

2019-20 Achievements



Kingston Beach toilets



Tarooma Crescent footpath upgrade



LED street light replacement



Algonia Road track extension and upgrade



Talone Road upgrade



Brightwater Road upgrade



2020-21

BUDGET AND RATES INFORMATION

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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Dog Owner's Handbook Launch



National Tree Day

Kingborough



“The coronavirus pandemic has had far-reaching impacts across our community and many households and businesses have faced significant hardship.

Council has also been impacted and given the unprecedented circumstances, developing this budget has been difficult. Through policies adopted within the budget, including an efficiency dividend, we have limited our forecast underlying loss to around \$2.4 million. Compared with equivalent metro Councils, this is a good result. It means we will limit the amount of debt we take on and give our Council and community the best chance to recover.”

Mayor of Kingborough, Cr Dean Winter

Freezing Rates

The effective general rate rise is zero per cent. Ratepayers will see a 2.8 per cent rise in the general rate but will receive a COVID-19 rebate to offset the increase. Kingborough continues to issue the lowest rates per household of all equivalent Councils in Tasmania. **Please contact Council if you are experiencing difficulty in paying your rates.**

Limit Debt

Council has taken advantage of the Tasmanian Government's offer of interest free loans during this period. This is a short-term measure and Council expects to return to low debt levels by 2024.

Maintain Staffing Levels

Council is committed to maintaining staffing levels and service delivery.

Capital Works

Kingborough Council is increasing its infrastructure budget, with a \$13.5 million investment, the highest in our history. Council is committed to continuing its capital works program to support our growing population.

\$13.5 million INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE



“Council is delivering one of the biggest capital works programs in its history. Increased support from the Australian Government and interest-free loans from the Tasmanian Government means we can focus on improving and maintaining infrastructure while helping to stimulate our economy.”



Road sealing projects \$1.6 million

Road resheeting projects \$1.1 million



Stormwater infrastructure improvements
\$1.8 million



Reserves and play spaces \$400,000



Sporting ground infrastructure enhancements
\$700,000



Public Toilet Improvements \$300,000



Kingston Park \$2 million

Council will focus on planning to reinvigorate central Kingston during 2020-21. This is a shared vision between the community and local businesses.



Our Vision

Our community
is at the heart of
everything we do



Our Purpose

To make Kingborough
a great place to live



Our Values

Accountability,
respect, excellence
and inclusiveness

Council's Operational Budget
for 2020-21 is estimated at
\$42.49 million.

Waste

Waste service disposal fees continue to rise, particularly for recycling after the collapse of Hobart's recycling operator, SKM Recycling last year. The kerbside recycling charge will increase by an additional \$15 to cover these increased disposal and sorting fees.

A new \$64 kerbside green waste collection charge has been introduced for households registered for the service, which starts in October. Every eligible household was given the opportunity to opt-out of the service.

Revenue

Council has incurred a significant loss in revenue through the forced closures of revenue generating facilities like the Kingborough Sports Centre and Re-Use Shop, rate freezes, reductions in statutory fees and user fees and hardship provisions for impacted business.

TasWater has advised Councils that it is unlikely to pay a 2020-21 Dividend. Council had expected to receive around \$1.2 million from its investment in that business.

These are extremely difficult circumstances to navigate. However, through responsible financial management, Council has reduced our estimated loss to \$2.4 million by implementing the following:

- \$380,000 efficiency dividend.
- No increase in staff salaries in 2020-21.
- Making use of interest free loans.