

DAREBIN'S DRAFT ANNUAL BUDGET AND FINANCIAL OUTLOOK 2026-27 TO 2029-30



It's budget time again and we're focused on delivering year two of our 4-Year Council Plan, building on the progress already underway.

We've developed the budget to balance current community needs with future priorities, while maintaining long-term financial sustainability.

Council's budget continues to deliver important services for our community. At the same time, like many households, we are managing rising costs and tighter financial conditions, which are impacting what our budget can deliver.

We're prioritising essential services and the infrastructure our community relies on, while carefully reviewing priorities and exploring new ways to support services into the future.

Each year, we present our Draft Annual Budget, Annual Action Plan and other key documents to the community and invite your feedback.

View the Draft Annual Budget 2026-27 and supporting documents and share your feedback at yoursay.darebin.vic.gov.au/budget2026-27 or at a Customer Service Location.

Have your say until 27 May!

Key budget figures



Expected income:
\$235.10 million



Expected expenses:
\$245.6 million



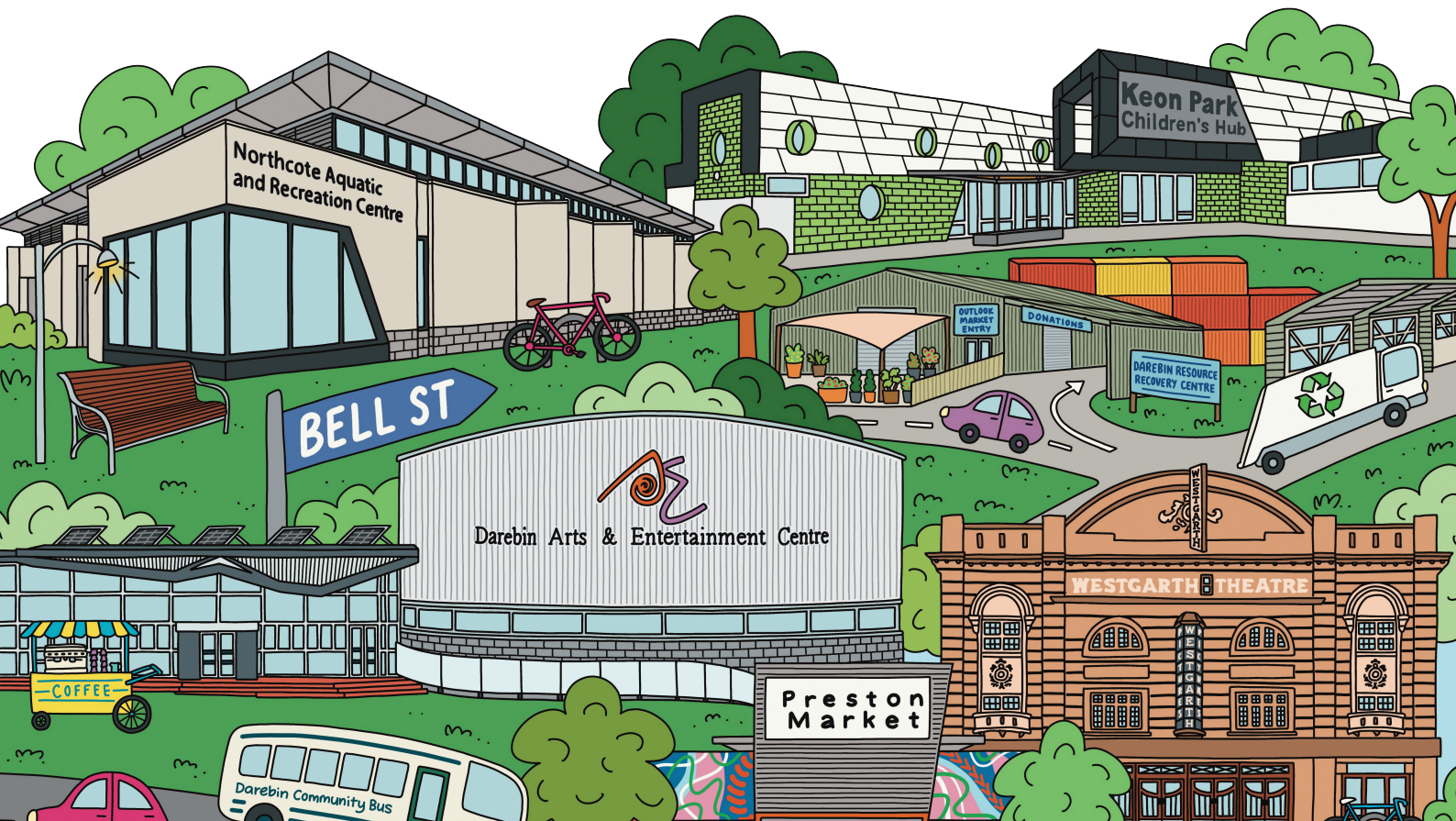
Expected deficit:
\$10.5 million deficit



Building and infrastructure renewal and improvements:
\$27.1 million



Rates:
2.75% increase
(cap set by the State Government, limiting how much councils can increase rates each year.)



Our budget supports the delivery of Our Darebin Plan by investing in the six shared priorities that matter most to our community:

Aboriginal Culture and Knowledge



Equity, Diversity and Inclusion



Health and Wellbeing



Climate Leadership and Response



Vibrant Places and Economy



Decision-making, Engagement and Transparency



A large part of the budget is invested in maintaining and renewing the infrastructure that supports daily life - helping keep our community safe, connected and running smoothly. Here's what's planned for 2026-27:

Land and buildings



Plant and equipment



Bridges



Road network



Footpaths and cycleways



Recreation and leisure facilities



Drainage network



Parks and open space



Other infrastructure



What this budget delivers- the essential services and everyday work that support our community:

50,000+ tonnes of waste collected

130+ playgrounds maintained

27,500+ community meals delivered

280+ free Get Active sessions held

21,500 immunisations provided

1,000,000+ library books borrowed



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