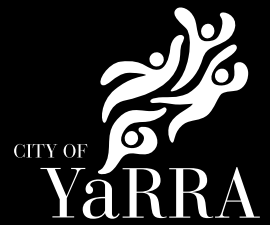


YARRA CITY COUNCIL'S Draft Budget 2026–27



We're planning for a balanced 2026/27 budget, working within a rate cap of around 2.75%, without taking on new borrowings. We're balancing today's pressures with tomorrow's needs.

With waste, construction, insurance, utilities and other costs rising faster than revenue and with global instability, including conflict in the Middle East, continuing to place inflationary pressure on the economy, we're budgeting carefully to protect services now while planning responsibly for the future and significant growth – around 44,000 new dwellings by 2050.

Yarra is planning 44,000 new dwellings by 2050. That's why we're investing in our infrastructure and making it easier for everyone to move around.

We're investing in what people use and see every day. That includes a \$40m capital works program prioritising safety, clean streets and parks, improved customer service, and renewing and maintaining key assets.

Quality services for the whole community

Our Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) investment in a system that will make our services better and more responsive. You will be able to report issues at anytime from anywhere.

Here are another few of our major community projects:

- \$1.4m for Yarralea Kindergarten
- \$350,000 for Richmond Library design work
- \$380,000 for equipment renewals at your three Leisure Centres

Remaining financially stable

We're focused on long-term sustainability: spending with discipline, doing more with what we have, and keeping our finances strong.

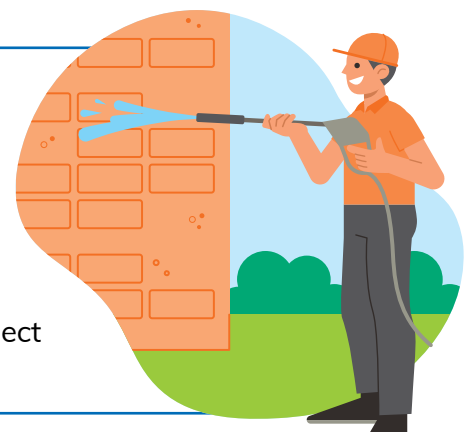
Because of the work done through our Financial Sustainability Strategy, we're able to absorb short-term cost pressures, fund capital works from cash reserves instead of taking on new debt, and provide targeted cost-of-living relief, while staying on track to return to surplus.

Here are three major ways we are **cleaning & greening** our neighbourhoods:

\$750,000
tree planting
programs

\$900,000
maintenance of
garden beds and
open spaces

\$1.2m
graffiti
removal project





Draft budget highlights

Major investments in community infrastructure include:



\$9.3m on creating new inclusive open space and improved accessibility to parks, sportsfields and playgrounds.



\$3m on the Brunswick Street Oval project.



\$6m on electrification of the Collingwood Leisure Centre, as well as upgrades to ventilation and cooling.



\$1m on the Alphington Bowls Club pavilion.



\$1.4m Yarralea Kindergarten.



\$4m on stormwater/drainage



\$7.3m on road renewal, footpath, kerb and laneway works



\$1.6m on cycle infrastructure



\$1.1m on road safety



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