

## Strathbogie Shire Council 2020/21 Draft Budget

### What is the 2020/21 Draft Budget?

The draft budget is a hugely important document for our community. It sets our fees and charges for the next year, along with our capital works program and the money we will spend on community services and resources to deliver these services.

### How much is being spent on capital works?

The draft budget provides \$9.9 million in new capital works with improvements to roads, drainage, footpaths and pedestrian bridges high on the expenditure list. Council will also be spending significantly on our parks, open spaces and streetscapes throughout the Shire.

### Can you tell me Council expenditure on services?

It provides for an expenditure of \$23.6 million on services including libraries, waste management, maintenance of roads, parks and gardens, animal management, maternal and child health, swimming pools and the arts and culture. We have worked hard to ensure we maintain existing service levels but deliver strong capital works across the Shire.

### How have you simplified the fee structure?

We're simplifying our rating structure by removing the fixed Municipal Charge with a corresponding change to the rate level so that rates are determined by valuations.

### What fees have been removed to support business during the COVID-19 pandemic?

We're waiving fees for registered businesses, including cafes and hairdressers, because we recognise they've been hit hard by coronavirus impacts. We've also removing the fee for footpath trading.

### Why is a rate rise being proposed?

This was proposed to help get our community back on its feet after coronavirus (COVID-19) recent storms, drought and bushfires.

All of the money collected would go straight back to the community.

### What if we don't support a rate increase at this time?

We urge our community to remember this is the Draft Budget. We recognise there has been some community concern over the proposed rate rise and now is the time for you – our community - to have a say.

### Where can I find a copy of the draft budget?

Visit council website at [www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au](http://www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au) to download a copy, or phone us on 1800 065 993 to request a hard copy.

### How can I have a say?

There are many ways to have your say. You can:

- Attend one of our Draft Budget online feedback sessions (dates and times in table below). To register please phone 1800 065 993 or email [info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au)
- Visit our website use a submission form
- Write to us at PO Box 177, Euroa VIC 3666.
- Email us at [info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au).

Feedback session	Date	Time
Hughes Creek Ward	25/5/2020	6-7pm
Lake Nagambie Ward	26/5/2020	6-7pm
Seven Creeks Ward	27/5/2020	6-7pm
Mt Wombat Ward	28/5/2020	6-7pm
Honeysuckle Creek Ward	29/5/2020	6-7pm

**Submissions close at 5pm on Wednesday, June 3, 2020.**