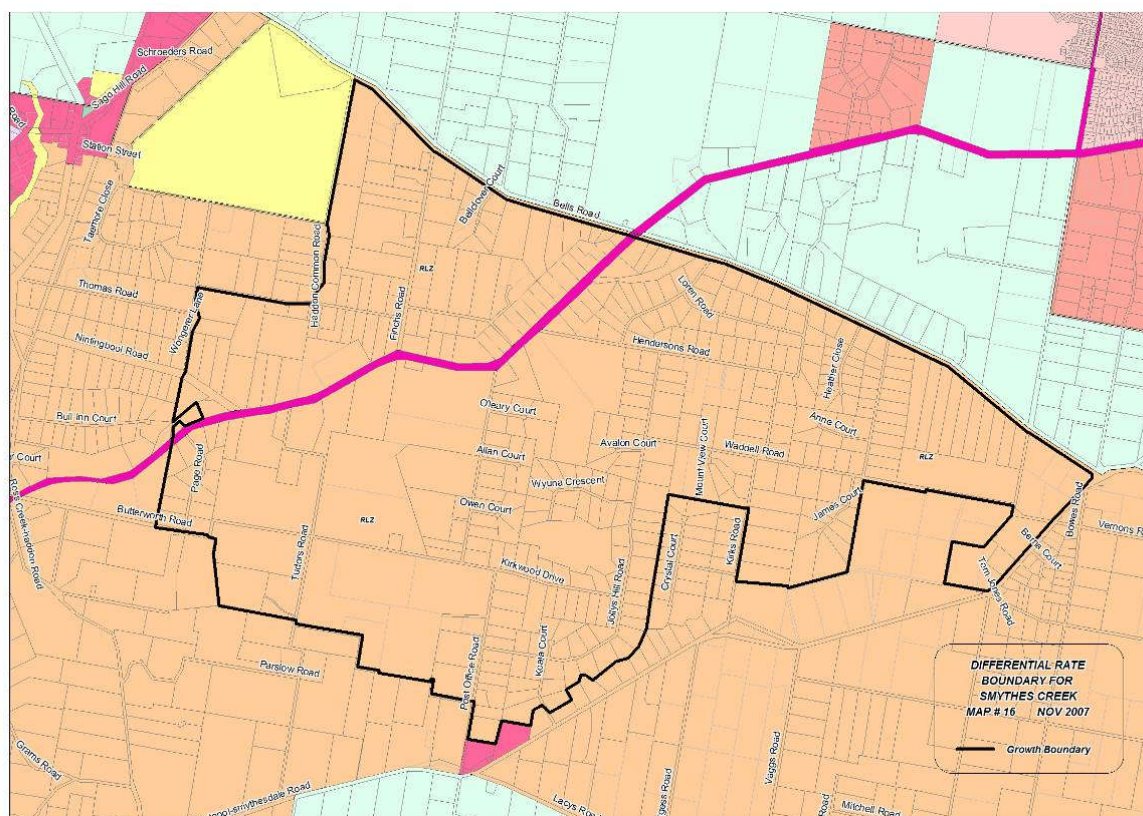
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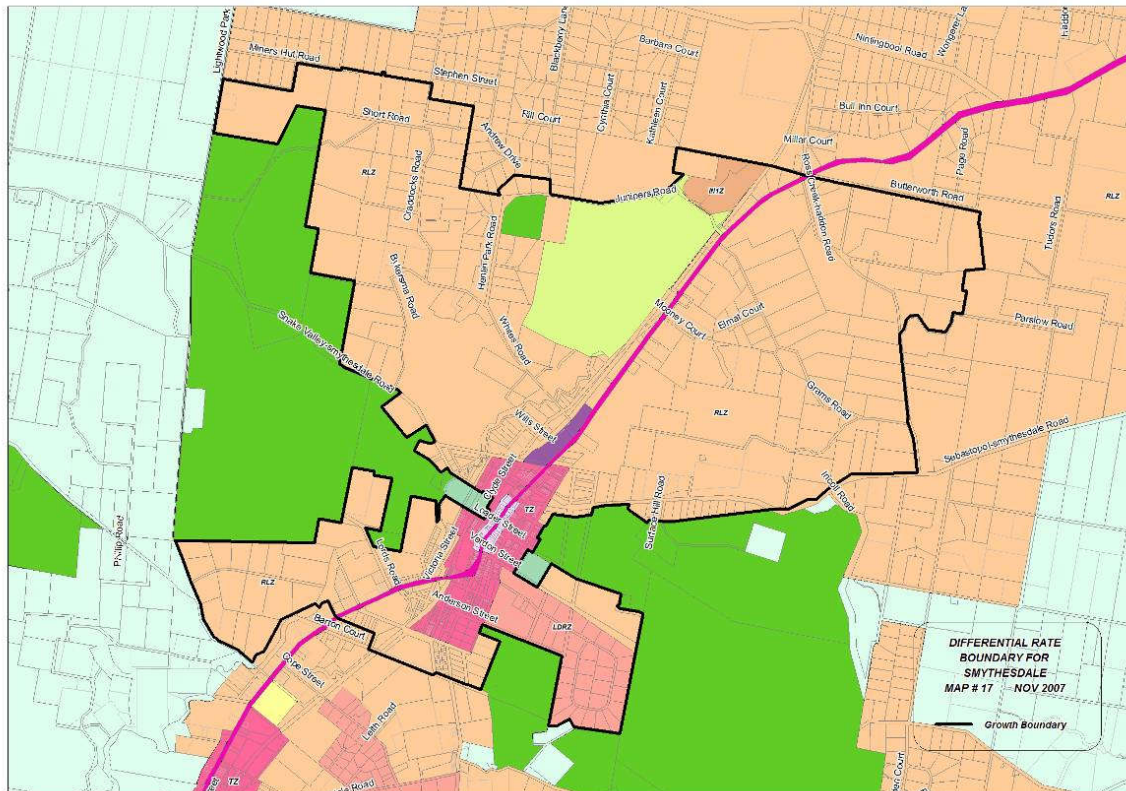
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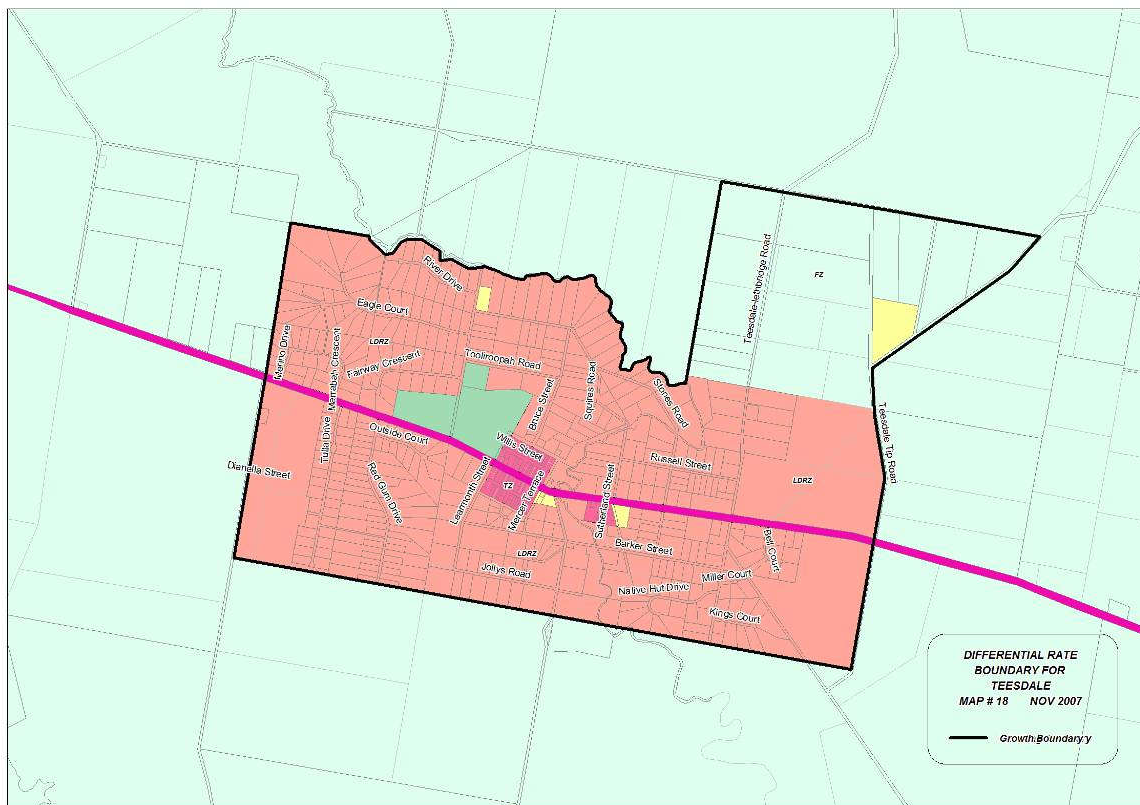
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Smythesdale Differential Rate Area



Teesdale Differential Rate Area



6.2 FEES AND CHARGES

G/L	Description	GST	2017-18 Fee Incl. GST
	Note 1: Fees shown in red are set by Statute and are subject to change. These fees were current as at 24-Oct-17		
	Note 2: Fees marked with * are subject to director's discretion in cases of financial hardship.		
	Note 3: Fees marked with ** are effective from 1st Jan 2018 to 31st Dec 2019		
	Animal Impounding		
30582	Pound Fees – Sheep, Goat, Pig	Not Taxable	\$7 + Cost
30582	Pound Fees – Cattle, Horse	Not Taxable	\$34 + Cost
30582	Trespass Sheep (Tillage Land)	Not Taxable	\$34 + Cost
30582	Trespass Sheep (Non Tillage Land)	Not Taxable	\$14 + Cost
30582	Trespass Goat (Tillage Land)	Not Taxable	\$64 + Cost
30582	Trespass Goat (Non Tillage Land)	Not Taxable	\$35 + Cost
30582	Trespass Pig (Tillage Land)	Not Taxable	\$64 + Cost
30582	Trespass Pig (Non Tillage Land)	Not Taxable	\$35 + Cost
30582	Trespass Cattle and Horse (Non Tillage Land)	Not Taxable	\$35 + Cost
30582	Stallion, Bull, Ram, Boar (add to Trespass)	Not Taxable	\$166 + Cost
30582	Sustenance per Sheep	Not Taxable	\$5 + Cost
30582	Sustenance per Pig	Not Taxable	\$15 + Cost
30582	Sustenance per Goat	Not Taxable	\$15 + Cost
30582	Sustenance per Cattle	Not Taxable	\$35 + Cost
	Animal Offences		
30580	Failure to apply to register or renew the registration of a dog or cat over the age of 3 months.	Not Taxable	\$303
30580	Registered dog or cat found outside the owner's premises not wearing identification tag.	Not Taxable	\$76
30580	Unregistered dog or cat wearing Council identification tag.	Not Taxable	\$76
30580	Person other than owner removing, altering or defacing identification tag.	Not Taxable	\$76
30580	Dog or cat on private property after notice served.	Not Taxable	\$76
30580	Dog at large or not securely confined to owner's premises during daytime.	Not Taxable	\$228
30580	Dog at large or not securely confined to owner's premises during night time.	Not Taxable	\$303
30580	Cat at large or not securely confined to owner's premises in restricted municipal district.	Not Taxable	\$76
30580	Contravening Council Order relating to presence of dogs and cats in public places.	Not Taxable	\$149
30580	Greyhound outside owner's premises not adequately muzzled or not controlled by chain, cord or leash.	Not Taxable	\$228
30580	Dog or cat creating a nuisance.	Not Taxable	\$76
30580	Not complying with order to abate nuisance.	Not Taxable	\$228
30580	Failure to comply with requirement to muzzle or effectively control a menacing dog.	Not Taxable	\$303
30580	Conducting a domestic animal business that does not comply with the relevant Code of Practice.	Not Taxable	\$303

G/L	Description	GST	2017-18 Fee Incl. GST
	Animal Offences (cont.)		
30580	Failure to provide declaration whether dog is a restricted breed	Not Taxable	\$303
30580	Proprietor of domestic animal business selling or giving away dog or cat not implanted with prescribed identification device	Not Taxable	\$303
30580	Failure to notify Council re dog under investigation for an offence (Sec 29) within 24 hrs of dog going missing	Not Taxable	\$149
30580	Failure to notify Council re dog under investigation for an offence (Sec 29) within 24 hrs of change in custody or ownership	Not Taxable	\$149
30580	Failure to notify Council re dog under investigation for an offence (Sec 29) within 24 hrs of change to the owner's address	Not Taxable	\$149
30580	Failure to notify Council re dog under investigation for an offence (Sec 29) within 24 hrs of change to the place where the dog is kept	Not Taxable	\$149
30580	Failure of the owner of a dangerous dog to notify the Council within 24 hrs of the dog going missing	Not Taxable	\$303
30580	Failure of the owner of a dangerous dog to notify the Council within 24 hrs of a change to the owner's address	Not Taxable	\$303
30580	Failure of the owner of a dangerous dog to notify the Council within 24 hrs of a change to the place where the dog is kept	Not Taxable	\$303
30580	Failure of the owner of a dangerous dog to notify the Council within 24 hrs of a change in ownership of the dog	Not Taxable	\$303
30580	Failure to ensure that a dangerous dog is properly confined on owner's residential premises	Not Taxable	\$303
30580	Failure to ensure that a dangerous dog is properly confined on owner's non-residential premises	Not Taxable	\$303
30580	Failure of the owner of a menacing dog to notify the Council within 24 hours that the dog is missing	Not Taxable	\$303
30580	Failure of the owner of a menacing dog to notify the Council within 24 hours of a change to the owner's address	Not Taxable	\$303
30580	Failure of the owner of a menacing dog to notify the Council within 24 hours of a change to the place where the dog is kept	Not Taxable	\$303
30580	Failure of the owner of a menacing dog to notify the Council within 24 hours of a change in ownership of the dog	Not Taxable	\$303
30580	Keeping a restricted breed dog not acquired before 3 November 2005	Not Taxable	\$220
30580	Failure of the owner of a restricted breed dog to notify the Council within 24 hrs of the dog going missing	Not Taxable	\$303
30580	Failure of the owner of a restricted breed dog to notify the Council within 24 hrs of a change to the owner's address	Not Taxable	\$303
30580	Failure of the owner of a restricted breed dog to notify the Council within 24 hrs of a change to the place where the dog is kept	Not Taxable	\$303
30580	Failure of the owner of a restricted breed dog to notify the Council within 24 hrs of a change in ownership of the dog	Not Taxable	\$303
30580	Failure to ensure that a restricted breed dog is properly confined on the owner's premises	Not Taxable	\$149
30580	Selling a pet shop animal other than in the course of conducting domestic animal business from a registered premises or a private residence or an approval under the Wildlife Act 1975	Not Taxable	\$303
	Animal Registrations (dogs and cats)		
30578	Standard registration	Not Taxable	\$126
30578	Discounted registration	Not Taxable	\$43
30578	Domestic animal businesses - Licence to operate breeding establishment	Not Taxable	\$181
n/a	Replacement tags	Not Taxable	No Charge
n/a	Animal Register inspection fees	Not Taxable	No Charge

G/L	Description	GST	2017-18 Fee Incl. GST
	Animal Traps		
2210	Security Deposit on animal traps (refundable)	Not Taxable	\$50
	Building Permits		
	Government Levy		
845	Building permit per \$1,000	Not Taxable	\$1.28/\$1,000
	Note: Applicable to all works over \$10,000		
	New Dwellings and Additions, Alterations - Classification 1a		
	Registered Builder		
30172	Up to \$50,000	Not Taxable	\$1,649
30172	\$50,000 to \$100,000	Not Taxable	\$2,165
30172	\$100,001 to \$250,000	Not Taxable	\$2,711
30172	\$250,001 to \$500,000	Not Taxable	\$3,488
30172	\$500,000 +	Not Taxable	POA
	Owner Builder		
30172	Up to \$50,000	Not Taxable	\$1,901
30172	\$50,000 to \$100,000	Not Taxable	\$2,448
30172	\$100,001 to \$250,000	Not Taxable	\$3,026
30172	\$250,001 to \$500,000	Not Taxable	\$4,134
30172	\$500,000 +	Not Taxable	POA
	Sheds		
	Farm / Agricultural Sheds (Property Located in Rural Zone)		
30172	0 > 120 m2	Not Taxable	\$1,100
30172	> 120 m2	Not Taxable	\$1,520
	Domestic Zone		
30172	0 > 120 m2	Not Taxable	\$1,100
30172	120 - 250 m2	Not Taxable	\$1,520
30172	> 250 m2	Not Taxable	POA
	Other Building Works		
30172	Verandahs, Pergolas, Carports, Masts etc.	Not Taxable	\$1,100
30172	Fences (incl. pool barriers, retaining walls)	Not Taxable	\$690
30172	Re-Stump	Not Taxable	\$1,100
30172	Re-Clad	Not Taxable	\$910
30172	Conc. Swim Pools	Not Taxable	\$1,190
30172	Fibreglass Swim Pools	Not Taxable	\$1,100
30172	Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection and Report	Not Taxable	\$320

G/L	Description	GST	2017-18 Fee Incl. GST
	Building Permits (cont.)		
	Additional Inspections		
30172	Inspection - Council issued permit is current - Residential	Not Taxable	\$215
30172	Inspection - Council issued permit is current - Commercial	Not Taxable	\$320
30172	Inspection - Council issued permit has lapsed	Not Taxable	\$530
	Unit Developments		
30172	2 Units	Not Taxable	\$3,100
30172	3 Units	Not Taxable	\$4,260
30172	4 Units +	Not Taxable	\$1,290 per unit
	House Relocation -Re-erection (Pre Used Buildings)		
30172	Minimum Fee	Not Taxable	\$2,370
2210	Security Deposit as per Building Regulations 2006 Reg 323	Not Taxable	\$5,000.00
	Commercial & Industrial (Classifications 2 - 9)		
30172	Floor area < 300m2	Not Taxable	\$2,370
30172	Floor area 300m2 - 500m2	Not Taxable	\$2,800
30172	Floor area > 500m2	Not Taxable	Min \$4,955 Max POA
	Change of Use		
30172	Minimum Fee	Not Taxable	Min \$1,580 Max POA
	Temporary Structures and Special Use Occupancy Permits		
30172	Place of Public Entertainment	Not Taxable	\$1,600
30172	Marquees and Seating Stands	Not Taxable	\$360
	Demolition		
30172	BCA Classes 1 & 10	Not Taxable	\$1,500
30172	BCA Classes 2 - 9	Not Taxable	POA
	Other Fees		
	Building Certificate		
30170	Request for Building Information	Not Taxable	\$48.60
30170	Request for Property Information	Not Taxable	\$48.60
30170	Request for Inspection History	Not Taxable	\$97.20
	Variation to Existing Building Permit		
30172	Request to vary an existing Building permit (additional levies and inspection fees may also be required)	Not Taxable	\$210

G/L	Description	GST	2017-18 Fee Incl. GST
	Building Permits (cont.)		
	Copy of Plans/Permit		
30172	Request for a copy of Plans	Not Taxable	\$165
30172	Request for copy of Building or Occupancy Permit	Not Taxable	\$110
	Extension of Time to Complete Current Building Permit		
30172	All Classes (One year extension max, includes one inspection)	Not Taxable	Original fee x 30%
	Council Lodgement Fee		
30174	Domestic and Commercial work \$5,000 or more	Not Taxable	\$37.30
30172	Title Search	Not Taxable	\$34.00
	Matters requiring Council Report		
30178	Demolition Consent	Not Taxable	\$60.90
30178	Assessment of Illegal Building Work (Discretion by MBS may be used in special circumstances)	Not Taxable	Permit Fee + 200%
30178	Modification Comments Class 1	Not Taxable	\$265
30178	Modification Comments Classes 2-9	Not Taxable	\$535
	Matters requiring Council Consent & Report		
30178	Siting Matters Regulation No's 408-431	Not Taxable	\$244.00
30178	Non Siting Matters Various Regulations	Not Taxable	\$244.00
30178	Variation to a Consent	Not Taxable	\$195
30178	Council Comments (Built Without Council Consent/Report)	Not Taxable	\$545
71774	Legal Point of Discharge Determination	Not Taxable	\$60.90
	Childcare		
50195	Daily	Not Taxable	\$109
50195	Weekly	Not Taxable	\$482
50195	4 Days	Not Taxable	\$409
	Community Bus		
50378/80	Community groups	Taxable	\$2.40/km
	Community Transport*		
50380/84	Community Transport - one way short trip	Taxable	\$12
50380/84	Community Transport Short Trip	Taxable	\$22
50380/84	Community Transport Long Trip	Taxable	\$53
50380/85	Community Transport - 1.5 hours plus trip	Taxable	\$57 - \$78
50380/84	Community Transport Shared Trip (within region)	Taxable	\$8.30
	*Fees subject to Directors' discretion		
10172	Disabled Parking Permits	Not Taxable	\$9.60

G/L	Description	GST	2017-18 Fee Incl. GST
40082	Dishonoured Cheques	Not Taxable	\$47 + Bank Fees
	Elections		
2210	Candidate deposits	Not Taxable	\$250.00
11170	Failure to vote fines (Penalty units may change on 1 July)	Not Taxable	\$74.00
	Family Day Care Administration Levy		
5017003	Administration Levy	Taxable	\$1.70/hr
	Family Day Care Recommended Fees		
N/A	Core Hours	Not Taxable	\$8.80/hr
N/A	Non Core Hours	Not Taxable	\$13.20/hr
	CARE GIVERS MAY SET OWN FEES		
	Farmers' Market		
20082	Unpowered Site	Taxable	55.00
20082	Powered Site	Taxable	60.50
20082	Community Group	Taxable	27.50
	Fire Prevention Notices		
30376	Fire Hazard Removal	Taxable	\$260 + Costs
30376	Failure to comply with Fire Notice	Not Taxable	\$1,408.00
	Freedom of Information Requests		
91171	FOI Application Fee	Not Taxable	\$26.50
91171	FOI Search Fee	Not Taxable	\$19.90
91171	FOI Supervision Charge	Not Taxable	\$4.98
91171	FOI Photocopy Charge (Black & White)	Not Taxable	\$0.20 per A4 page
91171	Providing access in another form (not copied)	Not Taxable	All costs incurred
91171	Charge for listening to or viewing a tape	Not Taxable	All costs incurred
91171	Charge for making a written transcript of a tape	Not Taxable	All costs incurred
	Food Premises and Environmental Health		
30670	New Premises	Not Taxable	50% surcharge on appropriate renewal fee
30670	Temporary Registration	Not Taxable	\$86
30670	Transfer of Registration	Not Taxable	\$262.90
30670	General Inspection Fee - New/Alteration	Not Taxable	\$139.90

G/L	Description	GST	2017-18 Fee Incl. GST
	Food Premises and Environmental Health (cont.)		
	Renewal of Registration		
30670	Food Premises Class 1	Not Taxable	\$540
30670	Food Premises Class 2 - General	Not Taxable	\$474
30670	Food Premises Class 2 - Large/Manufacturing (eg > 10 staff)	Not Taxable	\$651
30670	Food Premises Class 3 - General Low Risk	Not Taxable	\$367
30670	Food Premises Class 3 - Clubs	Not Taxable	\$111
30670	Food Premises Class 3 - Wineries	Not Taxable	\$291
30670	Food Premises Class 4	Not Taxable	No Charge
30674	Septic Tank Installation Permit	Not Taxable	\$557
30674	Septic Tank Alteration Permit	Not Taxable	\$268
30670	Prescribed Accommodation	Not Taxable	\$268
30670	Health Premises Registration - Renewal	Not Taxable	\$286
30670	Health Premises Registration	Not Taxable	\$425
30674	Septic Tank Assessment - New	Not Taxable	\$168
30674	Extention of Time to Septic Permit - New	Not Taxable	\$136
30674	Archive Health File Recovery - New	Not Taxable	\$34
	Garbage Collection and Bins		
80070	Residential Garbage Inc Recycling	Not Taxable	\$252
80070	Second Service Garbage Collection	Not Taxable	\$140
80070	Second Service Recycling Collection	Not Taxable	\$58
80070	Commercial Garbage Inc Recycling (Cost Recovery)	Not Taxable	\$252
80070	Purchase of 240L Bins	Taxable	\$90
50280/94	HACC - Planned Activity Groups*	Not Taxable	\$10.90
	HACC - Community Aged Care Packages		
	HACC Brokerage Fees		
50290	Home Care	Not Taxable	\$62.00/hr
50290	Home Care - After Hours	Not Taxable	\$72/hr
50290	Home Care - Public Holidays	Not Taxable	\$87/hr
50290	Personal Care	Not Taxable	\$64.00/hr
50290	Personal Care - After Hours	Not Taxable	\$72/hr
50290	Personal Care - Public Holidays & Weekend	Not Taxable	\$87/hr
50290	Respite Care	Not Taxable	\$64.00/hr
50290	Respite Care - After Hours	Not Taxable	\$72/hr
50290	Respite Care - Public Holidays & Weekend	Not Taxable	\$87/hr
50290	Home Maintenance	Not Taxable	\$75/hr

G/L	Description	GST	2017-18 Fee Incl. GST
	HACC - Community Aged Care Packages (cont.)		
	HACC Brokerage Fees (cont.)		
50290	Meals on Wheels	Not Taxable	\$12.30/hr
	HACC - Delivered Meals*		
50285	Main Course	Not Taxable	\$7.80
50285	Dessert	Not Taxable	\$3.40
50285	Combined main course and dessert	Not Taxable	\$9.10
	* Fees subject to Director's discretion in cases of financial hardship		
	HACC - General Home Care*		
50271	Low Fee	Not Taxable	\$7.60/hr
50271	Medium Fee	Not Taxable	\$16.20/hr
50271	High Fee	Not Taxable	\$49/hr
	HACC - Personal Care*		
50276	Low Fee	Not Taxable	\$4.90/hr
50276	Medium Fee	Not Taxable	\$9.80/hr
50276	High Fee	Not Taxable	\$53/hr
	HACC - Property Maintenance - Indoor*		
50274	Low Fee	Not Taxable	\$15.40/hr
50274	Medium Fee	Not Taxable	\$20.50/hr
50274	High Fee	Not Taxable	\$63.50/hr
50273	HACC - Property Maintenance Materials Reimbursement	Not Taxable	Full Cost Recovery
	HACC - Respite*		
50278	Low Fee	Not Taxable	\$4.90/hr
50278	Medium Fee	Not Taxable	\$9.30/hr
50278	High Fee	Not Taxable	\$53/hr
	Insurance		
20082	Farmers Market Stall	Taxable	\$45
60086	Hall Hire	Taxable	\$33
	Library Service		
N/A	User pays services provided by Geelong Regional Library Corporation		Refer to Geelong Regional Library for fees & charges.
	Local Laws		
30570	Copies of any local laws	Not Taxable	\$36.00

G/L	Description	GST	2017-18 Fee Incl. GST
	Local Laws (cont.)		
30570	Abandoned vehicle removal	Not Taxable	At cost
30570	Street entertainment applications (busking & street parties)	Not Taxable	No Charge
30570	Community events permit fees	Not Taxable	No Charge
30570	Charity bins	Not Taxable	No Charge
30570	Street furniture permits	Not Taxable	\$181
30570	Roadside signage permits	Not Taxable	\$181
30570	Animal keeping permits	Not Taxable	\$181
30570	Hoarding permits (erection of hoardings/advertisements) Transport Act 1983	Not Taxable	\$181
30570	Camping Permit (Freehold vacant land)	Not Taxable	\$181
30570	Roadside grazing	Not Taxable	\$181
30570	Camping scheduled area (Council Land L.L.) permit	Not Taxable	P.O.A
	Maps		
91170	Fee per A4 plan	Taxable	\$17.30
91170	Fee (large projects)	Taxable	\$100.00
	Photocopying		
91170	Single sided A4 – Community Groups	Taxable	\$0.30
91170	Double sided A4 – Community Groups	Taxable	\$0.45
91170	Single sided A3 – Community Groups	Taxable	\$0.40
91170	Double sided A3 – Community Groups	Taxable	\$0.60
91170	Single sided A4 – Private	Taxable	\$0.50
91170	Double sided A4 – Private	Taxable	\$0.90
91170	Single sided A3 – Private	Taxable	\$1.10
91170	Double sided A3 – Private	Taxable	\$2.00
	Application for Planning Permit		
30072	Use Only Permit	Not Taxable	\$1,241
	To develop land or to use and develop land for a single dwelling per lot or to undertake development ancillary to the use of the land for a single dwelling per lot if the estimated cost of development included in the application is:		
30072	\$< - \$10,000	Not Taxable	\$188
30072	\$10,000 - \$100,000	Not Taxable	\$592
30072	\$100,000 - \$500,000	Not Taxable	\$1,213
30072	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	Not Taxable	\$1,310
30072	\$1,000,001 - \$2,000,000	Not Taxable	\$1,408
	To develop land (other than for a single dwelling per lot) if the estimated cost of development included in the application is:		

G/L	Description	GST	2017-18 Fee Incl. GST
	Application for Planning Permit (cont.)		
30072	\$< - \$100,000	Not Taxable	\$1,080
30072	\$100,001 - \$1,000,000	Not Taxable	\$1,457
30072	\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	Not Taxable	\$3,213
30072	\$5,000,001 - \$15,000,000	Not Taxable	\$8,190
30072	\$15,000,001 - \$50,000,000	Not Taxable	\$24,151
30072	\$> - \$50,000,000	Not Taxable	\$54,282
	Subdivision/Restrictions/Easements (Planning Permit):		
30072	To subdivide existing building	Not Taxable	\$1,241
30072	To subdivide land into two lots	Not Taxable	\$1,241
30072	To effect a realignment of a common boundary between lots or to consolidate two or more lots	Not Taxable	\$1,241
30072	To subdivide land (per 100 lots created)	Not Taxable	\$1,241
	To:		
	a) create, vary or remove a restriction within the meaning of the Subdivision Act 1988; or	Not Taxable	
	b) create or remove a right of way; or	Not Taxable	\$1,241
	c) create, vary or remove an easement other than a right of way; or	Not Taxable	
	d) to vary or remove a condition in the nature of an easement (other than a right of way) in a Crown grant	Not Taxable	
	A permit not otherwise provided for in regulation	Not Taxable	\$1,241
	Subdivision Certification (Subdivision Act 1988):		
30074	Subdivision Certification	Not Taxable	\$164
30074	Alteration of a plan under section 10 (2) of the Act	Not Taxable	\$105
30074	Amendment of certified plan under section 11(1) of the Act	Not Taxable	\$132
	Development & Public Open Space Contributions:		
30079	Public Open Space Contributions	Not Taxable	5% of value
30080	Development Community Contribution - other than Bannockburn	Not Taxable	\$1,500 per new lot
30080	Development Community Contribution - Bannockburn	Not Taxable	\$4,500 per new lot
71880	Preparation of Engineering Plans by Council	Taxable	3.5% of value
71880	Plan checking by Council of consultants engineering plans	Not Taxable	0.75% of value
71880	Council Supervision of Construction	Not Taxable	2.5% of value
	Amend a Planning Permit		
30072	Amend a permit to change the use of the land allowed by the permit or allow a new use of land	Not Taxable	\$1,241
30072	Amendment to a permit (other than a permit to develop land for a single dwelling per lot or to use and develop land for a single dwelling per lot or to undertake development ancillary to the use of the land for a single dwelling per lot) to change the statement of what the permit allows or to change any or all conditions which apply to the permit.	Not Taxable	\$1,241

G/L	Description	GST	2017-18 Fee Incl. GST
	Application for Planning Permit (cont.)		
	Amend a Planning Permit (cont.)		
	Amend a permit to develop land or to use and develop land for a single dwelling per lot or to undertake development ancillary to the use of the land for a single dwelling per lot if the estimated cost of development included in the application is:		
30072	\$< - \$10,000	Not Taxable	\$188
30072	\$10,000 - \$100,000	Not Taxable	\$592
30072	\$100,000 - \$500,000	Not Taxable	\$1,213
30072	\$500,001 - \$2,000,000	Not Taxable	\$1,310
	Amend a permit to develop land (other than for a single dwelling per lot) if the estimated cost of development included in the application is:		
30072	\$< - \$100,000	Not Taxable	\$1,080
30072	\$100,001 - \$500,000	Not Taxable	\$1,457
30072	\$500,001 - \$50,000,000 +	Not Taxable	\$3,213
30072	Amend a permit to subdivide an existing building	Not Taxable	\$1,241
30072	Amend a permit to subdivide land into two lots	Not Taxable	\$1,241
30072	Amend a permit to effect a realignment of a common boundary between lots or to consolidate two or more lots	Not Taxable	\$1,241
30072	Amend a permit to subdivide land (per 100 lots created)	Not Taxable	\$1,241
	Amend a permit to:		
	a) create, vary or remove a restriction within the meaning of the Subdivision Act 1988: or		
30072	b) create or remove a right of way; or	Not Taxable	\$1,241
	c) create, vary or remove an easement other than a right of way; or		
	d) to vary or remove a condition in the nature of an easement (other than a right of way) in a Crown grant		
30072	Amend a permit not otherwise provided for in regulation	Not Taxable	\$1,241
	General Fees:		
30072	Extension of Time (Permit)	Not Taxable	\$193.00
30072	Secondary Consent		\$193.00
30075	Certificate of Compliance	Not Taxable	\$147.00
30075	Satisfaction Matters	Not Taxable	\$306.70
30075	Written Planning Enquiry Response Fee	Taxable	\$74/hr min
30075	Archive Planning File Recovery	Not Taxable	\$36.00
30075	Title Search Fee (per property)	Not Taxable	Cost + \$34.00
	Council Prepared Advertising:		
30073	Preparing & posting of advertising letters (per letter)	Taxable	\$4.90

G/L	Description	GST	2017-18 Fee Incl. GST
	Application for Planning Permit (cont.)		
	Council Prepared Advertising: (cont.)		
30073	Provision of Advertising Sign only (per sign)	Taxable	\$15.40
30073	Erection of Site Notice sign (1 only, inc. cost of sign)	Taxable	\$243.00
30073	Additional signs (for each additional sign required, inc. cost of sign)	Taxable	\$30.10
30073	Arrange notice in newspapers (per each newspaper notice)	Taxable	Cost + \$48.00
	Planning Scheme Amendments:		
	Stage 1 – For:		
	a) considering a request to amend a planning scheme: and		
30078	b) taking action required by Division 1 of Part 3 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987; and	Not Taxable	\$2,872
	c) considering any submissions which do not seek a change to the amendment; and		
	d) if applicable, abandoning the amendment.		
	Stage 2 – For:		
30078	a) considering		
30078	i) up to and including 10 submissions which seek a change to the amendment, and where necessary referring the submissions to a panel; or	Not Taxable	\$14,233
30078	ii) 11 to (and including) 20 submissions which seek a change to an amendment and where necessary referring the submissions to a panel; or	Not Taxable	\$28,438
30078	iii) submissions that exceed 20 submissions which seek a change to an amendment, and where necessary referring the submissions to a panel: and	Not Taxable	\$30,014
30078	b) providing assistance to a panel in accordance with section 158 of the Act: and		
30078	c) making a submission to a panel appointed under Part 8 of the Act at a hearing referred to in section 24(b) of the Act; and		
30078	d) considering the panel's report in accordance with section 27 of the Act; and; and		
	e) after considering submission and the panel's report, abandoning the amendment.		
	Stage 3 – For:		
	a) adopting the amendment or part of an amendment in accordance with section 29 of the Act; and		
30078	b) submitting the amendment for approval in accordance with section 31 of the Act; and	Not Taxable	\$453
	c) giving the notice of the approval of the amendment required by section 36(2) of the Act.		
	Stage 4 – For:		
30078	a) consideration by the Minister of a request to approve the amendment in accordance with section 35 of the Act: and	Not Taxable	\$453
	b) giving notice of approval of an amendment in accordance with section 36(1) of the Act.		

G/L	Description	GST	2017-18 Fee Incl. GST
	Application for Planning Permit (cont.)		
30072	Amend or end a section 173 agreement	Not Taxable	\$620.30
	Private Works		
71880	Supervision of private works	Taxable	POA
71870	Design works	Taxable	POA
	Property Information		
40174	Land information certificates	Not Taxable	\$24.80
40174	LIC Urgent Supply (1 working day)	Taxable	\$115.00
40176	Ownership details (fencing inquiry only)	Not Taxable	Nil
40176	Forwarding of correspondence to ratepayer	Taxable	\$35.00
40176	Rate search	Not Taxable	\$53.30/hr
40172	Admin charge – sale of land – unpaid rates	Taxable	\$785.00
40176	Sale of Road Numbers (per digit)	Taxable	\$2.00
	Rent and Leases		
30498	Grazing/Occupation	Taxable	\$181.00
40084	Council Properties - Multi-Use Community Purpose	Taxable	Nil
40084	Council Properties - Single-Use Community Purpose	Taxable	\$11.00
40084	Council Properties - Commercial Operations	Taxable	POA
40084	Crown Land (Managed on behalf of Councils)	Taxable	\$11.00
40084	Crown Land - Exclusive Community or Commercial use	Taxable	POA
	Road Closures		
N/A	Temporary street closures applications	Not Taxable	Nil
	Road Maintenance Levies		
70070	Gravel Cartage Levy	Taxable	Rates as per legal agreement + CPI increases.
	Consent to Work in a Road Reserve Charges		
70072	Vehicle crossing permits (where footpath exists)	Taxable	\$86.00
70072	Reinstatement costs (where carried out by Council)	Not Taxable	At cost
2210	Security bond (major jobs)	Not Taxable	POA
N/A	Roadside Grazing Permits	Not taxable	Nil

G/L	Description	GST	2017-18 Fee Incl. GST
	Room Hire		
	Bannockburn Cultural Centre - Barwon Room, Youth Room, Grenville Room, Bannockburn Room, Leigh Room, Moorabool Room **		
	Community Groups		
50471	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$10.80
50471	Hourly Rate - Regular	Taxable	\$9.70
	Community Benefit		
50471	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$16.20
50471	Hourly Rate - Regular	Taxable	\$14.60
	Private/Commercial		
50471	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$27.00
50471	Hourly Rate - Regular	Taxable	\$24.30
	Bannockburn Cultural Centre - Combined Hire of Leigh and Moorabool Rooms **		
	Community Groups		
50471	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$12.90
50471	Hourly Rate - Regular	Taxable	\$11.70
	Community Benefit		
50471	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$19.40
50471	Hourly Rate - Regular	Taxable	\$17.40
	Private/Commercial		
50471	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$32.30
50471	Hourly Rate - Regular	Taxable	\$29.10
	Bannockburn Cultural Centre - Hall and Kitchen **		
	Community Groups		
50471	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$21.50
50471	Hourly Rate - Regular	Taxable	\$19.40
50471	Full Day - Casual	Taxable	\$129.10
50471	Full Day - Regular	Taxable	\$116.30
	Community Benefit		
50471	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$32.30
50471	Hourly Rate - Regular	Taxable	\$29.10
50471	Full Day - Casual	Taxable	\$193.80
50471	Full Day - Regular	Taxable	\$174.70
	Private/Commercial		
50471	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$53.80
50471	Hourly Rate - Regular	Taxable	\$48.50
50471	Full Day - Casual	Taxable	\$323.00
50471	Full Day - Regular	Taxable	\$290.80
	Bannockburn Cultural Centre - Hall **		
	Community Groups		
50471	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$16.20

G/L	Description	GST	2017-18 Fee Incl. GST
	Room Hire (cont.)		
	Bannockburn Cultural Centre - Hall ** (cont.)		
50471	Hourly Rate - Regular	Taxable	\$14.60
50471	Full Day - Casual	Taxable	\$97.00
50471	Full Day - Regular	Taxable	\$87.20
	Community Benefit		
50471	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$24.20
50471	Hourly Rate - Regular	Taxable	\$21.80
50471	Full Day - Casual	Taxable	\$145.30
50471	Full Day - Regular	Taxable	\$130.80
	Private/Commercial		
50471	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$40.40
50471	Hourly Rate - Regular	Taxable	\$36.40
50471	Full Day - Casual	Taxable	\$242.40
50471	Full Day - Regular	Taxable	\$218.10
	Bannockburn Cultural Centre - Kitchen **		
	Community Groups		
50471	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$5.40
50471	Hourly Rate - Regular	Taxable	\$4.80
50471	Full Day - Casual	Taxable	\$32.30
50471	Full Day - Regular	Taxable	\$29.10
	Community Benefit		
50471	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$8.10
50471	Hourly Rate - Regular	Taxable	\$7.30
50471	Full Day - Casual	Taxable	\$48.60
50471	Full Day - Regular	Taxable	\$43.60
	Private/Commercial		
50471	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$13.40
50471	Hourly Rate - Regular	Taxable	\$12.10
50471	Full Day - Casual	Taxable	\$80.70
50471	Full Day - Regular	Taxable	\$72.70
	Bond - Hall Hire **		
2210	Security Bond (private functions)	Not Taxable	\$510.00
	Bannockburn Family Services Centre - Consulting Rooms **		
	The following room hire fees exclude fees for users with MOU's		
	Community Groups		
50487	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$8.60
50487	Hourly Rate - Permanent	Taxable	\$7.80
	Community Benefit		
50487	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$12.90

G/L	Description	GST	2017-18 Fee Incl. GST
	Room Hire (cont.)		
	Bannockburn Family Services Centre - Consulting Rooms ** (cont.)		
50487	Hourly Rate - Permanent	Taxable	\$11.70
	Private/Commercial		
50487	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$21.50
50487	Hourly Rate - Permanent	Taxable	\$19.40
	Bannockburn Family Services Centre - Multi Purpose Room **		
	The following room hire fees exclude fees for users with MOU's		
	Community Groups		
50487	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$12.90
50487	Hourly Rate - Permanent	Taxable	\$11.70
	Community Benefit		
50487	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$19.40
50487	Hourly Rate - Permanent	Taxable	\$17.40
	Private/Commercial		
50487	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$32.30
50487	Hourly Rate - Permanent	Taxable	\$29.10
	Northern Community Centre - Consulting Rooms **		
	The following room hire fees exclude permanent tenant fees		
	Community Groups		
50486	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$8.60
50486	Hourly Rate - Permanent	Taxable	\$7.80
	Community Benefit		
50486	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$12.90
50486	Hourly Rate - Permanent	Taxable	\$11.70
	Private/Commercial		
50486	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$21.50
50486	Hourly Rate - Permanent	Taxable	\$19.40
	Northern Community Centre - Leigh Room **		
	The following room hire fees exclude permanent tenant fees		
	Community Groups		
50486	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$10.80
50486	Hourly Rate - Permanent	Taxable	\$9.70
	Community Benefit		
50486	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$16.20
50486	Hourly Rate - Permanent	Taxable	\$14.60
	Private/Commercial		
50486	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$27.00
50486	Hourly Rate - Permanent	Taxable	\$24.30

G/L	Description	GST	2017-18 Fee Incl. GST
	Room Hire (cont.)		
	Northern Community Centre - Grenville Room and Children's Room **		
	The following room hire fees exclude permanent tenant fees		
	Community Groups		
50486	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$12.90
50486	Hourly Rate - Permanent	Taxable	\$11.70
	Community Benefit		
50486	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$19.40
50486	Hourly Rate - Permanent	Taxable	\$17.40
	Private/Commercial		
50486	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$32.30
50486	Hourly Rate - Permanent	Taxable	\$29.10
	Smythesdale Business, Health and Community Hub - Consulting Rooms **		
	The following room hire fees exclude permanent tenant fees		
	Community Groups		
50489	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$8.60
50489	Hourly Rate - Permanent	Taxable	\$7.80
	Community Benefit		
50489	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$12.90
50489	Hourly Rate - Permanent	Taxable	\$11.70
	Private/Commercial		
50489	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$21.50
50489	Hourly Rate - Permanent	Taxable	\$19.40
	Smythesdale Business, Health and Community Hub - Board Room **		
	The following room hire fees exclude permanent tenant fees		
	Community Groups		
50489	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$10.80
50489	Hourly Rate - Permanent	Taxable	\$9.70
	Community Benefit		
50489	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$16.20
50489	Hourly Rate - Permanent	Taxable	\$14.60
	Private/Commercial		
50489	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$27.00
50489	Hourly Rate - Permanent	Taxable	\$24.30
	Smythesdale Business, Health and Community Hub - Multi Purpose Room **		
	The following room hire fees exclude permanent tenant fees		
	Community Groups		
50489	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$12.90
50489	Hourly Rate - Permanent	Taxable	\$11.70

G/L	Description	GST	2017-18 Fee Incl. GST
	Room Hire (cont.)		
	Smythesdale Business, Health and Community Hub - Multi Purpose Room ** (cont.)		
	Community Benefit		
50489	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$19.40
50489	Hourly Rate - Permanent	Taxable	\$17.40
	Private/Commercial		
50489	Hourly Rate - Casual	Taxable	\$32.30
50489	Hourly Rate - Permanent	Taxable	\$29.10
	Kindergartens + Occasional Care**		
	Meredith Kindergarten		
50685-05	Funded Kindergarten Program	Not Taxable	\$390.00
50685-05	Pre Kindergarten Program	Not Taxable	\$250.00
	Teesdale Kindergarten		
50674-05	Funded Kindergarten Program	Not Taxable	\$390.00
50674-05	Pre Kindergarten Program	Not Taxable	\$250.00
	Rokewood Kindergarten		
50686-05	Funded Kindergarten Program	Not Taxable	\$390.00
50686-05	Pre Kindergarten Program	Not Taxable	\$250.00
	Inverleigh Kindergarten		
50683-05	Funded Kindergarten Program	Not Taxable	\$390.00
50683-05	Pre Kindergarten Program	Not Taxable	\$250.00
	Inverleigh Occasional Care		
50683-05	Occasional Care program	Not Taxable	\$430.00
	Standpipe Water		
30374	Per 5,000 Litres	Not Taxable	\$26.00
	Tips		
80172	Household waste per m3	Taxable	\$40.00
80172	Green and Timber waste per m3	Taxable	\$24.00
80172	Electronic items (per item)	Taxable	\$5.00
80172	Fridges, Freezers and Air-conditioners (per item)	Taxable	\$10.00
80172	Gas Cylinders and Fire Extinguishers	Taxable	\$5.00
80172	Mattress (per item)	Taxable	\$25.00
80172	Tyres - Car	Taxable	\$12.00
80172	Tyres -Light truck	Taxable	\$18.00
80172	Tyres -Truck	Taxable	\$48.00
80172	Tyres - Small Tractor <1m diameter	Taxable	\$105.00
80172	Tyres - Large Tractor 1 - 2m diameter	Taxable	\$155.00

6.3 INCOME STATEMENT BY KEY STRATEGIC ACTIVITY AND PROGRAM

OPERATING BUDGET 2017-18

KEY STRATEGIC ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Service Areas		Actual 2015-16 \$'000	Forecast 2016-17 \$'000	Budget 2017-18 \$'000
Citizen and Customer Service				
	Expenditure	(1,089)	(1,032)	(1,184)
	Income	30	6	17
	NET	(1,059)	(1,026)	(1,167)
Civic Leadership				
	Expenditure	(2,633)	(2,903)	(2,461)
	Income	294	157	207
	NET	(2,339)	(2,746)	(2,254)
Economic Development				
	Expenditure	(662)	(877)	(601)
	Income	219	287	74
	NET	(443)	(590)	(527)
Environment and Land Use Planning				
	Expenditure	(3,308)	(3,598)	(3,570)
	Income	1,365	1,250	1,312
	NET	(1,943)	(2,348)	(2,258)
Financial Management				
	Expenditure	(2,985)	(2,561)	(2,466)
	Income	22,482	25,488	26,408
	NET	19,497	22,927	23,942
Human Support Services				
	Expenditure	(7,660)	(8,275)	(8,662)
	Income	5,049	5,475	6,435
	NET	(2,611)	(2,800)	(2,227)
Recreation and Community Development				
	Expenditure	(7,500)	(7,552)	(6,413)
	Income	3,984	6,357	1,850
	NET	(3,516)	(1,195)	(4,563)
Roads and Streets Infrastructure				
	Expenditure	(9,633)	(10,112)	(10,221)
	Income	3,811	6,208	2,261
	NET	(5,822)	(3,904)	(7,960)
Waste management				
	Expenditure	(2,067)	(2,304)	(2,250)
	Income	2,130	2,254	2,251
	NET	63	(50)	1
Unit Total				
	Total Expenditure	(37,537)	(39,214)	(37,828)
	Total Income	39,364	47,482	40,815
Total Surplus		1,827	8,268	2,987

CITIZEN AND CUSTOMER SERVICE

Citizen & Customer Service		Actual 2015-16 \$'000	Forecast 2016-17 \$'000	Budget 2017-18 \$'000
Communications and Marketing				
	Expenditure	(664)	(673)	(730)
	Income	20	3	10
	NET	(644)	(670)	(720)
Customer Service Centres				
	Expenditure	(425)	(359)	(454)
	Income	10	3	7
	NET	(415)	(356)	(447)
Key Result Area Total				
	Expenditure	(1,089)	(1,032)	(1,184)
	Income	30	6	17
Citizen and Customer Service Total		(1,059)	(1,026)	(1,167)

CIVIC LEADERSHIP

Civic Leadership		Actual 2015-16 \$'000	Forecast 2016-17 \$'000	Budget 2017-18 \$'000
Governance				
	Expenditure	(883)	(890)	(806)
	Income	42	7	32
	NET	(841)	(883)	(774)
Elections				
	Expenditure	(16)	(170)	(32)
	Income	2	-	1
	NET	(14)	(170)	(31)
Meetings				
	Expenditure	(90)	(99)	(84)
	Income	-	-	-
	NET	(90)	(99)	(84)
Strategic and Service Planning				
	Expenditure	(975)	(901)	(905)
	Income	87	13	42
	NET	(888)	(888)	(863)
Emergency Management Plan and SES				
	Expenditure	(343)	(422)	(333)
	Income	155	135	127
	NET	(188)	(287)	(206)
Risk Management and OH&S				
	Expenditure	(326)	(421)	(301)
	Income	8	2	5
	NET	(318)	(419)	(296)
Key Result Area Total				
		Expenditure	(2,633)	(2,903)
		Income	294	157
Civic Leadership Total		(2,339)	(2,746)	(2,254)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development	Actual 2015-16 \$'000	Forecast 2016-17 \$'000	Budget 2017-18 \$'000
Economic Development			
Expenditure	(662)	(877)	(601)
Income	219	287	74
NET	(443)	(590)	(527)
Key Result Area Total			
Expenditure	(662)	(877)	(601)
Income	219	287	74
Economic Development Total	(443)	(590)	(527)

ENVIRONMENT AND LAND USE PLANNING

Environment & Land Use Planning		Actual 2015-16 \$'000	Forecast 2016-17 \$'000	Budget 2017-18 \$'000
Land Use Planning				
	Expenditure	(1,250)	(1,415)	(1,324)
	Income	499	602	525
	NET	(751)	(813)	(799)
Building Control				
	Expenditure	(348)	(380)	(401)
	Income	93	63	78
	NET	(255)	(317)	(323)
Fire Protection				
	Expenditure	(247)	(299)	(286)
	Income	94	47	63
	NET	(153)	(252)	(223)
Environmental Management				
	Expenditure	(429)	(453)	(465)
	Income	62	65	51
	NET	(367)	(388)	(414)
Community Protection				
	Expenditure	(584)	(601)	(606)
	Income	444	308	399
	NET	(140)	(293)	(207)
Public Health				
	Expenditure	(449)	(451)	(487)
	Income	172	166	195
	NET	(277)	(285)	(292)
Key Result Area Total				
	Expenditure	(3,307)	(3,599)	(3,569)
	Income	1,364	1,251	1,311
Environment and Land Use Plan Total		(1,943)	(2,348)	(2,258)

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Finance Management		Actual 2015-16 \$'000	Forecast 2016-17 \$'000	Budget 2017-18 \$'000
General Revenue				
	Expenditure	(1)	(2)	(3)
	Income	21,674	24,771	25,764
	NET	21,673	24,769	25,761
Property and Rating				
	Expenditure	(928)	(792)	(926)
	Income	553	383	523
	NET	(375)	(409)	(403)
Statutory Reporting and Budgeting				
	Expenditure	(412)	(372)	(382)
	Income	18	2	9
	NET	(394)	(370)	(373)
Procurement and Contract Management				
	Expenditure	(345)	(393)	(392)
	Income	10	2	9
	NET	(335)	(391)	(383)
Records Management				
	Expenditure	(248)	(274)	(277)
	Income	6	1	3
	NET	(242)	(273)	(274)
Borrowings				
	Expenditure	(366)	(357)	(347)
	Income	-	-	-
	NET	(366)	(357)	(347)
Land Assets				
	Expenditure	(564)	-	-
	Income	100	-	-
	NET	(464)	-	-
Plant Replacement				
	Expenditure	(121)	(369)	(139)
	Income	122	327	100
	NET	1	(42)	(39)
Key Result Area Total				
	Expenditure	(2,985)	(2,559)	(2,466)
	Income	22,483	25,486	26,408
Financial Management Total		19,498	22,927	23,942

HUMAN SUPPORT SERVICES

Human Support Services		Actual 2015-16 \$'000	Forecast 2016-17 \$'000	Budget 2017-18 \$'000
Maternal and Child Health				
	Expenditure	(622)	(644)	(642)
	Income	205	188	256
	NET	(417)	(456)	(386)
Childrens Services				
	Expenditure	(649)	(388)	(369)
	Income	179	12	6
	NET	(470)	(376)	(363)
HACC for Younger People				
	Expenditure	(1,726)	(624)	(466)
	Income	1,392	343	394
	NET	(334)	(281)	(72)
Commonwealth Home Support Program				
	Expenditure	-	(1,309)	(1,387)
	Income	-	980	1,061
	NET	-	(329)	(326)
Community Transport				
	Expenditure	(194)	(245)	(216)
	Income	45	40	19
	NET	(149)	(205)	(197)
Community Centres				
	Expenditure	(886)	(1,137)	(1,023)
	Income	127	141	154
	NET	(759)	(996)	(869)
Kindergartens				
	Expenditure	(835)	(752)	(1,009)
	Income	801	763	1,018
	NET	(34)	11	9
Bannockburn Childrens Services Centre				
	Expenditure	(2,747)	(2,811)	(3,242)
	Income	2,299	2,716	3,270
	NET	(448)	(95)	28
Family Day Care				
	Expenditure	-	(364)	(307)
	Income	-	291	257
	NET	-	(73)	(50)
Key Result Area Total				
	Expenditure	(7,659)	(8,274)	(8,662)
	Income	5,048	5,474	6,435
Human Support Services Total		(2,611)	(2,800)	(2,227)

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Recreation & Community Development		Actual 2015-16 \$'000	Forecast 2016-17 \$'000	Budget 2017-18 \$'000
Community Development	Expenditure	(797)	(832)	(865)
	Income	30	38	17
	NET	(767)	(794)	(848)
Libraries				
	Expenditure	(482)	(476)	(454)
	Income	(27)	-	1
	NET	(509)	(476)	(453)
Arts and Culture				
	Expenditure	(175)	(202)	(190)
	Income	7	6	1
	NET	(168)	(196)	(189)
Youth Development				
	Expenditure	(406)	(440)	(363)
	Income	82	68	72
	NET	(324)	(372)	(291)
Recreation planning				
	Expenditure	(638)	(683)	(733)
	Income	40	9	51
	NET	(598)	(674)	(682)
Recreation Construction				
	Expenditure	(217)	(379)	(356)
	Income	537	1,134	1,188
	NET	320	755	832
Recreation Infrastructure Maintenance				
	Expenditure	(2,347)	(2,863)	(2,773)
	Income	57	28	23
	NET	(2,290)	(2,835)	(2,750)
Major Projects				
	Expenditure	(1,785)	(1,000)	(102)
	Income	2,692	4,583	4
	NET	907	3,583	(98)
Volunteers				
	Expenditure	(21)	(38)	(27)
	Income	-	1	-
	NET	(21)	(37)	(27)
Health Promotion				
	Expenditure	(633)	(640)	(549)
	Income	567	492	492
	NET	(66)	(148)	(57)

Recreation & Community Development	Actual 2015-16 \$'000	Forecast 2016-17 \$'000	Budget 2017-18 \$'000
Key Result Area Total			
Expenditure	(7,501)	(7,553)	(6,412)
Income	3,984	6,358	1,848
Recreation and Community Development Total	(3,517)	(1,195)	(4,564)

ROADS AND STREETS INFRASTRUCTURE

Roads & Streets Infrastructure		Actual 2015-16 \$'000	Forecast 2016-17 \$'000	Budget 2017-18 \$'000
Sealed Road Routine Maintenance				
	Expenditure	(1,199)	(1,423)	(1,397)
	Income	172	199	173
	NET	(1,027)	(1,224)	(1,224)
Local Roads Resealing				
	Expenditure	(1,820)	(1,881)	(2,015)
	Income	7	1	4
	NET	(1,813)	(1,880)	(2,011)
Local Roads Rehabilitation				
	Expenditure	(1,634)	(1,670)	(1,720)
	Income	4	-	1
	NET	(1,630)	(1,670)	(1,719)
Local Roads Improvements				
	Expenditure	(68)	(61)	(68)
	Income	3,093	5,511	1,721
	NET	3,025	5,450	1,653
Gravel Roads Routine Maintenance				
	Expenditure	(676)	(695)	(737)
	Income	23	20	14
	NET	(653)	(675)	(723)
Gravel Resheeting				
	Expenditure	(1,091)	(1,091)	(1,126)
	Income	3	-	1
	NET	(1,088)	(1,091)	(1,125)
Bridge Maintenance				
	Expenditure	(482)	(531)	(558)
	Income	5	3	4
	NET	(477)	(528)	(554)
Tree Clearing				
	Expenditure	(335)	(348)	(355)
	Income	-	-	-
	NET	(335)	(348)	(355)

Roads & Streets Infrastructure		Actual 2015-16 \$'000	Forecast 2016-17 \$'000	Budget 2017-18 \$'000
Gravel Pits				
	Expenditure	(267)	(330)	(215)
	Income	189	200	215
	NET	(78)	(130)	-
Asset Management				
	Expenditure	(291)	(409)	(296)
	Income	129	71	53
	NET	(162)	(338)	(243)
Drainage Maintenance Townships and Rural				
	Expenditure	(334)	(348)	(445)
	Income	20	19	21
	NET	(314)	(329)	(424)
Private Works				
	Expenditure	(34)	(87)	(26)
	Income	47	100	26
	NET	13	13	-
Linemarking, Guideposts and Sign				
	Expenditure	(214)	(251)	(245)
	Income	5	6	4
	NET	(209)	(245)	(241)
Street Lighting				
	Expenditure	(119)	(127)	(127)
	Income	-	-	-
	NET	(119)	(127)	(127)
Townships Maintenance				
	Expenditure	(880)	(652)	(646)
	Income	37	28	22
	NET	(843)	(624)	(624)
Bus Shelters				
	Expenditure	(9)	(20)	(13)
	Income	2	8	-
	NET	(7)	(12)	(13)
Paths and Trails				
	Expenditure	(181)	(185)	(232)
	Income	76	40	2
	NET	(105)	(145)	(230)
Key Result Area Total				
	Expenditure	(9,634)	(10,109)	(10,221)
	Income	3,812	6,206	2,261
Roads and Streets Infrastructure Total		(5,822)	(3,903)	(7,960)

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Waste Management		Actual 2015-16 \$'000	Forecast 2016-17 \$'000	Budget 2017-18 \$'000
Garbage Collection				
	Expenditure	(1,905)	(2,126)	(2,107)
	Income	2,118	2,246	2,237
	NET	213	120	130
Municipal Tips				
	Expenditure	(100)	(111)	(86)
	Income	10	8	14
	NET	(90)	(103)	(72)
Litter Control				
	Expenditure	(62)	(67)	(57)
	Income	2	-	1
	NET	(60)	(67)	(56)
Key Result Area Total				
	Expenditure	(2,067)	(2,304)	(2,250)
	Income	2,130	2,254	2,252
Waste Management Total		63	(50)	2

Note:

The above statements differ from the Comprehensive Income Statement in that the proceeds from the sale of assets and the written down value of those assets are separately disclosed within income and expenditure respectively, in line with activity based costing. The Comprehensive Income Statement nets these items off to disclose only the net gain on disposal. Refer to Note 12 for further detail.

ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Description
ANZ	Australia and New Zealand Bank
Assoc	Association
B'burn	Bannockburn
CALD	Culturally and Linguistically Diverse
CFA	Country Fire Authority
CIV	Capital Improved Value
cont.	Continued
CPI	Consumer Price Index
EB	Enterprise Bargaining
EFT	Equivalent Full Time staff numbers
EPA	Environmental Protection Authority
Eques	Equestrian
Equip	Equipment
ERP	Estimated Resident Population
ESC	Essential Services Commission
FAG	Federal Assistance Grants
FOI	Freedom of Information
FTE	Full Time Equivalent
Furn	Furniture
GIS	Geographic Information System
GP	Golden Plains
GST	Goods and Services Tax
HACC	Home and Community Care
hr	Hour
ICT	Information Communication Technology
Incl.	Inclusive of
IVAN	Golden Plains Shire Council Youth Van
k	Thousand
km	Kilometre
l	Litre
LASF DB Plan	Local Authorities Superannuation Fund Defined Benefit Plan
LGFV	Local Government Funding Vehicle
LIC	Land Information Certificate
m	Million
MAV	Municipal Association of Victoria
MBS	Municipal Building Surveyor
MCH	Maternal and Child Health
MFB	Metropolitan Fire Brigade
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
N/A	Not applicable

Abbreviation	Description
NAB	National Australia Bank
OH&S	Occupational Health and Safety
POA	Price on Application
Rec.	Recreation
Reg.	Regulation
RSL	Returned Services League
SES	State Emergency Service
SRO	State Revenue Office
SRP	Strategic Resource Plan.
VAGO	Victorian Auditor General's Office
VCAL	Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning
VCAT	Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal
VGC	Victoria Grants Commission
WDV	Written Down Value

GLOSSARY

	Definition
Ad Valorem Rates	Rates based on the valuation of a property as opposed to a flat charge.
Capital Expenditure	The purchase or construction of assets that are expected to have a life of more than 1 year.
Capital Grants	Grants that are paid to fund projects of a capital nature, including capital expenditure on Council owned land and operating expenditure of a capital nature on Crown land.
Cash	Includes cash on hand and highly liquid investments.
Contracts and Materials	Includes payments to third parties for goods received and services rendered.
Contributions and Recoupments	Includes income for works performed by Council on behalf of third parties, contributions from community groups towards the construction or upgrade of community assets, contributions either in cash or in kind from developers, and minor recoups of some operating expenditure.
Council Plan	An annual plan containing Council's strategic objectives, strategic indicators and business plan strategies for the next 4 years.
CPI	Consumer Price Index, being a measure of the movement of prices in the economy over time.
Current Assets	Assets that are expected to be consumed or converted into cash within 1 year such as stock on hand, debtors, cash and investments.
Current Liabilities	Amounts owed to third parties by the Council that are expected to be settled within 1 year, such as trust funds, sundry creditors, and annual leave accrued.
Debt Servicing	The interest expense of borrowings.
Depreciation	The systematic allocation of the net cost of a long-term asset over its useful life. Depreciation is an annual operating expense; therefore it is the process of expensing long-term costs.
Employee Costs	Wages and salaries paid to employees plus labour on-costs such as superannuation, WorkCover premium, annual leave, long service leave and Fringe Benefits Tax.
Grants	Includes granted assets (usually cash) received from third parties such as Government Departments towards the cost of programs and capital expenditure.
LGFV	Local Government Funding Vehicle is a project the MAV has undertaken on behalf of all Victorian Councils. It is expected to provide significant savings to the sector by raising funds via the Bond market.
MAV	Municipal Association of Victoria – the main industry body representing Victorian Councils.
Non-Current Assets	Assets with a useful life of more than 1 year, such as land, buildings, plant and machinery, furniture and equipment, and infrastructure.
Non-Current Liabilities	Amounts owed to third parties by the Council that are not expected to be settled within 1 year, such as long-term loans.
Operating Expenditure	Expenditure on Materials and Services, employee costs, depreciation and debt servicing.
Income	Income received from rates and charges, grants and subsidies, contributions and recoupments, user fees, interest on investments and net gain/(loss) on disposal.
Overheads	Includes postage, vehicle operating costs, telephone, information technology, accounts payable, accounts receivable, depot operating costs, furniture and equipment, cleaning, lighting, heating, printing and stationery, office building maintenance, word processing, and insurance.
Own Source Revenue	Revenue, plus profit on sales, less grants.
Rate-in-the-dollar	The ad-valorem rates on an individual property divided by the total valuation of the property.
Rates and Charges	Rates and Charges consists of general rates, municipal charge, garbage charge and State Landfill Levy charge (including Supplementary assessments)
Retained Earnings	The accumulated surpluses from prior accounting periods represented by working capital or net current assets (current assets less current liabilities).
Strategic Resource	Council's Strategic Resource Plan that sets out Council's long-term financial strategy for

	Definition
Plan	a four-year period. This document forms part of the Council Plan.
Supplementary Rates	Rates levied on properties during the year as a result of new building works, land subdivisions, or land consolidations.
"The Act"	Unless otherwise stated, the Local Government Act 1989.
Underlying Result from Operations	The annual operating surplus or deficit in a 'normal' year. It excludes major 'one-off' items that distort the true financial performance of the Council.
VGC	Victoria Grants Commission – a body charged with the allocation of federal untied grants to Victorian Councils.
WDV of Assets Sold	The Written Down Value of an asset is an operating expense. It represents the undepreciated net cost of a long-term asset at the time it is sold. In the case of land sales, it represents the cost of land sold.
Working Capital	A measure of short-term liquidity represented by current assets less current liabilities.