

Budget

2020/2021



REGIONAL COUNCIL

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The Lockyer Valley is a unique and attractive region and one that appeals to so many, for many reasons. The Lockyer Valley balances the opportunities that arise from our fertile and productive land with the affordable lifestyle that stems from our ideal location between several major urban centres. The Lockyer Valley is a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Council is pleased to present the 2020-2021 Budget which we believe will stand Council and the community in good stead both now and into the future.

Council has maintained a strong focus on financial and operational sustainability over the past four years and this Budget is a continuation of that focus and commitment.

The COVID-19 global pandemic has undoubtedly had a significant impact on local businesses, in all parts of Australia and the world. This year's Budget responds to the impact of COVID-19 and balances community expectations with financial sustainability.

I am proud to say we aimed for a zero-per cent rate rise this year and have delivered on that, while still delivering on and improving our core services.

To achieve this balance, we continue to implement the outcomes of an Organisational Effectiveness Review. This review was based on consultation with staff and identified efficiencies and improvements to be made throughout our organisation.

We will continue to review our operations and costs, because we are committed to ensuring our ratepayers get increasing value for money from Council.

The 2020-2021 Budget includes an Operating Revenue of \$58.80M, of which Rates contribute approximately two-thirds (68 per cent) and an Operating Expenditure of \$56.74M. This is in addition to a \$19.2M Capital Program and a surplus of \$2.057M, which allows for the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic. We'll also be paying down another \$1.59M in debt reducing the outstanding debt to \$19.94M.

This balanced and responsible Budget is clearly focused on providing our 42,000 residents and more than 3000 businesses the foundation on which to plan with confidence while enjoying our present facilities, services and opportunities.

This year, thanks to funding assistance from the Australian Government, we have committed \$1.6M to commence Stage 1 of the much-anticipated Fairways Park in the Hatton Vale-Kensington Grove area. This is the first completely new regional-level park, and the first time we've engaged the community in the design process.

This year we have set aside \$830,000 for the detailed business case and lobbying to bring new water into the Lockyer Valley. The long-term viability of our horticultural sector – and the many direct and indirect jobs it creates – depends on the availability of water.

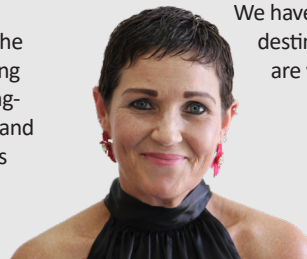
This Budget is about the whole community. A strong farming sector creates employment and requires suppliers and services to support that, which creates even more jobs.

Council has retained its rating concessions for pensioners and for ratepayers who pay their General Rates and Waste and Recycling Charges in full by the due date. We also have a range of hardship measures in place ratepayers can discuss with us.

The Emergency Preparedness Levy has remained the same, as has the Resilient Rivers Levy and Environment Levy. Waste Collection Charges and Waste Management Charges also remain unchanged.

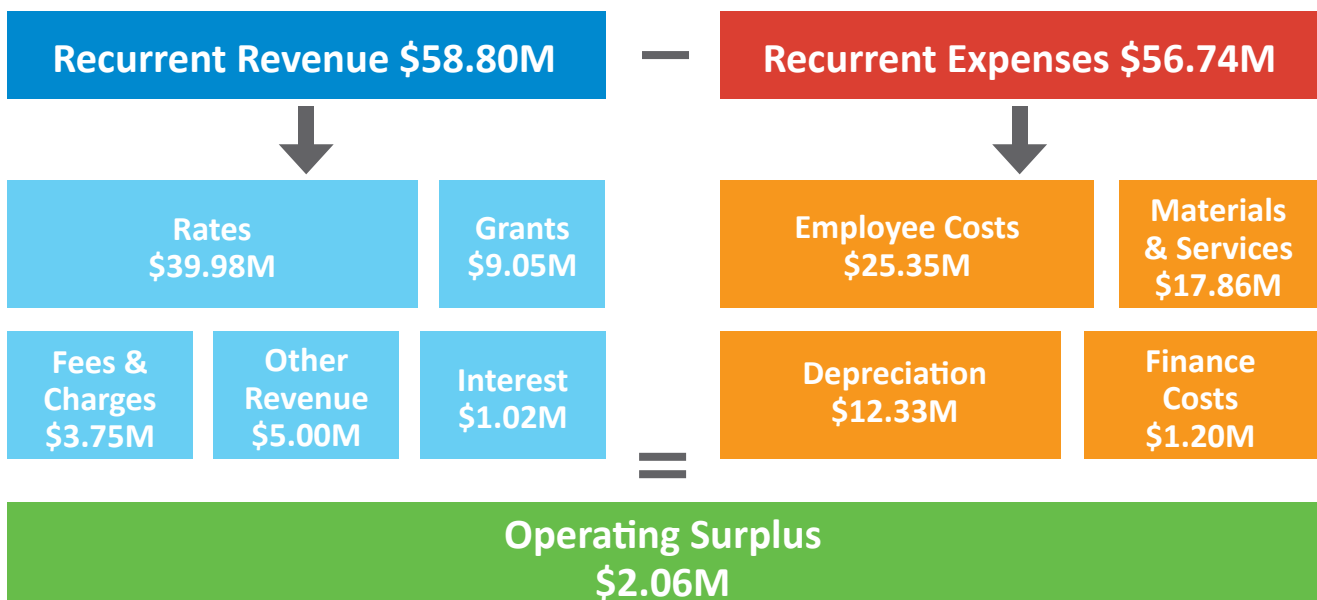
Collectively, each Councillor has worked to ensure the region is set to flourish and prosper, and I am confident this budget allows that to happen. I extend my thanks to my fellow Councillors, the Executive Leadership Team and Council staff for their part in ensuring the Lockyer Valley will continue to flourish. This Budget will improve our ability to take up the right opportunities that present themselves in the coming years.

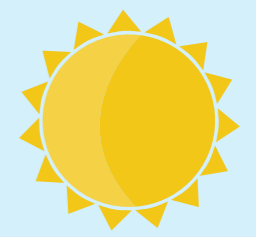
We haven't arrived at our final destination just yet, but we are well on the way!



Cr Tanya Milligan

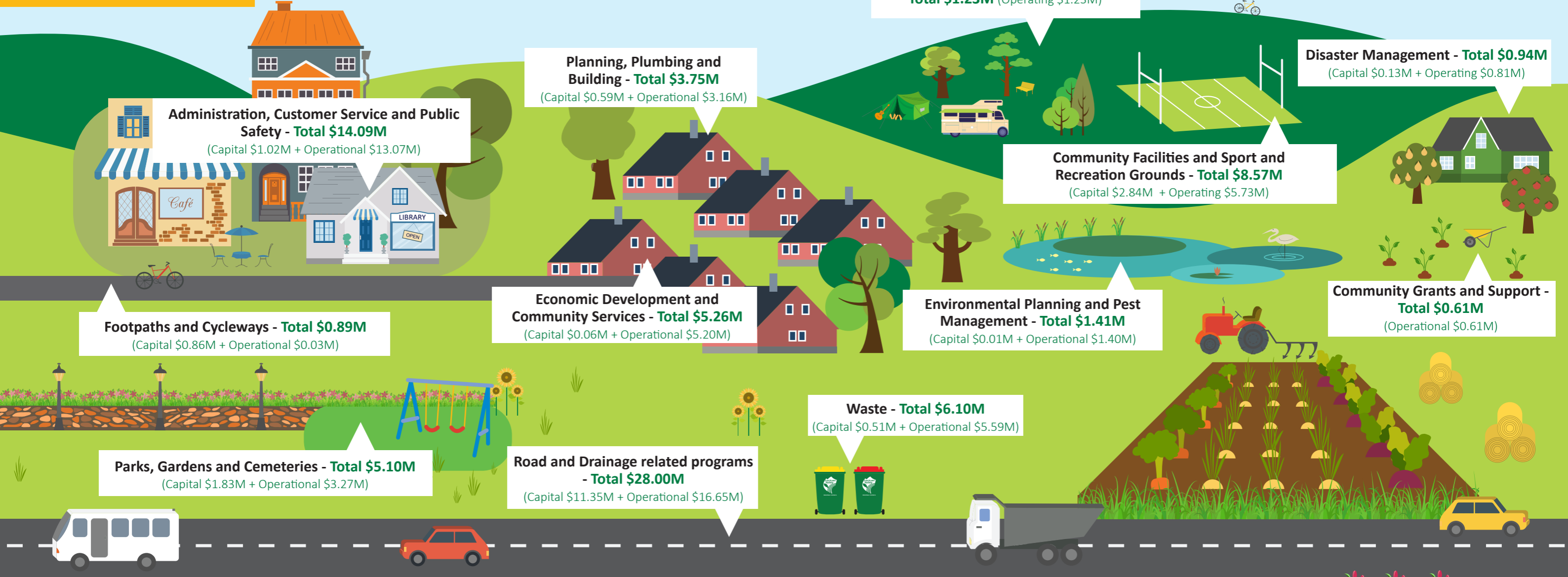
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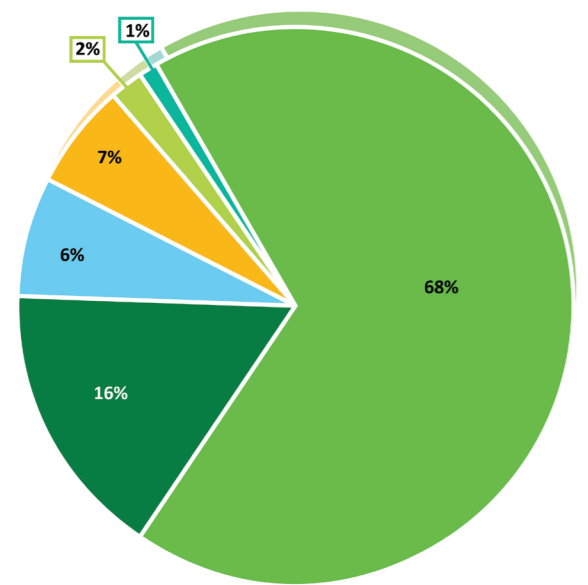


These plans describe the type of region the community aspires to live in and the priority actions required to move towards those aspirations.

LVRC BUDGET AT A GLANCE

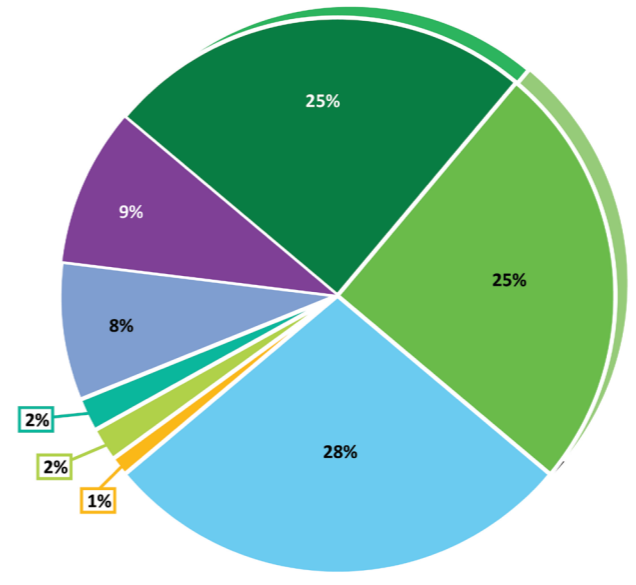


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Recurrent Revenue
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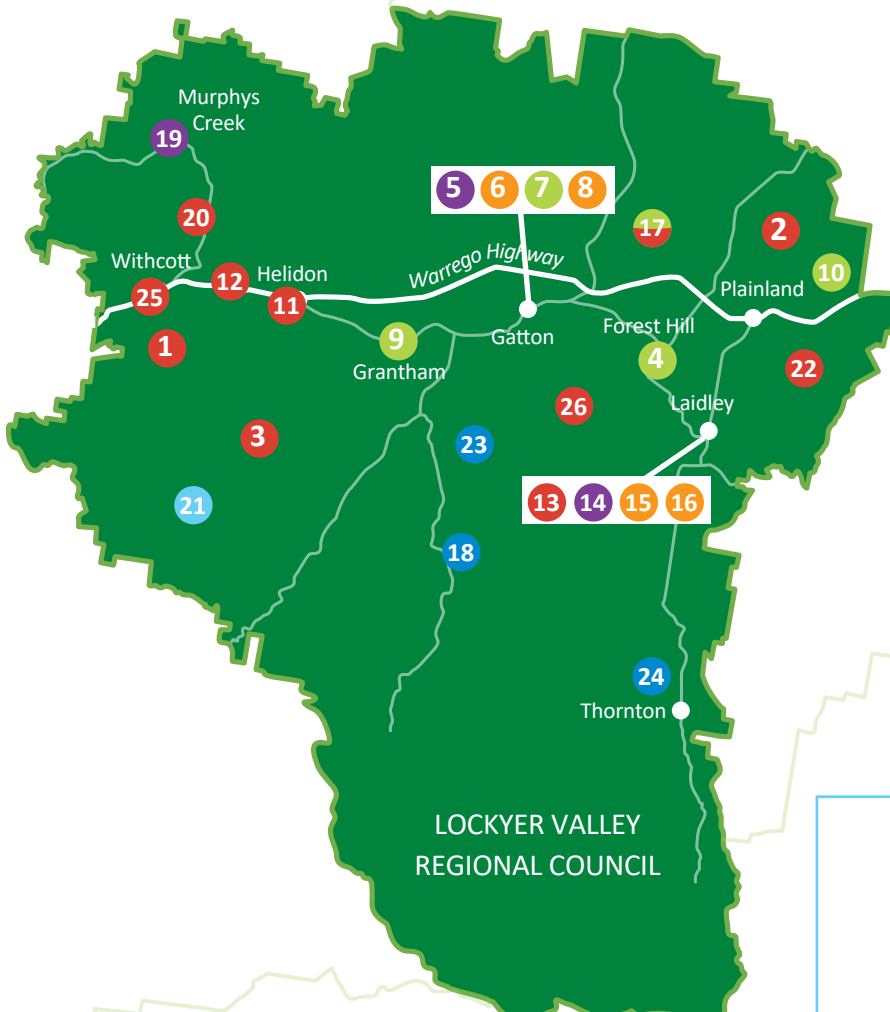
Net Rates and Utility Charges	39.98M	68%
Grants and Subsidies	9.05M	16%
Fees and Charges	3.75M	6%
Other recurrent income	4.20M	7%
Interest received	1.02M	2%
Sales - contract and recoverable works	0.80M	1%



Recurrent Expenditure - \$56.74M
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Civil Operations and Assets	15.66M	28%
Community Facilities/Parks/Waste	14.51M	25%
Administration	14.08M	25%
Economic Development and Community	4.98M	9%
Planning, Environment and Regulatory Services	4.46M	8%
Commercial Enterprises	1.07M	2%
Plumbing and Building	1.16M	2%
Disaster Management	0.81M	1%

Capital Works HIGHLIGHTS



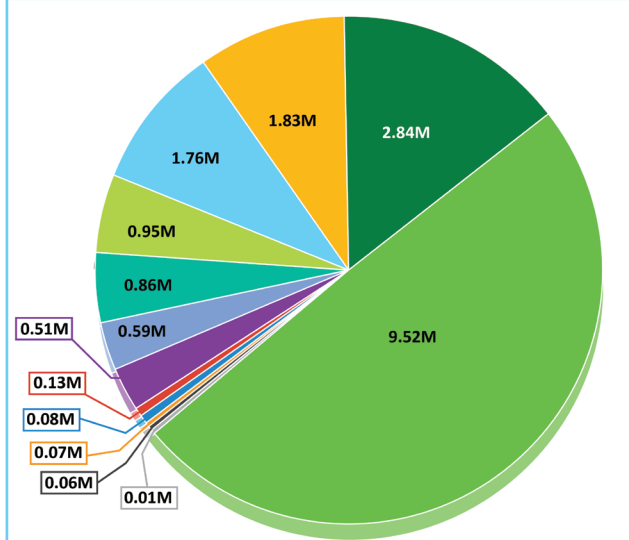
LEGEND

- PARK WORKS
- ROAD RELATED WORKS
- FOOTPATHS
- FACILITIES
- BRIDGE
- FLOOD MODELLING SYSTEMS

REGION-WIDE PROJECTS

- CCTV UPGRADES - \$90,000
- BUSINESS SYSTEMS TO SUPPORT CUSTOMER SERVICE - \$746,200
- VARIOUS MACHINERY INCL HEAVY VEHICLES - \$1,870,850

1. **BLANCHVIEW** - Spa Water Road (Black Spot Funded) \$60,000
2. **BRIGHTVIEW** - Capital Renewal \$360,000
3. **FLAGSTONE CREEK** - Capital Renewal \$560,000
4. **FOREST HILL** - Skatepark repairs \$20,000
5. **GATTON** - Footpaths \$169,000
6. **GATTON** - Showgrounds and Equestrian Centre Improvements \$286,100
7. **GATTON** - Park and Playground Improvement \$80,100
8. **GATTON** - Shire Hall Upgrades \$1,399,652
9. **GRANTHAM** - Bugler Park Shade Sail \$18,500
10. **HATTON VALE / Kensington Grove** - Fairways Park Stage 1 and adjacent Footpaths \$1,890,000
11. **HELIDON** - Capital Renewal and Upgrades \$100,000
12. **HELIDON SPA** - Road Upgrades \$270,000
13. **LAIDLEY** - Capital Renewal and Upgrades including Roads and Drainage, LED lighting \$222,000
14. **LAIDLEY** - Footpath Upgrades \$175,250
15. **LAIDLEY** - Laidley Saleyards Upgrades \$84,000
16. **LAIDLEY** - Laidley Cultural Centre Refurbishment \$117,000
17. **LAKE CLARENDON** - Roadworks and Park Amenities Refurbishment \$300,500
18. **MT SYLVIA** - Flood Warning System Upgrade \$50,000
19. **MURPHYS CREEK** - New Footpaths \$200,000
20. **POSTMANS RIDGE** - Capital Renewal \$800,000
21. **STOCKYARD CREEK** - Bridge Renewal \$218,000
22. **SUMMERHOLM** - Capital Renewal \$262,500
23. **TENTHILL** - WaterRIDE Flood Modelling Updates \$55,000 **shared with Grantham*
24. **THORNTON** - Flood Modelling Updates \$50,000
25. **WITHCOTT** - Roads and Park Upgrades \$1,025,600
26. **WOODLANDS** - Capital Renewal \$363,000



Capital Expenditure - \$19.20M
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- Road, Drainage and Bridges 9.52M
- Facilities 2.84M
- Fleet 1.83M
- Parks and Open Spaces 1.76M
- Information Technology 0.95M
- Footpaths and Cycleways 0.86M
- Strategic Planning 0.59
- Transfer Stations and Land Fill 0.51M
- Disaster Management 0.13M
- Pest Management 0.13M
- Property Management 0.08M
- Cemeteries 0.07M
- Regional Development 0.06M
- Management 0.01M