



Ararat Rural City

DRAFT BUDGET

2023/2024

SNAPSHOT

0% RATE RISE

Ararat Rural City Council are the only council in Victoria to achieve a net zero per cent rate increase over the past six years.

MAINTENANCE OF REVENUE & RATING STRATEGY 2021-2025

0% INCREASE IN CIRCULAR ECONOMY CHARGES





Thanks for taking the time to look at Council's Draft 2023/2024 Budget snapshot.

You will see that we are spending \$9.5 million on capital works. Highlights of this expenditure are: \$950,000 for Stage 1 of the redevelopment of the Ararat Leisure Centre, \$2.8million on resheeting works on gravel roads and \$2.2million for sealing urban gravel roads within Ararat. We are committed to maintaining your community assets during financially difficult times.

Other key investments during 2023/2024 include \$500,000 to support investment in affordable housing, \$150,000 to advocate for funding and delivery of key projects, \$100,000 for programs for young people and \$100,000 to implement a weekend community response team. We propose not to increase rates or waste charges in the 2023/2024 budget. Council is considering implementing an environmental land differential to support people in our rural communities who are preserving land for environmental purposes – we really want to hear your thoughts on this.

CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM



\$400,000
Community Projects



\$400,000
Foot and Bike Paths



\$950,000
Ararat Leisure Centre
Redevelopment

\$2.8M
Gravel Road
Resheeting

\$1M
Mt William Road
Reconstruction



\$1M
Road Reseals

\$2.2M
Urban Road and
Laneway Sealing



\$750,000
Urban Drainage

NEW OR SIGNIFICANT

PROJECTS

Façade Grants
\$100,000

Support for
Aradale masterplan
\$100,000

Workforce pilot
\$80,000

Advocacy for
major projects
\$150,000

Support for
affordable housing
\$500,000

Implement
weekend community
response team
\$100,000

Programs for
young people
\$100,000



Ararat Rural City is committed to engaging with the community to hear your feedback on Council's annual budget and ideas about how we can continue to improve.

Remember your rates fund the budget, and our job is to work hard to serve you by doing what is best for the community we live in.

Submissions can be made via the website, or by writing to Ararat Rural City Council - PO Box 246, Ararat, VIC, 3377, or emailing budget@ararat.vic.gov.au

Community information sessions are taking place at the following community venues:

Monday 8 May: Tatyoon – 6:30pm – Tatyoon Hall

Tuesday 9 May: Elmhurst – 12:30pm – Elmhurst Hall

Tuesday 9 May: Pomonal – 6:30pm – Pomonal Hall

Thursday 11 May: Lake Bolac – 6:30pm – Lake Bolac Complex

Wednesday 17 May: Ararat – 4:00pm – Ararat Town Hall

Wednesday 17 May: Moyston – 6:00pm – Moyston Recreation Reserve

Thursday 18 May: Willaura – 2:00pm – Willaura Hall

Submissions are open until Wednesday 21 June at 5:00pm with the plans to be presented to the Council Meeting on Tuesday 27 June.



Ararat Rural City Council are looking at the possibility of introducing an environmental rate differential. The introduction of this strategy would assist landowners to further protect the environment by applying a different rate based on the type of property they own. We would love to hear your opinion on the topic.

Let us know in writing to Ararat Rural City Council - PO Box 246, Ararat, VIC, 3377, or emailing budget@ararat.vic.gov.au



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