



GREATER SHEPPARTON CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET DEVELOPMENT
CONSULTATION
CONVERSATION REPORT
2026-2027



Introduction

Council prepares an Annual Budget to guide how resources are allocated to deliver essential services and infrastructure for our community. This budgeting process ensures that investment decisions align with the strategic objectives set out in the Council Plan and reflect the evolving needs and priorities of our community.

Purpose

The Conversation Report is prepared alongside the 2026/2027 Budget Document to close the loop with community members who provided feedback during the budget consultation period held from 24 October 2025 to 21 November 2025. Its purpose is to ensure transparency by presenting a demographic overview of who we heard from, including their locality and representation across specific community groups.

The report summarises the feedback received, highlights what has been incorporated into the budget, and identifies where these items can be found in the published 2026/2027 Adopted Budget Document. It also outlines how feedback not included in the current budget has been considered, explaining the reasons for exclusions and how these items may be addressed in future planning and budget cycles.

Council's Budget Process



24 October to 21 November 2025

2026/2027 Budget Community Consultation

The community are invited to provide feedback and put forward their priorities for consideration in the 2026/2027 Budget.



9 December 2025

2026/2027 Budget Consultation Community Presentations

Community members who wished to present their feedback to Council were given the opportunity to do so.



January to April 2026

Detailed development of the 2026/2027 Budget

Council Officers, Executive and Councillors work together to develop the 2026/2027 Budget including operating and capital budgets.



May 2026

2026/2027 Budget considered for adoption

2026/2027 Budget Consultation Conversation Report Released

Provides the outcomes of the feedback received during the community consultation.



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Budget Community Consultation Process

As part of the Annual Budget preparation, Council undertakes community consultation in accordance with the [Community Engagement Policy](#). This process provides community members with an opportunity to share their priorities, ideas, and concerns.

The feedback received through this engagement is then considered by Council and used to inform the development of the budget.

Promotion

To improve the visibility of the consultation process within the community, Council officers created a communication plan.

The plan used various methods to promote the Budget Development Consultation, ensuring inclusivity and accessibility to provide the community with maximum opportunities to contribute. The methods included:

Method	Description
Media Release	Issued pre-consultation press release
Council's Website	Provided regular updates on Council's website
Social Media posts	Used paid and boosted posts for wider reach
Internal Awareness	Posted on Intranet for staff awareness
Advertising	Ran Shepparton News and Shepparton Adviser ads across multiple dates
Billboards	Used Maude Street billboards for public information
Radio	Ran radio ads to promote budget consultation
Flyers	Distributed to community groups, sporting clubs and local organisations

Method of Engagement

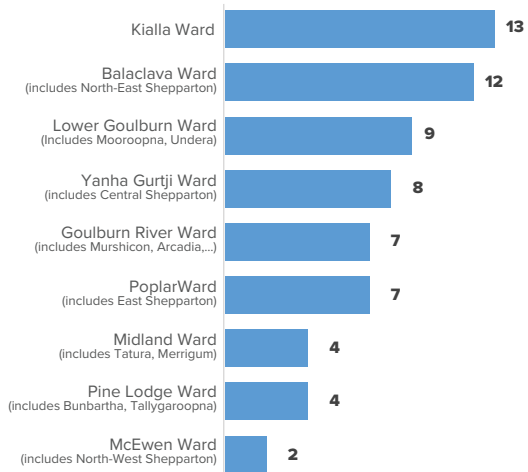
The 2026/2027 Budget Development Community Consultation was conducted from 24 October 2025 to 21 November 2025. Community members were invited to provide feedback through the Shaping Greater Shepp website, which included survey questions designed to understand the priorities the community believes Council should focus on when developing the 2026/2027 Budget. Additional feedback was also received via email and post.

In total, Council received 71 items of feedback — 66 submissions through the Shaping Greater Shepp platform and 5 submissions via email or post.

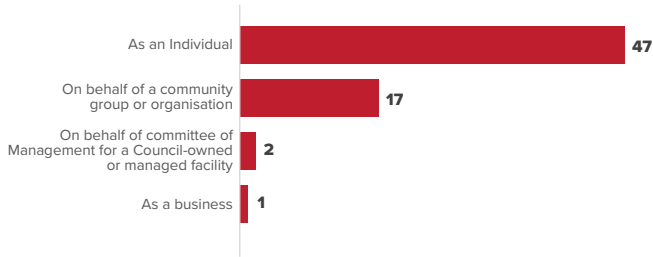
As part of the consultation process, 23 community members also presented their feedback directly to Councillors during in person briefings held on 9 December 2025.



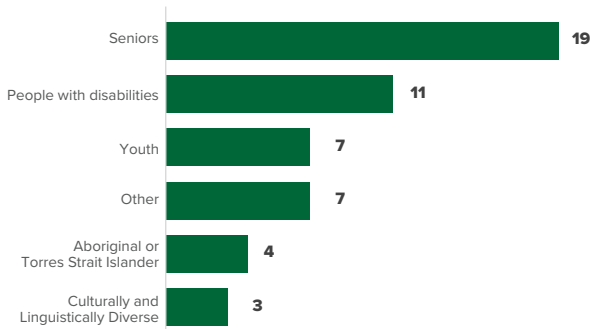
Who did we hear from?



Type of Feedback



Specific Community Groups



Alignment with the Adopted Budget

The 2026/2027 Budget has been developed with regard to the [Council Plan 2025-2029](#), [Greater Shepparton City Council Financial Plan](#), and the [Greater Shepparton City Council Asset Plan 2022-2032](#). These strategic plans, along with other supporting strategies and community feedback, provide a comprehensive framework that guides our budgetary decisions.

The feedback outcomes section details how the community feedback has been integrated into the budget, ensuring the final document reflects the need and priorities of our community.

Feedback Outcome

Key Themes

Common themes that emerged related to:

- Capital Works, including upgrades, renewals, expansion and new projects
- Council's Operational Services
- Council's Advocacy



Theme 1: Capital Works

Community feedback strongly emphasised the importance of capital works, highlighting the need for upgrades, renewals, expansion and new projects. A total of 43 distinct topics were identified, demonstrating the community's diverse range of priorities.

Council assessed all feedback in alignment with the [Council Plan 2025-2029](#), the [Greater Shepparton City Council Financial Plan](#), and [Greater Shepparton City Council Asset Plan 2022-2032](#). This process ensures responsible management and long-term sustainability of community assets. [The Asset Plan 2022-2032](#) provides a strategic and financial outlook for asset management over the next decade, establishing key priorities and addressing all aspects of asset lifecycle management to support the community's evolving needs.

Below is a summary of how key themes from community feedback have been incorporated into the 2026/2027 Budget and Capital Works Program. For more detail on what is included in the 2026/2027 Capital Works Program, refer to section 4.5 of the 2026/2027 Budget Document.

Capital - Recreational, Leisure and Community Facilities

Feedback received confirmed the community's desire for Council to allocate budget to recreational, leisure and community facilities. Specific feedback was received in relation to the following assets:

- Upgrade to Mooroopna Lawn Tennis Courts
- Aquamoves Upgrades
- Tatura Soccer Club – Lighting for Howley Oval 2
- Basketball Courts
- Splash Park at Victoria Park Lake
- Shepparton Football Netball Club- Harold Street Carpark & Ticket Box
- Princess Park Events Pavilion – Furniture Funding

Council prioritises the renewal and upgrade of capital works in alignment with the [Council Plan 2025-2029](#) and [Greater Shepparton City Council Asset Plan 2022-2032](#). This ensures that the community assets are well maintained and suitably meet current and future needs of the community. The 2026/2027 Capital Works Program allocates \$0.88 million for Recreational, Leisure and Community Facilities. Notable projects include the Aquamoves Upgrades, Hard Court Renewal, and Indoor Sports Facilities, Mooroopna & Tatura Rural Outdoor Pool base Repainting, Our Sporting Future Grants – Major, Sports Field Lighting and infrastructure Renewal.

Council is scheduled to review the 2020 Aquamoves Masterplan in 2026 to assess current facility requirements and priorities. The 2026/27 Budget funds an accessible pool hoist and gym equipment renewal. At this stage, Council does not intend to construct a splash park at Victoria Park Lake, and no plans are currently in place to progress this project.

Six Mooroopna Lawn Tennis Courts have been identified for renewal based on condition assessments and are included in the 2026/27 program. Council will continue consulting on the Deakin Reserve Future Plan. The Harold Street carpark concept design is complete but uncostered, and no funding is recommended for 2026/27.

The Council is progressing works for the Princess Park Community Pavilion and has included 4.5 million allocated in 2025/26 capital work program. No funding is recommended for furniture or additional amenities under the current master plan.

Council acknowledges the feedback regarding lighting upgrades at Tatura Howley Oval. Given the priorities identified in the Tatura Park Masterplan, the 2026/2027 Budget does not include funding for lighting upgrades at this facility. However, the budget does allocate funding for other capital projects within the Tatura community, including the renewal of the Tatura Pool filtration system and repainting of the Tatura Rural Outdoor Pool base.

Council recognises youth recreation SPOTs as a priority for smaller towns and remains committed to delivering facilities within available resources. The Mooroopna Bike Jump Park is included in the 10 Year Capital Works Plan while external funding opportunities continue to be pursued.

The 2026/27 Budget also funds a 3 point basketball court at Canterbury Park and a drinking fountain at the Riviera Estate Youth SPOT. Works at Mooroopna Stadium continue to focus on insurance driven reinstatement

Capital – Buildings

Several items of feedback highlighted the need for building upgrades to ensure facilities are fit for purpose, with a particular focus on:

- Restoration of Shepparton Heritage Centre
- Neighbourhood House - Murchison Facility
- Purchase of Shepparton Scout Hall
- Restoration of Historic Red Brick Post Office Clock
- Shepparton Men's Shed Relocation
- Mooroopna Football Netball Club – Northern Stand Extension
- Toilet facilities at SUFNC – Deakin Reserve

The 2026/2027 Capital Works Program allocates \$5.66 million to Buildings, including the Building Renewals Program, Public Toilet Replacement Program, Riverlinks Eastbank upgrades, Tatura Park Events and Equestrian Centre works, and restoration of the Heritage Centre's Historic Cottage.

Council acknowledges the request for a Neighbourhood House facility in Murchison, which was endorsed at the November 2025 Council Meeting. Relevant teams are progressing implementation planning and assessing financial implications. Council working with the Shepparton Men's Shed to explore alternative options, noting limited suitable land and potential DFFH grant opportunities.

Refurbishment of SUFNC rooms at Deakin Reserve is scheduled in the 2026/27 Building Maintenance Renewal Program, including lift renewal at the Shepparton United Clubrooms. In addition, a budget allocation of \$50,000 has been included for the Mooroopna Football Netball Club to support the design and construction of retaining walls and a tiered flat standing spectator area. The budget also includes upgrades to change rooms at Central Park Recreation Reserve, underground investigation and design for Wilson Hall, and HVAC replacement at the Welsford Street Council Offices.

Council currently investigating the possibility of acquisition of Shepparton Scout Hall and further due diligence is underway before a formal position is presented. The request to restore the historic Red Brick Post Office Clock is not aligned with the Economic Development Strategy 2025–2029 or the Council Plan.

Capital – Roads and Bridges

Council received feedback highlighting the importance for road and bridge maintenance. Specific areas highlighted included:

- Road repairs
- Archer Street/Channel Road Intersection Upgrade
- Hayes Street roundabout – Safety concern
- Regent Street – Traffic slowing measures

Roads are maintained in alignment with the Council's Road Management Plan, which outlines how Council will inspect, maintain and repair the road network including roadside grass and tree maintenance.

The 2026/2027 Budget allocates \$27.96 million to Roads, including the Road Sealing Program (partially funded through Roads to Recovery), Gravel Resheeting, Kerb and Channel Renewals, and upgrades to the Numurkah Road / Hawkins Street and Kialla West Primary School intersections. Works at the Goulburn Valley Highway intersection linked to the Uptown development are also funded.

The 2026/27 Road Renewal budget prioritises traffic management and island renewals to enhance safety and infrastructure durability. Strategic allocations are driven by technical assessments, ensuring resources target high-priority improvements. Audits have recently been conducted on Regent Street and no additional permanent traffic calming measures are recommended. Similarly, evaluations of the Hayes Street roundabout found no safety deficiencies, requiring no further capital funding.

Council acknowledges the feedback on Archer Street/Channel Road intersections upgrade and will be part of a future subdivision within the growth corridor with works-in-kind by developer and Street-lighting improvements will be considered when intersection upgrade proceeds.

Council is collaborating with Victoria Police to implement signage targeting safety and anti-social behaviour. Following a traffic engineer's assessment, Graham Street pedestrian lightings has been adjusted. Additionally, areas surrounding GV Health will be inspected and maintained under the Road Management Plan (RMP).

Bridge maintenance follows an annual review process. The 2026/2027 Budget includes \$240k for various renewal works as identified in condition data collected in accordance with the standards and guidelines of VicRoads.

Capital – Footpaths and Cycleway

Council received feedback relating to expansion and creation of new footpaths and shared paths. Key topics highlighted include:

- Wren Street Footpath
- Goulburn River Trail
- Victoria Park Lake Walking Path
- Seven Creeks Drive
- Raftery Road – Seven Creeks Drive
- Settler Drive – Botanic Gardens

The 2026/2027 budget includes \$4.57 million for footpaths and cycleways. Notable projects include the South Growth Corridor, which incorporates the Ganges Shared Path - Stage 3, and the Strategic Cycling Corridor from Victoria Lake to Shepparton Railway Station, which is partially funded by the State Government's Community Support Package. Additionally, the 2026/2027 budget includes footpath renewals, Accessible Parking and Pedestrian Facilities Program with works planned for McLennan Street Mooroopna, Robinson Street Murchison and Douglas Street Tatura.

The Path Connectivity Program guides the development and accessibility of the regional network. Currently, an asphalt shared path provides continuous connection along Seven Creeks Drive, Raftery Road, and Settler Drive, partially addressing missing links toward the Botanic Gardens.

Currently, no upgrades to concrete are planned for the Victoria Park Lake walking path, as the existing concrete loop already provides a hard surface option. The Goulburn River Trail currently has no approved business case and is not included in the 10 year Capital Works Program. Additionally, Council will continue to review its cycling strategy, incorporating bike and walking paths into future updates for potential inclusion in the Path Connectivity Program and budget considerations with Wren Street footpath (Railway line to Rutherford Rd intersection) is included in the 10-year capital works program, scheduled for delivery in 2029/2030.

Capital – Parks, Open Space and Streetscapes

Community feedback has highlighted the need for Council to allocate budget for Parks, Open Space, and Streetscapes. Key topics highlighted include:

- McLennan Street Landscaping Blocks 5, 7 and 3, Block 5
- Nature Play Parks
- Water Refill Stations
- Tatura Park Playground extension
- Mooroopna Playground renewals
- Playground Shade installation
- Tatura Robert Mactier VC Memorial Gardens
- Off-Leash dog park in Mooroopna

The 2026/2027 Budget includes an allocation of \$541k for Parks, Open Space and Streetscapes and \$559k for Fixtures, Fittings, and Furniture capital works. Notable projects include Irrigation Renewal Program which includes Turf works at Monash Park, Mooroopna Recreation Reserve, Civic Centre (includes Eastbank & Council Offices). Additionally, Playground and Border Renewals program budget of \$272K, which includes works for Pine Lodge Reserve, Rodney Park Reserve, Heathmont Park, Larsen Reserve, Billingham Park and softfall at various playground locations. Additionally, the budget includes funds for the Parks Renewals, aimed at rejuvenating turf areas, mulch and borders within parks across the municipality including CBD lighting.

Council received feedback regarding the upgrade of playgrounds across municipality noting requests at Mooroopna, Tatura including request for Nature Play Parks. The 2026/2027 Budget does not include allocation for upgrades to playgrounds at these sites, as the current playgrounds meet the classifications within Council's adopted [Play Space Strategy 2020-2030](#). This provides guidelines that Council follows to determine the play space requirements for parks throughout the municipality, necessary renewals based on the classification of the park. The Botanic Gardens and SAM precincts considered suitable alternative for Nature-based Play experience.

Council acknowledges feedback regarding shade provision across local playgrounds. Installation of new shade sails is guided by the 10 Year Shade Sail Program, which prioritises locations based on utilisation, existing shade levels and site conditions. For 2026/27 \$167k is allocated for Playground Shade Sails program where Council has budgeted shade sail installations at John McEwen Reserve Netball and Soccer Playgrounds, Heathmont Park Westview Mooroopna, Craigmuir Lake Park Mooroopna and Tallygaroopna Recreation Reserve. Smythe Reserve has been assessed as a low priority within the program and currently sits outside the 10 year plan.

Council will continue to work with the Tatura community to explore options for the Robert Mactier VC Memorial Gardens. However, due to the extent of contamination at the site, Council is unable to deliver the requested works.

Council also acknowledges requests for an off-leash dog park in Mooroopna. Year 4 of the four year capital budget includes funding for a new off-leash dog park, and this project is being considered as part of future planning for the redevelopment of the former Mooroopna Harness Racing Club site, including opportunities for external funding. McLennan Street Landscaping Blocks 5,7, 3 and block 5 are scheduled for delivery in 2028/2029 with cost review currently underway.

Capital – Other Infrastructures

Council received feedback relating to other infrastructure such as:

- Heritage signage at Victoria Park Lake
- Victorian Bus & Coach Museum – Enhance MOVE
- Increase Events Funding – Floor Matting
- Shepparton Airport – Master Plan
- Improvement in Broader CBD amenities

The 2026/2027 Budget includes \$784,000 for other infrastructure, which includes Guard rail on Major Culverts & Road Bridges, completing minor renewal at the Shepparton saleyard, and design of Public Address (PA) system at Shepparton Showgrounds. Additionally, the budget includes Street Trees with planting new trees within nature strips to achieve Urban Forest Strategy.

Council continues to operate and maintain the Shepparton Airport within the existing operational budget, and collaborate with Aerodrome User Groups on long-term vision before considering any future capital investment in accordance with the [Shepparton–Mooroopna 2050 Growth Plan](#).

The request for installation of heritage signage at Victoria Park Lake has been included with an allocation of \$30,000 funding. Council were requested to increase the event funding to purchase floor matting for outdoor events in order to improve mobility, safety and participation for those with mobility restrictions. Council already have some accessible flooring for events and therefore the additional purchase is not recommended at this stage.

Council will continue to collaborate with the Community groups on MOVE redevelopment, and no further funding is recommended at this stage, noting previous budget allocations supported initial redevelopment works.

Council acknowledges the feedback regarding CBD improvements, particularly the request to address surfacing in Maude Street Mall. This work is scheduled through planned resurfacing in 2026/2027. Park furniture receives annual linseed oil treatment, with future renewals transitioning to aluminium or recycled plastic seating. Council will also undertake condition assessments and plant renewal along Wyndham and High Streets, where significant new greenery has already been added through gardens, trees and planter boxes. A broader CBD Strategy is currently being developed under the Economic Development Strategy, with community feedback on food zones, shopfronts, greenery, planter boxes and footpath beautification will form part of the document.



Theme 2: Council's Operational Service

Council received feedback highlighting a common theme regarding its operations. A total of 10 topics were identified, proposals and comments related to:

Topic	Respondent's Feedback
Rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rates are high • Lower rates for business • Reduce annual charges for Kensington Gardens Lifestyle Villages
Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal for hard rubbish collection and tip vouchers • Prioritise the Circular Economy Strategy • Stronger enforcement against illegal dumping
Environmental Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability prioritised across upcoming Council budget. • Maintain and enhance existing green spaces. • Improve watering to reduce new plant losses. • Protect bushland and rivers for resilience. • Develop river usage plan with key infrastructure
Emergency Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding to strengthen community emergency and disaster preparedness • Continued funding and development of the "First 72 Hours" resilience project • Concern about reduced resources as flood-recovery funding concludes
Proposal for an inclusive Regional pop culture event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal for an inclusive regional pop culture event engaging young people through cosplay, gaming, creativity, and community connection
Community Scholarship – Fairley Leadership Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request Council to establish annual Community Scholarship to support local resident participation in the Fairley Leadership Program.
Community Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request inclusion of Mooroopna CBD in Council's CCTV rollout
Reinstate Meals on Wheels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request to reinstate Meals on Wheels Services to support ageing population
Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposals to have 2 hour free parking in the CBD • Proposals to allocate longer parking time for shoppers • Proposal to expand parking spaces • Proposal to have dedicated parking areas for Motorhomes and Caravans

The Council remains dedicated to continuously evaluating its services to ensure alignment with the evolving needs of the community. By regularly reviewing internal operations, the Council strives to optimise resource allocation and deliver services with maximum efficiency and effectiveness. This commitment is reflected through comprehensive service planning, rigorous budget assessments, fostering a culture of continuous improvement, and systematically revising strategies, policies, and procedure

The following summary outlines how the community feedback regarding Council's Operations has been addressed in the 2026/2027 Budget.

Council's Operations: Rates

Council's ongoing financial sustainability is vital for ensuring the continued delivery of services and effective management of local infrastructure. Rates make up 64% of Council's budgeted revenue and are essential for funding services and infrastructure that benefit the entire community. Council is committed to balancing service needs with the financial impact on residents. Council rates are set in compliance with the rate cap set out by the Minister for Local Government.

Given the current economic constraints, there is a heightened expectation for Council to respond to financial hardships. Council understands the impact paying rates and charges may have on some members of the community and offers payment plans where needed. Council also has a [Financial Hardship Policy](#), to assist those ratepayers experiencing difficulty making payment.

Additionally, Council has introduced easy and secure online payment options through *Payble* and details can be found here [How to pay](#).

The Council adopted [Revenue and Rating Plan 2025-2029](#) in June 2025 Council meeting along with Community Panel and two surveys summary through conversation report [Consultation Conversation Report - Revenue and Rating Plan 2025-2029](#) which outline key revenue streams and establish the methodology for determining rates. As a major source of funding, rates play a critical role in ensuring the Council's ability to deliver essential services that meet the needs of the community.

Council's Operations: Waste Services

Council continues to review and improve its waste services to ensure they remain reliable, effective, sustainable and affordable for the community

Council's current Waste management is guided by the Policy, which was developed in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020 and aligns with the State Government's Recycling Victoria: a new economy policy reforms. These frameworks support Council's long term objective of reducing waste to landfill and improving resource recovery.

In response to community feedback regarding the introduction of a hard waste collection service, Council had endorsed the rollout of a new hard waste collection services from the 2026-2027 financial year. Following a thorough and robust evaluation of Council's recent procurement process to introduce a municipal hard waste collection service, it was determined the procurement outcome did not achieve the competitive tendering requirements needed to award a long-term hard waste collection contract. As a result, the current procurement process has been formally abandoned, with the objective to commence the service in the 2027/28 financial year.

Council continues to deliver a comprehensive [Council's Waste Education Program](#), which supports households to reduce waste, improve recycling habits and minimise materials sent to landfill. Information and resources are available on Council's website. Alongside education, Council is working collaboratively with relevant authorities to strengthen responses to illegal dumping across the municipality. This includes monitoring, enforcement, and targeted interventions in areas where dumping occurs more frequently.

Council's Operations: Environmental & Emergency Management

Council continues to deliver key responsibilities under the State Emergency Management Plan, including flood mitigation and alignment with state-wide priorities. Council also chairs the Greater Shepparton Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee, which oversees the [Municipal Emergency Management Plan](#) 2024-2027 and its associated sub plans. This plan links local planning with regional and state frameworks, and community members can access the [GBCMA Flood Intelligence Portal](#) Flood Intelligence Portal to better understand local flood risks. Sub plans include the Municipal Flood Emergency Plan, Fire Management Strategy and Heatwave Plan.

Council is pursuing Disaster Ready Fund and other grant opportunities to support ongoing preparedness activities, consistent with the Emergency Management and Resilience Business Plan. Funding continues for the "First 72 Hours" campaign, which will build on flood recovery work to deliver enduring preparedness materials, with additional resources allocated for ongoing promotion. Efforts are also underway to seek funding for upgrades to Neighbourhood Safer Places and Bushfire Places of Last Resort signage.

Alongside emergency management, Council remains committed to environmental resilience through indigenous planting, sustainable urban water design and partnerships such as RiverConnect. A new RiverConnect masterplan is in development and is expected to address many of the themes raised through community feedback, with improved river access already identified as a priority. Council also continues to collaborate with state agencies and industry groups to support long term farm sustainability through workshops and advocacy actions outlined in the Our Climate Safe Future plan

Council's Operations: Community Development

Council continues to support the development of strong, connected and resilient communities across Greater Shepparton. This includes the delivery of community grants that assist local initiatives aimed at improving facilities, social connection, arts and culture, health and wellbeing, heritage, public events and overall liveability, in line with the [Council Plan 2025-2029](#).

Regarding the community member's proposal for a regional pop culture event to engage young people through creativity, gaming and community connection, funding options are currently being explored through the VicHealth Community Wellbeing Fund as a potential source to support a youth focused initiative under [Youth Development](#) program. In addition, the Community Major Events Grants Program may provide up to \$5,000 to assist with delivery. Information on available grant programs is accessible on [Council's](#) website.

Regarding the request for Council to establish an annual community scholarship to support residents to participate into Fairley Leadership Program. Council supports community leaders through the annual [Community Leadership Program](#) now in its 13th year, this program supports 20 emerging community leaders to build the personal and professional skills needed to lead with confidence. Given the existing investment in leadership development, additional funding is not recommended. In addition, Council also delivers a program of capacity building sessions throughout the year that responds to emerging needs and enhance communities' ability to lead, empower, govern and advocate.

The [Safer City Camera Project](#) Policy is reviewed biannually to identify improvements to ongoing operations and management. Regarding the request to include Mooroopna CBD in future CCTV expansion, the Safer City Camera Project Review (undertaken with Victoria Police) found that a portable camera would offer greater flexibility for deployment across locations, hotspots and events. Planned works in the Federation precinct may also support future expansion through fixed wireless cameras and a potential mobile unit, with any proposal to be developed in consultation with Victoria Police in line with the existing MOU.

Council's Operations: Building, Planning and Compliance

Greater Shepparton provides a range of parking options to meet the needs of visitors, workers and residents, including on street parking and both private and public off-street carparks. Parking in the Central Business District is managed in line with the adopted [Car Parking Strategy](#), which provides timed spaces to support convenient access to shops, retailers and essential services.

As outlined in Section 3.21 of the Shepparton CBD: [Car Parking Strategy](#), the CBD has 2,830 parking spaces, with 41% dedicated to short-term on-street parking (30 minutes to two hours) and 28% allocated to long-term off-street parking (three hours or more). Additional free all-day parking is available outside the commercial area.

To support the strategy's objectives, including the adoption of smart parking technologies, parking systems are currently being reviewed to enhance the overall user experience. Accessible Parking Permits are also available through an application process, with further information provided on Council's website: [Accessible Parking Permits](#).

As part of its commitment to supporting the community, Council offers free parking in its off-street carparks and complementary parking during December and January each year.





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on Kakadu Drive

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Theme 3: Council's Advocacy

Council received feedback requesting advocacy on Public Transport Connectivity including the below improvement requests:

- Intersection upgrade & Relocation of Bus stop at River Road West GV Highway
- Bus Stop at Strayleaves Caravan Park Highway and Union Road Intersection
- Bus route extension to Shelby Court to access newly relocated Medical Centre

Council will advocate for feedback that align with its strategic goals as outlined in the [Council Plan 2025-2029](#).

What's next

The 2026/2027 Budget was adopted by Council at the May 2026 Ordinary Council meeting. The Budget document can be viewed on Council's website <https://greaterShepparton.com.au/>.



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