

How Your Rates Are Set and Spent

Beautiful parks, reserves and waterways, thriving towns, market and events – and some seriously good wine and food. All this is on our doorstep in Strathbogie Shire – it’s why our region is such a great place to live.

Wherever you look, you’ll see your rates at work to make Strathbogie Shire a better place to live now and into the future.

What your rates are paying for?

The 2020-21 Strathbogie Shire Council Draft Budget outlines the projects we will be working on.

This includes \$9.9 Million investment in community infrastructure to deliver improvements right across our municipality.

(Just a few) recently completed projects

Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pavement rehabilitation on the Nagambie-Locksley and Euroa-Strathbogie Rds Avenel Pre-School Development
Sport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nagambie Bowls Club’s new synthetic green Loddings Lane Boat Ramp
Open space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memorial oval exercise stations Balmattum Hill track drainage improvements
Recycling and waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated signage at all transfer stations Community education program

What are my rates used for?

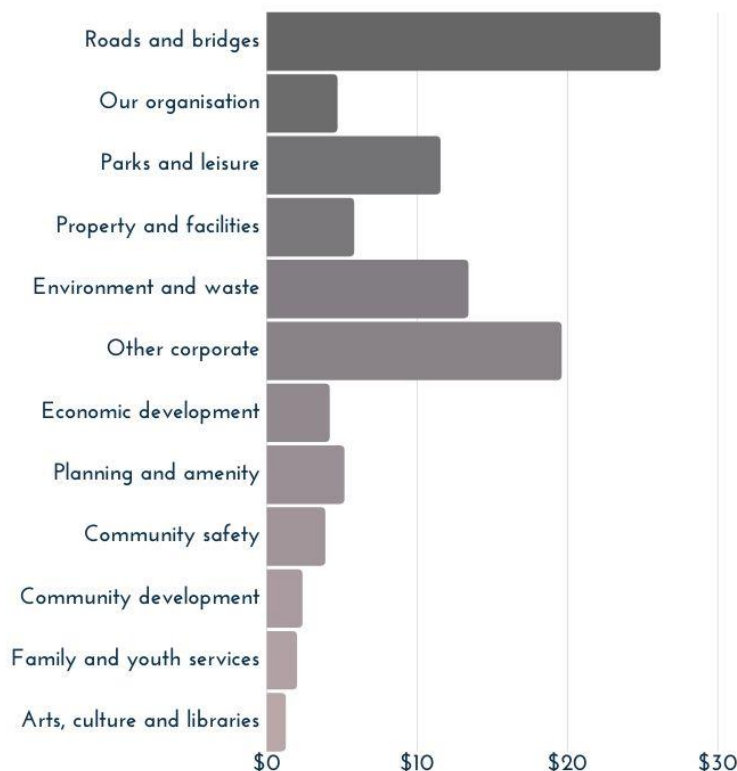
How every \$100 is spent on our major service categories.

Turn over the page for more impressive statistics on our shire.

YOUR RATES AT WORK

For every \$100 we spend it towards:

Did you know? Strathbogie Shire maintains 2204km of roads, 520 bridges and culverts and more than 200 public buildings.

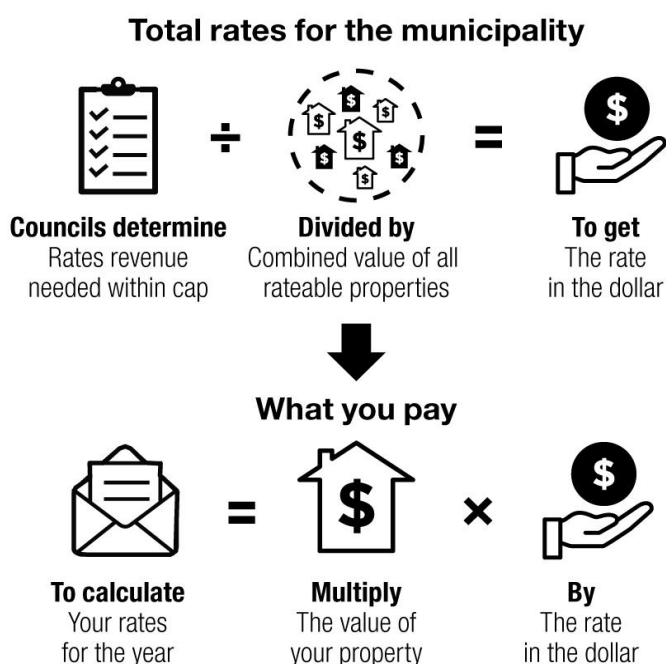


How are the rates set?

Each council takes the total rate revenue to be collected and divides it by the total value of all properties in its municipality to calculate the rate in the dollar.

This ensures councils do not receive more money when property values rise. The rate in the dollar is then multiplied by the market value of each property to ensure each ratepayer contributes a fair share.

The diagram below outlines how rates are set.



What do the valuations on my notice mean?

Capital Improved Value (property and land) and Site Value (land only) are separate valuations and not added together.

Capital Improved Value: CIV is the total market value of the property including land and all improvements.

Site Value (SV): SV is the value of the land only (assuming vacant land with no buildings). These valuations may be used by other authorities for the purpose of a rate or tax.

Net Annual Value: NAV is relevant for non-residential properties, commercial, tenanted or investment properties. NAV for residential properties is about five per cent of the capital improved value.

What is rate capping?

Rate capping is a limit set by Victorian Government on how much Councils can increase rates each year.

The rate is set for 2020/21 is two per cent. Your rates may have increased by less or more than two per cent, dependent on your valuation in comparison to the rest of Strathbogie.

What is the Waste Service contribution charge?

This is a compulsory charge for dwellings within townships and by application for other properties that have requested these services and where they are available. The charges are shown on your rate notice as a separate levy to rates.

These service charges are set each year by Council to cover the cost of collecting and disposing of garbage, recycling and organic material within defined collection areas in the Shire. Fun fact: Our Council has one of the highest diversion rates from landfill with more than 70 per cent of waste being diverted into organics and recycling reprocessing.

What do I get for my Waste Service fee?

Council offers its residents a weekly organic waste (food and garden waste) collection service and a fortnightly landfill waste (rubbish) and recycling collection service. For properties that receive a waste collection service you must have all three bins.

These bins remain the property of Council and must remain at the property address they are allocated to. If your bin is broken, damaged or stolen please email us at

info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au or phone us on 1800 065 993 and we can replace it for you.

What is the Fire Services Levy?

As part of your rates, we collect the Fire Services Levy on behalf of the Victorian State Government. You can learn more at the State Revenue Office [website](#).

Am I eligible for a pensioner concession?

If you live in a Strathbogie property and hold one of the below eligible concession cards, then you can apply for a rebate. The total for 2019/2020 was \$285.15.

Eligible concession cards

The address on your card must match the address listed on your rates notice.

- Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) issued by the Australia Government, Department of Health and Human Services (formerly Centrelink)
- Pension Concession Card (PCC) issued by the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA)
- DVA Gold Repatriation Health Card – Totally and Permanently Incapacitated (TPI)
- DVA Gold Repatriation Health Card – For all conditions – War Widow / Widower (WW)

Ineligible concession cards

- Health Care Card issued by Australia Government, Department of Health and Human Services (formerly Centrelink)
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card issued by Australia Government, Department of Health and Human Services (formerly Centrelink)
- Victorian Seniors Card

Can I object to my rate/valuation?

If you have queries or concerns regarding your rates calculations, we encourage you to phone us on 1800 065 993 or email info@strathbogrie.vic.gov.au.

Why are my rates different to in other municipalities?

Different municipalities require different levels of funding for services. Find out more about how we compare to other regions at [Know Your Council](#).

DID YOU KNOW?



Strathbogrie Shire has some impressive statistics

520

Bridges and culverts.

2204KM OF ROADS

1469km unsealed
735km sealed

405

Buildings and structures

26 PLAYGROUNDS
11 SPORTS GROUNDS
42 HARD COURTS & BOWLING GREENS

13

community halls

400SQM
garden beds

14.8KM
walking tracks

8 PUBLIC TOILETS

4 AQUATIC CENTRES
4 KINDERGARTENS
4 MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH CENTRES
4 SENIOR CITIZEN'S CLUBS
7 TRANSFER STATIONS
15,207 STREET TREES