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# Ararat Rural City

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## Profile

Ararat Rural City is a versatile primary production area famous for its premium viticulture and wine industry, quality merino wool, and cropping and manufacturing industries.

Ararat Rural City forms a 'gateway' to important tourism destinations such as the Grampians Ranges, Pyrenees Ranges, Mt Langi Ghiran, Mt Cole and Lake Bolac. Ararat (pop. 7,500) is the district retail hub.

Ararat is located 200 kilometres west of Melbourne on the Western Highway at the junction of several major highways.

Ararat is part of the Small Shire council grouping and can be compared with similar councils. More information on council groupings can be found [here](https://knowyourcouncil.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0009/29439/DOC-15-313642-Victorian-Local-Government-Comparator-Groups-2015-FINAL.pdf).

### Victoria in Future Profile

[Ararat - Victoria in Future 2016](http://www.planning.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0016/11086/Ararat_VIF_2016_One_Page_Profile_Output.pdf)

### Aboriginal Community Profile

[Ararat Aboriginal Community Profile (includes Aboriginal organisations)](http://www.maggolee.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/LGA-Profile-Final-Ararat.pdf)

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## Localities

Ararat, Armstrong, Ballyrogan, Bayindeen, Black Range, Bornes Hill, Buangor, Carranballac, Cathcart, Chatsworth, Crowlands, Denicull Creek, Dobie, Dunkeld, Dunneworthy, Elmhurst, Eversley, Glenlogie, Glenthompson, Great Western, Halls Gap, Lake Bolac, Langi Logan, Mafeking, Maroona, Middle Creek, Mininera, Mount Cole, Mount Cole Creek, Moyston, Narrapumelap South, Nerrin Nerrin, Norval, Pomonal, Pura Pura, Rhymney, Rocky Point, Rossbridge, Stavely, Stoneleigh, Streatham, Tatyoon, Warrak, Westmere, Wickliffe, Willaura, Woorndoo and Yalla-Y-Poora.

For a detailed map showing shire boundaries and locality names, visit [VICNAMES](http://maps.land.vic.gov.au/lassi/VicnamesUI.jsp).

## Community Satisfaction

[Ararat Rural City Council Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey Results](http://www.ararat.vic.gov.au/council/council-documents/community-satisfaction-survey)

## Annual Report

[Ararat Rural City Council Annual Report 2019/20](http://www.ararat.vic.gov.au/council/council-documents/annual-report)

## Elections

For further information regarding Local Government elections visit:

* [Local Government Victoria](http://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/council-governance/candidate-training)
* [Victorian Electoral Commission](http://www.vec.vic.gov.au/)

## Councillors

7 Councillors elected in October 2020.

Unsubdivided - Cr Gwenda Allgood

Unsubdivided - Cr Jo Armstrong - Mayor

Unsubdivided - Cr Peter Beales - Deputy Mayor

Unsubdivided - Cr Rob Armstrong

Unsubdivided - Cr Henry Burridge

Unsubdivided - Cr Bob Sanders

Unsubdivided - Cr William Waterston

## Population data

Estimated resident population. Source: Victoria in Future 2016 - Population and Household Projections to 2031

* **2016**10,952
* **2021**10,706
* **2026**10,618
* **2031**10,614

## Finances

Source: Victoria Grants Commission.  
The figures in the bottom two rows of the table show combined one-off and ongoing funding received by council from both the Federal and State Governments. It is important to note that this amount can change significantly from year to year as individual government funding programs change and natural events such as fires and floods occur.

Data shows the amount allocated in respect of the relevant financial year. In some years, that amount will vary from the payments received that year, as a result of the Commonwealth "bringing forward" some payments.

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|  | 2018-19 | 2017-18 | 2016-17 | 2015-16 | 2014-15 | 2013-14 | 2012-13 | 2011-12 | 2010-11 | 2009-10 |
| Recurrent Expenditure ($) | 30.185m | 29.213m | 28.205m | 26.441m | 25.922m | 23.222m | 26.932m | 31.545m | 22.457m | 20.288m |
| Recurrent Revenue ($) | 34.082m | 32.801m | 32.853m | 26.343m | 29.904m | 24.055m | 28.769m | 31.949m | 23.953m | 19.937m |
| - Rates and Charges | 16.908m | 16.512m | 15.908m | 15.266m | 14.572m | 13.799m | 12.946m | 11.836m | 11.059m | 10.542m |
| - VGC Grants | 5.879m | 5.492m | 5.580m | 5.454m | 5.307m | 5.263m | 5.210m | 5.124m | 4.948m | 4.605m |
| Non-Recurrent Government Grants | 6.497m | 4.746m | 3.818m | 1.703m | 2.616m | 3.571m | 6.480m | 9.201m | 3.896m | 1.056m |
| Recurrent Government Grants | 8.282m | 8.739m | 10.624m | 6.903m | 2.097m | 2.091m | 2.098m | 1.999m | 1.854m | 1.858m |