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The Hon Tim Richardson MP
Minister for Local Government
Level 1, 2 Treasury Place
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Dear Minister

On behalf of the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission, we have pleasure in presenting the Annual Allocation Report of the Commission's operations for the year to 31 August 2026, in accordance with Section 17 of the *Victorian Local Government Grants Commission Act 1976*.

This report provides a summary of the Commission's activities for the year and details the methodology used by the Commission in preparing recommendations to the Commonwealth Government for the allocation of financial assistance grants to Victorian councils for 2026-27.



Steven Kingshott
Chair



Michael Ulbrick
Member



Marg Allan PSM
Member

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1. The Commission

Role

The role of the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission is to make recommendations for the allocation of financial assistance grants (general purpose grants and local roads grants) provided by the Commonwealth Government to Victorian councils.

The Commonwealth Government's Financial Assistance Grant Program provides annual funding to councils to support the delivery of services to their communities. The grants are untied, allowing councils to spend the funds according to local priorities.

Legislation

The *Victorian Local Government Grants Commission Act 1976* is the State legislation that governs the operation of the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission. The Act establishes the Commission for the purpose of making recommendations for the allocation of financial assistance grants to councils, provides for the appointment and remuneration of Commission members and specifies the general operations of the Commission, including meetings of the Commission and the annual reporting requirements.

The *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* is the Commonwealth legislation that sets out the basis for the allocation of financial assistance grants by each Local Government Grants Commission to its respective local governing bodies in each State and the Northern Territory.

This legislation also requires that a set of national principles be formulated in writing between the Commonwealth and each jurisdiction. The purpose of the principles is to guide the respective Local Government Grants Commissions in the allocation of funds to councils within their own jurisdiction.

The number of national principles currently stands at seven - six applying to the allocation of general purpose grants and one applying to the allocation of local roads grants. The national principles are detailed in Sections 4 (page 12) and 5 (page 25).

Membership

As required by the *Victorian Local Government Grants Commission Act 1976* the Commission is to comprise a Chairperson and two other Members appointed by the Governor in Council. At least two of the members of the Commission are required to have had an association with local government. All current Commission members have extensive local government experience.

The present membership of the Commission is as follows:

		Initial Appointment	Current Term Expires
Chair	Steven Kingshott	28 March 2024	31 October 2027
Sessional Member	Michael Ulbrick	1 November 2013	31 October 2027
Sessional Member	Marg Allan PSM	1 November 2021	31 October 2029

Steven Kingshott (Chair)

Mr Steven Kingshott joined the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission as Chair in March 2024.

Mr Kingshott has a depth of experience in Human Resources, business planning, organisational risk and change management from his extensive career in the public and private sectors. Mr Kingshott was a Councillor and Mayor at the former City of Williamstown and Hobsons Bay City Council. More recently, he worked in senior roles in one of the world's largest corporations within Australia and overseas, managing complex project implementation and workforce change. Mr Kingshott was one of two monitors appointed to Glenelg Shire Council, until August 2024. Following this he was appointed as monitor to Horsham Rural City Council, which concluded on 30 June 2025. In October 2025, he was appointed as a monitor at Whittlesea City Council.

Michael Ulbrick (Member)

Mr Michael Ulbrick has been a Member of the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission since 2013.

Mr Ulbrick has considerable State and local government, public policy and consultation experience. He has held several executive positions in local government, including as Chief Executive Officer of Surf Coast Shire Council (2002) and Darebin City Council (2005-2010). His Victorian Government experience includes periods as Executive Director of the Workcover Authority and Executive Officer of the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission and, more recently, as consultant with Local Government Victoria in developing the Performance Management Framework (2012-14). Mr Ulbrick has established his own management consulting business and holds various Board and local government audit committee positions.

Marg Allan PSM (Member)

Ms Marg Allan has been a Member of the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission since November 2021.

Ms Allan has had an extensive career in local government, commencing in 1980. Throughout her career she has specialised in governance and strategy, corporate services, people and policy development and program delivery. Ms Allan has worked with a number of councils in executive roles including Greater Bendigo City Council 2007-2015, Loddon (interim CEO), and Mount Alexander and Gannawarra Shire Councils. Ms Allan joined the Victorian Public Service from 2016-21 as Regional Director Loddon Mallee with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning. She is a member of Zoos Victoria Board and was the municipal monitor appointed to Moira Shire Council. She was also appointed as monitor to Strathbogie Shire Council, with a term concluding on 6 November 2025. Ms Allan was awarded the Public Service Medal in 2022.

Obituaries

The Victorian Local Government Grants Commission notes with sadness the passing of **Mr John Lester** who served as Chairperson of the then Victoria Grants Commission from January 1996 to January 2005. Mr Lester led the Commission during a period of significant reform in local government across Victoria. He was widely regarded for his integrity, professionalism and commitment to ensuring fair, equitable and transparent grant allocations for councils throughout the state.

Under Mr Lester’s stewardship, the Commission’s consultation processes and funding methodologies were strengthened, leaving a lasting impact on Victorian local government. He will be remembered for his thoughtful leadership, sound judgment and enduring contribution to councils across Victoria.

The Commission also acknowledges with sadness the passing of **Ms Julie Eisenbise**, who served as a Commission Member from November 2013 to October 2021. Ms Eisenbise made a significant contribution to the Commission through her professionalism and commitment to local government.

Ms Eisenbise was respected by colleagues for her commitment to public service and her understanding of the vital role local councils play in communities. Her dedication to supporting fair outcomes for Victorian councils was highly valued by fellow Commissioners, councillors and council staff alike. She will be remembered with gratitude and respect for her service and contribution to local government in Victoria.

**Commission Meetings
2025-26**

The Commission and staff generally meet on a monthly basis, and other times as required, throughout the year.

During 2025-26 (Sept 2025 - Aug 2026), the Commission conducted 10 meetings.

Member	Number of Meetings Attended
Steven Kingshott	10
Michael Ulbrick	10
Marg Allan	9

National Forum

The National Forum of Local Government Grants Commissions is held every two years.

The 2025 forum was held in September 2025 and was hosted by the Northern Territory Grants Commission in Alice Springs.

Staff

The Commission’s staff is drawn from Local Government Victoria, which forms part of the Department of Government Services.

Staff members during 2025-26 were as follows:

Colin Morrison	Executive Officer
Julia Keeble	Manager, Recurrent Programs
Nada Bagaric	Senior Program Officer

Funding

All funds allocated by the Commonwealth are distributed to councils, with all of the Commission's operating costs being met by the Victorian Government. These costs include staff salaries, accommodation, members' sessional fees, travel and consultancies.

Acknowledgements

The Commission acknowledges the continued and valuable contributions from Victorian councils particularly in response to information requests, including the annual data return, providing submissions and participating in Commission information sessions.

The Commission would also like to thank the following organisations for their assistance and guidance throughout the year:

- Local Government Victoria, Department of Government Services
- Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts
- Commonwealth Grants Commission
- Municipal Association of Victoria
- Office of the Valuer-General
- Australian Bureau of Statistics
- Commonwealth Department of Human Services (Centrelink)
- Tourism Research Australia
- Department of Transport and Planning (Vicmap Spatial Services)
- Our counterparts in other states and the Northern Territory

2. Summary of 2026-27

This section provides a summary of the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission's key activities for 2026-27.

Estimated Grant Allocations for 2026-27

The 2026 Federal Budget, which was handed down on 12 May 2026, contained an initial estimate of the total allocations to Victorian councils for 2026-27.

Consequently, on 25 May 2026, the Commission was able to provide all councils with an indicative estimate of their general purpose and local roads grants allocations for 2026-27, based on the Federal Budget estimates.

Early Payment

The Federal Budget also indicated that an "early payment" of financial assistance grants for 2026-27 would be paid.

On 16 June 2026, formal advice was provided by the Federal Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories confirming an early payment. This was equivalent to 80% of the estimated financial assistance grant allocation for 2026-27 as detailed in the 2026 Federal Budget.

The total amount paid for Victorian councils was **\$698.250 million**, comprising general purpose grants of **\$514.658 million** and local roads grants of **\$183.592 million**.

These amounts were paid to councils on 19 June 2026.

Allocation

The 2026-27 estimated allocations for Victorian councils are:

General Purpose Grants	\$ 642,905,952
Local Roads Grants	\$ 229,381,379
2026-27 Financial Assistance Grants	\$ 872,287,331

The Commonwealth Government announced that an amount of **\$3.017 million** would be added to the 2026-27 cash payments to Victorian councils due to an under-estimation of the 2025-26 grants. This is the result of an adjustment made by the Commonwealth Government at the end of each financial year to reflect updated population estimates and inflation forecasts.

In aggregate, the estimated allocation for 2026-27 represents an increase in funding of:

- **\$41.983 million (5.1%)** compared to the total estimated financial assistance grants for 2025-26; or
- **\$38.966 million (4.7%)** compared to the total final financial assistance grants allocation for 2025-26.

Further details about the allocation of general purpose grants and local roads grants are contained in Sections 4 and 5, respectively.

Annual Data Questionnaire

The Commission's allocation methodology relies on data provided by councils in an annual data questionnaire. Much of this data is also shared with third parties, including the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Essential Services Commission, etc.

A lodgement date of the first Wednesday in November is set for the receipt of the annual questionnaire from councils.

Many councils provided their questionnaires well before the due date, assisting in expediting the data processing that is the first stage of the grant allocation process.

Consultation

All Victorian councils have the opportunity to provide written submissions to the Commission. The views presented in these submissions provide valuable input on aspects of both the general purpose and local roads grants allocation methodologies, including the construction and application of the cost adjusters and cost modifiers used to reflect the local characteristics of individual councils. This, in turn, allows the Commission to consider modification of the methodologies to ensure that they continue to be relevant to the needs of councils.

Regular statewide information sessions are conducted by the Commission to provide an overview of the methodology used in preparing its recommended allocations were conducted.

Two statewide information sessions were held on 21 and 29 August 2025. A further session was held virtually on 6 March 2026. These were conducted virtually and were attended by 334 individuals, including 88 councillors, from 63 councils.

The Commission also held a stand-alone information session for councils on its Local Roads Data Reconciliation Project in June 2026. This was attended by 270 people from 40 councils.

A further series of statewide information sessions is scheduled for late August 2026.

The Commission also visits and meets with Victorian councils individually over a four-year cycle. The Commission strives to meet councils in person where possible. During 2025-26, the Commission held individual meetings with 16 councils.

For more details about the Commission's consultation program for 2025-26 refer to Section 3 of this Allocation Report.

Commonwealth Allocation Summary

The Commonwealth Government formally advises the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission in each July of the allocations to be provided for the forthcoming financial year. These allocations are adjusted by the Commonwealth in the following year if they are deemed to have been “underpaid” or “overpaid” once revised population growth and inflation data is taken into account.

General Purpose Grants *

2025-26 Allocation	\$ 611,975,150
2025-26 Underpayment	\$ 1,837,229
2025-26 Adjusted Allocation	\$ 613,812,379
2026-27 Allocation	\$ 642,905,952
\$ Change (compared to 2025-26 allocation)	\$ 30,930,802
\$ Change (compared to adjusted allocation)	\$ 29,093,573
% Change (compared to 2025-26 allocation)	5.1%
% Change (compared to adjusted allocation)	4.7%

Local Roads Grants

2025-26 Allocation	\$ 218,329,295
2025-26 Underpayment	\$ 1,179,424
2025-26 Adjusted Allocation	\$ 219,508,719
2026-27 Allocation	\$ 229,381,379
\$ Change (compared to 2025-26 allocation)	\$ 11,052,084
\$ Change (compared to adjusted allocation)	\$ 9,872,660
% Change (compared to 2025-26 allocation)	5.1%
% Change (compared to adjusted allocation)	4.5%

Total Financial Assistance Grants

2025-26 Allocation	\$ 830,304,445
2025-26 Underpayment	\$ 3,016,653
2025-26 Adjusted Allocation	\$ 833,321,098
2026-27 Allocation	\$ 872,287,331
\$ Change (compared to 2025-26 allocation)	\$ 41,982,886
\$ Change (compared to adjusted allocation)	\$ 38,966,233
% Change (compared to 2025-26 allocation)	5.1%
% Change (compared to adjusted allocation)	4.7%

2026-27 Cash Payments

2026-27 Allocation	\$ 872,287,331
2025-26 Underpayment	\$ 3,016,653
	\$ 875,303,984

* Includes natural disaster assistance grants

Methodology Changes

The Commission has a continuous program of reviewing and adjusting its allocation methodology in consultation with councils.

Prior to determining its recommendations for the 2026-27 allocations, the Commission reviewed a number of key aspects of the formula.

In addition to incorporating revised data sets, the Commission made two changes to its allocation methodology.

- Following an internal review, changes were made to the data used to construct the Environmental Risk cost adjustor. This is used in the general purpose grant allocation model to reflect relative risk from natural disaster events, including bushfire and floods. For the 2026-27 allocation, the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) Spatial Services provided updated datasets based on rateable properties subject to bushfire management overlays (which reflect properties with the potential to be affected by extreme bushfires) and flood extent data.
- Following devastating bushfires in Victoria in January 2026, the Commission made the decision to make an adjustment to the valuation base for the 12 councils reporting a loss of more than 10 properties each – Colac Otway, Corangamite, Golden Plains, Horsham, Mansfield, Mitchell, Moira, Mount Alexander, Murrindindi, Pyrenees, Strathbogie and Towong. In line with previous practice following major natural disaster events, the Commission has made an adjustment equivalent to 50% of the estimated capital improved valuation of impacted properties. This reduces the assessed revenue raising capacity of those councils and reflects their immediate loss of rate income following the fires.

Local Roads Allocation Formula and Data

As noted in Section 5, the Commission is progressing the transition from the current formula used to allocate local road grants, which is based on traffic volumes carried on local roads as reported by councils, to a formula based on road-purpose hierarchy data as captured on Vicmap through the Local Roads Data Reconciliation Project.

This project will enable the Commission and other users of the Vicmap system, including emergency services, to access local roads data on a statewide basis.

To advance this work, the Commission once again allocated 1% of the local roads grants pool for 2026-27 to continue to support councils in reporting road purpose hierarchy data and the transition process to Vicmap.

3. Consultation

The Victorian Local Government Grants Commission undertakes consultation with councils and other interested parties. A number of forums are provided annually by the Commission for communication of the methodology it uses to develop its recommendations, making opportunities available for councils to provide input into the grant allocation process, as well as for the Commission to listen and respond to councils' issues and concerns. The Commission strongly encourages as many elected councillors as possible to attend these meetings as a way of broadening their knowledge of the wider local government sector.

Council Meetings

The Commission holds a number of individual meetings with councils each year. The purpose of these meetings is to provide councils with a detailed overview of the Commission's role and methodology, and how the grant outcomes are determined. The meetings also enable the Commission to gain a greater understanding of the issues facing individual councils.

In 2025-26, the Commission continued its program of individual meetings with councils as part of its commitment to meet with every Victorian council on a four-year cycle.

Individual Council Meeting	Venue	Date
Brimbank (C)	Sunshine	19 August 2025
Wyndham (C)	Werribee	19 August 2025
Hume (C)	Broadmeadows	21 August 2025
Moorabool (S)	Darley	22 October 2025
Melton (C)	Melton	22 October 2025
Hepburn (S)	Daylesford	23 October 2025
Pyrenees (S)	Beaufort	23 October 2025
Ararat (RC)	Ararat	24 October 2025
Ballarat (C)	Ballarat	24 October 2025
Corangamite (S)	Camperdown	15 April 2026
Warrnambool (C)	Warrnambool	15 April 2026
Glenelg (S)	Portland	16 April 2026
Moyne (S)	Port Fairy	16 April 2026
Colac Otway (S)	Colac	17 April 2026
Golden Plains (S)	Bannockburn	17 April 2026
Murrindindi (S)	Yea	28 April 2026

During the year to 31 August 2026, approximately 150 individuals attended the 16 meetings that were held with individual councils. Attendance comprised councillors (49%), administrators, chief executive officers and other council staff (51%).

Statewide Information Sessions

The Commission also held statewide information sessions to provide an overview of the methodology in developing its recommendations for the allocations and the Commission's work program.

Statewide information sessions were held.

Information Sessions		Date
Session 1	Virtual	21 August 2025
Session 2	Virtual	29 August 2025
Session 3	Virtual	6 March 2025
Session 4	Virtual	21 August 2026
Session 5	Virtual	27 August 2026

During 2025-26, approximately 330 individuals attended the virtual information sessions. Attendance comprised councillors (34%), administrators, chief executive officers and other council staff.

The Commission also held a stand-alone information session for councils on its Local Roads Data Reconciliation Project in June 2026. This was attended by 270 people from 40 councils.

Public Meetings

In accordance with section 11 (2) (c) of the *Local Government (Financial Assistance Act) 1995*, the Commission's meetings with councils and regional information sessions are conducted as public meetings.

Submissions

Councils were invited to provide the Commission with written submissions by the end of February 2026 in relation to the 2026-27 allocations.

Submissions were received from:

- Murrindindi (S)
- Warrnambool (C)
- Wimmera Southern Mallee Council Alliance.

Other Information

Information about the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission, including key reports, information papers and submissions received, is published on the Commission's webpages:

<https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/funding-programs/victoria-grants-commission>

4. General Purpose Grants

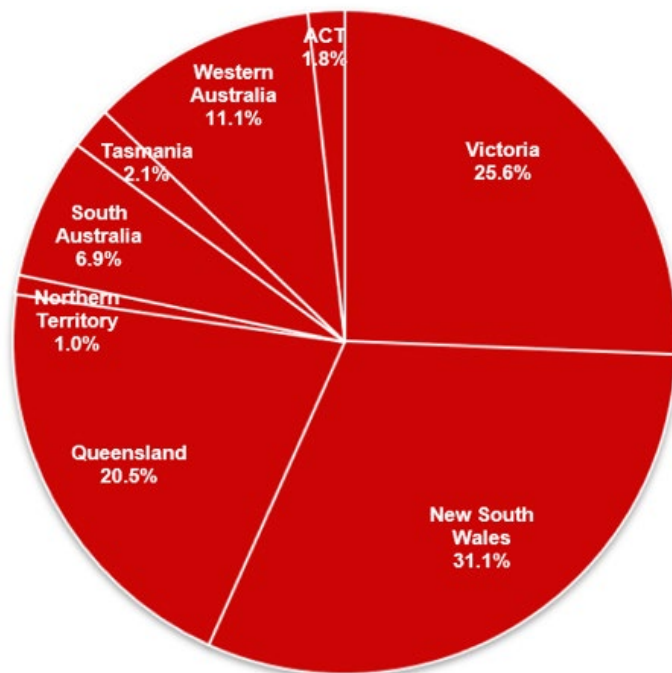
This section provides details the allocation of general purpose grants to Victorian councils for 2026-27. The recommendations of the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission for the allocation of these funds were approved by the Federal Assistant Minister for Local Government in August 2025.

Background

General purpose grants are one of the two components of the financial assistance grants (along with local roads grants) provided by the Commonwealth Government to local government. The *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* provides that the grants are untied; that is, the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission is unable to direct councils as to how the grants are to be spent.

General purpose grants are allocated between Australian states and territories on a population basis. In 2026-27, Victoria will receive 25.6% of the total funds made available by the Commonwealth Government for this purpose, in line with its share of national population.

Figure 4.1: Share of General Purpose Grants



% figures have been rounded

National Principles

The Victorian Local Government Grants Commission is required to make recommendations for the allocation of financial assistance grants to councils in accordance with a set of nationally agreed principles. There are currently six principles that apply to the allocation of general purpose grants.

National Principles

The Commonwealth *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* requires that the allocation of general purpose grants to local government bodies (councils) conforms with the relevant national distribution principles:

(i) Horizontal Equalisation

General purpose grants are to be allocated to councils, as far as practicable, on a full horizontal equalisation basis. This aims to ensure that each council is able to function, by reasonable effort, at a standard not lower than the average standard of other councils in the State/Territory.

(ii) Effort Neutrality

In allocating general purpose grants, an effort or policy neutral approach is to be used in assessing the expenditure requirements and revenue raising capacity of each council. This means as far as practicable, the policies of individual councils in terms of expenditure and revenue efforts will not affect the grant determination.

(iii) Minimum Grant

The minimum general purpose grant for a council is to be not less than the amount to which it would be entitled if 30 per cent of the total amount of general purpose grants were allocated on a per capita basis.

(iv) Other Grant Support

In allocating general purpose grants, other relevant grant support provided to local governing bodies to meet any of the expenditure needs assessed is to be taken into account.

(v) Aboriginal Peoples & Torres Strait Islanders

Financial assistance is to be allocated to councils in a way which recognises the needs of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders within their boundaries.

(vi) Council Amalgamation

Where two or more local governing bodies are amalgamated into a single body, the general purpose grant provided to the new body for each of the four years following amalgamation should be the total of the amounts that would have been provided to the former bodies in each of those years if they had remained separate entities.

Final Allocations 2025-26

In July 2025, the Commonwealth Government provided the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission with an estimate of total general purpose grants for 2025-26 of \$611.975 million. This formed the basis of the Commission's recommended general purpose grant allocations to each council for 2025-26, which were announced in August 2025 and are detailed in Appendix 2A of this Report.

The final (or actual) amount to be allocated for 2025-26 was determined by the Commonwealth Government in July 2026, based on revised population growth and inflation estimates. The final allocation of general purpose grants is \$613.812 million, an increase of \$1.837 million compared with the earlier estimate.

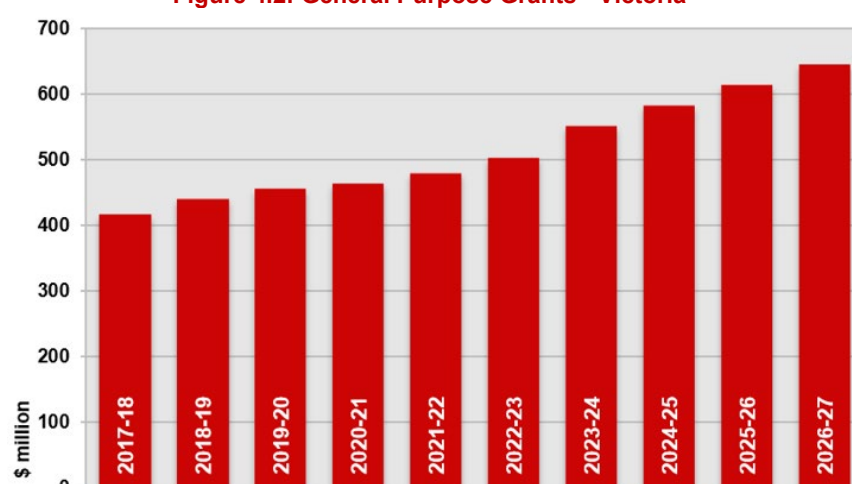
Councils' final allocations for 2025-26 are shown in **Appendix 2B**.

Estimated Allocations 2026-27

The national general purpose grants pool for 2026-27 is \$2.507 billion. Victoria's share of this estimated allocation is \$642.906 million. This represents an increase of:

- \$30.931 million (5.1%) compared to the estimated general purpose grants allocation for 2025-26, or
- \$29.094 million (4.7%) compared to the final general purpose grants allocation for 2025-26.

Figure 4.2: General Purpose Grants - Victoria



Estimated allocation 2026-27, actual allocation all other years

Methodology

The Victorian Local Government Grants Commission's methodology for allocating general purpose grants takes into account each council's assessed relative expenditure needs and relative capacity to raise revenue.

For each council, a *raw grant* is obtained which is calculated by subtracting the council's *standardised revenue* from its *standardised expenditure*.

The available general purpose grants pool is then allocated in proportion to each council's raw grant, taking into account the requirement in the Commonwealth legislation and associated national distribution principles to provide a minimum grant to each council. As outlined below, increases and decreases in general purpose grant outcomes have also been limited in movement which, in turn, affects the relationship between raw grants and actual grants.

Standardised Expenditure

In preparing its estimates of general purpose grants, the Commission gave careful consideration to specific issues raised by councils through written submissions and the individual and regional meetings held with councils throughout the year.

Specific grants, up to a maximum of \$35,000 per declared event, are made to a small number of councils each year in the form of natural disaster assistance. These grants are drawn from the general purpose grants pool and so reduce the amount allocated on a formula basis.

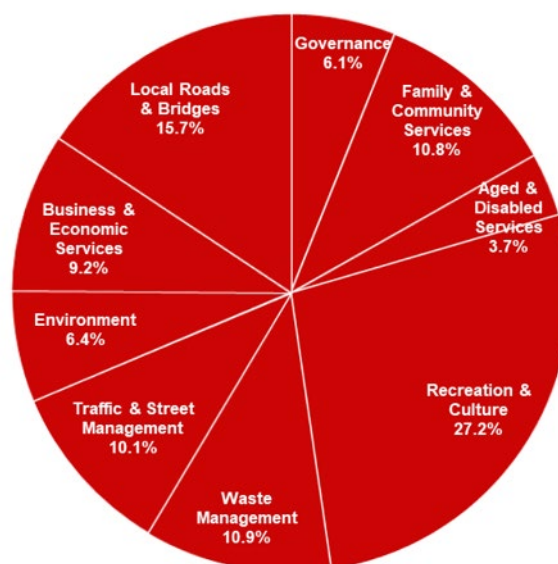
Details of natural disaster assistance grants allocated for 2026-27 are provided on page 24.

Under the Commission's general purpose grants methodology, *standardised expenditure* is calculated for each council on the basis of nine expenditure functions. Between them, these expenditure functions include all council recurrent expenditure.

The structure of the model ensures that the gross standardised expenditure for each function equals aggregate actual expenditure by councils, thus ensuring that the relative importance of each of the nine expenditure functions in the Commission's model matches the pattern of actual council expenditure.

The total recurrent expenditure across all Victorian councils in 2025-26 equalled \$12.179 billion. Under the Commission's methodology, the gross standardised expenditure in the allocation model for 2026-27 therefore also equals \$12.179 billion, with each of the nine expenditure functions assuming the same share of both actual expenditure and standardised expenditure.

Figure 4.3: Functional shares of recurrent expenditure 2025-26

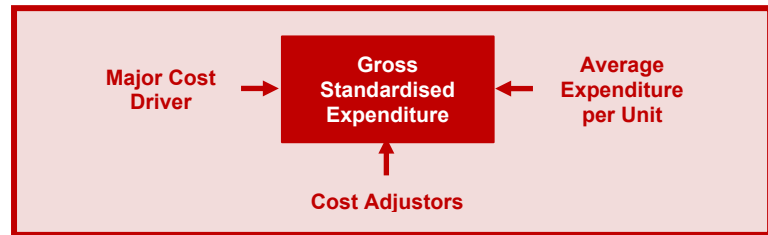


For each function, with the exception of Local Roads and Bridges, *gross standardised expenditure* is obtained by multiplying the relevant major cost driver by:

- the average Victorian council expenditure on that function, per unit of need; and
- a composite cost adjustor which takes account of factors that make service provision cost more or less for individual councils than the State average.

This can be demonstrated diagrammatically as follows:

Figure 4.4: Calculation of gross standardised expenditure
Gross Standardised Expenditure
 (for each function)



The calculation of standardised expenditure for the Local Roads and Bridges expenditure function is described at the end of this section.

The major cost drivers and average expenditures per unit for each expenditure function, with the exception of Local Roads and Bridges, are shown below:

Expenditure Function	Major Cost Driver	Average Expend Per Unit
Governance	Modified Population *	\$ 94.40
Family & Community Services	Population	\$ 173.91
Aged & Disabled Services	Pop >60 +Disability Pensioners +Carer's Allowance Recipients	\$ 216.68
Recreation & Culture	Modified Population *	\$ 433.10
Waste Management	No. of Dwellings	\$ 417.47
Traffic & Street Management	Modified Population *	\$ 161.36
Environment	Modified Population *	\$ 100.70
Business & Economic Services	Modified Population *	\$ 144.13

* Modified Population - adjusted by two-thirds of the vacancy rate above the state average to take account of part-time residents.

For each expenditure function a major cost driver (or unit of need) is used, which is seen by the Commission to be the most significant determinant of a council's expenditure need on a particular function.

Several different major cost drivers are used:

Major Cost Driver	Expenditure Functions
Population	- Family & Community Services
Modified Population* (minimum population: 20,000)	- Governance
Modified Population * (minimum population: 17,500)	- Environment - Business & Economic Services
Modified Population * (no minimum)	- Recreation and Culture - Traffic & Street Management
Population Aged >60 + Recipients of Disability Support Pensions or Carer's Allowance	- Aged & Disabled Services
Number of Dwellings	- Waste Management

* Modified Population - adjusted by two-thirds of the vacancy rate above the state average to take account of part-time residents.

For five expenditure functions, a modified population is used as the major cost driver to recognise the fixed costs associated with certain functional areas.

The major cost drivers used in assessing relative expenditure needs for these functions take account of high rates of vacant dwellings at the time the census is taken. Councils with a vacancy rate above the State average are assumed to have a population higher than the census-based estimate as a result of their part-time resident population:

- For the Governance expenditure function, actual populations are adjusted upwards to reflect two-thirds of the “excess” vacant dwellings on census night and councils with a population of less than 25,000 are deemed to have a population of 25,000. The population for any individual council is capped at 300,000 for this expenditure function.
- For the Recreation & Culture and Traffic & Street Management functions actual populations are adjusted upwards to reflect two-thirds of the “excess” vacant dwellings on census night.
- For the Environment and Business & Economic Services functions actual populations are adjusted upwards to reflect two-thirds of the “excess” vacant dwellings on census night. Councils with a population of less than 17,500 are deemed to have a base population of 17,500.

Cost Adjustors

Cost adjustors are measures designed to reflect differences between councils and allow the Commission to take account of the particular characteristics of individual councils which impact on the cost of service provision on a comparable basis. A number of cost adjustors are used in various combinations against each expenditure function.

Each cost adjustor has been based around a State weighted average of 1.00 with a ratio of 1:2 between the minimum and maximum values, to ensure that the relative importance of each expenditure function in the model is maintained.

The 12 cost adjustors used in the calculation of the 2026-27 general purpose grants are:

Aged Pensioners	Population Growth
Economies of Scale	Population less than 6 Years
Environmental Risk (Fire & Flood)	Regional Services
Indigenous Population	Remoteness
Language	Socio-Economic
Population Dispersion	Tourism

Further information on each cost adjustor is contained at the end of this section on page 25.

Because some factors represented by cost adjustors impact more on costs than others, different weightings have been used for the cost adjustors applied to each expenditure function.

The cost adjustors and weightings applied to each expenditure function in the calculation of the 2026-27 general purpose grants are shown in **Figure 4.5**.

Figure 4.5: Application of cost adjustors: 2026-27 allocations

Expenditure Function	Cost Adjustor												Major Cost Driver (Units)	Statewide Average Expenditure Per Unit
	1 Aged Pensioners	2 Economies of Scale	3 Environmental Risk (Fire & Flood)	4 Indigenous Population	5 Language	6 Population Dispersion	7 Population Growth	8 Population under 6 Years	9 Regional Services	10 Remoteness	11 Socio-Economic	12 Tourism		
Governance		20%		10%	25%	25%				20%			Modified Population* (min 25,000 & max 300,000)	\$94.40
Family & Community Services				10%	10%	20%	10%	30%			20%		Population	\$173.91
Aged & Disabled Services	20%				20%	30%					30%		Pop >60 years & Disabled Pensioners & Carers	\$216.68
Recreation & Culture					10%	25%			40%			25%	Modified Population*	\$433.10
Waste Management		30%				50%			10%			10%	No. of Dwellings	\$417.47
Traffic & Street Management		15%				25%	15%		30%			15%	Modified Population*	\$161.36
Environment		10%	30%			25%	10%			25%			Modified Population* (min 17,500)	\$100.70
Business & Economic Services		30%				10%			30%	20%		10%	Modified Population* (min 17,500)	\$144.13
Local Roads & Bridges	Cost Adjustors not applied - based on local road model network costs													

* Modified Population - adjusted by two-thirds of the vacancy rate to take account of part-time residents.
From 2025-26 Governance Modified Pop changed to min 25,000 & max 300,000

Treatment of Other Grants

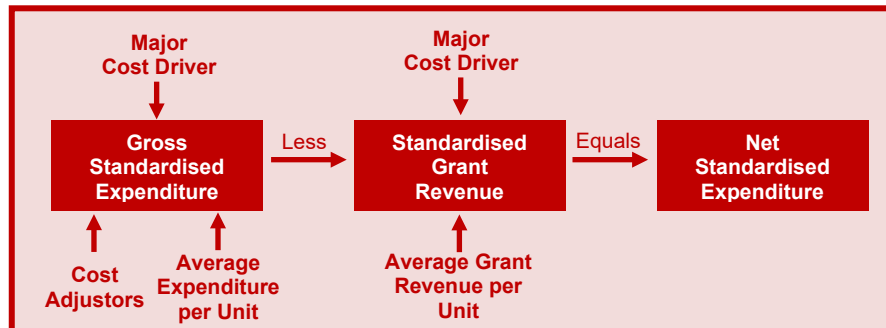
Net standardised expenditure has been obtained for each function by subtracting standardised grant support (calculated on an average per unit basis) from gross standardised expenditure. This ensures that other grant support is treated on an “inclusion” basis.

Average grant revenue on a per unit basis (based on actual grants received by local government in 2025-26) is shown below:

Function	Major Cost Driver	Average Grants Per Unit
Governance	Modified Population	\$ 2.79
Family & Community Services	Population	\$ 55.81
Aged & Disabled Services	Pop > 60 + Disability Pensioners + Carer's Allowance Recipients	\$ 93.98
Recreation & Culture	Modified Population	\$ 5.23
Waste Management	No. of Dwellings	\$ 0.24
Traffic & Street Management	Modified Population	\$ 4.44
Environment	Modified Population	\$ 1.41
Business & Economic Services	Modified Population	\$ 0.89

Diagrammatically, the calculation of net standardised expenditure for each expenditure function is as shown in **Figure 4.6**:

Figure 4.6: Calculation of net standardised expenditure
Net Standardised Expenditure
 (for each function)



Standardised expenditure for the Local Roads and Bridges expenditure function within the general purpose grants model is based on the grant outcomes for each council under the Commission's local roads grants model. As outlined in Section 5, this incorporates a number of cost modifiers (similar to cost adjustors) to take account of differences between councils.

Net standardised expenditure for this function for each council is calculated by subtracting other grant support (based on actual identified local roads grants and a proportion of Roads to Recovery grants) from gross standardised expenditure.

The total standardised expenditure for each council is the sum of the standardised expenditure calculated for each of the nine expenditure functions.

Standardised Revenue

A council's *standardised revenue* is intended to reflect its capacity to raise revenue from its community.

Relative capacity to raise rate revenue, or *standardised rate revenue*, is calculated for each council by multiplying its valuation base (on a capital improved value basis) by the average rate across all Victorian councils. The payments in lieu of rates received by some councils for major facilities such as power generating plants and airports have been added to their standardised revenue to ensure that all councils are treated on an equitable basis.

Rate revenue raising capacity is calculated separately for each of the three major property classes (residential, commercial/industrial/other and farm), with data averaged over a three-year period.

The derivation of the average rates for each of the property classes is shown below:

Category	Total Average Valuations	Total Rate Revenue	Average Rate
Residential	\$2,536.395 b	\$ 5.839 b	\$ 0.00230
Commercial/ Industrial/Other	\$ 423.479 b	\$ 1.198 b	\$ 0.00283
Farm	\$ 186.974 b	\$ 0.383 b	\$ 0.00205

The Commission constrains increases in each council's assessed revenue capacity to improve stability in grant outcomes. The constraint for each council has been set at the statewide average increase in standardised revenue adjusted by the council's own rate of population growth to reflect growth in the property base.

A council's relative capacity to raise revenue from user fees and charges, or *standardised fees and charges revenue*, also forms part of the calculation of standardised revenue.

For each council, for each of the nine functional areas, the relevant driver (such as population) is multiplied by the adjusted State median revenue from user fees and charges (adjusted to remove the skewing effect of large outliers in the data). For some functions, this is then modified by a series of "revenue adjustors" to take account of differences between municipalities in their capacity to generate fees and charges, due to their characteristics.

The actual revenue from user fees and charges from the three years to June 2025 has been used as the basis for calculating standardised fees and charges revenue for the recommended allocations for 2026-27. These amounts are shown below, along with the revenue adjustors applied:

Expenditure Function	Major Driver (Units)	Standard Fees & Charges Per Unit	Revenue Adjustors
Governance	Population	\$ 21.02	Nil
Family & Community Services	Population	\$ 6.26	Socio-Economic
Aged & Disabled Services	Pop. > 60 +Disability +Carer's Allowance	\$ 10.49	Household Income
Recreation & Culture	Population	\$ 24.33	Nil
Waste Management	No. Dwellings	\$ 39.39	Nil
Traffic & Street Management	Population	\$ 6.58	Valuations (% Commercial)
Environment	Population	\$ 1.25	Nil
Business & Economic Services	Population	\$ 36.51	Tourism + Value of Development
Local Roads & Bridges	Population	\$ 2.35	Nil

The assessed capacity to generate user fees and charges for each council is added to its standardised rate revenue to produce total standardised revenue.

Further information about the revenue adjustors used in assessing standardised fees and charges revenue is contained at the end of this section on page 26.

Data and Methodology Changes

In preparing its recommendations for general purpose grants for 2026-27, the Commission gave consideration to issues raised by councils through written submissions and the individual and statewide meetings held with councils throughout the year.

All data used by the Commission in allocating general purpose grants has been updated where possible. Major inputs for the 2026-27 allocation include Australian Bureau of Statistics' population estimates, valuations data and the most recent information on council expenditure and revenue.

The Commission made two changes to its allocation methodology.

- Changes were made to the data used to construct the Environmental Risk cost adjustor. This is used to reflect relative risk from natural disaster events, including bushfire and floods. For the 2026-27 allocation, the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) Spatial Services provided updated datasets based on rateable properties subject to bushfire management overlays (which reflect properties with the potential to be affected by extreme bushfires) and flood extent data.
- Following devastating bushfires in Victoria in January 2026, the Commission made the decision to make an adjustment to the valuation base for the 12 councils reporting a loss of more than 10 properties each – Colac Otway, Corangamite, Golden Plains, Horsham, Mansfield, Mitchell, Moira, Mount Alexander, Murrindindi, Pyrenees, Strathbogie and Towong. In line with previous practice following major natural disaster events, the Commission has made an adjustment equivalent to 50% of the estimated capital improved valuation of impacted properties. This reduces the assessed revenue raising capacity of those councils and reflects their immediate loss of rate income following the fires.

Minimum Grants

The available general purpose grants pool for Victorian councils represents, on average, \$90.89 per head of population (using ABS population estimates as at 30 June 2025). The minimum grant national distribution principle requires that no council may receive a general purpose grant that is less than 30% of the per capita average (or \$27.27 for 2026-27).

Without the application of this principle, general purpose grants for 2026-27 for 17 councils – Banyule, Bayside, Boroondara, Darebin, Glen Eira, Hobsons Bay, Kingston, Manningham, Melbourne, Monash, Moreland, Mornington Peninsula, Moonee Valley, Port Phillip, Stonnington, Whitehorse and Yarra - would have been below the equivalent of \$27.27 per capita. The minimum grant principle has resulted in the general purpose grants to these councils being increased to that level.

Limits on Grant Movements

The Commission applied the following limits to movements in the general purpose grant outcomes for 2026-27:

- no limits were applied to councils assessed as being at the minimum grant level;
- grant increases were limited to no more than 10.0%; and
- grants increased for all councils by a minimum of 2.0%.

Estimated Allocations 2026-27

The general purpose grant allocations for each Victorian council for 2026-27 are shown in **Appendix 2A**.

A summary of the changes in general purpose grants from 2025-26 to 2026-27 is shown below:

Change in General Purpose Grant	No. of Councils
Limit set at no more than 10%	3
Increase from 5 to 10%	33
Increase from 2 to 5%	42
Limit set at minimum 2%	1
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Comparative Grant Outcomes 2026-27

The largest general purpose grant allocations for 2026-27 are for Melton City Council (\$27.125 million), Wyndham City Council (\$26.905 million), Casey City Council (\$26.803 million) and Greater Geelong City Council (\$25.907 million).

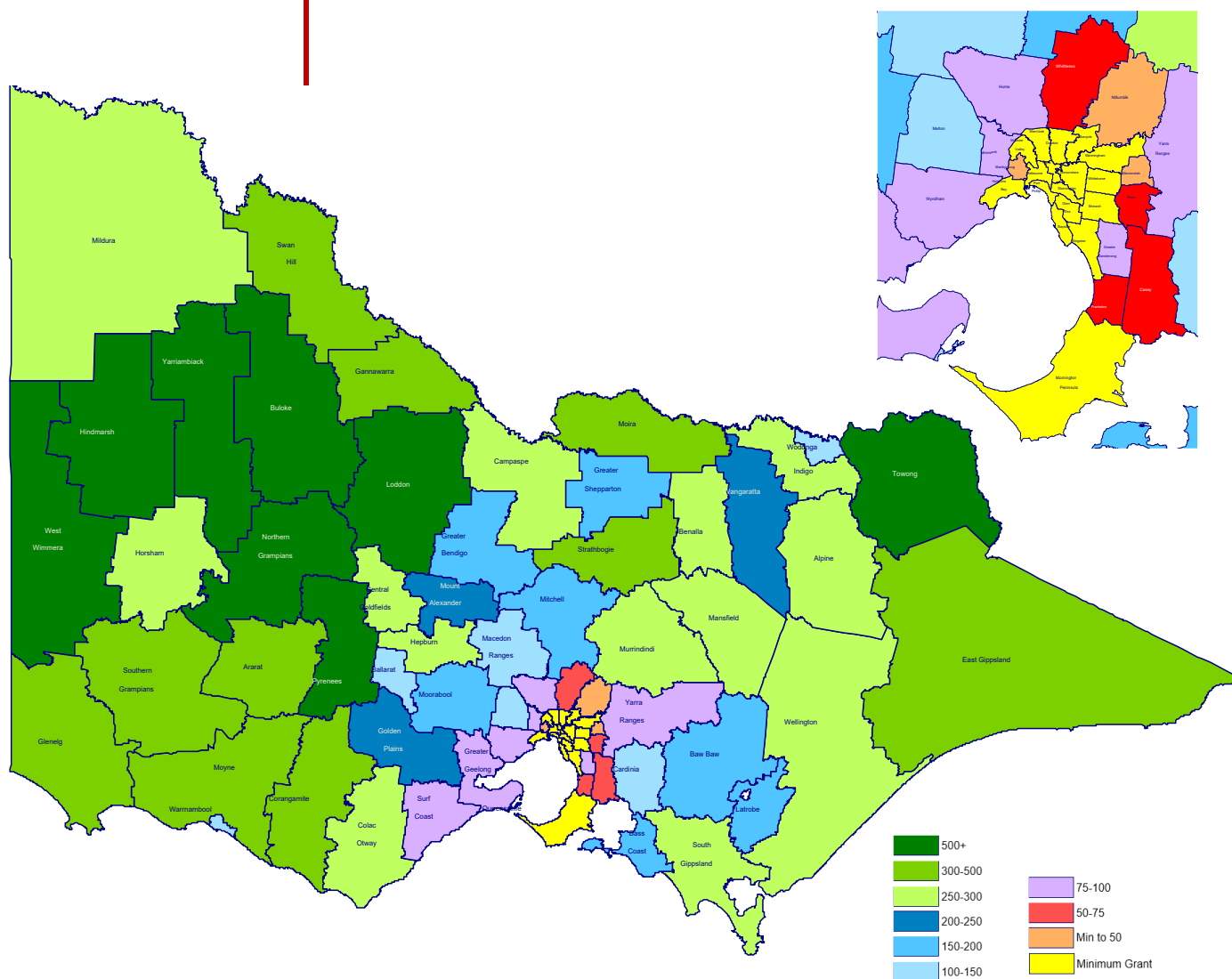
The smallest grant has been provided to the Borough of Queenscliffe (\$0.517 million).

On a per capita basis, the largest general purpose grant has been allocated to West Wimmera Shire Council, where the grant allocation of \$4.980 million represents \$1,271.97 per head of population.

This compares to the outcome for the 17 councils receiving a minimum general purpose grant where the grant represents \$27.27 per head of population.

A comparison of general purpose grant outcomes on a per capita basis is illustrated in **Figure 4.7**:

Figure 4.7: 2026-27 General Purpose Grants (per capita)



Natural Disaster Assistance

As outlined on page 15 of this report, the Commission provides funds from the general purpose grants pool to councils which have incurred expenditure resulting from natural disasters. Grants of up to \$35,000 per council per eligible event are provided to assist with repairs and restoration work.

For 2026-27, a total of \$777,816 has been allocated to 17 councils in relation to 28 events as follows:

2026-27 Natural Disaster Assistance Grants			
Baw Baw (S)	Eastern Vic Storms & Floods	\$	46,124
Cardinia (S)	Victorian Storms (2)	\$	55,788
Colac Otway (S)	Victorian Storms (x2) & Floods	\$	105,000
East Gippsland (S)	Floods	\$	22,475
Golden Plains (S)	Victorian Floods	\$	7,031
Greater Bendigo (C)	Floods & Storms	\$	35,000
Hepburn (S)	Vic Floods & Storms	\$	24,219
Indigo (S)	Vic Floods & Storms	\$	35,000
Mitchell (S)	Floods & Storms	\$	35,000
Murrindindi (S)	Floods & Storms	\$	18,203
Nillumbik (S)	Floods & Storms	\$	35,000
Northern Grampians (S)	Floods & Storms	\$	35,000
Pyrenees (S)	Bushfires and Storms (2)	\$	52,930
South Gippsland (S)	Storms & Floods (x5)	\$	110,676
Warrnambool (C)	Victorian Storms	\$	35,000
Wellington (S)	Earthquake	\$	35,000
Yarra Ranges (S)	Floods & Storms (x3)	\$	90,370
17	28	\$	777,816

Allocation of General Purpose Grants

Cost Adjustors

A set of cost adjustors is used in the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission's formula for allocating general purpose grants to Victorian councils. These are designed to reflect differences between councils and take account of factors that make service provision cost more or less for individual councils than the State average.

Individual cost adjustment index values are calculated for each of the cost adjustors for each council. These are shown in **Appendix 4D**.

The 12 cost adjustors used by the Commission for the 2026-27 allocations are listed below. Data sources for these cost adjustors are detailed in **Appendix 4L**.

<i>Aged Pensioners</i>	Recognises that councils with high numbers of aged pensioners, relative to the number of people aged over 60 years, are likely to have additional expenditure requirements.
<i>Economies of Scale</i>	Recognises the economies of scale inherent in providing some local government services to larger populations.
<i>Environmental Risk (Fire & Flood)</i>	Recognises that councils face differing levels of risk from floods and bushfires leading to varying impacts on council expenditure.
<i>Indigenous Population</i>	Recognises the impact on council expenditure of providing services to people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.
<i>Language</i>	Recognises the impact on council expenditure of providing services to residents, particularly newly arrived migrants, with a low level of proficiency in English.
<i>Population Dispersion</i>	Recognises the impact on council expenditure of having to provide infrastructure and services to more than one population centre.
<i>Population Growth</i>	Recognises that areas of higher population growth require relatively greater council effort in providing some services.
<i>Population <6 Years</i>	Recognises the impact on council expenditure of providing services to children less than 6 years of age.
<i>Regional Services</i>	Recognises that some municipalities provide a range of services to a larger than average catchment area, increasing the demand on some council services.
<i>Remoteness</i>	Recognises the impact on council expenditure caused by remoteness from major service centres.
<i>Socio-Economic</i>	Recognises that residents of areas of relative socio-economic disadvantage are likely to make a greater call on certain council services.
<i>Tourism</i>	Recognises that councils in areas attracting significant numbers of tourists have additional expenditure requirements.

Allocation of General Purpose Grants

Revenue Adjustors

A set of revenue adjustors is used in the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission's formula for allocating general purpose grants to Victorian councils. These are designed to reflect differences between councils and take account of factors that impact on a council's relative capacity to raise revenue from user fees and charges.

Individual revenue adjustment index values are calculated for each of the revenue adjustors for each council. These are shown in **Appendix 4H**.

The five revenue adjustors used by the Commission for the 2026-27 allocations are listed below. Data sources for these revenue adjustors are detailed in **Appendix 4L**.

<i>Household Income</i>	Recognises the impact that household income has on the level of fees and charges that a council can raise.
<i>Socio-Economic</i>	Recognises that residents of areas of relative socio-economic disadvantage are likely to have a lower capacity to pay fees and charges than residents of areas of relative socio-economic advantage.
<i>Tourism</i>	Recognises the impact that tourism has on the level of fees and charges that a council can raise, particularly in relation to tourist facilities.
<i>Value of Development</i>	Recognises that municipalities that have a high value of development, as represented by building approvals, have a greater capacity to raise fees and charges, particularly in relation to planning and building services.
<i>Valuations (Commercial)</i>	Recognises that municipalities that have a high proportion of commercial activity have a greater capacity to raise fees and charges, particularly in relation to parking fees and fines.

5. Local Roads Grants

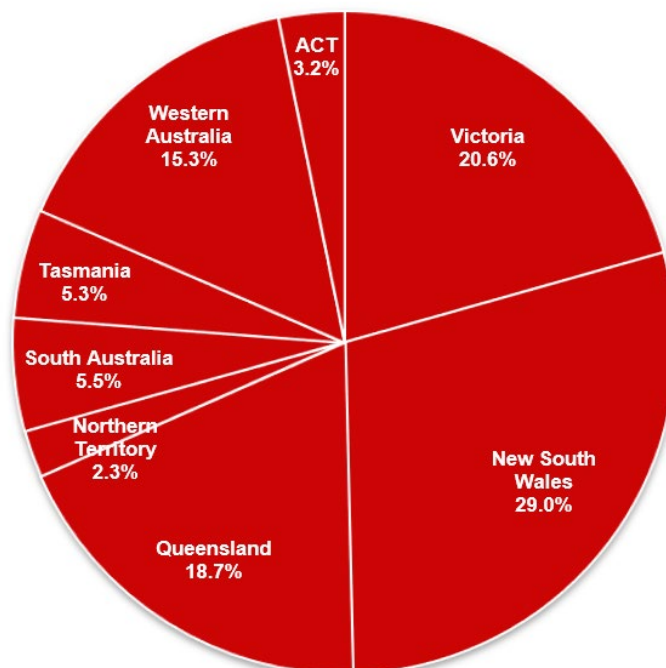
This section provides details the allocation of local roads grants to Victorian councils for 2026-27. The recommendations of the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission for the allocation of these funds were approved by the Federal Assistant Minister for Local Government in August 2025.

Background

Local roads grants are the second of the two components of the financial assistance grants provided by the Commonwealth Government to local government. Although local roads grants are allocated on the basis of the relative needs of each council for roads expenditure, the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* provides that the grants are untied.

Victoria receives a fixed proportion of 20.6% of the total funds made available each year by the Commonwealth Government for this purpose.

Figure 5.1: Share of Local Roads Grants



% figures have been rounded

National Principles

The Victorian Local Government Grants Commission is required to make recommendations for the allocation of financial assistance grants to councils in accordance with a set of nationally agreed principles. These currently require that local roads grants be 'allocated to councils as far as practicable on the basis of the relative needs of each council for roads expenditure and to preserve its road assets.'

Final Allocations
2025-26

In July 2025 the Commonwealth Government provided the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission with an estimate of total local roads grants for 2025-26 of \$216.146 million. This formed the basis of the Commission’s recommended local roads allocation to each council for 2025-26, which were announced in August 2025 and are shown in Appendix 2A of the Commission’s 2025-26 Annual Report.

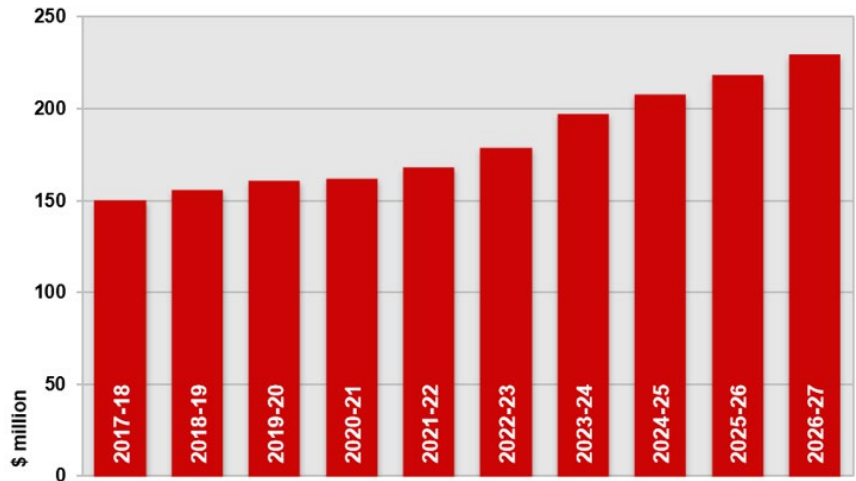
The Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts advised the Commission in July 2026 of the final (or actual) amount to be allocated for 2025-26. The final allocation of total local roads grants is \$217.325 million, an increase of \$1.179 million compared with the earlier estimate.

Councils’ final allocations for 2025-26 are shown in **Appendix 2B**.

Estimated
Allocations
2026-27

The estimated national local roads grants pool for 2026-27 is \$1.113 billion. Victoria’s share of this estimated allocation is **\$229.381 million**. This represents an increase of \$11.052 million or 5.1% compared with the estimated allocation for 2025-26.

Figure 5.2: Local Roads Grants - Victoria



Estimated allocation 2026-27, actual allocation all other years.

Methodology

The Commission’s formula for allocating local roads grants is based on each council’s road length (for all surface types) and traffic volumes, using average annual preservation costs for given traffic volume ranges.

The methodology also includes a series of cost modifiers for freight loading, climate, materials, sub-grade conditions and strategic routes and takes account of the deck area of bridges on local roads.

This formula is designed to reflect the relative needs of Victorian councils in relation to local roads grants in accordance with the national principle relating to the allocation of local roads grants.

In 2024, Commission signalled its intention to councils to transition from the current allocation formula, which is based on traffic volumes carried on a local road as reported by councils, to a formula based on road-purpose hierarchy data as captured on Vicmap. This will enable the Commission and other Vicmap users, including emergency services, to access local roads data on a statewide basis.

Road Length & Traffic Volume Data

To advance this work, the Commission has again allocated 1% of the local roads grants pool for 2026-27 to support councils in collecting and reporting road purpose hierarchy data. The allocation has been made on the basis of a flat amount of \$10,000 per council, with the remainder distributed in proportion to the total length of local roads in each council.

The balance of the funding pool for 2026-27 has been allocated in line with the Commission's current formula.

The recommended allocation of local roads grants for 2026-27 was based on road length and traffic volume data reported by all councils for the 12 months to June 2025.

Similar to previous years, councils were asked to categorise their local road networks according to nine broad traffic volume ranges – four for urban roads and five for rural roads.

Victorian councils reported a total of 133,861 kilometres of local roads as at 30 June 2025, a decrease of 369 kilometres, or 0.3% compared to the length reported 12 months earlier.

Where significant changes were made to the data previously provided, councils were asked to verify those data changes and, in some instances, provide additional supporting documentation.

Variations were as follows:

Change in Length of Local Roads	No. of Councils
Increase of 1.0% to 5.0%	12
Increase of up to 1.0%	26
No change	25
Decreases of up to -1.0%	12
Decreases of 1.0% to 5.0%	4
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Road lengths reported by each council for each traffic volume range as at June 2024 are detailed in **Appendix 5A**.

Asset Preservation Costs

Average annual preservation costs for each traffic volume range are used in the allocation model to reflect the cost of local road maintenance and renewal.

The asset preservation costs were altered for the 2018-19 allocations to better reflect councils' aggregate actual expenditure on road maintenance. However, this change had no impact on the distribution of local roads grants.

The asset preservation costs used in the 2026-27 allocations were as follows:

Local Road Type	Daily Traffic Volume Range	Annual Asset Preservation Cost \$/km
Urban	< 500	\$ 8,640
	500 - <1000	\$ 11,760
	1000 - <5000	\$ 15,840
	5000 +	\$ 25,680
Rural	Natural Surface	\$ 840
	< 100	\$ 6,000
	100 - <500	\$ 12,480
	500 - < 1,000	\$ 13,920
	1,000 +	\$ 15,840
Timber Bridge		\$ 240 / sq m
Concrete Bridge		\$ 144 / sq m

Cost Modifiers

The allocation model uses a series of five cost modifiers to reflect differences in circumstances between councils in relation to:

- the relative volume of freight carried on local roads in each council
- climate
- the availability of road-making materials
- sub-grade conditions
- strategic routes

Cost modifiers are applied to the average annual preservation costs for each traffic volume range for each council to reflect the level of need of the council relative to others. Relatively high cost modifiers add to the network cost calculated for each council and so increase its local roads grant outcome.

Additional information on the cost modifiers used in the local roads allocation model is provided at the end of this section on page 31.

No changes were made to the cost modifiers for the recommended 2026-27 allocations.

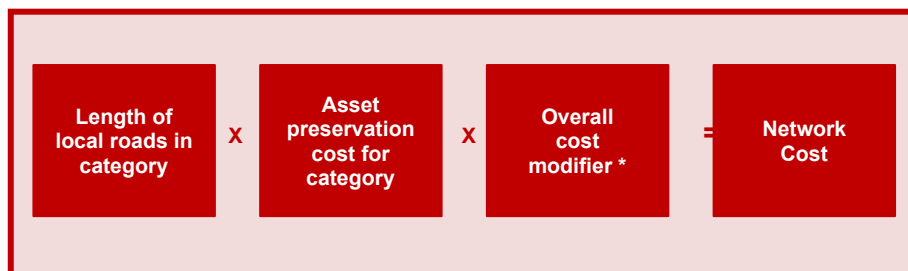
Grant Calculation

The Commission calculates a total network cost for each council's local roads. This represents the relative annual costs faced by the council in maintaining its local road and bridge networks, based on average annual preservation costs and taking account of local conditions, using cost modifiers.

The network cost is calculated using traffic volume data for each council, standard asset preservation costs for each traffic volume range and cost modifiers for freight carriage, climate, materials availability, sub-grade conditions and strategic route lengths. The deck area of bridges on local roads is included in the network cost at a rate of \$144 per square metre for concrete bridges and \$240 per square metre for timber bridges.

Mathematically, the calculation of the network cost for a single traffic volume range for a council can be illustrated as follows:

Figure 5.3: Calculation of network cost



** Overall cost modifier is calculated by multiplying the cost modifier for freight, climate, materials, reactive sub-grades and strategic routes.*

The actual local roads grants are then determined by applying the available funds in proportion to each council's calculated network cost.

Limits on Grants Movements

The Commission applied the following limits to movements in the local roads grant outcomes for 2026-27:

- grant increases were limited to no more than 10.0%; and
- grants have increased for all councils by a minimum of 2.0%.

Estimated Allocations 2026-27

The estimated local roads grant allocation for each Victorian council for 2026-27 is shown in **Appendix 2A**.

In general, where a significant change has occurred in a council's local roads grant for 2026-27, this is due to significant changes in local roads data supplied by the council to the Commission.

A summary of the changes in estimated local roads grants from 2025-26 to 2026-27 is shown below:

Change in Local Roads Grants	No. of Councils
Limit set at no more than 10%	4
Ranging from 5-10%	21
Ranging from 2-5%	50
Limit set at minimum 2%	4
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Comparative Grant Outcomes 2026-27

The largest local roads grants for 2026-27 have been allocated to Wellington Shire Council (\$6.755 million) and East Gippsland Shire Council (\$6.661 million).

The smallest grant has been allocated to the Borough of Queenscliffe (\$0.083 million).

Allocation of Local Roads Grants

Cost Modifiers

A series of five cost modifiers is used in the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission's formula for allocating local roads grants to Victorian councils. These are designed to take account of differences between councils that may make local road maintenance more or less costly than the State average, which is reflected in average annual preservation costs.

Individual cost factors are calculated for each of the five cost modifiers for each council. Their application to the average annual preservation costs is shown in **Appendix 5C**.

The five cost modifiers used by the Commission in allocating local roads grants to councils for 2026-27 were:

Freight

The freight cost modifier recognises that local roads in some municipalities carry relatively high volumes of heavy vehicles compared to others, which impacts on the cost of asset preservation. A freight loading ratio has been calculated for each municipality, based on the level of employment in freight-intensive industries within that municipality. The cost modifier index infers that a higher level of employment in such industries will see relatively higher levels of freight carriage on their local roads network, leading to more rapid road surface deterioration and relatively higher road maintenance costs.

Climate

The climate cost modifier recognises that certain climatic conditions have an adverse impact on road durability and increase the costs to affected councils of asset preservation. The climate index identifies the length of urban and rural roads that fall within the five climatic zones utilised by Standards Australia to produce an average climate rating for both rural and urban roads within each municipality. These ratings are then spread across index ranges, the larger being for rural roads to reflect the relatively greater influence of climate on such surfaces.

Materials

The cost of maintaining local roads can be impacted by the local availability of suitable pavement materials. The materials availability index has identified the distance between the nearest quarry location containing high quality road making material and the council headquarters. All metropolitan councils have had their indexes set at the minimum value, reflecting the availability of materials from a variety of sources.

Sub-grades

The performance life of road pavements is affected by seasonal swelling and shrinkage of the sub-grade, which accelerates the deterioration of the pavement and adds to asset preservation costs. In Victoria, this is a particular issue in areas with expansive clay sub-grades, which occur predominantly in the western suburbs of Melbourne and western Victoria. The Commission has identified the total length of urban and rural roads in each of the eight sub-grade categories utilised by Standards Australia and has constructed an index reflecting the relative road maintenance costs associated with having lengths of road built on relatively reactive soils.

Strategic Routes

The strategic route cost modifier recognises that certain local roads must be maintained to a higher standard than would normally be the case because of certain characteristics or functions they perform. For all road categories, local roads that are tram or bus routes, including school bus routes, are considered to be strategic routes. In addition, rural local roads that carry less than 100 vehicles a day, but carry at least 10 trucks, or carry less than 100 but more than 50 vehicles per day and are in steep terrain or irrigated areas, are considered strategic routes requiring higher annual levels of expenditure. Details on strategic routes are provided to the Commission by individual councils as part of their annual information returns.

6. Trends in Outcomes

This section provides a summary of movements in financial assistance grants over time for Victorian councils. This information is provided to emphasise the importance of financial assistance grants to Victorian councils and to assist councils and other stakeholders in understanding how the allocation of these funds has altered over time.

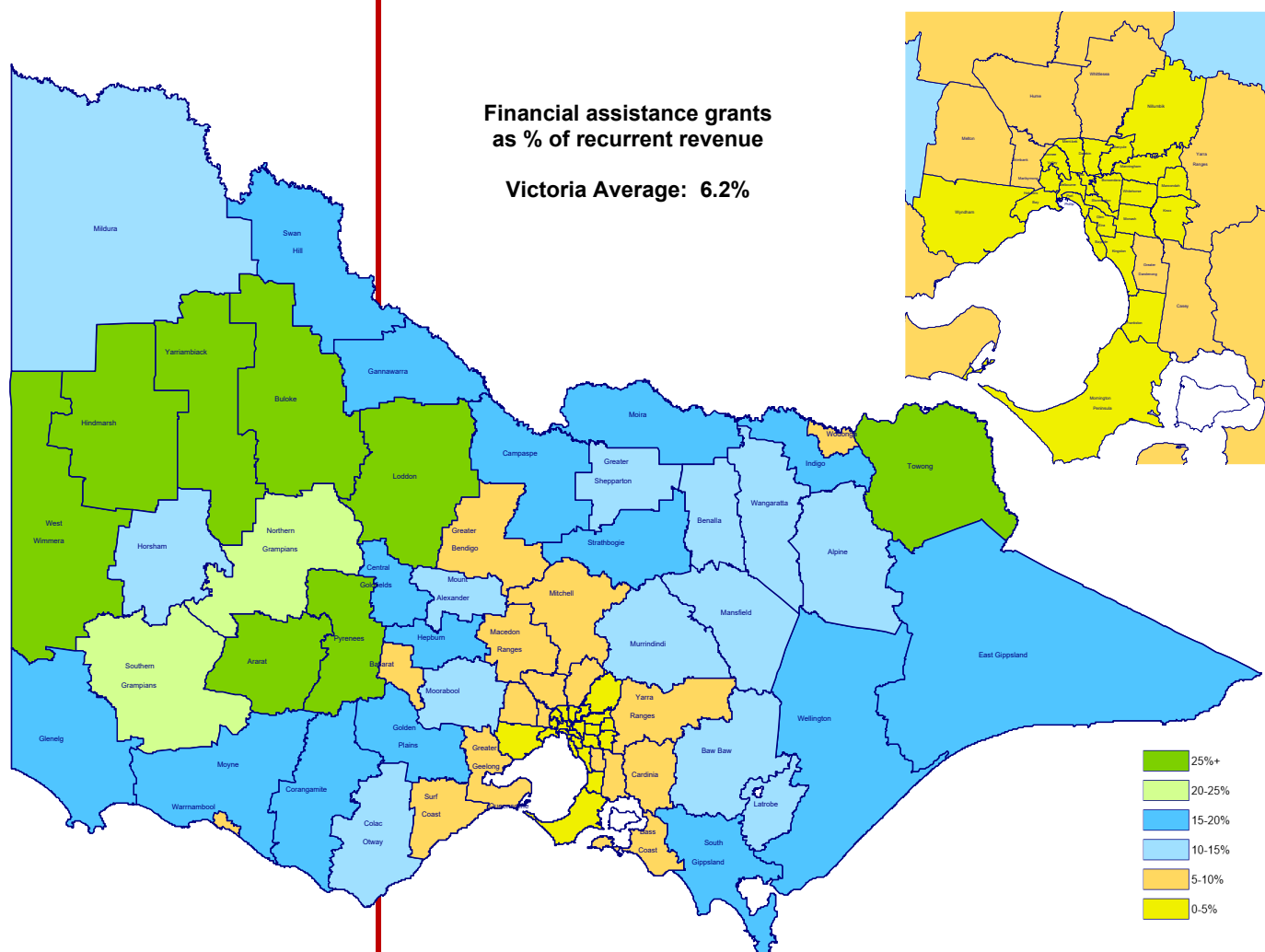
Several of the charts in this section place councils in different broad groupings (interface councils, small rural councils, etc). This categorisation is only for the purpose of summarising the results – it is not used in the grant allocation process and has no influence on grant outcomes.

Grants as a proportion of recurrent revenue

Figure 6.1 shows the relative importance of financial assistance grants to all Victorian councils, and highlights that these grants represent a higher proportion of the recurrent revenue of rural councils compared to metropolitan councils.

In the 2025-26 financial year, financial assistance grants represented, on average, 6.3% of the recurrent revenue of Victorian councils. For most metropolitan councils, these grants comprised less than 5% of their recurrent revenue. However, for eight rural councils (Loddon, Towong, West Wimmera, Buloke, Pyrenees, Ararat, Hindmarsh, and Yarriambiack), more than 25% of their revenue was derived from financial assistance grants.

Figure 6.1: Financial assistance grants as % of recurrent revenue



Data for 2024-25 financial year.

Total grants over time

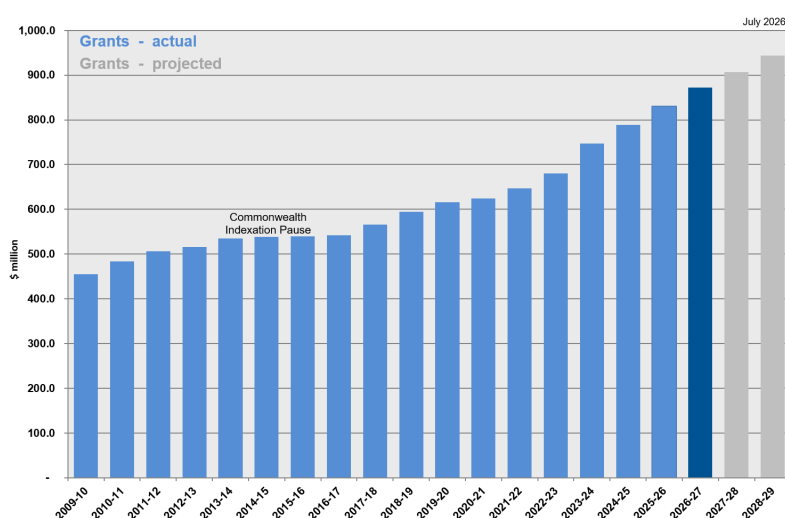
Figure 6.2 shows the change over time in the total pool of financial assistance grants allocated by the Commonwealth Government to Victorian councils.

The total funding pool increased steadily from \$394.9 million in 2005-06 to \$538.2 million in 2013-14, an average of 4.5% per annum. This reflected strong growth in Australia's population across that period, and an increase in Victoria's share of the national population. However, a three-year "pause" on indexation imposed by the Commonwealth Government meant that grant levels were then largely unchanged for three years through to 2016-17.

The resumption of indexation in 2017-18 meant that growth then resumed through to 2026-27 and has averaged 3.8% per annum over that time.

The 2026-27 Federal Budget estimated that the aggregate pool of funds for Victorian councils will increase by 3.9% in 2027-28, 4.1% in 2028-29 and 4.1% in 2029-30.

Figure 6.2: Total financial assistance grants to Victorian councils

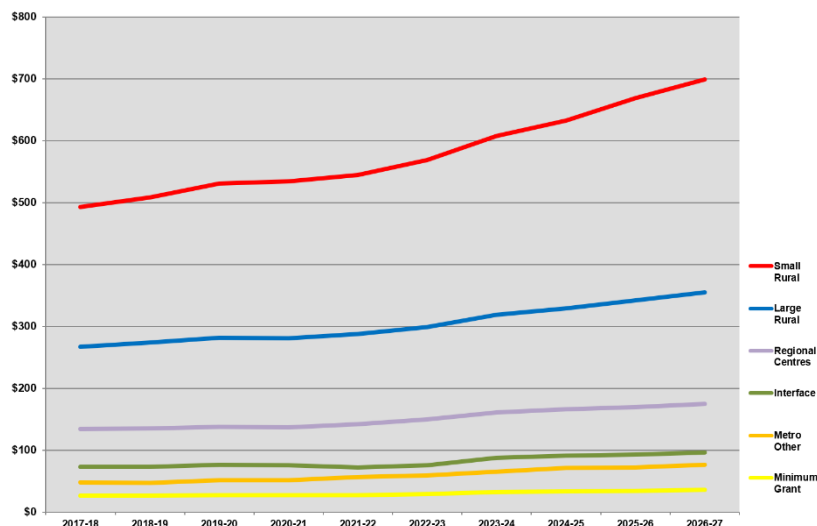


Total grants per capita by council group

Figure 6.3 shows the movement in total financial assistance grants on a per capita basis to each council group since 2017-18.

This shows that average grants per capita have increased strongly for both the small rural and large rural groups of councils and, to a lesser extent, regional cities. In contrast, average grants per capita have remained relatively constant across that period for the interface and metropolitan-other groups.

Figure 6.3: Total financial assistance grants per capita by council group

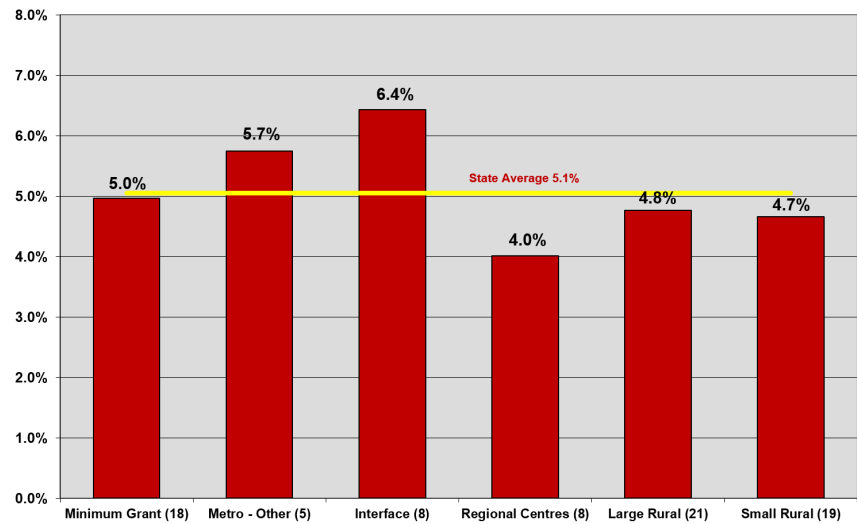


Average increases in grants by council group

Figure 6.4 shows the overall average rate of increase in financial assistance grants for each of the council groups in 2026-27.

Compared to a state average increase of 5.1%, aggregate financial assistance grants to the inner metropolitan group of councils (those receiving the minimum general purpose grant) will increase by 5.0%, whereas grants for the metropolitan-other group will increase by 5.7% and those to the interface councils group will increase by 6.4%. This reflects above-average population growth in those areas. Grants to the regional cities group will increase by 4.0% on average, while grants to the large and small rural councils' groups will both increase by 4.8% and 4.7% on average respectively.

Figure 6.4: Average increases in financial assistance grants by council group: 2026-27

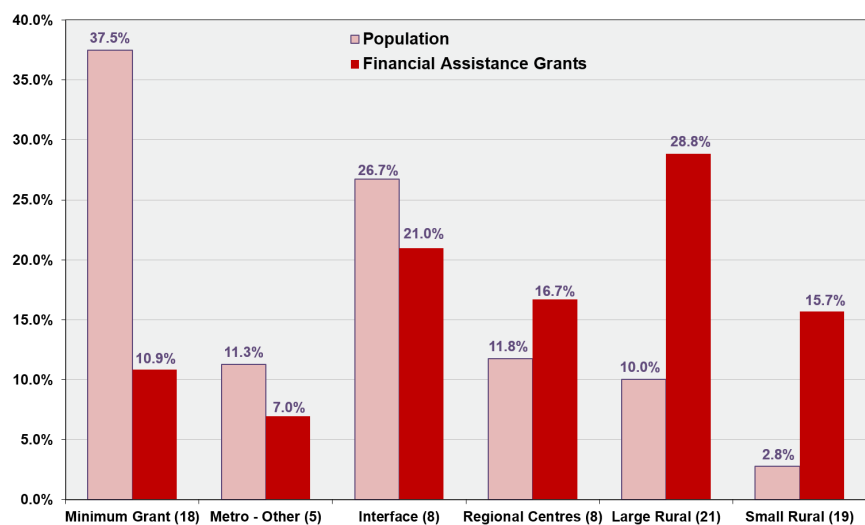


Share of grants pool by council group

Figure 6.5 shows the share of the Victorian financial assistance grants pool allocated to each council group in 2026-27 compared to that group's share of Victorian population.

This shows that, while rural councils comprise 12.8% of Victoria's population, they will receive 44.5% of the total financial assistance grants pool in 2026-27.

Figure 6.5: Share of financial assistance grants pool by council group: 2026-27



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Note: Totals may not add due to rounding.

Appendix 1

2025-26 Final Grant Allocations

	General Purpose Grants			Local Roads Grants		
	Initial (\$)	Final (\$)	Difference (\$)	Initial (\$)	Final (\$)	Difference (\$)
Alpine S	3,625,016	3,635,899	10,883	1,441,030	1,450,295	9,265
Ararat RC	5,080,292	5,095,544	15,252	3,262,969	3,282,086	19,117
Ballarat C	15,608,960	15,655,820	46,860	3,533,643	3,547,468	13,825
Banyule C	3,470,806	3,481,226	10,420	1,267,883	1,276,541	8,658
Bass Coast S	7,188,607	7,210,188	21,581	1,995,155	2,006,163	11,008
Baw Baw S	9,383,739	9,411,910	28,171	3,948,259	3,965,135	16,876
Bayside C	2,791,724	2,800,105	8,381	702,457	710,082	7,625
Benalla RC	3,855,634	3,867,209	11,575	2,010,363	2,023,310	12,947
Boroondara C	4,682,987	4,697,046	14,059	1,242,294	1,251,071	8,777
Brimbank C	14,438,166	14,481,511	43,345	2,374,786	2,385,411	10,625
Buloke S	5,407,889	5,424,124	16,235	3,411,088	3,446,173	35,085
Campaspe S	10,404,987	10,436,224	31,237	5,448,351	5,475,982	27,631
Cardinia S	13,163,460	13,202,978	39,518	3,638,695	3,653,211	14,516
Casey C	25,822,492	25,900,014	77,522	3,853,085	3,869,256	16,171
Central Goldfields S	3,848,325	3,859,878	11,553	1,726,078	1,738,840	12,762
Colac Otway S	5,654,058	5,671,032	16,974	3,567,303	3,581,879	14,576
Corangamite S	5,979,726	5,997,678	17,952	4,717,753	4,736,313	18,560
Darebin C	4,208,264	4,220,898	12,634	1,214,264	1,222,752	8,488
East Gippsland S	14,928,997	14,973,816	44,819	6,403,629	6,425,593	21,964
Frankston C	9,329,993	9,358,003	28,010	1,546,724	1,556,251	9,527
Gannawarra S	4,794,684	4,809,078	14,394	2,731,078	2,749,222	18,144
Glen Eira C	4,237,045	4,249,765	12,720	856,204	864,250	8,046
Glenelg S	6,863,282	6,883,886	20,604	4,661,056	4,681,102	20,046
Golden Plains S	5,261,773	5,277,570	15,797	2,946,822	2,962,039	15,217
Greater Bendigo C	18,357,271	18,412,382	55,111	4,901,388	4,924,320	22,932
Greater Dandenong C	12,302,634	12,339,568	36,934	2,109,031	2,118,505	9,474
Greater Geelong C	24,539,506	24,613,179	73,673	5,011,981	5,030,907	18,926
Greater Shepparton C	13,426,332	13,466,640	40,308	4,264,842	4,284,457	19,615
Hepburn S	4,544,660	4,558,304	13,644	2,101,838	2,115,466	13,628
Hindmarsh S	3,718,328	3,729,491	11,163	1,990,424	2,012,634	22,210
Hobsons Bay C	2,515,888	2,523,441	7,553	1,007,654	1,015,689	8,035
Horsham RC	5,476,563	5,493,004	16,441	3,057,546	3,079,533	21,987
Hume C	20,082,946	20,143,238	60,292	3,987,839	4,001,526	13,687
Indigo S	4,388,864	4,402,040	13,176	2,285,552	2,299,819	14,267
Kingston C	4,380,790	4,393,942	13,152	1,398,954	1,407,934	8,980
Knox C	7,837,264	7,860,792	23,528	1,559,220	1,568,862	9,642
Latrobe C	13,167,943	13,207,475	39,532	3,480,775	3,495,466	14,691
Loddon S	6,932,137	6,952,948	20,811	4,926,796	4,958,345	31,549

	Financial Assistance Grants		
	Initial (\$)	Final (\$)	Difference (\$)
Alpine S	5,066,046	5,086,194	20,148
Ararat RC	8,343,261	8,377,630	34,369
Ballarat C	19,142,603	19,203,288	60,685
Banyule C	4,738,689	4,757,767	19,078
Bass Coast S	9,183,762	9,216,351	32,589
Baw Baw S	13,331,998	13,377,045	45,047
Bayside C	3,494,181	3,510,187	16,006
Benalla RC	5,865,997	5,890,519	24,522
Boroondara C	5,925,281	5,948,117	22,836
Brimbank C	16,812,952	16,866,922	53,970
Buloke S	8,818,977	8,870,297	51,320
Campaspe S	15,853,338	15,912,206	58,868
Cardinia S	16,802,155	16,856,189	54,034
Casey C	29,675,577	29,769,270	93,693
Central Goldfields S	5,574,403	5,598,718	24,315
Colac Otway S	9,221,361	9,252,911	31,550
Corangamite S	10,697,479	10,733,991	36,512
Darebin C	5,422,528	5,443,650	21,122
East Gippsland S	21,332,626	21,399,409	66,783
Frankston C	10,876,717	10,914,254	37,537
Gannawarra S	7,525,762	7,558,300	32,538
Glen Eira C	5,093,249	5,114,015	20,766
Glenelg S	11,524,338	11,564,988	40,650
Golden Plains S	8,208,595	8,239,609	31,014
Greater Bendigo C	23,258,659	23,336,702	78,043
Greater Dandenong C	14,411,665	14,458,073	46,408
Greater Geelong C	29,551,487	29,644,086	92,599
Greater Shepparton C	17,691,174	17,751,097	59,923
Hepburn S	6,646,498	6,673,770	27,272
Hindmarsh S	5,708,752	5,742,125	33,373
Hobsons Bay C	3,523,542	3,539,130	15,588
Horsham RC	8,534,109	8,572,537	38,428
Hume C	24,070,785	24,144,764	73,979
Indigo S	6,674,416	6,701,859	27,443
Kingston C	5,779,744	5,801,876	22,132
Knox C	9,396,484	9,429,654	33,170
Latrobe C	16,648,718	16,702,941	54,223
Loddon S	11,858,933	11,911,293	52,360

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2025-26 Final Grant Allocations

	General Purpose Grants			Local Roads Grants		
	Initial (\$)	Final (\$)	Difference (\$)	Initial (\$)	Final (\$)	Difference (\$)
Macedon Ranges S	7,376,074	7,398,218	22,144	3,024,759	3,039,553	14,794
Manningham C	3,466,333	3,476,739	10,406	1,124,331	1,133,328	8,997
Mansfield S	3,048,577	3,057,729	9,152	1,283,534	1,293,824	10,290
Maribyrnong C	2,583,692	2,591,449	7,757	812,439	819,801	7,362
Maroondah C	4,827,041	4,841,532	14,491	1,071,293	1,079,574	8,281
Melbourne C	4,982,185	4,997,142	14,957	984,327	991,335	7,008
Melton C	24,658,667	24,732,696	74,029	3,819,071	3,832,731	13,660
Merri-bek C	4,907,287	4,926,789	19,502	1,268,352	1,282,440	14,088
Mildura RC	14,594,741	14,609,473	14,732	5,675,964	5,684,502	8,538
Mitchell S	9,183,816	9,227,631	43,815	2,850,093	2,884,380	34,287
Moirā S	9,441,257	9,468,828	27,571	5,281,526	5,295,792	14,266
Monash C	5,505,367	5,533,711	28,344	1,663,079	1,688,743	25,664
Moonee Valley C	3,412,955	3,429,483	16,528	958,836	968,537	9,701
Moorabool S	6,496,160	6,506,406	10,246	2,696,014	2,703,937	7,923
Mornington Peninsula S	4,510,461	4,524,002	13,541	3,383,935	3,398,981	15,046
Mount Alexander S	4,559,436	4,573,124	13,688	2,415,979	2,429,458	13,479
Moyne S	5,991,702	6,009,690	17,988	5,596,216	5,616,896	20,680
Murrindindi S	4,158,501	4,170,985	12,484	2,293,642	2,305,901	12,259
Nillumbik S	2,311,757	2,318,697	6,940	1,574,627	1,584,547	9,920
Northern Grampians S	6,411,419	6,430,667	19,248	3,927,903	3,952,021	24,118
Port Phillip C	2,964,066	2,972,965	8,899	581,874	588,729	6,855
Pyrenees S	4,525,230	4,538,815	13,585	2,860,777	2,877,484	16,707
Queenscliffe B	507,563	509,087	1,524	89,392	95,307	5,915
South Gippsland S	8,153,309	8,177,786	24,477	5,029,776	5,047,022	17,246
Southern Grampians S	5,925,827	5,943,617	17,790	4,158,165	4,180,162	21,997
Stonnington C	3,000,081	3,009,088	9,007	622,995	630,072	7,077
Strathbogie S	4,499,894	4,513,403	13,509	3,037,448	3,055,229	17,781
Surf Coast S	3,684,353	3,695,414	11,061	2,236,247	2,248,091	11,844
Swan Hill RC	6,385,309	6,404,479	19,170	3,185,699	3,210,407	24,708
Towong S	4,157,116	4,169,596	12,480	2,422,034	2,434,178	12,144
Wangaratta RC	6,501,545	6,521,063	19,518	3,246,261	3,262,099	15,838
Warrnambool C	4,714,256	4,728,409	14,153	951,329	958,866	7,537
Wellington S	12,262,556	12,299,370	36,814	6,528,950	6,551,226	22,276
West Wimmera S	4,743,737	4,757,978	14,241	3,150,110	3,171,211	21,101
Whitehorse C	4,826,469	4,840,959	14,490	1,470,008	1,479,174	9,166
Whittlesea C	17,309,206	17,361,170	51,964	3,364,744	3,378,133	13,389
Wodonga C	6,488,083	6,507,561	19,478	1,219,107	1,227,797	8,690
Wyndham C	25,621,159	25,698,077	76,918	3,909,282	3,924,770	15,488
Yarra C	2,649,347	2,657,301	7,954	552,155	559,015	6,860
Yarra Ranges S	14,191,691	14,234,296	42,605	4,450,460	4,465,784	15,324
Yarriambiack S	4,734,893	4,749,108	14,215	2,971,753	3,003,794	32,041
	611,975,150	613,812,379	1,837,229	218,329,295	219,508,719	1,179,424

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	Financial Assistance Grants		
	Initial (\$)	Final (\$)	Difference (\$)
Macedon Ranges S	10,400,833	10,437,771	36,938
Manningham C	4,590,664	4,610,067	19,403
Mansfield S	4,332,111	4,351,553	19,442
Maribyrnong C	3,396,131	3,411,250	15,119
Maroondah C	5,898,334	5,921,106	22,772
Melbourne C	5,966,512	5,988,477	21,965
Melton C	28,477,738	28,565,427	87,689
Merri-bek C	6,175,639	6,209,229	33,590
Mildura RC	20,270,705	20,293,975	23,270
Mitchell S	12,033,909	12,112,011	78,102
Moir S	14,722,783	14,764,620	41,837
Monash C	7,168,446	7,222,454	54,008
Moonee Valley C	4,371,791	4,398,020	26,229
Moorabool S	9,192,174	9,210,343	18,169
Mornington Peninsula S	7,894,396	7,922,983	28,587
Mount Alexander S	6,975,415	7,002,582	27,167
Moyne S	11,587,918	11,626,586	38,668
Murrindindi S	6,452,143	6,476,886	24,743
Nillumbik S	3,886,384	3,903,244	16,860
Northern Grampians S	10,339,322	10,382,688	43,366
Port Phillip C	3,545,940	3,561,694	15,754
Pyrenees S	7,386,007	7,416,299	30,292
Queenscliffe B	596,955	604,394	7,439
South Gippsland S	13,183,085	13,224,808	41,723
Southern Grampians S	10,083,992	10,123,779	39,787
Stonnington C	3,623,076	3,639,160	16,084
Strathbogie S	7,537,342	7,568,632	31,290
Surf Coast S	5,920,600	5,943,505	22,905
Swan Hill RC	9,571,008	9,614,886	43,878
Towong S	6,579,150	6,603,774	24,624
Wangaratta RC	9,747,806	9,783,162	35,356
Warrnambool C	5,665,585	5,687,275	21,690
Wellington S	18,791,506	18,850,596	59,090
West Wimmera S	7,893,847	7,929,189	35,342
Whitehorse C	6,296,477	6,320,133	23,656
Whittlesea C	20,673,950	20,739,303	65,353
Wodonga C	7,707,190	7,735,358	28,168
Wyndham C	29,530,441	29,622,847	92,406
Yarra C	3,201,502	3,216,316	14,814
Yarra Ranges S	18,642,151	18,700,080	57,929
Yarriambiack S	7,706,646	7,752,902	46,256
	830,304,445	833,321,098	3,016,653

Appendix 2

2026-27 Allocations

A. Estimated Allocations

	Financial Assistance Grants 2026-27			
	General Purpose Grants		Local Roads Grants	
	Equalisation (\$)	Natural Disaster (\$)	Data Project (\$)	Total (\$)
Alpine S	3,735,878		1,452,758	5,205,972
Ararat RC	5,371,068		3,363,153	8,771,790
Ballarat C	16,250,062		3,659,609	19,936,769
Banyule C	3,620,083		1,301,834	4,938,017
Bass Coast S	7,326,287		2,086,674	9,434,070
Baw Baw S	9,768,083	46,124	4,139,925	13,987,380
Bayside C	2,921,915		721,330	3,657,244
Benalla RC	3,878,621		2,036,417	5,940,195
Boroondara C	4,869,703		1,287,520	6,173,593
Brimbank C	15,139,806		2,493,468	17,653,520
Buloke S	5,592,989		3,453,577	9,116,276
Campaspe S	10,690,868		5,673,101	16,419,164
Cardinia S	13,806,948	55,788	3,836,292	17,727,519
Casey C	26,802,708		4,029,230	30,864,401
Central Goldfields S	3,951,071		1,736,679	5,712,175
Colac Otway S	5,904,377	105,000	3,707,789	9,745,478
Corangamite S	6,360,492		4,959,297	11,355,920
Darebin C	4,430,587		1,255,620	5,701,981
East Gippsland S	15,378,618	22,475	6,660,575	22,105,842
Frankston C	9,817,507		1,569,554	11,405,082
Gannawarra S	5,000,775		2,799,583	7,835,770
Glen Eira C	4,445,011		881,509	5,341,384
Glenelg S	7,208,899		4,840,351	12,088,807
Golden Plains S	5,541,938	7,031	3,056,031	8,634,631
Greater Bendigo C	19,128,159	35,000	5,098,896	24,307,791
Greater Dandenong C	13,135,276		2,296,063	15,449,237
Greater Geelong C	25,906,517		5,241,227	31,185,651
Greater Shepparton C	13,870,627		4,414,435	18,323,866
Hepburn S	4,725,617	24,219	2,138,787	6,914,652
Hindmarsh S	3,933,824		2,041,184	6,018,991
Hobsons Bay C	2,645,630		1,092,498	3,752,970
Horsham RC	5,700,762		3,165,560	8,909,886
Hume C	21,367,814		4,254,918	25,650,189
Indigo S	4,557,571	35,000	2,371,331	6,991,121
Kingston C	4,582,322		1,448,065	6,047,172
Knox C	8,275,980		1,616,545	9,910,692
Latrobe C	13,425,898		3,523,600	16,975,677
Loddon S	7,308,059		5,078,520	12,449,571

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A. Estimated Allocations

	Financial Assistance Grants 2026-27				Total (\$)
	General Purpose Grants		Local Roads Grants		
	Equalisation (\$)	Natural Disaster (\$)	(\$)	Data Project (\$)	
Macedon Ranges S	7,883,299		3,285,603	29,079	11,197,981
Manningham C	3,623,955		1,155,876	16,842	4,796,673
Mansfield S	3,181,722		1,369,648	19,532	4,570,902
Maribyrnong C	2,842,061		845,777	13,467	3,701,305
Maroondah C	5,152,586		1,106,290	15,359	6,274,235
Melbourne C	5,302,685		1,017,745	12,741	6,333,171
Melton C	27,124,534		4,172,541	27,829	31,324,904
Merri-bek C	5,156,185		1,307,328	15,880	6,479,393
Mildura RC	14,981,407		5,841,938	67,249	20,890,594
Mitchell S	9,814,406	35,000	2,985,483	27,936	12,862,825
Moir S	9,898,011		5,493,664	51,207	15,442,882
Monash C	5,775,801		1,723,242	18,268	7,517,311
Moonee Valley C	3,558,217		988,597	14,629	4,561,443
Moorabool S	6,813,896		2,802,262	27,367	9,643,525
Mornington Peninsula S	4,695,638		3,519,965	29,289	8,244,892
Mount Alexander S	4,721,590		2,440,512	26,033	7,188,135
Moyne S	6,482,982		5,861,384	40,911	12,385,277
Murrindindi S	4,527,096	18,203	2,378,088	23,987	6,947,374
Nillumbik S	2,504,433	35,000	1,628,631	18,730	4,186,794
Northern Grampians S	6,684,188	35,000	4,066,001	47,904	10,833,093
Port Phillip C	3,120,137		596,577	12,415	3,729,129
Pyrenees S	4,831,906	52,930	2,995,965	33,221	7,914,022
Queenscliffe B	517,714		82,679	10,483	610,876
South Gippsland S	8,580,638	110,676	5,250,343	33,768	13,975,425
Southern Grampians S	6,243,970		4,311,848	43,545	10,599,363
Stonnington C	3,129,817		634,542	12,879	3,777,238
Strathbogie S	4,832,654		3,159,780	34,920	8,027,354
Surf Coast S	3,814,297		2,323,723	22,695	6,160,715
Swan Hill RC	6,556,454		3,202,369	44,096	9,802,919
Towong S	4,349,825		2,513,226	23,290	6,886,341
Wangaratta RC	6,723,770		3,360,190	30,750	10,114,710
Warrnambool C	4,922,984	35,000	1,030,779	14,292	6,003,055
Wellington S	12,643,277	35,000	6,754,611	44,118	19,477,006
West Wimmera S	4,979,759		3,252,127	40,905	8,272,791
Whitehorse C	5,051,157		1,527,179	17,201	6,595,537
Whittlesea C	18,810,415		3,673,354	27,098	22,510,867
Wodonga C	6,615,854		1,291,265	16,196	7,923,315
Wyndham C	26,904,593		4,159,044	31,311	31,094,948
Yarra C	2,763,555		565,442	12,427	3,341,424
Yarra Ranges S	14,701,051	90,370	4,633,191	29,874	19,454,486
Yarriambiack S	4,931,267		2,995,251	66,137	7,992,655
	642,128,136	777,816	227,087,565	2,293,814	872,287,331

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2026-27 Allocations

B. Payments

	Financial Assistance Grants 2026-27		Adjustment 2025-26			Total Estimated Payment *
	General Purpose Grants (\$)	Local Roads Grants (\$)	General Purpose Grants (\$)	Local Roads Grants (\$)	Total (\$)	2026-27 (\$)
Alpine S	3,735,878	1,470,094	10,883	9,265	20,148	5,226,120
Ararat RC	5,371,068	3,400,722	15,252	19,117	34,369	8,806,159
Ballarat C	16,250,062	3,686,707	46,860	13,825	60,685	19,997,454
Banyule C	3,620,083	1,317,934	10,420	8,658	19,078	4,957,095
Bass Coast S	7,326,287	2,107,783	21,581	11,008	32,589	9,466,659
Baw Baw S	9,814,207	4,173,173	28,171	16,876	45,047	14,032,427
Bayside C	2,921,915	735,329	8,381	7,625	16,006	3,673,250
Benalla RC	3,878,621	2,061,574	11,575	12,947	24,522	5,964,717
Boroondara C	4,869,703	1,303,890	14,059	8,777	22,836	6,196,429
Brimbank C	15,139,806	2,513,714	43,345	10,625	53,970	17,707,490
Buloke S	5,592,989	3,523,287	16,235	35,085	51,320	9,167,596
Campaspe S	10,690,868	5,728,296	31,237	27,631	58,868	16,478,032
Cardinia S	13,862,736	3,864,783	39,518	14,516	54,034	17,781,553
Casey C	26,802,708	4,061,693	77,522	16,171	93,693	30,958,094
Central Goldfields S	3,951,071	1,761,104	11,553	12,762	24,315	5,736,490
Colac Otway S	6,009,377	3,736,101	16,974	14,576	31,550	9,777,028
Corangamite S	6,360,492	4,995,428	17,952	18,560	36,512	11,392,432
Darebin C	4,430,587	1,271,394	12,634	8,488	21,122	5,723,103
East Gippsland S	15,401,093	6,704,749	44,819	21,964	66,783	22,172,625
Frankston C	9,817,507	1,587,575	28,010	9,527	37,537	11,442,619
Gannawarra S	5,000,775	2,834,995	14,394	18,144	32,538	7,868,308
Glen Eira C	4,445,011	896,373	12,720	8,046	20,766	5,362,150
Glenelg S	7,208,899	4,879,908	20,604	20,046	40,650	12,129,457
Golden Plains S	5,548,969	3,085,662	15,797	15,217	31,014	8,665,645
Greater Bendigo C	19,163,159	5,144,632	55,111	22,932	78,043	24,385,834
Greater Dandenong C	13,135,276	2,313,961	36,934	9,474	46,408	15,495,645
Greater Geelong C	25,906,517	5,279,134	73,673	18,926	92,599	31,278,250
Greater Shepparton C	13,870,627	4,453,239	40,308	19,615	59,923	18,383,789
Hepburn S	4,749,836	2,164,816	13,644	13,628	27,272	6,941,924
Hindmarsh S	3,933,824	2,085,167	11,163	22,210	33,373	6,052,364
Hobsons Bay C	2,645,630	1,107,340	7,553	8,035	15,588	3,768,558
Horsham RC	5,700,762	3,209,124	16,441	21,987	38,428	8,948,314
Hume C	21,367,814	4,282,375	60,292	13,687	73,979	25,724,168
Indigo S	4,592,571	2,398,550	13,176	14,267	27,443	7,018,564
Kingston C	4,582,322	1,464,850	13,152	8,980	22,132	6,069,304
Knox C	8,275,980	1,634,712	23,528	9,642	33,170	9,943,862
Latrobe C	13,425,898	3,549,779	39,532	14,691	54,223	17,029,900
Loddon S	7,308,059	5,141,512	20,811	31,549	52,360	12,501,931

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B. Payments

	Financial Assistance Grants 2026-27		Adjustment 2025-26			Total Estimated Payment*
	General Purpose Grants (\$)	Local Roads Grants (\$)	General Purpose Grants (\$)	Local Roads Grants (\$)	Total (\$)	2026-27 (\$)
Macedon Ranges S	7,883,299	3,314,682	22,144	14,794	36,938	11,234,919
Manningham C	3,623,955	1,172,718	10,406	8,997	19,403	4,816,076
Mansfield S	3,181,722	1,389,180	9,152	10,290	19,442	4,590,344
Maribyrnong C	2,842,061	859,244	7,757	7,362	15,119	3,716,424
Maroondah C	5,152,586	1,121,649	14,491	8,281	22,772	6,297,007
Melbourne C	5,302,685	1,030,486	14,957	7,008	21,965	6,355,136
Melton C	27,124,534	4,200,370	74,029	13,660	87,689	31,412,593
Merri-bek C	5,156,185	1,323,208	19,502	14,088	33,590	6,512,983
Mildura RC	14,981,407	5,909,187	14,732	8,538	23,270	20,913,864
Mitchell S	9,849,406	3,013,419	43,815	34,287	78,102	12,940,927
Moir S	9,898,011	5,544,871	27,571	14,266	41,837	15,484,719
Monash C	5,775,801	1,741,510	28,344	25,664	54,008	7,571,319
Moonee Valley C	3,558,217	1,003,226	16,528	9,701	26,229	4,587,672
Moorabool S	6,813,896	2,829,629	10,246	7,923	18,169	9,661,694
Mornington Peninsula S	4,695,638	3,549,254	13,541	15,046	28,587	8,273,479
Mount Alexander S	4,721,590	2,466,545	13,688	13,479	27,167	7,215,302
Moyne S	6,482,982	5,902,295	17,988	20,680	38,668	12,423,945
Murrindindi S	4,545,299	2,402,075	12,484	12,259	24,743	6,972,117
Nillumbik S	2,539,433	1,647,361	6,940	9,920	16,860	4,203,654
Northern Grampians S	6,719,188	4,113,905	19,248	24,118	43,366	10,876,459
Port Phillip C	3,120,137	608,992	8,899	6,855	15,754	3,744,883
Pyrenees S	4,884,836	3,029,186	13,585	16,707	30,292	7,944,314
Queenscliffe B	517,714	93,162	1,524	5,915	7,439	618,315
South Gippsland S	8,691,314	5,284,111	24,477	17,246	41,723	14,017,148
Southern Grampians S	6,243,970	4,355,393	17,790	21,997	39,787	10,639,150
Stonnington C	3,129,817	647,421	9,007	7,077	16,084	3,793,322
Strathbogie S	4,832,654	3,194,700	13,509	17,781	31,290	8,058,644
Surf Coast S	3,814,297	2,346,418	11,061	11,844	22,905	6,183,620
Swan Hill RC	6,556,454	3,246,465	19,170	24,708	43,878	9,846,797
Towong S	4,349,825	2,536,516	12,480	12,144	24,624	6,910,965
Wangaratta RC	6,723,770	3,390,940	19,518	15,838	35,356	10,150,066
Warrnambool C	4,957,984	1,045,071	14,153	7,537	21,690	6,024,745
Wellington S	12,678,277	6,798,729	36,814	22,276	59,090	19,536,096
West Wimmera S	4,979,759	3,293,032	14,241	21,101	35,342	8,308,133
Whitehorse C	5,051,157	1,544,380	14,490	9,166	23,656	6,619,193
Whittlesea C	18,810,415	3,700,452	51,964	13,389	65,353	22,576,220
Wodonga C	6,615,854	1,307,461	19,478	8,690	28,168	7,951,483
Wyndham C	26,904,593	4,190,355	76,918	15,488	92,406	31,187,354
Yarra C	2,763,555	577,869	7,954	6,860	14,814	3,356,238
Yarra Ranges S	14,791,421	4,663,065	42,605	15,324	57,929	19,512,415
Yarriambiack S	4,931,267	3,061,388	14,215	32,041	46,256	8,038,911
	642,905,952	229,381,379	1,837,229	1,179,424	3,016,653	875,303,984

Appendix 3 2026-27 Comparative Grant Outcomes

	Estimated Resident Population (June 2025)	General Purpose Grants 2026-27		Local Road Lengths (June 2025) (kms)	Local Roads Grants 2026-27	
		includes Natural Disaster (\$)	per capita # (\$/head)		includes Data Project (\$)	per capita (\$/head)
Alpine S	13,611	3,735,878	274.47	653	1,470,094	108.0
Ararat RC	11,732	5,371,068	457.81	2,454	3,400,722	289.9
Ballarat C	122,661	16,250,062	132.48	1,522	3,686,707	30.1
Banyule C	132,770	3,620,083	27.27	543	1,317,934	9.9
Bass Coast S	44,377	7,326,287	165.09	989	2,107,783	47.5
Baw Baw S #	62,878	9,814,207	156.08	2,069	4,173,173	66.4
Bayside C	107,164	2,921,915	27.27	356	735,329	6.9
Benalla RC	14,581	3,878,621	266.01	1,349	2,061,574	141.4
Boroondara C	178,601	4,869,703	27.27	567	1,303,890	7.3
Brimbank C	198,181	15,139,806	76.39	912	2,513,714	12.7
Buloke S	5,887	5,592,989	950.06	5,315	3,523,287	598.5
Campaspe S	37,954	10,690,868	281.68	4,023	5,728,296	150.9
Cardinia S #	133,472	13,862,736	103.86	1,646	3,864,783	29.0
Casey C	414,929	26,802,708	64.60	2,000	4,061,693	9.8
Central Goldfields S	13,753	3,951,071	287.29	1,284	1,761,104	128.1
Colac Otway S #	22,209	6,009,377	270.58	1,630	3,736,101	168.2
Corangamite S	15,712	6,360,492	404.82	2,326	4,995,428	317.9
Darebin C	162,496	4,430,587	27.27	514	1,271,394	7.8
East Gippsland S #	49,669	15,401,093	310.07	3,042	6,704,749	135.0
Frankston C	145,369	9,817,507	67.54	714	1,587,575	10.9
Gannawarra S	10,311	5,000,775	484.99	2,262	2,834,995	274.9
Glen Eira C	163,025	4,445,011	27.27	433	896,373	5.5
Glenelg S	19,908	7,208,899	362.11	2,631	4,879,908	245.1
Golden Plains S #	26,620	5,548,969	208.45	1,747	3,085,662	115.9
Greater Bendigo C #	126,568	19,163,159	151.41	3,181	5,144,632	40.6
Greater Dandenong C	168,684	13,135,276	77.87	703	2,313,961	13.7
Greater Geelong C	295,052	25,906,517	87.80	2,484	5,279,134	17.9
Greater Shepparton C	69,865	13,870,627	198.53	2,564	4,453,239	63.7
Hepburn S #	17,011	4,749,836	279.22	1,427	2,164,816	127.3
Hindmarsh S	5,447	3,933,824	722.20	3,025	2,085,167	382.8
Hobsons Bay C	97,031	2,645,630	27.27	431	1,107,340	11.4
Horsham RC	20,252	5,700,762	281.49	2,988	3,209,124	158.5
Hume C	278,885	21,367,814	76.62	1,554	4,282,375	15.4
Indigo S #	17,758	4,592,571	258.62	1,533	2,398,550	135.1
Kingston C	168,061	4,582,322	27.27	604	1,464,850	8.7
Knox C	163,820	8,275,980	50.52	727	1,634,712	10.0
Latrobe	79,112	13,425,898	169.71	1,440	3,549,779	44.9
Loddon S	7,718	7,308,059	946.89	4,717	5,141,512	666.2

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2026-27 Comparative Grant Outcomes

Appendix 3

	Estimated Resident Population (June 2025)	General Purpose Grants 2026-27		Local Road Lengths (June 2025) (kms)	Local Roads Grants 2026-27	
		includes Natural Disaster (\$)	per capita # (\$/head)		includes Data Project (\$)	per capita (\$/head)
Macedon Ranges S	54,464	7,883,299	144.74	1,698	3,314,682	60.9
Manningham C	132,912	3,623,955	27.27	609	1,172,718	8.8
Mansfield S	11,324	3,181,722	280.97	848	1,389,180	122.7
Maribyrnong C	94,672	2,842,061	30.02	309	859,244	9.1
Maroondah C	120,247	5,152,586	42.85	477	1,121,649	9.3
Melbourne C	194,481	5,302,685	27.27	244	1,030,486	5.3
Melton C	231,567	27,124,534	117.13	1,587	4,200,370	18.1
Merri-bek C	189,108	5,156,185	27.27	523	1,323,208	7.0
Mildura RC	57,309	14,981,407	261.41	5,096	5,909,187	103.1
Mitchell S #	58,459	9,849,406	168.48	1,597	3,013,419	51.5
Moira S	30,866	9,898,011	320.68	3,668	5,544,871	179.6
Monash C	211,833	5,775,801	27.27	736	1,741,510	8.2
Moonee Valley C	130,501	3,558,217	27.27	412	1,003,226	7.7
Moorabool S	40,472	6,813,896	168.36	1,546	2,829,629	69.9
Mornington Peninsula S	172,217	4,695,638	27.27	1,717	3,549,254	20.6
Mount Alexander S	20,939	4,721,590	225.49	1,427	2,466,545	117.8
Moyne S	17,760	6,482,982	365.03	2,752	5,902,295	332.3
Murrindindi S #	15,648	4,545,299	290.47	1,245	2,402,075	153.5
Nillumbik S #	63,797	2,539,433	39.80	777	1,647,361	25.8
Northern Grampians S #	11,804	6,719,188	569.23	3,374	4,113,905	348.5
Port Phillip C	114,434	3,120,137	27.27	215	608,992	5.3
Pyrenees S #	7,957	4,884,836	613.90	2,067	3,029,186	380.7
Queenscliffe B	3,317	517,714	156.08	43	93,162	28.1
South Gippsland S #	31,109	8,691,314	279.38	2,116	5,284,111	169.9
Southern Grampians S	16,483	6,243,970	378.81	2,986	4,355,393	264.2
Stonnington C	114,789	3,129,817	27.27	256	647,421	5.6
Strathbogie S	11,839	4,832,654	408.20	2,218	3,194,700	269.8
Surf Coast S	40,265	3,814,297	94.73	1,130	2,346,418	58.3
Swan Hill RC	20,962	6,556,454	312.78	3,035	3,246,465	154.9
Towong S	6,158	4,349,825	706.37	1,183	2,536,516	411.9
Wangaratta RC	30,089	6,723,770	223.46	1,847	3,390,940	112.7
Warrnambool C #	36,255	4,957,984	136.75	382	1,045,071	28.8
Wellington S #	46,551	12,678,277	272.35	3,037	6,798,729	146.0
West Wimmera S	3,915	4,979,759	1271.97	2,751	3,293,032	841.1
Whitehorse C	185,256	5,051,157	27.27	641	1,544,380	8.3
Whittlesea C	259,759	18,810,415	72.41	1,522	3,700,452	14.2
Wodonga C	44,717	6,615,854	147.95	551	1,307,461	29.2
Wyndham C	347,830	26,904,593	77.35	1,897	4,190,355	12.0
Yarra C	101,356	2,763,555	27.27	216	577,869	5.7
Yarra Ranges S #	160,906	14,791,421	91.93	1,769	4,663,065	29.0
Yarriambiack S	6,295	4,931,267	783.36	4,997	3,061,388	486.3
	7,073,756	642,905,952	90.89	133,861	229,381,379	32.4

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Appendix 4 2026-27 General Purpose Grants

A. Major Cost Drivers (Units)

	Estimated Resident Population (June 2025)	Modified Population			Population > 60 Years + Disabled Pensioners + Carers	No. of Dwellings
		# (min 25,000 – 300,000)	* (min 17,500)	* (no min)		
Alpine S	13,611	25,000	17,500	14,800	5,345	7,627
Ararat RC	11,732	25,000	17,500	11,768	4,949	5,382
Ballarat C	122,661	122,661	122,661	122,661	40,126	54,441
Banyule C	132,770	132,770	132,770	132,770	38,461	54,350
Bass Coast S	44,377	57,068	57,068	57,068	20,658	33,070
Baw Baw S	62,878	62,878	62,878	62,878	21,741	27,215
Bayside C	107,164	107,164	107,164	107,164	32,878	43,707
Benalla RC	14,581	25,000	17,500	14,581	7,072	7,427
Boroondara C	178,601	179,396	179,396	179,396	45,870	73,627
Brimbank C	198,181	198,181	198,181	198,181	60,104	70,564
Buloke S	5,887	25,000	17,500	6,167	2,923	3,269
Campaspe S	37,954	37,954	37,954	37,954	16,052	17,873
Cardinia S	133,472	133,472	133,472	133,472	29,364	48,934
Casey C	414,929	300,000	414,929	414,929	86,247	137,889
Central Goldfields S	13,753	25,000	17,500	13,826	7,309	7,306
Colac Otway S	22,209	25,000	24,515	24,515	8,807	12,791
Corangamite S	15,712	25,000	17,500	16,092	6,636	7,796
Darebin C	162,496	162,496	162,496	162,496	39,104	68,250
East Gippsland S	49,669	52,479	52,479	52,479	24,707	26,643
Frankston C	145,369	145,369	145,369	145,369	42,644	60,102
Gannawarra S	10,311	25,000	17,500	10,384	4,944	5,248
Glen Eira C	163,025	163,025	163,025	163,025	38,679	69,529
Glenelg S	19,908	25,000	20,360	20,360	9,105	10,320
Golden Plains S	26,620	26,620	26,620	26,620	7,554	10,106
Greater Bendigo C	126,568	126,568	126,568	126,568	44,331	55,327
Greater Dandenong C	168,684	168,684	168,684	168,684	46,613	59,983
Greater Geelong C	295,052	295,052	295,052	295,052	94,293	132,015
Greater Shepparton C	69,865	69,865	69,865	69,865	24,232	30,131
Hepburn S	17,011	25,000	18,535	18,535	7,766	9,902
Hindmarsh S	5,447	25,000	17,500	5,825	2,558	3,020
Hobsons Bay C	97,031	97,031	97,031	97,031	26,634	39,572
Horsham RC	20,252	25,000	20,252	20,252	7,328	9,744
Hume C	278,885	278,885	278,885	278,885	67,252	96,028
Indigo S	17,758	25,000	17,758	17,758	6,701	8,083
Kingston C	168,061	168,061	168,061	168,061	48,126	68,948
Knox C	163,820	163,820	163,820	163,820	48,201	62,352
Latrobe C	79,112	79,112	79,112	79,112	30,770	37,009
Loddon S	7,718	25,000	17,500	8,341	3,976	4,434

* Modified Population - adjusted by two-thirds vacancy rate to take account of part-time residents.

Modified Population (Governance) - adjusted by two-thirds vacancy rate and councils with a population of less than 25,000 are deemed to have a population of 25,000. The population for any individual council is capped at 300,000.

2026-27 General Purpose Grants

Appendix 4

A. Major Cost Drivers (Units)

	Estimated Resident Population (June 2025)	Modified Population			Population > 60 Years + Disabled Pensioners + Carers	No. of Dwellings
		# (min 25,000 – 300,000)	* (min 17,500)	* (no min)		
Macedon Ranges S	54,464	54,464	54,464	54,464	16,912	21,692
Manningham C	132,912	132,912	132,912	132,912	41,325	52,238
Mansfield S	11,324	25,000	17,500	14,131	4,437	7,767
Maribyrnong C	94,672	95,867	95,867	95,867	18,407	40,948
Maroondah C	120,247	120,247	120,247	120,247	34,064	47,970
Melbourne C	194,481	220,007	220,007	220,007	19,986	117,976
Melton C	231,567	231,567	231,567	231,567	42,038	78,011
Merri-bek C	189,108	189,108	189,108	189,108	40,928	80,090
Mildura RC	57,309	57,309	57,309	57,309	20,289	26,245
Mitchell S	58,459	58,459	58,459	58,459	15,603	23,231
Moira S	30,866	31,727	31,727	31,727	13,707	15,338
Monash C	211,833	211,833	211,833	211,833	51,976	81,509
Moonee Valley C	130,501	130,501	130,501	130,501	34,927	55,532
Moorabool S	40,472	40,472	40,472	40,472	11,867	17,012
Mornington Peninsula S	172,217	196,548	196,548	196,548	69,952	95,358
Mount Alexander S	20,939	25,000	21,127	21,127	9,247	10,504
Moyne S	17,760	25,000	18,996	18,996	6,361	8,800
Murrindindi S	15,648	25,000	17,500	16,901	6,709	8,743
Nillumbik S	63,797	63,797	63,797	63,797	18,245	22,092
Northern Grampians S	11,804	25,000	17,500	12,125	5,418	6,408
Port Phillip C	114,434	120,836	120,836	120,836	25,683	64,492
Pyrenees S	7,957	25,000	17,500	8,410	3,577	4,096
Queenscliffe B	3,317	25,000	17,500	4,565	1,996	3,151
South Gippsland S	31,109	34,841	34,841	34,841	13,246	17,488
Southern Grampians S	16,483	25,000	17,500	16,705	6,878	8,479
Stonnington C	114,789	120,253	120,253	120,253	26,395	59,742
Strathbogie S	11,839	25,000	17,500	12,338	5,702	6,518
Surf Coast S	40,265	47,860	47,860	47,860	12,084	22,903
Swan Hill RC	20,962	25,000	20,962	20,962	7,032	9,890
Towong S	6,158	25,000	17,500	6,394	2,819	3,155
Wangaratta RC	30,089	30,089	30,089	30,089	11,860	13,977
Warrnambool C	36,255	36,255	36,255	36,255	12,953	16,259
Wellington S	46,551	50,038	50,038	50,038	18,795	24,260
West Wimmera S	3,915	25,000	17,500	4,212	1,724	2,345
Whitehorse C	185,256	185,256	185,256	185,256	48,241	75,299
Whittlesea C	259,759	259,759	259,759	259,759	61,743	90,539
Wodonga C	44,717	44,717	44,717	44,717	14,421	18,830
Wyndham C	347,830	300,000	347,830	347,830	52,260	120,511
Yarra C	101,356	104,288	104,288	104,288	18,979	50,828
Yarra Ranges S	160,906	160,906	160,906	160,906	47,773	62,292
Yarriambiack S	6,295	25,000	17,500	6,689	3,354	3,497
	7,073,756	7,333,526	7,316,290	7,188,046	1,939,973	2,976,028

* Modified Population - adjusted by two-thirds vacancy rate to take account of part-time residents.

Modified Population (Governance) - adjusted by two-thirds vacancy rate and councils with a population of less than 25,000 are deemed to have a population of 25,000. The population for any individual council is capped at 300,000.

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B. Statewide Average Expenditure & Revenue Data

Function	Function Summary				
	Expenditure			Revenue	
	Unit	Statewide Actual Expenditure (\$)	Statewide Average Expenditure per unit (\$/unit)	Statewide Actual Grant Revenue (\$)	Statewide Average Grant Revenue per unit (\$/unit)
Major Cost Drivers					
Governance Modified Population* (25,000-300,000)	7,333,526	692,256,265	94.40	20,467,492	2.79
Family & Community Services Population	7,073,756	1,230,219,397	173.91	394,760,525	55.81
Aged & Disabled Services Pop. >60 yrs + Disabled Pensioners + Carers	1,939,973	420,356,405	216.68	182,309,226	93.98
Recreation & Culture Modified Population*	7,188,046	3,113,121,405	433.10	37,624,286	5.23
Waste Management No. of Dwellings	2,976,028	1,242,398,149	417.47	705,300	0.24
Traffic & Street Management Modified Population*	7,188,046	1,159,852,863	161.36	31,921,363	4.44
Environment Modified Population* (min 17,500)	7,316,290	736,785,643	100.70	10,289,308	1.41
Business & Economic Services Modified Population* (min 17,500)	7,316,290	1,054,529,753	144.13	6,546,102	0.89
Local Roads & Bridges		1,790,362,061		205,814,927	
	48,331,955	11,439,881,941		890,438,529	

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Modified Population (Governance) - adjusted by two-thirds vacancy rate and councils with a population of less than 25,000 are deemed to have a population of 25,000. The population for any individual council is capped at 300,000.

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	Aged Pensioners		Economies of Scale	Environmental Risk
	No.	No./ Pop >60 +Disabled +Carers (%)	ERP (p) June 2025	(Fire & Flood) Rating
Alpine S	1,895	35.5	13,611	96.6
Ararat RC	1,715	34.7	11,732	32.4
Ballarat C	14,115	35.2	122,661	25.6
Banyule C	11,455	29.8	132,770	4.2
Bass Coast S	7,605	36.8	44,377	18.0
Baw Baw S	7,700	35.4	62,878	27.5
Bayside C	6,890	21.0	107,164	14.9
Benalla RC	2,620	37.0	14,581	65.1
Boroondara C	8,525	18.6	178,601	8.3
Brimbank C	21,710	36.1	198,181	6.6
Buloke S	1,020	34.9	5,887	33.6
Campaspe S	5,990	37.3	37,954	51.2
Cardinia S	9,900	33.7	133,472	27.5
Casey C	27,230	31.6	414,929	11.2
Central Goldfields S	3,035	41.5	13,753	73.8
Colac Otway S	3,000	34.1	22,209	43.6
Corangamite S	2,275	34.3	15,712	32.8
Darebin C	13,220	33.8	162,496	11.1
East Gippsland S	9,925	40.2	49,669	40.0
Frankston C	15,085	35.4	145,369	22.6
Gannawarra S	2,040	41.3	10,311	39.6
Glen Eira C	10,460	27.0	163,025	14.0
Glenelg S	3,240	35.6	19,908	36.9
Golden Plains S	2,370	31.4	26,620	72.4
Greater Bendigo C	15,650	35.3	126,568	39.6
Greater Dandenong C	17,440	37.4	168,684	7.5
Greater Geelong C	33,765	35.8	295,052	22.2
Greater Shepparton C	8,295	34.2	69,865	83.7
Hepburn S	2,600	33.5	17,011	64.6
Hindmarsh S	885	34.6	5,447	25.5
Hobsons Bay C	8,625	32.4	97,031	5.9
Horsham RC	2,540	34.7	20,252	30.6
Hume C	19,220	28.6	278,885	2.4
Indigo S	2,305	34.4	17,758	36.3
Kingston C	17,050	35.4	168,061	13.1
Knox C	16,955	35.2	163,820	10.7
Latrobe C	10,910	35.5	79,112	21.1
Loddon S	1,290	32.4	7,718	67.4

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C. Cost Adjustors – Raw Data

	Indigenous Population		Language	Population Dispersion Score
	No. (Census 2021)	No./ ERP (p) (%)	% Pop with Low English Proficiency + New Arrivals	
Alpine S	129	0.9	1.2	21.33
Ararat RC	230	1.9	1.5	7.85
Ballarat C	2,094	1.8	0.9	0.67
Banyule C	871	0.7	3.5	
Bass Coast S	464	1.1	0.8	20.22
Baw Baw S	728	1.3	1.0	10.07
Bayside C	263	0.3	2.5	
Benalla RC	277	1.9	0.8	4.51
Boroondara C	440	0.3	6.0	
Brimbank C	855	0.4	16.3	
Buloke S	96	1.6	0.7	34.62
Campaspe S	1,169	3.0	0.8	18.74
Cardinia S	1,145	1.0	3.1	10.52
Casey C	2,400	0.7	8.2	0.32
Central Goldfields S	303	2.2	0.3	5.15
Colac Otway S	315	1.4	2.5	12.04
Corangamite S	204	1.3	0.8	19.17
Darebin C	1,441	1.0	7.1	
East Gippsland S	1,684	3.5	0.8	32.72
Frankston C	1,803	1.3	1.8	
Gannawarra S	264	2.5	0.3	15.27
Glen Eira C	413	0.3	5.2	
Glenelg S	575	2.9	0.2	16.78
Golden Plains S	377	1.5	0.3	14.71
Greater Bendigo C	2,738	2.3	1.6	3.33
Greater Dandenong C	614	0.4	20.7	
Greater Geelong C	3,562	1.3	2.1	6.83
Greater Shepparton C	2,687	3.9	5.1	4.66
Hepburn S	181	1.1	0.5	13.35
Hindmarsh S	88	1.5	2.6	24.03
Hobsons Bay C	628	0.7	5.0	
Horsham RC	359	1.8	1.0	3.87
Hume C	1,864	0.8	11.2	4.25
Indigo S	277	1.6	0.3	20.98
Kingston C	723	0.5	4.9	
Knox C	1,025	0.6	5.9	0.00
Latrobe C	1,663	2.2	1.2	11.98
Loddon S	173	2.2	0.3	28.24

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C. Cost Adjustors – Raw Data

	Population Growth			Population Under 6 years	
	ERP (r) June 2022	ERP (p) June 2025	Growth (%)	No.	No. / ERP(p) (%)
Alpine S	13,578	13,611	0.2	685	5.0
Ararat RC	11,741	11,732		635	5.4
Ballarat C	115,847	122,661	5.9	8,487	6.9
Banyule C	127,268	132,770	4.3	8,717	6.6
Bass Coast S	41,741	44,377	6.3	2,357	5.3
Baw Baw S	59,326	62,878	6.0	4,655	7.4
Bayside C	102,101	107,164	5.0	5,377	5.0
Benalla RC	14,450	14,581	0.9	783	5.4
Boroondara C	169,411	178,601	5.4	7,969	4.5
Brimbank C	193,146	198,181	2.6	12,873	6.5
Buloke S	6,110	5,887		322	5.5
Campaspe S	38,506	37,954		2,325	6.1
Cardinia S	123,020	133,472	8.5	12,025	9.0
Casey C	378,472	414,929	9.6	36,052	8.7
Central Goldfields S	13,501	13,753	1.9	646	4.7
Colac Otway S	22,177	22,209	0.1	1,406	6.3
Corangamite S	15,977	15,712		895	5.7
Darebin C	150,325	162,496	8.1	9,698	6.0
East Gippsland S	48,887	49,669	1.6	2,694	5.4
Frankston C	141,002	145,369	3.1	10,948	7.5
Gannawarra S	10,528	10,311		599	5.8
Glen Eira C	151,548	163,025	7.6	9,533	5.8
Glenelg S	20,016	19,908		1,120	5.6
Golden Plains S	25,296	26,620	5.2	1,917	7.2
Greater Bendigo C	122,551	126,568	3.3	8,880	7.0
Greater Dandenong C	159,021	168,684	6.1	11,785	7.0
Greater Geelong C	276,116	295,052	6.9	20,934	7.1
Greater Shepparton C	68,873	69,865	1.4	5,149	7.4
Hepburn S	16,555	17,011	2.8	782	4.6
Hindmarsh S	5,602	5,447		297	5.5
Hobsons Bay C	91,736	97,031	5.8	7,032	7.2
Horsham RC	20,327	20,252		1,394	6.9
Hume C	252,723	278,885	10.4	25,351	9.1
Indigo S	17,407	17,758	2.0	1,090	6.1
Kingston C	159,908	168,061	5.1	10,811	6.4
Knox C	159,404	163,820	2.8	9,922	6.1
Latrobe C	77,606	79,112	1.9	5,303	6.7
Loddon S	7,729	7,718		403	5.2

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C. Cost Adjustors – Raw Data

	Regional Services			Remoteness
	Population (Census 2021)	Employed in Service Industries (adjusted)	Total per 100 people	Average Council ARIA Score
Alpine S	13,648	4,598	33.7	3.25
Ararat RC	11,880	3,090	26.0	2.55
Ballarat C	113,763	45,505	40.0	0.47
Banyule C	126,236	38,206	30.3	
Bass Coast S	40,789	9,045	22.2	1.29
Baw Baw S	57,777	12,948	22.4	1.74
Bayside C	101,306	26,096	25.8	
Benalla RC	14,528	3,276	22.5	2.03
Boroondara C	167,900	65,423	39.0	
Brimbank C	194,618	40,761	20.9	
Buloke S	6,178	1,236	20.0	4.64
Campaspe S	38,735	9,543	24.6	1.75
Cardinia S	118,194	19,285	16.3	0.43
Casey C	365,239	56,611	15.5	0.06
Central Goldfields S	13,483	2,900	21.5	1.52
Colac Otway S	22,423	5,840	26.0	2.05
Corangamite S	16,115	3,171	19.7	2.41
Darebin C	148,570	39,964	26.9	
East Gippsland S	48,715	11,518	23.6	5.21
Frankston C	139,281	35,770	25.7	
Gannawarra S	10,683	1,873	17.5	3.39
Glen Eira C	148,908	33,927	22.8	
Glenelg S	20,152	4,382	21.7	3.37
Golden Plains S	24,985	2,265	10.0	1.29
Greater Bendigo C	121,470	48,588	40.0	0.94
Greater Dandenong C	158,208	49,981	31.6	
Greater Geelong C	271,057	108,423	40.0	0.43
Greater Shepparton C	68,409	27,364	40.0	1.43
Hepburn S	16,604	3,758	22.6	1.07
Hindmarsh S	5,698	1,065	18.7	5.62
Hobsons Bay C	91,322	19,610	21.5	
Horsham RC	20,429	8,172	40.0	3.79
Hume C	243,901	46,890	19.2	0.08
Indigo S	17,368	2,927	16.9	1.44
Kingston C	158,129	45,263	28.6	
Knox C	159,103	39,953	25.1	
Latrobe C	77,318	30,927	40.0	1.18
Loddon S	7,759	946	12.2	2.73

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C. Cost Adjustors – Raw Data

	Socio-Economic Index of Disadvantage	Tourism	
		4 Year Average (visits)	4 Year Average (per capita)
Alpine S	1,028	2,380,361	179.3
Ararat RC	955	443,990	37.5
Ballarat C	986	3,307,447	30.2
Banyule C	1,058	2,257,865	17.2
Bass Coast S	993	4,022,041	110.7
Baw Baw S	1,003	1,216,465	22.7
Bayside C	1,090	1,151,254	10.8
Benalla RC	968	494,866	35.3
Boroondara C	1,090	2,875,030	15.7
Brimbank C	912	1,644,876	7.9
Buloke S	975	143,500	23.4
Campaspe S	965	1,927,133	51.2
Cardinia S	1,021	1,242,559	11.1
Casey C	995	2,802,295	7.9
Central Goldfields S	898	374,000	28.4
Colac Otway S	973	1,702,058	78.9
Corangamite S	985	601,583	37.6
Darebin C	1,018	2,009,795	12.2
East Gippsland S	963	2,934,616	62.0
Frankston C	1,003	1,735,585	12.2
Gannawarra S	952	317,000	30.3
Glen Eira C	1,075	2,466,828	15.8
Glenelg S	952	679,333	34.5
Golden Plains S	1,040	275,000	11.6
Greater Bendigo C	985	3,399,264	28.8
Greater Dandenong C	887	2,156,644	12.8
Greater Geelong C	1,007	6,762,425	26.1
Greater Shepparton C	944	1,934,904	29.1
Hepburn S	1,006	1,587,025	99.3
Hindmarsh S	940	144,402	25.8
Hobsons Bay C	1,021	1,185,065	12.1
Horsham RC	990	749,732	37.6
Hume C	941	2,183,296	9.4
Indigo S	1,029	831,996	49.8
Kingston C	1,044	1,413,075	8.5
Knox C	1,042	1,755,298	10.7
Latrobe C	931	1,565,155	20.7
Loddon S	948	283,500	37.8

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C. Cost Adjustors – Raw Data

	Aged Pensioners		Economies of Scale	Environmental Risk
	No.	No. / Pop >60 +Disabled +Carers (%)	ERP (p) June 2025	(Fire & Flood) Rating
Macedon Ranges S	5,260	31.1	54,464	32.7
Manningham C	12,155	29.4	132,912	14.8
Mansfield S	1,455	32.8	11,324	48.2
Maribyrnong C	5,800	31.5	94,672	11.0
Maroondah C	11,600	34.1	120,247	9.4
Melbourne C	4,050	20.3	194,481	27.8
Melton C	12,345	29.4	231,567	3.8
Merri-bek C	13,850	33.8	189,108	9.0
Mildura RC	7,335	36.2	57,309	7.6
Mitchell S	4,945	31.7	58,459	27.5
Moirā S	5,585	40.7	30,866	51.9
Monash C	16,825	32.4	211,833	5.8
Moonee Valley C	10,945	31.3	130,501	4.9
Moorabool S	3,995	33.7	40,472	39.2
Mornington Peninsula S	24,160	34.5	172,217	22.0
Mount Alexander S	3,425	37.0	20,939	51.5
Moyne S	1,915	30.1	17,760	19.6
Murrindindi S	2,225	33.2	15,648	73.9
Nillumbik S	4,525	24.8	63,797	43.9
Northern Grampians S	1,985	36.6	11,804	87.4
Port Phillip C	5,680	22.1	114,434	31.9
Pyrenees S	1,300	36.3	7,957	71.4
Queenscliffe B	480	24.1	3,317	46.0
South Gippsland S	4,675	35.3	31,109	45.3
Southern Grampians S	2,375	34.5	16,483	19.5
Stonnington C	5,490	20.8	114,789	14.5
Strathbogie S	2,165	38.0	11,839	73.9
Surf Coast S	3,280	27.1	40,265	52.6
Swan Hill RC	2,440	34.7	20,962	17.2
Towong S	945	33.5	6,158	49.7
Wangaratta RC	4,440	37.4	30,089	28.1
Warrnambool C	4,860	37.5	36,255	6.7
Wellington S	6,795	36.2	46,551	63.8
West Wimmera S	545	31.6	3,915	63.0
Whitehorse C	15,085	31.3	185,256	4.1
Whittlesea C	21,185	34.3	259,759	4.2
Wodonga C	5,095	35.3	44,717	30.3
Wyndham C	14,595	27.9	347,830	4.7
Yarra C	4,540	23.9	101,356	14.2
Yarra Ranges S	16,640	34.8	160,906	54.7
Yarriambiack S	1,065	31.8	6,295	21.3
	628,605	32.4	7,073,756	

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	Indigenous Population		Language	Population Dispersion Score
	No. (Census 2021)	No./ ERP (p) (%)	% Pop with Low English Proficiency + New Arrivals	
Macedon Ranges S	481	0.9	0.7	21.31
Manningham C	303	0.2	10.5	0.28
Mansfield S	109	1.0	0.4	12.10
Maribyrnong C	637	0.7	9.5	
Maroondah C	735	0.6	5.2	
Melbourne C	768	0.5	9.5	
Melton C	2,128	1.2	6.2	11.11
Merri-bek C	1,088	0.6	5.9	
Mildura RC	2,619	4.6	5.4	14.30
Mitchell S	1,073	2.2	1.9	22.40
Moirā S	644	2.1	1.7	24.90
Monash C	522	0.3	11.5	
Moonee Valley C	571	0.5	4.6	
Moorabool S	550	1.5	1.1	19.05
Mornington Peninsula S	1,723	1.0	0.6	7.60
Mount Alexander S	265	1.3	0.3	6.21
Moyne S	303	1.7	0.3	20.78
Murrindindi S	256	1.7	0.3	26.61
Nillumbik S	375	0.6	1.0	1.10
Northern Grampians S	226	1.9	1.9	21.16
Port Phillip C	505	0.5	2.9	
Pyrenees S	143	1.9	0.1	18.62
Queenscliffe B	11	0.3	0.3	
South Gippsland S	357	1.2	0.6	16.73
Southern Grampians S	390	2.4	0.4	10.83
Stonnington C	373	0.4	3.6	
Strathbogie S	217	1.9	0.9	19.47
Surf Coast S	238	0.6	0.4	9.11
Swan Hill RC	962	4.5	9.0	23.83
Towong S	115	1.8	0.3	32.25
Wangaratta RC	567	1.9	0.9	5.69
Warrnambool C	707	2.0	1.7	0.48
Wellington S	932	2.0	0.7	21.05
West Wimmera S	45	1.1	0.2	32.64
Whitehorse C	521	0.3	11.7	
Whittlesea C	2,279	1.0	8.4	0.53
Wodonga C	1,477	3.4	2.0	1.00
Wyndham C	2,508	0.9	8.6	0.10
Yarra C	512	0.6	4.6	
Yarra Ranges S	1,711	1.1	1.6	9.66
Yarriambiack S	114	1.7	0.4	24.30
	65,182	1.0		

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C. Cost Adjustors – Raw Data

	Population Growth			Population Under 6 years	
	ERP (r) June 2022	ERP (p) June 2025	Growth (%)	No.	No. / ERP(p) (%)
Macedon Ranges S	52,132	54,464	4.5	3,609	6.6
Manningham C	126,373	132,912	5.2	6,939	5.2
Mansfield S	10,665	11,324	6.2	500	4.4
Maribyrnong C	87,393	94,672	8.3	6,140	6.5
Maroondah C	115,645	120,247	4.0	8,212	6.8
Melbourne C	159,813	194,481	21.7	4,934	2.5
Melton C	192,865	231,567	20.1	22,730	9.8
Merri-bek C	174,502	189,108	8.4	12,151	6.4
Mildura RC	57,156	57,309	0.3	3,966	6.9
Mitchell S	51,569	58,459	13.4	5,095	8.7
Moirs S	30,540	30,866	1.1	1,831	5.9
Monash C	194,707	211,833	8.8	10,324	4.9
Moonee Valley C	122,961	130,501	6.1	7,478	5.7
Moorabool S	38,484	40,472	5.2	3,027	7.5
Mornington Peninsula S	169,600	172,217	1.5	9,326	5.4
Mount Alexander S	20,292	20,939	3.2	1,043	5.0
Moyne S	17,458	17,760	1.7	1,198	6.7
Murrindindi S	15,345	15,648	2.0	811	5.2
Nillumbik S	63,030	63,797	1.2	3,892	6.1
Northern Grampians S	11,864	11,804		668	5.7
Port Phillip C	103,836	114,434	10.2	4,952	4.3
Pyrenees S	7,645	7,957	4.1	402	5.1
Queenscliffe B	3,206	3,317	3.5	97	2.9
South Gippsland S	30,680	31,109	1.4	1,773	5.7
Southern Grampians S	16,374	16,483	0.7	989	6.0
Stonnington C	106,310	114,789	8.0	4,645	4.0
Strathbogie S	11,498	11,839	3.0	590	5.0
Surf Coast S	38,610	40,265	4.3	2,818	7.0
Swan Hill RC	21,207	20,962		1,650	7.9
Towong S	6,187	6,158		336	5.5
Wangaratta RC	29,882	30,089	0.7	1,838	6.1
Warrnambool C	35,520	36,255	2.1	2,326	6.4
Wellington S	45,754	46,551	1.7	2,922	6.3
West Wimmera S	3,938	3,915		275	7.0
Whitehorse C	172,316	185,256	7.5	9,287	5.0
Whittlesea C	236,764	259,759	9.7	21,105	8.1
Wodonga C	43,635	44,717	2.5	3,280	7.3
Wyndham C	308,623	347,830	12.7	35,070	10.1
Yarra C	92,118	101,356	10.0	4,541	4.5
Yarra Ranges S	157,339	160,906	2.3	11,733	7.3
Yarriambiack S	6,435	6,295		360	5.7
	6,619,803	7,073,756	6.9	476,720	6.7

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C. Cost Adjustors – Raw Data

	Regional Services			Remoteness
	Population (Census 2021)	Employed in Service Industries (adjusted)	Total per 100 people	Average Council ARIA Score
Macedon Ranges S	51,458	10,835	21.1	0.86
Manningham C	124,700	25,690	20.6	0.03
Mansfield S	10,517	3,082	29.3	3.27
Maribyrnong C	85,209	30,520	35.8	
Maroondah C	115,043	30,901	26.9	
Melbourne C	149,615	52,365	35.0	
Melton C	178,960	25,108	14.0	0.14
Merri-bek C	171,357	33,110	19.3	
Mildura RC	56,972	22,789	40.0	5.31
Mitchell S	49,460	9,425	19.1	1.11
Moirā S	30,522	5,881	19.3	1.99
Monash C	190,397	78,955	41.5	
Moonee Valley C	121,851	31,499	25.9	
Moorabool S	37,632	6,055	16.1	0.82
Mornington Peninsula S	168,948	41,586	24.6	0.14
Mount Alexander S	20,253	4,684	23.1	1.02
Moyne S	17,374	2,345	13.5	2.47
Murrindindi S	15,197	2,806	18.5	1.84
Nillumbik S	62,895	11,162	17.7	0.25
Northern Grampians S	11,948	2,886	24.2	2.91
Port Phillip C	101,942	35,680	35.0	
Pyrenees S	7,671	1,084	14.1	1.85
Queenscliffe B	3,276	1,238	37.8	0.51
South Gippsland S	30,577	6,204	20.3	2.23
Southern Grampians S	16,588	4,585	27.6	3.45
Stonnington C	104,703	36,646	35.0	
Strathbogie S	11,455	2,106	18.4	1.84
Surf Coast S	37,694	8,509	22.6	0.98
Swan Hill RC	21,403	5,333	24.9	4.54
Towong S	6,223	1,156	18.6	3.38
Wangaratta RC	29,808	9,267	31.1	2.30
Warrnambool C	35,406	14,162	40.0	1.44
Wellington S	45,639	10,972	24.0	3.04
West Wimmera S	4,006	666	16.6	5.36
Whitehorse C	169,346	59,393	35.1	
Whittlesea C	229,396	42,678	18.6	0.20
Wodonga C	43,253	17,301	40.0	0.89
Wyndham C	292,011	51,143	17.5	0.19
Yarra C	90,114	31,540	35.0	
Yarra Ranges S	156,068	28,971	18.6	1.07
Yarriambiack S	6,556	1,315	20.1	4.97
	6,494,324	1,712,733	26.4	

C. Cost Adjustors – Raw Data

	Socio-Economic Index of Disadvantage	Tourism	
		4 Year Average (visits)	4 Year Average (per capita)
Macedon Ranges S	1,063	1,452,314	28.9
Manningham C	1,056	1,669,632	13.1
Mansfield S	1,028	1,597,852	169.2
Maribyrnong C	1,010	1,745,059	18.7
Maroondah C	1,041	1,035,596	8.7
Melbourne C	1,017	42,937,310	239.9
Melton C	985	1,149,947	7.0
Merri-bek C	1,027	2,850,538	15.3
Mildura RC	940	2,129,557	38.2
Mitchell S	1,000	907,373	19.7
Moirs S	958	1,536,496	51.3
Monash C	1,042	5,333,031	26.3
Moonee Valley C	1,041	1,695,535	13.0
Moorabool S	1,017	598,989	17.1
Mornington Peninsula S	1,038	7,977,744	47.6
Mount Alexander S	1,007	834,942	42.3
Moyne S	1,029	729,355	43.0
Murrindindi S	1,005	1,206,885	82.8
Nillumbik S	1,093	550,830	8.5
Northern Grampians S	951	1,035,868	90.8
Port Phillip C	1,061	3,599,218	31.1
Pyrenees S	959	338,250	45.3
Queenscliffe B	1,082	716,447	243.7
South Gippsland S	1,003	1,700,202	56.8
Southern Grampians S	994	558,509	34.7
Stonnington C	1,084	3,431,380	29.1
Strathbogie S	982	464,500	43.1
Surf Coast S	1,086	3,744,050	111.9
Swan Hill RC	941	1,016,732	49.2
Towong S	1,001	271,000	44.9
Wangaratta RC	988	1,221,669	41.9
Warrnambool C	995	1,962,963	55.8
Wellington S	973	1,706,650	38.5
West Wimmera S	991	164,750	42.9
Whitehorse C	1,043	4,181,719	23.4
Whittlesea C	990	1,354,864	5.9
Wodonga C	973	651,641	15.5
Wyndham C	1,006	3,759,851	13.9
Yarra C	1,046	2,361,853	23.3
Yarra Ranges S	1,041	3,727,239	23.4
Yarriambiack S	946	275,500	41.5
		181,141,095	27.5

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D. Cost Adjustors - Index

Cost Adjustor	Aged Pensioners	Economies of Scale				Environ-mental Risk (Fire & Flood)	
	Population > 60 years	Population	Modified Pop* (25,000-300,000)	Modified Pop* (min 17,500)	Modified Pop* (no min)	No. of Dwellings	Modified Pop* (min 17,500)
Major Cost Driver							
Alpine S	1.083	1.251	1.227	1.244	1.249	1.232	1.698
Ararat RC	1.061	1.254	1.230	1.246	1.252	1.235	1.120
Ballarat C	1.075	1.083	1.062	1.077	1.082	1.067	1.058
Banyule C	0.929	1.068	1.047	1.061	1.066	1.051	0.866
Bass Coast S	1.120	1.204	1.180	1.196	1.202	1.185	0.990
Baw Baw S	1.082	1.175	1.152	1.168	1.173	1.157	1.075
Bayside C	0.689	1.107	1.086	1.100	1.105	1.090	0.962
Benalla RC	1.126	1.250	1.225	1.242	1.248	1.230	1.415
Boroondara C	0.624	0.997	0.978	0.991	0.996	0.982	0.902
Brimbank C	1.101	0.967	0.948	0.961	0.966	0.952	0.887
Buloke S	1.068	1.263	1.238	1.255	1.261	1.244	1.130
Campaspe S	1.134	1.214	1.190	1.206	1.212	1.195	1.289
Cardinia S	1.036	1.067	1.046	1.060	1.065	1.050	1.075
Casey C	0.977	0.634	0.621	0.630	0.632	0.624	0.928
Central Goldfields S	1.248	1.251	1.227	1.243	1.249	1.232	1.493
Colac Otway S	1.045	1.238	1.214	1.230	1.236	1.219	1.220
Corangamite S	1.051	1.248	1.224	1.240	1.246	1.229	1.123
Darebin C	1.038	1.022	1.002	1.016	1.020	1.006	0.927
East Gippsland S	1.211	1.196	1.172	1.188	1.194	1.177	1.188
Frankston C	1.081	1.048	1.028	1.042	1.047	1.032	1.032
Gannawarra S	1.241	1.256	1.232	1.249	1.254	1.237	1.185
Glen Eira C	0.854	1.021	1.001	1.015	1.020	1.005	0.954
Glenelg S	1.087	1.241	1.217	1.234	1.239	1.222	1.160
Golden Plains S	0.972	1.231	1.207	1.224	1.229	1.212	1.480
Greater Bendigo C	1.079	1.077	1.056	1.071	1.076	1.061	1.185
Greater Dandenong C	1.136	1.012	0.993	1.006	1.011	0.997	0.895
Greater Geelong C	1.093	0.818	0.802	0.813	0.817	0.805	1.028
Greater Shepparton C	1.050	1.165	1.142	1.157	1.163	1.147	1.582
Hepburn S	1.029	1.246	1.222	1.238	1.244	1.227	1.410
Hindmarsh S	1.060	1.264	1.239	1.256	1.262	1.244	1.058
Hobsons Bay C	0.999	1.123	1.101	1.116	1.121	1.105	0.881
Horsham RC	1.061	1.241	1.217	1.233	1.239	1.222	1.104
Hume C	0.896	0.843	0.826	0.838	0.842	0.830	0.849
Indigo S	1.054	1.245	1.221	1.237	1.243	1.226	1.155
Kingston C	1.082	1.013	0.994	1.007	1.012	0.998	0.946
Knox C	1.075	1.020	1.000	1.014	1.018	1.004	0.924
Latrobe C	1.083	1.150	1.128	1.143	1.148	1.133	1.018
Loddon S	1.001	1.260	1.236	1.253	1.258	1.241	1.435

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D. Cost Adjustors - Index

Cost Adjustor Major Cost Driver	Indigenous Population		Language			
	Population	Modified Pop* (25,000-300,000)	Population	Modified Pop* (25,000-300,000)	Modified Pop* (no min)	Population > 60 years
Alpine S	0.991	0.985	0.821	0.831	0.823	0.841
Ararat RC	1.186	1.178	0.833	0.843	0.834	0.853
Ballarat C	1.167	1.159	0.810	0.820	0.812	0.830
Banyule C	0.941	0.935	0.907	0.918	0.908	0.929
Bass Coast S	1.029	1.022	0.804	0.814	0.805	0.823
Baw Baw S	1.053	1.046	0.812	0.822	0.813	0.832
Bayside C	0.857	0.851	0.870	0.881	0.872	0.891
Benalla RC	1.180	1.172	0.805	0.815	0.806	0.825
Boroondara C	0.858	0.852	1.002	1.014	1.003	1.026
Brimbank C	0.892	0.886	1.393	1.410	1.396	1.427
Buloke S	1.111	1.103	0.800	0.809	0.801	0.819
Campaspe S	1.398	1.388	0.806	0.816	0.808	0.826
Cardinia S	0.996	0.989	0.891	0.901	0.892	0.912
Casey C	0.935	0.929	1.083	1.096	1.085	1.110
Central Goldfields S	1.247	1.238	0.784	0.794	0.785	0.803
Colac Otway S	1.082	1.074	0.871	0.881	0.872	0.892
Corangamite S	1.054	1.047	0.803	0.813	0.804	0.822
Darebin C	0.996	0.990	1.042	1.054	1.043	1.067
East Gippsland S	1.484	1.474	0.803	0.813	0.805	0.823
Frankston C	1.060	1.053	0.843	0.854	0.845	0.864
Gannawarra S	1.291	1.282	0.786	0.796	0.788	0.805
Glen Eira C	0.861	0.855	0.973	0.984	0.974	0.996
Glenelg S	1.366	1.356	0.782	0.792	0.784	0.801
Golden Plains S	1.102	1.095	0.785	0.794	0.786	0.804
Greater Bendigo C	1.248	1.240	0.835	0.845	0.836	0.855
Greater Dandenong C	0.882	0.876	1.559	1.578	1.562	1.597
Greater Geelong C	1.064	1.057	0.853	0.864	0.855	0.874
Greater Shepparton C	1.576	1.566	0.969	0.980	0.971	0.992
Hepburn S	1.020	1.013	0.794	0.803	0.795	0.813
Hindmarsh S	1.109	1.101	0.871	0.882	0.873	0.893
Hobsons Bay C	0.941	0.935	0.962	0.974	0.964	0.986
Horsham RC	1.151	1.143	0.812	0.822	0.813	0.832
Hume C	0.956	0.950	1.198	1.212	1.200	1.227
Indigo S	1.119	1.111	0.787	0.797	0.789	0.806
Kingston C	0.896	0.890	0.961	0.972	0.962	0.984
Knox C	0.932	0.926	0.997	1.009	0.999	1.022
Latrobe C	1.228	1.220	0.822	0.831	0.823	0.842
Loddon S	1.243	1.235	0.788	0.797	0.789	0.807

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Cost Adjustor	Population Dispersion						
	Major Cost Driver	Population	Modified Pop* (25,000-300,000)	Modified Pop* (min 17,500)	Modified Pop* (no min)	Population > 60 years	No. of Dwellings
	Alpine S	1.445	1.415	1.431	1.442	1.405	1.430
	Ararat RC	1.097	1.074	1.086	1.094	1.066	1.085
	Ballarat C	0.911	0.893	0.902	0.909	0.886	0.902
	Banyule C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.869	0.885
	Bass Coast S	1.416	1.387	1.402	1.413	1.377	1.401
	Baw Baw S	1.154	1.130	1.143	1.151	1.122	1.142
	Bayside C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.869	0.885
	Benalla RC	1.010	0.990	1.001	1.008	0.982	1.000
	Boroondara C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.869	0.885
	Brimbank C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.869	0.885
	Buloke S	1.788	1.751	1.771	1.784	1.738	1.769
	Campaspe S	1.378	1.350	1.365	1.375	1.340	1.364
	Cardinia S	1.165	1.142	1.154	1.163	1.133	1.153
	Casey C	0.902	0.884	0.894	0.900	0.877	0.893
	Central Goldfields S	1.027	1.006	1.017	1.025	0.998	1.016
	Colac Otway S	1.205	1.180	1.193	1.202	1.172	1.192
	Corangamite S	1.389	1.361	1.375	1.386	1.350	1.374
	Darebin C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.869	0.885
	East Gippsland S	1.739	1.703	1.722	1.735	1.691	1.721
	Frankston C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.869	0.885
	Gannawarra S	1.288	1.262	1.276	1.285	1.252	1.275
	Glen Eira C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.869	0.885
	Glenelg S	1.327	1.300	1.314	1.324	1.290	1.313
	Golden Plains S	1.274	1.248	1.262	1.271	1.239	1.261
	Greater Bendigo C	0.980	0.960	0.971	0.978	0.953	0.970
	Greater Dandenong C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.869	0.885
	Greater Geelong C	1.070	1.049	1.060	1.068	1.041	1.059
	Greater Shepparton C	1.014	0.994	1.005	1.012	0.986	1.004
	Hepburn S	1.239	1.213	1.227	1.236	1.204	1.226
	Hindmarsh S	1.514	1.483	1.500	1.511	1.472	1.499
	Hobsons Bay C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.869	0.885
	Horsham RC	0.994	0.974	0.984	0.992	0.966	0.984
	Hume C	1.004	0.983	0.994	1.002	0.976	0.993
	Indigo S	1.436	1.406	1.422	1.433	1.396	1.421
	Kingston C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.869	0.885
	Knox C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.869	0.885
	Latrobe C	1.203	1.179	1.192	1.201	1.170	1.191
	Loddon S	1.623	1.590	1.608	1.620	1.578	1.606

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Cost Adjustor Major Cost Driver	Population Growth			Population < 6 years
	Population	Modified Pop* (min 17,500)	Modified Pop* (no min)	Population
Alpine S	0.749	0.752	0.749	0.800
Ararat RC	0.740	0.743	0.740	0.844
Ballarat C	0.957	0.960	0.957	1.016
Banyule C	0.899	0.903	0.899	0.975
Bass Coast S	0.973	0.976	0.973	0.832
Baw Baw S	0.961	0.964	0.960	1.071
Bayside C	0.923	0.926	0.923	0.799
Benalla RC	0.773	0.776	0.773	0.839
Boroondara C	0.940	0.943	0.940	0.736
Brimbank C	0.836	0.839	0.836	0.967
Buloke S	0.740	0.743	0.740	0.851
Campaspe S	0.740	0.743	0.740	0.925
Cardinia S	1.053	1.057	1.053	1.254
Casey C	1.095	1.099	1.095	1.217
Central Goldfields S	0.809	0.812	0.809	0.763
Colac Otway S	0.745	0.748	0.745	0.949
Corangamite S	0.740	0.743	0.740	0.877
Darebin C	1.038	1.042	1.038	0.907
East Gippsland S	0.799	0.802	0.799	0.845
Frankston C	0.854	0.857	0.854	1.085
Gannawarra S	0.740	0.743	0.740	0.889
Glen Eira C	1.019	1.023	1.019	0.894
Glenelg S	0.740	0.743	0.740	0.868
Golden Plains S	0.933	0.936	0.933	1.048
Greater Bendigo C	0.861	0.864	0.861	1.027
Greater Dandenong C	0.964	0.967	0.964	1.023
Greater Geelong C	0.993	0.996	0.993	1.036
Greater Shepparton C	0.793	0.796	0.793	1.067
Hepburn S	0.842	0.845	0.841	0.751
Hindmarsh S	0.740	0.743	0.740	0.849
Hobsons Bay C	0.953	0.956	0.952	1.053
Horsham RC	0.740	0.743	0.740	1.012
Hume C	1.122	1.126	1.121	1.263
Indigo S	0.814	0.817	0.814	0.927
Kingston C	0.928	0.931	0.928	0.960
Knox C	0.842	0.845	0.842	0.917
Latrobe C	0.811	0.814	0.811	0.991
Loddon S	0.740	0.743	0.740	0.822

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Major Cost Driver	Cost Adjustor	Regional Services				Remoteness	
		Population	Modified Pop* (min 17,500)	Modified Pop* (no min)	No of Dwellings	Modified Pop* (25,000- 300,000)	Modified Pop* (min 17,500)
Alpine S		1.156	1.157	1.155	1.141	1.442	1.426
Ararat RC		0.995	0.996	0.994	0.982	1.328	1.314
Ballarat C		1.288	1.290	1.287	1.271	0.990	0.979
Banyule C		1.084	1.085	1.083	1.070	0.914	0.904
Bass Coast S		0.914	0.916	0.914	0.903	1.123	1.111
Baw Baw S		0.919	0.921	0.919	0.907	1.196	1.183
Bayside C		0.989	0.991	0.989	0.977	0.914	0.904
Benalla RC		0.922	0.923	0.922	0.910	1.244	1.230
Boroondara C		1.266	1.268	1.265	1.250	0.914	0.904
Brimbank C		0.889	0.890	0.888	0.877	0.914	0.904
Buloke S		0.869	0.870	0.868	0.858	1.668	1.650
Campaspe S		0.966	0.967	0.965	0.954	1.198	1.185
Cardinia S		0.792	0.793	0.791	0.781	0.983	0.973
Casey C		0.774	0.776	0.774	0.765	0.923	0.913
Central Goldfields S		0.900	0.902	0.900	0.889	1.161	1.148
Colac Otway S		0.995	0.997	0.995	0.983	1.247	1.233
Corangamite S		0.862	0.863	0.862	0.851	1.305	1.291
Darebin C		1.013	1.015	1.013	1.000	0.914	0.904
East Gippsland S		0.945	0.946	0.945	0.933	1.760	1.741
Frankston C		0.988	0.989	0.987	0.975	0.914	0.904
Gannawarra S		0.817	0.818	0.817	0.807	1.465	1.449
Glen Eira C		0.927	0.928	0.927	0.915	0.914	0.904
Glenelg S		0.905	0.907	0.905	0.894	1.461	1.446
Golden Plains S		0.659	0.660	0.659	0.651	1.123	1.111
Greater Bendigo C		1.288	1.290	1.287	1.271	1.066	1.055
Greater Dandenong C		1.112	1.113	1.111	1.097	0.914	0.904
Greater Geelong C		1.288	1.290	1.287	1.271	0.983	0.973
Greater Shepparton C		1.288	1.290	1.287	1.271	1.146	1.134
Hepburn S		0.924	0.925	0.923	0.912	1.088	1.076
Hindmarsh S		0.841	0.842	0.841	0.831	1.827	1.807
Hobsons Bay C		0.900	0.901	0.899	0.888	0.914	0.904
Horsham RC		1.288	1.290	1.287	1.271	1.530	1.513
Hume C		0.853	0.854	0.852	0.842	0.927	0.917
Indigo S		0.803	0.804	0.802	0.793	1.148	1.135
Kingston C		1.049	1.051	1.049	1.036	0.914	0.904
Knox C		0.976	0.977	0.975	0.963	0.914	0.904
Latrobe C		1.288	1.290	1.287	1.271	1.105	1.093
Loddon S		0.705	0.706	0.705	0.696	1.357	1.343

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D. Cost Adjustors - Index

Cost Adjustor Major Cost Driver	Socio-Economic		Tourism			
	Population	Population > 60 years	Population	Modified Pop* (min 17,500)	Modified Pop* (no min)	No of Dwellings
Alpine S	0.939	0.932	1.712	1.700	1.705	1.670
Ararat RC	1.192	1.183	1.111	1.103	1.106	1.084
Ballarat C	1.085	1.076	1.052	1.045	1.048	1.027
Banyule C	0.835	0.828	0.947	0.940	0.943	0.924
Bass Coast S	1.060	1.052	1.703	1.691	1.695	1.661
Baw Baw S	1.026	1.018	0.992	0.985	0.988	0.968
Bayside C	0.724	0.718	0.896	0.889	0.892	0.874
Benalla RC	1.147	1.138	1.093	1.085	1.088	1.066
Boroondara C	0.724	0.718	0.935	0.929	0.931	0.912
Brimbank C	1.341	1.330	0.872	0.866	0.868	0.851
Buloke S	1.123	1.114	0.998	0.991	0.993	0.973
Campaspe S	1.158	1.148	1.222	1.213	1.217	1.192
Cardinia S	0.963	0.956	0.898	0.892	0.894	0.876
Casey C	1.054	1.045	0.872	0.866	0.869	0.851
Central Goldfields S	1.390	1.378	1.038	1.030	1.033	1.012
Colac Otway S	1.130	1.121	1.446	1.436	1.440	1.410
Corangamite S	1.088	1.079	1.112	1.104	1.107	1.084
Darebin C	0.974	0.966	0.907	0.901	0.903	0.885
East Gippsland S	1.164	1.155	1.309	1.300	1.304	1.277
Frankston C	1.026	1.018	0.907	0.900	0.903	0.885
Gannawarra S	1.203	1.193	1.053	1.045	1.048	1.027
Glen Eira C	0.776	0.770	0.936	0.929	0.932	0.913
Glenelg S	1.203	1.193	1.087	1.080	1.083	1.061
Golden Plains S	0.898	0.890	0.902	0.896	0.898	0.880
Greater Bendigo C	1.088	1.079	1.041	1.034	1.036	1.015
Greater Dandenong C	1.428	1.416	0.912	0.906	0.908	0.890
Greater Geelong C	1.012	1.004	1.019	1.012	1.015	0.994
Greater Shepparton C	1.230	1.220	1.043	1.036	1.039	1.018
Hepburn S	1.015	1.007	1.611	1.599	1.604	1.571
Hindmarsh S	1.244	1.234	1.017	1.010	1.013	0.992
Hobsons Bay C	0.963	0.956	0.906	0.900	0.903	0.884
Horsham RC	1.071	1.062	1.112	1.104	1.108	1.085
Hume C	1.241	1.231	0.884	0.878	0.880	0.862
Indigo S	0.936	0.928	1.211	1.202	1.206	1.181
Kingston C	0.884	0.877	0.877	0.871	0.874	0.856
Knox C	0.891	0.883	0.895	0.888	0.891	0.873
Latrobe C	1.275	1.265	0.976	0.969	0.972	0.952
Loddon S	1.216	1.207	1.114	1.106	1.109	1.086

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Cost Adjustor	Aged Pensioners	Economies of Scale				Environmental Risk (Fire & Flood)	
	Population > 60 years	Population	Modified Pop* (25,000-300,000)	Modified Pop* (min 17,500)	Modified Pop* (no min)	No. of Dwellings	Modified Pop* (min 17,500)
Macedon Ranges S	0.965	1.188	1.165	1.181	1.186	1.170	1.122
Manningham C	0.919	1.068	1.047	1.061	1.066	1.051	0.961
Mansfield S	1.011	1.255	1.230	1.247	1.253	1.235	1.262
Maribyrnong C	0.976	1.126	1.105	1.120	1.125	1.109	0.926
Maroondah C	1.045	1.087	1.066	1.080	1.085	1.070	0.912
Melbourne C	0.670	0.973	0.954	0.967	0.971	0.958	1.078
Melton C	0.917	0.916	0.898	0.910	0.914	0.902	0.862
Merri-bek C	1.039	0.981	0.962	0.975	0.979	0.966	0.909
Mildura RC	1.102	1.184	1.161	1.177	1.182	1.166	0.896
Mitchell S	0.981	1.182	1.159	1.175	1.180	1.164	1.075
Moira S	1.227	1.225	1.201	1.217	1.223	1.206	1.296
Monash C	0.999	0.946	0.928	0.940	0.945	0.932	0.880
Moonee Valley C	0.971	1.071	1.050	1.065	1.070	1.055	0.872
Moorabool S	1.034	1.210	1.186	1.202	1.208	1.191	1.180
Mornington Peninsula S	1.058	1.007	0.987	1.001	1.005	0.992	1.025
Mount Alexander S	1.126	1.240	1.216	1.232	1.238	1.221	1.291
Moyne S	0.937	1.245	1.221	1.237	1.243	1.226	1.004
Murrindindi S	1.021	1.248	1.224	1.240	1.246	1.229	1.494
Nillumbik S	0.793	1.174	1.151	1.167	1.172	1.156	1.223
Northern Grampians S	1.115	1.254	1.230	1.246	1.252	1.235	1.615
Port Phillip C	0.720	1.096	1.075	1.089	1.094	1.079	1.115
Pyrenees S	1.107	1.260	1.235	1.252	1.258	1.240	1.471
Queenscliffe B	0.773	1.267	1.242	1.259	1.265	1.248	1.242
South Gippsland S	1.079	1.224	1.200	1.217	1.222	1.205	1.236
Southern Grampians S	1.058	1.247	1.223	1.239	1.245	1.228	1.004
Stonnington C	0.684	1.095	1.074	1.089	1.094	1.079	0.958
Strathbogie S	1.151	1.254	1.230	1.246	1.252	1.235	1.493
Surf Coast S	0.857	1.210	1.187	1.203	1.208	1.192	1.301
Swan Hill RC	1.062	1.240	1.216	1.232	1.238	1.221	0.983
Towong S	1.030	1.263	1.238	1.255	1.261	1.243	1.275
Wangaratta RC	1.137	1.226	1.202	1.218	1.224	1.207	1.081
Warrnambool C	1.139	1.216	1.193	1.209	1.214	1.198	0.888
Wellington S	1.102	1.200	1.177	1.193	1.199	1.182	1.403
West Wimmera S	0.979	1.266	1.241	1.258	1.264	1.247	1.395
Whitehorse C	0.969	0.987	0.968	0.981	0.985	0.972	0.865
Whittlesea C	1.052	0.872	0.855	0.867	0.871	0.859	0.865
Wodonga C	1.080	1.203	1.180	1.196	1.201	1.185	1.100
Wyndham C	0.878	0.737	0.722	0.732	0.736	0.725	0.870
Yarra C	0.769	1.116	1.094	1.109	1.114	1.099	0.956
Yarra Ranges S	1.066	1.024	1.005	1.018	1.023	1.009	1.320
Yarriambiack S	0.982	1.262	1.238	1.255	1.260	1.243	1.020

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D. Cost Adjustors - Index

Cost Adjustor Major Cost Driver	Indigenous Population		Language			
	Population	Modified Pop* (25,000- 300,000)	Population	Modified Pop* (25,000- 300,000)	Modified Pop* (no min)	Population > 60 years
Macedon Ranges S	0.989	0.983	0.802	0.812	0.804	0.822
Manningham C	0.854	0.848	1.171	1.185	1.173	1.199
Mansfield S	1.009	1.003	0.790	0.799	0.791	0.809
Maribyrnong C	0.953	0.946	1.136	1.149	1.137	1.163
Maroondah C	0.931	0.925	0.972	0.984	0.974	0.995
Melbourne C	0.907	0.901	1.136	1.150	1.138	1.163
Melton C	1.039	1.032	1.011	1.023	1.013	1.035
Merri-bek C	0.931	0.924	0.997	1.009	0.999	1.021
Mildura RC	1.708	1.696	0.977	0.989	0.979	1.001
Mitchell S	1.232	1.223	0.848	0.858	0.849	0.868
Moirs S	1.220	1.212	0.838	0.848	0.839	0.858
Monash C	0.860	0.854	1.210	1.224	1.212	1.239
Moonee Valley C	0.898	0.892	0.949	0.960	0.951	0.972
Moorabool S	1.093	1.085	0.815	0.825	0.817	0.835
Mornington Peninsula S	1.006	0.999	0.798	0.807	0.799	0.817
Mount Alexander S	1.063	1.055	0.786	0.795	0.787	0.805
Moyne S	1.148	1.140	0.784	0.794	0.786	0.803
Murrindindi S	1.136	1.129	0.786	0.796	0.788	0.805
Nillumbik S	0.923	0.917	0.813	0.822	0.814	0.832
Northern Grampians S	1.177	1.169	0.846	0.857	0.848	0.867
Port Phillip C	0.903	0.897	0.886	0.897	0.888	0.907
Pyrenees S	1.172	1.164	0.780	0.789	0.781	0.798
Queenscliffe B	0.872	0.866	0.785	0.794	0.786	0.804
South Gippsland S	1.035	1.028	0.798	0.808	0.800	0.818
Southern Grampians S	1.267	1.259	0.789	0.798	0.790	0.808
Stonnington C	0.876	0.870	0.911	0.922	0.913	0.933
Strathbogie S	1.178	1.170	0.810	0.819	0.811	0.829
Surf Coast S	0.930	0.924	0.790	0.800	0.792	0.809
Swan Hill RC	1.688	1.676	1.115	1.128	1.117	1.142
Towong S	1.169	1.161	0.785	0.794	0.786	0.804
Wangaratta RC	1.179	1.171	0.807	0.816	0.808	0.826
Warrnambool C	1.198	1.190	0.840	0.850	0.841	0.860
Wellington S	1.207	1.198	0.801	0.810	0.802	0.820
West Wimmera S	1.026	1.019	0.784	0.793	0.785	0.803
Whitehorse C	0.866	0.861	1.218	1.233	1.220	1.248
Whittlesea C	1.001	0.994	1.091	1.104	1.093	1.117
Wodonga C	1.476	1.466	0.851	0.861	0.852	0.871
Wyndham C	0.975	0.968	1.100	1.113	1.102	1.126
Yarra C	0.918	0.911	0.947	0.958	0.949	0.970
Yarra Ranges S	1.021	1.014	0.833	0.843	0.835	0.854
Yarriambiack S	1.147	1.139	0.788	0.797	0.789	0.807

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D. Cost Adjustors - Index

Cost Adjustor	Population Dispersion					
	Population	Modified Pop* (25,000- 300,000)	Modified Pop* (min 17,500)	Modified Pop* (no min)	Population > 60 years	No. of Dwellings
Macedon Ranges S	1.444	1.415	1.430	1.441	1.404	1.429
Manningham C	0.901	0.883	0.892	0.899	0.876	0.892
Mansfield S	1.206	1.182	1.195	1.204	1.173	1.194
Maribyrnong C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.869	0.885
Maroondah C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.869	0.885
Melbourne C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.869	0.885
Melton C	1.181	1.157	1.169	1.178	1.148	1.168
Merri-bek C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.869	0.885
Mildura RC	1.263	1.237	1.251	1.260	1.228	1.250
Mitchell S	1.472	1.442	1.458	1.469	1.432	1.457
Moir S	1.537	1.506	1.522	1.534	1.494	1.521
Monash C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.869	0.885
Moonee Valley C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.869	0.885
Moorabool S	1.386	1.357	1.372	1.383	1.347	1.371
Mornington Peninsula S	1.090	1.068	1.080	1.088	1.060	1.079
Mount Alexander S	1.054	1.033	1.044	1.052	1.025	1.043
Moyne S	1.430	1.401	1.417	1.428	1.391	1.416
Murrindindi S	1.581	1.549	1.566	1.578	1.537	1.565
Nillumbik S	0.922	0.904	0.914	0.921	0.897	0.913
Northern Grampians S	1.440	1.411	1.426	1.437	1.400	1.425
Port Phillip C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.869	0.885
Pyrenees S	1.375	1.347	1.361	1.372	1.337	1.360
Queenscliffe B	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.869	0.885
South Gippsland S	1.326	1.299	1.313	1.323	1.289	1.312
Southern Grampians S	1.173	1.150	1.162	1.171	1.141	1.161
Stonnington C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.869	0.885
Strathbogie S	1.397	1.368	1.383	1.394	1.358	1.382
Surf Coast S	1.129	1.106	1.118	1.127	1.098	1.117
Swan Hill RC	1.509	1.479	1.495	1.506	1.468	1.494
Towong S	1.726	1.691	1.710	1.723	1.679	1.709
Wangaratta RC	1.041	1.020	1.031	1.039	1.012	1.030
Warrnambool C	0.906	0.888	0.898	0.904	0.881	0.897
Wellington S	1.437	1.408	1.424	1.434	1.398	1.422
West Wimmera S	1.737	1.701	1.720	1.733	1.689	1.719
Whitehorse C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.869	0.885
Whittlesea C	0.907	0.889	0.899	0.906	0.882	0.898
Wodonga C	0.920	0.901	0.911	0.918	0.894	0.910
Wyndham C	0.897	0.878	0.888	0.895	0.872	0.887
Yarra C	0.894	0.876	0.885	0.892	0.869	0.885
Yarra Ranges S	1.143	1.120	1.132	1.141	1.112	1.131
Yarriambiack S	1.521	1.490	1.507	1.518	1.479	1.506

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D. Cost Adjustors - Index

Cost Adjustor Major Cost Driver	Population Growth			Population < 6 years
	Population	Modified Pop* (min 17,500)	Modified Pop* (no min)	Population
Macedon Ranges S	0.905	0.908	0.905	0.982
Manningham C	0.931	0.934	0.930	0.822
Mansfield S	0.968	0.971	0.967	0.730
Maribyrnong C	1.047	1.051	1.047	0.966
Maroondah C	0.887	0.890	0.886	1.005
Melbourne C	1.480	1.485	1.479	0.688
Melton C	1.480	1.485	1.479	1.346
Merri-bek C	1.049	1.052	1.048	0.959
Mildura RC	0.750	0.753	0.750	1.016
Mitchell S	1.233	1.237	1.232	1.221
Moir S	0.779	0.782	0.779	0.903
Monash C	1.064	1.068	1.064	0.782
Moonee Valley C	0.966	0.970	0.966	0.880
Moorabool S	0.930	0.934	0.930	1.080
Mornington Peninsula S	0.797	0.800	0.797	0.844
Mount Alexander S	0.858	0.861	0.857	0.795
Moyne S	0.804	0.807	0.803	0.996
Murrindindi S	0.813	0.816	0.812	0.818
Nillumbik S	0.785	0.788	0.785	0.922
Northern Grampians S	0.740	0.743	0.740	0.872
Port Phillip C	1.116	1.120	1.116	0.720
Pyrenees S	0.890	0.894	0.890	0.803
Queenscliffe B	0.868	0.871	0.867	0.688
South Gippsland S	0.792	0.794	0.791	0.877
Southern Grampians S	0.764	0.767	0.764	0.911
Stonnington C	1.034	1.038	1.034	0.688
Strathbogie S	0.849	0.852	0.849	0.795
Surf Coast S	0.898	0.901	0.898	1.025
Swan Hill RC	0.740	0.743	0.740	1.124
Towong S	0.740	0.743	0.740	0.848
Wangaratta RC	0.765	0.768	0.765	0.923
Warrnambool C	0.816	0.819	0.816	0.958
Wellington S	0.804	0.807	0.804	0.943
West Wimmera S	0.740	0.743	0.740	1.028
Whitehorse C	1.017	1.021	1.017	0.798
Whittlesea C	1.098	1.102	1.098	1.153
Wodonga C	0.831	0.834	0.831	1.063
Wyndham C	1.208	1.213	1.208	1.376
Yarra C	1.110	1.114	1.109	0.738
Yarra Ranges S	0.824	0.827	0.823	1.058
Yarriambiack S	0.740	0.743	0.740	0.879

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D. Cost Adjustors - Index

Cost Adjustor	Regional Services				Remoteness	
Major Cost Driver	Population	Modified Pop* (min 17,500)	Modified Pop* (no min)	No of Dwellings	Modified Pop* (25,000- 300,000)	Modified Pop* (min 17,500)
Macedon Ranges S	0.891	0.892	0.890	0.879	1.053	1.042
Manningham C	0.881	0.883	0.881	0.870	0.918	0.908
Mansfield S	1.064	1.065	1.063	1.050	1.445	1.429
Maribyrnong C	1.200	1.202	1.200	1.185	0.914	0.904
Maroondah C	1.012	1.014	1.012	1.000	0.914	0.904
Melbourne C	1.183	1.185	1.182	1.168	0.914	0.904
Melton C	0.744	0.745	0.743	0.734	0.936	0.926
Merri-bek C	0.855	0.856	0.854	0.844	0.914	0.904
Mildura RC	1.288	1.290	1.287	1.271	1.777	1.757
Mitchell S	0.849	0.850	0.849	0.838	1.094	1.082
Moir S	0.853	0.855	0.853	0.842	1.237	1.224
Monash C	1.319	1.320	1.318	1.302	0.914	0.904
Moonee Valley C	0.991	0.993	0.991	0.979	0.914	0.904
Moorabool S	0.787	0.788	0.786	0.777	1.047	1.035
Mornington Peninsula S	0.965	0.967	0.965	0.953	0.936	0.926
Mount Alexander S	0.934	0.936	0.934	0.922	1.079	1.068
Moyne S	0.733	0.734	0.732	0.723	1.315	1.301
Murrindindi S	0.837	0.838	0.836	0.826	1.213	1.199
Nillumbik S	0.822	0.823	0.821	0.811	0.954	0.944
Northern Grampians S	0.956	0.957	0.955	0.944	1.387	1.372
Port Phillip C	1.183	1.185	1.182	1.168	0.914	0.904
Pyrenees S	0.746	0.747	0.745	0.736	1.214	1.201
Queenscliffe B	1.241	1.243	1.241	1.226	0.996	0.986
South Gippsland S	0.875	0.876	0.874	0.864	1.276	1.262
Southern Grampians S	1.029	1.030	1.028	1.016	1.474	1.458
Stonnington C	1.183	1.185	1.182	1.168	0.914	0.904
Strathbogie S	0.835	0.836	0.834	0.824	1.213	1.199
Surf Coast S	0.923	0.924	0.922	0.911	1.073	1.061
Swan Hill RC	0.972	0.973	0.971	0.959	1.652	1.634
Towong S	0.839	0.840	0.839	0.828	1.463	1.447
Wangaratta RC	1.101	1.103	1.101	1.087	1.287	1.273
Warrnambool C	1.288	1.290	1.287	1.271	1.148	1.135
Wellington S	0.953	0.955	0.953	0.941	1.408	1.392
West Wimmera S	0.798	0.799	0.798	0.788	1.785	1.765
Whitehorse C	1.185	1.186	1.184	1.169	0.914	0.904
Whittlesea C	0.840	0.841	0.839	0.829	0.946	0.936
Wodonga C	1.288	1.290	1.287	1.271	1.058	1.047
Wyndham C	0.817	0.818	0.816	0.806	0.944	0.934
Yarra C	1.183	1.185	1.182	1.168	0.914	0.904
Yarra Ranges S	0.839	0.840	0.838	0.828	1.088	1.076
Yarriambiack S	0.870	0.871	0.870	0.859	1.721	1.703

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D. Cost Adjustors - Index

Cost Adjustor Major Cost Driver	Socio-Economic		Tourism			
	Population	Population > 60 years	Population	Modified Pop* (min 17,500)	Modified Pop* (no min)	No of Dwellings
Macedon Ranges S	0.818	0.811	1.042	1.035	1.038	1.016
Manningham C	0.842	0.835	0.914	0.908	0.910	0.892
Mansfield S	0.939	0.932	1.712	1.700	1.705	1.670
Maribyrnong C	1.002	0.993	0.959	0.952	0.955	0.936
Maroondah C	0.894	0.887	0.879	0.873	0.875	0.857
Melbourne C	0.977	0.969	1.712	1.700	1.705	1.670
Melton C	1.088	1.079	0.865	0.859	0.861	0.844
Merri-bek C	0.943	0.935	0.932	0.926	0.928	0.910
Mildura RC	1.244	1.234	1.117	1.109	1.112	1.089
Mitchell S	1.036	1.028	0.968	0.961	0.963	0.944
Moir S	1.182	1.172	1.223	1.214	1.218	1.193
Monash C	0.891	0.883	1.021	1.014	1.016	0.996
Moonee Valley C	0.894	0.887	0.914	0.907	0.910	0.891
Moorabool S	0.977	0.969	0.947	0.940	0.942	0.923
Mornington Peninsula S	0.905	0.897	1.193	1.184	1.188	1.163
Mount Alexander S	1.012	1.004	1.150	1.142	1.145	1.122
Moyne S	0.936	0.928	1.156	1.148	1.151	1.128
Murrindindi S	1.019	1.011	1.477	1.467	1.471	1.441
Nillumbik S	0.714	0.708	0.877	0.871	0.873	0.855
Northern Grampians S	1.206	1.196	1.542	1.531	1.535	1.504
Port Phillip C	0.825	0.818	1.060	1.052	1.055	1.034
Pyrenees S	1.178	1.169	1.174	1.166	1.169	1.145
Queenscliffe B	0.752	0.746	1.712	1.700	1.705	1.670
South Gippsland S	1.026	1.018	1.267	1.258	1.262	1.236
Southern Grampians S	1.057	1.048	1.089	1.081	1.084	1.062
Stonnington C	0.745	0.739	1.044	1.036	1.039	1.018
Strathbogie S	1.099	1.090	1.156	1.148	1.151	1.128
Surf Coast S	0.738	0.732	1.712	1.700	1.705	1.670
Swan Hill RC	1.241	1.231	1.206	1.197	1.201	1.176
Towong S	1.033	1.024	1.171	1.162	1.166	1.142
Wangaratta RC	1.078	1.069	1.146	1.138	1.142	1.118
Warrnambool C	1.054	1.045	1.259	1.250	1.254	1.228
Wellington S	1.130	1.121	1.119	1.111	1.114	1.092
West Wimmera S	1.067	1.059	1.155	1.147	1.150	1.126
Whitehorse C	0.887	0.880	0.997	0.990	0.993	0.973
Whittlesea C	1.071	1.062	0.856	0.850	0.852	0.835
Wodonga C	1.130	1.121	0.934	0.927	0.930	0.911
Wyndham C	1.015	1.007	0.921	0.914	0.917	0.898
Yarra C	0.877	0.870	0.996	0.989	0.992	0.972
Yarra Ranges S	0.894	0.887	0.997	0.990	0.993	0.973
Yarriambiack S	1.223	1.213	1.144	1.135	1.139	1.115

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E. Composite Cost Adjustors

	Govern- ance	Family & Comm- unity Services	Aged & Disabled Services	Recreation & Culture	Waste Manage- ment	Traffic & Street Manage- ment	Environ- ment	Business & Economic Services
Alpine S	1.191	0.973	1.086	1.331	1.366	1.262	1.427	1.322
Ararat RC	1.106	0.987	1.057	1.031	1.120	1.037	1.138	1.157
Ballarat C	0.952	0.997	0.970	1.085	1.001	1.076	0.994	1.103
Banyule C	0.932	0.913	0.881	0.983	0.957	0.984	0.906	1.009
Bass Coast S	1.111	1.026	1.117	1.223	1.313	1.208	1.146	1.168
Baw Baw S	1.060	1.040	1.025	0.984	1.106	1.032	1.121	1.079
Bayside C	0.922	0.828	0.792	0.929	0.954	0.958	0.941	0.988
Benalla RC	1.059	0.959	1.026	0.974	1.067	0.995	1.187	1.107
Boroondara C	0.934	0.824	0.806	1.062	0.953	1.033	0.914	1.042
Brimbank C	1.030	1.049	1.166	0.935	0.901	0.890	0.896	0.913
Buloke S	1.328	1.102	1.233	1.122	1.441	1.156	1.398	1.247
Campaspe S	1.155	1.079	1.138	1.115	1.255	1.109	1.222	1.149
Cardinia S	1.013	1.096	1.016	0.920	1.058	0.980	1.069	0.957
Casey C	0.895	1.068	0.994	0.860	0.795	0.847	0.906	0.782
Central Goldfields S	1.049	0.996	1.123	0.953	1.068	0.990	1.198	1.080
Colac Otway S	1.112	1.021	1.075	1.146	1.201	1.112	1.174	1.180
Corangamite S	1.151	1.018	1.104	1.048	1.249	1.069	1.205	1.140
Darebin C	0.963	0.953	0.972	0.958	0.933	0.971	0.934	0.970
East Gippsland S	1.359	1.143	1.260	1.218	1.435	1.212	1.426	1.295
Frankston C	0.924	0.985	0.955	0.928	0.938	0.940	0.949	0.971
Gannawarra S	1.179	1.046	1.143	0.989	1.192	1.023	1.240	1.145
Glen Eira C	0.931	0.887	0.862	0.924	0.927	0.947	0.940	0.947
Glenelg S	1.191	1.055	1.123	1.042	1.219	1.062	1.240	1.174
Golden Plains S	1.084	1.031	0.994	0.885	1.147	0.974	1.256	1.006
Greater Bendigo C	0.997	1.016	0.996	1.102	1.032	1.077	1.058	1.122
Greater Dandenong C	1.080	1.112	1.232	1.051	0.940	0.989	0.916	0.998
Greater Geelong C	0.939	1.018	1.007	1.121	0.998	1.077	1.000	1.035
Greater Shepparton C	1.105	1.103	1.070	1.125	1.075	1.088	1.208	1.167
Hepburn S	1.065	0.942	1.032	1.159	1.229	1.139	1.210	1.149
Hindmarsh S	1.311	1.078	1.202	1.055	1.305	1.082	1.349	1.246
Hobsons Bay C	0.957	0.973	0.944	0.905	0.951	0.939	0.921	0.966
Horsham RC	1.109	0.987	0.987	1.121	1.094	1.097	1.157	1.272
Hume C	0.992	1.155	1.087	0.931	0.916	0.932	0.931	0.880
Indigo S	1.133	1.024	1.069	1.059	1.275	1.088	1.194	1.104
Kingston C	0.930	0.922	0.937	0.957	0.931	0.960	0.927	0.976
Knox C	0.945	0.909	0.945	0.936	0.927	0.928	0.913	0.957
Latrobe C	1.069	1.079	1.115	1.140	1.157	1.126	1.075	1.167
Loddon S	1.236	1.092	1.197	1.043	1.354	1.082	1.371	1.130

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E. Composite Cost Adjustors

	Govern- ance	Family & Comm- unity Services	Aged & Disabled Services	Recreation & Culture	Waste Manage- ment	Traffic & Street Manage- ment	Environ- ment	Business & Economic Services
Macedon Ranges S	1.096	1.017	1.022	1.056	1.255	1.097	1.167	1.079
Manningham C	0.993	0.891	0.937	0.922	0.937	0.925	0.941	0.947
Mansfield S	1.127	0.925	0.995	1.232	1.240	1.209	1.260	1.272
Maribyrnong C	1.002	0.983	0.987	1.055	0.987	1.052	0.945	1.063
Maroondah C	0.951	0.938	0.935	0.944	0.949	0.954	0.920	0.987
Melbourne C	0.968	0.933	0.918	1.236	1.013	1.201	1.018	1.087
Melton C	1.013	1.211	1.059	0.908	1.013	1.006	1.024	0.887
Merri-bek C	0.937	0.953	0.953	0.897	0.907	0.923	0.925	0.913
Mildura RC	1.310	1.150	1.159	1.206	1.211	1.158	1.219	1.331
Mitchell S	1.146	1.199	1.108	1.032	1.256	1.128	1.202	1.068
Moir S	1.194	1.098	1.217	1.113	1.326	1.122	1.278	1.143
Monash C	0.977	0.905	0.973	1.125	0.952	1.072	0.915	1.051
Moonee Valley C	0.939	0.903	0.915	0.942	0.946	0.962	0.915	0.979
Moorabool S	1.099	1.080	1.069	0.978	1.213	1.044	1.173	1.038
Mornington Peninsula S	0.951	0.912	0.962	1.035	1.049	1.010	0.992	1.004
Mount Alexander S	1.019	0.922	0.995	1.001	1.092	1.029	1.128	1.085
Moyne S	1.167	1.046	1.044	1.016	1.261	1.056	1.189	1.111
Murrindindi S	1.184	1.039	1.130	1.175	1.378	1.175	1.348	1.169
Nillumbik S	0.942	0.856	0.807	0.858	0.970	0.901	1.029	0.966
Northern Grampians S	1.204	1.067	1.175	1.210	1.328	1.175	1.387	1.234
Port Phillip C	0.928	0.850	0.832	1.049	0.986	1.068	1.005	1.059
Pyrenees S	1.138	1.036	1.133	1.011	1.240	1.064	1.300	1.095
Queenscliffe B	0.950	0.788	0.800	1.224	1.106	1.171	1.056	1.209
South Gippsland S	1.122	0.996	1.071	1.076	1.228	1.084	1.219	1.140
Southern Grampians S	1.149	1.002	1.030	1.054	1.157	1.065	1.161	1.200
Stonnington C	0.932	0.816	0.806	1.047	0.985	1.053	0.950	1.057
Strathbogie S	1.150	1.021	1.130	1.051	1.257	1.087	1.307	1.120
Surf Coast S	1.018	0.943	0.882	1.156	1.174	1.130	1.149	1.134
Swan Hill RC	1.389	1.241	1.250	1.177	1.327	1.145	1.279	1.261
Towong S	1.275	1.076	1.178	1.136	1.424	1.157	1.376	1.208
Wangaratta RC	1.071	0.976	1.017	1.066	1.098	1.059	1.103	1.171
Warrnambool C	1.019	0.965	0.978	1.138	1.058	1.105	0.980	1.194
Wellington S	1.188	1.077	1.140	1.099	1.269	1.112	1.329	1.179
West Wimmera S	1.327	1.124	1.181	1.118	1.425	1.146	1.495	1.261
Whitehorse C	0.988	0.906	0.968	1.067	0.948	1.027	0.909	1.020
Whittlesea C	0.956	1.061	1.017	0.884	0.873	0.901	0.918	0.876
Wodonga C	1.032	1.045	0.995	1.062	1.029	1.060	1.025	1.141
Wyndham C	0.926	1.124	0.965	0.890	0.832	0.898	0.914	0.834
Yarra C	0.949	0.873	0.870	1.039	0.986	1.060	0.959	1.058
Yarra Ranges S	1.008	0.993	0.984	0.952	1.048	0.963	1.136	0.987
Yarriambiack S	1.274	1.080	1.166	1.091	1.323	1.111	1.313	1.246

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F. Standardised Expenditure

	Net Standardised Expenditure				
	Governance (\$)	Family & Community Services (\$)	Aged & Disabled Services (\$)	Recreation & Culture (\$)	Waste Management (\$)
Alpine S	2,740,222	1,543,794	755,264	8,453,670	4,346,047
Ararat RC	2,539,432	1,358,923	668,891	5,194,515	2,514,303
Ballarat C	10,684,691	14,430,143	4,659,937	57,014,045	22,729,576
Banyule C	11,309,484	13,676,640	3,725,855	55,823,679	21,703,166
Bass Coast S	5,823,935	5,438,465	3,059,835	29,933,271	18,113,437
Baw Baw S	6,114,900	7,861,530	2,783,498	26,459,156	12,555,137
Bayside C	9,028,307	9,457,339	2,554,481	42,541,092	17,403,936
Benalla RC	2,430,375	1,618,417	908,053	6,071,597	3,305,977
Boroondara C	15,313,121	15,634,737	3,703,624	81,601,376	29,278,150
Brimbank C	18,723,976	25,109,829	9,530,789	79,204,458	26,518,197
Buloke S	3,064,466	800,176	506,215	2,964,266	1,965,454
Campaspe S	4,033,127	5,004,368	2,450,521	18,127,765	9,358,986
Cardinia S	12,396,743	17,993,063	3,706,858	52,484,551	21,592,263
Casey C	24,503,616	53,896,542	10,473,538	152,456,703	45,740,782
Central Goldfields S	2,404,895	1,614,919	1,092,153	5,634,162	3,254,918
Colac Otway S	2,554,827	2,705,279	1,223,879	12,035,525	6,410,872
Corangamite S	2,646,402	1,905,147	963,384	7,221,825	4,064,280
Darebin C	14,311,247	17,874,510	4,557,392	66,594,288	26,560,152
East Gippsland S	6,586,592	7,100,088	4,426,347	27,408,714	15,949,360
Frankston C	12,272,614	16,798,803	4,816,593	57,674,409	23,520,102
Gannawarra S	2,711,821	1,301,088	759,698	4,393,074	2,610,073
Glen Eira C	13,879,726	16,060,575	3,588,513	64,390,015	26,884,442
Glenelg S	2,741,312	2,542,713	1,359,092	9,082,534	5,248,596
Golden Plains S	2,648,677	3,286,006	916,887	10,058,655	4,836,954
Greater Bendigo C	11,563,561	15,301,588	5,406,006	59,749,741	23,818,675
Greater Dandenong C	16,730,352	23,205,267	8,065,795	75,873,384	23,526,885
Greater Geelong C	25,320,104	35,781,433	11,707,236	141,718,857	54,960,494
Greater Shepparton C	7,093,843	9,501,907	3,343,115	33,666,004	13,512,712
Hepburn S	2,443,251	1,836,057	1,006,588	9,205,512	5,079,025
Hindmarsh S	3,023,479	717,513	426,128	2,630,236	1,644,459
Hobsons Bay C	8,492,212	11,004,647	2,947,583	37,511,308	15,704,689
Horsham RC	2,547,549	2,345,321	878,893	9,726,705	4,447,785
Hume C	25,346,321	40,474,383	9,512,835	111,021,377	36,696,368
Indigo S	2,604,086	2,172,476	922,940	8,054,667	4,301,540
Kingston C	14,291,033	17,570,588	5,248,071	68,791,839	26,777,448
Knox C	14,151,055	16,765,661	5,342,597	65,537,606	24,121,728
Latrobe C	7,760,373	10,432,184	4,544,959	38,652,873	17,873,712
Loddon S	2,846,998	1,034,624	657,664	3,723,943	2,504,621

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F. Standardised Expenditure

	Net Standardised Expenditure				
	Traffic & Street Management (\$)	Environment (\$)	Business & Economic Services (\$)	Local Roads & Bridges (\$)	Total (\$)
Alpine S	2,948,935	2,490,497	3,318,018	10,136,898	36,733,345
Ararat RC	1,916,083	1,981,531	2,903,412	23,467,047	42,544,136
Ballarat C	20,759,180	12,108,030	19,383,846	25,535,625	187,305,074
Banyule C	20,495,796	11,924,847	19,194,750	9,083,797	166,938,013
Bass Coast S	10,869,258	6,504,370	9,552,605	14,560,169	103,855,345
Baw Baw S	10,188,926	7,007,757	9,719,562	28,887,122	111,577,588
Bayside C	16,083,331	10,003,369	15,157,328	5,033,219	127,262,403
Benalla RC	2,276,247	2,067,738	2,776,498	14,209,491	35,664,394
Boroondara C	29,095,029	16,256,532	26,777,238	8,983,918	226,643,725
Brimbank C	27,576,542	17,601,472	25,905,110	17,398,652	247,569,025
Buloke S	1,122,689	2,440,011	3,130,520	24,097,997	40,091,793
Campaspe S	6,620,899	4,618,210	6,254,133	39,585,153	96,053,160
Cardinia S	20,512,032	14,176,334	18,293,871	26,768,465	187,924,181
Casey C	54,848,704	37,259,665	46,409,013	28,114,727	453,703,291
Central Goldfields S	2,146,712	2,086,095	2,709,275	12,118,012	33,061,141
Colac Otway S	4,290,460	2,863,782	4,148,866	25,871,810	62,105,300
Corangamite S	2,703,917	2,099,653	2,859,920	34,604,448	59,068,976
Darebin C	24,742,240	15,051,730	22,584,336	8,761,330	201,037,225
East Gippsland S	10,026,526	7,462,394	9,746,276	46,475,442	135,181,739
Frankston C	21,397,166	13,690,160	20,206,886	10,951,865	181,328,598
Gannawarra S	1,667,527	2,160,070	2,872,609	19,534,628	38,010,588
Glen Eira C	24,175,120	15,195,909	22,109,886	6,150,898	192,435,084
Glenelg S	3,398,028	2,512,909	3,426,440	33,774,479	64,086,103
Golden Plains S	4,067,521	3,329,804	3,834,182	21,324,044	54,302,731
Greater Bendigo C	21,423,356	13,307,988	20,350,792	35,578,527	206,500,235
Greater Dandenong C	26,163,073	15,316,961	24,104,735	16,021,221	229,007,673
Greater Geelong C	49,955,306	29,302,739	43,737,647	36,571,669	429,055,485
Greater Shepparton C	11,959,252	8,397,473	11,692,778	30,802,569	129,969,653
Hepburn S	3,325,399	2,232,078	3,053,415	14,923,797	43,105,121
Hindmarsh S	991,328	2,352,514	3,127,039	14,242,754	29,155,450
Hobsons Bay C	14,273,464	8,864,115	13,427,019	7,623,115	119,848,152
Horsham RC	3,494,975	2,331,556	3,693,912	22,088,303	51,555,000
Hume C	40,722,817	25,760,150	35,120,054	29,689,508	354,343,811
Indigo S	3,039,386	2,110,593	2,810,482	16,546,418	42,562,588
Kingston C	25,277,566	15,458,360	23,486,713	10,104,152	207,005,771
Knox C	23,810,790	14,828,363	22,458,740	11,279,753	198,296,292
Latrobe C	14,022,488	8,455,854	13,235,904	24,586,596	139,564,943
Loddon S	1,419,697	2,391,728	2,835,591	35,436,349	52,851,215

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F. Standardised Expenditure

	Net Standardised Expenditure				
	Governance (\$)	Family & Community Services (\$)	Aged & Disabled Services (\$)	Recreation & Culture (\$)	Waste Management (\$)
Macedon Ranges S	5,484,503	6,591,380	2,155,446	24,628,832	11,361,058
Manningham C	12,085,151	13,174,249	4,507,452	52,381,143	20,430,339
Mansfield S	2,590,935	1,189,390	539,880	7,463,008	4,017,269
Maribyrnong C	8,804,151	10,893,649	2,205,040	43,317,058	16,864,428
Maroondah C	10,461,695	12,910,671	3,699,445	48,532,208	18,995,858
Melbourne C	19,486,596	20,702,364	2,098,286	116,615,697	49,886,377
Melton C	21,496,168	35,831,056	5,694,034	89,897,184	32,955,917
Merri-bek C	16,193,162	20,781,277	4,608,010	72,446,790	30,321,095
Mildura RC	6,926,219	8,260,512	3,189,886	29,630,277	13,259,349
Mitchell S	6,158,764	8,928,053	2,278,480	25,835,211	12,174,321
Moira S	3,488,430	4,173,323	2,326,265	15,127,445	8,485,131
Monash C	18,937,836	21,520,771	6,078,506	102,144,119	32,358,818
Moonee Valley C	11,203,187	13,210,593	3,645,619	52,548,503	21,912,051
Moorabool S	4,083,989	5,345,603	1,633,404	16,923,752	8,610,891
Mornington Peninsula S	17,104,699	17,712,590	8,010,827	87,057,276	41,719,336
Mount Alexander S	2,335,581	2,189,967	1,124,424	9,053,106	4,787,061
Moynes S	2,684,406	2,238,463	841,046	8,259,562	4,629,018
Murrindindi S	2,723,495	1,954,019	1,011,649	8,515,419	5,026,292
Nillumbik S	5,495,797	5,937,670	1,474,292	23,380,044	8,939,310
Northern Grampians S	2,771,503	1,531,956	870,716	6,291,019	3,550,387
Port Phillip C	10,253,141	10,537,636	2,215,031	54,243,408	26,537,643
Pyrenees S	2,614,694	989,007	541,762	3,640,221	2,120,437
Queenscliffe B	2,171,496	269,528	158,359	2,396,331	1,454,242
South Gippsland S	3,592,876	3,651,579	1,829,945	16,054,153	8,958,909
Southern Grampians S	2,641,719	1,951,122	888,743	7,538,958	4,092,513
Stonnington C	10,244,349	9,892,100	2,129,433	53,904,658	24,539,719
Strathbogie S	2,643,226	1,441,878	860,867	5,552,286	3,417,830
Surf Coast S	4,467,274	4,354,198	1,174,619	23,709,844	11,222,170
Swan Hill RC	3,208,548	3,356,006	1,244,308	10,575,519	5,475,001
Towong S	2,937,935	808,361	454,524	3,113,089	1,874,931
Wangaratta RC	2,958,561	3,427,417	1,498,943	13,735,130	6,401,259
Warrnambool C	3,385,889	4,060,033	1,526,888	17,686,467	7,175,126
Wellington S	5,473,118	6,123,922	2,875,873	23,544,299	12,847,698
West Wimmera S	3,061,854	547,014	278,956	2,017,960	1,394,136
Whitehorse C	16,751,877	18,848,261	5,586,878	84,633,072	29,785,765
Whittlesea C	22,713,841	33,418,011	7,807,047	98,138,525	32,979,231
Wodonga C	4,232,723	5,628,337	1,752,792	20,331,067	8,081,909
Wyndham C	25,383,591	48,557,451	6,012,092	132,185,416	41,814,690
Yarra C	9,054,185	9,730,061	1,792,367	46,377,965	20,909,671
Yarra Ranges S	14,866,219	18,801,447	5,691,435	65,518,760	27,248,942
Yarriambiack S	2,936,669	831,206	531,906	3,125,651	1,930,959
	671,788,773	835,458,871	238,047,179	3,076,757,829	1,241,982,388

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F. Standardised Expenditure

	Net Standardised Expenditure				
	Traffic & Street Management (\$)	Environment (\$)	Business & Economic Services (\$)	Local Roads & Bridges (\$)	Total (\$)
Macedon Ranges S	9,396,062	6,321,693	8,422,264	22,925,926	97,287,165
Manningham C	19,249,234	12,401,561	18,018,711	8,065,347	160,313,187
Mansfield S	2,693,082	2,196,711	3,193,111	9,556,982	33,440,367
Maribyrnong C	15,845,388	8,985,132	14,600,866	5,901,572	127,417,283
Maroondah C	17,969,741	10,977,310	16,995,493	7,719,351	148,261,773
Melbourne C	41,660,284	22,253,714	34,262,301	7,101,511	314,067,130
Melton C	36,553,168	23,564,931	29,381,892	29,114,707	304,489,057
Merri-bek C	27,315,141	17,352,535	24,718,152	9,122,132	222,858,295
Mildura RC	10,451,904	6,953,053	10,944,573	40,763,245	130,379,018
Mitchell S	10,383,007	6,992,848	8,948,229	20,831,781	102,530,695
Moirra S	5,604,390	4,039,966	5,196,556	38,333,097	86,774,602
Monash C	35,705,384	19,211,255	31,893,665	12,024,252	279,874,605
Moonee Valley C	19,678,012	11,838,721	18,301,214	6,898,126	159,236,026
Moorabool S	6,636,295	4,722,156	6,017,088	19,553,322	73,526,500
Mornington Peninsula S	31,156,388	19,352,233	28,265,668	24,561,232	274,940,250
Mount Alexander S	3,414,615	2,369,228	3,284,503	17,029,142	45,587,626
Moyne S	3,152,735	2,246,948	3,023,911	40,898,933	67,975,022
Murrindindi S	3,128,572	2,351,576	2,933,553	16,593,566	44,238,141
Nillumbik S	8,990,970	6,523,153	8,826,411	11,364,086	80,931,733
Northern Grampians S	2,244,939	2,419,202	3,097,137	28,371,304	51,148,162
Port Phillip C	20,278,833	12,060,606	18,330,139	4,162,731	158,619,168
Pyrenees S	1,406,763	2,266,154	2,746,989	20,904,922	37,230,949
Queenscliffe B	842,137	1,836,472	3,032,715	576,909	12,738,189
South Gippsland S	5,941,883	4,228,504	5,694,646	36,635,277	86,587,772
Southern Grampians S	2,797,121	2,021,233	3,011,152	30,086,748	55,029,309
Stonnington C	19,893,386	11,332,191	18,211,180	4,427,639	154,574,654
Strathbogie S	2,108,425	2,278,370	2,810,262	22,047,972	43,161,116
Surf Coast S	8,513,832	5,468,399	7,782,585	16,214,224	82,907,145
Swan Hill RC	3,778,774	2,670,127	3,791,637	22,345,145	56,445,063
Towong S	1,165,574	2,399,541	3,032,193	17,536,517	33,322,665
Wangaratta RC	5,010,002	3,298,468	5,050,117	23,446,372	64,826,268
Warrnambool C	6,302,381	3,528,547	6,205,968	7,192,459	57,063,758
Wellington S	8,755,937	6,624,528	8,460,956	47,131,597	121,837,928
West Wimmera S	759,873	2,609,972	3,164,740	22,692,341	36,526,845
Whitehorse C	29,890,705	16,704,551	27,080,948	10,656,185	239,938,242
Whittlesea C	36,623,520	23,638,837	32,579,771	25,631,534	313,530,317
Wodonga C	7,448,950	4,554,527	7,314,419	9,010,050	68,354,774
Wyndham C	48,834,996	31,513,104	41,507,280	29,020,529	404,829,148
Yarra C	17,376,361	9,922,769	15,815,403	3,945,480	134,924,261
Yarra Ranges S	24,277,049	18,173,490	22,750,061	32,328,981	229,656,384
Yarriambiack S	1,169,742	2,288,681	3,127,877	20,899,940	36,842,631
	1,128,213,321	726,496,335	1,048,235,739	1,584,547,134	10,551,527,570

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G. Revenue Adjustors – Raw Data

	Median Weekly Household Income (\$) >60yr (Census 2021)	Socio- Economic Disadvantage Index SEIFA (Census 2021)	Tourism (visits per capita) (4 year average)	Building Approvals Value		Proportion Commercial to Total CIV (June 2025) (%)
				(\$000's)	per 1000 population	
Alpine S	1,009	1,028	179.3	83,356	6,124	15.1%
Ararat RC	964	955	37.5	43,245	3,686	2.3%
Ballarat C	982	986	30.2	970,807	7,915	7.4%
Banyule C	1,281	1,058	17.2	654,410	4,929	4.7%
Bass Coast S	927	993	110.7	368,256	8,298	3.4%
Baw Baw S	1,020	1,003	22.7	321,195	5,108	4.3%
Bayside C	1,666	1,090	10.8	1,087,230	10,145	4.1%
Benalla RC	969	968	35.3	84,606	5,802	7.8%
Boroondara C	1,891	1,090	15.7	1,593,757	8,924	6.0%
Brimbank C	1,075	912	7.9	1,250,404	6,309	22.9%
Buloke S	908	975	23.4	20,490	3,481	1.9%
Campaspe S	933	965	51.2	147,357	3,883	7.5%
Cardinia S	1,143	1,021	11.1	803,605	6,021	4.1%
Casey C	1,273	995	7.9	2,528,738	6,094	5.3%
Central Goldfields S	779	898	28.4	44,660	3,247	4.7%
Colac Otway S	957	973	78.9	125,898	5,669	3.6%
Corangamite S	956	985	37.6	92,691	5,899	2.3%
Darebin C	984	1,018	12.2	772,376	4,753	8.0%
East Gippsland S	906	963	62.0	261,088	5,257	8.2%
Frankston C	1,067	1,003	12.2	453,397	3,119	6.4%
Gannawarra S	856	952	30.3	57,313	5,558	6.7%
Glen Eira C	1,362	1,075	15.8	846,408	5,192	4.0%
Glenelg S	926	952	34.5	65,811	3,306	5.7%
Golden Plains S	1,174	1,040	11.6	146,610	5,508	0.9%
Greater Bendigo C	1,005	985	28.8	576,323	4,553	12.3%
Greater Dandenong C	1,045	887	12.8	705,058	4,180	8.0%
Greater Geelong C	1,031	1,007	26.1	2,465,346	8,356	9.7%
Greater Shepparton C	993	944	29.1	351,821	5,036	16.9%
Hepburn S	1,029	1,006	99.3	120,834	7,103	10.7%
Hindmarsh S	929	940	25.8	20,787	3,816	0.9%
Hobsons Bay C	1,114	1,021	12.1	729,265	7,516	4.3%
Horsham RC	1,033	990	37.6	75,296	3,718	4.7%
Hume C	1,225	941	9.4	2,797,538	10,031	5.1%
Indigo S	1,125	1,029	49.8	78,464	4,418	4.4%
Kingston C	1,137	1,044	8.5	842,298	5,012	6.0%
Knox C	1,221	1,042	10.7	622,319	3,799	6.0%
Latrobe C	900	931	20.7	274,602	3,471	8.4%
Loddon S	897	948	37.8	44,136	5,719	0.9%

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				(\$000's)	per 1000 population	
Macedon Ranges S	1,283	1,063	28.9	313,079	5,748	5.2%
Manningham C	1,357	1,056	13.1	584,831	4,400	6.1%
Mansfield S	1,029	1,028	169.2	111,758	9,869	4.7%
Maribyrnong C	1,106	1,010	18.7	1,141,595	12,058	12.5%
Maroondah C	1,168	1,041	8.7	580,340	4,826	7.2%
Melbourne C	1,593	1,017	239.9	4,930,916	25,354	49.4%
Melton C	1,194	985	7.0	3,097,375	13,376	3.7%
Merri-bek C	993	1,027	15.3	994,886	5,261	5.8%
Mildura RC	957	940	38.2	235,215	4,104	8.5%
Mitchell S	1,110	1,000	19.7	489,326	8,370	3.1%
Moir S	884	958	51.3	206,661	6,695	5.2%
Monash C	1,251	1,042	26.3	1,292,529	6,102	7.1%
Moonee Valley C	1,203	1,041	13.0	721,477	5,529	8.0%
Moorabool S	1,110	1,017	17.1	210,548	5,202	4.5%
Mornington Peninsula S	1,133	1,038	47.6	1,199,347	6,964	3.6%
Mount Alexander S	990	1,007	42.3	103,692	4,952	6.2%
Moyne S	1,151	1,029	43.0	74,833	4,214	1.2%
Murrindindi S	1,001	1,005	82.8	67,288	4,300	4.2%
Nillumbik S	1,627	1,093	8.5	162,278	2,544	3.0%
Northern Grampians S	898	951	90.8	47,707	4,042	2.6%
Port Phillip C	1,423	1,061	31.1	1,231,601	10,763	12.5%
Pyrenees S	900	959	45.3	32,017	4,024	1.0%
Queenscliffe B	1,374	1,082	243.7	48,339	14,573	3.2%
South Gippsland S	958	1,003	56.8	127,878	4,111	2.5%
Southern Grampians S	966	994	34.7	58,134	3,527	2.8%
Stonnington C	1,824	1,084	29.1	1,721,425	14,996	13.1%
Strathbogie S	960	982	43.1	70,748	5,976	3.8%
Surf Coast S	1,291	1,086	111.9	305,637	7,591	3.8%
Swan Hill RC	989	941	49.2	82,030	3,913	5.1%
Towong S	997	1,001	44.9	16,885	2,742	2.4%
Wangaratta RC	962	988	41.9	123,646	4,109	6.0%
Warrnambool C	1,000	995	55.8	184,647	5,093	8.9%
Wellington S	925	973	38.5	172,147	3,698	5.1%
West Wimmera S	972	991	42.9	8,924	2,279	0.2%
Whitehorse C	1,221	1,043	23.4	876,751	4,733	7.3%
Whittlesea C	1,102	990	5.9	1,556,979	5,994	6.7%
Wodonga C	1,033	973	15.5	382,820	8,561	8.0%
Wyndham C	1,298	1,006	13.9	3,302,098	9,493	4.7%
Yarra C	1,391	1,046	23.3	1,544,330	15,237	20.7%
Yarra Ranges S	1,201	1,041	23.4	490,064	3,046	4.1%
Yarriambiack S	911	946	41.5	24,116	3,831	1.3%

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H. Revenue Adjustors – Index

	Median Household Income (60+)	Socio- Economic Disadvantage	Tourism	Value of Building Approvals	Valuations (Commercial)
Alpine S	0.895	1.053	1.794	0.951	1.251
Ararat RC	0.865	0.832	1.061	0.813	0.830
Ballarat C	0.877	0.926	1.023	1.052	0.998
Banyule C	1.076	1.144	0.955	0.883	0.909
Bass Coast S	0.840	0.947	1.440	1.074	0.867
Baw Baw S	0.902	0.977	0.984	0.893	0.894
Bayside C	1.333	1.241	0.922	1.178	0.889
Benalla RC	0.868	0.871	1.049	0.932	1.012
Boroondara C	1.483	1.241	0.948	1.109	0.953
Brimbank C	0.939	0.701	0.907	0.961	1.508
Buloke S	0.827	0.892	0.988	0.801	0.816
Campaspe S	0.844	0.862	1.132	0.824	1.001
Cardinia S	0.984	1.032	0.924	0.945	0.888
Casey C	1.071	0.953	0.908	0.949	0.930
Central Goldfields S	0.741	0.659	1.013	0.788	0.909
Colac Otway S	0.860	0.886	1.275	0.925	0.873
Corangamite S	0.859	0.923	1.061	0.938	0.831
Darebin C	0.878	1.023	0.930	0.873	1.018
East Gippsland S	0.826	0.856	1.187	0.902	1.025
Frankston C	0.933	0.977	0.930	0.781	0.963
Gannawarra S	0.793	0.823	1.023	0.919	0.976
Glen Eira C	1.130	1.196	0.948	0.898	0.885
Glenelg S	0.839	0.823	1.045	0.791	0.941
Golden Plains S	1.005	1.090	0.927	0.916	0.785
Greater Bendigo C	0.892	0.923	1.016	0.862	1.158
Greater Dandenong C	0.919	0.625	0.933	0.841	1.016
Greater Geelong C	0.909	0.990	1.002	1.077	1.073
Greater Shepparton C	0.884	0.798	1.017	0.889	0.754
Hepburn S	0.908	0.986	1.381	1.006	1.108
Hindmarsh S	0.841	0.786	1.000	0.820	0.785
Hobsons Bay C	0.965	1.032	0.929	1.029	0.894
Horsham RC	0.911	0.938	1.061	0.815	0.910
Hume C	1.039	0.789	0.915	1.172	0.923
Indigo S	0.972	1.056	1.124	0.854	0.901
Kingston C	0.980	1.102	0.911	0.888	0.953
Knox C	1.036	1.096	0.922	0.819	0.952
Latrobe C	0.822	0.759	0.974	0.801	1.030
Loddon S	0.820	0.810	1.062	0.928	0.784

H. Revenue Adjustors – Index

	Median Household Income (60+)	Socio- Economic Disadvantage	Tourism	Value of Building Approvals	Valuations (Commercial)
Macedon Ranges S	1.077	1.159	1.016	0.929	0.925
Manningham C	1.127	1.138	0.934	0.853	0.956
Mansfield S	0.908	1.053	1.742	1.163	0.910
Maribyrnong C	0.959	0.999	0.963	1.286	1.164
Maroondah C	1.001	1.093	0.912	0.877	0.992
Melbourne C	1.284	1.020	1.794	1.466	1.508
Melton C	1.018	0.923	0.903	1.361	0.878
Merri-bek C	0.884	1.050	0.946	0.902	0.946
Mildura RC	0.860	0.786	1.064	0.836	1.035
Mitchell S	0.962	0.968	0.968	1.078	0.857
Moir S	0.811	0.841	1.132	0.983	0.925
Monash C	1.056	1.096	1.003	0.949	0.988
Moonee Valley C	1.024	1.093	0.934	0.917	1.019
Moorabool S	0.962	1.020	0.955	0.899	0.903
Mornington Peninsula S	0.977	1.084	1.113	0.998	0.874
Mount Alexander S	0.882	0.990	1.085	0.884	0.960
Moyne S	0.989	1.056	1.089	0.843	0.794
Murrindindi S	0.889	0.983	1.295	0.847	0.892
Nillumbik S	1.307	1.251	0.910	0.748	0.853
Northern Grampians S	0.821	0.820	1.337	0.833	0.840
Port Phillip C	1.171	1.153	1.028	1.213	1.165
Pyrenees S	0.822	0.844	1.101	0.832	0.788
Queenscliffe B	1.138	1.217	1.794	1.429	0.861
South Gippsland S	0.861	0.977	1.161	0.837	0.835
Southern Grampians S	0.866	0.950	1.046	0.804	0.848
Stonnington C	1.438	1.223	1.017	1.453	1.186
Strathbogie S	0.862	0.914	1.089	0.942	0.879
Surf Coast S	1.083	1.229	1.446	1.034	0.879
Swan Hill RC	0.881	0.789	1.121	0.826	0.922
Towong S	0.887	0.971	1.099	0.759	0.833
Wangaratta RC	0.863	0.932	1.083	0.837	0.953
Warrnambool C	0.889	0.953	1.155	0.892	1.049
Wellington S	0.839	0.886	1.066	0.813	1.508
West Wimmera S	0.870	0.941	1.089	0.733	0.761
Whitehorse C	1.036	1.099	0.988	0.872	0.994
Whittlesea C	0.957	0.938	0.897	0.943	0.976
Wodonga C	0.911	0.886	0.947	1.089	1.018
Wyndham C	1.087	0.986	0.938	1.141	0.910
Yarra C	1.149	1.108	0.987	1.466	1.435
Yarra Ranges S	1.023	1.093	0.988	0.776	0.890
Yarriambiack S	0.829	0.804	1.081	0.821	0.796

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	Governance (\$)	Family & Community Services (\$)	Aged & Disabled Services (\$)	Recreation & Culture (\$)	Waste Management (\$)
Alpine S	286,043	89,724	50,156	331,180	300,397
Ararat RC	246,555	61,068	44,881	285,460	211,977
Ballarat C	2,577,789	710,712	368,926	2,984,561	2,144,274
Banyule C	2,790,236	950,887	434,021	3,230,531	2,140,698
Bass Coast S	932,607	263,027	181,986	1,079,771	1,302,558
Baw Baw S	1,321,416	384,629	205,665	1,529,934	1,071,932
Bayside C	2,252,111	832,645	459,519	2,607,491	1,721,506
Benalla RC	306,428	79,498	64,376	354,782	292,539
Boroondara C	3,753,400	1,387,697	713,265	4,345,681	2,899,963
Brimbank C	4,164,884	869,684	591,682	4,822,097	2,779,338
Buloke S	123,719	32,880	25,360	143,241	128,751
Campaspe S	797,624	204,769	142,081	923,488	703,987
Cardinia S	2,804,989	862,098	303,029	3,247,612	1,927,379
Casey C	8,719,964	2,475,090	968,449	10,095,962	5,431,101
Central Goldfields S	289,027	56,695	56,823	334,635	287,773
Colac Otway S	466,735	123,197	79,437	540,385	503,800
Corangamite S	330,196	90,739	59,810	382,301	307,060
Darebin C	3,414,944	1,040,304	360,074	3,953,817	2,688,185
East Gippsland S	1,043,822	266,086	214,035	1,208,535	1,049,381
Frankston C	3,055,011	889,232	417,417	3,537,087	2,367,266
Gannawarra S	216,691	53,083	41,099	250,885	206,719
Glen Eira C	3,426,061	1,220,220	458,380	3,966,689	2,738,572
Glenelg S	418,378	102,491	80,149	484,397	406,474
Golden Plains S	559,434	181,547	79,598	647,712	398,059
Greater Bendigo C	2,659,897	730,946	414,712	3,079,625	2,179,185
Greater Dandenong C	3,544,988	660,129	449,099	4,104,382	2,362,558
Greater Geelong C	6,200,682	1,827,274	899,248	7,179,141	5,199,732
Greater Shepparton C	1,468,252	349,062	224,653	1,699,940	1,186,777
Hepburn S	357,496	105,027	73,953	413,908	390,011
Hindmarsh S	114,472	26,801	22,575	132,535	118,955
Hobsons Bay C	2,039,161	626,725	269,456	2,360,937	1,558,645
Horsham RC	425,607	118,881	69,992	492,767	383,791
Hume C	5,860,924	1,377,483	732,587	6,785,769	3,782,297
Indigo S	373,194	117,398	68,311	432,084	318,351
Kingston C	3,531,896	1,158,941	494,631	4,089,224	2,715,685
Knox C	3,442,769	1,123,471	523,715	3,986,032	2,455,883
Latrobe C	1,662,583	375,725	265,263	1,924,936	1,457,681
Loddon S	162,198	39,147	34,194	187,793	174,642

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	Traffic & Street Management (\$)	Environment (\$)	Business & Economic Services (\$)	Local Roads & Bridges (\$)	Total (\$)
Alpine S	112,076	17,049	681,997	31,971	1,900,594
Ararat RC	64,136	14,695	401,199	27,557	1,357,527
Ballarat C	806,382	153,645	4,646,036	288,119	14,680,444
Banyule C	794,864	166,307	4,455,822	311,864	15,275,230
Bass Coast S	253,464	55,587	2,036,029	104,237	6,209,267
Baw Baw S	370,296	78,761	2,155,064	147,695	7,265,391
Bayside C	627,155	134,233	4,109,324	251,718	12,995,704
Benalla RC	97,159	18,264	527,432	34,249	1,774,727
Boroondara C	1,120,190	223,715	6,706,241	419,517	21,569,669
Brimbank C	1,968,140	248,241	6,759,508	465,509	22,669,083
Buloke S	31,620	7,374	192,255	13,828	699,027
Campaspe S	250,175	47,541	1,354,870	89,150	4,513,687
Cardinia S	780,751	167,187	4,553,332	313,513	14,959,890
Casey C	2,541,490	519,739	14,062,823	974,630	45,789,248
Central Goldfields S	82,295	17,227	452,232	32,305	1,609,011
Colac Otway S	127,622	27,819	891,908	52,167	2,813,069
Corangamite S	85,931	19,681	573,325	36,906	1,885,949
Darebin C	1,089,532	203,542	5,348,562	381,688	18,480,648
East Gippsland S	335,108	62,215	1,894,221	116,668	6,190,072
Frankston C	922,197	182,089	4,538,423	341,458	16,250,180
Gannawarra S	66,256	12,916	365,522	24,220	1,237,392
Glen Eira C	950,202	204,205	5,494,050	382,931	18,841,309
Glenelg S	123,387	24,937	667,418	46,762	2,354,393
Golden Plains S	137,583	33,344	895,308	62,528	2,995,113
Greater Bendigo C	965,178	158,539	4,337,651	297,296	14,823,029
Greater Dandenong C	1,128,886	211,293	5,461,578	396,223	18,319,136
Greater Geelong C	2,084,794	369,582	11,196,216	693,050	35,649,719
Greater Shepparton C	346,916	87,513	2,431,230	164,106	7,958,449
Hepburn S	124,085	21,308	741,163	39,957	2,266,907
Hindmarsh S	28,139	6,823	181,014	12,794	644,108
Hobsons Bay C	571,297	121,541	3,469,578	227,917	11,245,256
Horsham RC	121,305	25,368	693,515	47,570	2,378,796
Hume C	1,694,539	349,331	10,623,775	655,075	31,861,778
Indigo S	105,322	22,244	641,392	41,712	2,120,008
Kingston C	1,054,151	210,513	5,517,624	394,760	19,167,423
Knox C	1,027,396	205,201	5,206,305	384,798	18,355,568
Latrobe C	536,557	99,096	2,562,514	185,827	9,070,181
Loddon S	39,828	9,668	280,352	18,129	945,951

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	Governance (\$)	Family & Community Services (\$)	Aged & Disabled Services (\$)	Recreation & Culture (\$)	Waste Management (\$)
Macedon Ranges S	1,144,591	395,240	191,078	1,325,206	854,380
Manningham C	2,793,220	946,854	488,302	3,233,986	2,057,537
Mansfield S	237,980	74,648	42,249	275,533	305,923
Maribyrnong C	1,989,585	591,705	185,198	2,303,538	1,612,842
Maroondah C	2,527,058	822,364	357,493	2,925,824	1,889,423
Melbourne C	4,087,127	1,241,378	269,131	4,732,069	4,646,748
Melton C	4,866,510	1,337,328	448,813	5,634,438	3,072,644
Merri-bek C	3,974,210	1,243,007	379,449	4,601,335	3,154,531
Mildura RC	1,204,381	281,975	182,990	1,394,430	1,033,714
Mitchell S	1,228,548	354,266	157,423	1,422,412	915,012
Moira S	648,666	162,423	116,631	751,025	604,117
Monash C	4,451,789	1,452,742	575,631	5,154,274	3,210,441
Moonee Valley C	2,742,551	892,491	375,090	3,175,322	2,187,278
Moorabool S	850,542	258,334	119,724	984,756	670,051
Mornington Peninsula S	3,619,236	1,167,970	716,998	4,190,346	3,755,904
Mount Alexander S	440,045	129,676	85,539	509,483	413,714
Moynes S	373,236	117,411	66,002	432,132	346,612
Murrindindi S	328,851	96,314	62,579	380,744	344,372
Nillumbik S	1,340,730	499,327	250,031	1,552,295	870,166
Northern Grampians S	248,068	60,545	46,628	287,212	252,379
Port Phillip C	2,404,894	826,088	315,321	2,784,383	2,540,167
Pyrenees S	167,221	42,022	30,834	193,608	161,349
Queenscliffe B	69,709	25,268	23,818	80,709	124,103
South Gippsland S	653,773	190,296	119,559	756,937	688,792
Southern Grampians S	346,399	98,010	62,472	401,061	333,977
Stonnington C	2,412,355	878,806	398,063	2,793,021	2,353,069
Strathbogie S	248,803	67,697	51,552	288,064	256,726
Surf Coast S	846,191	309,792	137,212	979,719	902,082
Swan Hill RC	440,528	103,537	64,997	510,043	389,536
Towong S	129,414	37,435	26,214	149,835	124,249
Wangaratta RC	632,337	175,482	107,381	732,119	550,510
Warrnambool C	761,919	216,264	120,718	882,149	640,384
Wellington S	978,295	258,226	165,312	1,132,669	955,553
West Wimmera S	82,276	23,056	15,728	95,259	92,356
Whitehorse C	3,893,258	1,273,997	524,147	4,507,609	2,965,847
Whittlesea C	5,458,980	1,524,813	619,481	6,320,399	3,566,086
Wodonga C	939,753	248,052	137,733	1,088,044	741,652
Wyndham C	7,309,841	2,147,524	595,952	8,463,324	4,746,600
Yarra C	2,130,053	702,797	228,765	2,466,172	2,001,965
Yarra Ranges S	3,381,529	1,100,430	512,385	3,915,130	2,453,531
Yarriambiack S	132,293	31,691	29,168	153,169	137,751
	148,658,928	44,272,293	20,346,394	172,117,085	117,217,953

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	Standardised Fees and Charges				
	Traffic & Street Management (\$)	Environment (\$)	Business & Economic Services (\$)	Local Roads & Bridges (\$)	Total (\$)
Macedon Ranges S	331,665	68,221	1,934,432	127,931	6,372,744
Manningham C	836,429	166,485	4,336,960	312,198	15,171,970
Mansfield S	67,864	14,184	600,404	26,599	1,645,384
Maribyrnong C	725,908	118,586	3,888,017	222,376	11,637,755
Maroondah C	785,289	150,621	3,927,183	282,449	13,667,704
Melbourne C	1,931,396	243,606	11,575,268	456,818	29,183,540
Melton C	1,338,167	290,060	9,569,230	543,929	27,101,118
Merri-bek C	1,177,399	236,876	6,379,110	444,197	21,590,115
Mildura RC	390,676	71,785	1,988,325	134,614	6,682,889
Mitchell S	329,715	73,226	2,183,730	137,315	6,801,647
Moir S	188,046	38,663	1,191,879	72,501	3,773,951
Monash C	1,378,205	265,342	7,548,648	497,576	24,534,647
Moonee Valley C	875,430	163,465	4,409,471	306,535	15,127,633
Moorabool S	240,552	50,695	1,369,448	95,065	4,639,166
Mornington Peninsula S	991,195	215,719	6,636,820	404,522	21,698,711
Mount Alexander S	132,299	26,228	752,894	49,184	2,539,061
Moyne S	92,826	22,246	626,306	41,717	2,118,489
Murrindindi S	91,861	19,601	612,067	36,756	1,973,144
Nillumbik S	358,123	79,912	1,931,507	149,853	7,031,944
Northern Grampians S	65,258	14,786	467,496	27,726	1,470,098
Port Phillip C	878,162	143,340	4,681,119	268,795	14,842,269
Pyrenees S	41,271	9,967	280,732	18,690	945,694
Queenscliffe B	18,797	4,155	195,151	7,791	549,500
South Gippsland S	171,026	38,967	1,134,343	73,072	3,826,766
Southern Grampians S	91,990	20,647	556,610	38,717	1,949,883
Stonnington C	896,706	143,784	5,175,975	269,629	15,321,407
Strathbogie S	68,487	14,830	439,123	27,809	1,463,090
Surf Coast S	232,975	50,436	1,822,388	94,579	5,375,374
Swan Hill RC	127,311	26,257	745,032	49,238	2,456,478
Towong S	33,788	7,713	208,875	14,465	731,988
Wangaratta RC	188,903	37,689	1,054,538	70,676	3,549,636
Warrnambool C	250,403	45,413	1,355,210	85,160	4,357,619
Wellington S	462,299	58,310	1,596,753	109,344	5,716,760
West Wimmera S	19,606	4,904	130,193	9,196	472,574
Whitehorse C	1,212,755	232,051	6,288,957	435,149	21,333,770
Whittlesea C	1,669,080	325,374	8,726,919	610,150	28,821,282
Wodonga C	299,709	56,012	1,661,436	105,036	5,277,428
Wyndham C	2,085,041	435,691	13,206,400	817,020	39,807,394
Yarra C	957,874	126,958	4,539,260	238,076	13,391,919
Yarra Ranges S	943,253	201,551	5,181,626	377,953	18,067,387
Yarriambiack S	32,989	7,885	218,599	14,786	758,330
	46,577,133	8,860,572	258,235,238	16,615,595	832,901,192

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J. Standardised Rate Revenue

	3 Year Average Rates Assessed			
	Residential (\$)	Commercial / Industrial (incl. Other) (\$)	Farm (\$)	Total (\$)
Alpine S	14,241,897	3,784,606	3,237,122	21,263,625
Ararat RC	9,717,285	1,067,079	6,395,421	17,179,785
Ballarat C	118,282,358	31,062,117	2,794,136	152,138,611
Banyule C	97,333,647	19,455,679	0	116,789,326
Bass Coast S	62,190,238	3,257,265	8,694,270	74,141,773
Baw Baw S	55,692,541	6,215,846	11,223,542	73,131,929
Bayside C	106,397,821	6,708,470	0	113,106,291
Benalla RC	11,871,987	2,556,919	7,279,295	21,708,200
Boroondara C	197,576,594	14,324,667	0	211,901,261
Brimbank C	123,773,202	56,945,746	70,516	180,789,464
Buloke S	4,397,467	956,969	9,403,796	14,758,232
Campaspe S	30,150,416	6,963,945	11,777,111	48,891,472
Cardinia S	97,708,494	11,234,566	7,700,631	116,643,691
Casey C	273,444,644	24,264,804	1,649,122	299,358,570
Central Goldfields S	12,728,216	1,247,467	3,433,237	17,408,920
Colac Otway S	24,685,487	3,392,367	7,271,033	35,348,886
Corangamite S	9,384,064	2,554,267	12,815,265	24,753,596
Darebin C	151,291,924	1,059,919	0	152,351,843
East Gippsland S	56,290,781	6,243,545	6,346,223	68,880,549
Frankston C	129,112,062	16,642,947	72,830	145,827,839
Gannawarra S	9,148,947	1,320,381	4,690,061	15,159,388
Glen Eira C	127,144,834	7,812,253	0	134,957,087
Glenelg S	15,667,715	2,009,076	10,022,272	27,699,063
Golden Plains S	15,519,130	9,394,851	3,531,883	28,445,864
Greater Bendigo C	115,933,267	26,146,117	4,235,327	146,314,711
Greater Dandenong C	86,766,521	83,530,395	909,352	171,206,268
Greater Geelong C	254,156,528	45,724,968	3,285,116	303,166,612
Greater Shepparton C	58,446,737	23,289,269	10,473,406	92,209,412
Hepburn S	19,438,461	3,281,328	2,934,016	25,653,804
Hindmarsh S	2,758,122	278,111	6,600,823	9,637,056
Hobsons Bay C	89,467,021	42,051,693	0	131,518,713
Horsham RC	20,534,362	3,151,323	8,450,464	32,136,149
Hume C	176,793,160	37,118,167	9,997,040	223,908,367
Indigo S	13,803,970	833,745	4,896,772	19,534,488
Kingston C	144,887,962	22,910,042	166,563	167,964,567
Knox C	111,203,574	37,223,093	0	148,426,667
Latrobe C	70,901,463	9,856,147	3,159,854	83,917,464
Loddon S	4,814,929	394,876	7,535,101	12,744,905

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	3 Year Average Valuations (CIV)			
	Residential (\$)	Commercial / Industrial (incl. Other) (\$)	Farm (\$)	Total (\$)
Alpine S	4,637,326,000	924,131,967	1,575,059,133	7,136,517,100
Ararat RC	1,951,768,333	191,834,000	4,423,373,167	6,566,975,500
Ballarat C	31,177,795,665	4,165,856,602	1,268,336,317	36,611,988,583
Banyule C	55,764,573,167	4,093,464,837	0	59,858,038,004
Bass Coast S	22,164,227,333	1,197,909,600	3,693,981,667	27,056,118,600
Baw Baw S	33,571,287,000	3,280,960,000	10,697,981,000	47,550,228,000
Bayside C	83,490,049,500	5,477,439,500	0	88,967,489,000
Benalla RC	2,237,147,667	403,223,033	2,558,431,667	5,198,802,367
Boroondara C	130,844,400,167	8,403,413,167	0	139,247,813,333
Brimbank C	46,460,154,667	14,408,810,835	44,308,333	60,913,273,835
Buloke S	531,641,900	91,846,833	3,753,566,167	4,377,054,900
Campaspe S	7,340,392,767	1,606,980,767	3,918,282,300	12,865,655,833
Cardinia S	33,499,730,000	4,295,636,676	4,333,318,333	42,128,685,009
Casey C	102,141,456,900	12,264,299,967	808,623,333	115,214,380,200
Central Goldfields S	2,579,510,333	236,778,667	1,135,915,000	3,952,204,000
Colac Otway S	7,520,519,502	719,751,833	3,373,408,821	11,613,680,156
Corangamite S	2,584,486,667	914,712,167	6,026,784,000	9,525,982,833
Darebin C	61,910,753,667	7,818,572,004	0	69,729,325,670
East Gippsland S	14,300,689,667	1,513,278,000	2,758,710,667	18,572,678,333
Frankston C	43,931,075,834	6,252,118,334	45,450,000	50,228,644,168
Gannawarra S	1,415,075,333	230,288,367	1,624,138,667	3,269,502,367
Glen Eira C	79,630,727,128	3,932,227,495	0	83,562,954,623
Glenelg S	3,798,329,833	509,189,667	4,089,386,667	8,396,906,167
Golden Plains S	7,783,914,375	268,030,833	2,526,449,573	10,578,394,782
Greater Bendigo C	32,456,497,933	4,609,408,000	1,498,450,333	38,564,356,267
Greater Dandenong C	38,828,490,833	25,049,642,833	421,875,000	64,300,008,667
Greater Geelong C	100,682,403,201	10,894,466,668	2,752,993,333	114,329,863,203
Greater Shepparton C	12,369,088,300	2,958,503,833	3,014,624,333	18,342,216,467
Hepburn S	6,855,062,667	1,106,129,667	1,698,191,000	9,659,383,333
Hindmarsh S	492,496,367	68,769,333	3,200,412,267	3,761,677,967
Hobsons Bay C	37,062,153,333	6,576,595,167	0	43,638,748,500
Horsham RC	3,619,695,667	714,704,667	3,789,510,000	8,123,910,333
Hume C	56,158,776,167	13,542,385,128	3,665,780,167	73,366,941,462
Indigo S	3,591,500,833	276,997,100	2,695,578,667	6,564,076,600
Kingston C	65,499,502,167	13,879,658,504	331,197,667	79,710,358,337
Knox C	54,561,728,000	9,194,414,667	0	63,756,142,667
Latrobe C	16,942,352,167	2,846,300,334	1,291,017,500	21,079,670,001
Loddon S	1,108,989,033	94,705,800	3,579,860,900	4,783,555,733

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J. Standardised Rate Revenue

	3 Year Average Standardised Rate Revenue			
	Residential (\$)	Commercial / Industrial (incl. Other) (\$)	Farm (\$)	Total (\$)
Alpine S	10,675,567	2,615,135	3,222,398	16,513,100
Ararat RC	4,493,157	542,857	9,049,736	14,085,750
Ballarat C	71,774,260	11,788,661	2,594,877	86,157,798
Banyule C	128,375,367	11,583,805	0	139,959,173
Bass Coast S	51,024,166	3,389,879	7,557,481	61,971,526
Baw Baw S	77,284,305	9,284,555	21,886,894	108,455,755
Bayside C	192,202,059	15,500,217	0	207,702,276
Benalla RC	5,150,127	1,141,052	5,234,270	11,525,450
Boroondara C	301,216,292	23,780,222	0	324,996,513
Brimbank C	106,955,708	40,774,469	90,650	147,820,828
Buloke S	1,223,890	259,911	7,679,384	9,163,185
Campaspe S	16,898,284	4,547,481	8,016,375	29,462,140
Cardinia S	77,119,574	12,155,917	8,865,493	98,140,985
Casey C	235,139,378	34,705,871	1,654,355	271,499,603
Central Goldfields S	5,938,279	670,043	2,323,957	8,932,279
Colac Otway S	17,312,953	2,036,775	6,901,624	26,251,352
Corangamite S	5,949,735	2,588,479	12,330,138	20,868,352
Darebin C	142,524,461	22,125,221	0	164,649,682
East Gippsland S	32,921,552	4,282,318	5,644,019	42,847,889
Frankston C	101,133,528	17,692,425	92,986	118,918,939
Gannawarra S	3,257,638	651,677	3,322,809	7,232,124
Glen Eira C	183,317,531	11,127,531	0	194,445,062
Glenelg S	8,744,118	1,440,920	8,366,436	18,551,473
Golden Plains S	17,919,313	758,481	5,168,838	23,846,633
Greater Bendigo C	74,717,955	13,043,836	3,065,665	90,827,455
Greater Dandenong C	89,386,890	70,886,204	863,110	161,136,204
Greater Geelong C	231,780,497	30,829,477	5,632,322	268,242,296
Greater Shepparton C	28,474,821	8,372,060	6,167,590	43,014,471
Hepburn S	15,781,008	3,130,158	3,474,312	22,385,478
Hindmarsh S	1,133,774	194,605	6,547,692	7,876,071
Hobsons Bay C	85,320,613	18,610,639	0	103,931,252
Horsham RC	8,332,885	2,022,492	7,752,921	18,108,298
Hume C	129,282,860	38,322,633	7,499,784	175,105,277
Indigo S	8,267,978	783,854	5,514,858	14,566,690
Kingston C	150,786,103	39,277,059	677,594	190,740,756
Knox C	125,606,303	26,018,620	0	151,624,924
Latrobe C	39,002,911	8,054,543	2,641,280	49,698,734
Loddon S	2,552,999	268,001	7,324,002	10,145,002

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J. Standardised Rate Revenue

	Payments in Lieu of Rates (\$)	Total Standardised Rate Revenue (Unconstrained) (\$)	Total Standardised Rate Revenue (Constrained) (\$)
Alpine S	370,167	16,883,267	11,782,129
Ararat RC	549,258	14,635,008	8,046,747
Ballarat C	73,471	86,231,269	72,360,628
Banyule C	0	139,959,173	134,297,743
Bass Coast S	32,967	62,004,492	52,442,382
Baw Baw S	0	108,455,755	44,042,454
Bayside C	0	207,702,276	207,034,187
Benalla RC	401,648	11,927,098	9,958,311
Boroondara C	0	324,996,513	324,996,513
Brimbank C	0	147,820,828	131,486,297
Buloke S	138,702	9,301,887	4,883,640
Campaspe S	110,034	29,572,175	25,576,080
Cardinia S	0	98,140,985	87,774,468
Casey C	0	271,499,603	242,539,491
Central Goldfields S	0	8,932,279	7,073,748
Colac Otway S	249,287	26,500,639	22,861,816
Corangamite S	326,346	21,194,698	17,938,352
Darebin C	0	164,649,682	164,649,682
East Gippsland S	112,878	42,960,767	34,104,533
Frankston C	0	118,918,939	104,503,722
Gannawarra S	133,603	7,365,728	5,918,068
Glen Eira C	0	194,445,062	194,445,062
Glenelg S	1,362,510	19,913,984	17,252,306
Golden Plains S	538,125	24,384,758	17,113,479
Greater Bendigo C	15,619	90,843,075	73,655,149
Greater Dandenong C	0	161,136,204	129,642,981
Greater Geelong C	0	268,242,296	233,560,772
Greater Shepparton C	20,568	43,035,040	36,428,481
Hepburn S	6,889	22,392,367	11,680,831
Hindmarsh S	146,747	8,022,818	4,239,376
Hobsons Bay C	579,138	104,510,389	104,510,389
Horsham RC	287,996	18,396,294	14,002,112
Hume C	15,896,957	191,002,234	190,641,149
Indigo S	0	14,566,690	12,322,050
Kingston C	0	190,740,756	190,740,756
Knox C	0	151,624,924	128,877,358
Latrobe C	8,285,478	57,984,212	47,656,047
Loddon S	0	10,145,002	6,814,038

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J. Standardised Rate Revenue

	3 Year Average Rates Assessed			
	Residential (\$)	Commercial / Industrial (incl. Other) (\$)	Farm (\$)	Total (\$)
Macedon Ranges S	54,903,834	3,861,212	2,929,089	61,694,135
Manningham C	113,667,798	7,458,505	26,454	121,152,756
Mansfield S	12,392,277	1,120,693	3,939,043	17,452,013
Maribyrnong C	94,399,830	29,866,735	0	124,266,565
Maroondah C	92,466,245	14,482,735	0	106,948,980
Melbourne C	166,910,627	205,101,371	0	372,011,998
Melton C	150,756,195	19,963,155	6,778,112	177,497,462
Merri-bek C	170,977,534	14,579,475	0	185,557,010
Mildura RC	56,694,748	14,099,116	13,771,715	84,565,579
Mitchell S	54,438,503	3,075,166	3,997,024	61,510,693
Moir S	27,061,085	4,519,882	12,787,607	44,368,575
Monash C	125,772,426	20,344,332	18,207	146,134,965
Moonee Valley C	130,279,253	10,852,192	0	141,131,444
Moorabool S	33,827,334	5,991,000	4,392,819	44,211,153
Mornington Peninsula S	196,962,525	11,307,189	2,739,122	211,008,835
Mount Alexander S	22,957,063	1,748,447	2,872,008	27,577,518
Moyne S	9,307,391	908,796	13,881,613	24,097,800
Murrindindi S	13,612,282	1,431,512	9,064,480	24,108,273
Nillumbik S	73,345,634	2,853,540	566,220	76,765,394
Northern Grampians S	12,030,456	1,736,134	6,117,151	19,883,741
Port Phillip C	120,198,386	26,926,144	0	147,124,530
Pyrenees S	5,188,857	1,644,730	5,274,766	12,108,354
Queenscliffe B	8,266,006	296,996	0	8,563,002
South Gippsland S	34,829,630	2,560,337	12,551,191	49,941,159
Southern Grampians S	11,445,160	1,312,620	10,605,732	23,363,511
Stonnington C	119,924,791	16,970,059	0	136,894,850
Strathbogie S	12,123,971	1,030,191	9,401,483	22,555,645
Surf Coast S	56,954,041	3,561,936	3,216,498	63,732,474
Swan Hill RC	15,249,127	2,741,429	13,604,658	31,595,214
Towong S	3,007,628	354,374	6,738,091	10,100,093
Wangaratta RC	18,879,626	13,034,811	8,186,908	40,101,345
Warrnambool C	35,635,033	10,445,069	794,031	46,874,134
Wellington S	47,364,245	8,964,509	13,404,275	69,733,029
West Wimmera S	1,147,939	182,387	7,283,044	8,613,370
Whitehorse C	126,379,633	14,059,613	0	140,439,246
Whittlesea C	172,542,402	31,059,862	1,094,457	204,696,721
Wodonga C	40,239,621	8,177,556	4,246,512	52,663,688
Wyndham C	222,359,245	53,774,434	5,190,651	281,324,330
Yarra C	96,457,297	35,103,759	0	131,561,057
Yarra Ranges S	151,175,108	14,044,425	5,907,348	171,126,882
Yarriambiack S	3,235,298	560,736	10,095,461	13,891,495
	5,839,023,908	1,198,372,188	382,527,369	7,419,923,465

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J. Standardised Rate Revenue

	3 Year Average Valuations (CIV)			
	Residential (\$)	Commercial / Industrial (incl. Other) (\$)	Farm (\$)	Total (\$)
Macedon Ranges S	21,994,065,400	1,221,568,000	1,987,281,667	25,202,915,067
Manningham C	64,133,214,167	4,470,235,667	16,140,000	68,619,589,833
Mansfield S	4,205,778,667	336,276,033	2,465,108,167	7,007,162,867
Maribyrnong C	31,613,018,334	7,777,335,389	0	39,390,353,723
Maroondah C	39,206,347,500	6,009,726,839	0	45,216,074,339
Melbourne C	75,212,249,333	79,907,883,567	0	155,120,132,900
Melton C	50,083,463,333	5,595,802,350	3,098,020,000	58,777,285,683
Merri-bek C	65,643,305,167	6,766,636,833	0	72,409,942,000
Mildura RC	9,411,166,733	2,158,820,333	3,410,445,333	14,980,432,400
Mitchell S	15,662,528,020	870,165,300	1,975,923,500	18,508,616,820
Moirs S	6,201,178,667	1,156,746,900	4,301,795,800	11,659,721,367
Monash C	88,766,282,000	13,548,981,667	11,760,000	102,327,023,667
Moonee Valley C	57,073,773,333	5,883,902,433	0	62,957,675,767
Moorabool S	11,775,297,667	719,396,000	2,196,344,000	14,691,037,667
Mornington Peninsula S	123,152,923,100	6,988,316,000	5,097,687,333	135,238,926,433
Mount Alexander S	6,881,151,877	542,109,833	1,431,322,833	8,854,584,543
Moyne S	4,619,466,667	462,586,667	11,039,023,000	16,121,076,333
Murrindindi S	6,154,442,167	580,619,733	7,023,908,833	13,758,970,733
Nillumbik S	24,267,591,667	1,015,646,133	273,866,667	25,557,104,467
Northern Grampians S	2,046,921,333	249,642,000	3,579,778,000	5,876,341,333
Port Phillip C	85,294,947,500	15,781,591,030	0	101,076,538,530
Pyrenees S	1,421,608,333	402,357,333	2,896,388,000	4,720,353,667
Queenscliffe B	4,581,360,000	189,166,167	0	4,770,526,167
South Gippsland S	9,779,951,667	765,867,000	6,025,008,667	16,570,827,333
Southern Grampians S	2,536,605,000	338,262,000	5,642,229,000	8,517,096,000
Stonnington C	121,789,314,167	18,541,901,667	0	140,331,215,833
Strathbogie S	2,849,665,167	247,564,900	3,426,405,667	6,523,635,733
Surf Coast S	30,790,816,333	1,253,149,501	2,148,105,833	34,192,071,668
Swan Hill RC	2,592,534,833	512,148,167	3,203,447,100	6,308,130,100
Towong S	584,351,667	67,076,833	2,500,093,133	3,151,521,633
Wangaratta RC	5,808,282,333	951,654,667	3,832,297,667	10,592,234,667
Warrnambool C	9,142,452,667	1,738,406,833	374,181,000	11,255,040,500
Wellington S	11,494,248,267	2,700,635,437	4,653,533,000	18,848,416,703
West Wimmera S	297,526,867	20,864,833	5,704,608,633	6,023,000,333
Whitehorse C	77,211,011,000	8,712,593,667	0	85,923,604,667
Whittlesea C	65,188,042,767	11,093,822,867	572,190,500	76,854,056,133
Wodonga C	8,887,088,833	1,850,045,433	573,991,500	11,311,125,767
Wyndham C	74,815,682,968	15,559,979,321	2,936,705,000	93,312,367,288
Yarra C	50,782,556,500	17,887,578,833	0	68,670,135,334
Yarra Ranges S	50,412,761,667	3,509,882,833	3,012,990,833	56,935,635,333
Yarriambiack S	534,536,667	78,287,667	4,967,982,333	5,580,806,667
	2,536,395,280,404	423,478,671,516	186,973,558,977	3,146,847,510,897

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	3 Year Average Standardised Rate Revenue			
	Residential (\$)	Commercial / Industrial (incl. Other) (\$)	Farm (\$)	Total (\$)
Macedon Ranges S	50,632,437	3,456,828	4,065,760	58,155,025
Manningham C	147,640,777	12,650,002	33,021	160,323,800
Mansfield S	9,682,104	951,604	5,043,341	15,677,048
Maribyrnong C	72,776,184	22,008,529	0	94,784,713
Maroondah C	90,256,752	17,006,499	0	107,263,251
Melbourne C	173,145,773	226,125,639	0	399,271,412
Melton C	115,296,911	15,835,163	6,338,209	137,470,283
Merri-bek C	151,117,151	19,148,425	0	170,265,575
Mildura RC	21,665,404	6,109,092	6,977,397	34,751,892
Mitchell S	36,056,634	2,462,419	4,042,522	42,561,575
Moir S	14,275,705	3,273,396	8,801,002	26,350,103
Monash C	204,348,449	38,341,300	24,060	242,713,809
Moonee Valley C	131,389,271	16,650,437	0	148,039,708
Moorabool S	27,107,859	2,035,768	4,493,479	33,637,105
Mornington Peninsula S	283,509,778	19,775,739	10,429,308	313,714,825
Mount Alexander S	15,841,068	1,534,078	2,928,329	20,303,475
Moyne S	10,634,453	1,309,041	22,584,629	34,528,123
Murrindindi S	14,168,113	1,643,055	14,370,146	30,181,314
Nillumbik S	55,866,311	2,874,105	560,301	59,300,717
Northern Grampians S	4,712,208	706,444	7,323,833	12,742,485
Port Phillip C	196,357,106	44,659,203	0	241,016,309
Pyrenees S	3,272,678	1,138,602	5,925,692	10,336,972
Queenscliffe B	10,546,728	535,308	0	11,082,036
South Gippsland S	22,514,382	2,167,273	12,326,506	37,008,160
Southern Grampians S	5,839,507	957,224	11,543,381	18,340,111
Stonnington C	280,370,620	52,470,409	0	332,841,029
Strathbogie S	6,560,201	700,566	7,010,050	14,270,817
Surf Coast S	70,883,397	3,546,199	4,394,789	78,824,384
Swan Hill RC	5,968,263	1,449,292	6,553,901	13,971,455
Towong S	1,345,233	189,816	5,114,916	6,649,965
Wangaratta RC	13,371,220	2,693,020	7,840,460	23,904,700
Warrnambool C	21,046,798	4,919,394	765,533	26,731,725
Wellington S	26,460,856	7,642,336	9,520,617	43,623,810
West Wimmera S	684,935	59,044	11,671,003	12,414,982
Whitehorse C	177,747,113	24,655,149	0	202,402,263
Whittlesea C	150,069,093	31,393,621	1,170,639	182,633,353
Wodonga C	20,458,926	5,235,312	1,174,324	26,868,562
Wyndham C	172,232,840	44,032,079	6,008,176	222,273,095
Yarra C	116,906,290	50,618,788	0	167,525,077
Yarra Ranges S	116,054,987	9,932,368	6,164,248	132,151,603
Yarriambiack S	1,230,554	221,541	10,163,946	11,616,041
	5,839,023,908	1,198,372,188	382,527,369	7,419,923,465

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J. Standardised Rate Revenue

	Payments in Lieu of Rates (\$)	Total Standardised Rate Revenue (Unconstrained) (\$)	Total Standardised Rate Revenue (Constrained) (\$)
Macedon Ranges S	0	58,155,025	42,273,926
Manningham C	0	160,323,800	153,764,221
Mansfield S	0	15,677,048	12,163,541
Maribyrnong C	0	94,784,713	94,784,713
Maroondah C	0	107,263,251	102,802,259
Melbourne C	0	399,271,412	399,271,412
Melton C	0	137,470,283	103,849,002
Merri-bek C	14,628	170,280,204	170,280,204
Mildura RC	416,170	35,168,063	31,259,815
Mitchell S	289,811	42,851,386	35,173,488
Moirs S	211,719	26,561,822	21,929,243
Monash C	0	242,713,809	235,288,900
Moonee Valley C	1,276,217	149,315,926	149,315,926
Moorabool S	1,057,000	34,694,104	26,845,128
Mornington Peninsula S	236,432	313,951,257	229,446,042
Mount Alexander S	0	20,303,475	13,916,028
Moyne S	2,607,637	37,135,760	25,856,084
Murrindindi S	254,892	30,436,205	14,332,505
Nillumbik S	0	59,300,717	58,362,871
Northern Grampians S	378,373	13,120,858	8,436,162
Port Phillip C	0	241,016,309	206,766,761
Pyrenees S	1,275,576	11,612,548	6,472,065
Queenscliffe B	300	11,082,336	9,055,359
South Gippsland S	284,793	37,292,953	29,817,876
Southern Grampians S	198,460	18,538,571	14,553,700
Stonnington C	0	332,841,029	281,277,104
Strathbogie S	0	14,270,817	11,880,216
Surf Coast S	0	78,824,384	53,997,293
Swan Hill RC	163,201	14,134,656	13,534,813
Towong S	324,514	6,974,479	5,751,958
Wangaratta RC	143,201	24,047,901	19,790,507
Warrnambool C	0	26,731,725	22,330,991
Wellington S	0	43,623,810	38,111,277
West Wimmera S	0	12,414,982	5,328,813
Whitehorse C	0	202,402,263	202,402,263
Whittlesea C	0	182,633,353	168,647,477
Wodonga C	0	26,868,562	22,257,069
Wyndham C	90,124	222,363,219	199,018,561
Yarra C	41,420	167,566,497	167,566,497
Yarra Ranges S	0	132,151,603	120,882,497
Yarriambiack S	442,315	12,058,356	5,658,042
	39,345,171	7,459,268,636	6,662,305,936

Appendix 4

2026-27 General Purpose Grants

K. Raw Grant Calculation

	Standardised Expenditure (\$)	Standardised Revenue (\$)	Raw Grant (\$)	Grant unadjusted (\$)	General Purpose Grant* Actual # (\$)
Alpine S	36,733,345	13,682,723	23,050,622	3,725,686	3,735,878
Ararat RC	42,544,136	9,404,275	33,139,861	5,356,417	5,371,068
Ballarat C	187,305,074	87,041,071	100,264,003	16,205,734	16,250,062
Banyule C	166,938,013	149,572,973	17,365,041	3,620,083	3,620,083
Bass Coast S	103,855,345	58,651,649	45,203,696	7,306,302	7,326,287
Baw Baw S	111,577,588	51,307,846	60,269,742	9,741,436	9,768,083
Bayside C	127,262,403	220,029,890	-92,767,488	2,921,915	2,921,915
Benalla RC	35,664,394	11,733,038	23,931,356	3,868,040	3,878,621
Boroondara C	226,643,725	346,566,182	-119,922,458	4,869,703	4,869,703
Brimbank C	247,569,025	154,155,381	93,413,644	15,098,506	15,139,806
Buloke S	40,091,793	5,582,667	34,509,126	5,577,732	5,592,989
Campaspe S	96,053,160	30,089,767	65,963,393	10,661,705	10,690,868
Cardinia S	187,924,181	102,734,358	85,189,823	13,769,284	13,806,948
Casey C	453,703,291	288,328,739	165,374,552	26,729,593	26,802,708
Central Goldfields S	33,061,141	8,682,759	24,378,382	3,940,293	3,951,071
Colac Otway S	62,105,300	25,674,884	36,430,415	5,888,271	5,904,377
Corangamite S	59,068,976	19,824,301	39,244,676	6,343,142	6,360,492
Darebin C	201,037,225	183,130,330	17,906,895	4,430,587	4,430,587
East Gippsland S	135,181,739	40,294,605	94,887,134	15,336,667	15,378,618
Frankston C	181,328,598	120,753,903	60,574,696	9,790,726	9,817,507
Gannawarra S	38,010,588	7,155,460	30,855,128	4,987,134	5,000,775
Glen Eira C	192,435,084	213,286,371	-20,851,287	4,445,011	4,445,011
Glenelg S	64,086,103	19,606,699	44,479,404	7,189,234	7,208,899
Golden Plains S	54,302,731	20,108,592	34,194,139	5,526,820	5,541,938
Greater Bendigo C	206,500,235	88,478,179	118,022,056	19,075,979	19,128,159
Greater Dandenong C	229,007,673	147,962,117	81,045,556	13,099,444	13,135,276
Greater Geelong C	429,055,485	269,210,490	159,844,994	25,835,848	25,906,517
Greater Shepparton C	129,969,653	44,386,929	85,582,724	13,832,789	13,870,627
Hepburn S	43,105,121	13,947,739	29,157,382	4,712,726	4,725,617
Hindmarsh S	29,155,450	4,883,484	24,271,966	3,923,093	3,933,824
Hobsons Bay C	119,848,152	115,755,646	4,092,506	2,645,630	2,645,630
Horsham RC	51,555,000	16,380,908	35,174,092	5,685,211	5,700,762
Hume C	354,343,811	222,502,928	131,840,884	21,309,525	21,367,814
Indigo S	42,562,588	14,442,059	28,120,529	4,545,139	4,557,571
Kingston C	207,005,771	209,908,179	-2,902,408	4,582,322	4,582,322
Knox C	198,296,292	147,232,927	51,063,366	8,253,404	8,275,980
Latrobe C	139,564,943	56,726,228	82,838,715	13,389,273	13,425,898
Loddon S	52,851,215	7,759,989	45,091,226	7,288,123	7,308,059

* Excludes natural disaster assistance grants.

Adjusted to take account of constraints on grant movements.

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K. Raw Grant Calculation

	Standardised Expenditure (\$)	Standardised Revenue (\$)	Raw Grant (\$)	Grant unadjusted (\$)	General Purpose Grant* Actual # (\$)
Macedon Ranges S	97,287,165	48,646,670	48,640,495	7,861,794	7,883,299
Manningham C	160,313,187	168,936,191	-8,623,004	3,623,955	3,623,955
Mansfield S	33,440,367	13,808,924	19,631,443	3,173,042	3,181,722
Maribyrnong C	127,417,283	106,422,468	20,994,816	3,393,405	2,842,061
Maroondah C	148,261,773	116,469,963	31,791,809	5,138,530	5,152,586
Melbourne C	314,067,130	428,454,953	-114,387,823	5,302,685	5,302,685
Melton C	304,489,057	130,950,120	173,538,937	28,049,207	27,124,534
Merri-bek C	222,858,295	191,870,318	30,987,976	5,156,185	5,156,185
Mildura RC	130,379,018	37,942,704	92,436,314	14,940,539	14,981,407
Mitchell S	102,530,695	41,975,135	60,555,560	9,787,633	9,814,406
Moirs S	86,774,602	25,703,194	61,071,408	9,871,010	9,898,011
Monash C	279,874,605	259,823,547	20,051,058	5,775,801	5,775,801
Moonee Valley C	159,236,026	164,443,559	-5,207,533	3,558,217	3,558,217
Moorabool S	73,526,500	31,484,294	42,042,206	6,795,308	6,813,896
Mornington Peninsula S	274,940,250	251,144,753	23,795,497	4,695,638	4,695,638
Mount Alexander S	45,587,626	16,455,089	29,132,537	4,708,710	4,721,590
Moyne S	67,975,022	27,974,573	40,000,449	6,465,298	6,482,982
Murrindindi S	44,238,141	16,305,649	27,932,492	4,514,746	4,527,096
Nillumbik S	80,931,733	65,394,814	15,536,918	2,511,242	2,504,433
Northern Grampians S	51,148,162	9,906,260	41,241,901	6,665,954	6,684,188
Port Phillip C	158,619,168	221,609,029	-62,989,861	3,120,137	3,120,137
Pyrenees S	37,230,949	7,417,759	29,813,190	4,818,725	4,831,906
Queenscliffe B	12,738,189	9,604,859	3,133,330	506,442	517,714
South Gippsland S	86,587,772	33,644,642	52,943,130	8,557,231	8,580,638
Southern Grampians S	55,029,309	16,503,583	38,525,725	6,226,937	6,243,970
Stonnington C	154,574,654	296,598,511	-142,023,858	3,129,817	3,129,817
Strathbogie S	43,161,116	13,343,305	29,817,810	4,819,471	4,832,654
Surf Coast S	82,907,145	59,372,667	23,534,478	3,803,892	3,814,297
Swan Hill RC	56,445,063	15,991,291	40,453,773	6,538,569	6,556,454
Towong S	33,322,665	6,483,947	26,838,719	4,337,959	4,349,825
Wangaratta RC	64,826,268	23,340,144	41,486,125	6,705,428	6,723,770
Warrnambool C	57,063,758	26,688,610	30,375,147	4,909,554	4,922,984
Wellington S	121,837,928	43,828,037	78,009,891	12,608,788	12,643,277
West Wimmera S	36,526,845	5,801,387	30,725,458	4,966,175	4,979,759
Whitehorse C	239,938,242	223,736,033	16,202,209	5,051,157	5,051,157
Whittlesea C	313,530,317	197,468,758	116,061,559	18,759,103	18,810,415
Wodonga C	68,354,774	27,534,497	40,820,277	6,597,807	6,615,854
Wyndham C	404,829,148	238,825,954	166,003,194	26,831,200	26,904,593
Yarra C	134,924,261	180,958,417	-46,034,155	2,763,555	2,763,555
Yarra Ranges S	229,656,384	138,949,884	90,706,500	14,660,948	14,701,051
Yarriambiack S	36,842,631	6,416,373	30,426,259	4,917,815	4,931,267
	10,551,527,570	7,495,207,128	3,056,320,442	642,128,136	642,128,136

* Excludes natural disaster assistance grants.

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L. Data Sources

Major Cost Drivers

Estimated Residential Population

Australian Bureau of Statistics, Regional Population Growth, Australia, (cat no. 3218.0), Table 2. Estimated Residential Population, Local Government Area, at 30 June 2025, released March 2026.

<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/population/regional-population/latest-release>

Dwellings

Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Census 2021 - Selected Dwelling Characteristics*, Local Government Area by DWTD Dwelling Type, Occupied and Unoccupied Private Dwellings, downloaded Census TableBuilder, March 2023.

<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/tablebuilder>

Cost Adjustors

Aged Pensioners

Department of Social Services (DSS), *Payment Demographic Data (Centrelink data) June 2025 quarter*, downloaded Oct 2025.

<https://data.gov.au/data/dataset/dss-payment-demographic-data>

Australian Bureau of Statistics, Estimated Residential Population, Table 1: ERP, Age by Sex, Local Government Area, at 30 June 2024 (p), Customised Report obtained, Oct 2025.

Economies of Scale

Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Census 2021 - Selected Dwelling Characteristics*, Local Government Area by DWTD Dwelling Type, Occupied and Unoccupied Private Dwellings, downloaded Census TableBuilder, March 2023.

<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/tablebuilder>

Environmental Risk (Fire & Flood) Rating

The Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) Spatial Services, provided updated datasets based on rateable properties for both the BMO and 1% AEP Flood Extent data. (The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) provided DTP with the data for the statewide 1% AEP Flood Extent).

- *Rateable properties affected by BMO GC13*, sourced March 2026.

- *Rateable properties affected by 1% flood event*, sourced March 2026.

Indigenous Population

Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Census 2021 - Cultural Diversity, LGA(UR) by IINGP Indigenous Status*, Local Government Area, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population by Usual Residence, downloaded Census TableBuilder, March 2023.

<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/tablebuilder>

Language

Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Census 2021 - Cultural Diversity, LGA (UR) by ENGP Proficiency in Spoken English* (not well and not at all), Local Government Area, downloaded Census TableBuilder, April 2023.

<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/tablebuilder>

Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Census 2021 - Internal Migration, LGA (UR) by ENGP Proficiency in Spoken English and YARRP Year of Arrival in Australia*, Arrivals by Year, Local Government Area, downloaded Census TableBuilder, March 2023.

<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/tablebuilder>

Population Dispersion

Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Census 2021 - Population by Urban Centres and Localities*, Place of Usual Residence, by Local Centres/Localities, Census TableBuilder, March 2023. [calculations required to group by Local Government Area].

Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Census 2021 - Selected Dwelling Characteristics*, Local Government Area by DWTD Dwelling Type, Occupied and Unoccupied Private Dwellings, downloaded Census TableBuilder, March 2023.

<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/tablebuilder>

Google Maps online (calculation of distance).

Note: Population Dispersion scores derived by the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission.

Population Growth	Australian Bureau of Statistics, Regional Population Growth, Australia, (cat no. 3218.0), Table 2. Estimated Residential Population, Local Government Area, at 30 June 2025, released March 2026. https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/population/regional-population/latest-release
Population Under 6 Years	Australian Bureau of Statistics, Estimated Residential Population, Table 1: ERP, Age by Sex, Local Government Area, at 30 June 2024 (p), Customised Report obtained, Oct 2025.
Regional Services	Australian Bureau of Statistics, <i>Census 2021 - Employment, Income and Education</i> , LGA (POW) by INDP – 1 Digit Level, Employment by Industry, downloaded Census TableBuilder, March 2023. https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/tablebuilder
Remoteness	Hugo Centre (2018). <i>Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia Plus 2016 (ARIA+ 2016)</i> . Adelaide, South Australia: Hugo Centre for Migration and Population Research, the University of Adelaide, (unpublished data) released March 2018.
Socio-Economic	Australian Bureau of Statistics, <i>Census 2021, 2033.0 Socio-Economic Indexes of Australia (SEIFA)</i> , released 27 April 2023. https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/people-and-communities/socio-economic-indexes-areas-seifa-australia/latest-release
Tourism	Tourism Research Australia, <i>2018-19 Visitor Survey (for International Visitors, Overnight Visitors and Daytrips)</i> , 4 year averages (2015-16 to 2018-19), by Local Government Area, (unpublished data) September 2019. More information, refer to page 10 of this report.
Revenue Adjustors	
Household Income (for persons over 60)	Department of Social Services (DSS), <i>Payment Demographic Data (Centrelink data) June 2025 quarter</i> , downloaded Sept 2025. https://data.gov.au/data/dataset/dss-payment-demographic-data Australian Bureau of Statistics, <i>Census 2021 – Table 1: Median Household Income for Persons aged 60 years and over, Local Government Area, Customised Data Report (unpublished data)</i> , November 2022.
Socio-Economic	Australian Bureau of Statistics, <i>Census 2021, 2033.0 Socio-Economic Indexes of Australia (SEIFA)</i> , released 27 April 2023. https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/people-and-communities/socio-economic-indexes-areas-seifa-australia/latest-release
Tourism	Tourism Research Australia, <i>2018-19 Visitor Survey (for International Visitors, Overnight Visitors and Daytrips)</i> , 4 year averages (2015-16 to 2018-19), by Local Government Area, (unpublished data) September 2019. More information, refer to page 10 of this report.
Value of Development	Australian Bureau of Statistics, <i>Buildings Approvals, Australia, June 2025</i> , (cat no. 8731.0), Table 1 VIC LGA excel datacube 2024-25, downloaded Sept 2025. https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/industry/building-and-construction/building-approvals-australia/latest-release
Valuations (Commercial)	Victorian Local Government Grants Commission, <i>Local Government - Accounting & General Information Questionnaire</i> - as at June 2025, completed by councils annually.

Appendix 5

2026-27 Local Roads Grants

A. Local Roads Network

	Average Daily Traffic Volumes: Vehicles Per Day (VPD)								
	Urban Local Roads (km)				Natural Surface	Rural Local Roads (km)			
	<500	500 to <1000	1000 to <5000	>5000		<100	100 to <500	500 to <1000	>1000
Alpine S	159	8	11	0	72	340	62	1	0
Ararat RC	120	9	12	0	252	1,912	149	0	0
Ballarat C	369	121	273	76	37	413	175	41	17
Banyule C	126	167	220	30	0	0	0	0	0
Bass Coast S	395	33	40	3	2	236	208	45	26
Baw Baw S	291	27	60	9	182	898	469	91	43
Bayside C	241	40	61	14	0	0	0	0	0
Benalla RC	82	17	15	0	144	759	293	21	19
Boroondara C	253	131	148	35	0	0	0	0	0
Brimbank C	386	265	179	77	0	0	3	1	1
Buloke S	113	0	0	0	3,009	1,981	212	0	0
Campaspe S	205	49	46	5	819	2,196	589	96	18
Cardinia S	575	38	96	12	6	331	454	62	72
Casey C	1,220	169	292	45	0	66	98	38	72
Central Goldfields S	94	14	13	1	233	766	146	8	9
Colac Otway S	153	16	26	1	55	764	591	20	4
Corangamite S	163	15	11	0	175	1,512	406	44	0
Darebin C	245	114	106	49	0	0	0	0	0
East Gippsland S	418	65	60	4	112	1,863	461	38	21
Frankston C	403	85	97	53	0	6	37	6	27
Gannawarra S	86	23	6	1	815	802	396	122	11
Glen Eira C	274	72	49	38	0	0	0	0	0
Glenelg S	130	18	28	13	13	1,917	446	43	23
Golden Plains S	239	8	7	0	3	1,073	337	51	29
Greater Bendigo C	645	88	168	41	49	1,656	356	69	109
Greater Dandenong C	231	162	199	60	0	10	7	22	11
Greater Geelong C	1,242	222	263	77	27	237	261	54	101
Greater Shepparton C	288	59	80	20	178	1,277	527	97	38
Hepburn S	231	24	11	0	163	710	270	4	13
Hindmarsh S	119	0	0	0	1,581	1,247	78	0	0
Hobsons Bay C	266	48	79	38	0	0	0	0	0
Horsham RC	137	27	22	5	1,008	1,542	225	17	4
Hume C	613	169	457	101	1	35	98	25	54
Indigo S	131	13	19	1	196	911	224	24	15
Kingston C	374	69	114	31	0	8	8	0	0
Knox C	391	142	153	26	0	5	7	1	2
Latrobe C	359	97	116	4	0	494	292	57	20
Loddon S	119	1	0	0	1,200	3,074	292	31	0

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A. Local Roads Network

	Total Urban (km)	Total Rural (km)	Total Local Roads (km)	Total Strategic Routes (km)	Bridges	
					Timber (sq. m)	Concrete (sq. m)
Alpine S	178	475	653	165	290	8,881
Ararat RC	141	2,313	2,454	568	0	16,075
Ballarat C	839	683	1,522	317	251	20,434
Banyule C	543	0	543	51	0	276
Bass Coast S	471	518	989	322	942	2,452
Baw Baw S	387	1,682	2,069	739	311	5,537
Bayside C	356	0	356	47	0	1,083
Benalla RC	114	1,235	1,349	492	112	7,822
Boroondara C	567	0	567	32	0	2,231
Brimbank C	907	5	912	95	0	6,353
Buloke S	113	5,202	5,315	595	48	2,506
Campaspe S	305	3,718	4,023	2,075	92	7,565
Cardinia S	721	925	1,646	702	176	14,457
Casey C	1,725	274	2,000	306	0	4,365
Central Goldfields S	122	1,162	1,284	260	0	7,828
Colac Otway S	196	1,434	1,630	599	768	6,065
Corangamite S	189	2,137	2,326	1,193	536	7,520
Darebin C	514	0	514	107	0	1,754
East Gippsland S	547	2,495	3,042	1,340	4,292	24,715
Frankston C	638	76	714	93	0	2,031
Gannawarra S	116	2,146	2,262	870	1,425	6,992
Glen Eira C	433	0	433	50	0	0
Glenelg S	189	2,442	2,631	838	306	7,711
Golden Plains S	254	1,493	1,747	569	261	10,207
Greater Bendigo C	942	2,239	3,181	618	313	15,041
Greater Dandenong C	652	51	703	153	0	12,705
Greater Geelong C	1,804	681	2,484	744	0	4,825
Greater Shepparton C	447	2,117	2,564	1,274	676	5,196
Hepburn S	267	1,160	1,427	210	107	6,654
Hindmarsh S	119	2,906	3,025	412	0	1,922
Hobsons Bay C	431	0	431	65	0	4,771
Horsham RC	191	2,797	2,988	863	0	7,633
Hume C	1,341	213	1,554	175	58	8,526
Indigo S	163	1,370	1,533	431	340	8,353
Kingston C	588	16	604	60	0	5,831
Knox C	712	15	727	88	116	1,617
Latrobe C	576	864	1,440	553	0	7,051
Loddon S	120	4,597	4,717	989	742	11,996

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	Urban Local Roads (km)				Rural Local Roads (km)				
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Macedon Ranges S	179	136	61	1	70	518	522	155	56
Manningham C	289	76	70	6	0	48	69	7	44
Mansfield S	67	10	4	0	45	544	148	19	11
Maribyrnong C	140	64	54	51	0	0	0	0	0
Maroondah C	223	108	103	43	0	0	0	0	0
Melbourne C	96	37	62	49	0	0	0	0	0
Melton C	200	923	121	134	4	12	66	69	58
Merri-bek C	219	114	142	48	0	0	0	0	0
Mildura RC	251	38	42	22	1,100	2,868	606	105	64
Mitchell S	260	73	96	10	91	540	326	115	86
Moir S	261	20	10	0	905	1,385	670	417	0
Monash C	112	518	70	36	0	0	0	0	0
Moonee Valley C	185	88	113	26	0	0	0	0	0
Moorabool S	137	26	22	2	58	824	362	96	19
Mornington Peninsula	886	155	193	65	3	115	117	52	131
Mount Alexander S	211	22	20	4	10	849	237	64	11
Moynes S	143	9	14	0	82	1,797	618	67	22
Murrindindi S	128	9	7	2	52	691	307	27	22
Nillumbik S	219	38	60	7	0	126	283	22	22
Northern Grampians S	114	10	9	0	450	2,532	257	1	1
Port Phillip C	53	103	23	36	0	0	0	0	0
Pyrenees S	92	3	0	0	36	1,563	312	61	0
Queenscliffe B	28	9	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Gippsland S	221	28	32	0	0	1,212	533	60	30
Southern Grampians	185	0	20	1	233	2,315	116	113	3
Stonnington C	122	49	70	16	0	0	0	0	0
Strathbogie S	98	8	5	0	160	1,599	332	12	5
Surf Coast S	228	35	46	11	46	425	214	58	67
Swan Hill RC	108	23	29	3	1,273	1,183	381	24	11
Towong S	82	1	2	0	7	884	207	0	0
Wangaratta RC	153	13	34	4	55	1,191	317	57	23
Warrnambool C	172	30	74	15	6	30	33	9	13
Wellington S	106	54	36	0	0	1,377	1,042	310	112
West Wimmera S	81	1	0	0	492	2,034	142	1	0
Whitehorse C	209	177	209	46	0	0	0	0	0
Whittlesea C	948	111	182	56	9	5	160	25	26
Wodonga C	213	45	59	42	0	80	102	2	8
Wyndham C	1,015	410	177	86	30	59	61	2	57
Yarra C	81	50	59	26	0	0	0	0	0
Yarra Ranges S	434	68	86	33	4	103	800	126	116
Yarriambiack S	95	6	1	0	2,820	1,957	118	0	0
	20,931	6,322	5,957	1,751	18,372	57,909	17,636	3,205	1,778

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A. Local Roads Network

	Total Urban (km)	Total Rural (km)	Total Local Roads (km)	Total Strategic Routes (km)	Bridges	
					Timber (sq. m)	Total Urban (km)
Macedon Ranges S	377	1,322	1,698	476	400	7,068
Manningham C	441	168	609	50	0	694
Mansfield S	82	767	848	287	95	6,306
Maribyrnong C	309	0	309	55	0	380
Maroondah C	477	0	477	77	0	369
Melbourne C	244	0	244	37	0	10,280
Melton C	1,378	209	1,587	200	0	11,256
Merri-bek C	523	0	523	99	0	894
Mildura RC	353	4,743	5,096	1,116	0	600
Mitchell S	439	1,158	1,597	554	550	8,788
Moirs S	291	3,377	3,668	1,987	569	10,275
Monash C	736	0	736	108	0	260
Moonee Valley C	412	0	412	60	0	1,173
Moorabool S	187	1,359	1,546	680	0	8,613
Mornington Peninsula S	1,299	418	1,717	447	0	590
Mount Alexander S	256	1,171	1,427	310	1,092	12,572
Moyne S	166	2,585	2,752	1,269	637	12,417
Murrindindi S	146	1,099	1,245	259	1,273	11,883
Nillumbik S	323	454	777	99	511	3,992
Northern Grampians S	133	3,241	3,374	702	0	17,687
Port Phillip C	215	0	215	46	328	905
Pyrenees S	95	1,972	2,067	493	0	11,479
Queenscliffe B	43	0	43	3	0	0
South Gippsland S	281	1,835	2,116	1,358	302	14,329
Southern Grampians S	206	2,780	2,986	549	498	9,168
Stonnington C	256	0	256	46	701	1,326
Strathbogie S	111	2,107	2,218	543	1,544	15,693
Surf Coast S	320	810	1,130	494	73	1,941
Swan Hill RC	163	2,872	3,035	860	0	1,151
Towong S	85	1,098	1,183	380	397	11,717
Wangaratta RC	204	1,643	1,847	644	768	25,305
Warrnambool C	292	90	382	101	18	4,626
Wellington S	196	2,841	3,037	1,505	87	22,524
West Wimmera S	82	2,669	2,751	893	16	1,715
Whitehorse C	641	0	641	77	25	866
Whittlesea C	1,297	225	1,522	223	0	26,921
Wodonga C	359	193	551	177	0	3,916
Wyndham C	1,688	209	1,897	228	0	5,654
Yarra C	216	0	216	10	0	0
Yarra Ranges S	621	1,149	1,769	470	1,620	3,283
Yarriambiack S	102	4,895	4,997	469	0	711
	34,961	98,900	133,861	37,499	23,666	566,307

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B. Asset Preservation Costs

Road Type	Daily Traffic Volume Range	Annual Asset Preservation Cost
Urban Local Roads	Under 500	\$ 8,640 km
	500 to <1,000	\$ 11,760 km
	1,000 to <5,000	\$ 15,840 km
	5,000 +	\$ 25,680 km
Rural Local Roads	Natural Surface	\$ 840 km
	Under 100	\$ 6,000 km
	100 to <500	\$ 12,480 km
	500 to <1,000	\$ 13,920 km
	1,000 +	\$ 15,840 km
Timber Bridge		\$ 240 sq m
Concrete Bridge		\$ 144 sq m

C. Cost Modifier Ranges

Local Road Type	Daily Traffic Volume Range	Cost Modifier Ranges				
		Freight	Climate	Sub-Grade	Materials	Strategic Routes
Urban	Under 500	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.05	1.00-1.65
	500 to <1,000	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.05	1.00-1.15
	1,000 to <5,000	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.05	1.00-1.15
	5,000 +	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.05	1.00-1.15
Rural	Natural Surface	0.95-1.10	0.75-1.25	0.95-1.10	n.a.	1.00-1.65
	Under 100	0.95-1.10	0.75-1.25	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.05	1.00-1.65
	100 to <500	0.95-1.10	0.75-1.25	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.05	1.00-1.15
	500 to <1,000	0.95-1.10	0.75-1.25	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.05	1.00-1.10
	1,000 +	0.95-1.10	0.75-1.25	0.95-1.10	0.95-1.05	1.00-1.00

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D. Cost Modifiers

	Cost Modifiers						Strategic Routes (average)
	Freight	Climate		Sub-Grades		Materials	
		Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural		
Alpine S	1.02	1.10	1.25	0.95	0.95	1.02	25.3
Ararat RC	1.02	0.98	0.88	1.00	1.02	0.96	23.1
Ballarat C	0.98	1.01	0.93	1.00	1.01	0.96	20.8
Banyule C	0.96	1.02	0.98	0.97	0.96	0.95	9.3
Bass Coast S	0.97	1.05	1.11	0.98	0.97	0.98	32.5
Baw Baw S	0.99	1.04	1.16	0.99	0.97	0.98	35.7
Bayside C	0.96	1.02	0.00	0.97	0.00	0.95	13.2
Benalla RC	1.00	0.96	0.80	1.06	1.04	0.97	36.5
Boroondara C	0.96	1.02	0.98	0.97	0.96	0.95	5.6
Brimbank C	1.01	0.98	0.84	1.10	1.10	0.95	10.4
Buloke S	1.05	0.96	0.76	1.05	1.06	1.01	11.2
Campaspe S	1.01	0.96	0.79	1.05	1.05	0.99	51.6
Cardinia S	0.97	1.02	1.07	0.97	0.96	0.96	42.6
Casey C	0.96	1.02	0.98	0.97	0.97	0.96	15.3
Central Goldfields S	0.99	0.96	0.80	1.02	1.05	0.96	20.2
Colac Otway S	1.03	1.10	1.19	0.95	0.96	0.96	36.7
Corangamite S	1.06	1.03	1.12	1.01	1.00	1.01	51.3
Darebin C	0.97	1.00	0.84	1.01	0.86	0.95	20.7
East Gippsland S	0.99	1.03	1.10	0.97	0.96	1.05	44.0
Frankston C	0.97	1.02	0.98	0.97	0.96	0.95	13.0
Gannawarra S	1.02	0.95	0.75	1.06	1.06	0.99	38.5
Glen Eira C	0.95	1.02	0.00	0.97	0.00	0.95	11.5
Glenelg S	1.03	1.08	1.08	0.97	0.96	0.99	31.9
Golden Plains S	0.98	0.98	0.86	1.07	1.03	1.02	32.6
Greater Bendigo C	0.99	0.96	0.80	1.01	1.02	0.97	19.4
Greater Dandenong C	1.10	1.02	0.98	0.97	0.96	0.95	21.7
Greater Geelong C	0.98	1.00	0.91	1.01	1.03	0.96	30.0
Greater Shepparton C	1.01	0.96	0.80	1.06	1.05	0.97	49.7
Hepburn S	0.97	1.01	0.95	1.00	1.01	0.97	14.7
Hindmarsh S	1.04	0.95	0.76	1.06	1.06	0.98	13.6
Hobsons Bay C	1.00	0.98	0.84	1.08	1.07	0.95	15.1
Horsham RC	1.00	0.96	0.81	1.06	1.05	1.00	28.9
Hume C	1.04	0.98	0.84	1.08	1.08	0.96	11.2
Indigo S	1.01	0.99	0.92	1.00	1.02	0.99	28.1
Kingston C	1.03	1.02	0.98	0.97	0.96	0.95	9.9
Knox C	1.01	1.02	0.98	0.97	0.96	0.95	12.1
Latrobe C	0.99	1.06	1.15	0.96	0.96	0.96	38.4
Loddon S	1.05	0.96	0.79	1.05	1.05	0.99	21.0

D. Cost Modifiers

	Cost Modifiers						Strategic Routes (average)
	Freight	Climate		Sub-Grades		Materials	
		Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural		
Macedon Ranges S	0.97	1.00	0.94	1.02	1.01	0.96	28.0
Manningham C	0.95	1.02	0.98	0.97	0.96	0.95	8.2
Mansfield S	1.01	0.98	0.86	0.99	0.99	0.97	33.8
Maribyrnong C	0.99	0.98	0.00	1.09	0.00	0.95	17.8
Maroondah C	0.98	1.02	0.98	0.97	0.96	0.95	16.0
Melbourne C	1.10	0.99	0.00	1.01	0.00	0.95	15.2
Melton C	0.96	0.98	0.84	1.10	1.09	0.96	12.6
Merri-bek C	0.96	0.98	0.00	1.06	0.00	0.95	18.8
Mildura RC	1.00	0.95	0.75	1.06	1.06	1.05	21.9
Mitchell S	0.96	1.00	0.92	0.99	0.98	0.96	34.7
Moirā S	1.02	0.96	0.79	1.06	1.06	0.98	54.2
Monash C	1.01	1.02	0.98	0.97	0.96	0.95	14.7
Moonee Valley C	0.96	0.98	0.84	1.05	0.99	0.95	14.4
Moorabool S	0.97	0.98	0.90	1.01	1.04	0.97	44.0
Mornington Peninsula S	0.97	1.02	0.98	0.97	0.97	0.95	26.0
Mount Alexander S	1.00	0.98	0.85	0.99	1.00	0.96	21.7
Moyne S	1.06	1.07	1.05	0.98	0.99	1.02	46.1
Murrindindi S	0.99	1.01	1.00	0.98	0.97	1.00	20.8
Nillumbik S	0.95	1.02	0.98	0.97	0.96	0.98	12.7
Northern Grampians S	1.03	0.97	0.80	0.99	1.04	0.97	20.8
Port Phillip C	0.99	1.00	0.00	0.98	0.00	0.95	21.4
Pyrenees S	1.01	0.97	0.83	1.00	1.04	0.98	23.9
Queenscliffe B	0.97	1.02	0.98	0.97	0.96	0.98	7.0
South Gippsland S	1.02	1.09	1.23	0.96	0.96	0.96	64.2
Southern Grampians S	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.00	0.99	0.97	18.4
Stonnington C	0.96	1.02	0.00	0.97	0.00	0.95	18.0
Strathbogie S	1.02	0.96	0.80	1.06	1.03	0.96	24.5
Surf Coast S	0.96	1.06	1.12	0.97	0.96	0.96	43.7
Swan Hill RC	1.04	0.95	0.75	1.06	1.06	0.97	28.3
Towong S	1.02	1.08	1.20	0.96	0.95	0.99	32.1
Wangaratta RC	1.00	0.97	0.83	1.05	1.02	0.96	34.9
Warrnambool C	0.98	1.06	1.12	0.98	1.00	0.98	26.4
Wellington S	1.00	1.02	1.00	0.97	0.96	1.01	49.6
West Wimmera S	1.08	0.97	0.83	1.03	1.02	0.98	32.5
Whitehorse C	0.97	1.02	0.98	0.97	0.96	0.95	12.0
Whittlesea C	0.98	0.98	0.90	1.06	1.02	0.96	14.7
Wodonga C	1.00	0.97	0.82	1.04	1.02	0.95	32.1
Wyndham C	0.99	0.98	0.84	1.08	1.07	0.96	12.0
Yarra C	1.01	1.02	0.98	1.03	1.00	0.95	4.6
Yarra Ranges S	0.97	1.07	1.20	0.97	0.96	0.97	26.6
Yarriambiack S	1.04	0.95	0.77	1.06	1.06	1.00	9.4

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E. Network Costs

	Urban Local Roads (\$)			
	<500 vpd	500 to <1000 vpd	1000 to <5000 vpd	>5000 vpd
Alpine S	1,671,123	108,466	210,934	0
Ararat RC	1,166,883	113,892	210,647	0
Ballarat C	3,046,886	1,491,108	4,230,879	2,107,929
Banyule C	991,805	1,778,224	3,199,234	742,514
Bass Coast S	3,486,152	408,252	695,146	98,479
Baw Baw S	2,731,088	338,727	1,036,737	243,809
Bayside C	1,861,760	423,746	929,786	369,670
Benalla RC	752,589	220,554	259,555	0
Boroondara C	1,973,589	1,386,975	2,129,259	866,167
Brimbank C	3,457,256	3,228,873	3,012,862	2,257,849
Buloke S	1,098,966	0	0	0
Campaspe S	2,046,724	616,553	806,365	145,833
Cardinia S	4,806,069	426,953	1,509,857	320,965
Casey C	9,770,489	1,861,017	4,528,118	1,202,567
Central Goldfields S	833,196	168,846	219,276	27,623
Colac Otway S	1,615,836	209,809	432,114	30,632
Corangamite S	1,787,377	220,034	223,161	0
Darebin C	2,036,175	1,260,573	1,645,394	1,317,094
East Gippsland S	4,420,619	889,616	1,128,449	122,496
Frankston C	3,203,117	920,390	1,471,343	1,373,424
Gannawarra S	827,770	297,627	98,815	29,956
Glen Eira C	2,155,245	768,678	711,372	936,330
Glenelg S	1,390,706	244,547	519,648	377,748
Golden Plains S	2,451,911	109,219	128,102	0
Greater Bendigo C	5,386,575	995,282	2,649,494	1,072,355
Greater Dandenong C	2,384,782	1,969,541	3,370,130	1,721,387
Greater Geelong C	10,865,830	2,622,476	4,362,979	2,143,788
Greater Shepparton C	2,823,077	750,515	1,423,911	582,855
Hepburn S	1,981,030	284,641	185,690	11,795
Hindmarsh S	1,103,389	0	0	0
Hobsons Bay C	2,345,178	590,042	1,326,984	1,079,554
Horsham RC	1,332,938	344,670	391,649	138,201
Hume C	5,620,720	2,101,803	7,743,485	2,966,410
Indigo S	1,219,649	158,762	298,282	14,148
Kingston C	3,121,513	805,218	1,812,960	794,643
Knox C	3,273,857	1,600,777	2,411,204	684,341
Latrobe C	3,533,062	1,238,072	2,030,286	104,069
Loddon S	1,177,090	14,239	0	0

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E. Network Costs

	Rural Local Roads (\$)				
	Natural Surface	<100 vpd	100 to <500 vpd	500 to <1000 vpd	>1000 vpd
Alpine S	73,394	2,906,467	1,064,346	18,953	0
Ararat RC	194,747	11,630,567	1,810,232	0	0
Ballarat C	28,712	2,199,921	2,091,211	540,912	239,062
Banyule C	0	0	0	0	0
Bass Coast S	1,403	1,533,536	2,902,711	696,125	420,758
Baw Baw S	169,319	6,965,321	6,914,330	1,456,511	742,459
Bayside C	0	0	0	0	0
Benalla RC	100,764	4,218,528	3,352,366	255,479	248,048
Boroondara C	0	0	0	0	0
Brimbank C	0	0	33,311	12,385	14,093
Buloke S	2,141,786	11,948,302	2,349,278	0	0
Campaspe S	583,758	15,912,360	6,746,020	1,214,008	238,411
Cardinia S	6,693	2,968,547	5,760,072	880,698	1,091,626
Casey C	0	357,118	1,077,492	476,581	994,139
Central Goldfields S	162,130	3,905,176	1,633,377	97,312	113,252
Colac Otway S	54,564	6,524,388	8,883,278	348,660	72,136
Corangamite S	175,033	14,376,375	6,917,607	808,481	0
Darebin C	0	0	0	0	0
East Gippsland S	98,615	15,161,372	7,133,604	632,737	366,108
Frankston C	0	31,369	402,365	72,777	372,669
Gannawarra S	562,574	5,429,301	4,303,699	1,480,366	140,061
Glen Eira C	0	0	0	0	0
Glenelg S	11,650	13,841,192	6,456,143	692,468	384,789
Golden Plains S	2,180	6,496,498	4,051,447	671,881	405,340
Greater Bendigo C	32,999	8,220,695	3,703,498	797,557	1,344,084
Greater Dandenong C	0	61,444	86,022	307,031	177,810
Greater Geelong C	20,742	1,350,483	3,032,839	697,120	1,390,658
Greater Shepparton C	126,470	9,003,630	5,611,879	1,168,224	492,835
Hepburn S	127,970	3,987,796	3,284,479	56,915	187,866
Hindmarsh S	1,113,644	7,189,639	902,415	0	0
Hobsons Bay C	0	0	0	0	0
Horsham RC	762,516	9,435,753	2,636,493	219,343	56,307
Hume C	1,034	192,211	1,106,029	317,532	775,710
Indigo S	154,770	5,731,506	2,880,422	338,242	217,775
Kingston C	0	44,110	91,749	0	0
Knox C	0	28,663	82,704	12,633	28,751
Latrobe C	0	3,527,271	4,116,702	877,497	333,553
Loddon S	881,970	18,469,858	3,480,695	408,538	0

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E. Network Costs

	Bridges		Total Network Costs (\$)	Local Roads Grant (uncapped) (\$)	Local Roads Grant Total (\$)
	Timber (sq. m)	Concrete (sq. m)			
Alpine S	69,600	1,278,864	7,402,147	1,429,586	1,452,758
Ararat RC	0	2,314,800	17,441,767	3,368,551	3,363,153
Ballarat C	60,127	2,942,482	18,979,228	3,665,483	3,659,609
Banyule C	0	39,712	6,751,490	1,303,924	1,301,834
Bass Coast S	226,126	353,088	10,821,776	2,090,024	2,086,674
Baw Baw S	74,657	797,256	21,470,213	4,146,571	4,139,925
Bayside C	0	155,952	3,740,913	722,487	721,330
Benalla RC	26,880	1,126,368	10,561,132	2,039,685	2,036,417
Boroondara C	0	321,264	6,677,255	1,289,587	1,287,520
Brimbank C	0	914,832	12,931,462	2,497,470	2,493,468
Buloke S	11,520	360,864	17,910,716	3,459,120	3,453,577
Campaspe S	22,080	1,089,360	29,421,472	5,682,208	5,673,101
Cardinia S	42,240	2,081,808	19,895,528	3,842,450	3,836,292
Casey C	0	628,612	20,896,132	4,035,697	4,029,230
Central Goldfields S	0	1,127,232	8,287,420	1,600,560	1,736,679
Colac Otway S	184,320	873,360	19,229,097	3,713,741	3,707,789
Corangamite S	128,640	1,082,880	25,719,588	4,967,258	4,959,297
Darebin C	0	252,576	6,511,813	1,257,635	1,255,620
East Gippsland S	1,030,066	3,558,960	34,542,642	6,671,266	6,660,575
Frankston C	0	292,464	8,139,918	1,572,073	1,569,554
Gannawarra S	342,000	1,006,848	14,519,017	2,804,077	2,799,583
Glen Eira C	0	0	4,571,625	882,924	881,509
Glenelg S	73,440	1,110,384	25,102,716	4,848,121	4,840,351
Golden Plains S	62,611	1,469,801	15,848,989	3,060,936	3,056,031
Greater Bendigo C	75,120	2,165,904	26,443,564	5,107,080	5,098,896
Greater Dandenong C	0	1,829,546	11,907,692	2,299,748	2,296,063
Greater Geelong C	0	694,800	27,181,716	5,249,642	5,241,227
Greater Shepparton C	162,240	748,224	22,893,860	4,421,521	4,414,435
Hepburn S	25,680	958,176	11,092,038	2,142,220	2,138,787
Hindmarsh S	0	276,768	10,585,855	2,044,460	2,041,184
Hobsons Bay C	0	687,024	6,028,782	1,164,347	1,092,498
Horsham RC	0	1,099,152	16,417,023	3,170,641	3,165,560
Hume C	13,920	1,227,730	22,066,583	4,261,748	4,254,918
Indigo S	81,600	1,202,890	12,298,045	2,375,138	2,371,331
Kingston C	0	839,664	7,509,859	1,450,389	1,448,065
Knox C	27,840	232,848	8,383,619	1,619,139	1,616,545
Latrobe C	0	1,015,344	16,775,857	3,239,943	3,523,600
Loddon S	178,080	1,727,424	26,337,894	5,086,672	5,078,520

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	Urban Local Roads (\$)			
	<500 vpd	500 to <1000 vpd	1000 to <5000 vpd	>5000 vpd
Macedon Ranges S	1,527,732	1,574,119	993,353	28,663
Manningham C	2,234,822	812,066	1,017,589	147,583
Mansfield S	620,405	121,008	65,898	0
Maribyrnong C	1,228,177	755,592	878,963	1,468,865
Maroondah C	1,791,264	1,184,198	1,574,660	1,134,112
Melbourne C	866,437	454,528	1,045,741	1,431,137
Melton C	1,699,119	10,683,469	2,038,801	3,728,279
Merri-bek C	1,859,807	1,284,165	2,212,438	1,294,881
Mildura RC	2,430,221	503,118	769,585	673,276
Mitchell S	2,174,422	818,188	1,531,145	270,441
Moir S	2,605,495	261,097	183,100	0
Monash C	982,589	5,786,571	1,141,119	989,251
Moonee Valley C	1,525,542	991,359	1,755,597	685,591
Moorabool S	1,194,447	312,525	361,069	53,629
Mornington Peninsula	7,200,817	1,724,478	3,047,774	1,736,216
Mount Alexander S	1,814,050	249,466	313,663	87,810
Moyne S	1,658,726	128,325	285,232	0
Murrindindi S	1,115,627	106,541	114,957	50,032
Nillumbik S	1,755,902	416,214	935,618	184,125
Northern Grampians S	1,100,975	128,463	155,729	0
Port Phillip C	431,478	1,145,571	361,241	946,598
Pyrenees S	778,628	38,918	0	0
Queenscliffe B	237,829	99,434	91,520	0
South Gippsland S	2,274,313	354,846	598,145	13,992
Southern Grampians	1,919,242	0	343,708	25,917
Stonnington C	951,640	516,431	1,054,218	409,347
Strathbogie S	894,635	99,227	83,362	4,900
Surf Coast S	1,959,431	411,128	749,432	302,522
Swan Hill RC	932,337	303,874	524,640	89,600
Towong S	819,604	12,334	38,209	0
Wangaratta RC	1,382,335	155,365	578,561	114,752
Warrnambool C	1,597,001	377,706	1,260,198	439,984
Wellington S	1,013,984	657,711	636,150	0
West Wimmera S	878,431	14,234	0	0
Whitehorse C	1,637,443	1,889,621	3,065,699	1,196,689
Whittlesea C	8,096,575	1,304,039	2,998,873	1,561,016
Wodonga C	1,816,603	523,025	987,439	1,181,070
Wyndham C	8,721,840	4,849,727	3,001,086	2,391,834
Yarra C	703,183	594,353	948,573	686,351
Yarra Ranges S	3,779,325	799,646	1,412,631	953,326
Yarriambiack S	922,920	84,317	18,928	0
	184,887,375	73,495,712	96,518,757	48,166,424

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E. Network Costs

	Rural Local Roads (\$)				
	Natural Surface	<100 vpd	100 to <500 vpd	500 to <1000 vpd	>1000 vpd
Macedon Ranges S	53,853	2,877,359	6,046,308	2,045,181	779,332
Manningham C	0	271,970	733,707	83,023	593,836
Mansfield S	32,227	3,297,034	1,664,311	228,582	142,852
Maribyrnong C	0	0	0	0	0
Maroondah C	0	0	0	0	0
Melbourne C	0	0	0	0	0
Melton C	2,956	60,627	701,457	820,488	773,603
Merri-bek C	0	0	0	0	0
Mildura RC	773,736	16,164,468	6,737,777	1,310,739	847,762
Mitchell S	66,409	2,935,140	3,681,387	1,462,698	1,145,665
Moirā S	644,576	10,095,103	7,771,176	5,314,180	0
Monash C	0	0	0	0	0
Moonee Valley C	0	0	0	0	0
Moorabool S	43,863	5,476,075	4,308,135	1,272,586	270,311
Mornington Peninsula	2,323	647,889	1,305,360	680,558	1,824,642
Mount Alexander S	7,169	4,679,422	2,527,227	768,676	136,997
Moyne S	75,992	15,085,398	9,697,119	1,136,911	389,277
Murrindindi S	42,030	4,258,012	3,903,637	391,271	334,309
Nillumbik S	0	688,216	3,177,818	283,126	307,819
Northern Grampians S	323,210	13,768,048	3,037,821	12,611	13,046
Port Phillip C	0	0	0	0	0
Pyrenees S	26,150	8,554,517	3,698,642	787,648	0
Queenscliffe B	0	0	0	0	0
South Gippsland S	0	11,559,729	8,688,840	1,052,844	550,422
Southern Grampians	200,273	15,168,543	1,650,754	1,566,560	47,118
Stonnington C	0	0	0	0	0
Strathbogie S	112,804	8,700,502	3,660,895	140,678	59,522
Surf Coast S	40,135	3,498,864	2,878,133	854,020	1,060,451
Swan Hill RC	881,749	7,452,030	4,144,129	290,079	139,653
Towong S	6,898	6,955,292	3,419,066	0	0
Wangaratta RC	42,266	6,795,200	3,534,393	698,848	296,443
Warrnambool C	5,486	201,948	442,652	133,350	216,968
Wellington S	0	9,280,842	13,898,094	4,560,638	1,718,644
West Wimmera S	379,667	13,540,587	1,788,537	13,715	0
Whitehorse C	0	0	0	0	0
Whittlesea C	6,771	25,742	1,800,143	320,110	353,389
Wodonga C	0	395,371	1,104,238	26,118	98,906
Wyndham C	22,468	305,377	668,726	23,754	770,379
Yarra C	0	0	0	0	0
Yarra Ranges S	3,780	1,028,068	11,202,061	1,986,633	2,001,330
Yarriambiack S	1,992,195	11,075,757	1,337,275	0	0
	13,378,424	378,492,529	224,108,634	43,822,591	25,720,975

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	Bridges		Total Network Costs (\$)	Local Roads Grant (uncapped) (\$)	Local Roads Grant Total (\$)
	Timber (sq. m)	Concrete (sq. m)			
Macedon Ranges S	95,894	1,017,791	17,039,584	3,290,877	3,285,603
Manningham C	0	99,936	5,994,532	1,157,732	1,155,876
Mansfield S	22,800	908,064	7,103,181	1,371,847	1,369,648
Maribyrnong C	0	54,720	4,386,316	847,135	845,777
Maroondah C	0	53,136	5,737,370	1,108,066	1,106,290
Melbourne C	0	1,480,320	5,278,163	1,019,379	1,017,745
Melton C	0	1,620,864	22,129,664	4,273,931	4,172,541
Merri-bek C	0	128,689	6,779,981	1,309,427	1,307,328
Mildura RC	0	86,400	30,297,083	5,851,315	5,841,938
Mitchell S	132,084	1,265,539	15,483,118	2,990,275	2,985,483
Moira S	136,560	1,479,600	28,490,888	5,502,483	5,493,664
Monash C	0	37,440	8,936,969	1,726,009	1,723,242
Moonee Valley C	0	168,912	5,127,000	990,184	988,597
Moorabool S	0	1,240,272	14,532,911	2,806,760	2,802,262
Mornington Peninsula S	0	84,960	18,255,016	3,525,615	3,519,965
Mount Alexander S	262,004	1,810,345	12,656,828	2,444,430	2,440,512
Moyne S	152,899	1,788,048	30,397,930	5,870,792	5,861,384
Murrindindi S	305,520	1,711,152	12,333,088	2,381,906	2,378,088
Nillumbik S	122,676	574,786	8,446,300	1,631,245	1,628,631
Northern Grampians S	0	2,546,928	21,086,830	4,072,527	4,066,001
Port Phillip C	78,720	130,320	3,093,929	597,535	596,577
Pyrenees S	0	1,652,976	15,537,479	3,000,774	2,995,965
Queenscliffe B	0	0	428,783	82,811	82,679
South Gippsland S	72,480	2,063,376	27,228,987	5,258,770	5,250,343
Southern Grampians S	119,520	1,320,192	22,361,829	4,318,769	4,311,848
Stonnington C	168,240	190,944	3,290,820	635,560	634,542
Strathbogie S	370,666	2,259,854	16,387,046	3,164,852	3,159,780
Surf Coast S	17,520	279,504	12,051,140	2,327,453	2,323,723
Swan Hill RC	0	165,744	14,923,836	2,882,260	3,202,369
Towong S	95,280	1,687,248	13,033,931	2,517,260	2,513,226
Wangaratta RC	184,320	3,643,920	17,426,403	3,365,584	3,360,190
Warrnambool C	4,320	666,144	5,345,758	1,032,433	1,030,779
Wellington S	20,880	3,243,384	35,030,328	6,765,453	6,754,611
West Wimmera S	3,840	246,960	16,865,970	3,257,347	3,252,127
Whitehorse C	6,000	124,704	7,920,157	1,529,630	1,527,179
Whittlesea C	0	3,876,624	20,343,282	3,928,925	3,673,354
Wodonga C	0	563,904	6,696,674	1,293,337	1,291,265
Wyndham C	0	814,176	21,569,368	4,165,720	4,159,044
Yarra C	0	0	2,932,461	566,350	565,442
Yarra Ranges S	388,800	472,752	24,028,354	4,640,627	4,633,191
Yarriambiack S	0	102,384	15,533,775	3,000,058	2,995,251
	5,679,809	81,548,273	1,175,819,506	227,087,565	227,087,565

F. Data Sources

Climate

The climate cost modifier recognises that certain climatic conditions have an adverse impact on road durability and increase the costs to affected councils of asset preservation. The climate index identifies the length of urban and rural roads that fall within the five climatic zones utilised by Standards Australia to produce an average climate rating for both rural and urban roads within each municipality. These ratings are then spread across index ranges, the larger being for rural roads to reflect the relatively greater influence of climate on such surfaces.

The Commission has developed a climate index by identifying the length of urban and rural roads that fall within the five climatic zones utilised by Standards Australia to produce an average climate rating for both rural and urban roads within each municipality.

Freight

The freight cost modifier recognises that local roads in some municipalities carry relatively high volumes of heavy vehicles compared to others, which impacts on the cost of asset preservation. A freight loading ratio has been calculated for each municipality, based on the level of employment in freight-intensive industries within that municipality. The cost modifier index infers that a higher level of employment in such industries will see relatively higher levels of freight carriage on their local roads network, leading to more rapid road surface deterioration and relatively higher road maintenance costs.

The Commission has constructed a freight cost modifier index that utilises employment data from the *Census 2021* to identify industries assessed as being more freight-intensive. This index is derived of total employment in these industries relative to the total resident population within the municipality.

Census 2021 - Employment, Income and Education, LGA (POW) by INDP – 1 Digit Level, Employment by Industry, downloaded Census TableBuilder, March 2023.

<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/tablebuilder>

Materials

The cost of maintaining local roads can be impacted by the local availability of suitable pavement materials. The materials availability index has identifies the distance between the nearest quarry location containing high quality road making material and the council headquarters. All metropolitan councils have had their indexes set at the minimum value, reflecting the availability of materials from a variety of sources.

The Commission has constructed a materials availability index by determining the distance between the nearest quarry location and the council headquarters.

Strategic Routes

The strategic route cost modifier recognises that certain local roads must be maintained to a higher standard than would normally be the case because of certain characteristics or functions they perform. For all road categories, local roads that are tram or bus routes, including school bus routes, are considered to be strategic routes. In addition, rural local roads that carry less than 100 vehicles a day, but carry at least 10 trucks, or carry less than 100 but more than 50 vehicles per day and are in steep terrain or irrigated areas, are considered strategic routes requiring higher annual levels of expenditure.

Details on strategic routes are provided to the Commission by individual councils as part of their annual questionnaire.

Sub-grades

The performance life of road pavements is affected by seasonal swelling and shrinkage of the sub-grade, which accelerates the deterioration of the pavement and adds to asset preservation costs. In Victoria, this is a particular issue in areas with expansive clay sub-grades, which occur predominantly in the western suburbs of Melbourne and western Victoria. The Commission has identified the total length of urban and rural roads in each of the eight sub-grade categories utilised by Standards Australia and constructed an index reflecting the relative road maintenance costs associated with having lengths of road built on relatively reactive soils.

The Commission has developed a sub-grades index by identifying the total length of urban and rural roads in each municipality built on each of the eight sub-grade categories.