

# Budgets

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### How would you allocate the City of Hobart's 2016/17 Operational Budget?

#### **PARKS, RESERVES AND RECREATION (including the Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre)**

Increase spending by 5%	26	35.14 %	
Maintain existing spending levels	38	51.35 %	
Reduce spending by 5%	10	13.51 %	

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Increase spending by 5%	23	31.51 %	
Maintain existing spending levels	29	39.73 %	
Reduce spending by 5%	21	28.77 %	

#### **CITY PLANNING**

Increase spending by 5%	20	27.40 %	
Maintain existing spending levels	37	50.68 %	
Reduce spending by 5%	16	21.92 %	

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, ARTS AND EVENTS**

Increase spending by 5%	18	24.66 %	
Maintain existing spending levels	25	34.25 %	
Reduce spending by 5%	30	41.10 %	




#### **CORPORATE OPERATIONS**

Increase spending by 5%	2	2.70 %	
Maintain existing spending levels	35	47.30 %	
Reduce spending by 5%	37	50.00 %	




#### **STRATEGIC PLANNING AND FINANCE**

Increase spending by 5%	5	6.76 %	
Maintain existing spending levels	33	44.59 %	
Reduce spending by 5%	36	48.65 %	




#### **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND ANIMAL MANAGEMENT**

Increase spending by 5%	10	13.51 %	
Maintain existing spending levels	43	58.11 %	
Reduce spending levels by 5%	21	28.38 %	




### **ROADS, FOOTPATHS AND STORMWATER AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE**

Increase spending levels by 5%	34	45.33 %	
Maintain existing spending levels	37	49.33 %	
Reduce spending by 5%	4	5.33 %	




### **WASTE AND RECYCLING**

Increase spending by 5%	23	31.08 %	
Maintain existing spending levels	45	60.81 %	
Reduce spending by 5%	6	8.11 %	

### **CITY CLEANSING**

Increase spending by 5%	13	17.33 %	
Maintain existing spending levels	47	62.67 %	
Reduce spending by 5%	15	20.00 %	

### **PARKING**

Increase spending by 5%	9	12.16 %	
Maintain existing spending levels	23	31.08 %	
Reduce spending by 5 %	42	56.76 %	

	Comments (includes data from unverified submissions)	Date
1	Put more money into developing the fantastic resources we have. put in an outdoor heated pool that could be used all year round. Stop paying public servants to reinvent the wheel. Stop trying to make money out of parking. Make parking free! It takes more money to keep all your rules viable than it is worth. Make Hobart a happy respectful city that is there for the people. Trust that they will pick up after themselves and their dogs. The more rules you make and the more programs to train people rather than to positively educate people the stupider than will become. Hobart at the moment is in danger of becoming a mean spirited place always after the money. MONA is a great example of build it and they will come. Hobart can also do this... But you cannot do it with the intention of making money.	21/03/2016
2	It is time HCC had a much tougher approach to its budget and do a "zero based" budgeting process. Make all programs justify why they are needed and/or make them make 5% cuts to costs across the board. Private sector companies have to do it all the time. Bring in a budget for once UNDER budget so that you effectively give ratepayers a "dividend" for the first time ever!. le their rates payment to decrease instead of increase. How well received that would be.	21/03/2016
3	Bike infrastructure to ease congestion. Too many single vehicle occupancy trips. Need to examine extending pedestrian only areas in CBD	21/03/2016
4	No capex/opex trade-offs - it would be good to understand the trade-offs between capital investment and recurrent expenditure.	21/03/2016
5	I love this mechanism for having a say.	22/03/2016
6	There has been a lot of advice lately about how glyphosate is now considered dangerous and probably carcinogenic. I believe there is a slightly more expensive but much more environmentally friendly option using steam. I would love it if HCC investigated this option. I happened to see the spraying one day and I was a bit horrified about how the use of deadly poisons sprayed all around our streets to control weeds is just taken so much for granted.	23/03/2016
7	Increasing the rates isn't always a bad thing. I would actually push that you do raise rates by about 2.5% over two years so that more spending can be put into upgrading the city's roads and making the city an even bigger draw card, especially in winter, for tourists by creating a new festival or large event that takes place through either June/July/August to keep tourism booming for all operators and hotels during these quieter months. Also something you could budget for is a new city loop transport system. Whether that is a free bus or even Monorail, a system to efficiently get from one side of the city to the other is needed. Hope some of these ideas help and are useful for Council.	25/03/2016
8	I think introducing some form of participatory budgeting is a good idea, so thank you for this initiative. If you haven't already done so, you might find it interesting to look at the Open Budget Initiative: for example, introducing a Citizen's Budget for Hobart could be a good option. I'm not sure from the information provided in the HCC budget papers that the Aldermen - and the public - have sufficient information available to them to make informed budgetary decisions. You could consider moving towards a modified form of program budgeting, with a greater level of data disaggregation at the sub-program level. Finally, some comparative data would be useful. Do you / the Aldermen know, for example, what other councils spend on corporate services and strategic planning? Thanks once again for taking this initiative - it helps make democracy a reality for local government.	25/03/2016
9	There needs to be better public transport! This wasn't an option to pick	26/03/2016
10	Don't settle for substandard NBN rollouts for those area's yet to be connected. The council can have a say in the technology choice of rollout. The last thing we need is to overspend on FTTN and then have to backflip and spend agaon on rolling out FTTP which is inevitable once the Aus Gov can admit it was a mistake to go with FTTN.	27/03/2016
11	Yes. Stop destroying what makes Hobart charming by letting ugly, big, inappropriate buildings being built. Also, no funding at all towards the stupid cable care on Mt Wellington Idea	27/03/2016
12	Please stop wasting funds on stupid things like the salamanca christmas tree.	28/03/2016
13	Thank-you for the opportunity to comment.	31/03/2016
14	No.	31/03/2016
15	I would prefer the HCC stick to the knitting and dramatically rein in tourism event spending in particular The Taste and zero expenditure on AFL it is not your role. I have no problem with tourism signage, toilets, small infrastructure however leave the special event operation & staging to others, repeat not your role!!	2/04/2016
16	Hi, can you provide more covered bbq sites at waterworks reserve and a safer footpath from the entrance of the reserve done waterworks road to link up to the existing bitumen footpath. Also can you develop a rose garden in St Davids Park using highly scented rose varieties and make a feature of this these will not be costly actions. The Hobart Rose Society can be involved with the last item.	2/04/2016
17	good work!	4/04/2016

18	I was surprised that increases services at the aquatic centre and for parking would cost money, rather than being self funding from those business activities.	5/04/2016
20	Invest more in bicycle infrastructure, planting trees and increase the community grant program.	5/04/2016
21	<p>This budget simulator's levers are too simplistic to be useful, and does not allow for individual programs/projects within an area to be managed/included. The way it is set out unless you keep all areas at "maintain" the budget will overspend i.e. the budget is set at the maintain level. I tried just increasing one area, which required me to decrease 3 other areas to bring it back to 'under budget'. I doubt you are going to get any useful information from this possibly very expensive communications exercise.</p> <p>It would be more useful to give us a list of all the projects ie. discretionary spend projects that you have on your capital improvements list for the year and get people to tell you which of these is more important. For example, I would like to see attention to improved pedestrian road infrastructure in West Hobart, to improve safety for crossing Hill St, Lansdowne Crescent and Arthur St.</p>	8/04/2016
22	I would like to see the intercity cycle way run all the way to Sandy Bay. It is currently a bottleneck at Princess Wharf.	8/04/2016
23	Reduce the bureaucracy.	9/04/2016
24	Shame that this only allows adjustments of 5%. Make the bureaucracy more efficient to reduce internal expenditure, enforce planning and animal-control regulations (stray cats and dogs etc), introduce green waste wheelie bin collections, stop expanding the range and operating times of parking meters (detering Sunday shopping etc)	11/04/2016
25	I hope more road lights in the area of Tolmans Hill as night traffic is busy with more residents now. It is dangerous that people travel in the night time in the area.	12/04/2016
26	You always have to increase areas to ensure facilities are more than just maintained. Good work Sue Hickey and Nick Heath and your respective teams.	16/04/2016
27	I understand the HCC has a large cash reserve. Should not this be used to finance various activities and not rely on a rate increase to finance extra expenditure. Has there been independent analysis of service provision by HCC? Are decisions made on the basis of "lobbying" or needs? It appears road lane and intersection marking is badly neglected, similarly, as an example, Ancanthe Park which has had little improvement/maintenance in thirty years. Also, locally in Lenah Valley so many vehicles are parked on footpaths being obstructive to walkers and damaging footpath surfaces. There is little response when phoning complaints. It seems patrols are mainly in Sandy Bay and CBD.	17/04/2016
28	<p>Obviously the options were limited - I would choose to balance the budget by increasing "ROADS, FOOTPATHS AND STORMWATER AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE" by about 2% rather than 5%. While the HCC is in general an excellent user of technology, I also think that there are fiscal efficiencies to be made in the corporate operations and strategic policy areas while retaining the same current budget. My experience with technology initiatives is that allocating large budgets to them doesn't tend to be as effective as finding the most relevant (small) things to do and evolving in those directions which are clearly of benefit, achievable now and of sufficiently limited scope to provide a short term return on investment (a few months rather than years). Critically reviewing the use of email and new electronic PO notices versus posted letters with the rise in the cost of letters is an example of where some low cost savings might arise. Moving to something like Google Docs or Office 365 (free services) for the Strategy areas (if not already using them) might also provide benefits, and so on.</p> <p>Generally the HCC team does a great job - keep up the good work.</p>	17/04/2016
29	<p>You do not need my e-mail address - you want it, but you haven't justified the requirement well enough. I would like my response to be anonymous. Any message from you will be unsolicited Spam.</p> <p>In short, I would like more spent on traditional Council activities (access roads, bridges &amp; paths; open space &amp; gardens; garbage and water/ sewerage etc and less on marketing and hoo-haa like community development, arts (e.g. get out of 'The Taste') and parking (we need more and cheaper parking - the City must have visitors - why would you charge them to visit ??)</p>	17/04/2016

30	<p>Until the roads are repaired and the infrastructure, which rate payers have paid for in the past, is brought up to a proper state of repair there should be absolutely no expenditure whatsoever on any other projects, programs or Gehl orientated projects. High time Council got down to its core functions of roads, drains and rubbish. In particular, putting roads back to their pre Gehl dimensions and removing the idiotic impediments to the free flow of motor traffic. As for planning, it might be more productive if Council planned for the 21st Century instead of producing planning designed to meet 19th Century Luddite needs with a CBD populated by foreign Uni students who eat spag bol or noodles bought from greasy spoon shops run by their compatriots who send the profits overseas. Not too mention the cancerous proliferation of tacky little boxes masquerading as 'apartments' being built in the CBD that will become the slums of the future - who wants to live cheek by jowl sharing cooking odours and domestic altercations...just lovely.</p> <p>The future means an increasingly ageing population retired from the work force who don't travel at peak hour...meaning less cars coming into the CBD. A smaller work force in the CBD meaning less workers coming into the CBD. A projected 50% of workers working from home meaning half the workers won't be coming into the CBD. Electric cars and charging points. A Ring Road just like the one that by-passes Copenhagen. The future means off grid services such as power, sewerage etc are replaced by electricity self sufficiency, composting toilets and on site water treatment all of which makes suburban development cheaper for Government.</p> <p>So stop wasting rate payers money planning and endeavouring to bring back a mythical past longed for by hair shirted, lycra clad Luddites. Budget for the 21st Century.</p>	18/04/2016
31	Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the HCC Operating Budget Challenge.	19/04/2016
32	I'd like to see more road funding allocated to expanding the bike network, particularly completing partially developed routes such as Argyle St and Campbell St as well as a contra-flow lane on Collins St between Elizabeth St and Murray St.	19/04/2016
33	Rates should go to parks, roads, garbage/recycling and planning. Leave community development/social issues to State Government and commercial/tourism/professional sport promotion to private enterprise.	21/04/2016
34	Investment in cycling reaps social, environmental and ECONOMIC benefits. Just ask New York city! Following visionary but controversial changes since 2000 which began with a Gehl architects plan there has been a 4 fold increase in ridership. Increasing cycling trips can save the city and state and nation money in many ways. Cycling infrastructure is cheaper than motorised traffic infrastructure, but done right can surely benefit both. Hobart needs to make it EASIER to cycle, SAFER to cycle, ENJOYABLE to cycle, COOL to cycle and RESPONSIBLE to cycle. Get serious about inner city cycling connectivity and circulation, and don't forget linking up with the safest bike routes of all, the offroad ones like bushland tracks. Hobart Rivulet track upgrade plans are a great start - keep it going! Thanks!	23/04/2016
35	The budget assumes that current functions are optimal. Some individual programs could be cut,( eg retail customer service awards; Hobart Art Prize) or funding sources changed to reduce costs to ratepayers. (eg Taste of Tasmania). I look forward to deeper consultation in the future.	23/04/2016
36	The categories within which I had to choose were broad. I need more information - e.g. the ability to access a more detailed breakdown of current expenditure items	29/04/2016
37	Please only engage with the community if you are intending to recognise and take appropriate action with the response. There is little point otherwise - it simply humiliates the council and exasperates the community.	1/05/2016
38	I have suggested increased spending on planning on the assumption that ICAP sits there. Increased spending may also encourage the council to meet the provisions (actual and intent) of the current and future planning scheme.	4/05/2016