

PART VII.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Legislation.

The history of local government in Victoria prior to the passing of the *Local Government Act* 1874 (which prescribed the present form of local government in Victoria) will be found on pages 631 and 632 of the *Year-Book*, 1883-84.

The Local Government Act No. 5203 of 1946 consolidated the law relating to Local Government in Victoria. Section 10 (1) of the Local Government Act No. 5443 of 1949 increased the maximum general rate which may be levied by municipalities from three shillings to four shillings in the pound of the net annual value of property and increased the minimum amount of rate payable from two shillings and sixpence to five shillings.

For purposes of local government, the State of Victoria consists of 198 Municipalities and the Yallourn Works Area which was constituted under the *State Electricity (Yallourn Area) Act* No. 5219 of 1947. Information relating to the formation of the Yallourn Works Area was published on page 492 of the *Year-Book*, 1947-48.

During the year ended 31st December, 1949, the State Parliament passed several Acts affecting local government, and details of their principal provisions are given in Part I. of this *Year-Book*. The numbers and the titles of the principal Acts are as follow :—

No. 5363.—*Country Roads (Financial) Act* 1949.

No. 5370.—*Soldier Settlement Act* 1949

No. 5375.—*Water Act* 1949.

No. 5388.—*Municipal Endowment (Temporary Discontinuance) Act* 1949.

No. 5398.—*Country Roads Board Fund (Amendment) Act* 1949.

No. 5404.—*Town and Country Planning (Metropolitan Area) Act* 1949.

No. 5416.—*Latrobe Valley Development Loan and Application Act* 1949.

No. 5418.—*Water Supply Loan and Application Act* 1949.

No. 5421.—*Local Authorities Superannuation (Amendment) Act* 1949.

- No. 5422.—*Public Works Loan and Application Act* 1949.
 No. 5431.—*Vermin and Noxious Weeds Act* 1949.
 No. 5443.—*Local Government Act* 1949.
 No. 5444.—*Milk Pasteurization Act* 1949.
 No. 5445.—*Building Operations and Building Materials Control (Amendment) Act* 1949.
 No. 5446.—*Tourists' Resorts Development (Financial) Act* 1949.
 No. 5450.—*Motor Car (Amendment) Act* 1949.

Municipalities in Victoria. Of the 198 municipalities in the State at 30th September, 1949, 37 ranked as cities, 5 as towns, 19 as boroughs, and 137 as shires. The only unincorporated areas of the State are French Island, in Westernport Bay, containing about 42,000 acres; Julia Percy Island, off Port Fairy, containing 650 acres; and Tower Hill, adjacent to the Borough of Koroit, containing approximately 1,350 acres.

Changes in names of municipalities during the year are as follow :—

- On 15th March, 1949, the Borough of Shepparton was proclaimed a City.
 On 24th May, 1949, the Town of Horsham was proclaimed a City.
 On 24th May, 1949, the name of the Shire of Newstead and Mount Alexander was changed to the Shire of Newstead.

Municipal Elections. Municipal elections of councillors are held in August in every year. Under Section 149 of the *Local Government Act* 1946, the Governor in Council may, on the petition of the council of any municipality, make orders providing for compulsory voting and voting by post. At 30th September, 1949, voting was compulsory in the following 23 municipalities:—

Metropolitan Area.

Cities .. Brunswick, Coburg, Essendon, Fitzroy, Footscray, Heidelberg, Kew, Northcote, Nunawading, Port Melbourne, Preston, Williamstown.

Outside Metropolitan Area.

Cities .. Ballaarat, Bendigo, Mildura.
 Town .. Hamilton
 Boroughs .. Castlemaine, Echuca, Maryborough, Wonthaggi.
 Shires .. Buln Buln, Eltham, Warragul.

**Properties
rated and
number of
dwellings.**

The following is a statement of the number of rate-payers, the number of properties rated, the estimated value of rateable property, the estimated number of dwellings (occupied and unoccupied), and the number of houses built in the municipalities of Victoria during the years ended 30th September, 1947, 1948, and 1949.

As the metropolitan area was redefined in 1947, information relating to municipalities in Greater Melbourne and municipalities outside Greater Melbourne is not comparable with that for previous years.

It is not practicable to present all types of statistics for a part of a municipality. Consequently, where only portion of a municipality comes within the Metropolitan Area, the statistics published, unless otherwise stated, relate to the municipality as a whole.

VICTORIA—PROPERTIES RATED AND NUMBER OF DWELLINGS IN MUNICIPALITIES, 1946-47 TO 1948-49.

Year Ended 30th September.	Number of Distinct Rate- payers.	Number of Pro- perties Rated.	Value of Rateable Property.		Estimated Number of Dwellings.†		Esti- mated Number of Dwel- lings Erected During the Year.
			Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.	Occupied.	Unoc- cupied.	
MUNICIPALITIES IN GREATER MELBOURNE.*			£	£			
1947.. ..	401,964	458,592	24,199,694	464,910,600	307,576	35	5,859
1948.. ..	413,521	466,751	25,275,859	486,266,050	315,663	15	6,742
1949.. ..	420,187	477,076	26,304,411	506,771,020	324,985	3	9,348
MUNICIPALITIES OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.							
1947.. ..	288,760	403,604	16,011,188	319,573,460	222,642	489	3,422
1948.. ..	295,423	409,580	17,443,926	348,302,030	219,651‡	423	4,978§
1949.. ..	306,504	422,643	18,883,774	377,166,860	226,565‡	149	6,653§
TOTAL.							
1947.. ..	690,724	862,196	40,210,882	784,484,060	530,218	524	9,281
1948.. ..	708,944	876,331	42,719,785	834,568,080	535,314	438	11,720
1949.. ..	726,691	899,719	45,188,185	883,937,880	551,550	152	16,001

* Including the whole of the City of Heidelberg, the Borough of Ringwood, and the whole of the Shires of Braybrook, Broadmeadows, and Keilor.

† Particulars of occupied and unoccupied dwellings are based on returns furnished by municipalities. These figures refer to the number of *units* in all habitable buildings and differ from the basis on which the 1947 Census returns were compiled.

‡ Including occupied dwellings in areas not within any municipality, viz., the Yallourn Works Area, and the Unincorporated areas.

§ Includes the Yallourn Works Area.

In 1948-49 the estimated capital improved value of rateable property reached its highest point (£883,937,800).

Municipalities. The following table shows, for each municipality in Victoria, the general rate levied in the £1, the estimated value of rateable property, the amount of loans outstanding at 30th September, 1949, the General Account receipts, and the estimated number of dwellings:—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1948-49.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1949.	General Account Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.*	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
MUNICIPALITIES IN GREATER MELBOURNE.	s. d.	£	£	£	£		
<i>Cities.</i>							
Box Hill ..	0 5½a	419,767	8,017,490	193,522c	65,848	6,417	..
Brighton ..	2 6	860,438	17,208,760	142,490	134,426	10,506	..
Brunswick ..	0 8 a	762,366	12,052,390	101,663	204,556	13,784	..
Camberwell ..	0 5½a	1,693,719	30,010,950	173,990	247,379	21,452	..
Caulfield ..	0 4½a	1,455,179	27,593,920	150,577	174,230	20,854	..
Chelsea ..	0 6½a	148,264	2,330,180	22,767d	40,618	3,524	..
Coburg ..	0 6½a	662,043	11,627,600	356,052	151,920	13,018	..
Collingwood ..	2 6	526,294	10,525,880	54,774	93,704	7,105	..
Essendon ..	0 7¼a	839,436	13,667,670	279,649	185,118	13,880	..
Fitzroy ..	3 0	525,742	10,514,840	99,721	99,216	7,504	..
Footscray ..	2 9	864,533	17,290,660	287,938	199,185	13,381	..
Hawthorn ..	2 7	742,125	14,842,500	82,182	122,380	10,542	..
Heidelberg ..	2 9b	624,543	12,490,860	434,935	158,922	10,500	..
Kew ..	0 4½sa	630,760	11,632,480	117,846	105,693	7,673	..
Malvern ..	2 6	1,147,551	22,951,020	145,727	166,904	13,056	..
Melbourne ..	2 2	5,479,164	109,583,280	4,346,000	1,037,861	24,071	3
Moorabbin ..	0 4ab	510,670	9,779,810	137,009e	113,026	9,884	..
Mordialloc ..	0 5½a	248,996	4,835,650	117,460f	51,786	3,867	..
Northcote ..	0 5 a	558,506	9,732,260	173,219	153,671	11,458	..
Nunawading ..	2 10	212,103	4,242,060	25,614g	40,263	3,019	..
Oakleigh ..	0 5½a	243,576	4,226,220	33,511	46,572	4,435	..
Port Melbourne ..	2 6	354,369	7,087,380	8,648	67,800	3,507	..
Prahran ..	1 11	1,500,114	30,002,280	116,643	181,228	16,866	..
Preston ..	0 6½a	619,473	11,563,390	310,414	142,540	11,901	..
Richmond ..	3 0	622,222	12,444,440	130,920	114,623	9,614	..
Sandringham ..	0 6 a	465,111	8,770,110	202,056h	83,610	7,407	..
South Melbourne ..	2 9	963,140	19,262,800	169,976	179,634	11,427	..
St. Kilda ..	2 3	1,334,411	26,688,220	228,208	175,548	17,105	..
Williamstown ..	2 3	353,899	7,077,980	90,026	102,609	6,484	..
<i>Borough.</i>							
Ringwood ..	3 0	109,922	2,198,440	23,362i	30,295	1,606	..

* See footnote † on page 299.

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £2,004 due by City of Nunawading.

d Excluding £778 due to Shire of Dandenong.

e Excluding £1,905 due to City of Sandringham.

f Excluding £1,905 due to City of Sandringham.

g Excluding £2,004 due to City of Box Hill.

h Including £3,810 due by Cities of Moorabbin and Mordialloc.

i Excluding £133 due to Shire of Lillydale.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1948-49—*continued*.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1949.	General Account Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.*	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>		
Braybrook ..	2 3	366,764	7,335,280	27,560	68,226	4,294	..
Broadmeadows ..	2 6	202,041	4,040,820	26,132	39,700	2,767	..
Keilor ..	2 0	98,198	1,963,960	7,468	17,344	878	..
Mulgrave ..	2 6	158,972	3,179,440	17,076	28,419	1,199	..
Total Municipalities in Greater Melbourne ..	..	26,304,411	506,771,020	8,835,135	4,824,854	324,985	3
OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.							
<i>Cities.</i>							
Ballaarat ..	2 11	514,011	10,280,220	57,573	109,497	10,213	2
Bendigo ..	2 11	352,395	7,047,900	73,786	84,921	7,214	..
Geelong ..	3 0	354,184	7,083,680	106,547	74,876	4,657	..
Geelong West ..	3 0	179,759	3,595,181	46,345 ^c	38,417	4,088	..
Horsham ..	3 0	108,956	2,179,120	128,678	35,748	1,713	1
Mildura ..	2 10	182,313	3,646,260	260,082 ^d	50,579	2,187	..
Shepparton ..	2 8	165,854	3,317,080	48,150 ^e	41,000	2,171	..
Warrnambool ..	3 0	140,595	2,811,900	42,233	41,372	2,476	..
<i>Towns.</i>							
Ararat ..	9	69,831	1,396,620	94,969	19,098	1,406	..
Colac ..	2 4	147,232	2,944,640	11,978 ^f	22,527	1,657	..
Hamilton ..	0 5 ³ / ₄ ^a	98,692	1,952,900	26,803	24,312	1,810	..
Newtown and Chilwell ..	0 6 ^a	157,127	3,122,590	20,378	27,991	2,553	..
Sale ..	3 0	65,535	1,310,700	15,725	21,402	1,266	..
<i>Boroughs.</i>							
Benalla ..	2 9	78,984	1,579,680	6,600	13,337	1,270	..
Castlemaine ..	3 0	60,049	1,200,980	25,951	16,270	1,533	..
Clunes ..	2 6	12,028	240,560	3,068	3,021	293	..
Daylesford ..	3 0	35,053	701,060	10,253	10,703	888	2
Eaglehawk ..	2 9	25,366	507,320		7,943	1,132	..
Echuca ..	0 5 ¹ / ₄ ^a	66,091	1,285,180	21,237	17,762	1,236	..
Inglewood ..	2 6	10,242	204,840	6,858	4,374	272	..
Koroit ..	2 7	22,570	451,400	825	5,522	353	..
Maryborough ..	3 0	65,858	1,317,160	10,931	22,054	1,722	..
Port Fairy ..	2 9	34,287	685,740	4,786	8,027	512	..
Portland ..	0 6 ¹ / ₄ ^a	65,617	1,082,840	34,144	15,940	1,061	..
Queenscliffe ..	2 9	40,794	815,880	11,544	9,601	786	..
Sebastopol ..	2 9	19,010	380,200		4,639	545	..
St. Arnaud ..	2 9	34,798	695,960	26,607	15,879	798	..
Stawell ..	3 0	54,163	1,083,260	43,245	24,230	1,383	..
Swan Hill ..	2 6	77,765	1,555,300	59,060 ^g	19,717	1,047	..
Wangaratta ..	3 0	116,806	2,336,120	51,131	28,144	1,858	..
Wonthaggi ..	3 0	45,861	917,220	2,682	12,050	1,260	..

* See footnote † on page 299.

^a Levied on unimproved value of land.^b Differential general rates levied.^c Excluding £4,463 due to Shire of Corio.^d Excluding £139 due to Shire of Mildura.^e Excluding £88 due to Shire of Shepparton.^f Excluding £3,635 due to Shire of Colac.^g Excluding £19,797 due to Shire of Swan Hill.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1948-49—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1949.	General Account Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.*	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£		
Alberton ..	2 9	149,187	2,983,740	6,547	28,224	1,419	..
Alexandra ..	2 3	94,687	1,893,740	5,147	21,535	904	..
Arapiles ..	3 0	73,198	1,463,960	6,062	18,433	525	..
Ararat ..	2 9	211,214	4,224,280	..	35,748	1,115	10
Avoca ..	3 0	44,704	894,080	1,691	10,765	731	7
Avon ..	2 6	54,998	1,099,960	121	9,085	636	..
Bacchus Marsh ..	2 0 b	79,764	1,595,280	..	16,812	899	..
Bairnsdale ..	2 0 b	167,309	3,346,180	38,552	30,985	2,210	..
Ballan ..	2 0	71,190	1,423,800	1,561	10,689	847	..
Ballarat ..	2 0	97,367	1,947,340	5,820	15,726	830	1
Bannockburn ..	2 0	60,324	1,206,480	..	9,780	587	3
Barrabool ..	2 3	71,471	1,429,420	4,054	14,035	566	..
Bass ..	2 3	103,860	2,077,200	4,229c	18,807	1,081	..
Beechworth ..	2 9	45,910	918,200	13,762	11,375	964	..
Belfast ..	2 6	84,353	1,687,060	7,102	15,466	496	..
Bellarine ..	2 0	78,519	1,570,380	..	13,996	1,315	..
Benalla ..	2 0 b	174,429	3,488,580	22,126	29,285	963	4
Berwick ..	2 6 b	242,648	4,852,960	740	45,057	3,149	..
Bet Bet ..	3 0	39,982	799,640	42,485	8,466	786	..
Birchip ..	2 9	48,951	979,020	7,379	12,557	389	2
Bright ..	2 9	58,446	1,168,920	9,056	19,648	1,617	..
Broadford ..	2 0 b	30,680	613,600	4,224	8,672	443	..
Bulla ..	2 3	45,497	909,940	5,157	6,583	400	..
Buln Buln ..	2 6	144,270	2,885,400	16,128	50,948	1,898	6
Bungaree ..	2 0	34,436	688,720	870	6,122	458	..
Buninyong ..	2 3	69,345	1,386,900	867	12,350	1,013	..
Charlton ..	3 0	92,139	1,842,780	9,650	22,212	589	3
Chiltern ..	2 0 b	41,817	836,340	154	7,594	490	..
Cohuna ..	2 6 b	69,851	1,397,020	1,562	15,979	879	..
Colac ..	2 2	229,270	4,585,400	7,271d	32,890	1,747	..
Corio ..	2 6	185,678	3,713,560	53,064e	35,539	1,094	..
Cranbourne ..	2 9 b	166,112	3,322,240	6,941	34,305	2,067	..
Creswick ..	2 3 b	70,997	1,419,940	4,787	15,041	1,050	..
Dandenong ..	0 5 1/2a	256,123	4,943,460	86,284f	71,921	3,873	..
Deakin ..	2 0 b	114,869	2,297,380	3,166	18,560	1,055	..
Dimboola ..	2 6	178,404	3,568,080	24,099g	28,385	1,621	..
Donald ..	2 3	88,520	1,770,400	10,063	15,353	736	..
Doncaster and Templestowe ..	2 10	81,913	1,638,260	4,785	15,762	1,165	1
Dundas ..	3 0	180,836	3,616,720	..	30,402	898	..
Dunmunkle ..	2 6	157,486	3,149,720	5,741	39,248	1,087	..
East Loddon ..	2 3	66,666	1,333,320	4,508	9,518	368	12
Eltham ..	2 6 b	122,269	2,445,380	12,414	24,794	2,320	..
Euroa ..	2 0 b	127,899	2,557,980	23,165	24,372	1,080	..
Fern Tree Gully ..	3 0	257,111	5,142,220	48,032	63,985	6,021	..
Flinders ..	2 9	211,641	4,232,820	4,447	43,881	3,449	..

* See footnote † on page 299.

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £1,623 due by Shire of Phillip Island.

d Including £3,635 due by Town of Colac

e Including £4,463 due by City of Geelong West.

f Including £778 due by City of Chelsea.

g Excluding £155 due to Shire of Karkaroc.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1948-49—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1949.	General Account Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.*	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires—continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>		
Frankston and							
Hastings ..	2 9	304,605	6,092,100	66,206	66,784	3,607	..
Gisborne ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	55,465	1,109,300	2,590	8,331	695	..
Glenelg ..	3 0	193,696	3,873,920	36,678	45,626	1,432	2
Glenlyon ..	2 6	54,321	1,086,420	6,709	10,962	825	..
Gordon ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	121,576	2,431,520	6,691	18,505	781	..
Goulburn ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	80,615	1,612,290	4,285	10,260	485	..
Grenville ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	56,989	1,139,780	954	9,893	589	..
Hampden ..	2 6	415,195	8,303,900	205	73,560	2,974	1
Healesville ..	3 0	70,661	1,413,220	11,140	18,886	1,221	..
Heytesbury ..	2 6	189,672	3,793,440	8,534	35,477	1,459	7
Huntly ..	2 7	55,511	1,110,220	4,932	9,967	669	..
Kaniva ..	1 11	123,833	2,476,660	7,644	15,930	573	1
Kara Kara ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	107,204	2,144,080	1,377	16,040	491	..
Karkaroc ..	2 3	133,841	2,676,820	5,455 ^c	22,686	1,106	2
Kerang ..	2 0	203,993	4,079,860	61,802	30,114	1,973	..
Kilmore ..	2 3 <i>b</i>	29,389	587,780	11,164	6,042	417	..
Korong ..	2 3	96,753	1,935,060	14,227	15,033	954	..
Korumburra ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	175,403	2,508,060	5,809	34,148	1,705	..
Kowree ..	3 0	144,139	2,882,780	6,551	26,974	1,196	..
Kyneton ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	126,233	2,524,660	10,987	25,351	1,785	10
Leigh ..	2 0	59,230	1,184,600	..	7,626	301	..
Lexton ..	2 6	40,670	813,400	..	8,062	370	..
Lillydale ..	2 6 <i>b</i>	271,798	5,435,960	47,866 ^d	49,695	4,969	..
Lowan ..	3 0	145,405	2,908,100	17,740	26,933	1,041	1
Maffra ..	2 9	162,087	3,241,740	33,508	35,742	1,548	..
Maldon ..	2 6 <i>b</i>	35,946	718,920	..	6,819	640	..
Mansfield ..	3 0	92,734	1,854,680	14,121	17,584	1,039	..
Marong ..	2 0	116,645	2,332,900	1,739	16,133	1,236	..
Melton ..	2 0	48,272	965,440	2,249	6,044	362	2
Metcalfe ..	2 3	54,073	1,081,460	..	8,002	720	..
Mildura ..	1 10	370,608	7,412,160	59,214 ^e	84,491	3,923	..
Minhamite ..	2 3 <i>b</i>	85,885	1,717,700	..	18,366	528	..
Mirboo ..	2 6	48,029	960,580	5,448	10,711	429	..
Mornington ..	2 6	120,590	2,411,800	12,604	29,382	1,340	..
Mortlake ..	2 3	186,033	3,720,660	..	26,682	847	..
Morwell ..	2 3	163,579	3,271,580	5,439	27,333	2,160	..
Mount Rouse ..	2 0	106,714	2,134,280	..	11,147	629	..
Melvior ..	2 6 <i>b</i>	67,147	1,342,940	8,830	12,878	631	..
Narracan ..	2 6	179,347	3,586,940	28,329	45,870	3,257	..
Newham and							
Woodend ..	2 0	37,344	746,880	..	6,070	569	1
Newstead ..	2 6	29,385	587,700	34	7,045	632	..
Numurkah ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	180,445	3,608,900	10,523	24,725	1,507	..
Omeo ..	2 9	73,084	1,461,680	8,400	14,643	570	14
Orbost ..	2 6	88,179	1,763,580	25,586	16,596	1,225	..
Otway ..	3 0	51,969	1,039,380	5,656	20,170	1,088	..
Oxley ..	2 6	76,404	1,528,080	9,355	14,955	1,038	..
Phillip Island ..	3 0	28,600	572,000	9,802 ^f	6,816	348	..
Portland ..	2 0	197,402	3,948,040	28,347	29,037	1,754	2

* See footnote † on page 299.

b Differential general rates levied.*c* Including £155 due by Shire of Dimboola.*d* Including £133 due by Borough of Ringwood*e* Including £139 due by City of Mildura.*f* Excluding £1,623 due to Shire of Bass.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1948-49—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1949.	General Account Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.*	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires—continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>		
Pyalong ..	2 0	27,584	551,680	1,915	3,724	159	..
Ripon ..	2 6	101,437	2,028,740	9,080	21,419	841	..
Rochester ..	2 6 b	188,092	3,761,840	900	30,126	1,523	..
Rodney ..	2 3	257,296	5,145,920	28,947	44,191	2,580	..
Romsey ..	3 0	64,410	1,288,200	4,980	13,133	817	1
Rosedale ..	0 2½a	134,470	2,646,570	7,784	18,575	1,012	2
Rutherford ..	2 3	73,650	1,473,000	4,724	13,925	809	4
Seymour ..	2 0 b	78,194	1,563,880	13,863	26,886	1,148	..
Shepparton ..	2 6 b	146,416	2,928,320	11,121c	29,332	1,181	..
South Barwon ..	2 3 b	110,507	2,210,140	40,360	21,867	1,832	1
South Gippsland ..	3 0	68,553	1,371,060	9,955	17,054	1,130	..
Stawell ..	2 6	121,615	2,432,200	2,938	22,956	739	..
Strathfieldsaye ..	2 3	47,430	948,600	..	9,210	999	..
Swan Hill ..	2 0	187,952	3,759,040	83,192d	43,280	2,503	2
Talbot ..	2 0	28,410	568,200	..	4,190	297	2
Tambo ..	3 0	61,147	1,222,940	6,274	14,678	1,062	..
Towong ..	2 6 b	99,184	1,983,680	..	16,753	1,072	..
Traralgon ..	2 9	129,638	2,592,760	53,404	32,364	1,641	..
Tullaroop ..	2 3	42,081	841,620	1,828	8,025	441	4
Tungamah ..	1 6 b	197,995	3,959,900	17,450	21,852	1,327	..
Upper Murray ..	2 0	71,154	1,423,080	9,801	12,808	596	..
Upper Yarra ..	3 5	59,388	1,187,760	1,232	16,462	1,738	20
Violet Town ..	2 3	58,616	1,172,200	4,465	10,268	396	11
Walpeup ..	2 3 b	93,863	1,877,260	50,413	15,852	1,206	..
Wangaratta ..	2 6	73,777	1,475,540	..	7,698	565	..
Wannon ..	2 6	134,772	2,695,440	..	22,242	929	..
Warranga ..	2 6	105,416	2,108,320	6,375	25,081	1,181	5
Warracknabeal ..	2 3	168,406	3,368,120	25,608	28,924	1,270	..
Warragul ..	2 6	185,757	3,715,140	32,271	37,869	1,783	..
Warrnambool ..	2 6 b	274,323	5,486,460	..	45,886	1,976	..
Werribee ..	2 0 b	182,133	3,642,660	66,772	36,206	2,403	..
Whittlesea ..	2 9	78,105	1,562,100	175	13,470	1,023	..
Wimmera ..	1 6 b	139,077	2,781,540	3,630	25,150	916	..
Winchelsea ..	2 6 b	113,868	2,277,360	12,361	20,894	1,108	..
Wodonga ..	2 3	62,913	1,258,260	21,448	15,372	1,047	..
Woorayl ..	2 3	243,466	4,869,320	26,895	40,097	1,687	..
Wycheproof ..	2 0	146,952	2,939,040	38,746e	25,233	1,107	..
Yackandandah ..	2 0	59,607	1,192,140	..	11,467	741	..
Yarrawonga ..	2 3 b	69,916	1,398,320	30,842	14,959	845	..
Yea ..	0 4 a	63,346	1,247,160	10,090	16,868	729	..
Total Municipalities outside Greater Melbourne ..	..	18,883,774	377,166,860	3,014,501	3,808,335	225,192	149
Total—Municipalities ..	..	45,188,185	883,937,880	11,849,636	8,633,189	550,177	152
Yallourn Works Area ..						1,335	..
Unincorporated Areas ..						38	..
Total Victoria ..						551,550	152

* See footnote † on page 299.

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £38 due by Borough of Shepparton.

d Including £538 due by Shire of Wycheproof, and £19,797 due by Borough of Swan Hill.

e Excluding £538 due to Shire of Swan Hill.

Rating on
unimproved
values.

The provisions of the law relating to rating on unimproved values appear on pages 143 and 144 of the *Year-Book* for 1928-29.

There were, at 30th September, 1949, twenty-one municipalities which levied the general rate on the unimproved value. The following table gives for those municipalities particulars of the capital value of land (improved and unimproved), the net annual value, the rating, &c., for the year ended 30th September, 1949 :—

VICTORIA—RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES, 1948-49.

Municipality.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.	Unimproved Capital Value.	Net Annual Value (excluding Special Rateable Properties).	Amount of Rate in the £ of Unimproved Capital Value.	Equivalent Rate on Net Annual Value.	Amount Collectable in 1948-49 on Unimproved Capital Value.	Unimproved Capital Value to Capital Improved Value.
IN GREATER MELBOURNE.	£	£	£	d.	s. d.	£	%
<i>Cities.</i>							
Box Hill ..	8,017,490	2,548,680	417,286	5½	2 8	55,752	31·79
Brunswick ..	12,052,390	3,176,456	753,379	8	2 10	105,882	26·36
Camberwell ..	30,010,950	9,232,100	1,689,297	5½	2 6	211,569	30·76
Caulfield ..	27,593,920	7,900,472	1,449,179	4½	2 1	148,134	28·63
Chelsea ..	2,320,180	826,391	147,350	6¾	3 2	23,242	35·46
Coburg ..	11,627,600	3,550,270	656,926	6½	3 0	98,002	30·53
Essendon ..	13,667,670	4,096,914	836,485	7½	2 11	123,761	29·98
Kew ..	11,632,480	3,915,276	626,076	4½	2 6	78,306	33·66
Moorabbin ..	9,779,810	3,507,633	501,587	4*	2 4	58,461	35·87
Mordialloc ..	4,835,650	1,498,440	248,996	5½	2 8	32,778	30·99
Northcote ..	9,732,260	3,284,399	554,674	5	2 5	68,424	33·75
Oakleigh ..	4,226,220	1,466,029	241,278	5½	2 8	32,069	34·69
Preston ..	11,563,390	3,338,242	605,409	6½	2 10	86,933	28·87
Sandringham ..	8,770,110	2,622,924	462,601	6	2 10	65,573	29·91
OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.							
Hamilton Town ..	1,952,900	645,223	98,441	5½	3 0	14,618	33·04
Newtown and Chiltern Town ..	3,122,590	811,602	156,707	6	2 7	20,290	25·99
Echuca Borough ..	1,285,180	419,072	61,249	5½	3 2	9,604	32·61
Portland Borough ..	1,082,840	341,198	63,072	6½	2 11	9,241	31·51
Dandenong Shire ..	4,943,460	1,699,800	254,653	5½	3 1	38,954	34·38
Rosedale Shire ..	2,646,570	1,303,784	134,370	2½	2 0	13,581	49·26
Yea Shire ..	1,247,160	574,249	63,346	4	3 0	9,571	46·04

* Differential general rates levied.

The following table summarizes for the year ended 30th September, 1949, the revenue and expenditure of municipalities in Victoria under the headings of General Account and Business Undertakings. The transactions of the General Account are presented on a cash basis and those of Business Undertakings generally on a revenue basis. Particulars relating to Loan Accounts, Private Streets Accounts, and Special Improvement Charge Accounts are excluded from this statement.

VICTORIA—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF MUNICIPALITIES, 1948-49.

Heading.	Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.			City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Account	1,037,861	3,786,993	3,808,335	8,633,189	1,050,221	3,877,032	4,039,617	8,966,870
Business Undertakings—								
Electric Light	1,293,627	1,613,783	435,304	3,342,714	1,253,708	1,562,774	414,754	3,231,236
Gasworks ..	..	57,567	72,226	129,793	..	63,508	84,664	148,172
Waterworks ..	..	622	55,908	56,530	..	499	56,040	56,539
Abattoirs ..	136,058	50,550	33,817	220,425	143,245	39,014	31,013	213,272
Quarries ..	..	13,178	16,047	29,225	..	14,310	23,678	37,988
Hydraulic Power ..	17,051	..	..	17,051	19,863	..	..	19,863
Railway ..	..	..	11,203	11,203	..	..	9,900	9,900
Total ..	2,484,597	5,522,693	4,432,840	12,440,130	2,467,037	5,557,137	4,659,666	12,683,840

The ordinary revenue of a municipality, consisting of rates, Government grants, &c., is payable into the General Account, and such Account is applied towards the payment of all expenses incurred in respect of administration, debt services, ordinary municipal services, &c.

Details of the principal items of receipts during the year ended 30th September, 1949, are given below:—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT RECEIPTS, 1948-49.

Items of Receipts.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Rates—				
General and Extra	588,589	2,660,384	2,423,471	5,672,444
Other .. .. .	..	45	1,788	1,833
Interest on overdue rates ..	176	10,483	11,689	22,348
Licences and Registration Fees—				
Dog	652	18,070	25,642	44,364
Health, Dairy, Slaughtering, and Noxious Trades	1,400	2,252	5,085	8,737
Hackney Carriages .. .. .	..	..	246	246
Petrol Pump	160	3,947	4,248	8,355
Other .. .. .	..	26	823	849
Total Taxation	590,977	2,695,207	2,472,992	5,759,176
Public Works and Services—				
Health—				
Sanitary and Garbage	13,176	87,485	209,654	310,315
Infectious Diseases recoups ..	..	..	3,469	3,469
Other	1,881	17,167	13,204	32,252
Council Properties—				
Markets	118,005	20,114	48,615	186,734
Halls	16,362	45,082	43,118	104,562
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities	31,100	60,813	42,815	134,728
Weighbridges	6,387	2,373	11,344	20,104
Sale of Materials	736	37,402	49,842	87,980
Plant Hire .. .. .	..	19,464	271,810	291,274
Grazing Fees .. .. .	..	89	7,877	7,966
Pounds	286	1,139	6,260	7,685
Other	63,506	55,239	62,215	180,960
Contributions for Road and Pavement Works	12,600	130,458	91,714	234,772
Other Services—				
Car Parking	36,775	4,504	64	41,343
Sheep Dipping .. .. .	..	..	3,524	3,524
Building Fees	980	31,569	18,380	50,929
Other .. .. .	..	3,309	3,253	6,562
Total Public Works and Services	301,794	516,207	887,158	1,705,159

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT RECEIPTS,
1948-49—continued.

Items of Receipts.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Transfers from Business Undertakings (excluding Loan Recoups and Administration Refunds)	50,000	211,238	25,916	287,154
Government Grants—				
Roads	8,687	39,349	63,923	111,959
Parks, Gardens, &c. .. .. .	..	..	34,485	34,485
River Works .. .. .	..	..	5,034	5,034
Infant Welfare Centres	1,775	19,104	18,821	39,700
Licences Equivalent	8,716	13,613	36,655	58,984
Vermine Destruction .. .. .	..	..	1,559	1,559
Other	568	26,678	19,731	46,977
Total Government Grants	19,746	98,744	180,208	298,698
Miscellaneous—				
Police Court Fines	12,007	7,799	4,885	24,691
Interest on Investments	1,177	19,778	5,076	26,031
Supervision of Private Streets .. .. .	..	26,770	2,307	29,077
Other	5,848	20,490	34,023	60,361
Total Miscellaneous ..	19,032	74,837	46,291	140,160
Trust Receipts—				
Refunds of Advances	32,695	43,749	56,229	132,673
Contractors' Deposits	7,286	26,561	22,095	55,942
Other	16,331	120,450	117,446	254,227
Total Trust Receipts ..	56,312	190,760	195,770	442,842
Grand Total	1,037,861	3,786,993	3,808,335	8,633,189

Of the total General Account receipts (excluding trust items) during 1948-49, 70·3 per cent. was derived from taxation (69·5 per cent. from rates and 0·8 per cent. from licences and registration fees); 20·8 per cent. from public works and services; 3·5 per cent. from transfers from business undertakings; 3·7 per cent. from Government

grants; and 1·7 per cent. from other sources. The total amount collected from taxation (£5,759,176) was equivalent to £2 14s. 2d. per head of population or to £7 17s. 1d. per distinct ratepayer.

Details of the principal items of expenditure from the General Account during the year ended 30th September, 1949, are set out hereunder :—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT EXPENDITURE,
1948-49.

Items of Expenditure.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
General Administration (including Pay-Roll Tax)*	124,863	460,690	573,543	1,159,096
Debt Services—				
Redemption of Loans .. ..	..	314,992	161,083	476,075
Sinking Fund Instalments	49,089	2,425	1,540	53,054
Interest on Loans	119,057	139,884	73,144	332,085
Interest on Overdrafts	1,711	7,379	18,207	27,297
Payments to Municipalities on account of severance adjustments .. ..	..	903	5,570	6,473
Other	309	353	353	1,015
Total Debt Services	170,166	465,936	259,897	895,999
Public Works and Services—				
Health—				
Administration	13,680	35,460	41,632	90,772
Sanitary and Garbage	70,131	318,591	220,294	609,016
Statutory Contributions to Fairfield Hospital	11,043	40,589	3,558	55,190
Infant Welfare Centres	6,397	56,053	47,378	109,828
Infectious Diseases Treatment .. ..	..	..	8,957	8,957
Other	10,460	37,032	20,492	67,984
Council Properties—				
Markets	69,759	9,736	35,079	114,574
Halls	39,121	86,015	52,122	177,258
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities	161,265	402,348	189,683	753,296
Weighbridges	2,834	651	5,509	8,994
Grazing Expenses .. ..	..	607	6,097	6,704
Pounds	322	3,424	7,739	11,485
Other Council Properties	10,970	133,364	72,392	216,726

* For details see page 311.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT EXPENDITURE,
1948-49—*continued*.

Items of Expenditure.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Public Works and Services— <i>continued</i> —				
Plant, Furniture, and Equipment	7,900	101,111	339,684	448,695
Roads, Streets, Footpaths, and Bridges—				
Construction, Maintenance, Cleaning, and Watering	171,517	1,170,833	1,517,604	2,859,954
Lighting	1,646	130,393	67,467	199,506
Other Works and Services—				
Car Parking	38,143	2,502	..	40,645
Sheep Dipping .. ..	..	..	2,949	2,949
River Works .. ..	..	..	6,697	6,697
Vermine Destruction .. ..	..	..	3,974	3,974
Other .. ..	..	2,927	5,031	7,958
Total Public Works and Services	615,188	2,531,636	2,654,338	5,801,162
Grants and Contributions—				
Country Roads Board .. ..	..	9,580	196,020	205,600
Fire Brigades	23,477	85,631	39,477	148,585
Hospitals, Ambulances, and other Charities	6,405	25,291	25,466	57,162
Other	46,294	112,767	76,217	235,278
Total Grants and Contributions	76,176	233,269	337,180	646,625
Miscellaneous	5,999	19,758	19,508	45,265
Trust Expenditure—				
Advances	51,300	43,730	44,937	139,967
Contractors' deposits refunded	6,529	18,636	28,661	53,826
Other .. ..	..	103,377	121,553	224,930
Total Trust Expenditure	57,829	165,743	195,151	418,723
Grand Total	1,050,221	3,877,032	4,039,617	8,966,870

Of the total General Account expenditure (excluding trust items) in 1948-49, 13·5 per cent. was for administration; 10·5 per cent. for debt services; 11·0 per cent. for health services; 8·8 per cent. for parks, gardens, &c.; 33·5 per cent. for roads, streets, &c.; 14·6 per cent. for other public works and services; 7·6 per cent. for grants and contributions; and 0·5 per cent. for miscellaneous items.

Particulars of the principal items of expenditure during the year ended 30th September, 1949, in respect of general municipal administration are given in the appended statement. In considering the cost of administration, it must be borne in mind that the municipalities are not recouped for any administrative cost incurred in the supervision of work on main roads, &c., for the Country Roads Board.

VICTORIA—COST OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION, 1948-49.

Heading.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.*	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Salaries†	94,925	288,455	375,951	759,331
Mayoral and Presidential Allowances	3,500	15,410	17,551	36,461
Audit Expenses	1,099	3,428	6,121	10,648
Dog Registration Expenses	1,617	6,551	12,273	20,441
Election Expenses	441	6,858	3,473	10,772
Insurances	4,878	27,833	34,779	67,490
Legal Expenses	1,743	5,286	4,935	11,964
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, Postage, Telephone	8,672	53,759	75,005	137,436
Pay-Roll Tax	6,866	38,850	32,301	78,017
Other	1,122	14,260	11,154	26,536
Total	124,863	460,690	573,543	1,159,096

* Information in respect of Salaries and Insurances relates to expenditure by the Finance and Public Works Committees only.

† Including cost of valuations and travelling expenses, but excluding health officers' salaries.

In Victoria, in 1948-49, electric light undertakings were operated by 36 municipalities, and there were also seven municipally-owned gasworks. The revenue and expenditure of such undertakings in 1948-49 amounted to £3,472,507 and £3,379,408 respectively.

The council of any municipality may be constituted a "local governing body" under the provisions of the *Water Act 1928* with such water supply district as is defined by the Governor in Council. At 30th September, 1949, twelve

municipalities had been so constituted. In six other municipalities the water supply services were being administered in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1946*. An analysis of the authorities controlling water supply in Victoria is given on page 160 of the *Year-Book* for 1939-40.

During 1948-49 the receipts and expenditure of the abovementioned municipal waterworks amounted to £56,530 and £56,539 respectively.

Other municipal business undertakings. Quarries, abattoirs, hydraulic power (in the City of Melbourne), and the Kerang-Koondrook railway are other undertakings which are under the control of municipalities in Victoria. In 1948-49, the total revenue on account of these undertakings was £277,904 and the total expenditure amounted to £281,023. In those cases in which the finances of quarries and abattoirs were operated through the General Account, particulars of the amounts have been included in the statement of that Account under the heading of "Other Council Properties".

A statement relating to the Kerang-Koondrook railway appears in Part "Interchange" of this *Year-Book*.

Arrears of general and extra rates. The following table shows the total amount of arrears of general and extra rates and also the amount of arrears per distinct ratepayer in metropolitan municipalities and in municipalities outside the metropolitan area at the end of each of the five years, 1944-45 to 1948-49 :—

**VICTORIA—ARREARS OF GENERAL AND EXTRA RATES,
1944-45 TO 1948-49.**

Year Ended 30th September—	Arrears of General and Extra Rates—			Arrears per Distinct Ratepayer—		
	Metro- politan Muni- cipalities.	Muni- cipalities outside Metro- politan Area.	All Muni- cipalities.	Metro- politan Muni- cipalities.	Muni- cipalities outside Metro- politan Area.	All Muni- cipalities.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1945	73,874	230,631	304,505	0 4 2	0 14 9	0 9 2
1946	61,676	210,566	272,242	0 3 5	0 13 6	0 8 1
1947	66,592	154,849	221,441	0 3 6	0 10 9	0 6 5
1948	62,281	128,284	190,565	0 3 0	0 8 8	0 5 4
1949	60,352	117,132	177,484	0 2 11	0 7 8	0 4 10

Number of councillors. In the municipalities throughout the State, there were, at 30th September, 1949, 2,142 councillors viz., 423 in the 34 municipalities in Greater Melbourne and 1,719 in the 164 municipalities outside Greater Melbourne.

**Municipal
loans.**

With the credit of the municipality as security, moneys may be borrowed by a municipal council for permanent works or undertakings or to liquidate the principal moneys owing on account of any previous loan. Permanent works include *inter alia* the construction or alteration of streets, roads, and bridges, and the construction or purchase of waterworks, electric light undertakings, gasworks, municipal offices, pounds, abattoirs, workers' dwellings, baths, and pleasure grounds.

The amount of money borrowed at any time for permanent works or undertakings shall not, except so far as it is otherwise expressly enacted, exceed ten times the average income of the municipality for the previous three years from general rates not exceeding 2s. in the £1. In addition, however, loans, not upon the credit of the municipality but on the security of certain specified income thereof, may be raised for permanent works or undertakings by the issue of debentures or by mortgage. Such loans shall have a currency of not more than 30 years and shall not exceed five times the average amount of such income for the three years preceding the raising of the loan.

**Municipal
loan receipts.**

The following statement shows the loan receipts (exclusive of conversion loans) during each of the five years, 1944-45 to 1948-49. Particulars of loans raised for works in private streets are also excluded :—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN RECEIPTS, 1944-45 TO 1948-49.
(*Excluding Conversion Loans.*)

Year Ended 30th September—	Gross Proceeds of Loans—		Other Receipts.*	Total.
	From Government.	From Other Sources.		
	£	£	£	£
1945 .. .. .	..	43,500	213,706	257,206
1946	4,917	297,489	253,396	555,802
1947	19,467	952,258	681,509	1,653,234
1948	4,647	805,524	215,522	1,025,693
1949	7,091	1,456,208	205,814	1,669,113

* Other Receipts consist mainly of transfers from other accounts of one municipality, viz., the City of Melbourne. During 1948-49 these amounted to £186,687.

**Municipal
loan
expenditure.**

In the following statement details are given of the loan expenditure, exclusive of expenditure on private streets, by municipalities for each of the five years, 1944-45 to 1948-49.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN EXPENDITURE, 1944-45 TO 1948-49.

Heading.	Year Ended 30th September—				
	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
	£	£	£	£	£
Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Drains ..	19,956	57,122	159,286	205,564	321,211
Waterworks ..		4,917	19,467	4,647	7,091
Electric Light Undertakings ..	101,943	189,153	165,689	385,789	607,062
Gasworks ..	8,057	20,814	21,969	15,660	20,493
Halls ..	1,022	49	1,325	7,278	6,655
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities ..		7,651	12,789	92,635	50,798
Plant ..	1,485	17,096	67,378	144,833	198,096
Abattoirs ..	10,817	3,981	21,138	12,090	19,973
Markets ..	941	5,209	4,345	3,461	4,188
Infant Welfare Centres ..	3,719	2,367	5,745	21,671	13,262
Other Council Properties ..	870	4,946	30,274	34,434	112,953
Other Purposes ..	5,925	16,881	4,993	12,567	5,215
Transfer to General Revenue Fund ..			255,340		
Total ..	154,735	330,186	769,738	940,629	1,366,997

At 30th September, 1949, there was a credit balance in loan accounts amounting to £2,036,547.

Municipal loan liability.

The loan liability of the municipalities in Victoria at the end of each of the five years, 1944-45 to 1948-49 is given hereunder:—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN LIABILITY, 1944-45 TO 1948-49.

At 30th September—	Due to—		Gross Loan Liability.	Accumulated Sinking Funds.	Net Loan Liability.	
	Government.*	Public.			Amount.	Per Head of Population.
	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.
1945 ..	314,063	10,279,103	10,593,166	1,456,322	9,136,844	4 10 8
1946 ..	256,310	10,044,263	10,300,573	1,563,941	8,736,632	4 6 5
1947 ..	254,570	10,473,798	10,728,368	1,264,794	9,463,574	4 11 10
1948 ..	260,171	10,736,698	10,996,869	1,375,590	9,621,279	4 12 7
1949 ..	262,516	11,587,120	11,849,636	1,488,905	10,360,731	4 17 7

* Excluding liability to Country Roads Board.

Construction of private streets.

The council of any municipality may form, level, &c., any street, road, &c., which is formed or set out on private property or which is set out on land of the Crown or any public body in such manner as to form means of back access to or drainage from property adjacent to such street, road, &c., where such street, road, &c., is not formed, &c., to the satisfaction of the council. The cost of doing so is recoverable from the owners of adjoining properties. At the request of any owner, the amount apportioned as his total liability may be made payable by forty or, if the council so directs, sixty quarterly instalments bearing interest on the portion that from time to time remains unpaid.

For the purpose of defraying the costs and expenses of work in respect of which any person is liable to pay by instalments, the council may, on the credit of the municipality, obtain advances from a bank by overdraft on current account or borrow money by the issue of debentures, but such borrowings shall not exceed the total amount of instalments payable. This borrowing power is additional to those powers mentioned on page 313.

Details of the receipts and expenditure of Private Streets Accounts during the year ended 30th September, 1949, are shown below :—

VICTORIA—PRIVATE STREETS ACCOUNTS—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1948-49.

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
	£		£
Proceeds of Loans—		Works	483,406
From Government		Debt Charges—	
From Other Sources	11,560	Redemption of Loans	24,226
Owners' Contributions	440,828	Interest on Loans	3,504
Interest on Investments	172	Interest on Overdraft	2,111
Advance from Trust Fund	8,096	Repayment of Advance	3,559
Contribution from General		Transfer to General Account	10,000
Account	4,800	Other	5,603
Other	10,463		
Total Receipts	475,919	Total Expenditure	532,409
Cash in hand or in Bank at		Bank Overdraft at 1st October,	
1st October, 1948	146,762	1948	79,917
Bank Overdraft at 30th		Cash in hand or in Bank at	
September, 1949	123,762	30th September, 1949	134,117
	746,443		746,443

At 30th September, 1949, loans outstanding on account of private street construction amounted to £79,973.

For the purpose of carrying out work at the cost of owners of properties in any particular portion of a municipality, the council may make a special improvement charge of an amount sufficient to repay the cost of the work and interest. The charge shall be made and levied rateably in respect of such properties. The council may borrow money on the security of such charge (but not on the security of the municipality) by mortgage or by the issue of debentures.

**Special
improvement
charges.**

The particulars of the receipts and expenditure of the Special Improvement Charge Accounts during the years ended 30th September, 1948 and 1949, are shown below. This information was last published in the *Year-Book* for 1940-41, page 144.

VICTORIA—SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT CHARGE ACCOUNTS—
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1947-48.

(Revised Figures.)

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
	£		£
Special Improvement Charges ..	969	Works	1,227
Advance from General Account	800	Debt Charges—	
		Redemption of Loans ..	1,187
		Interest on Loans ..	108
Total	1,769	Total	2,522
Cash in hand or in Bank at 1st October, 1947	6,623	Bank Overdraft at 1st October, 1947	973
Bank Overdraft at 30th September, 1948	227	Cash in hand or in Bank at 30th September, 1948	5,124
	8,619		8,619

At 30th September, 1948, loans outstanding on account of special improvement charges amounted to £1,257. This amount was paid in 1948-49.

VICTORIA—SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT CHARGE ACCOUNTS—
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1948-49.

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
	£		£
Special Improvement Charges	1,468	Works	552
Other	2	Debt Charges—	
		Redemption of Loans ..	1,257
		Interest on Loans ..	47
Total	1,470	Total	1,856
Cash in hand or in Bank at 1st October, 1948	5,124	Bank Overdraft at 1st October, 1948	227
Bank Overdraft at 30th September, 1949	114	Cash in hand or in Bank at 30th September, 1949	4,625
	6,708		6,708

State
Electricity
Commission
(Yallourn
Area) Act
1947.

A statement relating to the Yallourn Works Area—particularly in regard to the Yallourn Town Advisory Council and local government—was published in the *Year-Book* for 1947-48, page 492.

Length of
roads and
streets.

The following table shows the estimated length of all roads and streets in the State in the year 1948. The mileage of roads, &c. (excluding State Highways) has been compiled from information furnished by all municipal authorities, but some doubts exist as to the accuracy of the particulars on a number of returns. The mileage of State Highways has been obtained from the Country Roads Board.

VICTORIA—LENGTH OF ALL ROADS AND STREETS AT
30TH SEPTEMBER, 1948.

Type of Road or Street.	Roads and Streets (excluding State Highways).	State Highways.	Total.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Wood or stone	62	..	62
Portland cement concrete	149	1	150
Asphaltic concrete and sheet asphalt ..	190	12	202
Tar or bitumen surface seal over tar or bitumen penetrated or water-bound pavements ..	7,598	2,643	10,241
Waterbound macadam, gravel, sand, and hard loam pavements	27,228	1,190	28,418
Formed, but not otherwise paved	23,901	..	23,901
Surveyed roads not formed which are used for general traffic	38,437	..	38,437
Total	97,565*	3,846	101,411

* Figures revised since 1945.

Melbourne and
Metropolitan
Municipal
Loans
Redemption
Fund.

The receipts of the Fund during the year 1948-49 amounted to £1,587, being contributions by municipalities. The amount expended from the Fund was £1,587, all of which was used for the redemption of municipal loans.

The total receipts of the Fund to the 30th June, 1949, amounted to £2,133,431. The payments out of the Fund were—redemption of municipal loans, £1,444,794; payment to the Treasury in reduction of municipal liabilities, £604,180; interest, £84,447; and sundries, £10. There was no balance in the Fund at 30th June, 1949.

Licensing Fund. During the year 1948-49 a sum of £58,984 was paid out of this Fund to municipalities, as provided by Section 311 of the *Licensing Act 1928*. The payments to cities amounted to £30,525; to towns, £1,643; to boroughs, £5,812; and to shires, £21,004. A statement of the receipts and expenditure of this Fund appears in part "Law, Crime, &c.", of this issue.

Municipal Officers' Fidelity Guarantee Fund. The provisions of the Act under which this Fund was established are set out in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29 on page 163.

The premium revenue for the year ended 30th September, 1949, was £1,486, for guarantees amounting to £444,571. The claims paid from January, 1908, the date of the inception of the Fund, to 30th September, 1949, amounted to £7,014. The amount to the credit of the Fund at 30th September, 1949, was £38,552.

COUNTRY ROADS BOARD.

With the object of improving the main roads of the State, the *Country Roads Act 1912* empowered the Governor in Council to appoint a board of three members. A summary of the principal duties of the Board will be found in the *Year-Book* for 1939-40, page 154.

The funds established under the *Country Roads Act 1928* are the Country Roads Board Fund, the Loan Account, and the Developmental Roads Loan Account.

A statement of the moneys to be credited to the Country Roads Board Fund by Acts of Parliament will be found in the *Year-Book* for 1929-30, page 139. The *Country Roads Board Fund Act 1930* provides that, on and from 1st July, 1930, the fees previously payable into the Fund shall—

- (a) in the case of fees and moneys received in respect of unused roads and the sale of surplus street lands be paid into the Consolidated Revenue;
- (b) in the case of fees received in respect of water frontages be paid into the "Rivers and Streams Fund".

The *Country Roads Board Fund Act 1949* provides that, for the year 1949-50, all fees and fines paid under the Motor Car Acts, less the cost of collection of such fees and fines, shall be placed to the credit of the Country Roads Board Fund, and that the annual payment into the Fund of the amount of £50,000 from Consolidated Revenue shall be suspended.

The receipts and expenditure of the Fund for each of the five years, 1945-46 to 1949-50, were as follows:—

**VICTORIA—COUNTRY ROADS BOARD FUND—
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.**

	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Receipts.</i>					
Payments by Municipalities ..	264,506	276,477	302,905	336,470	313,743
Fees, Motor Car Act ..	1,558,480	1,762,795	1,963,554	2,133,717	2,687,490
Fees and Registration of Traction Engines, etc. ..	360	477	860	603	929
Stores and Materials ..	214,569	411,750	598,080	376,696	571,015
Hire of Plant ..	98,782	181,936	230,982	230,976	375,719
Other Receipts (advance from Public Account for unemployment relief and other works, &c.)	172,867	205,527	240,351	276,872	295,511
Total	2,309,564	2,838,962	3,336,732	3,355,334	4,244,407
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Maintenance and reconditioning of main roads, State highways, tourists' roads, and Forest roads	829,084	1,412,029	1,766,914	921,772	1,845,948
Relief to Municipalities ..	221,040	220,704	220,683	210,579	201,328
Interest and Sinking Fund ..	106,413	105,547	104,295	103,290	102,587
Recoup to Revenue (Interest, Sinking Fund, &c.) ..	337,193	319,561	321,337	321,453	340,224
Plant, Stores, and Materials ..	479,370	817,797	1,043,506	797,367	868,561
Other Expenditure (including administration) ..	325,988	374,560	524,815	604,485	991,951
Total	2,299,088	3,250,198	3,981,550	2,958,946	4,350,599

The balance to the credit of the Fund at 30th June, 1950, was £304,450.

Money received from the issue of stock or debentures under the authority of section 32 of the *Country Roads Act 1928* is placed to the credit of the Loan Account, which is debited with all payments made towards the cost of permanent road works. Receipts from loan proceeds were £350,000 and from State Loans Repayment Fund, £41,867. Payments for Permanent Works amounted to £343,952.

The Developmental Roads Loan Account is credited with money received from stock and debentures issued under the authority of Section 85 of the *Country Roads Act 1928* and is debited with expenditure in connexion with the construction of developmental roads. During 1949-50 there were no transactions owing to the funds having been exhausted in previous years.

The following is a summary of the total expenditure by the Board on road construction during each of the five years, 1945-46 to 1949-50:—

**VICTORIA—COUNTRY ROADS BOARD—EXPENDITURE
ON ROADS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.**

	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	£	£	£	£	£
State Highways*—					
Maintenance and reconditioning	261,956	597,180	1,181,382	570,060	1,049,884
Main Roads*—					
Construction	40,948	95,168	75,743	12,304	5,801
Maintenance	550,170	905,344	1,283,619	1,087,120	1,217,829
Total Main Roads	591,118	1,000,512	1,359,362	1,099,424	1,223,630
Developmental Roads*—					
Construction, &c.	148,588	252,946	436,467	458,473	378,179
Tourists' Roads*—					
Construction, &c.	53,786	96,302	98,662	73,340	138,686
Forests Roads—					
Maintenance	8,021	19,770	29,342	21,293	43,947
Murray River Bridges and Punt—					
Maintenance	7,623	4,630	4,004	5,946	6,022
Roads adjoining Commonwealth Areas	381	4,888	3,407	3,247	735
Commonwealth Defence Works (Northern Territory) Construction, &c.	6,758	..	..	..	..
Outer Metropolitan Roads Permanent Works—					
Swan-street Bridge .. ..	..	9,979	15,178	37,769	41,867
State Highways .. .. .	..	..	..	324,540	290,704
Tourists' Roads .. .. .	..	..	..	44,137	11,155
Forests Roads .. .. .	..	..	..	857	227
Commonwealth Defence Works (Allied Works Council)	Cr.14,072	..	..	..	..
Total	1,064,159	1,986,207	3,127,804	2,639,086	3,185,036

* Including amounts contributed by the Commonwealth Government under the provisions of the Federal and Commonwealth Aid Roads Acts.

HARBOR TRUSTS.

The Port of Melbourne is under the control of this Trust, and its constitution, powers and functions are set out on page 145 of the *Year-Book* for 1929-30. The following are particulars of the ordinary revenue and ordinary and capital expenditure for the years 1945 to 1949. The loan indebtedness as at the end of each of the five years is also shown.

Melbourne
Harbor Trust.

MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1945 TO 1949.

Heading.	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
	£	£	£	£	£
REVENUE.					
Wharfage and Tonnage Rates ..	662,990	701,591	819,425	961,925	1,118,058
Rents	54,553	58,184	57,760	57,505	60,570
Interest	11,837	10,079	7,773	10,301	11,467
Other Revenue	188,185	191,183	228,498	284,082	281,126
	917,565	961,037	1,113,456	1,313,813	1,471,221
Less Statutory Payments to—					
Consolidated Revenue ..	136,598	144,318	167,851	196,420	227,612
Geelong Harbor Trust ..	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Total	765,967	801,719	930,605	1,102,393	1,228,609
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
General Management and Expenses	53,877	69,386	66,732	91,216	81,214
Flotation and Redemption of Loans					
Expenses	3,619	3,519	2,918	1,526	293
Operating Expenses	119,030	122,354	144,830	164,818	193,028
Maintenance—					
Dredging	106,220	129,856	96,657	99,367	64,192
Harbor	4,372	5,595	7,557	7,257	7,022
Wharves	60,257	71,191	69,387	72,260	74,305
Approaches	4,091	5,876	5,906	8,063	7,057
Railways	4,575	15,303	4,372	4,635	6,957
Cranes				11,358	16,400
Other Properties	6,569	5,040	4,201	12,065	10,720
Interest on Loans and Exchange ..	184,591	183,420	175,075	158,131	136,638
Depreciation, Renewals, and Insurance Account ..	130,062	129,200	123,940	134,230	121,798
Sinking Fund	56,695	57,951	59,491	60,806	53,125
Total	733,958	798,691	761,666	825,732	772,809
Surplus on Revenue Account ..	32,009	3,028	168,939	276,661	455,800
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.					
Land and Property	5,848	228	12,791	3,720	40,403
Deepening Waterways	66,764	47,962	90,098	101,619	180,613
Wharves Construction	37,271	49,248	51,998	120,698	176,431
Approaches Construction	5,063	5,049	7,267	28,909	9,836
Other Harbor Improvements ..	1,043	9,031	31,878	22,886	24,649
Floating and General Plant ..	68,275	291,882	181,672	115,408	191,464
Total	184,264	403,400	375,704	393,240	623,396
At 31st December—					
Loan Indebtedness*	4,008,151	3,973,100	3,937,709	3,820,203	3,766,678
Sinking Fund	239,022	268,077	298,016	..	..
Net Indebtedness	3,769,129	3,705,023	3,639,693	3,820,203	3,766,678

* Excluding bank overdraft as follows :—Nil in 1945 ; £163,497 in 1946 ; £143,066 in 1947 ; £80,662 in 1948 ; and £209,194 in 1949.

The Port of Geelong is under the control of this Trust, and its constitution and powers are shown in the *Year-Book* for 1929-30, page 147. A concise statement of the principal provisions of the *Geelong and Melbourne Harbor Trusts Act 1934* is given in the *Year-Book* for 1933-34, pages 153 and 154.

The following is a summary of the revenue and expenditure for each year 1945 to 1949. Capital expenditure during, and loan indebtedness at end of, each of the five years are also shown:—

GEELONG HARBOR TRUST—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1945 TO 1949.

Heading.	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
	£	£	£	£	£
REVENUE.					
Wharfage, Tonnage, and Special Berth Rates	48,929	57,894	64,647	77,333	93,109
Rents, Fees, and Licences	6,886	6,265	6,095	5,872	5,671
Freezing Works and Abattoirs	21,109	18,467	18,259	18,030	18,030
Contribution by Melbourne Harbor Trust	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Other Revenue	6,701	8,011	12,632	16,375	20,687
Total	98,625	105,637	116,633	132,610	152,497
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
Management Expenses	14,122	16,214	24,089	31,176	38,144
Maintenance—					
Wharves and Approaches	3,335	2,577	3,458	3,838	9,286
Harbor	3,294	2,632	3,020	4,055	11,543
Floating Plant	5,062	5,906	2,485	2,629	2,858
Other	3,075	2,244	3,314	8,585	7,677
Interest on Loans	15,168	14,969	14,033	13,886	13,776
Sinking Fund	3,853	3,846	3,844	3,800	3,799
Freezing Works and Abattoirs	8,388	9,484	8,996	14,607	10,041
Depreciation Reserve Account	22,202	22,296	19,567	22,002	24,769
Miscellaneous	685	1,105	4,809	7,925	16,550
Total	79,184	81,273	87,615	112,503	138,443
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.					
Floating Plant	13	16,814	32,677	15,596	32,961
Land and Property	11,212	5,430	5,708	13,930	5,196
Deepening Waterways .. .. .	..	..	9,631	32,198	43,124
Wharves and Approaches	849	1,909	3,373	4,258	10,143
Other	1,577	3,354	2,302	18,754	11,954
Total	13,651	27,507	53,691	84,736	103,378
At 31st December—					
Loan Indebtedness	533,193	529,087	525,403	517,414	514,896
Sinking Fund	57,528	63,472	69,613	75,889	82,368
Net Indebtedness	475,665	465,615	455,790	441,525	432,528

A statement relating to the appointment of, and powers of, the Portland Harbor Trust Commissioners, will be found on page 32 of this *Year-Book*. The Trust consists of three Commissioners who were appointed by the Governor in Council on 15th March, 1950. The control of the port passed to the Commissioners on 18th May, 1951.

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITIES.

A statement showing the names of the authorities which controlled water supply for domestic purposes in Victoria in 1940 is given in the *Year-Book* for 1939-40, page 160.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS.

The Board was established by Act of Parliament on 20th December, 1890, and entered upon its duties on 18th March, 1891.

It consists of 48 members, including the chairman, who is elected every four years by the other members, and is eligible for re-election. The other forty-seven members, who are called commissioners, are from time to time elected by the councils of the municipal districts wholly or partly within the metropolis.

The principal functions of the Board are to control and manage the metropolitan water supply system, including watersheds, reservoirs, weirs, aqueducts, pipes, &c.; to provide the metropolis with an efficient system of main and general sewerage; to deal with main drains and main drainage works; to control and manage the rivers, creeks, and watercourses within the metropolis; and to collect and dispose of night-soil from unsewered premises within the area under its control. By virtue of the *Town and Country Planning (Metropolitan Area) Act* (No. 5404 of 1949) the Board has also been made the responsible authority for the purpose of preparing and submitting for approval, within a period of three years or such longer period as the Minister of Public Works may authorize, a planning scheme for Greater Melbourne.

**Area under
Board's
control at 30th
June, 1950.**

The metropolis for water supply, sewerage and drainage and river improvement purposes comprises all that land within 13 miles of the post office at the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth streets, Melbourne, and the remaining portions of the Cities of Moorabbin, Mordialloc, and Nunawading and the Shire of Mulgrave and certain portions of the remainder of the Shires of Eltham, Doncaster and Templestowe, and Dandenong, but excludes portion of the Shire of Werribee within such 13 miles. This territory has an area of 450 square miles within which are situated 27 cities and 1 shire and the parts of one other city and 9 other shires.

**Town
Planning.**

The metropolitan area for the purpose of town planning is all that area within a radius of 15 miles of the post office at the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth streets, Melbourne, together with the remaining portions of the Cities of Heidelberg and Mordialloc, the Borough of Ringwood, and the Shires of Braybrook, Keilor, Mulgrave, Dandenong, and Doncaster and Templestowe, the whole of the City of Chelsea and that portion of the Shire of Frankston and Hastings within a radius of 26 miles of the said post office but excluding any portion of the Shire of Fern Tree Gully.

**Board's
borrowing
powers and
liability on
loans.**

The Board is empowered to borrow £29,750,000, this amount being exclusive of loans amounting to £2,389,934 originally raised by the Government for the construction of waterworks for the supply of Melbourne and suburbs. These works were vested in and taken over by the Board on 1st July, 1891.

The Board's liability under loans was £29,513,785 on 30th June, 1950. The Board was at that date empowered to borrow £2,626,149 before reaching the limit of its borrowing powers.

**Revenue and
expenditure.**

The following is a statement of the revenue and expenditure of the Board during each of the five years, 1945-46 to 1949-50 :—

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS— REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Heads of Revenue and Expenditure.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	£	£	£	£	£
REVENUE.					
Water Supply— Water Rates and Charges (including Revenue from water supplied by measure) ..	1,033,524	1,086,847	1,167,610	1,294,558	1,323,236
Sewerage— Sewerage Rates	1,101,311	1,113,423	1,158,591	1,202,252	1,243,520
Trade Waste Charges					131,084
Sanitary Charges	26,643	24,972	28,137	27,431	30,775
Metropolitan Farm— Grazing Fees, Rents, Pastures, &c. Balance, Live Stock Account ..	2,799 42,512	1,168 60,464	2,700 61,439	5,496 72,194	3,363 75,803
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers— Drainage and River Improvement Rate	95,684	97,257	101,515	105,791	110,380
River Water Charges	7,032	5,816	5,571	6,204	6,168
Total	2,309,505	2,389,947	2,525,563	2,713,926	2,924,329
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
Water Supply— Management and Incidental Ex- penses	107,792	122,672	145,366	182,151	202,565
Maintenance	252,138	392,799	451,606	504,150	589,178
Sewerage— Management and Incidental Ex- penses	109,094	134,099	161,385	186,173	206,646
Maintenance	118,032	130,116	143,124	169,497	202,213
Metropolitan Farm— Administrative Expenses	3,239	4,156	6,158	7,578	13,748
Maintenance	102,418	122,208	129,918	146,640	152,355
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers— Management and Incidental Ex- penses	5,984	6,507	6,958	8,740	10,016
Maintenance	19,390	22,971	15,828	17,061	16,880
Pensions and Allowances	13,982	25,928	12,900	18,033	21,410
Loan Flotation Expenses	436	1,598	3,791	796	2,035
Interest (including exchange on interest payments in London)	1,263,123	1,236,098	1,239,372	1,259,743	1,315,342
Contributions to— Sinking Fund	64,928	65,090	67,340	69,840	73,785
Renewals Fund	190,834	192,063	153,414	162,928	163,095
Superannuation Accounts	15,130	16,887	20,187	21,616	29,373
Exchange Reserve	51,000	51,000	..	..	..
Depreciation	2,591	..	..	..	..
Contributions to Municipalities	3,850	7,290	7,290	7,364	7,389
Defence Expenses .. ..	..	..	..	..	..
Contributions to Patriotic Funds..	14,803	..	..	..	..
Exchange— Redemption, London Loan, 1948	..	..	..	9,000	9,000
Total	2,338,764	2,531,482	2,564,637	2,771,310	3,015,030

Water supply assessments and rates.

The rate to be paid in respect of any lands and houses for the supply of water for domestic purposes, otherwise than by measure, is limited to an amount not exceeding 8d. in the pound of the annual value of the lands and houses served. The water rate levied in the year 1949-50 was 7d. in the £1 on the annual value of the property served. Properties with an annual value of £17 and under are charged a minimum rate of 10s. per annum. There is a charge of 1s. per 1,000 gallons for water supplied by meter, with the assessed rate as a minimum. For shipping at Melbourne wharves the charge is 3s. per 1,000 gallons.

Cost of the Melbourne and Metropolitan waterworks system.

The total cost of the water supply system to 30th June, 1949 and 1950, was as follows:—

	To 30th June.	
	1949.	1950.
	£	£
Original water supply works, tank, pumping station, &c.	12,506	12,506
Yan Yean System	666,117	670,063
Maroondah System	1,713,990	1,714,657
O'Shannassy System	4,727,620	5,803,987
Service reservoirs	628,195	635,553
Large mains	3,147,111	3,173,256
Reticulation	4,295,554	4,545,415
Afforestation	162,361	181,787
Investigations, future works	9,666	9,756
Total	15,363,120	16,746,980

The Melbourne and Metropolitan waterworks.

A description of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Waterworks (Yan Yean, Maroondah, and O'Shannassy systems) was published in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, pages 169 to 171.

Storage and service reservoirs.

There are five storage reservoirs (Yan Yean, Toorourrong, Maroondah, O'Shannassy, and Silvan No. 1) with a total capacity of 23,351,305,000 gallons, twenty-two service reservoirs (including one at the Metropolitan Farm, Werribee) and three elevated tanks with a total capacity of 262,200,000 gallons.

Output of water.

The total output of water from the various sources of supply in 1948-49 and 1949-50 was as follows:—

	Year ended 30th June—	
	1949.	1950.
	'000 gals.	'000 gals.
Yan Yean Reservoir	2,817,200	2,619,000
Maroondah Reservoir	14,066,600	14,282,800
O'Shannassy River and Silvan No. 1 ..	17,401,700	16,536,100
Total Output	34,285,500	33,437,900

Consumption of water in Melbourne and suburbs. The total consumption of water amounted to 34,280 million gallons in 1948-49 and 33,458 million gallons in 1949-50 and the average consumption per day was 93·92 million gallons in 1948-49 and 91·66 million gallons in 1949-50. During the year ended 30th June, 1950, the maximum consumption on any one day was 189·2 million gallons on 13th January, and the minimum consumption was 56·3 million gallons on 18th September. The maximum daily consumption up to 30th June, 1950, was recorded on 11th February, 1948, viz., 200·3 million gallons.

The following table shows for each of the five years, 1946 to 1950, the daily average consumption of water, and the daily average per head:—

DAILY AVERAGE QUANTITY OF WATER CONSUMED IN MELBOURNE AND SUBURBS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

(MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS AREA.)

Year.	Properties Supplied with Water at 30th June.	Number of Properties for which Sewers were Provided at 30th June.	Daily Average of Annual Consumption of Water.	Daily Consumption of Water per Head of Population Served.
			Million Gallons.	Gallons.
1945-46*	308,731	291,536	78·39	63·95
1946-47	312,735	294,343	87·92	70·82
1947-48	320,798	302,433	91·94	72·11
1948-49	328,843	308,772	93·92	71·86
1949-50	342,742	320,006	91·66	67·25

* Restrictions on the use of water were in force from 3rd September, 1945, to 6th March, 1946.

These figures show that additional properties to the number of 13,899 were supplied with water during the year ended 30th June, 1950.

Sewerage assessments, rates, and receipts. The Board is empowered to levy a general sewerage rate not exceeding 1s. 2d. in the £1 of the net annual value of properties in sewered areas. The sewerage rate for the year 1949-50 was 1s. in the £1. The total annual value of property in the Board's area in 1949-50 was £26,114,656, of which £24,581,289 was liable to the sewerage rate, the balance being the value of property in unsewered districts.

The receipts from general sewerage rates and charges in 1949-50 amounted to £1,274,295.

Cost of the Melbourne and Metropolitan sewerage system. The cost of sewerage works to 30th June, 1949 and 1950, is allocated as follows:—

	To 30th June.	
	1949.	1950.
	£	£
Farm purchase and preparation	1,731,870	1,885,231
Treatment works	210,447	211,902
Outfall sewers and rising mains	531,178	532,225
Pumping stations, buildings, and plant	311,853	313,505
Main and Branch sewers	3,346,287	3,365,606
Reticulation sewers	9,588,413	10,058,661
Cost of house connexions chargeable to capital	670,569	670,569
Sanitary depots	45,241	45,330
Investigations	16,018	23,558
Cost of sewerage system	16,451,876	17,106,587

Main and subsidiary sewerage systems. The sewerage system of the metropolis at 30th June, 1950, consisted of the main system and three subsidiary systems:—

The Main system (serving an area of 67,433 acres) the sewage from which gravitates to Spotswood Pumping Station where it is lifted to the main outfall sewer at Brooklyn and thence flows to the Metropolitan Farm at Werribee.

The Sunshine system (serving an area of 941 acres in the Shire of Braybrook, including the township of Sunshine) the sewage from which is pumped to the main outfall sewer.

The Kew system (serving an area of 103 acres in Kew) the sewage from which drains to a local treatment plant.

The South Eastern system (serving an area of 2,292 acres in Cheltenham, Parkdale, Mentone, and Mordialloc) the sewage from which drains to the Braeside treatment plant in the Shire of Dandenong.

Number of buildings for which sewers were provided. The first house was connected in Port Melbourne in August, 1897. On 30th June, 1949 and 1950, the number of buildings for which sewers were provided was 308,772 and 320,006 respectively, and the estimated population served by the system was 1,228,000 at 30th June, 1949, and 1,272,000 at 30th June, 1950.

During the years 1948-49 and 1949-50 the number of new houses erected in the Board's area was 9,363 and 13,868 respectively, and sewers were provided for 6,339 buildings in 1948-49 and 11,234 in 1949-50.

The following statement shows the number of sewer connexions at 30th June, 1950 :—

**MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS—
SEWER CONNEXIONS AT 30TH JUNE, 1950.**

Municipality.	Number of Buildings for which Sewers were provided at 30th June, 1950.
Cities—	
Box Hill	6,577
Brighton	10,866
Brunswick	14,538
Camberwell	23,007
Caulfield	22,053
Coburg	11,902
Collingwood	8,193
Essendon	13,856
Fitzroy	7,973
Footscray	13,387
Hawthorn	10,601
Heidelberg (part)	10,261
Kew	7,780
Malvern	13,933
Melbourne	22,587
Moorabbin	11,344
Mordialloc	4,125
Northcote	12,074
Nunawading	1,981
Oakleigh	4,129
Port Melbourne	3,878
Prahran	16,682
Preston	11,927
Richmond	10,524
Sandringham	7,525
South Melbourne	9,975
St. Kilda	15,529
Williamstown	6,976
Shires—	
Braybrook (part)	4,086
Broadmeadows (part)	1,105
Keilor (part)	606
Mulgrave	16
Werribee (part)	10
Total	320,006

Pumping stations. At 30th June, 1950, pumping stations had been established at Spotswood, Preston, Sunshine, Box Hill, Black Rock, Braybrook (2), Mordialloc, Port Melbourne, Prahran, Fawkner, and Kew.

Metropolitan Sewage Farm. A general description of this farm is given on pages 178 and 179 of the *Year-Book* for 1928-29.

Statistical data for the year ended 30th June, 1950, are as under :—

Total area of farm	26,056 acres
Area used for sewage disposal	14,704 acres
Rainfall at farm for year	25·33 inches
Average rainfall over 54 years	18·23 inches
Net cost of sewage purification for year per head of population served	2s. 5·2d.
Profit on cattle for year	£64,399
Profit on sheep for year	£11,404

Disposal of night-soil from unsewered premises. The responsibility for the collection, removal, and disposal of night-soil from unsewered premises within the metropolis was transferred from the individual municipal councils to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works as from 19th November, 1924. By agreement each council pays to the Board a prescribed amount per annum to offset the cost of the service, &c.

For the year 1949-50 the working expenses were £14,219 and interest £1,778, making a total of £15,997. The revenue was £2,952, leaving a deficiency of £13,045.

Metropolitan drainage and river improvement rate. Under the provisions of Part VIII. of the Act (as amended by the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (Rate) Act 1938*), relating to metropolitan drainage and rivers, the Board is empowered to levy a metropolitan drainage and river improvement rate not exceeding 2d. in the £1 in respect of the properties in the metropolis rateable by any municipality. The present rate is 1d. in the £1, and this has remained unchanged since it was first levied on 1st July, 1927.

Assessed value of property. The total annual value of property assessed for drainage and river purposes for 1949-50 was £26,000,266.

Cost of drainage and river improvement works. The total cost of drainage and river improvement works to 30th June, 1950, was £2,204,800.

Length of main drains. The classification and length of all main drains under the control of the Board at 30th June, 1950, were as follows :—

Type of Drain.	Miles.	Chains.
Underground drains.. .. .	104	71
Constructed open drains	11	57
Natural watercourses and unlined open drains.. .. .	9	33
Total	126	1

BALLARAT WATER COMMISSIONERS.

The local governing body by the name of "The Ballarat Water Commissioners" was constituted on the 1st July, 1880, by the *Waterworks Act 1880* (No. 656.)

Water supply. The water supply district of the Ballarat Water Commissioners embraces an area of approximately 65 square miles, including the City of Ballarat, the Borough of Sebastopol and portions of the Shires of Ballarat, Buninyong, Bungaree, and Grenville. The estimated population in this area is 50,000. The works comprise six reservoirs, which have a total storage capacity of 2,331,600,000 gallons. Another reservoir, with a storage capacity of 3,000 million gallons, is at present under construction. The catchment area is 17,545 acres. The Commissioners supplied water to 13,948 properties, of which 9,393 were connected to the sewers.

To 31st December, 1949, the capital cost of construction was £1,347,090, and the loans outstanding (due to the Government) were £827,890. During 1949 receipts amounted to £390,500 and expenditure to £384,275.

Water rate. The water rate is 1s. 3d. in the £1 of the net annual value of all rateable properties, with a minimum of 15s. per annum for land on which there is a building or water supply.

BALLARAT SEWERAGE AUTHORITY.

The Ballarat Sewerage Authority was constituted under the provisions of the *Sewerage Districts Act 1915* by Order in Council dated 30th November, 1920, which provides that the members of the Water Commissioners shall be the Sewerage Authority.

Sewerage. The Ballarat sewerage district embraces the City of Ballarat and portion of the Shire of Ballarat. Work was commenced in December, 1922, and to date the Authority has constructed a disposal works, 1 mile of outfall sewer, 2·1 miles of main sewer, 14·7 miles of sub-mains, and 88·3 miles of reticulation. The whole of the works so far completed are gravitational. The plant treats an average maximum daily flow of approximately 2,000,000 gallons and comprises screening, grit removal, primary sedimentation, trickling filter, secondary sedimentation, and sludge digestion.

To 31st December, 1949, the capital cost of construction, including side lines, was £582,510, and the loans outstanding at that date were £440,992. The amount outstanding by property owners for sewerage installations was £2,218. During 1949 General Fund receipts amounted to £44,430 and expenditure to £47,250.

Sewerage Rate. The general sewerage rate is 1s. 6d. in the £1 of the net annual value of all properties within the drainage area which are now or may hereafter become sewered during the period for which such rate is made.

GEELONG WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE TRUST.

This Trust was constituted as the Geelong Municipal Waterworks Trust on 25th January, 1908. It was reconstituted as a Water and Sewerage Authority under the *Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act* 1910.

The amount of loans which may be raised is limited to £900,000 for water supply, £760,000 for sewerage works, and £270,000 for sewerage installations to properties under deferred payments conditions. The expenditure on these services to 30th June, 1950, was water supply, £888,167; sewerage, £674,242; and sewerage installation, £258,344, of which £515 is outstanding. The revenue for the year ended 30th June, 1950, was £84,410 on account of waterworks and £55,831 on account of sewerage. Since 1913 the Trust has appropriated and set apart sums out of revenues for the creation of a sinking fund to redeem loans. At 30th June, 1950, the amounts so appropriated were: sewerage, £104,838, and water supply £117,807. Of such amounts £180,252 had been used to redeem loans which have matured from time to time.

The population supplied is estimated by the Trust at 57,800. The number of buildings within the "Drainage Area" is 13,900; the number within the "Sewered Areas" 13,640, and the number connected with the sewers 13,682.

Water Supply.—The catchment areas of the Moorabool watersheds is about 16,000 acres. There are five storage reservoirs and seven service basins. The total storage capacity of the reservoirs and service basins is 2,746,120,000 gallons.

The Trust takes, as arranged, a minimum annual quantity of 545,000,000 gallons of water from the Bellarine Peninsula System, controlled by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, to supplement the supply from the Moorabool watersheds.

Sewerage.—The sewerage system consists of a main outfall sewer, 4 ft. by 3 ft. 3 in. to the ocean at Black Rock, a distance of about 9 miles from Geelong, and 150 miles of main and reticulation sewers. The sewerage area is 9,571 acres and includes the City of Geelong, the City of Geelong West, the City of Newtown and Chilwell, and the suburban areas in the Shires of Corio, South Barwon, and Bellarine.

Water Rates.—The water rate is 1s. 3d. in the £1 of the net annual value of all rateable properties with a minimum of £1 per annum for land on which there is a building and a minimum of 5s. per annum for land on which there is no building.

Sewerage Rate.—The general sewerage rate is 1s. 3d. in the £1 of the net annual value of all rateable properties.

WATERWORKS TRUSTS.

During 1948-49 there were functioning in Victoria 124 Waterworks Trusts constituted under the provisions of the *Water Act* 1928. The receipts and expenditure of these Trusts for the year 1940 are shown in the *Year-Book* for 1941-42, page 361. Similar particulars are not available for subsequent years.

MILDURA URBAN WATER TRUST.

This Trust which was constituted under the provisions of the *Mildura Irrigation and Water Trusts Act* 1928, supplies water for domestic use in the City of Mildura. The revenue and expenditure of this authority for the years ended 30th June, 1948 and 1949, were as follows :—

MILDURA URBAN WATER TRUST—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

						Year ended 30th June—	
						1948.	1949.
<i>Revenue.</i>						£	£
Water Rates	..	..	..	..	..	6,346	7,071
Water Charges	..	..	..	..	..	3,735	4,894
Meter Rents	..	..	..	..	..	95	..
Interest on overdue rates	..	..	..	..	..	18	23
Transfers from Reserves	..	..	..	..	..	2,940	3,500
Other	..	..	..	..	..	3,038	1,249
Total	..	..	..	..	..	16,172	16,737

MILDURA URBAN WATER TRUST—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE—*cont'd.*

						Year ended 30th June—	
						1948.	1949.
<i>Expenditure.</i>						£	£
Administrative Expenses .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1,447	1,799
Meter Maintenance .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	447	386
Maintenance and Repairs .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	5,625	6,521
Interest on Loans .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	471	465
Interest on Overdraft .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	7	..
Depreciation .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	524	524
Other .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1,740	2,000
Total .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	10,261	11,695

At 30th June, 1949, the net loan liability of the Trust amounted to £10,402, of which £9,267 was due to the Government.

SEWERAGE AUTHORITIES.

In districts outside the areas under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust (which bodies are constituted under special Acts), sewerage authorities may be constituted in Victoria under the provisions of the Sewerage Districts Acts. At 30th June, 1949, 47 such authorities had been constituted.

The following statement gives general statistical information relating to all authorities (including the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust) in whose districts the sewerage systems were in operation in 1949.

**SEWERAGE SYSTEMS IN OPERATION IN VICTORIA
AT 30TH JUNE, 1949.**

Authority.	Number of Properties Connected to Sewers.	Sewerage Rate Levied in £ of Net Annual Municipal Value.	Authority.	Number of Properties Connected to Sewers.	Sewerage Rate Levied in £ of Net Annual Municipal Value.
		<i>s. d.</i>			<i>s. d.</i>
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works	308,772	1 0	Kyabram	223	1 11
Ararat	1,300	1 9	Kyneton	800	1 6
Bairnsdale	1,150	1 6	Mildura	1,834	1 4
Ballarat	9,198	1 6	Mornington	349	1 9
Benalla	1,356	1 6	Morwell	790	1 6
Bendigo	6,775	1 3	Murtoa	290	2 0
Castlemaine	1,100	2 0	Nhill	530	2 0
Colac	1,620	1 6	Portland	357	1 4
Dandenong	1,335	1 5	Shepparton	2,011	1 10
Dimboola	290	2 0	Swan Hill	1,003	2 0
Echuca	1,149	1 9	Wangaratta	1,700	1 5
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust	13,362	1 3	Warracknabeal	770	2 0
Hamilton	1,540	1 9	Warragul	750	2 2
Horsham	1,575	1 6	Warrnambool	2,274	1 0
Kerang	627	2 6	Yarrawonga	275	..
			Total	365,105*	..

* Serving a total population of 1,454,600. This figure is based on estimates by the authorities concerned.

In addition to those enumerated in the foregoing table, sewerage authorities had been constituted in the following districts:—

Year 1936	..	Sale.
„ 1938	..	Lorne, Maffra.
„ 1939	..	Beechworth, Euroa, Leongatha, Traralgon, Werribee, Wodonga, Yarram.
„ 1945	..	Maryborough.
„ 1946	..	Charlton.
„ 1947	..	Moe, Mooroopna, Queenscliffe, Tatura, Yea.
„ 1948	..	St. Arnaud, Stawell.

The above authorities were not in operation at 30th June, 1949.

**Yallourn
Sewerage.**

Under the provisions of the State Electricity Commission Acts, a scheme of sewerage for Yallourn was adopted after approval by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission and the Public Health Department. The erection of the treatment plant, pump house, and pipe-testing depot was completed in 1941. To June, 1949, approximately 66 per cent. of the gravity reticulation system had been completed. The sewage treatment plant was put into service in January, 1948, and by June, 1949, 82 houses had been fully connected, also 3 schools, the hotel, 2 guest houses, picture theatre, one hostel, and the shopping area were partly connected.

The use of septic tanks in the town has been discontinued.

To June, 1949, about 1,200 persons were served by the system which will ultimately serve 5,000 persons when completed.

FIRE BRIGADES.

**Metropolitan
Fire Brigades
Board.**

The Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board, which was constituted in February, 1891, is composed of nine members, of whom three are appointed by the Governor in Council, three by municipal councils, and three by fire insurance companies.

The Board on 30th June, 1950, had under its control the following:— 42 stations, 580 members of permanent staff, 65 members of special service staff, 25 members of clerical staff, 61 men engaged in the workshops, 11 employees engaged in the tailoring department, and 20 partially-paid firemen.

During 1949-50 the cost of maintenance of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade was £470,179, one-third being contributed by each of the contributing bodies, viz., Government of Victoria, municipalities within the Metropolitan Fire District, and the 146 fire insurance companies carrying on business in that district. The municipalities' contribution was equal to 1·45158 pence in the £1 on the annual value

of £25,912,555 of property within the Fire District, and that of the insurance companies to £7 17s. 5·73d. for every £100 of premiums on insured property. The premiums received in the Metropolitan Fire District in 1948 amounted to £1,990,460.

Particulars of receipts and expenditure of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board for the five years, 1946 to 1950, are as follows:—

**VICTORIA—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE
METROPOLITAN FIRE BRIGADES BOARD, 1946 TO 1950.**

Heading.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948	1949.	1950.
<i>Ordinary Receipts.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Contributions—Government, Municipal, and Insurance Companies	218,982	242,687	269,769	279,764	470,179
Receipts for Services	53,385	53,867	61,388	68,350	66,419
Interest and Sundries	25,837	29,204	30,946	35,588	47,269
Total	298,204	325,758	362,103	333,702	583,867
<i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries	143,039	163,597	169,875	187,100	282,134
Administrative Charges, &c. ..	49,509	46,327	53,926	58,875	102,088
Partially-paid Firemen and Special Service Staff Allowances ..	41,493	46,020	45,260	46,905	54,347
Plant—Purchase and Repairs ..	33,203	32,525	32,846	36,469	36,931
Interest	7,753	7,416	6,987	6,571	6,146
Repayment of Loans	8,411	8,860	9,333	9,833	10,360
Superannuation Fund	7,468	8,684	8,795	9,314	13,240
Motor Replacement Reserve ..	7,617	6,492	6,738	7,092	7,436
Pay-Roll Tax	5,418	6,486	6,356	6,857	9,391
Miscellaneous	1,170	1,414	2,044	4,510	3,881
Total	305,081	327,821	342,760	373,526	525,954
At 30th June—					
Loan Indebtedness	172,638	163,778	154,445	144,612	134,252

The Country Fire Authority, which was constituted in 1944, comprises ten members appointed by the Executive Council selected from panels of names submitted by the Minister of Forests (2 representatives), the Urban Municipalities (1), the Rural Municipalities (1), the Fire Insurance Companies (2), the Rural Fire Brigades (2), and the Urban Fire Brigades (2).

The Authority is responsible for the prevention and suppression of fires in the "country area of Victoria", which embraces the whole of the State outside the metropolitan fire district, excluding State Forests and certain Crown lands. The country area has been divided into 24 Fire Control Regions, three of which (Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong) are wholly urban, the remaining 21 mixed urban and rural. Seventeen permanent Regional Fire Officers supervise fire prevention and extinction in the rural sections of one or more fire control regions.

At 30th June, 1950, there were 194 urban fire brigades and 940 rural fire brigades. The effective registered strength of the brigades at the close of the financial year was 72,253 members. The revenue of the Authority is contributed in equal proportions by the Government, fire insurance companies, and municipalities. There are 132 insurance companies and 171 municipalities included in the operation of the Act. The premiums received by these insurance companies outside the Metropolitan Fire District amounted to £1,815,219, whilst the annual value of rateable property within the Authority's area was £20,089,668.

The following statement shows the receipts and expenditure of the Country Fire Authority during the years ended 30th June, 1949 and 1950 :—

	Year Ended 30th June—	
	1949.	1950.
	£	£
<i>Ordinary Receipts.</i>		
Contributions from Government, municipalities, and insurance companies	113,403	131,977
Sundries	2,220	3,983
Total	115,623	135,960
<i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>		
Administrative (including salaries)	13,440	15,905
Brigade salaries	11,254	19,794
Regional officers—salaries, transport, maintenance ..	12,703	14,855
Fires and practices allowances	4,636	4,840
New stations, repairs, and rentals	3,273	5,572
Rolling stock and plant, purchases and maintenance	31,461	30,108
Hose and appliances	2,194	2,462
Uniforms, telephones, and fuel	4,782	4,402
Repayment of loans	4,457	6,369
Interest on loans	2,174	3,522
Motor Replacement Fund	10,297	11,748
Compensation Fund, accidents	6,880	6,880
Local Government rates	1,172	1,367
Pay-Roll Tax	543	751
Sundries	6,308	6,922
Total	115,574	135,497
Loan Expenditure	11,024	54,142
Loan indebtedness at 30th June	79,321	102,951

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENT BODIES.

In the following statement particulars are given of the new money loan raisings during each of the years 1938-39 to 1940-41 and 1946-47 and 1947-48 by Local Government and Semi-Governmental and other Public Bodies in Victoria. Collection of this information was suspended during the war but was resumed in respect of the year 1946-47:—

VICTORIA—LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES—NEW MONEY LOAN RAISINGS, 1938-39 TO 1940-41, AND 1946-47 AND 1947-48.

Heading.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939	1940	1941	1947	1948
	£	£	£	£	£
LOCAL GOVERNMENT.					
Due to Government	13,737	6,272	3,741	24,795	18,435
Due to Public Creditor	795,211	624,178	347,249	648,472	943,684
Total Local Government ..	808,948	630,450	350,990	673,267	962,119
SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL, &c.					
Due to Government	405,529	674,057	473,940	4,216,127*	5,302,206*
Due to Public Creditor	1,478,840†	3,210,930†	1,196,247†	2,611,000	4,956,000
Total Semi-Governmental, &c.	1,884,369	3,884,987	1,670,187	6,827,127	10,258,206
ALL AUTHORITIES.					
Due to Government	419,266	680,329	477,681	4,240,922*	5,320,641*
Due to Public Creditor	2,274,051	3,835,108	1,543,496	3,259,472	5,899,684
Grand Total	2,693,317	4,515,437	2,021,177	7,500,394	11,220,325

* Including the following advances by the Commonwealth Government under the Commonwealth and State Housing Agreement:—£4,000,000 in 1946-47 and £5,000,000 in 1947-48.

† Including the following amounts borrowed to repay loans from Government:—£100,000 to 1938-39, £500,000 in 1939-40, and £50,000 in 1940-41. No amounts so borrowed in 1946-47 and 1947-48.

HOUSING.

Housing and reclamation by municipalities. The Council of any municipality may, under existing statutory power, erect or purchase dwelling-houses for eligible persons at a cost not exceeding £1,250, including the cost of the land, if the dwelling be of wood, or £1,500 if it be of brick, stone, or concrete. An eligible person, within the meaning of the *Local Government Act* 1946, is one who does not own a dwelling-house in Victoria or elsewhere and who is in receipt of an income not exceeding £400 a year.

Erection of dwelling houses by State Savings Bank Commissioners. Under the provisions of the *State Savings Bank Act* 1928, power is given to the Commissioners of the State Savings Bank of Victoria to provide dwelling-houses for eligible persons upon such terms and subject to such covenants and conditions as are prescribed or are fixed by the Commissioners. Particulars relating to the exercise of this authority is given in Part "Accumulation" of this *Year-Book*.

**War Service
Homes in
Victoria.**

Provision of homes is made by the Commonwealth Government for Australian soldiers who served during the 1914-1918 War and during the war which commenced in 1939 and also for the female dependants of Australian soldiers and other classes of eligible persons as defined in the *War Service Homes Act 1918-1949*.

Activities associated with such Act are shown in the following table. The information is furnished by the War Service Homes Division of the Department of Works and Housing:—

VICTORIA—WAR SERVICE HOMES.

Period.	Applications Approved.	Homes Built and Assisted to Build.	Homes Purchased.	Mortgages Discharged.	Transfers and Resales.
From inception to— 30th June, 1938 ..	10,524	5,009	3,777	461	1,276
Year ended— 30th June, 1939 ..	61	5	4	5	45
.. .. 1940 ..	30	2	..	..	30
.. .. 1941 ..	21	1	3	1	17
.. .. 1942 ..	24	..	1	3	20
.. .. 1943 ..	26	..	2	7	17
.. .. 1944 ..	37	..	4	5	28
.. .. 1945 ..	70	..	7	8	23
.. .. 1946 ..	247	28	38	29	12
.. .. 1947 ..	938	45	483	174	37
.. .. 1948 ..	1,649	119	676	326	28
.. .. 1949 ..	2,641	414	1,030	546	36
.. .. 1950 ..	4,932	453	2,660	1,010	38

To 30th June, 1950, the sums paid as instalments of principal and interest amounted to £9,490,850, whilst the arrears of instalments totalled £70,329, the percentage of arrears to the total amount due being 0.75.

Particulars relating to the constitution, powers, and duties of the Housing Commission will be found in Part **Housing Commission of Victoria.** "Social Condition" of the *Year-Book* for 1938-39, page 236.

In the following statement for the years ended 30th June, 1949 and 1950, information is given of the contracts let by the Commission for the erection of dwellings in Victoria (excluding contracts on account of the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust) and of the work carried out for the Commission by day labour. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

VICTORIA—CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION OF VICTORIA FOR THE ERECTION OF DWELLING UNITS, YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1950.

(Subject to revision.)

Municipality.	Contracts Let during Year ended 30th June, 1950, for—				Total, 31st July, 1939, to 30th June, 1950.
	Dwelling Units (Brick, Veneer, Concrete, Timber).	Value (excluding Pre- fabricated Timber Units).	*Pre- fabricated Timber Dwelling Units.	Total Dwelling Units	
METROPOLITAN.	No.	£	No.	No.	No.
Cities—					
Box Hill ..	248	427,061	..	248	318
Brighton ..	..	..	..	..	119
Brunswick ..	..	..	..	..	123
Camberwell ..	41	68,859	..	41	948
Coburg ..	..	..	..	..	689
Essendon ..	204	324,139	..	204	969
Footscray ..	..	..	..	..	110
Heidelberg ..	418	720,930	..	418	1,985
Melbourne ..	..	..	..	..	32
Moorabbin ..	..	..	..	..	766
Northcote ..	..	..	..	..	42
Oakleigh ..	..	..	..	..	100
Port Melbourne ..	..	..	..	..	414
Preston ..	..	..	..	..	785
Richmond ..	..	..	..	..	138
Sandringham ..	13	24,197	..	13	891
South Melbourne ..	..	..	..	..	5
Williamstown ..	..	..	..	..	175
Shires—					
Braybrook ..	138	236,374	..	138	729
Broadmeadows ..	..	..	..	..	132
Mulgrave ..	225	395,839	..	225	243
Total Metropolitan	1,287	2,197,399	..	1,287	9,813
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA.					
Cities—					
Ararat ..	5	8,319	25	30	160
Ballaarat ..	10	15,694	..	10	74
Bendigo ..	..	..	..	..	30
Geelong ..	70	115,823	..	70	378
Geelong West ..	..	..	..	..	37
Hamilton ..	..	..	..	..	44
Horsham ..	..	..	..	..	97
Mildura ..	..	..	..	..	74
Newtown and Chilwell ..	..	..	..	..	54
Sale ..	3	5,038	..	3	48
Shepparton ..	46	74,061	15	61	212
Warrnambool ..	13	21,653	..	13	107
Towns—					
Colac ..	25	42,236	..	25	96
Portland ..	7	11,800	..	7	30
St. Arnaud ..	..	..	..	..	12
Boroughs—					
Benalla ..	..	..	..	..	30
Castlemaine ..	..	..	..	..	25
Daylesford ..	..	..	7	7	7
Eaglehawk ..	..	..	..	..	5
Echuca ..	..	..	..	..	23
Inglewood ..	..	..	..	..	6
Maryborough ..	2	3,066	4	6	46
Port Fairy ..	..	..	..	..	10
Sebastopol ..	13	20,107	10	23	23
Stawell ..	..	..	..	..	20
Swan Hill ..	3	4,727	..	3	48

* See footnote at end of this table.

VICTORIA—CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION OF
VICTORIA FOR THE ERECTION OF DWELLING UNITS, YEAR
ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1950—*continued*.

(Subject to revision.)

Municipality.	Contracts Let during Year ended 30th June, 1950, for—				Total, 31st July, 1939, to 30th June, 1950.
	Dwelling Units (Brick, Brick Veneer, Concrete, Timber).	Value (excluding Pre- fabricated Timber Units).	*Pre- fabricated Timber Dwelling Units.	Total Dwelling Units.	
	No.	£	No.	No.	No.
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA— <i>continued</i> .					
Boroughs— <i>continued</i> —					
Wangaratta	9	14,339	..	9	311
Wonthaggi .. .. .	..	..	..	..	80
Shires—					
Alberton .. .. .	..	..	..	..	15
Avon	4	6,200	..	4	4
Bacchus Marsh	11	17,484	5	16	41
Bairnsdale .. .. .	..	..	..	..	34
Beechworth .. .. .	..	..	..	..	15
Bet Bet .. .. .	..	..	4	4	4
Bright .. .. .	..	..	..	..	12
Broadford .. .. .	..	..	..	..	8
Buln Buln .. .. .	..	..	..	..	41
Cohuna	4	4,079	..	4	16
Corio	28	177,515	73	161	196
Cranbourne	6	9,091	..	6	15
Dandenong	46	77,328	1	47	73
Dimboola .. .. .	..	..	..	..	26
Dunmunkle .. .. .	..	..	..	..	10
Euroa .. .. .	..	..	..	..	6
Frankston and Hastings	..	..	..	..	24
Glenelg .. .. .	..	..	..	..	5
Gisborne .. .. .	..	..	..	..	12
Hampden	6	9,428	..	6	63
Heytesbury .. .. .	..	..	..	..	12
Kerang .. .. .	..	..	..	..	35
Korumburra	15	25,823	..	15	35
Kyabram .. .. .	..	..	12	12	12
Kyneton .. .. .	..	..	..	..	15
Maffra .. .. .	..	..	..	..	22
Mansfield .. .. .	..	..	..	..	25
Mildura	12	19,181	..	12	94
Mirboo .. .. .	..	..	..	..	8
Morwell	202	356,507	121	323	463
Narracan	118	191,072	56	174	642
Numurkah .. .. .	..	..	7	7	41
Orbost	12	18,650	..	12	22
Rochester .. .. .	..	..	..	..	12
Rodney .. .. .	..	..	..	..	46
Rutherglen .. .. .	..	..	..	..	10
Seymour	8	13,261	..	8	68
Strathfieldsaye .. .. .	..	..	..	..	20
Swan Hill .. .. .	..	..	..	..	6
Traralgon	29	45,049	..	29	258
Tullaroop .. .. .	..	..	1	1	1
Tungamah	9	13,680	11	20	20
Warracknabeal .. .. .	..	..	..	..	22
Warragul	34	53,704	6	40	206
Winchelsea .. .. .	..	..	8	8	8
Wodonga .. .. .	..	..	..	..	38
Woorayl .. .. .	..	..	..	..	16
Yarrawonga	7	11,171	..	7	26
Total Outside Metro- politan Area	817	1,386,086	366	1,183	4,890
Grand Total	2,104	3,583,485	366	2,470	14,703

* It is difficult to arrive at a reliable value of pre-fabricated timber dwelling units as they are allocated to, and erected in, various municipalities. Such costs are computed only when the total number contracted for has been delivered and erected.

Particulars are given in the appended table of the materials of outer walls of dwelling units for which contracts have been let (including work performed by day labour) by the Commission.

VICTORIA—CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION
OF VICTORIA FOR THE ERECTION OF DWELLING
UNITS TO 30TH JUNE, 1950; MATERIALS OF OUTER
WALLS.

Municipality.	Materials of Outer Walls.						Total Dwelling Units—Contracts Let, &c.
	Brick.	Brick-veneer.	Concrete.	Timber, &c.	Steel.	Pre-fabricated Timber.	
METROPOLITAN.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Cities—							
Box Hill		10	408	..	..	..	418
Brighton	119	..	..	..	..	..	119
Brunswick	22	..	96	5	..	..	123
Camberwell	418	68	462	..	..	..	948
Coburg	565	..	..	124	..	..	689
Essendon	857	31	47	34	..	..	969
Footscray	75	..	1	34	..	..	110
Heidelberg	763	673	335	214	..	..	1,985
Melbourne	32	..	..	..	..	..	32
Moorabbin	209	347	190	..	1	19	766
Northcote	42	..	..	..	..	..	42
Oakleigh .. .. .	..	..	99	1	..	..	100
Port Melbourne	344	..	70	..	..	..	414
Preston	767	..	..	18	..	..	785
Richmond	138	..	..	..	..	..	138
Sandringham	774	13	101	3	..	..	891
South Melbourne	5	..	..	..	..	..	5
Williamstown	56	..	89	30	..	..	175
Shires—							
Braybrook	1	6	576	125	21	..	729
Broadmeadows .. .. .	..	..	132	..	..	..	132
Mulgrave .. .. .	..	69	174	..	..	..	243
Total Metropolitan ..	5,187	1,217	2,780	588	22	19	9,813
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA.							
Cities—							
Ararat .. .. .	..	..	..	100	..	60	160
Ballaarat	23	17	..	34	..	..	74
Bendigo	30	..	..	..	..	..	30
Geelong	6	83	..	287	..	2	378
Geelong West .. .. .	..	37	..	..	..	..	37
Hamilton .. .. .	..	..	..	44	..	..	44
Horsham .. .. .	..	..	..	97	..	..	97
Mildura .. .. .	..	10	..	64	..	..	74
Newtown and Chilwell .. .. .	..	54	..	..	..	..	54
Sale .. .. .	..	..	..	48	..	..	48
Shepparton .. .. .	..	81	..	116	..	15	212
Warrnambool .. .. .	..	53	..	54	..	..	107
Towns—							
Colac .. .. .	..	13	..	81	..	2	96
Portland .. .. .	..	..	..	30	..	..	30
St. Arnaud .. .. .	..	3	..	9	..	..	12
Boroughs—							
Benalla .. .. .	..	..	..	30	..	..	30
Castlemaine .. .. .	..	13	..	12	..	..	25
Daylesford .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	7	7
Eaglehawk	5	..	..	..	..	..	5
Echuca .. .. .	..	15	..	8	..	..	23
Inglewood .. .. .	..	..	..	6	..	..	6
Maryborough .. .. .	..	20	..	22	..	4	46

VICTORIA—CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION OF
VICTORIA FOR THE ERECTION OF DWELLING UNITS TO 30TH
JUNE, 1950; MATERIALS OF OUTER WALLS—*continued.*

Municipality.	Materials of Outer Walls.						Total Dwelling Units—Contracts Let, &c.
	Brick.	Brick-veneer.	Concrete.	Timber, &c.	Steel.	Pre-fabricated Timber.	
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA— <i>continued.</i>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<i>Boroughs—continued—</i>							
Port Fairy	10	..	..	10
Sebastopol	13	..	10	23
Stawell	20	..	..	20
Swan Hill	48	..	..	48
Wangaratta	22	54	..	216	1	18	311
Wonthaggi	80	..	..	80
<i>Shires—</i>							
Alberton	15	..	..	15
Avon	4	..	..	4
Bacchus Marsh	36	..	5	41
Bairnsdale	34	..	..	34
Beechworth	15	..	..	15
Bet Bet	4	4
Bright	12	..	..	12
Broadford	8	..	..	8
Buln Buln	41	41
Cohuna	16	..	..	16
Corio	73	50	..	73	196
Cranbourne	15	..	..	15
Dandenong	72	..	..	1	73
Dimboola	26	..	..	26
Dunmunkie	10	..	..	10
Euroa	6	..	..	6
Frankston and Hastings	7	..	17	..	..	24
Glenelg	5	..	..	5
Gisborne	12	..	..	12
Hampden	63	..	..	63
Heytesbury	12	..	..	12
Kerang	25	..	10	35
Korumburra	35	..	..	35
Kyabram	12	12
Kyneton	15	..	..	15
Maffra	22	..	..	22
Mansfield	25	..	..	25
Mildura	94	..	..	94
Mirboo	8	..	..	8
Morwell	342	..	121	463
Narracan	586	..	56	642
Numurkah	34	..	7	41
Orbost	22	..	..	22
Rochester	12	..	..	12
Rodney	46	..	..	46
Rutherglen	10	..	..	10
Seymour	68	..	..	68
Strathfieldsaye	20	..	..	..	..	..	20
Swan Hill	6	..	..	6
Traralgon	258	..	..	258
Tullaroop	1	1
Tungamah	9	..	11	20
Warracknabeal	22	..	..	22
Warragul	183	..	23	206
Winchelsea	8	8
Wodonga	38	..	..	38
Woorayl	16	..	..	16
Yarrawonga	26	..	..	26
Total Outside Metropolitan Area ..	106	460	145	3,687	1	491	4,890
Grand Total ..	5,293	1,677	2,925	4,275	23	510	14,703

DWELLING UNITS ERECTED BY THE VICTORIAN HOUSING COMMISSION TO 30TH JUNE, 1950.

Municipality.	Completed to 30th June, 1947.	Completed during Year ended 30th June—			Units Completed to 30th June, 1950.
		1948.	1949.	1950.	
METROPOLITAN.					
Cities—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Box Hill .. .. .	..	..	87	176	263
Brighton	104	18	8	..	130
Brunswick	123	..	..	..	123
Camberwell	27	234	284	328	873
Coburg	524	53	76	61	714
Essendon	145	34	117	88	384
Footscray	104	6	..	..	110
Heidelberg	327	400	336	393	1,456
Melbourne .. .. .	..	8	8	..	16
Moorabbin	150	192	289	128	759
Northcote	42	..	..	..	42
Oakleigh	100	..	..	..	100
Port Melbourne	458*	..	..	..	458*
Preston	698	44	..	2	744
Richmond	138	..	..	..	138
Sandringham	421	317	61	8	807
Williamstown	174	..	..	..	174
Shires—	..	..	..	..	..
Braybrook	19	110	187	239	555
Broadmeadows .. .. .	..	..	..	46	46
Mulgrave .. .. .	..	..	..	10	10
Total Metropolitan ..	3,554	1,416	1,453	1,479	7,902
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA.					
Cities—	..	..	..	..	..
Ararat	36	..	43	49	128
Ballaarat	57	..	7	9	73
Bendigo	23	8	..	..	31
Geelong	96	65	56	85	302
Geelong West	37	..	..	..	37
Horsham	20	19	39	19	97
Hamilton	30	..	14	..	44
Mildura	35	15	..	..	50
Newtown and Chilwell ..	54	..	..	..	54
Sale	14	7	17	7	45
Shepparton	46	33	38	54	171
Warrnambool	40	17	16	15	88
Towns—	..	..	..	..	..
Colac	36	33	2	19	90
Portland	10	11	2	..	23
St. Arnaud .. .. .	..	8	4	..	12
Boroughs—	..	..	..	..	..
Benalla	16	4	10	..	30
Castlemaine	13	..	..	12	25
Daylesford .. .. .	..	..	..	4	4
Eaglehawk	5	2	..	..	7
Echuca .. .. .	..	7	15	..	22
Inglewood .. .. .	..	..	4	2	6
Maryborough	11	14	4	14	43
Port Fairy .. .. .	..	..	..	1	1
Sebastopol .. .. .	..	..	..	8	8
Stawell .. .. .	..	15	4	1	20
Swan Hill	17	14	5	8	44
Wangaratta	64	99	55	68	286
Wonthaggi	12	34	20	14	80

* Includes 42 dwellings erected in 1936 by the Public Works Department and taken over subsequently by the Housing Commission.

NOTE.—In 1949 Hamilton and Newtown and Chilwell were proclaimed Cities and Portland was proclaimed a Town. In 1950 Ararat and Sale were proclaimed Cities and St. Arnaud was proclaimed a Town.

**DWELLING UNITS ERECTED BY THE VICTORIAN HOUSING COMMISSION
TO 30TH JUNE, 1950—continued.**

Municipality.	Completed to 30th June, 1947.	Completed during Year ended 30th June—			Units Completed to 30th June, 1950.
		1948.	1949.	1950.	
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA—continued.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Shires—					
Alberton .. .. .	..	..	..	11	11
Bacchus Marsh .. .. .	..	..	17	12	29
Bairnsdale .. .. .	..	..	5	15	20
Beechworth .. .. .	..	..	10	5	15
Bright .. .. .	..	..	..	8	8
Broadford .. .. .	..	..	..	8	8
Buln Buln .. .. .	..	41	..	..	41
Cohuna	1	11	..	..	12
Corio .. .. .	..	..	10	46	56
Cranbourne	5	4	..	6	15
Dandenong .. .. .	..	..	..	26	26
Dimboola .. .. .	..	25	1	..	26
Euroa	6	..	..	..	6
Frankston and Hastings	..	..	24	..	24
Gisborne .. .. .	..	..	12	..	12
Glenelg .. .. .	..	..	..	3	3
Hampden .. .. .	..	4	30	26	60
Heytesbury .. .. .	..	..	12	..	12
Kerang	8	3	9	8	28
Korumburra	16	4	..	..	20
Kyneton .. .. .	..	..	1	11	12
Maffra	11	7	4	..	22
Mansfield .. .. .	..	..	..	4	4
Mildura	30	6	23	13	72
Mirboo .. .. .	..	..	4	4	8
Morwell	32	..	50	110	192
Narracan	63	130	154	132	479
Nurmurkah .. .. .	..	10	5	2	17
Orbost .. .. .	..	..	10	..	10
Rochester .. .. .	..	..	11	1	12
Rodney	24	4	18	..	46
Rutherglen .. .. .	..	9	1	..	10
Seymour	19	1	14	26	60
Strathfieldsaye .. .. .	..	16	3	..	19
Swan Hill .. .. .	..	..	..	6	6
Traralgon	60	55	59	33	207
Tullaroop .. .. .	..	..	..	1	1
Warracknabeal .. .. .	..	13	9	..	22
Warragul	51	28	40	39	158
Winchelsea .. .. .	..	..	..	8	8
Wodonga	8	17	13	..	38
Woorayl .. .. .	..	16	..	..	16
Yarrawonga .. .. .	..	..	..	22	22
Total outside Metropolitan Area	1,006	809	904	975	3,694
Grand Total	4,560	2,225	2,357	2,454	11,596*

* The above statement is exclusive of 268 dwellings which were erected by the Housing Commission for the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust, viz., 234 in the Shire of Braybrook and 34 in the City of Coburg.

State Building Control. The *Building Operations and Building Materials Control Act*, No. 5116 of 1946, brought under State administration the control of building operations and materials formerly administered by the Commonwealth under the National Security Regulations. The principal provisions of this Act and of amending Act No. 5271 of 1948 were published in the *Year Book* for 1946-47, pages 510 and 511.

Amending Act No. 5347 of 1948, which expired on 31st December, 1949, contained provisions in regard to the use of materials and building operations beyond a radius of sixty miles from the General Post Office at the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth streets, Melbourne.

Act No. 5445 of 1949 amended certain provisions in previous Acts relating to the description of building operations which may be undertaken without the consent of the Minister. In addition to imposing penalties, courts were empowered to order any structure erected or altered in contravention of the Act to be pulled down. This Act expires on 31st December, 1950.

Building permits. Information relating to the value of buildings for which permits were issued by municipal councils gives a reliable indication, in normal circumstances, of the effect of varying economic conditions on the building industry. The particulars represent the values recorded, but, owing to the variation in building costs during the periods under review, a complete comparison cannot be made. As the Crown is exempt from municipal regulations in respect of building permits, particulars of Government buildings erected during the periods under notice are not included in the following statements.

Building permits issued in Greater Melbourne. The following statements show the value of buildings for which permits were issued by the municipalities in the metropolitan area during the periods indicated in respect of dwellings, other new buildings, and alterations and additions to existing buildings.

The information is not comparable with statements of building permits issued appearing in the Year-Books prior to 1945-46.

GREATER MELBOURNE—VALUE OF BUILDINGS FOR WHICH PERMITS WERE ISSUED, 1938 AND 1941 TO 1949.

NEW SERIES.

Year Ended 31st December—	Value of Buildings Approved.				Index to Total Value=100 in 1938.
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.).	Other New Buildings.	Alterations and Additions.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	
1938	5,318,295	1,640,634	1,445,613	8,404,542	100·00
1941	6,849,457	921,130	1,403,097	9,173,684	109·15
1942	225,612	259,875	635,724	1,121,211	13·34
1943	43,141	513,148	549,550	1,105,839	13·16
1944	177,261	126,210	894,913	1,198,384	14·26
1945	2,059,065	442,719	1,046,643	3,548,427	42·22
1946	9,875,132	1,314,446	1,519,549	12,709,127	151·22
1947	13,685,211	2,156,292	2,057,154	17,898,657	212·96
1948	14,837,267	1,659,443	2,217,297	18,714,007	222·67
1949	20,391,319	1,845,120	2,142,362	24,378,801	290·06

The following tables give detailed information relating to the number and value of buildings for which permits were issued by the municipalities in Greater Melbourne during the years specified.

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN GREATER MELBOURNE DURING THE YEARS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1948 AND 1949.

Class of Permit.	Year ended 31st December—			
	1948.		1949.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
		£		£
New Buildings.				
Buildings for Habitation—				
Private Dwellings—				
Brick and concrete ..	1,045	2,405,488	1,316	3,483,197
Brick veneer ..	3,330	6,073,122	2,771	5,765,981
Wood, steel, fibro-cement, &c.	4,079	5,795,960	6,606	10,545,656
Flats ..	76*	492,697	74†	579,485
Other (Hotels, Guest Houses, &c.)	1	70,000	1	17,000
Total, Buildings for Habitation	8,531	14,837,267	10,768	20,391,319
Commercial Buildings—				
With Residence—				
Shops ..	134	296,753	148	372,361
Garages ..	2	3,650	..	..
Factories ..	7	13,365	5	35,750
Other ..	..	..	1	925
Without Residence—				
Shops ..	19	25,130	11	14,075
Garages ..	3	7,980	10	11,225
Factories ..	157	694,829	124	860,689
Other ..	21	96,941	15	22,810
Public Buildings—				
Hospitals ..	2	459,257	2	429,000
Churches ..	12	40,535	4	9,200
Schools ..	6	17,083	7	62,850
Other ..	8	3,920	4	26,235
Total, Commercial and Public Buildings	371	1,659,443	331	1,845,120
Alterations and Additions—				
Private Dwellings ..	5,206	705,237	5,992	1,048,630
Flats ..	17	24,385	14	19,291
Other Buildings for Habitation ..	48	30,125	118	41,069
Shops ..	170	97,482	183	35,222
Garages (Commercial) ..	11	4,460	37	28,175
Factories ..	420	883,144	343	612,533
Other Business Premises ..	130	105,608	156	141,587
Public Buildings ..	88	366,856	77	215,855
Total, Alterations and Additions	6,090	2,217,297	6,920	2,142,362
Grand Total, Building Permits	14,992	18,714,007‡	18,019	24,378,801‡

* 251 self-contained units.

† 278 self-contained units.

‡ See page 349 for details of value in each municipality.

NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR NEW
PRIVATE DWELLINGS (INCLUDING FLATS, HOTELS,
ETC.) IN GREATER MELBOURNE, 1938 AND 1941 TO
1949.

NEW SERIES.

Name of Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—									
	1938.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
CITIES.										
Box Hill ..	152	287	9	2	9	135	524	665	490	609
Brighton ..	360	324	5	..	..	60	231	210	214	207
Brunswick ..	149	113	2	..	3	20	58	53	45	34
Camberwell ..	882	762	14	1	5	188	829	821	764	752
Caulfield ..	386	414	9	..	..	42	217	255	183	176
Chelsea ..	56	83	2	4	14	84	172	231	219	270
Coburg ..	304	336	14	7	10	131	375	550	579	633
Collingwood ..	20	9	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
Essendon ..	238	266	31	1	3	53	178	185	171	177
Fitzroy ..	13	7	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	1
Footscray ..	322	269	18	1	6	123	197	275	293	326
Hawthorn ..	139	132	2	..	3	17	41	23	13	24
Heidelberg (Part)* ..	205	287	4	4	16	97	346	525	439	618
Kew ..	131	244	5	..	1	33	148	127	92	108
Malvern ..	137	282	3	1	2	40	100	99	121	117
Melbourne ..	62	122	..	..	1	3	9	8	10	3
Moorabbin ..	239	361	12	5	20	177	938	1,200	1,171	1,712
Mordialloc ..	93	132	4	..	16	81	353	362	314	445
Northcote ..	120	217	2	..	2	32	106	171	175	199
Nunawading ..	76	114	6	4	15	114	389	412	489	643
Oakleigh ..	86	150	6	..	7	65	278	273	217	409
Port Melbourne ..	20	29	1	..	..	5	15	10	2	6
Prahran ..	160	118	1	..	..	1	3	14	22	24
Preston ..	298	317	11	4	13	114	531	650	667	770
Richmond ..	37	33	1	..	..	..	1	3	2	2
Sandringham ..	164	171	5	2	30	86	229	237	203	232
South Melbourne ..	18	16	..	..	..	3	2	2	2	..
St. Kilda ..	96	107	1	..	..	4	17	13	9	11
Williamstown ..	98	84	9	..	3	18	69	85	103	279
BOROUGH.										
Ringwood ..	37	59	35	28	58	52	228	279	321	375
SHIRES.										
Braybrook (Part) †	101	183	29	..	4	62	207	261	337	438
Broadmeadows (Part) ‡	73	106	5	4	5	64	275	394	402	493
Keilor (Part) §	46	49	5	..	..	17	49	74	112	180
Mulgrave ..	15	10	11	12	17	21	176	318	349	493
Total ..	5,333	6,193	262	80	263	1,944	7,292	8,787	8,531	10,768

* Excluding Greensborough Ward.

† Excluding Western Riding.

‡ Broadmeadows Riding and Campbellfield Riding only.

§ Doutta Galla Riding only.

NOTE.—Excluding contracts let by the Housing Commission for the erection of dwellings see pages 342 and 343).

VALUE OF ALL BUILDINGS FOR WHICH PERMITS WERE
ISSUED IN GREATER MELBOURNE DURING THE
YEARS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1948 AND 1949.

Name of Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—	
	1948.	1949.
	£	£
CITIES.		
Box Hill	946,466	1,724,159
Brighton	547,264	619,496
Brunswick	227,685	153,646
Camberwell	1,932,847	2,052,927
Caulfield	528,658	643,363
Chelsea	330,722	446,422
Coburg	935,809	1,069,447
Collingwood	63,495	62,177
Essendon	365,885	425,820
Fitzroy	37,123	35,258
Footscray	586,884	641,643
Hawthorn	104,476	128,522
Heidelberg*	943,774	1,560,303
Kew	356,583	402,294
Malvern	346,798	377,025
Melbourne	437,401	349,086
Moorabbin	2,023,327	3,250,174
Mordialloc	587,261	878,462
Northcote	375,533	431,498
Nunawading	836,998	1,442,305
Oakleigh	399,204	818,719
Port Melbourne.. .. .	81,161	161,302
Prahran	245,224	306,453
Preston	1,222,540	1,480,710
Richmond	74,359	91,790
Sandringham	450,704	673,635
South Melbourne	606,698	87,456
St. Kilda	195,101	168,584
Williamstown	185,833	483,788
BOROUGH.		
Ringwood	489,731	628,667
SHIRES.		
Braybrook†	760,969	770,044
Broadmeadows‡	592,039	819,459
Keilor§	297,498	302,240
Mulgrave	597,957	891,927
Total	18,714,007	24,378,801

* Excluding Greensborough Ward.

† Excluding Western Riding.

‡ Broadmeadows and Campbellfield Ridings only.

§ Dousta Galla Riding only.

NOTE.—The above statement is not comparable with statements of building permits appearing in issues of the *Year-Book* prior to 1945-46.

Building
permits
issued by
provincial
municipalities.

With a view to gauging the relative activity of the building industry during recent years in centres outside Greater Melbourne, particulars relating to building permits issued by certain municipalities during each of the five years, 1945 to 1949 are given below:—

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDINGS FOR WHICH
PERMITS WERE ISSUED BY CERTAIN PROVINCIAL
MUNICIPALITIES, 1945 TO 1949.

Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other. Buildings.					
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
			£		£		£		£
Ballarat City ..	1945	77	76,843	10	20,229	142	32,591	229	129,663
	1946	178	191,844	3	1,790	360	60,479	541	254,113
	1947	158	192,122	13	15,321	259	53,402	430	260,845
	1948	144	215,269	7	352,250	158	81,421	309	648,940
	1949	200	340,850	9	36,320	184	55,762	393	432,932
Bendigo City ..	1945	22	18,385	3	6,035	75	8,522	100	32,942
	1946	78	86,579	..	..	176	20,505	254	107,084
	1947	108	141,757	6	8,155	192	23,637	306	173,549
	1948	123	197,737	2	8,600	190	20,120	315	226,457
	1949	128	220,681	6	165,200	267	41,087	401	426,968
Geelong City ..	1945	17	15,766	1	500	113	13,973	131	30,239
	1946	49	67,404	5	5,037	145	18,671	199	91,112
	1947	41	65,575	7	45,850	119	12,375	167	123,800
	1948	42	67,776	5	38,300	104	18,553	151	124,629
	1949	35	68,880	7	107,663	122	43,539	164	220,082
Geelong West City ..	1945	25	27,897	2	1,675	136	7,203	163	36,775
	1946	102	123,481	4	4,210	148	8,956	254	136,647
	1947	93	127,630	1	3,000	63	7,655	157	138,285
	1948	98	158,222	1	2,000	77	8,960	176	169,182
	1949	128	213,118	..	..	63	10,739	191	223,857

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDINGS FOR WHICH PERMITS WERE
ISSUED BY CERTAIN PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1945 TO
1949—*continued.*

Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other. Buildings.					
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
			£		£		£		£
Horsham City*	1945	12	7,584	1	1,200	13	2,013	26	10,797
	1946	58	48,211	5	1,102	25	4,563	88	53,876
	1947	71	69,309	4	8,725	64	8,929	139	86,968
	1948	54	64,131	3	1,400	45	4,050	102	69,581
	1949	59	85,307	2	2,760	105	14,111	166	102,178
Mildura City ..	1945	11	7,100	3	2,610	16	1,674	30	11,384
	1946	59	48,093	10	4,225	28	2,872	97	55,190
	1947	87	96,832	4	3,812	50	4,394	141	105,038
	1948	102	133,332	6	9,590	43	9,179	151	152,101
	1949	142	203,648	4	154,500	72	8,896	218	367,044
Newtown and Chilwell City† ..	1945	21	21,472	1	150	80	9,914	102	31,536
	1946	57	75,059	6	4,956	90	21,355	153	101,370
	1947	77	108,355	2	730	56	10,940	135	120,025
	1948	69	121,394	3	1,005	68	13,417	140	135,816
	1949	85	164,678	..	..	52	35,968	137	200,646
Sale Town ..	1945	6	6,010	1	450	16	13,944	23	20,404
	1946	22	22,480	1	7,000	25	2,202	48	31,682
	1947	35	37,215	4	1,940	39	5,027	78	44,182
	1948	50	68,768	3	1,100	53	64,449	106	134,317
	1949	61	90,605	2	1,350	64	11,501	127	103,456

* Declared a City from 24th May, 1949.

† Declared a City from 1st October, 1949.

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDINGS FOR WHICH PERMITS WERE
ISSUED BY CERTAIN PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1945 TO
1949—*continued*.

Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other Buildings.					
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
			£		£		£		£
Shepparton City* ..	1945	23	23,024	..	..	29	1,469	52	24,493
	1946	71	80,002	4	4,408	25	1,985	100	86,395
	1947	103	131,378	5	10,650	32	11,088	140	153,116
	1948	74	109,837	3	28,500	29	14,854	106	153,191
	1949	142	278,140	8	23,500	127	38,091	277	339,731
Warrnambool City ..	1945	4	2,202	1	950	26	3,183	31	6,335
	1946	19	24,804	1	1,200	74	18,421	94	44,425
	1947	46	61,956	1	350	63	24,216	110	86,522
	1948	44	66,719	..	..	65	15,626	109	82,345
	1949	80	126,051	3	93,797	93	15,803	176	235,651

* Declared a City on 15th March, 1949.