

COUNCIL SPENDING

ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL



Unique

each community is different and so are their needs



Budgets

range from \$11.7 million to \$660 million



Population

residents range from 3,000 to 300,000 people



Communities

may be young, old, established or developing; rural, urban or a mix

SPEND BY SERVICE CATEGORY

Service

Aged & disabled services	
Business & economic services	
Environment	
Family & community services	
Governance*	
Local roads & bridges	
Recreation & culture	
Traffic & street management	
Waste management	



Source: Victorian Grants Commission
 All Victorian council averages for 2016-17 & 2017-18
 See below for further explanation of governance services and spending trends

GOVERNANCE

*includes spending on public health & safety services

E.g. local laws, rangers & health inspectors; monitoring & compliance of State food safety, health & animal laws; pounds & livestock control; litter management; licensing & permits; maintenance of public buildings; natural disaster relief & restitution works; as well as council operations & general administration costs.

SPENDING TRENDS

Metro councils

spend more on traffic & streets, and business & economic services to balance community, business and developer needs

Interface councils

spend more on family & community services, and waste management due to high growth in population and new communities

Rural councils

spend more on roads due to long road lengths

COUNCIL FAST FACTS

85%

of the Victorian road network maintained

\$102B

of local community infrastructure and facilities maintained

100

local services and programs provided to communities

3.6%

total Australian tax revenue raised through council rates