



## **YOUR RATES EXPLAINED**

### **Why do I pay rates?**

Rates and charges assist in providing a range of services, including road construction and maintenance, recreation and community facilities, libraries, swimming pools, parks and gardens, children and family services, waste management services, town planning, community safety services, environmental health, economic development and tourism, communications and customer services.

Rates are a property-based tax, not a direct user charge for services received. Councils have a responsibility to provide access to services and infrastructure for the public benefit of all. The choice not to use particular Council services or infrastructure does not remove the obligation on all property owners to pay a fair share of rates.

### **What is a Municipal Charge?**

Like many other councils, Murrindindi Shire Council issues a Municipal Charge.

The Municipal Charge is a fixed cost paid equally by all ratepayers. It is used to help distribute the cost of rates, which would otherwise be collected in the form of rates attached to the value of the property.

The Municipal Charge for the 2020/21 rating year is \$341.00.

### **What are waste service charges?**

Waste service charges (kerbside garbage and recycling collection) are applied to all properties with a habitable dwelling which are located within a compulsory waste charge zone.

Compulsory waste charge zones follow similar boundaries to most township zones. Waste service charges are calculated on a cost recovery basis.

For the 2020/21 rating year, the kerbside garbage charge is \$391.20 and the recycling charge is \$119.60.

For more information, see the back page of your rates notice, visit our website at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/rates](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/rates) or give our Rates team a call on 5772 0333.

# COUNCIL SERVICES

## BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

**Infrastructure  
Maintenance**  
\$5,139,000



**Building  
Controls**  
\$414,000



**Recreation,  
Youth & Aquatic**  
\$537,000



**Waste  
Management  
& Recycling**  
\$3,348,000



**Community  
Safety**  
\$506,000



**Development  
Approvals  
(Planning)**  
\$959,000



**Children &  
Family Services**  
\$1,777,000



**Parks, Gardens  
& Open Spaces**  
\$1,569,000



**Business  
Development**  
\$221,000



**Tourism**  
\$805,000



**Environmental  
Management**  
\$254,000



**Customer  
Services**  
\$729,000



**Library  
Services**  
\$550,000



**Emergency  
Services**  
\$317,000



**Capital  
Works**  
\$11,682,000



**Business &  
Community  
Recovery  
(COVID-19)**  
\$500,000

