

Monday 9 May 2022

Have your say on our draft 2022-23 Budget

Council's draft *2022-23 Budget, Financial Plan and Revenue and Rating Plan* is now available for public comment until Friday 27 May 2022.

In the draft *2022-23 Budget*, Council has allocated funding for asset renewals, upgrades and expansions. This includes:

- sustainability measures, including actions on the climate emergency, transition to a circular economy and increased tree planting;
- creating a new *Housing Strategy, Neighbourhood Activity Centre Built Form Frameworks* and heritage reviews within our strategic planning program;
- maintaining investment in services for the aged including direct care, support services and operating our residential aged care facility; and
- \$35.69 million for our capital works program including:
 - the renewal and upgrade of Council's major infrastructure assets such as road reconstruction, drainage improvements and footpaths;
 - completing construction on three major projects, including the Murrumbeena Park Community Hub, Bentleigh Library and Eat Street;
 - increasing our open space through land acquisitions and improving and enhancing existing spaces;
 - investment in Environmentally Sustainable Design and climate emergency initiatives; and
 - investing in technology and data to keep pace with changing customer expectations about online services and to ensure that Council has high levels of data security and protection from cybercrime.

As well as ensuring the quality of existing assets, the ten-year *Financial Plan* allows for new projects so Council can continue to meet the needs and expectations of our community. These major projects include:

- Carnegie Memorial Swimming Pool redevelopment to be completed in 2024-25;
- Selwyn Street Cultural Precinct scheduled for completion in 2024-25;
- Lord Reserve and Koornang Park Masterplan Precinct Implementation with completion expected in 2026-27; and
- *Open Space Strategy* implementation projects of \$67 million over the ten years.



The *Budget, Financial Plan and Revenue and Rating Plan* can be viewed online at www.haveyoursaygleneira.com.au

In addition to this, two online information sessions will be held on Monday 16 May from 1pm to 2pm and Monday 23 May from 6pm to 7pm via Zoom. To register, email jvastianos@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Submissions received to the proposed *Budget, Financial Plan and Revenue and Rating Plan* will be received by Council at an Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 7 June at 7.30pm. Subject to any amendments resulting from the submissions, the *Budget, Financial Plan and Revenue and Rating Plan* will be considered for adoption at an Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 28 June at 7.30pm.

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