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Investing in services, infrastructure and a sustainable future

2026/27



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Este mensaje trata de las cuotas, el presupuesto y los servicios del ayuntamiento. Para obtener más información en su idioma, llame a TIS al 13 14 50 y pida que le comuniquen con la Municipalidad de Port Phillip (City of Port Phillip en inglés) en el 03 9209 6777.

Ta wiadomość dotyczy czynszów, budżetu i usług Rady Miasta. Aby uzyskać więcej informacji w swoim języku, prosimy zadzwonić do TIS pod numer 13 14 50 i poprosić o rozmowę z City of Port Phillip pod numerem 03 9209 6777.

ข้อความนี้เป็นเรื่องเกี่ยวกับอัตราค่าธรรมเนียม (Council Rates) งบประมาณ และบริการต่าง ๆ ของสภาเทศบาล หากต้องการข้อมูลเพิ่มเติมในภาษาของคุณ โปรดติดต่อ TIS ที่หมายเลข 13 14 50 และขอให้ต่อสายไปยัง City of Port Phillip ที่หมายเลข 03 9209 6777

Το μήνυμα αυτό αφορά τα δημοτικά τέλη, τον προϋπολογισμό και τις υπηρεσίες. Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες στη γλώσσα σας, καλέστε το TIS στο 13 14 50 και ζητήστε να μιλήσετε με τον Δήμο του Port Phillip στο 03 9209 6777

Ini adalah pesan tentang tarif, anggaran belanja dan pelayanan Pemda (Council). Untuk informasi lebih lanjut dalam bahasa Anda, silakan menelepon TIS di 13 14 50 dan minta disambungkan dengan Pemda (Council) Port Phillip di 03 9209 6777.

这是有关市政府的市政费、预算和服务的讯息。要用中文了解详情，请致电 13 14 50 联系 TIS，然后要求转接 City of Port Phillip（菲利浦港市）的电话 03 9209 6777。

We're holding steady for our community – maintaining the services, infrastructure and places Port Phillip residents and businesses rely on, while managing rising costs and ongoing economic uncertainty.

Shaped by community feedback, this year's budget balances affordability with the need to maintain and improve our City. We're not cutting services. Instead we're finding smarter ways to deliver them – investing in long term priorities while addressing cost pressures and government cost-shifting.

Your rates and charges will help fund more than \$123.1 million in capital works and projects, including upgrades to parks and open space, roads and footpaths, and community facilities – with key projects at South Melbourne Town Hall, children's centres, and investment in safer, more accessible streets across the municipality.

If you're experiencing cost of living pressure, support is available through pensioner rebates, flexible payment plans, and financial hardship assistance.

Read on to learn how your rates are calculated, where your money goes, and how we're planning for a financially sustainable future for Port Phillip.

Got a question or having difficulty paying your rates?

📞 **ASSIST 03 9209 6777**

🌐 **portphillip.vic.gov.au/rates-concessions-and-hardship-relief**

Budget 2026/27

Financial sustainability is a key focus of the 2026/27 budget and our long-term financial plan – providing a strong foundation to continue delivering valued services, maintaining community assets and responding to growth.

Rates are set within the Victorian Government's rate cap, which applies to all councils.

For 2026/27, the cap is **2.75 per cent**.

This cap applies to total rate revenue across the municipality, not to individual properties. Rising costs – including inflation, insurance and government cost-shifting – have continued to outpace rate revenue growth in recent years, placing sustained pressure on our budget.

Managing cost pressures while supporting our community

We are working to keep rates as affordable as possible while protecting the services our community depends on. Inflation, insurance and government cost-shifting continue to place pressure on our budget. In response, we are prioritising essential services, delivering efficiency savings and maintaining a strong focus on long-term financial sustainability – without reducing what we deliver for our community.

Despite these pressures, we are holding the line on services. The draft budget includes **\$2.4 million in efficiency savings**, contributing to a long-term strategy to address a projected funding gap and ensure financial sustainability.

Revenue from rates supports the delivery of services and the maintenance of more than **\$3.8 billion in community infrastructure**, including roads, buildings, open spaces and public facilities.

Community infrastructure and investment

Budget 2026/27 includes more than **\$123.1 million** in capital works and initiatives to maintain, renew and improve services and facilities across Port Phillip.

Key investments include:

- **\$26 million** for parks, open space and streetscapes, including the Elwood Foreshore Masterplan, upgrades to local playgrounds and continued investment in new open space
- **\$20 million** in essential infrastructure, including road, footpath and drainage renewals, bike infrastructure and the Broadway Bridge upgrade
- **\$50 million** in buildings and community facilities, including the South Melbourne Town Hall redevelopment, children's centres, community infrastructure in Fishermans Bend and improvements at South Melbourne Market

The budget also includes targeted investment in public place CCTV and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design to improve safety and amenity.

Plan for Port Phillip

The Plan for Port Phillip sets our long-term direction, shaped by community feedback and aligned with this year's focus on financial sustainability.

We're continuing to invest in the things our community values most - with more than \$123.1 million in capital works to maintain, improve and grow services and facilities across Port Phillip.

Our priorities in 2026/27 include:



Community safety

Investment in safer public places, including CCTV and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design initiatives.



Community connection and inclusion

Programs and partnerships that support social connection, celebrate diversity and reduce isolation, alongside continued planning for affordable housing.



Clean and well maintained neighbourhoods

\$20 million in essential infrastructure to renew and upgrade roads, footpaths, bike routes and drainage - improving safety, accessibility and the public realm.

Council Plan 2025-2035

Delivering our community vision:

**Proudly Port Phillip.
A liveable and vibrant city
that enhances community
connection and wellbeing.**



Events, arts and activation

Supporting local events, arts and cultural initiatives that bring people together and strengthen community life.



A greener city

\$26 million invested in parks, open space and streetscapes, including projects like the Elwood Foreshore Masterplan and upgrades to local playgrounds and open spaces.



Investing in community facilities

\$50 million in buildings and community infrastructure, including upgrades to South Melbourne Town Hall, children's centres, and community facilities in Fishermans Bend.

Investing in our City - 2026/27 Projects

Albert Park Ward

- ▶ Catani Gardens public toilet upgrade
- ▶ Middle Park Beach renourishment
- ▶ Middle Park Library minor upgrades
- ▶ Shrine to Sea works
- ▶ Water sensitive urban design (Little Page Street)

Alma Ward

- ▶ Alma Park play space renewal
- ▶ Alma Park sports ground lighting
- ▶ Alexandra Street green corridor
- ▶ Inkerman safe travel corridor
- ▶ Small Parks Program (Kalymna Grove and Lansdowne Road)
- ▶ North St Kilda childcare centre upgrade

Balaclava Ward

- ▶ Balaclava Place Plan implementation
- ▶ Small Parks Program
- ▶ Children's Facilities Upgrade Program (The Avenue childcare centre and Elwood Children's Centre)
- ▶ Burnett Gray Gardens playground
- ▶ Ripponlea Place Plan implementation
- ▶ St Kilda Library upgrade

Elwood Ward

- ▶ Broadway Bridge renewal
- ▶ Clarke Reserve play space upgrade
- ▶ Elwood foreshore facilities development
- ▶ Stormwater harvesting (Elwood Park expansion)

Lakeside Ward

- ▶ New open space development (Lakeside)
- ▶ Laneway upgrade (Barkly Street)

Montague Ward

- ▶ Graham Street recreation space
- ▶ Edwards Park public amenities
- ▶ Fennell Reserve dog park
- ▶ Port Melbourne light rail linear parks plan
- ▶ Sandridge recreation precinct and Open Space development in Fishermans Bend
- ▶ Smith Street streetscape
- ▶ Woodruff Oval renewal
- ▶ Port Melbourne netball infrastructure
- ▶ Footpath construction in Fishermans Bend
- ▶ Community infrastructure planning for Fishermans Bend and Port Melbourne

Port Melbourne Ward

- ▶ Bay Street Place Plan (Port Melbourne & Montague wards)
- ▶ Beacon Cove boat landing upgrade
- ▶ Beacon Road active transport safety upgrade
- ▶ Port Melbourne beach public toilet upgrade

South Melbourne Ward

- ▶ Children's Facilities Upgrade Program (Clarendon Street Childcare and Lilian Cannam Kindergarten)
- ▶ South Melbourne Town Hall renewal and upgrade
- ▶ South Melbourne Market Connect
- ▶ Cobden Place pocket park

St Kilda Ward

- ▶ Acland Street Plaza greening
- ▶ Eildon Road Childcare and Kindergarten upgrade
- ▶ Palais Theatre renewal works
- ▶ St Kilda Promenade Program (St Kilda Pier landside works and Pier Road and Bay Trail safety upgrade)
- ▶ St Kilda Adventure Playground upgrade
- ▶ St Kilda Botanic Gardens public toilet
- ▶ St Kilda Marina lease management and transition

Rates and valuations

How are rates set?

Each year the Victorian Government sets a rate cap that limits how much total revenue councils can raise from rates. For 2026/27, the cap is **2.75 per cent**.

This applies to the total revenue from rates across the municipality – not individual properties. Your rates may change by more or less than this, depending on how your property value has changed relative to others of the same category (residential, commercial or industrial).

Your valuation

The value of your property is shown on your rates notice as the **Capital Improved Value (CIV)** – the estimated market value of your property, including land and buildings.

This rates notice is based on property valuations as at **1 January 2026**, and applies for the period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027, unless your property is subject to a supplementary valuation.

How do valuations affect my rates?

- If your property value has increased more than average, your rates may increase by more than the capped amount
- If it has increased less than average, your rates may increase by less
- If it has decreased relative to others, your rates may reduce

Property valuations are carried out by independent, qualified valuers. Each stage of the process is reviewed and certified by the Valuer General Victoria.

Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF)

The Victorian Government's Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF) appears as a separate charge on your rates notice. It is not a Council charge – it is set by the State Government and collected by Council on their behalf, with all funds passed directly to Victoria.

The ESVF supports a range of emergency services including VICSES, Triple Zero Victoria, the Country Fire Authority and Fire Rescue Victoria. It includes a fixed charge and a variable charge based on your property's Capital Improved Value.

Example impacts in 2026/27:

- A \$500,000 apartment: approx. \$225.50
- A \$1.7 million house: approx. \$433.10.

More information

 sro.vic.gov.au/esvf

Financial support is available

We recognise that cost of living pressures continue to affect many in our community. Support is available for eligible ratepayers, including:

- Pensioner rebates
- Flexible payment plans
- Rates deferment for eligible households
- Assistance for those experiencing financial hardship

Visit our website or contact us to find out what support may be available to you.

 portphillip.vic.gov.au/council-services/rates-and-valuations



Hop-on Hop-off Community Bus – free for everyone

Monday to Friday, 8.30 am to 3 pm

Not everyone can easily access public or private transport. That's why Council provides a free Hop-on, Hop-off community bus service – no bookings, no fees, just turn up and hop on.

The service connects residents across Port Phillip to the places that matter most – South Melbourne Market, local libraries, Alfred Hospital, Caulfield Hospital, the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC), Luna Park, the foreshore and more. With over 150 stops across the municipality, there's likely one near you.

All buses are fully wheelchair-accessible, making the service ideal for older residents, people with limited mobility, or anyone who finds public transport a barrier.

Scan the QR code for routes and timetables or call the Community Transport Team Monday to Friday, 8.30 am to 2 pm on 03 9209 6223.

Scan the QR code



How rates and charges revenue are spent

We deliver a wide range of services that support our community every day – from maintaining local infrastructure to providing programs that promote wellbeing, safety and connection.

Revenue from rates and charges, along with grants and fees, is invested in services, facilities and infrastructure across Port Phillip.

For every \$100 of rates and charges revenue spent in 2026/27:

A safe and liveable city



\$13.79 Public space

\$5.35 Active and public transport

\$6.91 City amenity

\$1.53 Community safety

\$5.03 Road management

\$3.45 City planning and urban design

\$0.42 Municipal emergency management

(\$0.28)* Development approvals and compliance

(\$11.57)^ Parking management



An environmentally sustainable and resilient city



\$3.45 Urban greening

\$10.74 Waste management

\$0.93 Flood and water management

\$1.58 Environmental sustainability

A healthy and connected community



\$0.43 Health

\$1.20 Affordable housing and homelessness

\$2.14 Families and young people

\$0.61 Ageing and accessibility

\$6.55 Children's services

\$1.97 Community building and inclusion

\$0.78 Maternal and child health

A trusted and high performing organisation



\$8.27 Technology

\$7.21 Asset and property management

\$0.69 Project governance and delivery

\$2.33 People, culture and capability

(\$4.17)* Financial and project management

A vibrant and thriving community



\$2.74 Libraries

\$0.72 South Melbourne Market

\$7.49 Sport and recreation

\$9.79# Arts and culture

\$0.95 Economic development

\$1.95 Festivals and events

An engaged and empowered community



\$0.11 Advocacy

\$0.87 Communications

\$0.52 Community engagement

\$1.43 Customer experience

\$4.09 Governance

* These services generate income and do not require rates funding.

^ Revenue from parking infringements and paid parking helps fund broader Council services.

Includes South Melbourne Town Hall refurbishment in partnership with Australian National Academy of Music (\$2.39 if excluded).



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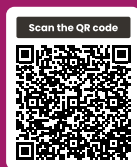
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