

The Hon Shaun Leane MP Minister for Local Government

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PORTFOLIO

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

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Local Government Sector Snapshot



Engagement & Delivery



79 local councils in Victoria



50,000+ Victorians employed by local councils



100+ different Government services delivered to Victorian communities



\$4.17 billion to be spent by councils this year on capital works



\$10.02 billion to be spent this year by councils on services.

Grants Programs



Growing Suburbs Fund



Public Libraries Program



Roadside Weeds and Pests



Victorian Local Government Grants Commission



Municipal Emergency Resourcing Program

The Government supported Victorian councils to maintain their support for local communities through a range of **COVID response and recovery programs**



\$40m has been provided through the **COVIDSafe Outdoor Activation Program** to support councils to assist local businesses expand and operate in outdoor settings improving business viability and supporting community safety and confidence

More than 230 people have been employed by councils under the **Business Concierge and Hospitality Support Program** to promote COVIDSafe practices in local businesses

The Victorian Government has provided councils with over **380,000 rapid antigen tests** to ensure they are able to continue to deliver essential and critical services and support vulnerable community members

Support has been provided for councils to deliver **13,000 relief packages to vulnerable Victorians** undertaking isolation since 1 July 2021

GROWING SUBURBS FUND

\$50 million to
support growing
councils deliver
critical community
infrastructure



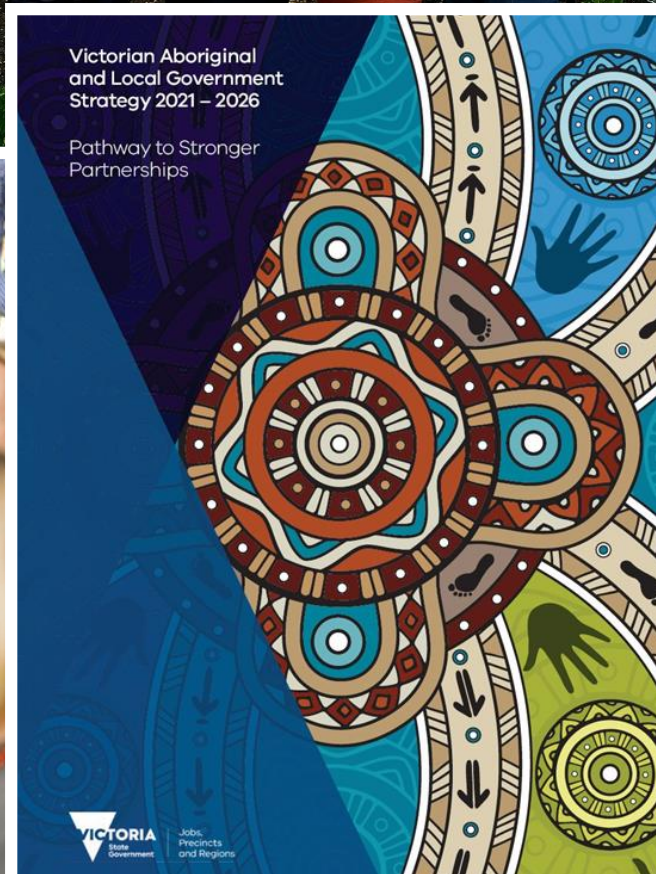
PUBLIC LIBRARIES FUNDING PROGRAM

An additional \$2.3 million in 2022-23, taking total funding for the year to \$48.1 million



VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT STRATEGY 2021-26

\$350,000 to support
implementation of the
Strategy



Local Government – Other Key Achievements 2021-22



- Carried out the **Local Government Culture Project** on building positive and inclusive cultures that support good governance in councils
- Launched the **Treasury Corporation Victoria Loans Framework** to provide councils with access to low-interest loans
- Supported rural councils through the **Rural Council Transformation Program**
- Progressed gender equality initiatives through the **Gender Equality Advisory Committee**



Thank you

