

The role of local government Fact Sheet



Regardless of the role Council performs, public trust is a key enabler for effective governance.

With the trust and support of the community, Council can go further to deliver fundamental services and innovative programs to facilitate the best possible outcomes for the community.

Moving beyond standard compliance measures and taking a proactive approach to accountability, transparency, and integrity demonstrates a commitment to improving engagement with the community.

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Responding to future challenges

Victoria's councils need to be equipped to deliver a range of services and infrastructure for the diverse communities they represent. Maintaining existing assets, developing new infrastructure and funding high-quality services are significant challenges facing Nillumbik into the future.

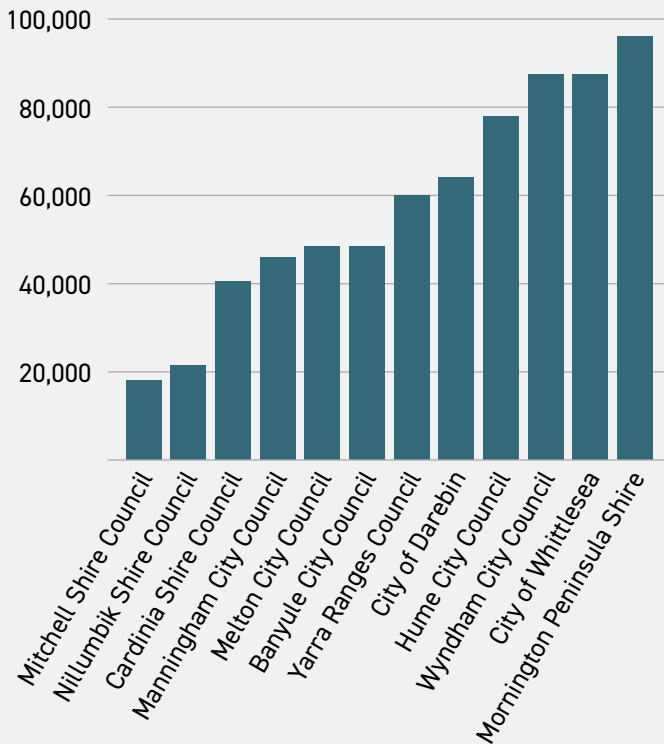
Councils have limited means to raise funds, and currently have their rates capped under State Government policies. Council's financial sustainability continues to require active management year-on-year.

Due to the lack of diversity in its rate-base, Nillumbik faces significant challenges in meeting the needs of the community, maintaining existing assets, and developing new infrastructure.

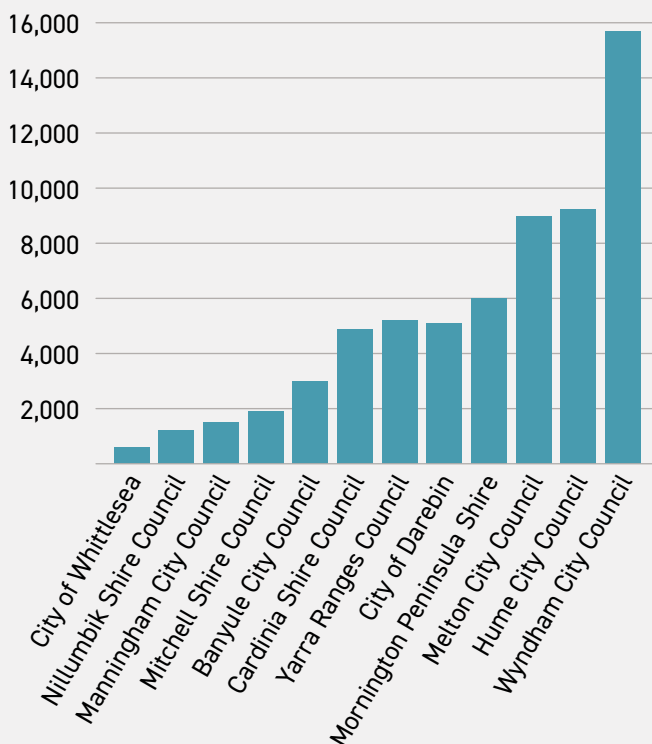
Compared to other municipalities, the revenue growth obtained from residential and non-residential sources is limited, as is the ability to grow these rate-bases.

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Residential Assessments 2019/2020



Non-residential Assessments 2019/2020



Local government in the future: what we can expect

Governments at all levels are under increasing pressure to decrease their spending despite increasing demand for varying services.

Council will need new forms of governance if it is to address challenges and realise emerging opportunities.

Local government in the future: what can we do?

Enhance community-led development, support local initiatives, and create opportunities for broad community participation.

Empower residents through participatory and deliberative democracy, including community boards, precinct committees, and cooperatives.

If you would like to attend a community pop-up or virtual information session please go to participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/our-future for more information.

Source

Nillumbik 2040: Towards a Community Vision for Nillumbik Background Paper (2020)
Nillumbik Shire Council.

Nillumbik Shire Council Community Profile 2020 (2021) ASDF Research and Nillumbik Shire Council.



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