

COUNCIL news



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.

"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 Greater Hobart. The State Government's Local Government division's most recent snapshot shows Kingborough has the lowest rates per rateable property and lowest rates per head of population in greater Hobart."

Program Highlights

Taroona

- Hinsby Road, pedestrian improvements
- Alum Cliff Shot Tower steps improvements
- Taroona Crescent, stormwater upgrade
- Batchelor Way, kerb and footpath replacement
- Grange 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 Algona Road track extension
- Summerleas Road to Kingston View Drive, footpath connection
- Mountain View Drive, footpath connection
- Old Channel Hwy bicycle lane improvements

Blackmans Bay

- Algona Road, stormwater upgrade
- Burwood Drive, stormwater upgrade
- Talone Road, road construction
- Further catchment investigations

Leslie Vale, Longley

- Huon Road, stormwater upgrade
- Leslie Road, Leslie Vale, stormwater upgrade and road widening

The Channel

- Milford Road, Kaoota, stormwater upgrade
- Allens Rivulet, stormwater upgrade
- Tabors Road, stormwater upgrade
- Van Morey Road, stormwater upgrade
- Dru Point, jetty fender replacement
- Margate Oval, fence and drainage works
- Margate Hall, roof replacement
- Incana Road, traffic island reconstruction
- Snug Tiers Road, design for road construction
- Manuka Road, stormwater upgrade
- Kettering Reserve, dog exercise area fence
- Trial Bay public toilets septic system upgrade
- Middleton Hall, septic tank

Bruny Island

- Lunawanna toilet upgrade
- Glensyn Units septic tank
- Adventure Bay road and stormwater upgrade
- Alonnah oval cricket nets

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
- Whitewater 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



Resealing program

Maranoa Road (Kingston), Denison Street (Kingston), Redwood Road (Kingston), North West River Bridge (Longley), Woodbridge Hill Road (Woodbridge), Summerleas/Kingston View Intersection (Kingston), Opal Drive (Blackmans Bay).



Resheeting program

A number of roads had new gravel laid, along with drainage works and culvert upgrades. These included Old Station Road (Oyster Cove), Wolfs Road (Neika), Fehres Road (Margate), Summerleas Road (Kingston), Gumpits Road (Birchs Bay), and Barnes Bay and Missionary roads (Bruny Island).



Works in June

Road and stormwater reconstruction works have started on Brightwater Road, which will extend over the next three months. These works will increase stormwater capacity, road width and safety lines.

Improvements to Taronga Road stormwater infrastructure in Bonnet Hill will also be carried out throughout June.

There will be bank stabilisation works at the Whitewater Creek bridge over the Channel Highway near the Kingston Wetlands.

The Snug playground is well underway and is expected to be ready by the end of June.

Council's Works Department will be preparing Howden Road for resealing works, which will occur in 2019-20.

They will also be upgrading stormwater infrastructure on Bundalla Road in Margate, and on Ritchie Street in Alonnah.

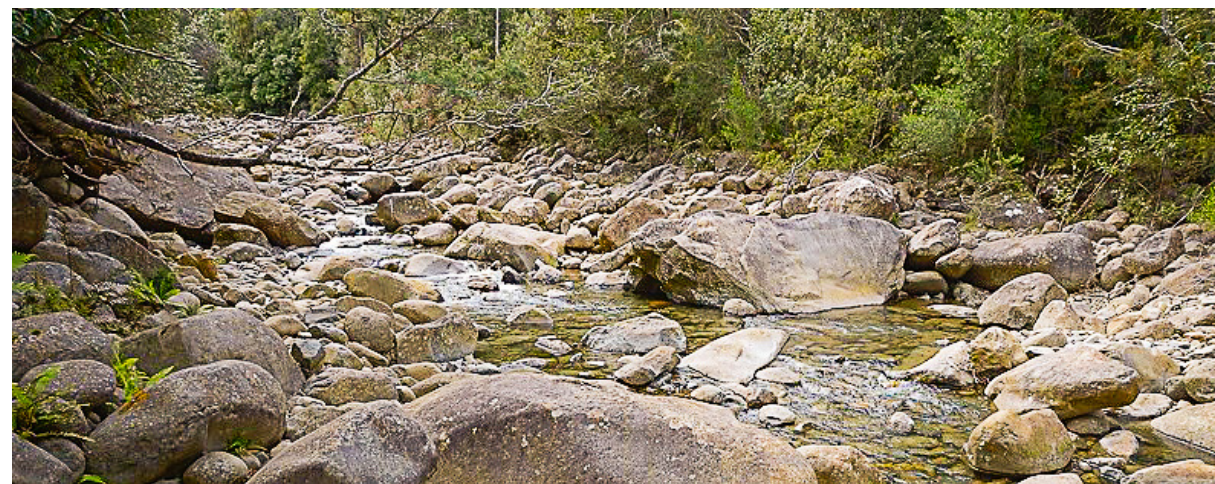


Strategic Plan

Kingborough Council's Strategic Plan is up for review this year. During the Strategic Plan Review workshop in December 2018, Councillors indicated a strong preference to review the key priority areas. Concerns were raised that the current Strategic Plan is too lengthy, difficult to understand and does not accurately reflect the strategic priorities of the Council.

Following a workshop with Councillors and Managers, five new key priorities were developed, which are now released for community and staff feedback. Council also invites suggestions of potential actions and performance measures to assist us in achieving these priorities.

The five priorities are available to view on Council's Our Say page. We invite members of the community to comment and vote on the priorities important to you, make suggestions for each one and submit any areas that we may have missed. Visit www.oursay.org/kingborough-council



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 Allens 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 OurSay platform. www.oursay.org/kingborough-council/nw-bay-river-catchment-plan. The consultation period closes on Monday, 17 June.



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