Despite Council losing about 2 per cent of its $460,000 hole in Council’s budget, found that independent living units operated by community consultation. The Mayor of Kingborough, Cr Dean Winter said to increase rates by 5.5 per cent following management plan for North West Bay River. The catchment has a long history of community driven management plan for North West Bay River. The consultation period closes on Monday, 17 June. You can participate in the consultation through Council’s Our Say platform. www.oursay.org/ We are rolling out our biggest capital works plan, with the reconstruction of John Street and Channel Hwy in Kingston, including new bus infrastructure at the heart of the $10 million spend. "Almost $1 million will be spent on Blackmans Bay stormwater projects, as well as adding a new stormwater engineer to our team to clean up Blackmans Bay and Kingston stormwater outflow. "Our aim is to continue to have the lowest rates in Great Hobart. The State Government’s Local Government division’s most recent snapshot shows Kingborough has the lowest rates per rable property and lowest rates per head of population in Great Hobart."

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Taroona
- Hindry Road, pedestrian improvements
- Alum Clf Shot Tower steps improvements
- Taroona Crescent, stormwater upgrade
- Batchelor Way, kerb and footpath replacement
- Orange Avenue, footpath replacement
- Taroona playground fencing
- Tower Court, design for reconstruction

Kingston
- Jindabyne Road, stormwater improvements
- John Street and Channel Hwy reconstruction
- Central Kingston catchment investigation
- Redwood Road to Alona Road track extension
- Summerlee Road to Kingston View Drive, footpath connection
- Mountain View Drive, footpath connection
- Old Channel Hwy bicycle lane improvements

Blackmans Bay
- Alona Road, stormwater upgrade
- Bunwood Drive, stormwater upgrade
- Talune Road, road construction
- Further catchment investigations

Leslie Vale, Longley
- Huon Road, stormwater upgrade
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The Channel
- Milford Road, Koaota, stormwater upgrade
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- Tabora Road, stormwater upgrade
- Van Marye Road, stormwater upgrade
- Dru Point, jetty fender replacement
- Margate Oval, fence and drainage works
- Margate Hall, roof replacement
- Incaca Road, traffic island reconstruction
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- Manuka Road, stormwater upgrade
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Resealing program

Maranwa Road (Kingston), Denison Street (Kingston), Redwood Road (Kingston), North West River Bridge (Longley), Woodbridge Hill Road (Woodbridge), Summerlee/Kingston View intersection (Kingston), Opal Drive (Blackmans Bay).

Reseathering program

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2018-19 Highlights

- Morris Avenue, Taroona, road reconstruction
- Nebraska Road, Bruny Island, foreshore protection works
- Resealing Charlton and Frost streets in Snug with recycled material
- Lighthouse Road, Bruny Island, road improvements
- Snug playground
- Whitehead Creek, erosion and bank stabilisation
- Beach Road, Middleton, stormwater works
- Woodbridge Hill Road, Woodbridge, stormwater upgrades
- Cat Management Facility on Bruny Island
- Blackmans Bay playground
- Bruny Island Service Centre and Margate Cricket Club roof replacement
- Snug to Margate, shared path

Works focus for 2019-20

Council has approved its largest ever major projects plan, with $17.3 million dedicated to works across Kingborough for 2019-20. The Council approved a 3.95 per cent rate rise, after Councillors rejected an earlier proposal to increase rates by 5.5 per cent following community consultation.

The Mayor of Kingborough, Cr Dean Winter said Councillors and staff had spent upwards of eight hours in budget workshops fine-tuning the budget to limit the impact of the Southern Cross Care decision on ratepayers. The Supreme Court has found that independent living units operated by Charitable institutions are not rateable, putting a $460,000 hole in Council’s budget. “Despite Council losing about 2 per cent of its rate revenue, we have still managed to deliver the lowest rate rise in Kingborough for over a decade,” Cr Winter said. “We are rolling out our biggest capital works plan, with the reconstruction of John Street and the Channel Highway in Kingston, including new bus infrastructure at the heart of the $10 million spend.”

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Council is currently seeking community input into a revised catchment plan for North West Bay River. In partnership with a stakeholder working group, Council has updated the original catchment management plan for North West Bay River. The catchment has a long history of community driven catchment planning and remedial works and it is hoped this new plan will re-engage land managers and the community in the management of the river and its natural and cultural values.

North West Bay River is the largest river system in the Kingborough municipality with a catchment area of approximately 9,600 hectares. It is a dynamic river that is described as ‘flashy’ - it responds quickly to rainfall events with rapid increases and decreases in flow. The majority of the river has intact riverbank vegetation, whilst the smaller sub-catchments, such as Alens Rivulet, have been subject to higher levels of clearing and agricultural use.

The update of the plan has found that the condition of the catchment appears to be relatively stable – we need to work together to keep it that way, to continue to learn about the river and improve access for recreation.

We invite your thoughts on the draft plan. Does it capture the condition of the catchment and what you think the priorities should be for action? You can participate in the consultation through Council’s Our Say platform. www.oursay.org/kingborough-council/nw-bay-river-catchment-plan. The consultation period closes on Monday, 17 June.

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