

# **Council Plan** 2021–31 Volume 1 / Year3

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### Community Vision

# Proudly Port Phillip

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A liveable and vibrant City that enhances the wellbeing of our community



#### A City that is a place for all members of our community, where people feel supported and comfortable being themselves and

# Liveable Port Phillip

expressing their identities.

**Inclusive Port Phillip** 

Strategic Directions

A City that is a great place to live, where our community has access to high quality public spaces, development and growth are well-managed, and it is safer and easy to connect and travel within.

# Sustainable Port Phillip

A City that has a sustainable future, where our environmentally aware and active community benefits from living in a bayside city that is greener, cooler, cleaner and climate resilient.



# Vibrant Port Phillip

A City that has a flourishing economy, where our community and local businesses thrive, and we maintain and enhance our reputation as one of Melbourne's cultural and creative hubs.



## **Well-Governed Port Phillip**

A City that is a leading local government authority, where our community and our organisation are in a better place as a result of our collective efforts.

# **Council Plan** 2021–31

# Volume 1 / Year 3

# The Council Plan is divided across three volumes:

#### Council Plan 2021 - 31 Volume 1

Volume One introduces the plan, including background information, development approach and details on the inputs that informed the plan. It outlines the vision our community has for our City over the 10-year period and presents our strategic directions (including the services provided and performance indicators for each), an overview of our financial strategy and a list of proposed capital works projects by neighbourhood.

#### Council Plan 2021 - 31 Volume 2

Volume Two contains the detailed financial information for the plan, including our 10-year Financial Plan. It includes information on our financial strategy, financial position, risks and sustainability. It also contains Council's Asset Management Framework, a detailed asset plan and detailed financial information about our services provided in each strategic direction.

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Volume Three provides information on the 28 services we provide to our community.

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#### Acknowledgement

Council respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of this land, the people of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respect to their Elders, past and present. We acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to this land.

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# Mayor's message

Cr Heather Cunsolo Mayor, City of Port Phillip

#### **Community Vision**

Proudly Port Phillip - A liveable and vibrant City that enhances the wellbeing of our community.

# On behalf of our Council, I am pleased to present the 2023/24 Budget and Year 3 Council Plan.

Our community is always at the heart of every decision we make, including when building our Budget.

This has been even more so this year with cost of living pressures, from rising inflation to interest rates, experienced across our City.

Recognising this burden on our community, this is the first year we have adopted a rate rise below the Victorian Government's rates cap.

A solid financial foundation, and unexpected revenue from streams including parking, means we can do this without cutting services.

The impact to our 2023/24 Budget of adopting a lower rate rise is about \$900,000. As the accumulated impact over 10 years is \$11 million less in rates collected, we will put less into our reserve fund in this Budget as a buffer for known and unexpected challenges over the next decade. We did not take this decision lightly and considered several options before adopting an average rates increase of 2.8 per cent, lower than the Victorian Government's 3.5 per cent rates cap and well under the expected 4.5 per cent inflation rate.

While not everyone will agree, on balance Council has decided a lower rate rise is the best way of providing both current and ongoing financial relief to our community. This is because whatever rate rise may follow in the future, it will be based off the lower 2.8 per cent figure.

Our comprehensive 10-year Council Plan continues to roll out, with this Budget providing capital project investment of \$62.8 million to maintain, grow and improve community assets.

We will also keep delivering the sustainability, social and local economic priorities we know our community want and expect and provide targeted relief to those who need it most. Additional efficiency savings are contributing to our ability to continue to roll-out initiatives including our new Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) and glass recycling services. We expect to achieve permanent operational savings of \$1.1 million in the 2023/24 Budget on top of \$1 million in one-off project savings over 2022/23.

We all want our beautiful City to be a place where everyone has the opportunity to thrive and enjoy all that Port Phillip offers, for now and years to come.

While cost of living pressures are the immediate concern, we are still delivering on important key projects in this Budget and ensuring our 10-year forecast will provide for future generations.

I'd like to thank everyone who participated in our extensive community consultation on the draft Budget. We always carefully consider feedback and a number of changes from what was consulted on in the draft Budget have been incorporated.



These include a smaller reduction to the Cultural Development Fund – Projects stream (funding for individual artistic/creative projects). While funding was originally proposed to be reduced from \$187,000 to \$100,000, the Budget now provides \$125,000 in funding

Other Budget highlights include:

- rolling out the new Multi-Unit Dwelling FOGO kerbside service and communal hubs for glass and FOGO
- additional project investment over 10 years including \$25 million in provisional funding for the Elwood Foreshore Facilities Project (Stages 2 and 3), \$17 million for South Melbourne Market Connect and an extra \$9 million set aside in reserve for Fishermans Bend infrastructure
- an extra \$50,000 towards Early Education Grants (worth a total of \$206,000) to support vulnerable families' access to childcare

- two years' extension of the Launch Housing funding agreement (\$110,000 per annum) for outreach services assisting rough sleepers
- a one-off \$40,000 allocation towards greater food relief in Port Phillip
- existing business support under the Economic Recovery Package continuing until June 2025, including ongoing activation of public spaces
- pensioner rates rebate increasing five per cent to \$210 (Port Phillip is among only a handful of councils offering this rebate)
- most fees and charges increasing 3.75 per cent – some will be higher to reflect reasonable user pays charges while others will stay the same or reduce to support those who most need it or to encourage further take-up. The 3.75 per cent rise is under the 4.5 per cent inflation forecast
- funding to improve access for girls and women at sporting facilities including J L Murphy and Lagoon Reserve in line with our Fair Access Policy (under development)

- continuing to invest in implementing our sustainability strategy, Act and Adapt, and taking action to address the Climate Emergency, including building our first Climate Emergency Plan, reducing the impact of our buildings and operations and supporting our community to take action, and identifying and delivering programs to minimise climate risk in Council operations and to the community.
- continuing our annual Greening Port Phillip Program and developing a new Urban Forest Strategy and Street Tree Planting Program in 2023/24
- Public Space Strategy projects moving into construction in 2023/24 in its second year, including Moubray Street Community Park and Graham Street Overpass Skatepark
- No debt, aside from some finance lease liabilities which remain as part of our financing strategy.

Investing in our Neighbourhoods

Young players kicking goals while participating in the One Ball program at Port Melbourne Soccer Club

Our Community Vision in Year 3 of our Council Plan remains the same: "Proudly Port Phillip: a liveable and vibrant City that enhances the wellbeing of our community".

We look forward to continue working with you towards achieving this 10-year vision for our City – and community.

Proudly Port Phillip,

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**Heather Cunsolo** Mayor City of Port Phillip



" Our vision for a liveable and vibrant City is at the heart of our 2023-24 Budget and Year 3 Council Plan."

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# Our City and our Councillors





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# **About the Plan**

Developing a Council Plan in partnership with our community is one of the most important tasks Council undertakes in its four-year term. The Local Government Act 2020 (LGA) requires councils to take an integrated approach to strategic planning and reporting.

This Council Plan ensures we have a responsible roadmap to play our part in achieving the vision our community has for Port Phillip and to enhance the health and wellbeing of our community. This Council Plan brings together our short, medium and long-term plans including the Revenue and Rating Plan, Long-Term Financial Plan, Enterprise Asset Management Plan annual Budget and incorporates the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan.

Having a clear understanding of our direction and goals is essential for delivering the best possible outcomes for our City and community, both now and in the long term.

This plan has been reviewed, updated, and improved for its third year. We are committed to regularly reporting on our progress towards achieving the Council indicators, initiatives, and our financial performance. We will also report on the overall health of the City through a set of City indicators. This plan will help us navigate the inevitable challenges that will arise over the next four years and beyond, including social, economic, political, technological and environmental issues. It also helps us take advantage of opportunities by ensuring we are resilient and agile.

The Council Plan is the roadmap for everything we do.

## Our reporting roadmap



Smoking ceremony, We-Akon Dilinja January 2023

Photography Chris Cassar

## How does the Council Plan help us fulfil our responsibilities?

This plan provides the foundation, directions, and strategies we need to fulfil the various functions required of councils under the LGA and other legislations.

Australia has three levels of government: federal, state, and local. Our level, local government, is responsible for planning and delivering a wide range of services for residents, businesses, and the local community.

In Victoria, the role of a council is to provide good governance for the benefit and wellbeing of its community. This includes engaging the community in strategic planning and decision-making.

All councils have the power to make and enforce local laws and collect revenue to fund their services and activities. We work in partnership with all levels of government, private and not-for-profit entities as well as our local communities to achieve improved outcomes for everyone.

This plan defines what you can expect from Council during the four-year term by identifying what we will provide, how we will work in partnership with other entities and what we will advocate for on behalf of our communities.

# Our commitment to social justice and equity

As a public authority, Council is bound by the Victorian Charter of **Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006** to ensure basic human rights are a priority for present and future governments. The Council Plan drives this commitment to ensure that the rights of all people are considered in a fair and equitable way.

Council recognises that the intersection between different types of inequality and discrimination can amplify disadvantage for particular people and will strive to address barriers for those experiencing marginalisation, discrimination, and disadvantage based on their circumstances, identities or other attributes.

Council's commitment to social justice ensures that all people:

- can have the opportunity to become involved in political and civic processes
- are treated with respect and in turn treat others with respect
- have access to resources and services they need.

# Our City and Plan

# How we've structured the Plan

Our Community Vision was shaped by input from our community in 2021 and reflects the aspirations its members have for our City over the next 10 years. Achieving this vision will require Council to undertake its responsibilities relative to the LGA (and other levels of government) to fulfil its responsibilities, and the community working together collaboratively to achieve these aims.

We have identified a range of **City indicators** that help us track progress against these aspirations. City indicators reflect our progress in achieving our aspirations. However, the progress towards these indicators depends on various external factors, including actions taken by other levels of government.

Each strategic direction identifies the specific outcomes (objectives) we want to achieve.

- **Strategies** set out what we will work towards in the next four years to achieve those objectives.
- **Council indicators** set out the performance measures we will use to track our progress and include a target range for each indicator.
- **City indicators** reflect our progress in achieving our aspirations. However, the progress towards these indicators depends on various external factors, including actions taken by other levels of government.
- **Initiatives** provide further detail, such as what Council will provide, facilitate and advocate for and who our partners will be.
- **Services** are the things we do that contribute to our Strategic Directions.

# Our Strategic Directions

Council will play its part in contributing to the Community Vision by delivering on five strategic directions for our City.

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## **Shaping the Plan**

The Council Plan 2021-31 continues to reflect the views of our community.

In line with the LGA, we developed our Council Plan through deliberative engagement practices as outlined in our Community Engagement Policy 2021. The policy defines deliberative engagement as a process that enables us to draw on collective wisdom and expert advice to work through issues and explore potential solutions together.

Year Three of the Council Plan focuses on delivering a large project program, continuing to roll-out new Food Organic and Garden Organic (FOGO) waste services and communal hubs, and a review of waste charges.

The updated Council Plan was developed in consultation with the Port Phillip community.

From 21 April 2023 until 18 May 2023, the community was asked to provide feedback on minor updates to this year's Council Plan, as well as on the indicators and performance measures, to ensure Council can report effectively on its initiatives. During this period, feedback was collected via an online survey as well as at a range of pop-up events around the City. Council Officers made themselves available at eight neighbourhoods around Port Phillip during the engagement period, using interactive activities to collect community ideas on the proposed Council Plan update. Written feedback was also received via email and residents were invited to speak at a Council Meeting.

A total of 271 community responses were received during the feedback period. This included 130 survey responses, 120 attendees at pop-up events and 21 emails. In addition, 30 residents spoke at the Council Meeting on 7 June 2023.

Feedback from this engagement program has been shared with Councillors to inform their own deliberations as part of the annual budget development and Council Plan review process. Community feedback has informed changes to this version of the Council Plan (Year 3).

Elwood Toy Library now offers members a sustainable way of travelling around our City through hire of this eCargo bike.

# Changes to this plan for Year 3 2023/24

Each year we undertake a review of our Council Plan to determine whether strategic directions, initiatives and indicators require adjustment.

We develop an annual Budget and Financial Plan, which includes detail on capital and operating programs. We also updated the 'our challenges' section of the plan, which provides the strategic context for how we operate.

# Our Budget for 2023/24

Budget 2023/24 contains several material changes since Budget 2022/23:

- An increase to general rates of 2.8 per cent, which is
   0.7 per cent lower than the rates cap of 3.5 per cent set by the Victorian Government and 1.7 per cent lower than forecast inflation (based on 4.5 per cent inflation for 12 months (June 2022 to June 2023). This is in recognition of the cost of living pressures that our community is facing, which is funded from favourable 2022/23 cash surplus.
- An increase in parking revenue of \$2.8 million based on the continued recovery from COVID-19 impacts including increased parking use.
- Accommodating other additional expenditure pressures including:
  - inflation projected at 4.5 per cent (1 per cent greater than rates cap of 3.5 per cent). Noting that there is still significant risk that inflation may rise above 4.5 per cent at June 2023.

- an increase in the Superannuation Guarantee charge to 11 per cent from 10.5 per cent
- provisional funding for Elwood Foreshore Facilities Stage 2 and 3.
- a significant increase to our project portfolio to make up for the reduced spending during COVID-19. This step is crucial to ensure the proper maintenance and care of our community assets, which are valued at \$3.6 billion.
- \$1.1 million of permanent efficiencies which partially offsets the expenditure increase.

In addition to the annual budget process, on 17 August 2022, Councillors endorsed the approach to conduct a detailed financial review to identify ongoing cost reduction options that would enable Council to adopt a rates increase at a level below the rates cap down to no rates increase in 2023/24. This was referred as the Cost Review 2022. On 15 February 2023, Councillors endorsed the recommendation for community consultation on the reduction of the Cultural Development Fund – projects stream (funding for individual artistic/creative projects) from \$187,000 to \$100,000 from the draft Budget 2023/24.

On 20 June 2023, following feedback received from the community consultation process, Councillors resolved that the Cultural Development Fund – projects stream would be reduced from \$187,000 to \$125,000. This represents an increase of \$25,000 from what was presented with the draft Budget 2023/24.

# **Fees and Charges**

In most cases, we are proposing to increase our fees and charges by 3.75 per cent for 2023/24. This approach is consistent with our financial strategy and community feedback, which supported increasing user charges for some services. There will be variances where minor rounding equates to larger or smaller percentages.

There are some exceptions where we believe a larger increase is fair and reasonable:

- Foreshore Parking Permit

   fee increased above
   Consumer Price Index (CPI)
   following benchmarking with other areas.
- St Kilda Esplanade Market fees - fee increased above CPI following benchmarking with similar markets.
- Foreshore area paid parking

   fee increase above CPI
   following benchmarking
   across similar and
   neighbouring Councils.
- Long day care fees increase by 4.6 per cent to reflect rising service costs, supported by industry benchmarking and addressing National Competition Policy requirements. Noting out of pocket costs to families will be lower than 2022/23.

Some fees were kept to 2022/23 levels or reduced to incentivise greater community usage. These include:

- St Kilda Road south of St Kilda Junction (commercial / retail) due to low use
- South Melbourne Market parking fees to remain at 2022/23 rates and are comparable to the surrounding area
- Hire fees for Port Melbourne Town Hall to encourage use.

There are some new fees in 2023/24 to help manage demand and prevent crosssubsidisation of services by ratepayers:

- Promotional fees for using foreshore areas
- Tree removal and replacement
- Paid parking South Melbourne East – North East of Kings Way (commercial)
- Paid parking new fee being introduced for all day parking on St Kilda Road – North of St Kilda Junction (commercial) per day.

## **Changes to Project Portfolio**

Projects and programs not previously identified in the Council Plan:

#### Liveable

#### Vibrant

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- Commercial Precincts
   Footpath upgrades (part of the Footpath Renewal Program) - \$500,000 p.a. program of renewals and upgrades of footpaths in and around high street areas to support trading and pedestrian foot traffic. The program will start with a consultation, design and minor beautification budget of \$100,000 in the first year.
- St Kilda Strategic Plan implementation – \$380,000 over four years to implement short-term recommendations of the plan focusing on actions that relate to strategic planning. \$100,000 has been included in 2023/24.
- Footpath Trading Guidelines review - \$80,000 to review and update Council's Footpath Trading Guidelines (2017) in line with the endorsement of the Outdoor Trading (dining) Policy in November 2022 and the new Local Law 2023.
- Elwood Foreshore Facilities Development Stage 2 and 3 – new stages have been added to ensure future funding is allocated to the works identified in the masterplan.

- South Melbourne Market Project Connect a \$17 million investment over 10 years to future-proof the market to ensure it continues to provide a safe, enjoyable and accessible experience for the whole community. The program will connect and align with the renewal and compliance program of works already underway at the market. This project will focus on improving the public space around the market to reduce congestion, improve visitor experience and provide increased connection with the precinct.
- Conservation of South African war memorial
   \$268,000 for the

conservation treatment of the memorial in Alfred Square, St Kilda. The memorial is protected under the Heritage Victoria Act 2017. \$92,000 has been included in 2023/24 for investigation and design.



Outdoor dining in the form of parklets and footpath trading contributes to the vibrancy of our streets, provides social connections and supports our hospitality businesses.

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# Major changes to existing projects and programs

#### Inclusive

- Children's Centres
   Improvement program –
   the total budget allocation
   increased from \$9.7 million
   to \$30 million. This reflects
   the Victorian Government
   funding of \$12.6 million
   and Council's increased
   contribution of \$18 million.
- Skinners Adventure Playground upgrades – construction has been rescheduled from 2024/25 to 2025/26, with the aim of aligning it with the year following the St Kilda Adventure Playground upgrade.
- Lagoon Reserve pavilion and sports field – the budget has been adjusted to match the staging of the sports field and pavilion works.
- Sports playing field upgrades

   the program has been reprioritised due to complex drainage requirements, resourcing capacity and the need to sequence the loss of sites. As a result, Peanut Farm Oval reconstruction has been moved to 2025/26.

#### Liveable

- Gasworks Arts Park reinstatement – the budget has been adjusted to match the staging of the park and playground works.
- St Kilda Promenade safety upgrade - the budget has been adjusted so construction works are done over the winter months.
- Property acquisitions

   (as part of the Public Space Strategy) - timing and costs updated for acquisitions in St Kilda East, Balaclava and South Melbourne.
- Road renewal program budget reduced by \$2.9 million in 2024/25 as the result of a revised cost estimate on a major road renewal project.
- Bike infrastructure delivery program – the timing of construction for the Inkerman Street Safe Travel Corridor was shifted to 2026/27 based on the latest plans.

#### Sustainable

- Catani Gardens irrigation
   upgrade project
   completion has been
   extended into 2024/25 and
   the total project budget
   increased by \$150,000 based
   on the latest cost estimates.
- Public toilet program the timing of the projects in this program have been reprioritised to focus on Edwards Park and Coles car park Balaclava in 2023/24.
- Stormwater harvesting schemes - project timing changed based on the delivery of the two proposed schemes. The overall program budget has been increased by \$500,000 based on early cost estimates.
- Act and Adapt Implementation Program

   an additional \$390,000
   across three years to deliver on the updated Act and
   Adapt Strategy actions that cannot be funded through existing programs within the portfolio.



#### Vibrant

- South Melbourne Town Hall renewal and upgrade

   the timing of the project has been revised with construction completion moved to 2024/25.
- Library Facilities
   Improvement program
   (previously St Kilda Library
   Redevelopment) –
   the project has been
   broadened to cover all
   library facilities and spread
   out over the life of the
   10-year plan. A library
   facilities improvement
   plan will guide the
   future expenditure. In
   the interim this will fund
   minor refurbishment and
   replacement of furniture.

#### Well Governed

 Building Renewal and Upgrade program and Building Safety and Accessibility program – both programs were reduced in 2024/25 to accommodate investment in other building projects in this year.

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## **Various Council updates**

#### **Updates to Council Indicators**

Council indicators provide a snapshot of our performance each year. They are reviewed annually to ensure our targets are realistic and aspirational. We also adjust any language that may be unclear and add any new measures that support our performance as a Council.

Since 2022/23, we have included the frequency in which each indicator can be measured to provide clarity over when we will be reporting on them. We report on indicators in the monthly CEO Report and the Annual Report. In 2023/24, updates have been made to a number of indicators to ensure the language and metric for each indicator is expressed correctly. In this Council Plan 2021-31 (Year 3) we added 46 indicators across all our Strategic Directions.



Below are 41 indicators from the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework (LGPRF) that should have been noted in the Council Plan 2021-31 (Year 2).

The 41 LGPRF indicators are as follows:

- 1. Adjusted underlying surplus (or deficit)
- 2. Animal management prosecution
- 3. Animals reclaimed
- 4. Animals re-homed
- 5. Average rate per property assessment
- 6. Cost of animal management service per population
- 7. Cost of elected representation
- 8. Cost of food safety service
- 9. Cost of kerbside bin collection service / bin
- 10. Cost of kerbside recyclables collection service
- 11. Cost of library service per population
- 12. Cost of sealed local road reconstruction
- 13. Cost of sealed local road resealing
- 14. Cost of statutory planning service
- 15. Cost of the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) service
- 16. Council decisions made at meetings closed to the public
- 17. Councillor attendance at council meetings
- 18. Critical and major non-compliance outcome notifications
- 19. Expenses per property assessment
- 20. Infrastructure per head of municipal population
- 21. Kerbside bin collection requests
- 22. Loans and borrowings compared to rates
- Loans and borrowings repayments compared to rates
- 24. Non-current liabilities compared to own source revenue
- 25. Own-source revenue per head of municipal population
- 26. Participation in four-week Key Age and Stage visit
- 27. Participation in Maternal and Child Health service by Aboriginal children

- 28. Physical library collection usage
- 29. Population density per length of road

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- 30. Rates compared to adjusted underlying revenue
- 31. Rates compared to property values
- 32. Recurrent grants per head of municipal population
- **33**. Relative socio-economic disadvantage
- 34. Satisfaction with community consultation and engagement
- 35. Satisfaction with sealed local roads
- 36. Satisfaction with Council decisions
- 37. Sealed local road requests
- 38. Staff turnover rate
- 39. Time taken to action food complaints
- 40. Time taken to decide planning applications
- 41. Unrestricted cash compared to current liabilities

The following five new indicators are added to better demonstrate our department's delivery of the Council Plan:

- 42. Percentage of investment in fossil-free institutions
- 43. Street cleaning audit compliance
- 44. Number of Council Plan initiatives on track
- 45. Percentage of audit actions completed on time
- 46. Proportion of projects on track

We removed the below indicator, 'Council decisions made at meetings closed to the public as it results in similar outcomes:

• Council decisions made at meetings open to the public.

## **Updates to Strategic Direction initiatives and services**

In Year 3 of this Plan, we reviewed the key initiatives and services that will achieve our strategic directions. We identified transformational 'Strategic Priorities', 'Major Initiatives' (or step change initiatives) and services that are our fundamental 'Core Service Delivery'. This helps us to better focus, track and report on our priority deliverables.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES	<b>Council's top 'transformational' priorities</b> – a significant and enduring positive impact, long- term focus, significant resources, focus, change in operations and high political and broad community interest. (eg. Waste Transformation)
MAJOR INITIATIVES	<b>Key 'step change' initiatives</b> – a significant change or improvement in service delivery, strategic thinking, or infrastructure, short- to medium-term focus of 1 to 3 years. (eg. Aged Care Reform Response, Lagoon Reserve upgrade and Dog Off-leash Guidelines)
CORE SERVICE DELIVERY*	<b>The 'bedrock'</b> – services and initiatives that we provide to our community or to our organisation. Focus is on efficiency, effectiveness, and continuous improvement of business as usual activities.

\* Core Service Delivery includes continuous improvement, service profiles and planning, service reviews, policy and strategy reviews / updates.

We have also added progress statuses to each initiative in this Plan to identify initiatives that are in progress, completed or transitioned into Council's ongoing service delivery.

## Updates to Council Plan Volume 3 service profiles

• We have made minor adjustments to the profiles that describe what we do in each service. This includes updating the names of activities to reflect our organisational structure and the descriptions of what we do to align better with our Strategic Directions. Projects and budgets under each service have been updated to reflect any changes listed above.

### Health and Wellbeing Updates

• The Health and Wellbeing Plan has no material changes.

## Data and Statistics

- Data in relation to our population and their social and economic profiles are sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics Census 2021 results (Port Phillip 2021 Census Community Profile).
- Statistics relating to the delivery of our services have been updated to include results from the City of Port Phillip Annual Report 2021/22.



# Our City and our people

Our City's population is diverse. Port Phillip is home to people from over 108 birthplaces, with our residents speaking an impressive 77 different languages.

Port Phillip has a proud history of inclusion and everyone is welcome here. Multiculturalism is an integral part of our City's history and success, with Station Pier being the first landfall in Australia for many new arrivals. One in three Port Phillip residents were born overseas and this cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths.

While there is no typical resident, over half are aged 18 to 49 years. It is likely our community will continue to feature many people aged 18 to 49 years. However, the largest growth is expected to be in those aged over 60, suggesting many residents will retire and age within our community. Two in five households live alone and there is a high proportion of renters (49 per cent). Our food and accommodation industry employs 7,039 people and generates \$878 million in revenue (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2021). Other major employment sectors contributing to the local economy include professional, scientific and technical services, health care and social assistance, construction, financial and insurance services and retail.

Our residents are generally highly educated, physically active, and tend to self-report their health as good. Over a third of households have a total gross weekly income of more than \$3,000, and we expect more young families and young professionals will be making their way to our City.

Several pockets of disadvantage exist, and vulnerable members of our community are experiencing mental health issues, substance abuse, childhood developmental difficulties, homelessness and unemployment. Building a safer and active community with strong social connections where people feel safer and welcome and have access to affordable housing, and the information and services they need to support their health and wellbeing, are key to supporting the community we serve. We must achieve this as we navigate the recovery phase of the COVID-19 pandemic.

While we are tackling several challenges that already existed before the pandemic, they have been amplified by the significant financial and social disruption.

Despite this historic disruption, it is an exciting time in our City's history as we work with our community to create a liveable and vibrant city that enhances the wellbeing of our community.

## Port Phillip at a glance

\$878 m Accommodation and

food services sector

7,039 Supporting jobs for Port

Supporting jobs for Port Phillip and Greater Melbourne residents

60+

Age of the largest population growth

**Financial strategy** 

Investing in our Neighbourhoods

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# The shape of our City



Forecast population by 2041

138<sup>k</sup>

Forecast population by 2031

103k Current population of Port Phillip \* 44%

Residents aged 35 to 64 years

28%

Residents aged 20 to 34 years

15%

Residents aged 0 to 19 years

14%

Residents aged 65 years or more 4]%

Single person household

25%

Couple without children household

2]%

Families with children household

6%

Group household

6% Other household 33%

Born overseas

6%

Born in the United Kingdom

3%

Born in New Zealand

2%

Born in India

\* Source: ERP Census 2021 Source: ABS Census 2021 unless otherwise indicated



Speak a language other than English at home

Households who own one or more cars

Residents who rent their home



Residents who own their own home

%

Residents who live in social or public housing

Residents with

a weekly household income of greater than \$3,000 gross

at home

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Speak Greek at home

% Speak Mandarin

at home

**)**% Speak Spanish at home



# Health and wellbeing in our community

There will always be differences in health status in our community as some people face greater barriers than others.

Local government is well positioned to directly influence vital factors such as transport and land use planning, housing. We also work to protect our natural environment, mitigate the impacts of climate change and foster local connections, social development, and safety.

To optimise the highest level of health for our community, we focus on equity, provide services and assets, partner with others and advocate for change.

To help us do this, we monitor health and wellbeing needs in our City through a series of health profiles. This, together with community consultation, informs our Strategic Directions. This plan recognises that health is influenced by individual factors and social and community supports as well as broader socioeconomic, cultural and environmental conditions. The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately impacted households facing disadvantage and social isolation.

There is considerable evidence that these factors, also known as 'the social determinants of health', directly and indirectly influence the health of our community.

# Determinants of health in the City of Port Phillip

## Health and wellbeing outcomes

Improving health status by increasing life expectancy and self-rated health, and reducing injury, mortality and morbidity rates



## Understanding our health and wellbeing

A series of profiles give us a greater understanding of the health and wellbeing needs and issues facing our community and help to incorporate equity into everything we do. Each health profile includes analysis of quantitative data and evidence-based literature to better understand health trends. These profiles are updated regularly and can be viewed on the Health and wellbeing page of our website.

## How our Strategic Directions promote health and wellbeing

Our five Strategic Directions – Inclusive, Liveable, Sustainable, Vibrant, and Well-Governed – go to the heart of the health and wellbeing outcomes we aspire to achieve for our community.

#### Inclusive

Port Phillip health and wellbeing outcomes

Inclusive communities enable improved health and wellbeing outcomes for all members of our community by working to address inequities and valuing diversity. While many people in our community are experiencing positive health and wellbeing, there are groups that are at risk of being left behind.

#### Liveable

Port Phillip health and wellbeing outcomes

Liveable environments create a foundation for good health and wellbeing for everyone. This includes well-designed places that have safer access to quality open space, amenities and services. Active transport options that support health-promoting behaviours, increase social interaction and reduce negative environmental impacts such as heat and air quality also contribute to the liveable environment. While there are many healthpromoting elements to our environment, increasing densification requires continual focus.

#### **Sustainable**

Port Phillip health and wellbeing outcomes

We are already experiencing the negative impacts of climate change. Climate change and environmental imbalances have a range of impacts on physical and mental health. They also have consequences for health inequalities. This is particularly important for disproportionately affected groups such as older people, children, pregnant women, people with a chronic disease, and low-income households.



#### Vibrant

Port Phillip health and wellbeing outcomes

Vibrant communities support and value innovation and enable access to employment, education, and learning opportunities. This helps strengthen health and wellbeing at both the individual and community levels. Our community values creativity and many of its members have access to opportunities that help them thrive. Our local economy, however, has been impacted by the pandemic and some people in our community are experiencing barriers to participation - in some cases for the first time.

#### Well-Governed Port Phillip health and wellbeing outcomes

Trust and confidence in government and participation in community life are associated with improving health and wellbeing.

# How our Council Plan responds to the Victorian Health and Wellbeing Plan

To create a stronger, coordinated approach to	Victorian priorities that are a focus of this Plan	
health and wellbeing, we carefully considered the Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2019-23 when developing this plan.	Tackling climate change and its impact on health	This is a priority for Council as we work to adapt to a future with more extreme weather events, the heat island effects related to density, and sea-level rise.
The plan articulates 10 priority areas and how to monitor progress against the Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Outcomes framework. Many activities undertaken by Council reflect outcomes being sought under this plan.	Preventing all forms of violence	While family violence rates in our City are lower than the Victorian average, rates have increased over the past five years and we have heard our community is concerned about feeling safe.
	Reducing harmful alcohol and drug use	Harms associated with drugs and alcohol are of concern in our municipality, so we will work with partners to address drivers of these harms including access to housing and social support and mental wellbeing.
	Improving mental wellbeing	Our plan recognises the importance of mental wellbeing on overall health. Council's universal services include facilities and targeted programs which engage our most vulnerable members. This can be beneficial in the early identification and creation of social connections that can reduce the impact of mental ill-health.
	Increasing active living	While our residents are more likely to participate in physical activity than their Victorian counterparts, encouraging more forms of active transport and ensuring everyone has opportunities to participate in physical activity is a key role of local government.

Celebrating International Day of People with Disability at St Kilda Library with a performance by Fog Theatre. **Community Vision** 

Proudly Port Phillip: A liveable and vibrant City that enhances the wellbeing of our comunity
# In the 10-year timespan of this Plan, we aim to exceed our community vision described in the subsequent statements.

We recognise the legacy of the Traditional Owners of the land and acknowledge the foresight of others who have come before us.

We celebrate Port Phillip as a city of many distinct places, connected by the common threads of safety, inclusion, and wellbeing so everyone can live their best life.

Social cohesion - forged from understanding, celebrating and listening to the diverse cultures in our City - is a foundation for this success.

We have a well-designed and planned city where the heritage and character of the built form is enhanced and protected.

We are renowned as a cultural hub, from live music to our creative industries. This creativity drives music, exhibitions, and events which delight residents and encourage visitors to keep returning.

Our more diverse local economy enjoys greater protection from financial shocks and new investment and industries within our City are generating jobs and prosperity.

We have a range of accessible and active transport choices that make it easy for everyone to move around our City. Visiting lively shopping and dining destinations or accessing public transport is all possible within a 10 to 15 minute walk from our neighbourhoods. Our health and wellbeing are enriched by having quality public spaces close to home. We can visit these spaces easily to enjoy quiet moments or more active pursuits with our friends and families.

The beauty and biodiversity of our coastal, bay, park, waterway, and inland environments are protected and enhanced for future generations to enjoy. We have played our part in promoting and addressing environmental sustainability, from tackling climate change, emissions, and sea-level rise to minimising flooding risks.

We are proud that our participation in civic life means Port Phillip has retained its unique character and heritage while being admired as a creative hub that continues to evolve and innovate. We know our voice is heard and helps deliver meaningful outcomes.

We have a local council that strives to deliver services in the most efficient, transparent, and equitable way. Our Council provides strong financial stewardship, is responsible, and works hard to balance meeting community expectations and diversifying revenue streams with minimising costs for our community.

This is the minimum we hope for our community in 10 years' time – we hope to achieve much more.

This is our legacy for generations to come.

# **City indicators**

### Understanding our indicators

City indicators are indicators of the City's progress against our aspirations. Progress against these indicators is dependent on a range of factors external to Council including actions from other levels of Government.

The latest results for each of these indicators will be included in the final Council Plan (where not yet included).

### Inclusive **Port Phillip**



A place for all members of our community, where people feel supported and comfortable being themselves and expressing their identities.

Indicator		2020/21	2021/22
Proportion of residents satisfied with sport and recreation facilities		Not available <sup>1</sup>	67%
Proportion of residents satisfied with their life	•	72 %	71%
Proportion of lifetime prevalence of depression and anxiety	•	27 %	55%
Proportion of residents who agree Port Phillip is a welcoming and supportive community for everyone	•	77 %	74%
Number of people experiencing homelessness on the Port Phillip By Name List <sup>2</sup>	•	101	155 <sup>3</sup>
Number of people actively sleeping rough <sup>4</sup>	•	24	69
Proportion of adults who meet physical activity guidelines	•	Not available	Not available
Social housing as a proportion of total housing stock	•	6.5%	Not available
Proportion of residents who consider the relationship with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to be very important	•	Not available	Externally sourced data to be updated when available
Frequency:			



### Liveable Port Phillip



A great place to live, where our community has access to high quality public spaces, development and growth are well managed, and it is safer and easy to connect and travel within.

Indicator		2020/21	2021/22
Proportion of residents who agree the local area is vibrant, accessible and engaging	•	85 %	83%
Proportion of residents who are proud of, connected to and enjoy living in their neighbourhood	•	88 %	90%
Proportion of residents who feel a sense of safety and security in Port Phillip	•	68 %	71%
Proportion of residents living within short, easy and safe walking distance of public open space. That is, without having to cross major roads or other physical barriers such as railways or waterways	•	85 %	85%
Number of fatal, serious or non-serious transport related crashes	•	85	To be updated when available*

\* VicRoads Crash Stats data to be updated when available. Frequency:

• Annually

### Sustainable Port Phillip



A sustainable future where our environmentally aware and active community benefits from living in a bayside city that is greener, cooler, cleaner and climate resilient.

Indicator	2020/21	2021/22
Waste sent to landfill per household (kg)	316.46	272.89
Community mains water use per account (kL)	87	86
Proportion of beach water quality samples at acceptable EPA levels	82 %	91%
Average reduction of carbon emissions and potable water use identified in planning applications (beyond minimum requirements)	44.50 %	49%
Capacity of solar panels installed on buildings in Port Phillip (kW)	10,982	11,456
Community emissions gross (tCO2-e)	1,279,000*	Data unavailable

\* Corrected the 2020/21 data of 1,519,000 (noted in the Annual Report 2021/22) to 1,279,000. Data source Port Phillip, VIC : Snapshot (snapshotclimate.com.au)

Frequency:

Annually

### Vibrant Port Phillip



A flourishing economy where our community and local business thrive, and we maintain and enhance our reputation as one of Melbourne's cultural and creative hubs.

Indicator	2020/21	2021/22
Proportion of residents who agree Port Phillip has a culture of creativity	70 %	71 %
Gross local product of the municipality (\$m)	11,655	14,983
Proportion of residents who are unemployed	5.60 %	4.40%
Number of people employed by businesses within the municipality	97,306	97,262 <sup>5</sup>
High street retail vacancies (average % across the high streets) <sup>6</sup>	7 %	7 %
Frequency:		
Quarterly	Biannually	

### Well-Governed Port Phillip



A leading local government authority where our community and our organisation are in a better place as a result of our collective efforts.

Indicator		2020/21	2021/22
Proportion of eligible community members voting in Council elections	•	Not Required	Not Required

Frequency:

• 4 years

- 1 This question was not included in the 2020/21 Community Satisfaction Survey.
- 2 The number of people on the By Name List who are sleeping outdoors, in parks or in cars.
- 3 During the COVID Pandemic Homelessness to a Home (H2H) response, the Victorian Government funded as many people as possible to be supported in Emergency Accommodation hotels to reduce the numbers of people sleeping rough. Outreach services and agencies were also operating in reduced COVID safe capacity.
- 4 Number of people known to Council or agencies who are or have been sleeping rough in the City and have not yet found permanent housing. They may be in emergency accommodation, hotels, short-term housing or actively sleeping rough.
- 5 Employment information as available from economy.id, .id (informed decisions) updated for the year from the previous financial year (ending June 2021).
- 6 This represents local employment, which is number of jobs that exist in the municipality, not the rate of employment within.

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City of Port Phillip commissioned RMIT University's Future Play Lab to design and implement Clarendon Street Arcade. An activation of arcade cabinets loaded with original games designed in collaboration with local artists, gamemakers, academics, students and First Nations People.

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# Our challenges

Since Councils adoption of the Council Plan 2021-31 and Budget 2021/22, our community has changed the way we live, work and move around during and post the COVID-19 pandemic.

A new sense of localism in our community and shift to active transport were some of the positive changes made by our community. The significant economic impact of the pandemic on many of our businesses remains a key challenge.

Our Council Plan addresses our known challenges while also tackling longterm issues affecting our Council and community, from waste management to climate change.

# Our City and Plan

# **Community Visior** and influences

### Our long-term challenges

We are addressing these eight key long-term challenges to help achieve the Community Vision for Port Phillip - a liveable and vibrant City that enhances the wellbeing of our community.

### A City of economic and social contrasts



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The health and financial wellbeing disparities in our diverse community have been exacerbated recently. The relationship between Council and community agencies is critical to supporting those in need.

### Changing customer expectations and needs

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Our customers expect high-quality, efficient services and to be able to easily engage with us. To meet these expectations, we must keep innovating and improving how we communicate and deliver services.

### **Government**, legislative and technology changes

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Financial demands on all levels of government have increased due to the pandemic. We must manage this impact while ensuring we follow legislative changes and continue investing to counter technological threats such as cybercrime.

### Climate change and the environment





Our City is already experiencing the impact of climate change. We must continue efforts to mitigate the effects on our community and Council assets with actions including reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting sustainability.

### The strength and diversity of our local economy



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Many local businesses, including those in hospitality and the arts, have been hardhit by the pandemic. Initiatives including supporting local traders and leveraging our strength in creative industries will be crucial to rebuilding our local economy.

### **Getting around our** dense inner City

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Ours is the most densely populated municipality in Victoria, making transport, parking and mobility critical issues in Port Phillip. Our transport planning and advocacy must assist everyone to safely and easily move around and through our City.

### Future-proofing our growing City

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More people calling Port Phillip home means we must plan ahead for increased demand for everything from open space to waste collection.





Increasing household waste - and the cost of managing it rising faster than the rates cap - is one of our biggest challenges. Introducing new waste services, technology, and innovation are among the tools we must use to achieve the best possible outcomes for our community.

### A City of economic and social contrasts

While there are generally high levels of advantage and favourable incident outcomes in Port Phillip, extreme disadvantage and poorer health outcomes exist in some of our neighbourhoods. For some people, necessities such as housing and food security are out of reach without support. The COVID-19 pandemic and increases in living costs due to inflation and interest rate rises, has exacerbated disadvantage and created challenges for others, who until recently had been doing relatively well.

The timeframe for economic recovery is likely to occur at different speeds across different sectors of our economy, with some sectors recovering faster than others, and other sectors continuing to be constrained by rising costs and uncertain supply chains. Consequently, the social, health, and wellbeing impacts on our community will likely be felt well into the next decade.

The proportion of jobseekers in the City of Port Phillip declined from 4.2 per cent in November 2021 to 3 per cent in November 2022 and is below Victoria (4.2 per cent) and Greater Melbourne (3.6 per cent). It is highest in St Kilda (3.9 per cent) and South Melbourne (3.9 per cent) and lowest in Albert Park (1.4 per cent) and Elwood (2.5 per cent).

Rates of reported family violence incidents increased each year from 2017 to 2021. These rates stabilised in 2022 and remain proportionally lower than the Victorian rate. Homelessness is not a new problem and continues to be a major concern. Both rental and mortgage stress is increasing, due to interest rate rises, low vacancy rates and rent increases. While men are more likely to be homeless, older women are the fastest growing group at risk of homelessness. Importantly, we know what solutions work. Providing longerterm accommodation with integrated support services - such as the proposed new Common Ground service in St Kilda - continues to require a collective effort across government, the private and not-for profit sectors, as well as our community.

Working with others continues to be important. The number of people 'actively homeless' in our city has reduced by 40 per cent (from a peak of 129 January 2019 to 80 in November 2022) supported by the 'Port Phillip Zero' initiative. Our well-established network of community agencies continues to rise to the challenge of offering support and comfort to those in need. This relationship between Council and local community support services is critical.

## Financial stress in 2022/23

3%

Decline in the proportion of jobseekers

- November 2021 to November 2022

-40%

Reduction of 'actively homeless' people in our City

- from a peak of 129 in January 2019 to 80 in November 2022

### Older women

Fastest growing group at risk of homelessness

Our ability to encourage and achieve greater connectivity and collaboration among neighbours and local communities will be a tremendous asset. Our proud history and reputation as a municipality that values care and compassion will stand us in great stead as we tackle the most significant social and economic challenge of recent times.

# Changing customer expectations and needs

103,508 people live in Port Phillip<sup>\*</sup>, with 14 per cent of these residents aged over 65 and 43 per cent 'digital natives' under 35 years of age<sup>^</sup>.

We have 8,746 school aged children and 514 people who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. A third of our residents were born overseas, with 22 per cent arriving in Australia within the five years of 2017 to 2021. 21 per cent speak a language other than English and five per cent have difficulty speaking English<sup>^</sup>.

Approximately 49 per cent of residents are renters. Singles and couples make up 12 per cent and 85 per cent of all households respectively<sup>^</sup>.

While there is no 'typical' resident or customer in our City, we do know that people expect high quality, efficient public services, and meaningful opportunities to communicate and engage with Council. There are also increasing expectations around transparency of information and our decision-making processes. This means we need to keep improving and innovating how we communicate and deliver our services. Whether it is efficiently answering a customer service query or providing engaging and informative content on our websites and social media channels, technology is a vital part of this service provision.

When looking at providing more relevant and targeted online services, we need to be mindful of not creating a 'digital divide' that disadvantages those with less access to (or knowledge of) technology and provide a range of ways for customers to interact with us.

We have invested in systems through our Customer Experience Program, to improve the customer experience and achieve efficiencies. We now need continued focus on cultural change and simplification of business processes, rules, and policy with customers at the centre. We have a sector-leading platform to enable this. Improvements are being delivered continuously (such as reduced system processing time and online hard waste bookings).

# Our population 103 k

People live in Port Phillip

514

Identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

1/3 Residents born overseas

49%

Live in rental accommodation

21%

Speak a language other than English

^ Source: 2021 Census Community Profiles

# Government, legislative and technology changes

All Victorian councils continue to operate in a complex legislative and policy environment that includes many Acts of Parliament and Regulations. The LGA has been reviewed and reformed and we are implementing key requirements of this new Act over several years.

Recent changes to the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework (LGPRF), resulting from the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Amendment Regulations 2022 will also impact on how Council is required to report on its performance starting in 2023/24.

We must also embed several other significant legislative obligations. It is critical these actions are prioritised to provide a safer city for our community, a safer working environment for staff, volunteers and contractors and meet legislative obligations.

The importance of government and community services have remained front and centre as we continue to recover from the impact of the pandemic. Some services at all levels of government have continued to be under considerable strain and governments have provided significant support relative to their role to help stabilise and stimulate economic development and community health and wellbeing.

These financial demands on all levels of government will continue as communities around Australia continue work to recover. This continued demand is likely to impact local government. Communities may look to councils to fill any gaps created by a reduction or changed services by other tiers of government. This could result in continued or increased cost-shifting by other levels of government, exacerbating what has already been occurring for many years.

Cyber security including identity theft and other related issues continue to be a challenge. While Council has a good security position, it will be imperative that we continue investing to address new and emerging threats. Protecting data and privacy will be a high on agenda.

### Technology opportunities

There are significant opportunities for Council to increase the use of technology across its many services to improve the experience of our community and improve efficiencies of Council operations, building on the work to date through our investment through the Customer Experience Program.

We will leverage existing investments to improve selfservice by

- providing actionable data insights for enhancing community engagement.
- Reducing operational expenses with amount of data centres to cloud infrastructure.

We will also continue to invest in cyber resilience and protect our digital assets.

### Climate change and the environment

Climate change is already impacting our lives. With more extreme and frequent storms, decreased rainfall and higher temperatures, taking action to prepare our community for a changing climate is crucial.

Since 1910, we have already seen the temperature has increased by 1 degree, rainfall has decreased and sea-levels have risen 8-20 cm<sup>\*</sup>.

### **IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE**

### Port Phillip is already experiencing the impacts of climate change

### Since 1910 globally<sup>7</sup>



### In 2019

Australia's hottest year on record 1.52°C Above the long-term average



Australia's driest year on record

Since 1966 in Melbourne

Less rain than the long-term average

### Looking ahead: climate change projections

### By 2050<sup>1</sup>



Temperature increase and double the number of hot days. This may lead to health impacts, fire risks and heat-related deaths.

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weather

Extreme

More extreme storms and intense downpours with declining winter rainfall.

This may lead to property and infrastructure damage, biodiversity loss, water shortages, disruption to services and safety issues.



Increase by around 24 centimetres. This may lead to property damage, erosion, loss of open space and safety issues.

City of Port Phillip declared a Climate Emergency in 2019. We are reducing our own greenhouse gas emissions and preparing our City and community for a changing environment. This requires investment in our buildings, infrastructure and transport assets. We are changing how we deliver our services and we continue to work with our community and partners to mitigate and adapt to climate change. Residents and businesses are encouraged to take meaningful action to reduce their emissions and prepare for a changing climate.

- \* Source: Victoria's Climate Science Report 2019.
- 7 Victoria's Climate Science Report 2019.

### Council activities that address the climate emergency

The table below captures how Council is responding to the climate emergency over 2023/24. Activities will be reviewed as part of the annual budget review to ensure we keep delivering on our commitment to a sustainable future.

Key Themes	Initiative Fund	ding 2023/24	Source
	Embed sustainability in Council projects, services and programs		
	Measure and communicate Council's annual energy use, emissions, and water use	\$13k	
Leadership	Advocate to Victorian and Australian Governments for investment and action		•
	Maintain a cross-organisational steering committee to provide governance and accountability to Council's sustainability outcomes		
	Implementation of the updated Council's Act and Adapt Strategy	\$200k	ſ
	Develop and commence implementation of a Sustainability Strategy for South Melbourne Market	\$75k	ſ
Climate	Commence development of a Coastal Adaptation Strategy and Marine and Coastal Plan, and use Coastal Hazard information to plan for the future of our foreshore	\$180k	•
adaptation	Plan to make Council's assets more resilient to climate change	\$15.6k	
	Work with the Victorian Government and others to plan for a climate resilient future for Fishermans Bend		
	Construct a leading example of environmentally sustainable design for the EcoCentre facility (Victorian Government funding of 50 per cent has been secured)	\$6.008m	
	Partner with and provide operational funding to the EcoCentre to deliver sustainability education programs and events	\$322k including CPI increase	
Community programs	Partner with other inner Melbourne councils to explore initiatives to facilitate greater access to renewable energy options for residents and businesses, including green power and community batteries	\$10k	
	Engage with businesses to support sustainability outcomes, including reducing emissions, energy, water and waste	\$12.5k	
	Provide information to the community on climate change and environmental sustainability matters	\$12.5k	

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**Operating** - Expenditure for one-off projects that relate to the provision of goods and services.

**Capital** - Expenditure for renewal, expansion and upgrade projects related to Council's property and assets.

Key Themes	Initiative	Funding 2023/24	Source
Energy efficiency and	Upgrade Council buildings to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and utility bills	\$631k	•
	Replace approximately 1,800 old and inefficient streetlights (2021-23)	\$1.057m	٠
emissions reductions	Reduce emissions from Council fleet, including purchasing electric and hybrid vehicles		•
	Reduce emissions from events and Council services		٠
Greening	Enhance urban forests as identified in Greening Port Phillip and Act and Adapt Strategies and Street tree planting program 2017-2022	\$640k	•
	Continue update of the Greening Port Phillip Strategy 2010	\$100k	•
	Deliver a program of work to encourage community uptake of electric vehicles and work with partners to investigate community battery storage options	\$50k	•
	Support schools to encourage active transport, and the community to run projects to encourage bike riding	\$40k	٠
	Install more bike parking facilities in our streets	\$20k	٠
Transport	Collect walking, bike riding and traffic data to support planning and investment	\$70k	٠
	Work with car share companies to install new car share spaces across the City and review Council's Car Share Policy		•
	Continue design of the Inkerman Safe Travel Corridor and the Park Street Streetscape Improvement project	\$105k	٠
	Complete designs of three pedestrian operated signals and construct a pedestrian safety and access project	\$165k	٠
	Deliver ongoing program of works to renew and upgrade Council's stormwater assets	\$990k	٠
Water Management and Flood	Commence design of stormwater harvesting projects	\$127k	٠
	Design and deliver best practice water sensitive urban design including raingardens	\$855k	٠
Mitigation	Continue Elster Creek Catchment Partnership and contribute to Elsternwick Park Nature Reserve		•
	Develop permeability requirements for new developments	\$50k	•

Key Themes	Initiative	Funding 2023/24	Source
	Complete municipal waste audits	\$200k	•
	Implement new waste services	\$975k	•
Waste and circular	Waste strategy advocacy and transition planning, waste service audits and waste management plan reviews	\$484k	٠
economy	Continue to deliver waste management services, including kerbside recycling, garbage, food organics and garden organics (FOGO) and glass, communal glass and FOGO, Resource Recovery Centre, public litter bin collection and activity centre cardboard collection	\$17.986m	•
Sustainable	Work with other councils to update Environmentally Sustainable Development requirements for new developments		•
development	Provide Environmentally Sustainable Development planning assessments and advice	\$15k	•

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**Our City and Plan** 



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### The strength and diversity of our local economy

Our bayside municipality has continued to be impacted by the pandemic-related loss of international visitors, both in terms of tourism as well as there being a smaller pool of staff for hire.

Council rolled out a second annual visitation campaian over the summer months called 'Come Southside'. This campaign used radio, outdoor and digital channels to encourage people from across Melbourne to 'eat, play, explore and shop' in Port Phillip. The St Kilda Festival expanded to a two-day event across St Kilda with a robust program of daytime and evening events to boost visitation and economic spend. The St Kilda Film Festival has also returned to its pre-COVID physical format.

Port Phillip's creative and cultural industries continue to go from strength to strength with the Palais and Espy regularly pumping, another vibrant Pride March taking place, and many live music events both indoors and out. Filming also remains strong with several commercials, television programs and feature films filmed around the municipality.

Our hospitality sector continues to be hampered by considerable staffing shortages and Council continues to support hospitality with outdoor dining opportunities ranging from parklets and foreshore trade extensions to laneway closures as appropriate with a new Outdoor Trading Policy endorsed in 2022.



### Council activities that contribute towards addressing the economic challenges

The table below captures how Council is responding to the economic challenges. Activities will be reviewed as part of the annual budget review to ensure we keep delivering on our commitment for an economically prosperous Port Phillip.

Key Themes	Initiative	Funding 2023/24	Source
	Prosperous Port Phillip – Business Advisory Group (comprises business owners and community leaders from across the municipality)		•
	Advocacy to Victorian and Australian Governments for investment and action		•
	Cross-organisational project team providing governance to Council's economic and cultural outcomes		٠
Leadership	Seeking to pay suppliers - particularly small business - in the shortest possible timeframe		٠
	Promotion and marketing of local businesses, attractions, and events through Council communication channels as well as tourism campaigns as agreed		•
	Business concierge to support businesses to access Council services and services from other levels of government		•
	Summer Management Program keeping our foreshore safe and welcoming	\$763k	•
	Additional Rates Hardship Assistance - ability to defer or enter a payment plan for rates.		•
Rates and rents	Rates reduction below the rates cap of 3.5 per cent in recognition of cost-of-living pressures our community are facing. Noting, the accumulated impact over 10 years is \$11 million less in rates collected	\$900k	•
	Additional funding for the Early Education Grants Program to support vulnerable families not eligible for Commonwealth Childcare subsidy to access additional days of childcare	\$50k	•

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Key Themes	Initiative	Funding 2023/24 Sou	rce
	Homelessness and housing affordability	\$2.965m	••
Housing and homelessness	Extension of the funding for a dedicated assertive outreach service for rough sleepers for a further two years. This role is critical to supporting Port Phillip Zero and community safety and amenity.	\$110k	•
	Additional one-off food support funding. This is to respond to the greater demand for food relief to enable the purchase of additional food.	\$40k	•
Activation	Public space activation program - longer-term public space activations that support businesses to survive and thrive	<b>4</b> 1001	•
Addividion	Love My Place Grants Work to provide direction on a longer-term approach to parklets and alternate uses of public space	\$100k	•
	Investment in enhanced cleaning for activity centres	\$283k	•
	Ensuring traders can prosper and succeed via support programs and incorporated shop local campaigns • Carlisle Street Retail Action • Tourism Campaign	\$150k \$200k	•
Activity centres	Council produced events - such as St Kilda Festival and St Kilda Film Festival - designed to maximise opportunities for local creatives and traders while bringing local, interstate and international tourists to our City	\$2,889m	•
	Management of special rates for local business groups in our high street activity areas (staff time not included)	\$41k	•
	Creative and Prosperous City Strategy – Live Music Action Plan, Games Action Plan, art collection, memorial conservation	\$272k	•
	Cultural Development Fund Projects Grants	\$125k	•
Arts, culture and creativity	Attracting world class events across sport, music, performing arts, and food and wine to draw visitors to Port Phillip and bring subsequent economic benefit to our traders and local businesses		•
	Continuing to explore innovative public space activation opportunities where the community can gather, experience and connect		•
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Key Themes	Initiative	Funding 2023/24	Source
	Renewal works - annual rolling program of asset renewal works comprising multiple projects related to safety, essential services, disability access and renewal of ageing infrastructure.	\$200k	•
	Stall changeover refits - annual program of base build requirements and stall fit-out works required when stalls change tenants.	\$225k	•
South Melbourne Market	Project Connect - \$17 million investment over 10 years to upgrade and futureproof the market ensuring it continues to provide a safe, enjoyable and accessible experience for the whole community.	\$250k	•
	Cecil Street Essential Services - essential services at the Cecil Street outdoor cooking stations for compliance, safety and increased capacity.	\$359k	•
	Compliance works - a 10-year program of compliance works identified in the 2018-19 Compliance audit to ensure the market is compliant to the building code.	\$826k	•
	Customer Transformation and Clever Council Programs – making it easier and better for businesses to work with Council, including online digital services for planning and building	\$2,400m+	•
	Council's large capital program (\$65 million to \$75 million eac for next four years) – stimulating the local economy, including limited to:		
Support through other	<ul> <li>high quality and unique parks, open spaces and foreshore a (approx. \$95 million over the next four years)</li> </ul>	areas	
initiatives	<ul> <li>library services - to promote learning, social engagement and community connectiveness (approximately \$11 million over the next ten years)</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>maintenance of Council assets and property (~\$20 million each year for next four years)</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Transport and parking projects, improving the way people r around our City, including Implementation of Move, Connec Integrated Transport Strategy 2018-28.</li> </ul>		

### Getting around our dense inner City

The City of Port Phillip is the most densely populated municipality in Victoria, with the current density equating to 5,029 persons per square kilometre<sup>\*</sup>. Our 265 kilometres of roads, 59 km network of bike lanes and paths and 414 km of footpaths are feeling the pressure. The transport sector is the third largest and fastest growing source of greenhouse gas emissions in Australia. Cars are responsible for roughly half of Australia's transport emissions.

Our population decreased temporarily during COVID-19 pandemic. However, growth has resumed, and our population is forecast to increase by 62 per cent compared to 2021 to 167,363 by 2041.

COVID-19 disrupted the way people live, work and move around Melbourne, including a greater number of people working from home. While initially regulated by government, many people are now interested in working from home in the longer term, either full-time or several days a week. This shift will impact the use of road networks, forms of transport, and residential parking requirements with more work occurring in suburbs and less in the CBD. COVID-19 hasn't reduced the number of trips that are being taken. However, it has changed the time, the way and the reasons for travel.

Working from home scenarios show varying effects on the transport network with overall demand for public transport expected to remain strong in the medium to long term. As of February 2023, public transport patronage has increased significantly over the previous year and is around 75 per cent of pre-COVID levels on weekdays and reaching pre-COVID levels on weekends. This suggests that increasing the frequency and reliability of weekend services on public transport would be beneficial. Car traffic volumes are at or above pre-COVID levels resulting in longer trip times.

During the pandemic the purchase of bikes and bike riding increased and recent research by Monash University has found that three out of four Melbournians want to ride a bike but are put off by a lack of safe bike lanes.

However, the existing network of bike routes across inner metro Melbourne are not wellconnected or consistent in quality. This creates barriers for less experienced bike riders, especially women, to take up this form of transport. Lack of safe infrastructure is also a barrier to widespread take-up of alternative mobility devices such as e-scooters.

### **City under pressure**

62%

Population increase by 2041

**414** km

Footpaths in Port Phillip

59 km

Bike lanes and paths in Port Phillip

The impact of COVID-19 on transport choices changes to work patterns and the impact this has on the use of road networks, transport, and residential parkina requirements in the longer term will continue to be monitored. There is no doubt that transport, parking and mobility are among the most critical issues for our community. Clear communication and engagement with our community are paramount to tackling the challenges and opportunities presented in this area.

### Future-proofing our growing City

Our City is constantly evolving: population and households change, economy and local business shifts, climate change and strong development pressure continues.

In previous Council Plans, we have highlighted the need to plan for the impact of a rapidly growing population. The Victorian Government's population and household projections forecast that, by 2036, an extra 38,290 people will move to our City.

In 2021, Port Phillip's population declined by 6.31 per cent from the previous year to 103,508. This decline is likely a shortterm impact of the COVID-19 pandemic when there was low overseas migration and residents moving out to other areas of Australia and other municipalities during the pandemic period.

The Australian Government forecasts a return to higher growth rates from 2022-23 onwards as overseas migration recommences. Regardless, the pandemic has substantially impacted parts of the economy, especially events, hospitality and tourism. Longer term implications of the pandemic are likely to include greater demand for highquality, mixed-use working environments, challenging conditions for in-store retailing and increased daytime population in residential areas.

Growth and development can bring different challenges and opportunities for our diverse community. For some, the rate of growth can seem too fast. For others, new development can offer positive opportunities for more vibrant economy, sustainable living and affordable housing close to the city.

It remains vital to continue to plan as we must be ready for increased demands for everything from access to open space to waste collection.

# Feeling the squeeze

6.31%

Decline in population in 2021

38,290 additional people in Port Phillip by 2036

### Waste management

More household waste is being generated in our City as our population grows. Reforms to waste policies that drive circular economy outcomes, require Council to deliver new waste services. Additional waste generation and new waste services, including our kerbside food organics and garden organics (FOGO) service, means extra costs to Council.

Service costs continue to rise in relation to increases in the Victorian Government's landfill levy. The levy has increased from \$65.90 per tonne in 2019/20 to \$105.90 per tonne from 1 July 2021, \$125.90 per tonne in 2022/23 and \$129.27 per tonne in 2023/24. Shifting recycling markets and increased processing costs - including the cost of contamination - are also placing pressure on costs, which are rising faster than the CPI and rates cap. Council has since introduced a separate waste charge, to provide a more transparent view of what residents are being charged for waste services.

Recycling Victoria, a new economy is the Victorian Government's 10-year circular economy policy and action plan, which includes a \$300 million investment to transform the waste and resource recovery sector in Victoria. This includes the Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021 and Recycling Victoria as the administering authority that set the legislative framework for upcoming household recycling reform.

These reforms require all Victorian councils to provide households access to a four-stream waste model: garbage, recycling, separated glass (by 2027), and FOGO (by 2030). These requirements are reflected in Council's Don't Waste It! Waste Management Strategy 2022-25. Under the strategy, Council has recently delivered the new kerbside FOGO service to approximately 14,600 eligible houses and townhouses and will be continuing to expand the communal glass recycling hubs in the coming months. The expansion of the kerbside FOGO service to eligible apartments and unit blocks will commence in mid-2023.

Despite Council offering waste management services, dumped waste continues to be an issue. The cost of managing waste put out illegally by people, often when they are moving, is significant and poses amenity issues.

### The waste costs

96%

Increase in Victorian Government landfill levy by 2023

\$**300** m

Victorian Government's investment in the resource recovery sector in Victoria

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### Community Vision

## Proudly Port Phillip

A liveable and vibrant City that enhances the wellbeing of our community.

### **Strategic Direction**





### Liveable Port Phillip



### Strategic objective

A city that is a place for all members of our community, where people feel supported and comfortable being themselves and expressing their identities. A city that is a great place to live, where our community has access to high quality public spaces, development and growth are well managed, and it is safer and easy to connect and travel within.

We will work towards Our four-year strategies

- Port Phillip is more accessible and welcoming for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities.
- Port Phillip is a place where people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities can access services and facilities that enhance health and wellbeing through universal and targeted programs that address inequities.
- People are supported to find pathways out of homelessness.

### Services that contribute \*

- Port Phillip has diverse and distinctive neighbourhoods and places and is proud of and protects its heritage and character.
- Port Phillip is safer with liveable streets and public spaces for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy.
- The City is well connected and easy to move around with options for sustainable and accessible transport.

### Affordable housing and homelessness

- Ageing and accessibility
- Children
- Community programs
   and facilities
- Families and young people
- Recreation.

- City planning and urban design
- Development approvals
   and compliance
- Health
- Local laws and animal management
- Municipal emergency management
- Public space
- Transport and parking management.

\* The services have been assigned based on being major contributors to this direction however many other services also make valuable contributions to other directions. **Strategic Direction** 









A city that is a leading

local government

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a better place as a result lof our collective efforts.

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**Strategic objective** 

A city that has a sustainable future, where our environmentally aware and active community benefits from living in a bayside city that is greener, cooler, cleaner and climate resilient. A city that has a flourishing economy, where our community and local business thrive, and we maintain and enhance our reputation as one of Melbourne's cultural and creative hubs.

We will work towards Our four-year strategies

- Port Phillip has cleaner streets, parks, foreshore areas and waterways where biodiversity flourishes.
- Port Phillip manages waste well, maximises reuse and recycling opportunities and supports the circular economy.
- The City is actively mitigating and adapting to climate change and invests in designing, constructing and managing our public spaces to optimise water sustainably and reduce flooding (blue / green infrastructure).

### Services that contribute \*

- Sustainability
- Waste management
- Amenity.

- Port Phillip's main streets, activity centres and laneways are vibrant and activated.
- Port Phillip is a great place to set-up and maintain a business.
- Arts, culture, learning and creative expression are part of everyday life.
- People in Port Phillip have continued and improved access to employment, education and can contribute to our community.
- Our Council is high performing, innovative and balances the diverse needs of our community in its decision-making.
- Our Council is costeffective, efficient and delivers with speed, simplicity and confidence.
- Our community has the opportunity to participate in civic life to inform Council decision-making.

- Arts and culture
  - Economic development and tourism
- Festivals
- Libraries
- South Melbourne Market.
- Asset and property management
- Communications and engagement
- Customer experience
- Finance and project management
- Governance, risk
   and policy
- People, Culture and Safety
- Technology.

# **Inclusive Port Phillip**

### Our strategic objective

A city that is a place for all members of our community, where people feel supported and comfortable being themselves and expressing their identities.

### What we will work towards

### **Our four-year strategies**

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- Port Phillip is a place where people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities can access services and facilities that enhance health and wellbeing through universal and targeted programs that address inequities.
- People are supported to find pathways out of homelessness.

### **Core strategy and plans**

- In Our Backyard Strategy 2015-25
- Health and Wellbeing Plan (integrated)
   2021-25
- Every Child, Our Future: Children's Services Policy
- Getting our Community Active Sport and Recreation Strategy 2015-2024.

Investing in our Neighbourhoods



### **Council indicators**

Indicator		2020/21	2021/22	Target 2023/24
Percentage of participants accessing sport and recreation programs and facilities who are female or gender diverse	•	60 %	30 %	60 %
Participation in maternal and child health services *	٠	84 %	79 %	75 %
Number of children accessing community managed, or Council-funded early childhood education and care services who are accessing the maximum Australian Government additional childcare subsidy (ACCS)	•	14	9	15
Number of children accessing Council operated or funded early childhood education and care services who are accessing the maximum Australian Government additional childcare subsidy (ACCS)	•	21	51	22
Proportion of users satisfied with community services that support residents to live independently	•	93 %	N/A	>85 %
Participation in four-week Key Age and Stage visit *	•	94 %	94 %	90 % to 110 %
Participation in Maternal and Child Health (MCH) service by Aboriginal children *	•	94 %	84 %	60 % to 100 %
Cost of the MCH service *	٠	\$89	\$103	\$50 to \$200

\* Indicates measures required as part of the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework.

Frequency:

Monthly
 Quarterly
 Annually
 Biannually

### Initiatives

### We will provide:

Initiative	Status
Delivery of services and programs for children, young people and their families and caregivers in our City that meet the aspirations of our Every Child, Our Future: Children's Services Policy including:	
Providing universal and enhanced MCH services as well as family support services to assist parents, carers and families to increase their capacity and capability	٠
Increasing the number of vulnerable children in the City who access quality early education and care	٠
Planning and support for children's services in the municipality to help all children and young people living in Port Phillip develop their full potential and minimise the effects of disadvantage	•
Providing high quality Council-run early education and care services	•
Programming and funding to create opportunities for children in their middle years to participate regardless of their background or circumstances	•
Providing and enabling childhood, adolescent and adult immunisations to protect from vaccine preventable diseases.	•
Children's Centres Improvement Plan to upgrade of six childcare centres**	•
Adventure playground upgrades to the St Kilda Adventure Playground and Skinners Adventure Playground**	•
Delivery of services and programs including in-home support, community transport and social support that enable people to feel connected, part of their local community and maintain independence as they age, subject to Australian Government aged care reforms	٠
Client services and programs that support inclusive and accessible activities including people who identify as LGBTQIA+, people with a disability, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, Indigenous backgrounds and people experiencing homelessness	•
Action that addresses the drivers of family violence and all forms of violence against women by tackling gender inequality in our community and organisation, and ensuring our staff are trained in risk assessment for family violence where that is relevant to their role	٠
Community spaces and facilities that are designed and programmed to be welcoming and accessible for all members of our community and to encourage social connection for all ages, cultures and backgrounds	•
High-quality sport and recreation infrastructure designed for shared community use that enables people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to participate, including major projects such as JL Murphy, Lagoon Reserve, North Port Oval, RF Julier, Port Melbourne Netball Courts, Wattie Watson Oval and other sports field lighting and minor recreation infrastructure renewals, subject to available budget funding**	•
A commitment to integrating the principles of universal design in council buildings, streets, public spaces, and beaches as part of our ongoing capital works program and advocacy on Victorian Government projects	٠
A new Positive Ageing Policy by November 2022 to set out the needs and aspirations for older people in our municipality and guide Council's response to major reforms happening in the aged and disability sectors	•

Initiative	Status
A third Reconciliation Action Plan that continues our commitment to work with the Boon Wurrung Traditional Owners, the two Registered Aboriginal Parties for the City, and local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to achieve reconciliation	•
An Access and Inclusion Plan (also known as a disability action plan) to demonstrate our commitment to equitable participation and inclusion of people with disability within our community and within our organisation	•
Advocacy support to individual clubs within Albert Park which are applying for funding through third parties.	٠
As part of Elder Smith Redevelopment improved netball infrastructure in Port Melbourne through the design and construction of new netball courts, pavilion, car parking and lighting at Elder Smith Reserve**	•
A developed Diversity and Inclusion Framework to guide inclusion of our diverse community across the City.**	٠

\*\* Major initiative

Status: 
Business as usual 
In progress
Not started
Completed
Deferred / Discontinued



### We will partner with:

Initiative	Status
Our Older Persons Advisory Committee, Youth Advisory Committee, Multicultural Advisory Committee, Multi-Faith Network, LGBTQIA+ Advisory Committee and establish other committees, where relevant, to ensure the diversity of our community's experience is represented in decision-making	•
Young people and schools to provide opportunities to enable youth leadership and inclusion of young people's voices in decision-making	•
Launch Housing and other homelessness, health and housing agencies through the Port Phillip Zero initiative, to deliver assertive outreach and a Housing First approach to creating pathways out of homelessness, particularly for those sleeping rough	•
Local sporting clubs, schools and recreation providers to facilitate participation in recreation and leisure activities to enable everyone in our community to be more active	٠
Local community agencies via multi-year funding deeds to enable delivery of programs to persons facing or at risk of social and economic disadvantage that:	
Promote learning and skills development	•
Address health inequities	•
Provide access to nutritious and affordable foods and meals in social settings	•
Provide access to recreation activities that build social connections	•
Community groups through grant programs to:	
Strengthen and leverage the capacity of local groups and networks	•
Support programs that increase opportunities to participate in community life	•
Increase participation for people under-represented in existing sport and recreation opportunities in the City	•
Enable access and inclusion of culturally diverse groups and persons facing or at risk of social and economic disadvantage	•
The Victorian Government, relevant agencies and community health agencies to support health planning, health prevention activities and participation in health promotion campaigns in our municipality	٠
Local community organisations to promote volunteering, provide opportunities for Council staff to volunteer under our Corporate Responsibility Program and support and train volunteers to enhance the provision of community services and support	٠
Sport and recreation providers to improve access and gender equity within their programs	•
Parks Victoria to improve communication and engagement with Albert Park users and clubs	•
Parks Victoria to align plans for sport and recreation within Albert Park with broader municipal sport and recreation strategies over time.	٠

Status: • Business as usual • In progress • Not started • Completed • Deferred / Discontinued

# Our City and Plan

### We will facilitate and advocate for:

Initiative	Status
The Victorian Government to introduce mandatory 'inclusionary zoning' and strengthen 'voluntary housing agreements' to increase housing delivered through the planning system that is affordable to very low, low, and moderate-income households	•
The Victorian Government, community housing organisations, and the philanthropic and private development sectors to facilitate new affordable and social housing within the municipality, including the renewal of existing social housing sites to achieve the outcomes identified in our In Our Backyard Strategy**	•
The Victorian Government to fund services and supported housing that meet the needs of people with complex mental health needs and implement the recommendations of the Victorian Mental Health Royal Commission	•
The Australian Government to effectively address the recommendations from the Royal Commission on Aged Care Services	٠
The Victorian Government to ensure it provides adequate provision of open space for vertical schools to support the health and wellbeing of the young people of our City	•
The Victorian Government and Parks Victoria to translate the Albert Park Masterplan into a clear list of infrastructure investment and upgrade priorities, supported by an asset management and funding plan, with input from sporting clubs in Albert Park.	•

\*\* Major initiative

Status:	<ul> <li>Business as usual</li> </ul>	In progress	<ul> <li>Not started</li> </ul>	Completed	<ul> <li>Deferred / Discontinued</li> </ul>
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### Services contributing to this direction and Budget 2023/24

Service	Value we provide		\$,000
Affordable housing and homelessness	Facilitate and advocate for affordable housing for very low, low and moderate-income households	Total operating expenditure including operating projects	4,094
101110105511055	in housing stress, including supported housing for persons who	Total Capital including operating projects	0
	are experiencing homelessness and sleeping rough. Working	Other Income including parking and reserves	2,962
	with key partners to help prevent homelessness, or reduce time spent without a secure home, for older Port Phillip residents facing housing stress or loss.	Net expenditure funded from rates	1,133
Ageing and accessibility	Facilitate independence and promote social connectedness for older people and those with a	Total operating expenditure including operating projects	7,819
	disability, through the provision of high-quality support services and community building initiatives.	Total Capital including operating projects	45
		Other Income including parking and reserves	6,233
		Net expenditure funded from rates	1,631
Children	Enable healthy starts to life for children born and living in the City, Support children and guardians	Total operating expenditure including operating projects	17,811
	to be healthy and connected and provide programs, services or	Total Capital including operating projects	985
	connection to services that promote optimal development for children	Other Income including parking and reserves	14,170
	and their families.	Net expenditure funded from rates	4,626
Community programs and facilities	Create opportunities that build social connections, valuing diversity and addressing health and wellbeing	Total operating expenditure including operating projects	4,325
facilities	inequities in our communities. Build the capacity of the local community	Total Capital including operating projects	0
	sector to support vulnerable and disadvantaged community	Other Income including parking and reserves	971
	members. Ongoing commitment to reconciliation and support for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.	Net expenditure funded from rates	3,354

Service	Value we provide		\$,000
Families and young people	Provide opportunities for all children, young people and families to be healthy and connected to reach	Total operating expenditure including operating projects	3,523
	their full potential.	Total Capital including operating projects	615
		Other Income including parking and reserves	1,614
		Net expenditure funded from rates	2,524
Recreation	Plan, deliver and activate sport, recreation and open space facilities and services to create community	Total operating expenditure including operating projects	3,810
	health and wellbeing	Total Capital including operating projects	10,626
		Other Income including parking and reserves	8,281
		Net expenditure funded from rates	6,155

# **Liveable Port Phillip**

### Our strategic objective

A city that is a great place to live, where our community has access to high quality public spaces, development and growth are well managed, and it is safer and easier to connect and travel.

### What we will work towards

### **Our four-year strategies**

- Port Phillip has diverse and distinctive neighbourhoods and is proud of and protects its heritage and character.
- Port Phillip is safer with liveable streets and public spaces for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy.
- Port Phillip is well connected and easy to navigate with options for sustainable and active transport.

### **Core strategies and plans**

- Move, Connect, Live Integrated Transport Strategy 2018–28
  - <sup>o</sup> Parking Management Policy 2020
  - ° Car Share Policy 2016
- Places for People –
   Public Space Strategy 2022-32
  - ° Foreshore Management Plan 2012
  - Greening Port Phillip: An Urban Forest Approach 2010
  - ° Play Space Strategy 2011
- Domestic Animal Management Plan 2022-25

### **Council indicators**

Indicator		2020/21	2021/22	Target 2023/24
Proportion of residents satisfied with parks and open space	•	85 %	N/A	85%
Food safety assessments*7	•	97 %	99 %	50 % to 120 %
Sealed local roads maintained to condition standards	•	94 %	95 %	95 % to 97 %
Planning applications decided within required timeframes*	•	72 %	45 %	65 %
Planning decisions upheld at Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT)*	•	75%	74 %	70 % to 75 %
Cost of statutory planning services*	•	\$2,674	\$2,577	\$500 to \$4,000
Number of properties being investigated for heritage protection in the planning scheme	•	207	644	>200
Time taken to action animal management requests (days)	•	1	1	< 2
Proportion of residents that agree that the Parking Management Policy addresses the City's existing and future growth and transport challenges	•	N/A	35 %	50 %
Proportion of residents that agree that the Parking Management Policy provides fairer and more reliable access to parking	•	N/A	36 %	50 %
Animal management prosecution*	•	100 %	100 %	>90 %
Animals reclaimed*	•	50 %	53 %	>50 %
Animals rehomed*	•	18 %	8 %	15 %
Cost of animal management services per population*	•	\$6	\$10	\$3 to \$40
Critical and major non-compliance outcome notifications*	•	100 %	100 %	60 % to 100 %
Time taken to action food complaints (days)**	•	2	2	1 to 10
Cost of food safety services*	•	\$637	\$649	\$300 to \$1,200
Time taken to decide planning applications (days)**	•	93	107	30 to 110
Satisfaction with sealed local roads*	•	67	66	50 to 100
Sealed local road requests*	•	51	44	50
Cost of sealed local road reconstruction*	•	\$79	\$71	\$20 to \$200
Cost of sealed local road resealing*	•	\$56	\$24	\$4 to \$30

\* Indicates measures required as part of the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework.

\*\* Reporting frequency was changed from previously monthly, due to availability of data for reporting.

7 Proportion of required food safety assessments undertaken.

Frequency: Monthly

Quarterly
 Annually
 Biannually

### Initiatives

### We will provide:

Initiative	Status
Access to upgraded, expanded and well-maintained public and outdoor spaces for people of all ages and abilities to visit, in line with our Places for People: Public Space Strategy 2022-32.	•
Opportunities for people to innovatively use and connect with public space including parklets, play streets and other forms of activation.	•
Delivery of a high standard of amenity, ensuring compliance with planning and building requirements, legislation and local laws to support public health and community safety.	•
Public space projects that reduce crime and increase community safety through the application of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles to projects, including maintaining and replacing Council-managed public light globes to ensure spaces are safely lit.	•
Inspection, maintenance and repair of footpaths to remove trip hazards in accordance with the Road Management Plan.	•
Delivery of regular and effective cleansing and rubbish collection services across all public spaces and roads in the City to ensure spaces are safer and more welcoming.	•
An ongoing program of upgrades to foreshore infrastructure, marine assets, and public toilets to maintain, improve and expand these important community assets for future generations.	•
A funded plan for Elwood Foreshore Redevelopment by 2021/22 and delivery of major public space projects including Bay Trail Public Space Lighting by end of 2021/22, Luna Park and Palais Forecourt by end of 2022/23; and Gasworks Arts Park by end of 2023/24 (completion subject to budget allocation).**	•
Palais Theatre and Luna Park Precinct hostile vehicle mitigation and amenity upgrades.**	•
An updated Port Phillip Planning Scheme, including a Municipal Planning Strategy, Housing Strategy and precinct-based structure plans, that provide a framework of local policies and controls to effectively manage growth, land-use change and support community sustainability, health and wellbeing.**	•
Planning scheme amendments to strengthen land-use and development policy and controls to manage growth and maintain local amenity and character in areas undergoing significant change.	•
Enhancements to our public realm including local area traffic management, pedestrian and bike riding safety projects and improved lighting. Community safety will also be achieved through management of vehicle access including investigating options to simplify vehicle movements at the intersection of Liardet and Bay streets, Port Melbourne.	•
Improvements to the way people move around our City by delivering on commitments outlined in Council's 'Move, Connect, Live Strategy' including walking, bike riding and shared transport projects. For example, the delivery of the Park Street Streetscape Improvement Project in 2022/23.	•
Inkerman Safe Travel Corridor between St Kilda Road and Orrong Road as part of Action 18 from the Integrated Transport Strategy. **	•
Park St Streetscape Improvement Project between Kings Way and St Kilda Road as part of Action 18 from the Integrated Transport Strategy.**	•
A network of dedicated priority bike lanes to create safer routes for all ages and abilities as part of the mid-term review of the Integrated Transport Strategy. The Bike Infrastructure Plan Implementation Partnerships and Transport initiative aims to complete four corridors by 2021-22 and 11 corridors by 2027-28 **	•
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Initiative	Status
South Melbourne Structure Plan to inform future planning controls in South Melbourne, develop Council's public realm projects and manage growth through aligning with partnership, transport, employment and sustainability goals outlined in key Council strategies.**	•
Parking controls and management that encourage fair and equitable use for residents, businesses and visitors to our City.	•
Programs that ensure our foreshore, high-streets and public spaces are safer and cleaner including during times of higher visitation, particularly over summer.	•
Animal Management Services and development of a new Domestic Animal Management Plan 2022-2025 and dog off-leash guidelines to support pet owners to care for their pets, and to improve responsible pet ownership throughout the City thereby enhancing the safety and wellbeing of the wider community. **	•
A new Community Amenity Local Law 2023 to be adopted after completing the local law review, which includes community consultation and Councillor's consideration.**	•
The Fishermans Bend Program and urban renewal vision guides land use, development, infrastructure and service delivery in Fishermans Bend to 2050. The program has three phases -establishment, development and delivery - and focuses on minimising four strategic risks to Council.*	•
Traffic and parking management in response to increased density and changing traffic and public transport in Queens Lane and surround areas, as part of the Queens Lane Project. As per Council resolution, the work will involve community engagement and approval of planning permit.**	•

Status: 
Business as usual
In progress
Not started
Completed
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### We will partner with:

Initiative	Status
Victoria Police and our community to undertake activities that improve the actual and perceived safety of our municipality, including measures to address hooning.	٠
Victorian Government and Victoria Police to provide CCTV in line with Council's CCTV Policy.	•
Our community, local service agencies and Victorian Government agencies including the EPA to undertake activities that improve issues related to social inclusion, disadvantage and levels of amenity in our City.	•
Residents, visitors and local traders to take shared responsibility for maintaining a safer community by respecting public spaces, disposing of waste appropriately, managing pets responsibly, being courteous to fellow community members and reporting crime.	•
Victorian Government, Parks Victoria and other key stakeholders to maintain and enhance all 11 km of foreshore for the benefit and active use of all Victorians.	•
Victorian Government to effectively manage site (soil and groundwater) contamination and management of open space sites, including at Gasworks Arts Park.**	٠
Victorian Government, Port of Melbourne Authority and other key stakeholders to explore opportunities to improve the public realm at Waterfront Place for residents, our broader community and visitors to enjoy.	٠
Victorian Government to ensure appropriate outcomes for our community are achieved through the redevelopment of St Kilda Pier, Shrine to Sea and other major public infrastructure projects.**	•
Australian Marina Development Corporation to deliver the St Kilda Marina redevelopment.**	•
Victorian Government to progress the liveability and transport outcomes in the Domain Precinct Public Realm Masterplan and Anzac Station Precinct Plan.	•
Victorian Government and connecting councils to provide temporary and permanent bicycle infrastructure that helps to support people to ride safely through our City.	•
Victorian Government to trial emerging micro mobility initiatives such s e-scooters.	•
Australian Government to implement blackspot safety improvements at high collision locations.	•
Victorian Government to improve the safety of buildings in our City particularly those with unsafe cladding.	•
Victorian Government to deliver outcomes in the Fishermans Bend Strategic Framework.	•
Victorian Government and neighbouring councils to maximise the benefits of our public spaces and the public spaces in adjacent municipalities, including the potential joint delivery of new public spaces where appropriate.	•

\*\* Major initiative

Status: • Business as usual • In progress • Not started • Completed • Deferred / Discontinued

# Community Vision and influences

### We will facilitate and advocate for:

Initiative	Status
Australian and Victorian Government funding to support delivery of new and upgraded infrastructure and public spaces in our City, including Waterfront Place and Station Pier	•
Public space outcomes that support community health and wellbeing, through infrastructure projects undertaken in our City by other levels of government and stakeholders	•
Victorian Government to develop a sustainable funding and financing strategy to enable the timely delivery of local infrastructure at Fishermans Bend and to provide early delivery of high frequency public transport links to Fishermans Bend	•
Victorian Government to undertake relevant legislative reforms to enable safer use of alternative modes of transport	•
Australian and Victorian Governments to invest in projects that provide alternative, active and sustainable forms of transport including the St Kilda Road Bike Lanes Project.	٠

\*\* Major initiative

Status: • Business as usual • In progress • Not started • Completed • Deferred / Discontinued

### Services contributing to this direction and Budget 2023/24

Service	Value we provide		\$,000
City planning and urban design	Strategic planning, controls and urban design outcomes to enhance Port Phillip's character and create	Total operating expenditure including operating projects	4,242
design	a liveable, attractive and sustainable City.	Total Capital including operating projects	0
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Other Income including parking and reserves	562
		Net expenditure funded from rates	3,680
Development approval and compliance	Support well designed, sustainable and safe development that protects heritage and neighbourhood	Total operating expenditure including operating projects	8,585
compliance	character and maximises community benefit.	Total Capital including operating projects	0
		Other Income including parking and reserves	11,181
		Net expenditure funded from rates	(2,436)
Health	Maintain, improve and protect public health in the community, through education, immunisation and inspection services.	Total operating expenditure including operating projects	2,138
		Total Capital including operating projects	0
		Other Income including parking and reserves	1,245
		Net expenditure funded from rates	893
Local Laws and animal	Protect Council assets, the environment and the health and	Total operating expenditure including operating projects	2,663
management	safety of the community. Ensuring responsible pet ownership.	Total Capital including operating projects	0
		Other Income including parking and reserves	1,531
		Net expenditure funded from rates	1,132

Service	Value we provide		\$,000
Municipal emergency management	Operational and strategic emergency management services across preparedness, response	Total operating expenditure including operating projects	499
J.	and recovery.	Total Capital including operating projects	0
		Other Income including parking and reserves	57
		Net expenditure funded from rates	442
Public space	Provide high quality and unique parks, streets, open spaces and foreshore areas for the enjoyment of	Total operating expenditure including operating projects	17,168
	our community and visitors.	Total Capital including operating projects	13,248
		Other Income including parking and reserves	16,808
		Net expenditure funded from rates	13,608
Transport and parking management	Support a reliable, safe and well- connected transport system. Enable people to more easily move around,	Total operating expenditure including operating projects	25,827
management	connect and get to places as the City grows	Total Capital including operating projects	5,923
	, 9	Other Income including parking and reserves	6,452
		Net expenditure funded from rates	25,297

# **Sustainable Port Phillip**

### Our strategic objective

A city that has a sustainable future, where our environmentally aware and active community benefits from living in a bayside city that is greener, cooler, cleaner and climate resilient. The importance of action in this area is emphasised by Council declaring a Climate Emergency in 2019.

### What we will work towards

### **Our four-year objectives**

- Port Phillip has cleaner streets, parks, foreshore areas and waterways where biodiversity flourishes.
- Port Phillip manages waste well, maximises reuse and recycling opportunities and supports the circular economy.
- The City is actively mitigating and adapting to climate change and invests in designing, constructing and managing our public spaces to optimise water sustainably and reduce flooding (blue/green infrastructure).

### **Core strategies and plans**

- Act and Adapt Sustainable Environment Strategy 2018-28
- Don't Waste It! –
   Waste Management Strategy 2022-25
- Greening Port Phillip an Urban Forecast Approach 2010
- Foreshore Management Plan 2012.



### **Council indicators**

Indicator		2020/21	2021/22	Target 2023/24
Council's gross greenhouse gas emissions (tCO2-e)	•	2,079	2,333	1,800
Total suspended solids removed from waterways by Council construction projects (kg)	•	59	61	49
Council's energy consumption in buildings and streetlights (MWh)	•	8,272	8,349	7,750
Council's potable water use (ML)	•	195	233	<257
Kerbside collection bins missed per 10,000 scheduled bin lifts*	•	2	5	5
Kerbside collection waste diverted from landfill*	•	32%	33%	40%
Cost of kerbside bin collection service*	•	\$56	\$157	< \$175***
Cost of kerbside recyclables collection service *	•	\$50	\$120	\$10 to \$80
Number of participants in community programs at the EcoCentre	•	16,410	12,544	12,500
Net tree increase on Council land	•	Not required	Not required	0.5% or 231
Kerbside bin collection requests*	•	24	117	1 to 25
Percentage of investment in fossil-free institutions**	•	Not required	75%	60% to 80%

\* Indicates measures required as part of the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework.

\*\* New indicator starting 2023/24

\*\*\* The methodology of calculating this cost has recently changed. Council now utilises the number of specific bins rather than dividing the total cost of the service by the number of rateable properties. This calculation is more accurate.

#### Frequency:

Monthly
 Quarterly
 Annually
 Biannually

### Initiatives

### We will provide:

Initiative	Status
Delivery of waste management services for our municipality including planning for, trialling and implementing changes to waste management services to meet Victorian Government requirements. For example, the four-service system and the container deposit scheme	•
Increased investment in street cleaning, litter bins and equipment to improve amenity and responsiveness and investigate opportunities for further improvements to service delivery, including greater use of technology	•
A new Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan that will provide the framework for public safety management within the municipality including the development of the CCTV Public Space Policy**	•
Urban forests to increase tree canopy, vegetation, greening and biodiversity and reduce urban heat, in line with Council's Greening Port Phillip Act and Adapt Strategies	•
Investment in water sensitive urban design (WSUD) and irrigation upgrades, including at key sports fields and parks to reduce contaminants in water entering Port Phillip Bay and optimise Council's potable water use	•
Investment in infrastructure through regular maintenance and construction (subject to viability) to improve drainage and flood mitigation at key locations. Scoping, and where viable, construction of stormwater harvesting infrastructure	•
Increased permeability of ground surfaces across public streets and in our public spaces. Examination of ways to support greater permeability on private property	•
Investment in upgrades to Council properties and streetlights to improve their quality and energy efficiency as well as reducing emissions and utility costs	•
An updated Act and Adapt, Sustainable Environment Strategy and new Climate Emergency Action Plan*, as well as a Marine and Coastal Management Plan and Coastal Adaptation Plan** for our foreshore areas	٠
Projects to support sustainability and climate change adaption and mitigation as outlined in the 'Act and Adapt Strategy'	•
Services that support businesses to enhance sustainability outcomes, including reducing emissions, energy, water and waste	•
Leadership in environmental sustainability and climate adaptation and mitigation in Council operations including, as part of Council's Corporate Responsibility program which seeks sustainability outcomes in leasing, capital works, procurement and financial investment (where feasible and practical)	•
Updated information on the vulnerability of Council's assets to climate change and embedding climate change in Council's decision making	•
Actioning the Public Space Strategy which includes implementing the new Greening Port Phillip Strategy. The Public Space Strategy aims to set a vision and blueprint for the future of our public spaces in the City of Port Phillip. The Greening Port Phillip Strategy aims to deliver an integrated, long-term framework, to guide the planning, provision, protection, integration and management of the urban forest across Port Phillip. The strategy includes indigenous, native and exotic vegetation of all forms growing on public and private lands*	•
An implemented waste strategy that including bin purchases and waste transformation projects.*	•

\* Strategic Priority initiative \*\* Major initiative

Status: • Business as usual • In progress • Not started • Completed • Deferred / Discontinued

### We will partner with:

Initiative	Status
Melbourne Water and other water stakeholders to plan and deliver Integrated water management projects to improve the management of water in our City	•
EcoCentre, Victorian Government and other key stakeholders, to deliver programs that support an environmentally aware community and to redevelop the EcoCentre building**	•
Australian and Victorian Governments to explore opportunities for electric vehicle charging companies (subject to commercial interest) to install electric vehicle chargers across the City	•
Other inner Melbourne councils to explore initiatives to facilitate greater access and awareness of renewable energy options for residents and businesses, including green power and community batteries	•
Victorian Government and other councils to strengthen requirements for new developments to improve sustainability outcomes, reduce emissions, increase vegetation, better manage water and waste and adapt to climate change	•
Australian and Victorian Governments to understand the risks of climate change and develop a long-term strategic response to adapt and protect the coastline of Port Phillip Bay	٠
Melbourne Water and the Cities of Bayside, Glen Eira and Kingston to take a holistic approach to reducing flood risk in the Elster Creek Catchment. Collaboratively implementing the Elster Creek Catchment Flood Management Plan 2019-24, subject to relevant feasibility studies and available budget from all partners	٠
City of Bayside to contribute to amenity and biodiversity improvements in the Elsternwick Park Nature Reserve. Develop a business case and detailed designs for the wetlands and stormwater harvesting scheme for further consideration by Council	٠
Other councils, Victorian Government departments and a range of other stakeholders to maximise our combined efforts to reduce environmental impacts.	٠

\* Strategic Priority initiative \*\* Major initiative

Status: 
Business as usual
In progress
Not started
Completed
Deferred / Discontinued

### We will facilitate and advocate for:

Initiative	Status
Increased Victorian Government support to work collaboratively with inner Melbourne councils on innovative waste management approaches, particularly for multi-unit developments	٠
Increased Victorian Government support to reduce utility bills and heat stress impacting our vulnerable community members, including retrofitting public housing and aged care facilities	٠
Increased Australian and Victorian Government support to drastically reduce carbon emissions and to deliver policies and projects to enable community members to reduce their emissions	٠
Australian and Victorian Governments to introduce policy changes that actively foster a circular economy to make more efficient use of our limited natural resources and reduce or avoid waste	•

Status: 
Business as usual
In progress
Not started
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# Health and wellbeing

Service	Value we provide		\$,000
Amenity	A clean, safer and more enjoyable environment which improves the ways our community and visitors	Total operating expenditure including operating projects	11,721
	experience our City.	Total Capital including operating projects	2,417
		Other Income including parking and reserves	3,667
		Net expenditure funded from rates	10,472
Sustainability	Improve the sustainability of our City and respond to the climate emergency by reducing carbon	Total operating expenditure including operating projects	5,211
	emissions, water use and waste generation, increasing trees, vegetation and biodiversity, improving water quality and	Total Capital including operating projects	8,120
		Other Income including parking and reserves	9,737
	ensuring we are adapting and resilient to the impacts of climate change, including flooding and heat.	Net expenditure funded from rates	3,595
Waste management	A clean and safer city by keeping our streets, parks and foreshore areas clean.	Total operating expenditure including operating projects	20,432
		Total Capital including operating projects	500
		Other Income including parking and reserves	4,310
		Net expenditure funded from rates	16,622

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# **Vibrant Port Phillip**

### Our strategic objective

A City that has a flourishing economy, where our community and local businesses thrive, and we maintain and enhance our reputation as one of Melbourne's cultural and creative hubs. The importance of action in this area is emphasised by Council declaring an Economic Emergency in 2020.

### What we will work towards

### **Our four-year strategies**

- Port Phillip's main streets, activity centres and laneways are vibrant and activated.
- Port Phillip is a great place to set-up and maintain a business.
- Arts, culture, learning and creative expression are part of everyday life.
- People in Port Phillip have improved access to employment, education and can contribute to our community.

### **Core strategies and plans**

- Creative and Prosperous City Strategy 2023-2026
- Live Music Action Plan 2021-2024
- Games Action Plan 2020-2024
- Library Action Plan 2021-2026
- Events Strategy 2023-2026
- South Melbourne Market Strategic Plan
  2021-2025

**Financial Strategy** 

Investing in our Neighbourhoods



### **Council indicators**

Indicator		2020/21	2021/22	Target 2023/24
Estimated economic benefit to the municipality from non-Council events	•	N/A	N/A	To be established
Estimated economic benefit to the municipality from Council-run events	•	N/A	N/A	To be established
Active library borrowers in the municipality*8	•	18%	17%	2.5% to 10%
Visits to libraries**	•	230,000	259,329	>492,000
Visits to South Melbourne Market***	•	3,969,340	4,024,266	4,300,000
Community satisfaction with Library service	•	N/A	N/A	80%
Physical library collection usage*	•	4	3	>2.25 items
Cost of library service per population*	•	\$30	\$37	\$10 to \$90
Number of outdoor dining permits (this includes footpath trading and parklet permits)	•	541	610	>610
Street cleaning audit compliance***	•	No data	>90%	>90%

8 Indicates the percentage of the municipal population that are active library members. This is retired from LGPRF.

\* Indicates measures required as part of the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework

\*\* Reporting frequency was changed from annually to monthly, with a monthly target range of 41,000 to 60,000

\*\*\* New indicator starting 2023/24

#### Frequency:

Monthly
 Quarterly
 Annually
 Biannually

### Initiatives

### We will provide:

Initiative	Status
Initiatives that foster creative use, exploration and activation of public space to support social, cultural, sustainable and economic connection among our community and local businesses.	•
Projects, services and policies that support and attract businesses to set up, maintain and thrive in Port Phillip (relative to Council's role)	•
Services that enable the collection of special rates where traders in activity centres wish to fund the promotion, marketing and development of retail precincts, and information to support groups of traders who may wish to establish trader associations.	•
Investment in the creative and cultural industries including live music and the games development sector through our Art and Soul Strategy.	•
Investment in the South Melbourne Market to deliver the quintessential village market experience. This will be achieved by implementing the 2021-2025 South Melbourne Market Strategic Plan, which includes moving towards financial sustainability, improved customer experience and an enhanced and safer public asset for our City and its visitors.**	•
Events and festivals that celebrate local culture and creativity, connect residents to one another and drive economic benefit for local traders and our community.	٠
High-quality library spaces and collection services that provide opportunities for people to connect and learn, and deliver on key actions outlined in the Library Action Plan.	•
An upgraded and reopened South Melbourne Town Hall by 2023/24.**	٠
Support for our community to access and engage with the Port Phillip City Collection and ensure it is managed sustainably for future generations to enjoy.	•
Delivery of programs, services and spaces that promote community participation and engagement in arts, culture and heritage.	•
Investment for our key arts and culture venues and organisations, including Gasworks Arts Park and Linden Gallery, to ensure we foster access and participation, local arts development and Port Phillip as a cultural destination.	٠
An options analysis and recommendation for the development of the St Kilda Triangle.**	٠
A New Creative and Prosperous City Strategy and Live Music Action Plan .**	٠
Redeveloped Carlisle Street Carparks to facilitate the creation of the Balaclava Retail Renewal Precinct.**	•
A program of upgrades of footpaths in and around high street areas to support trading and pedestrian foot traffic.**	٠

\*\* Major initiative

Status: • Business as usual • In progress • Not started • Completed • Deferred / Discontinued

### We will partner with:

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Status: • Business as usual • In progress • Not started • Completed • Deferred / Discontinued

### We will facilitate and advocate for:

Initiative	Status
Increased Australian and Victorian Government support for St Kilda tourism related businesses, given its place as a key tourism destination in inner Melbourne.	٠
Increased Victorian and Australian Government support for small businesses to help them set up and thrive.	٠
Increased Victorian and Australian Government support for creative sectors including live music, film and game development.	٠
Job opportunities and skill development for young people and people who are most impacted by economic shocks. For example, employment support opportunities such as traineeships at Council through our Corporate Responsibility program (subject to available budgets).	٠
Increased Victorian Government support for South Melbourne, given its place as the game development hub of Australia.	•
Increased Australian and Victorian Government support for Waterfront Place as the gateway to Melbourne.	•

\*\* Major initiative

Status: • Business as usual • In progress • Not started • Completed • Deferred / Discontinued

### Services contributing to this direction

Service	Value we provide		\$,000
Arts and Culture	Foster creative, diverse and inclusive participation in our arts and culture sectors while supporting the heritage	Total operating expenditure including operating projects	5,947
	and unique identity of Port Phillip.	Total Capital including operating projects	10,642
		Other Income including parking and reserves	11,985
		Net expenditure funded from rates	4,603
Economic development and tourism	Foster a flourishing economy where our community and local businesses thrive.	Total operating expenditure including operating projects	2,178
ana tourism	Dusinesses trinve.	Total Capital including operating projects	-
		Other Income including parking and reserves	789
		Net expenditure funded from rates	1,389
Festivals	Bring a wealth of benefits to our community, from health and wellbeing of residents through to economic development for local businesses, cultural vibrancy and social engagement.	Total operating expenditure including operating projects	4,197
		Total Capital including operating projects	-
		Other Income including parking and reserves	1,747
		Net expenditure funded from rates	2,450
Libraries	Support learning, social engagement and community connectedness.	Total operating expenditure including operating projects	5,175
		Total Capital including operating projects	1,152
		Other Income including parking and reserves	1,780
		Net expenditure funded from rates	4,547
South Melbourne	Operate an engaging and entertaining market environment	Total operating expenditure including operating projects	8,113
Market	where our community and visitors spend time shopping, dining and supporting local business.	Total Capital including operating projects	2,035
		Other Income including parking and reserves	10,305
		Net expenditure funded from rates	(157)



### Well-Governed Port Phillip

### Our strategic objective

A City that is a leading local government authority, where our community and our organisation are in a better place as a result of our collective efforts.

### What we will work towards

### **Our four-year strategies**

- Port Phillip Council is high-performing, innovative, inclusive and balances the diverse needs of our community in its decision-making.
- Port Phillip Council is cost-effective, efficient and delivers with speed, simplicity and confidence.
- Our community has the opportunity to participate in civic life to inform Council decision-making.

### **Core strategies and plans**

- Enterprise Asset Management Plan 2022-32
- Organisational Workforce Plan 2022-2025
- Child Safety Action Plan 2023 (draft)
- Gender Equality Action Plan 2022-25
- Rating Strategy 2022-25.

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Well-Governed Port Phillip Indicator

Councillor attendance at council meetings

2023/24 Target: 80% to 100%

Indicator		2020/21	2021/22	Target 2023/24
Resident satisfaction with the overall Council performance	•	62	64	60 to 65
Community service requests resolved within agreed timeframes	•	92%	72%	>80 %
Satisfaction with customer services	•	68	66	>66
Council decisions made at meetings closed to the public*	•	7%	8%	0% to 30%
Material legislative breaches	•	1	0	0
Variance from operating budget adjusted for Council approved expenditure*	•	1%	16%	>-1%
Expenses per head of population*	•	\$1,832	\$1935	\$1,600 to \$2,000
Asset renewal and upgrade expenses as a percentage of depreciation*	•	75%	100%	>100%
Current assets to current liabilities*	•	309%	390%	>250%
Complaints resolved within agreed timeframes	•	90%	76%	70% to 80%
Resident satisfaction with Council advocacy	•	56	Not available	>50
External grant funding secured from the Australian and Victorian governments	•	\$17m	\$23m	> \$15m
Proportion of Local Government Performance Reporting Framework indicators that have performed within expected target	•	96%	91%	80% to 100%
Proportion of occupational health and safety incidents reported within 24 hours	**	73%	78%	75% to 80%
Proportion of staff who agree or strongly agree that the organisation encourages respectful workplace behaviours	•	71 %	N/A	65% to 75%
Number of Council Plan initiatives on track***	•	92%	92%	>80%
Percentage of audit actions completed on time***	•	93%	88%	>80%
Proportion of projects on track***	•	74%	76%	>80%
Staff turnover rate*	**	15%	20%	5% to 20%
Satisfaction with community consultation and engagement*	•	58	54	40 to 70
Satisfaction with council decisions*	•	60	55	40 to 70
Adjusted underlying surplus (or deficit)*	•	3.5%	5.0%	-20% to 20%
Average rate per property assessment*	•	\$1,774	\$1,813	\$700 to \$2,000
Cost of elected representation*	•	\$44,132	\$50,775	\$30,000 to \$80,000
Councillor attendance at council meetings*	•	99%	99%	80% to 100%
Expenses per property assessment*	•	\$2,865	\$2,893	\$2,000 to \$5,000
Infrastructure per head of municipal population*	•	\$6,071	\$6,546	\$3,000 to \$40,000
Loans and borrowings compared to rates*	•	5.61%	0.00%	0% to 70%
Loan and borrowing repayments compared to rates*	•	0.26%	5.56%	0% to 20%
Non-current liabilities compared to own source revenue*	•	1.46%	1.11%	2% to 70%
Own-source revenue per head of municipal population*	•	\$1,729	\$1,881	\$700 to \$2,000

Indicator		2020/21	2021/22	Target 2023/24
Population density per length of road*	•	438	412	1 to 300
Rates compared to adjusted underlying revenue*	•	61%	60%	30% to 80%
Rates compared to property values*	•	0.19%	0.20%	0.15% to 0.75%
Recurrent grants per head of municipal population*	•	\$83	\$112	\$100 to \$2,000
Relative socio-economic disadvantage*	•	10	10	1 to 10
Unrestricted cash compared to current liabilities*	•	104%	-141%	10% to 300%

\* Indicates measures required as part of the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework

\*\* Reporting frequency was changed from previously annually, due to availability of data for reporting

\*\*\* New indicator starting 2023/24

Frequency:

Monthly
 Quarterly
 Annually
 Biannually

### Initiatives

### We will provide:

Initiative	Status
High quality service to our customers and continue to upgrade our technology, processes, systems and culture to make it as simple and convenient as possible for people to get the information and services they need, while delivering efficiencies for Council.	•
Development and delivery of a Clever Port Phillip Action Plan including investment in technology, open data, machine learning, artificial intelligence, data analysis, innovation, partnerships and organisational capability to support a clever City and clever organisation.	•
Opportunities for our community to participate in civic life and help shape Council policy, services, programs and decisions by facilitating engagement in line with Council's Community Engagement Policy.	•
Improved community trust and confidence in Council by continuing to embed our Public Transparency Policy and strengthening our management of privacy and information.	•
Investment to improve the condition, functionality, capacity and sustainability of community assets. The aim is to achieve best value for our community, protect them for future generations and ensure we're achieving the asset management requirements set out in the Local Government Act.	•
Prudent financial management and stewardship of Council's finances and resources, ensuring the legislative compliance and financial sustainability of Council.	٠
High-quality governance, risk and assurance services over the operations of Council including implementation of legislative requirements, particularly with respect to the Local Government Act 2020 and 2024 Council Election.	•
Improved procurement and contract management practices to deliver best value and embed corporate social responsibility outcomes.	•
A high-performing, inclusive and engaged workforce focused on delivery of Council priorities and services and is responsive to community needs in line with the People and Culture Strategy and workforce plan.	٠
Programs that progress our aspiration to become a trusted employer including implementation and embedment of the requirements of the Gender Equality, Child Safety and Occupational Health and Safety legislation relating to Council employees, contractors and volunteers.	•
Enhanced environmental, social and economic wellbeing of our community through designing and delivering our services and infrastructure in a socially responsible way and supporting a staff volunteering program in our community.	•
Transparent communication to our community members to update them on Council's activities, decisions and services and broader information about their community.	•

Status: 
Business as usual
In progress
Not started
Completed
Deferred / Discontinued

### We will partner with:

Initiative	Status
Other inner metropolitan Melbourne councils to share best practice and knowledge and to identify opportunities to adopt common policies and practices to provide consistency.	٠
Educational institutions, start-ups, business, other councils and not-for-profits to provide access to and make best use of Council's data, to develop innovative ways to deliver services and to support our Clever Port Phillip Action Plan.	•
Victorian Government, other councils and other entities to share better practices in procurement and contract management and to collaborate on major procurements to achieve best value.	•
Victorian Government and other entities to clarify asset ownership and maintenance responsibilities and to ensure appropriate service levels and funding.	•

Status: 
Business as usual
In progress
Not started
Completed
Deferred / Discontinued

### We will facilitate and advocate for:

Initiative	Status
A reduction in cost shifting from the Australian and Victorian Governments to local government in collaboration with other inner metropolitan Melbourne councils.	٠
Other levels of government to recognise and be mindful of the impact on local government when making policy and legislative changes.	٠
Other levels of government and the private sector to coordinate and remedy any impacts to public infrastructure of works they undertake.	٠

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**Our City and Plan** 

Mudburra singer Eleanor Dixon performing after the Gravel Road session at the 2023 St Kilda Film Festival

Photography TJ Garvie

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### Services that contribute to this direction and Budget 2022/23

Service	Value we provide		\$,000
Asset and property management	Ensure Council has the right assets at the right time for the right cost to support service delivery both now	Total operating expenditure including operating projects	14,501
munugement	and in the future.	Total Capital including operating projects	5,691
		Other Income including parking and reserves	7,758
		Net expenditure funded from rates	12,434
Comms and engagement	Inform the community about Council and facilitate opportunities to advise its members about Council projects,	Total operating expenditure including operating projects	2,760
	initiatives, policies and strategies.	Total Capital including operating projects	-
		Other Income including parking and reserves	380
		Net expenditure funded from rates	2,379
Customer experience	Provide customers with services that meet their needs and expectations, assisting them to achieve their goals	Total operating expenditure including operating projects	3,760
	with greater ease and satisfaction.	Total Capital including operating projects	-
		Other Income including parking and reserves	842
		Net expenditure funded from rates	2,918
Finance and project	Ensure the financial sustainability and transparency of Council and that investments in prejects deliver	Total operating expenditure including operating projects	11,295
management	that investments in projects deliver value for ratepayers.	Total Capital including operating projects	-
		Other Income including parking and reserves	3,434
		Net expenditure funded from rates	7,861

Service	Value we provide		\$,000
Governance, risk and policy	Support sound decision-making through transparency, accountability, community participation, risk	Total operating expenditure including operating projects	7,841
	management and compliance. Undertake advocacy through	Total Capital including operating projects	-
	partnerships with stakeholders to c	Other Income including parking and reserves	1,441
co-creation of solutions to community challenges, and contributing to shared visions for the City.	Net expenditure funded from rates	6,400	
People, culture and safety	Enable a safer workplace and a high performing workforce.	Total operating expenditure including operating projects	5,230
		Total Capital including operating projects	-
		Other Income including parking and reserves	734
		Net expenditure funded from rates	4,496
Technology	Support Council operations including efficient and effective service delivery through information,	Total operating expenditure including operating projects	13,263
	communication and technology services.	Total Capital including operating projects	650
		Other Income including parking and reserves	2,275
		Net expenditure funded from rates	11,638

### Our Financial Strategy

Our Financial Strategy, embedded in our 10-year Financial Plan, provides clear direction on the allocation, management and use of financial resources.

This is to keep our Council financially sustainable over the short, medium and long-term as we maintain assets and services, respond to growth and deliver on our priorities. This puts us in the best possible position to deliver the five Strategic Directions outlined in the Council Plan.

Full details of the Financial Strategy are in Volume Two of our Council Plan. We have provided this financial snapshot to outline what steps we are taking now – for today – to remain financially sustainable into the next decade and beyond – for tomorrow.

### Future-proofing our City today

- Increasing rates by 2.8 per cent, which is 0.7 per cent below the rate cap (3.5 per cent) and providing the funds raised to those residents and businesses in our community that need the most assistance.
- Continuing to find efficiency savings, on top of significant savings already delivered, through a robust 'bottom up' budgeting process.
- Keeping fees and charges affordable while balancing the capacity of people to pay. This includes waste charges separated from general rates to be set at cost recovery.
- Prioritising capital expenditure using improved asset management practices when addressing essential infrastructure maintenance and renewal.

### Means that tomorrow

- Port Phillip continues to be a low-debt Council.
- Investment in technology has improved our services while producing further savings and benefits.
- Strategic investment in our public space, assets and infrastructure has supported growth, including in Fishermans Bend.
- There are lower costs to ratepayers, as Council has addressed cost challenges rising above the rates cap, for example, recycling.
- A continuing surplus remains to deal with the financial risks that are likely to occur and place additional fiscal stress on the City.

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Permanent savings delivered since Budget 2021/22

### Four-year Budget at a glance

Strategic Direction	<b>Operating</b> (\$,000s)	<b>Capital</b> (\$,000s)
Inclusive Port Phillip	\$165,359	\$49,445
Liveable Port Phillip	\$253,551	\$143,357
Sustainable Port Phillip	\$149,463	\$24,722
Vibrant Port Phillip	\$102,307	\$49,710
Well-Governed Port Phillip	\$244,870	\$29,433

**Note:** Our commitment includes funding for some major capital works that contribute to all directions and cannot be readily allocated.

### Value per \$100 of rates



# **Financial challenges**

The key challenge over the next decade will be keeping rates affordable (as measured by the rates cap) as pressure on other revenue sources combine with key service and construction costs and grow quicker than the cap.

We will also need to increase investment to respond to growth, ageing assets and climate change. Without action, the 10-year Financial Plan forecasts a cumulative \$76 million funding gap due to rate capping.

As we closely monitor the affordability of services and recognise community concerns about cost of rates and other essential services, we are not planning to apply for a rate increase above the rates cap over the life of our financial plan. Instead, we plan to balance the budget, manage the impact of rates capping and sustainably deliver on the priorities in this Council Plan by adjusting four strategic levers.

Full details of our strategic levers are in Volume 2 of the Council Plan.

Summary of our strategic levers:

ONE

### Delivering efficiency and cost savings

The community's expectation for better value in Council service delivery has been reflected in Council's decisionmaking. Council has recently launched several initiatives to ensure that its services are delivered in the most efficient and effective manner possible. These initiatives include a one-off Councillor-led Cost Review Program, the ongoing successful drive for efficiency savings resulting in operational savings of \$2.1 million (\$1.1 million ongoing and \$1 million one-off in the portfolio). Total permanent savings delivered in the three budgets of this Council are \$4.9 million and \$12.6 million delivered over the four budgets of the previous Council. Cumulative savings since the introduction of rates capping in 2016/17 are more than \$91 million. These initiatives have been supported by improved capability in Council planning, process improvements and project management.

We will provide efficiency savings equivalent to one per cent (approximately \$1.8 million) of operating expenditure (less depreciation) per annum. Cumulative savings are expected to be \$76 million over the 10 years of the financial plan. τωο

### Appropriate use of borrowings and reserves

Borrowings will not be used to fund ongoing operations. We will consider borrowings for property acquisitions, large capital works or operating projects that provide intergenerational community benefit, and initiatives that deliver sufficient revenue streams (including financial savings) to service the debt. Borrowing will be reviewed annually as part of the budget process and as needed for significant projects.

### THREE

### Careful management and prioritisation of expenditure

We undertake a rigorous and robust budget setting process each year, including a line-by-line review of operating budgets and proposed projects to ensure alignment with strategy priorities and best value.

We will prioritise investment on assets most in need of intervention, rather than those in relatively good condition. This means more spending on buildings and drainage over the 10-year period of the financial plan, to be partially offset by reduced road and footpath renewal budgets.

### FOUR

### Setting fair and appropriate user charges

The annual budget process includes a thorough review of user charges to ensure they remain affordable, fair and appropriate. We believe that those who directly benefit from, or cause, expenditure should contribute, balanced by the capacity of people to pay.

Fees and charges mostly increased by 3.75 per cent in Budget 2023/24 despite inflation greater than 4.5 per cent per cent. This is our commitment to ensure fees are affordable and to assist our community for post COVID-19 recovery.

Budget 2023/24 includes waste charges (which were introduced for the first time in Budget 2022/23) separate from the general rates which aligns with the user-pays principle for private benefits and direct waste services such as kerbside collection, communal waste services, hard waste and Resource Recovery Centre operations. An updated tiered pricing structure will be used to recognise the convenience of a kerbside collection service for a single property compared to those properties that share a kerbside service and those that access communal hubs. Pricing for bin sizes and rebates will be set to ensure a fairer outcome.

This is reviewed as part of the annual budget process to ensure total rates and waste charges remain affordable for our community.

### **Financial risks**

The financial plan achieves financial sustainability over the next 10 years. However, our Council faces several financial risks that could impact short-term financial performance and long-term financial sustainability.

These include:

- The funding and financing plan for Fishermans Bend which remains uncertain (it should be noted this is the responsibility of the Victorian Government and is an advocacy priority for Council). There may be a large funding gap between the infrastructure desired at Fishermans Bend and what can be funded. A failure to appropriately budget for the costs of running and maintaining new assets in Fishermans Bend is also a potential risk.
- Rate capping. The 10-year Financial Plan assumes rate capping based on inflation. Since its introduction, the Minister for Local Government has prescribed rates based on forecast inflation, which have been lower that actual inflation. Every 0.1 per cent lower than the inflation rate set by the Essential Service Commission equates to a \$0.13 million reduction in revenue per annum.
- The impact of climate change and responses required to protect Council assets and ensure Council satisfies its responsibilities in this area.
- Future reductions in funding from other levels of government or increases in cost shifting. Key changes include the significant increase to the Environment Protection Agency landfill levy, congestion levy, growing compliance and regulations related to Council assets, swimming pool regulations, electrical line clearance and proposed aged care reforms.
- The risk of inflation rising above the budgeted 4.5 per cent and the wage inflation.

### **Rates assistance**

We recognise the impact that municipal rates and other charges have on financially disadvantaged groups in our community.

In 2023/24, rates will not be increased by the full rates cap of 3.5 per cent per cent set by the Victorian Government. Instead there will be an increase of 2.8 per cent to general rates, which is 0.7 per cent lower than the rates cap of 3.5 per cent and 1.7 per cent lower than forecast inflation (based on 4.5 per cent inflation for 12 months –June 2022 to June 2023). This is in recognition of the significant cost of living pressures faced by our community – from high inflation to rising interest rates.

A lower rate rise helps to provide ongoing financial relief to our community. This is because whatever rate rise may follow in the future will be calculated on a lower base.

While cost of living pressures are the immediate concern of Council, it is important that our city is a place where everyone has the opportunity to thrive and enjoy all that Port Phillip offers. To help achieve this, we will continue to look at how we can divert unexpected surplus income into assistance or assets benefiting our diverse community as needed.

Volume Two of this plan contains details of our rates assistance packages, such as rates waivers and deferrals for eligible applicants. For the 2023/24 rating year, the council-funded pensioner rebate will increase by 5 per cent to \$210. City of Port Phillip is one of very few councils offering this scheme.

# Monitoring our financial sustainability

We use the Victorian Auditor General's Office (VAGO) financial sustainability indicators to monitor our financial sustainability. We are forecasting to achieve an overall risk rating of 'Low' throughout the 10-year period.

For full details refer to Volume 2 of the Council Plan.

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### **Financial Plan Outcomes**

The outcomes from applying our financial strategy are as follows:

Forecast (\$,000)	Budget (\$,000)	Projections (\$,000)								
2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33
Capital e	xpenditu	re								
27,876	57,972	69,203	75,342	64,329	46,859	46,881	47,195	49,820	53,816	56,179
Operatin	g expend	iture								
236,557	251,545	258,648	264,260	270,764	275,676	284,451	291,255	299,641	308,586	317,663
Operatin	g result									
15,927	10,400	13,122	12,894	13,831	15,586	15,651	15,987	14,852	18,115	19,117
Underlyi	ng result									
8,009	1,294	2,271	2,451	3,324	6,092	5,680	7,305	8,002	8,825	9,787
Debt										
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserves	moveme	ent								
(12,992)	10,050	21,662	30,762	17,622	(2,886)	(4,256)	(5,602)	(3,220)	(4,100)	[4,430]
Cash res	ult									
3,134	(7,505)	(358)	(11)	[1]	8	(5)	2	6	4	[11]
Cumulat	ive cash ı	result								
8,370	865	507	496	495	503	498	500	506	510	499

### **Capital Expenditure**

Forecast 2022/23 capital expenditure has continued to be impacted by employment and construction market challenges. Significant investments planned over the next four years includes complex construction projects such as the EcoCentre redevelopment, Lagoon Reserve Pavilion and Sports Field, the new Elder Smith Netball Courts and South Melbourne Town Hall renewal and upgrade.

### **Operating Expenditure**

(Including operating expenditure from portfolio)

Budget 2023/24 operating expenditure totals \$251.5 million which is a net increase on forecast 2022/23 by \$14.9 million or 6.3 per cent from \$236.6 million. The primary drivers for the increase on forecast 2022/23 include:

- An increase in employee costs of \$8.1 million (\$6.7 million budget on budget) due to 3.1 per cent per cent Enterprise Agreement increase, Superannuation Guarantee rate increase from 10.5 per cent per cent to 11 per cent per cent and the significant increase to Council Workcover Premium (state government cost shifting).
- Inflation budgeted at 4.5 per cent (1 per cent per cent above rates cap).
- \$1.5 million of contracted operating expenditure re-classified as lease repayments due to underlying right-of-use assets in contract.
- Ongoing efficiency savings of \$1.1 million, which partially offsets the expenditure increase.

Over the period of the financial plan, we expect costs to increase above CPI mainly driven by escalating waste services and related costs. The financial plan assumes waste charges to recover the cost of private benefit and direct waste services (such as kerbside collection).

We plan to address our increasing cost base with \$82.6 million of efficiencies embedded in the plan, in addition to the \$1.1 million ongoing savings achieved in the base Budget 2023/24.

### **Operating Result**

Achieving an operating surplus is a key component of our financial strategy. It provides capacity to maintain and renew our \$3.6 billion portfolio of community assets, meet debt repayment obligations, manage the impact of financial risks materialising, and invest in transformative strategies.

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The Budget 2023/24 expects a \$10.4 million operating surplus, which is \$5.5 million lower than the forecast 2022/23 of \$15.9 million with expenditure projected to increase by \$15 million compared to a revenue increase of \$9.5 million.

The operating results are heavily impacted between years 2021/22 and 2022/23 due to the impact of significant operating portfolio deferrals to future years. This is a temporary timing issue related to portfolio delivery. Operating surpluses will be needed to fund the growing project portfolio caused by population growth and inflation.

### **Underlying Result**

The underlying result is the operating result excluding capital related revenue (grants and open space contributions). It assesses Council's ability to generate sufficient funds for asset renewals.

The underlying result varies significantly due to our reliance on external funding and contributions to fund our infrastructure asset works in the short term due to significant challenges in delivering our portfolio. For instance, opens space contributions are collected, held in reserve to fund our Public Space Strategy.

### Debt

(excluding finance leases)

We have no debt other than some finance leases which remain as part of our financing strategy.

### **Reserves Movement**

We maintain general reserves at levels sufficient to ensure operational liquidity and for contingencies. Reserves may be built up over time to part-fund large capital works or appropriate operating projects where this is considered more efficient than the use of debt.

Reserves are due to decrease by net \$9.7 million in 2023/24, predominately due to the significant volume of deferred projects over the last three years. The Financial Plan utilises reserves to part fund the significant project portfolio over the next four years.

The financial plan also includes the following key movements:

- Progressive repayments of the St Kilda Marina and Foreshore Reserve used to fund initial site works and to be repaid through significantly increased rental returns following the successful leasing process.
- A significant drawdown on the Child Care Infrastructure Reserve for the Children's' Centres Improvement Program.
- Drawdown on the Strategic Property Reserve and Open Space Contributions to fund the Public Space Expansion Strategy.

The financial plan allocates five per cent of Fishermans Bend derived rates to the Municipal Growth Fund to be invested in Fishermans Bend. Due to risk of funding shortfalls for the development of Fishermans Bend, additional provision of \$7 million will be set aside in the Municipal Growth Fund over the 10 years.

Future year drawdowns may be greater as detailed project plan are developed.

### **Cash Result**

The cash result provides a summary of all funding allocations accounting for operating result, capital expenditure, financing items, reserve movement and non-cash items such as depreciation. We target an annual breakeven cash result.

The financial plan accounts for small ongoing annual cash surplus, which will add to the cumulative cash surplus from 2023/24 of \$0.87 million.

### **Cumulative Cash Result**

The cumulative cash result considers the carried forward cash surplus and deficit from prior years and the cash result for the financial year. Council generally targets a \$0.5 million cumulative cash surplus for operating contingencies. A cumulative cash surplus of \$0.87 million for Budget 2023/24 is a fiscally prudent approach to manage uncertainty and risks.

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# Investing in our neighbourhoods

Our City is home to eight distinct neighbourhoods, each with their own much-loved character, attributes and attractions.

### **Projects**

The information below illustrates some projects that will be undertaken in each neighbourhood across Port Phillip during the life of the Council Plan.

### **Albert Park and Middle Park**

Encompassing the suburb of Middle Park, part of the suburb of Albert Park and part of St Kilda West, this neighbourhood is one of the oldest parts of the City with significant heritage areas featuring wide tree-lined streets and houses from the Victorian and Edwardian eras. Primarily a residential area, visitors are also drawn to the beach, local shopping strips and recreational facilities in Albert Park.

Project	Estimated completion
Albert Park Bowls Club pavilion upgrade	2024
Albert Park Bowls pavilion feasibility	Complete
Armstrong Street and Page Street water sensitive urban design	2023
Beaconsfield and Nimmo Street raingarden	Complete
Gasworks Arts Park reinstatement	2025
Philipson Street kerb and gutter construction	2024
Kerferd Road safety trial	Complete
Danks Street and Withers Street local area traffic management	2024
McGregor and Patterson Streets raingarden	Complete
Moubray Street community park	2024
Richardson and Nimmo safety improvements	Complete

Project	Estimated completion
Richardson and Withers Street raingarden	Complete
Sandbar public toilet upgrade	2023
St Vincent Gardens Playground upgrade	2025
Little Page Reserve playground renewal	2023
Danks Street bioLink	2023

### Balaclava and St Kilda East

Covering Balaclava and part of St Kilda East and St Kilda, this neighbourhood has diverse housing types and population. Primarily a residential neighbourhood, the Carlisle Street retail and dining precinct, Balaclava station and Alma Park are key features. The cafés and restaurants on Carlisle Street are popular with locals and visitors alike.

Project	Estimated completion
Alma Park East multi-purpose court	2026
Alma Park play space upgrade	2024
Alma Road and Lansdowne Road safety improvements	2023
The Avenue Childcare Centre upgrade	TBC
Blackspot improvements Inkerman and Westbury Streets	2024
Bubup Nairm cladding rectification works	2023
Carlisle Street Carparks Strategy execution	2023
Dickens Street temporary park	Complete
Gourlay Street (R1475) laneway construction	Complete
Greenline upgrade trial	2024
Hewison Reserve upgrade	2024
Inkerman Street safe travel corridor	2027
Malakoff and Sebastopol Street kerb and channel upgrade	2024
Penny Lane (R1497) laneway upgrade	Complete
St Kilda Precinct Strategic Plan development	Complete

Project	Estimated completion
St Kilda Precinct Strategic Plan implementation	2027
Te Arai Reserve minor renewal	Complete
Gibbs Street temporary park	2025
Land acquisitions for open space in St Kilda East	2024 to 2026
Expand Pakington Street Reserve	2024
Woodstock Street Reserve upgrade	2029
Woodstock Street tree planting	2023

### **Elwood and Ripponlea**

Encompassing the suburb of Ripponlea and most of Elwood, this neighbourhood is known for its leafy streets and suburban character. Visitors and residents are drawn to the beach and the cafés and restaurants in local shopping villages.

Project	Estimated completion
Bell Street laneway upgrade	2025
Bendigo Avenue footpath construction	2024
Bike parking Ripponlea Station	Complete
Broadway - road construction	2024
Broadway Bridge renewal	2025
Clarke Reserve play space upgrade	2026
Elster Creek Catchment partnership and Elsternwick Park Nature Reserve	2025
Elwood Angling Club roof replacement	2024
Elwood boat ramp renewal	2024
Elwood Children's Centre upgrade	TBC
Elwood Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) trial	Complete
Elwood foreshore facilities development	2033
Elwood Foreshore Facilities Strategy	Complete
Elwood Park sports field lighting	Complete
Elwood Reserve change and umpire rooms	2024
Elwood foreshore public space lighting upgrade	2024
Elwood public space lighting upgrade (stage 1b)	2025
Glen Eira Avenue Reserve upgrade	2028
Glen Eira Avenue Reserve trial	2026
Head Street sports ground design (Melbourne water drain works)	2024
Milton Street laneway (R1763/R1765) upgrade	2023
MO Moran Reserve pedestrian and cycle bridge renewal	Complete
MO Moran Reserve new dog park	Complete

Project	Estimated completion
Point Ormond Playground upgrade	Complete
Ormond Road laneway renewal	2024
Wattie Watson Oval reconstruction	Complete
Wilton Grove kerb and gutter construction	Complete

### **Port Melbourne**

Covering most of the suburb of Port Melbourne, this neighbourhood is a gateway to Melbourne via Station Pier. The Waterfront precinct brings many visitors to the neighbourhood and beyond. Key attractions include the foreshore and beaches and the retail and commercial strip along Bay Street.

Traditional residential heritage precincts contrast with the distinctive areas of Garden City, Beacon Cove and contemporary apartment developments in the Port Melbourne mixed-use area. The neighbourhood is also home to the Port Phillip Specialist School for children with disabilities.

Project	Estimated completion
Bay Street Coles Public Toilet Upgrade Contribution	2024
Beacon Cove boat landing upgrade	2025
BMX track at RF Julier Reserve	2024
Derham Street water sensitive urban design	2023
Edwards Park public amenities upgrade	2024
Elder Smith netball courts and pavilion development	2025
Garden City bike path	Complete
Graham Street overpass skatepark and carpark upgrade (all stages)	2026
Hostile vehicle mitigation at Beacon Cove Promenade	2023
Dunstan Parade kerb and gutter construction	2025
Lagoon Reserve pavilion and sports field redevelopment	2025
Liardet Street pedestrian improvements	2023
Nott and Bridge Streets raingarden	2024
Port Melbourne Town Hall front counter security upgrade	2024
Port Melbourne Town Hall facade rectification	2023
Port Melbourne Town Hall auditorium HVAC renewal	2024
Port Melbourne Light Rail Linear Parks	2029
Pedestrian operated signal Williamstown Road (design)	2024

Project	Estimated completion
Princes Street zebra crossing lighting upgrade	2024
Ross and Raglan water sensitive urban design	2023
Rouse Street and Esplanade East safety improvements	2024
Sea Bee replacement	2024
TT Buckingham flying fox	Complete
Waterfront Place public toilet	2023
Waterfront Place Framework Plan implementation	2028
Station Pier Linear Park minor upgrade	2028

### South Melbourne

Encompassing most of the suburb of South Melbourne and part of Albert Park, this neighbourhood is one of Melbourne's original suburbs. The South Melbourne retail, dining and entertainment precinct, including Clarendon Street and the South Melbourne Market, attracts local and regional visitors.

Significant established business precincts, predominantly east of Clarendon Street, offer an ideal location for small and medium size firms and provide a central hub for businesses in the creative sector.

Project	Estimated completion
Bank Street parking reconfiguration	Complete
Cecil Street James Service Place pedestrian safety improvements	Complete
Cecil Street and Napier Street pedestrian safety improvements	Complete
Clarendon Street Childcare Centre upgrade	TBC
Clarke and Market Streets raingardens	Complete
Cobden Place Pocket Park	2026
Coventry and Montague Streets raingarden	Complete
Domain Precinct parking review	2023
Eville Street laneway upgrade	2025
Expand the size of Eastern Reserve North	2029
Iffla Street and Tribe Street pedestrian improvements	2023
James Service Place water sensitive urban design	2023
Lilian Cannan Kindergarten upgrade	TBC
Thompson Street laneway renewal	2024
Ludwig Stamer Reserve play space upgrade	2024
Mountain and Iffla Streets safety improvements	Complete
Pickles Street and Bridge Street safety improvements	Complete
Coventry Street road construction	2024
Park Street road construction	2025
Skinners Adventure Playground upgrade	2026
South Melbourne Market external food hall	Complete

Project	Estimated completion
South Melbourne Market amenities upgrades and regrading	2027
South Melbourne Market Cecil Street essential services connections	2024
South Melbourne Market public safety improvements	2023
South Melbourne Market strategic business case NEXT	Complete
South Melbourne Market York Street stairs and lift	2026
South Melbourne Market central stairs	2023
South Melbourne Market fire stairs to level one	2024
South Melbourne Market smoke extraction	2023
South Melbourne Market project connect	2031
South Melbourne structure plan	2023
South Melbourne Town Hall renewal upgrade	2025
Sol Green Reserve upgrade	2025
South Melbourne new open local open public spaces	2025 to 2027

### Montague

Montague is an emerging neighbourhood in Fishermans Bend. Montague is bound by the West Gate Freeway to the north, the St Kilda Light Rail Line (Route 96) to the east, City Road to the south, and Boundary Street to the west. As part of Fishermans Bend, Montague is envisaged to feature high-density tower development to the north, and finer grain lower-rise development to the south that will respect heritage buildings and adjoining established neighbourhoods.

As the Montague neighbourhood is part of the Fishermans Bend urban renewal area there are no scheduled projects for 2021-25.

### Sandridge and Wirraway

Sandridge and Wirraway will transform over the next 30 years as the Fishermans Bend renewal area develops. Sandridge and Wirraway is bound by the West Gate Freeway to the north, Williamstown Road to the south, Todd Road to the west and Johnson Street to the east. By 2051, it is anticipated the neighbourhood will host more than 20,000 jobs, primarily in the Sandridge suburb, because of its premium office and commercial location and proposed transport connections with the CBD across the Yarra River. The suburb of Wirraway is envisaged as a family friendly inner-city neighbourhood offering a diverse choice of housing.

Project	Estimated completion
Montague Precinct traffic modelling	Complete
Fishermans Bend program	Ongoing
Fishermans Bend recycled water study	Complete

Project	Estimated completion
North Port Oval perimeter upgrade	2025
North Port Oval lighting contribution	Complete
Fishermans Bend program	Ongoing
Fishermans Bend recycled water study	Complete
JL Murphy baseball field new lighting	2024
JL Murphy baseball infield renewal	2024
JL Murphy Community Pitch synthetic field	2024
JL Murphy Reserve masterplan (as part of the Fishermans Bend Program)	2024
JL Murphy Reserve soccer field fencing	Complete
JL Murphy Soccer Pitch Two reconstruction	2025

### St Kilda Road

Including parts of the suburbs of Melbourne and Windsor, and parts of Albert Park and South Melbourne, the St Kilda Road neighbourhood is unique because of its mix of offices and high-rise residential development. It is our fastest growing neighbourhood, which includes and adjoins significant open spaces and recreational facilities.

St Kilda Road is a significant employment area with more than 20,000 people usually working in the neighbourhood. The planned Anzac Station for the Melbourne Metro will enhance access to the area.

Project	Estimated completion
Domain precinct Metro Tunnel Project advocacy and support	2025
Park Street bike link	2025
Park Street temp bike lane Moray Street to Kings Way^	Complete
Queens Road footpath construction	2023
St Kilda Junction safety upgrade	Complete
St Kilda Junction underpass safety upgrade	2024

A This project work is South Melbourne neighbourhood based but relates to the overall Park Street project under the St Kilda Road Neighbourhood.

Estimated completion

2026

Complete

Complete

2032

2025

2023

2026

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2027

2025 2026

Complete

2027

2023 2024

Complete

Complete

2023

St Kilda and	St Kilda	West
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Encompassing the suburbs of St Kilda West (east of Cowderoy Street), most of St Kilda and a small part of Elwood, the neighbourhood is attractive to residents and visitors for its iconic retail strips, significant open spaces and the foreshore.

St Kilda attracts millions of visitors every year, as it is home to many of Melbourne's most famous attractions including Luna Park, the Palais Theatre and St Kilda Beach. It also hosts large events including the St Kilda Festival and Midsumma Pride March.

Project	Estimated completion	Project
Acland Street Plaza greening and hostile vehicle mitigation	2025	Pier Road and Bay Trail safety upgrade
Albert Street road construction	2025	Rotary Park play space development
Alfred Place footpath construction	2025	Shakespeare Grove public toilet
Alma Park public toilet reconstruction	2023	South Beach Reserve upgrade
Blessington Street temporary road closure	2025	St Kilda Adventure Playground upgrade
Catani Gardens accessible public toilet upgrade	2025	St Kilda Town Hall heritage fire sprinkler upgrade
Catani Gardens irrigation upgrade	2026	St Kilda Botanical Gardens public toilet
Chapel Street safety improvements	Complete	St Kilda Botanical Gardens play
EcoCentre redevelopment	2024	space upgrade
Eildon Road Childcare Centre	TBC	St Kilda foreshore lighting renewal
upgrade		St Kilda Marina project
Fitzroy Street public toilet	2024	St Kilda Pier landside works upgrade
J Talbot Reserve basketball upgrade	2024	St Kilda Promenade safety upgrade
Linden Gallery rear pathway resurfacing	Complete	St Kilda Precinct Strategic Plan development
North St Kilda Childcare Centre upgrade	TBC	St Kilda Precinct Strategic Plan implementation
Palais Theatre and Luna Park precinct redevelopment	2023	St Kilda Town Hall façade rectification
Palais Theatre concrete spalling	2026	St Kilda Triangle feasibility
Palais Theatre amenities upgrade	Complete	The Slopes public toilet upgrade
Palais Theatre tunnels rectification	2025	West Beach Boardwalk accessibility
Peanut Farm Oval reconstruction	2026	improvements Wellington Street laneway
Pedestrian operated signal Alma Road St Kilda (design)	2023	construction
Pedestrian operated signal Marine Parade (design)	2023	

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