

SERVICING OUR COMMUNITY AND BUILDING A BETTER RURAL CITY

The Rural City of Wangaratta is widely recognised as offering a quality lifestyle where you can enjoy life at the perfect pace - balancing family and career aspirations in a vibrant, safe, progressive and caring community.

Council is continually reviewing the needs of our community. We consider things like our age, our employment and education opportunities, our health and the kinds of resources that are needed. We use this information to inform our own planning as well as our work with service providers and other levels of government to make sure our community can access the services, resources and facilities that are needed.

This year, Council's total operating income budget will be over **\$62 MILLION**, which is made up of:

- 47% - Rates and Annual Charges
- 24% - Grants - Operating
- 14% - Grants - Capital
- 12% - User Fees and Other
- 3% - Other Income



In the 2016 – 2017 financial year, Council will spend **\$25.3 MILLION** on a variety of key projects, including:

Infrastructure Constructions and Upgrades

More than **\$9.4 MILLION** will be spent on constructing and upgrading roads, pathways, bridges and drainage. The extensive program of works will include:

- \$2 million on gravel roads across the municipality
- Cruse Street extension
- Drainage works of \$1.5 million, with works at Newman St, Waldara and Moyhu

Aquatic Plan

In 2015 – 2016 the Splash Park was opened at Mitchell Avenue Playground. In 2016 – 2017 we will progress with the development of the hydrotherapy pool and 50 metre outdoor pool. The capital works in 2016/17 for the Aquatic Plan amount to **\$6.5 MILLION**

The addition of a hydrotherapy pool at WISAC will ensure adequate provision for aquatic therapy and aqua fitness programs at a time when the portion of our overall population over 65 years-of-age is projected to rise from 16% to over 25% in 2026

CBD Masterplan Implementation

Following extension community consultation we will deliver **\$2.9 MILLION** for the implementation of upgrades to the Central Business District.

The CBD masterplan received more than 100 submissions and the works to be undertaken in the coming year will ensure our Central Business District is a vibrant place for the community, including business owners, traders and residents.

Organic Waste Collection

In 2015 – 2016 we changed kerbside collection for urban households and commenced collecting organic waste - helping to achieve a healthier environment and extend the life of our landfill. In 2016 – 2017 we will complete the construction of the organics processing facility at a cost of **\$1.8 MILLION**.

SPENDING SNAPSHOT

(FOR EVERY \$100 OF INCOME)

\$22.15
ROADS
PATHS
BRIDGES
CYCLING TRACKS
SHARED PATHWAYS

\$11.86
COMMUNITY
CARE

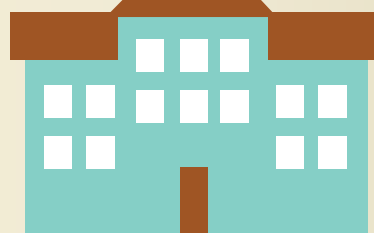


\$5.28
ENVIRONMENT
PARKS & GARDENS
PUBLIC OPEN SPACES
CONSERVATION
SUSTAINABILITY
PEST MANAGEMENT

\$13.12
KERBSIDE
COLLECTION
TRANSFER STATIONS
WASTE SERVICES
LANDFILL



\$3.05
COMMUNITY
FACILITIES



\$5.25
DEVELOPMENT & COMPLIANCE
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
PLANNING & BUILDING
ENFORCEMENT



\$1.72
AERODROME
SALEYARDS
CEMETERY



\$1.74
CORPORATE & EXECUTIVE SERVICES
GOVERNANCE



\$5.31
ARTS, CULTURE & EVENTS
PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE
COMMUNITY EVENTS
ART GALLERY
LIBRARY



\$3.07
COMMUNITY
WELLBEING



\$1.92
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
DISASTER RESPONSE
RECOVERY



\$12.04
RECREATION
PLANNING &
FACILITIES



\$3.59
STORM WATER



\$3.69
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
INVESTMENT READY OPPORTUNITIES
BUSINESS EVENTS
TOURISM



\$6.20
CHILDREN'S &
YOUTH SERVICES

