



## 2022-23 Draft Budget – Survey Results

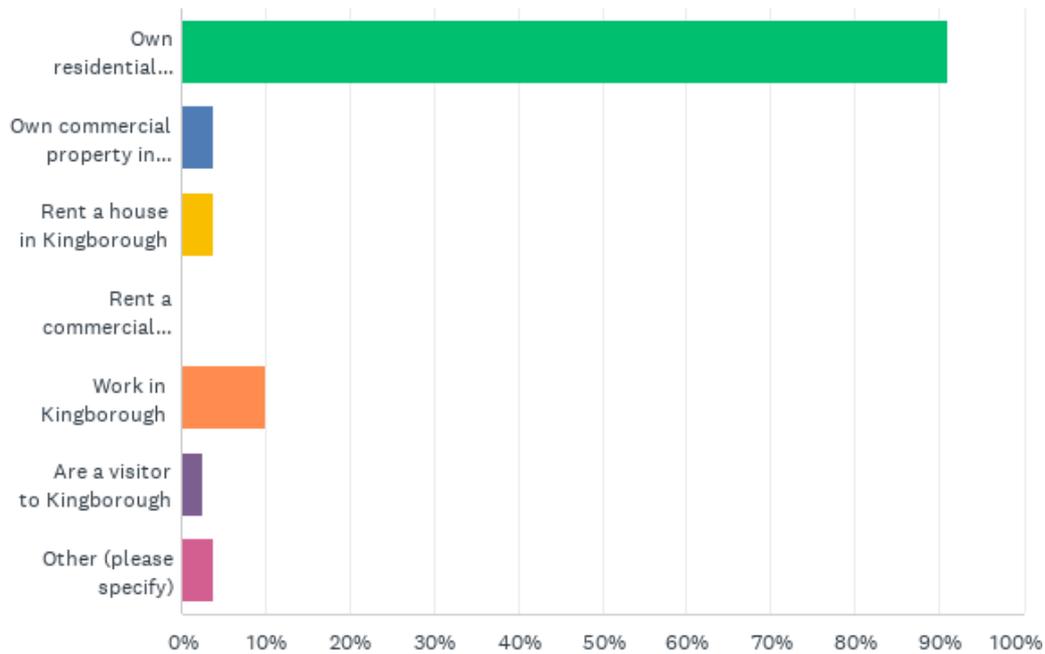
### KEY POINTS

- There were 79 respondents. While this is a small sample relative to overall population it represents a significantly increased commentary on the budget compared to previous years where only submissions were called for.
- Most respondents, 91%, were residential property owners in Kingborough
- The largest group, 37%, spend most of their time in Kingston, but 23% spend most of their time in Margate
- 55% were female, 45% male
- Most commonly respondents were aged 35-54 years (55%)
- The five things rated as most important to respondents were:
  1. Road construction and maintenance 55%
  2. Stormwater/drainage 45%
  3. Rubbish collection 29%
  4. Sporting ovals, parks and public reserves 28%
  5. Tracks and trails 19%
- The 5 things rated as least important were:
  1. Community festivals and events 40%
  2. Promoting economic development and tourism 36%
  3. Dog management 30%
  4. Volunteering Program 20%
  5. Advocacy to other levels of government 17%
- However, contrarily to above, when asked to name the top 2 priorities for the upcoming annual budget respondents indicated the following:
  1. Recreation and public open space 39%
  2. Urban services 23%
  3. Community development 21%
  4. Economic development and business support 21%
  5. Event management 19%

Respondents were asked if they thought a 2.8% general rates increase and 71% said they were about right.

### THE DETAIL

#### Q1. Do you?



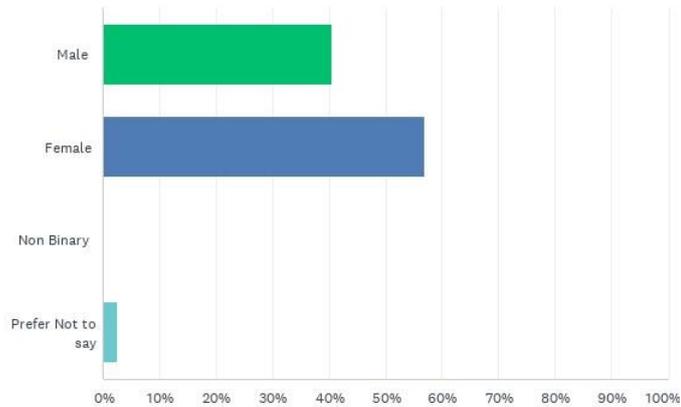
## Q2 Which suburb do you spend most time in?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Kingston	37.18%	29
Blackmans Bay	10.26%	8
Taroona	5.13%	4
Woodbridge	0.00%	0
Huntingfield	2.56%	2
Middleton	0.00%	0
Garden Island/Nichols Rivulet	0.00%	0
Kettering	3.85%	3
Oyster Cove/Sandfly	1.28%	1
Margate	23.08%	18
Snug/Lower Snug	1.28%	1
Tinderbox/Howden	2.56%	2
Bruny Island	0.00%	0
Birchs Bay/ Flowerpot/ Garden Island Creek	0.00%	0
Middleton/Gordon	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	12.82%	10
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>78</b>

### Q3 What is your gender?

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Answered: 79 Skipped: 0

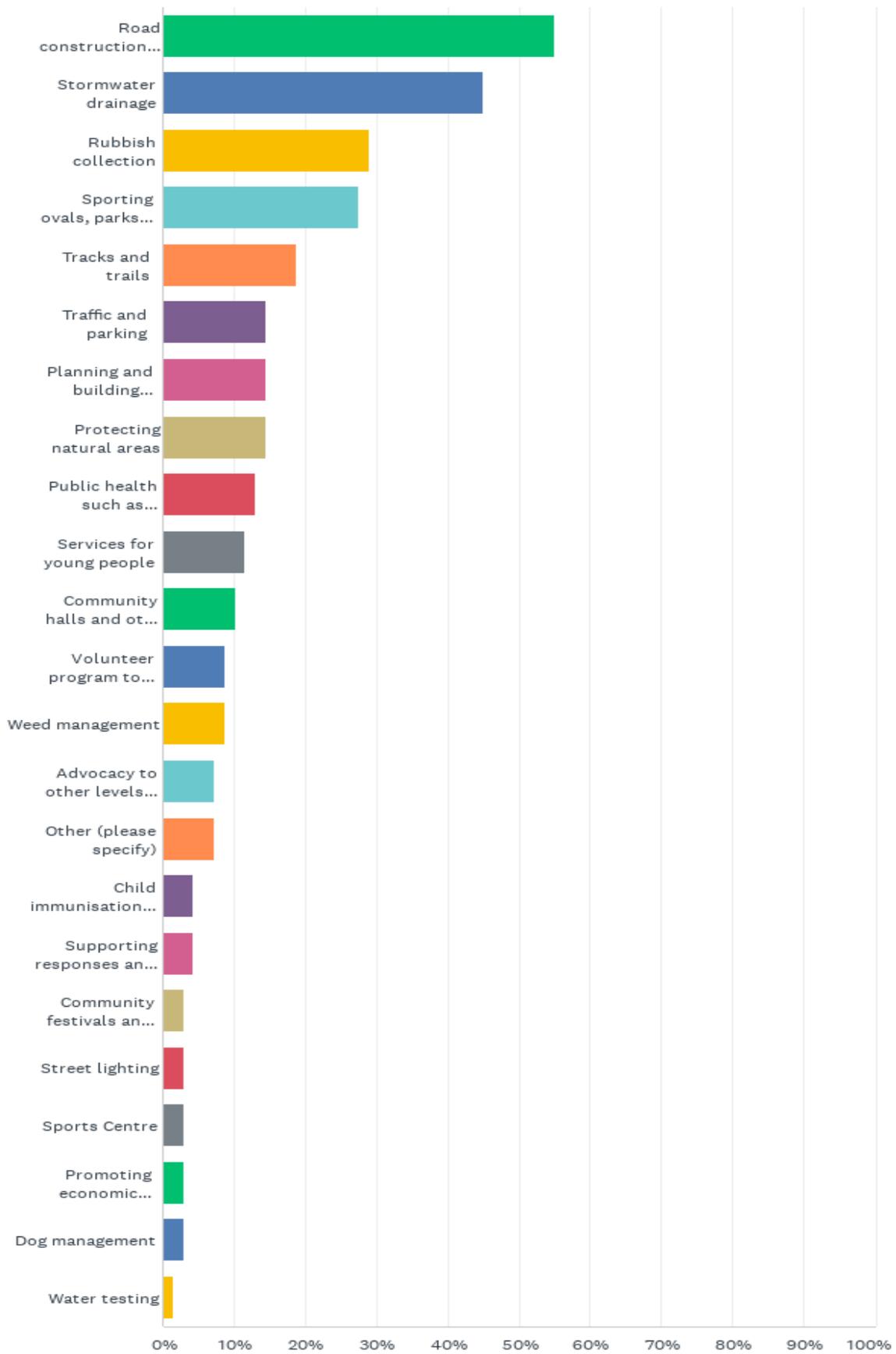


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### Q4 What is your age?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Under 18	0.00% 0
18 - 24	1.28% 1
25 - 34	14.10% 11
35 - 44	26.92% 21
45 - 54	28.21% 22
55 - 64	19.23% 15
65 and over	6.41% 5
Prefer Not to Say	3.85% 3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>78</b>

Q 5 For you, what are the 3 most important things Council does or provides?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Road construction and maintenance	55.07% 38
Stormwater drainage	44.93% 31
Rubbish collection	28.99% 20
Sporting ovals, parks and public reserves	27.54% 19
Tracks and trails	18.84% 13
Traffic and parking	14.49% 10
Planning and building services	14.49% 10
Protecting natural areas	14.49% 10
Public health such as inspecting cafes, shops and manufacturing premises to check for hygienic conditions	13.04% 9
Services for young people	11.59% 8
Community halls and other community facilities	10.14% 7
Volunteer program to support seniors	8.70% 6
Weed management	8.70% 6
Advocacy to other levels of Government	7.25% 5
Other (please specify)	7.25% 5
Child immunisation programs	4.35% 3
Supporting responses and recovery from natural emergencies	4.35% 3
Community festivals and events	2.90% 2
Street lighting	2.90% 2
Sports Centre	2.90% 2
Promoting economic development and tourism	2.90% 2
Dog management	2.90% 2
Water testing	1.45% 1
Total Respondents: 69	

## Q6: For you, what are the 3 least important things Council does or provides?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Dog management	30.43% 21
Advocacy to other levels of Government	17.39% 12
Supporting responses and recovery from natural emergencies	7.25% 5
Tracks and trails	5.80% 4
Protecting natural areas	8.70% 6
Weed management	8.70% 6
Water testing	8.70% 6
Child immunisation programs	15.94% 11
Promoting economic development and tourism	36.23% 25
Community halls and other community facilities	8.70% 6
Sports Centre	14.49% 10
Sporting ovals, parks and public reserves	4.35% 3
Public health such as inspecting cafes, shops and manufacturing premises to check for hygienic conditions	7.25% 5
Planning and building services	5.80% 4
Street lighting	11.59% 8
Road construction and maintenance	1.45% 1
Traffic and parking	8.70% 6
Stormwater drainage	4.35% 3
Rubbish collection	5.80% 4
Community festivals and events	40.58% 28
Volunteer program to support seniors	20.29% 14
Services for young people	13.04% 9
Other (please specify)	13.04% 9
Total Respondents: 69	

Q7 In your opinion, what are the 2 things you would like Kingborough Council to do better?

Theme	Number of and examples of comments
Tracks and Trails	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More off road cycle trails and walking trails</li> <li>• Building, maintaining and protecting non-car infrastructure (walking and biking particularly)</li> <li>• Better walking connections</li> <li>• Increase number of trails</li> <li>• Active Travel Links</li> <li>• Viable Bike Links</li> <li>• Complete more muti-purpose walking/bike riding trails in the area (e.g the North West Bay River track from Sandfly to Margate</li> <li>• Better connectivity for walking and cycling around the municipality</li> <li>• Make central Kingborough more walk, pram and cyclable</li> <li>• Upgrade to white water creek track</li> <li>• Ensure trails are as Natural as possible - eg no concrete</li> </ul>
Stormwater	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update stormwater drainage</li> <li>• drainage improvements</li> <li>• Drainage on sides of road especially Sandfly</li> <li>• More robust stormwater infrastructure to cope with climate change.</li> </ul>
Infrastructure	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve quality of existing infrastructure infrastructure</li> <li>• Realise our growth isn't supported with the current infrastructure</li> <li>• Upgrade community halls</li> </ul>
Roads, transport and parking	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road maintenance in local area eg Auburn Road</li> <li>• Traffic management</li> <li>• Transport - get the ferries and a dedicated bus lane from Margate all the way to the city - 3 lanes in 3 lanes out and traffic lights at Algona roundabout</li> <li>• Improve roads and infrastructure</li> <li>• Something about the gridlock of traffic on school days in Huntingfield/ mitre 10 roundabout</li> <li>• Prevent cars parking on footpaths</li> <li>• Provide better parking (multi-level?) facilities</li> <li>• More frequent public transport</li> <li>• Lack of parking in Kingston</li> <li>• Get double outgoing lanes the full length of Algona and lights at the Algona rounds about to allow exit from Blackmans bay no lights on Algona only in front of Antarctic Huntingfield and Margate side</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free parking for workers like the Skipper Lane carpark. A lot of health staff use this and it is essential</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
Environment (including waste and climate change)	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community bins</li> <li>• Tree/weed management</li> <li>• Weed management</li> <li>• Environmental management</li> <li>• Waste management</li> <li>• Introduce green waste collection for everyone, not just opt in, and put that green waste to good use creating compost and mulch for use in the community</li> <li>• Protect the destruction of the natural environment</li> <li>• Council employed arborist</li> <li>• Adapting to climate change</li> <li>• Reducing waste to landfill</li> </ul>
Playgrounds and sports facilities	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrade Dru Piont</li> <li>• Sports facilities</li> <li>• Our skate park in Margate</li> <li>• More infrastructure such as playgrounds and skateboards</li> </ul>
Inclusion, communication and engagement	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Act on feedback from community</li> <li>• Be more inclusive</li> <li>• Communicate better with all residents</li> <li>• Be more transparent - improved communication and consultation with the community.</li> <li>• Promote community diversity</li> <li>• Engage with you do people</li> <li>• Partnerships and communications with not-for profits and community organisations.</li> <li>• Support young people</li> <li>• Provide more facilities for teenagers. They are a vulnerable section of the community who seem to be overlooked by Council.</li> <li>• Youth services</li> <li>• Communicate better</li> <li>• Greater transparency and improved communication. The council frequently posts on social media yet very rarely posts regarding the upcoming agenda of council meetings, important decisions to be made, and the outcome of these meetings. Please post more than a link to the agenda, I imagine your stats would show greater community engagement if some info about the meeting was included.</li> <li>• Spend less time in the office and more time in the community</li> <li>• Communication with residents/business owners</li> </ul>
Services beyond Kingston	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on outer suburbs more rather than what seems to be focus on Kingston</li> <li>• Spend more outside Kingston</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allocate resources more equitably ie not mainly in Kingston and Spring Farm, which seems to be the case now.</li> <li>• Invest in areas other than Kingston</li> <li>• Allocate resources more fairly</li> <li>• Garbage collection for Oyster Cove areas</li> </ul>
Building, Planning and Compliance	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building Approval Process Times and Communication</li> <li>• Reduce costs &amp; red tape in building &amp; planning matters</li> <li>• Tightening local building regulations to prevent “slum in the making” developments.</li> <li>• Allow urban expansion</li> <li>• Planning CBD's, precincts and suburbs more</li> <li>• Settle compliance issues in a just way, avoid involving the court except in extreme cases</li> </ul>
Amenity	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More trees scapes, shading pedestrian paths and parking</li> <li>• Upgraded public toilets</li> <li>• Adequate public space for size of population</li> <li>• Allow urban expansion</li> <li>• Upkeep/beautifying public spaces</li> <li>• Margate eyesore</li> <li>• Rubbish at Kettering</li> <li>• Public space maintenance</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
Other	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Think longer term about economic policy. What should we spend money on now to save us money in the future?</li> <li>• Attract services, such doctors, ambulance, etc</li> <li>• Prioritise reducing native animal roadkill on urban &amp; rural roads.</li> <li>• Improve productivity and reduce rate increases</li> <li>• More local shopping centre (in Tarooma)</li> <li>• Ensuring that new subdivisions and land/housing releases are appropriately serviced with e.g. footpaths, public transport, schools, medical facilities etc</li> <li>• Stop unnecessary spending</li> <li>• Emergency Responses</li> <li>• Provide more public health initiatives (e.g improve healthy eating in schools and public events)</li> <li>• Advocate for more low cost housing options</li> </ul>

**Q 8 What do you think Kingborough Council does well?**

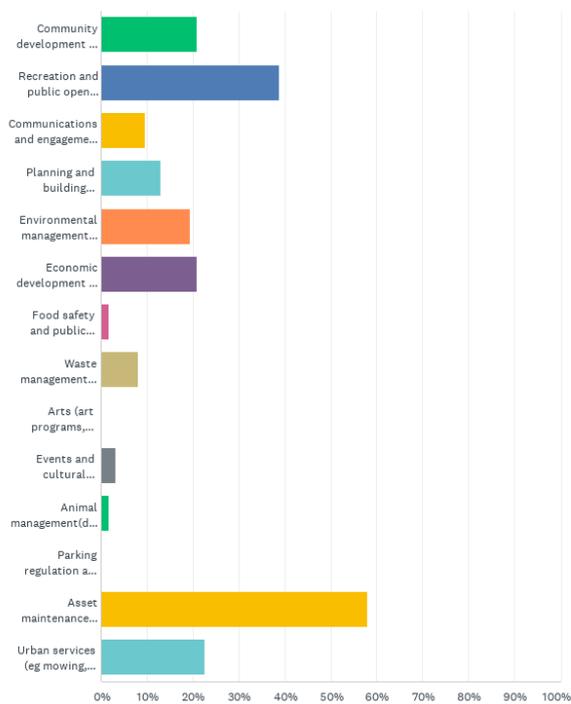
Comms and Engagement

- Engage with residents and community groups on Facebook.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicates with constituents</li> <li>• I think the council does a reasonably good job of communicating with residents about meetings, decisions, elections, public works, etc.</li> <li>• I think they are getting better at communicating with the public</li> <li>• Engagement</li> <li>• Community engagement is ok but it still has a long way to go. Live streaming council meetings is good but too often technical issues are apparent.</li> <li>• Communication</li> </ul>
Public spaces and places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In general I think public parks, reserves and beaches are in good supply and well-maintained;</li> <li>• Parks and community areas and buildings are clean and tidy.</li> <li>• Sport</li> <li>• weed management</li> <li>• Paths tracks and trails</li> <li>• Sports centre, twin ovals</li> <li>• Central gardens</li> <li>• Playgrounds</li> <li>• Improving parks and public spaces</li> <li>• Supports sports.</li> <li>• Parks, Reserves and Sporting Grounds</li> <li>• I love the progress and future plans regarding more bike friendly</li> <li>• Maintenance of Beachfront at Blackmans Bay Beach</li> <li>• Park Maintenance</li> <li>• Parks</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
Community, environment and health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Baretta Waste Management facility runs very well, and I am pleased that a green/FOGO waste bin is now available to residents;</li> <li>• Community festivals and events, volunteer programs,</li> <li>• Providing facilities for seniors and families</li> <li>• Support for seniors through the KVP</li> <li>• Events, progressive ideas.</li> <li>• Dog management</li> <li>• Community</li> <li>• Immunisation program,.</li> <li>• Sport and community activities</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The childhood immunisation program is great</li> <li>• water quality</li> <li>• NRM, Community programs, Environmental Health</li> <li>• Protects our environment</li> </ul>
<p>Infrastructure – roads, stormwater etc. Waste Management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support development and provide well planned, new infrastructure.</li> <li>• Roads, rubbish and stormwater</li> <li>• Rubbish collection,</li> <li>• Roads, rubbish, manage parks, manage halls and sporting facilities, manage public toilets</li> <li>• rubbish collection (although would prefer weekly recycling collection and fortnightly general waste),</li> <li>• Rubbish removal and related services.</li> <li>• garbage collection</li> <li>• Roads and rubbish</li> <li>• Rubbish collection done well with the exception of household disposable products.</li> <li>• Waste and recycling</li> <li>• Rubbish removal</li> <li>• Rubbish collection,</li> <li>• Its waste collection service is good, and the grounds maintenance staff do a great job.</li> <li>• Rubbish, dogs</li> <li>• Traffic management</li> <li>• Rubbish collection</li> </ul>
<p>Other</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall they are a lot better than they used to be. I think overall they do everything pretty well.</li> <li>• Advocating for the area in multiple levels of government.</li> <li>• All things are good just things could be improved</li> <li>• Not favouring particular suburbs</li> <li>• The staff members who work on the front desk are always friendly, helpful and professional.</li> </ul>

## Q9: Which of the following would you like to see prioritised in the upcoming budget?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Community development and wellbeing programs (youth, older people, accessibility and inclusion, health and wellbeing, volunteer programs, school holiday programs)	20.97% 13
Recreation and public open space (parks, playgrounds, open space areas, sporting facilities etc)	38.71% 24
Communications and engagement activities (social media, website, media liaison, newsletters, community engagement activities, advocacy)	9.68% 6
Planning and building services (planning and building applications, planning scheme development and compliance)	12.90% 8
Environmental management (weed and invasive species, water sampling, bushland and foreshore management)	19.35% 12
Economic development and business support (eg CBD upgrade, strategic master planning, growing the local economy)	20.97% 13
Food safety and public health regulation (food business registration, vaccinations etc)	1.61% 1
Waste management (kerbside waste, FOGO, recycling, litter)	8.06% 5
Arts (art programs, public art)	0.00% 0
Events and cultural activities (including Hub and Hall management)	3.23% 2
Animal management (dog registration, dog barking complaints, farm animals)	1.61% 1
Parking regulation and compliance (setting parking limits at certain locations)	0.00% 0
Asset maintenance (maintaining roads, buildings and infrastructure)	58.06% 36
Urban services (eg mowing, weed management)	22.58% 14
Total Respondents: 62	

## Q10: What other capital works would you like to see prioritised?

### General

- More cycling / walking tracks and infrastructure to support alternative transport, e.g. buses/ ferries. This would ultimately result in less \$\$ on roads and simultaneously benefit the environment. Need to think outside the box on this one...
- Start by fixing the atrocious roads in the region please
- Road works
- There is a lot of emphasis on spending in Kingston Blackmans bay . Need to look after some of the other areas better
- Maintenance of rural roads and ensuring adequate stormwater from gutters or lack of gutters
- As long as the infrastructure and drainage are working in the current projects floated
- Gravel Roads & roadside drainways & drainage need vast improvement in the rural outer areas. Doing this would improve the road conditions significantly especially after heavy rain events that are occurring far more often.
- Maintenance of roads and ditches in rural/suburban areas
- Look at feasibility of seal gravel roads to reduce ongoing high maintenance of resheeting
- More stormwater upgrades
- Spend more on infrastructure on areas outside of the Kingston/Blackmans Bay Area
- Stormwater upgrades
- How about going beyond the main Kingston centre!! Kingborough is much bigger than just that! Our roadsides need attention, especially roadside vegetation and drainage.
- adequate management of stormwater with respect to our changing climate
- inclusive access to beaches in the municipality.
- Active transport projects
- Bike lanes that aren't a hazard to rider or drivers, the times I've nearly been hit by cars avoiding bikes who are avoiding parked cars or debris I have lost count.
- A skatepark.
- Improved facilities for areas suffering the most financial hardship. Parks etc should be improved for those areas too. The council should try to make decisions based on fairness and need, not intense lobbying.
- More trails , linking existing ones where possible
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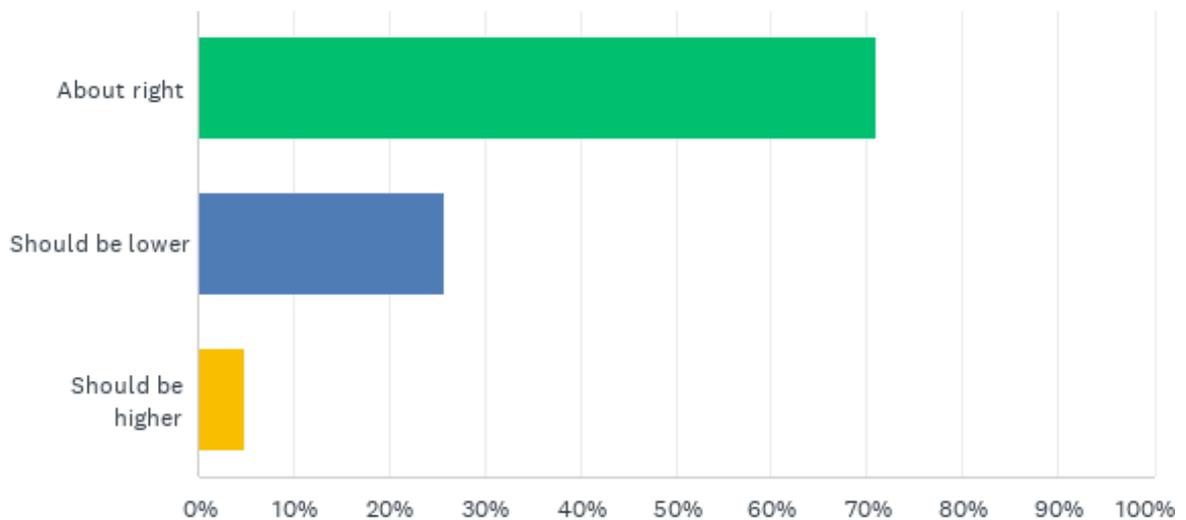
### Specific

- Shared pedestrian/cycle path on Channel Highway between Bunnings, Kingston Town, CBD. Provide a fast, accessible link between Huntingfield, Kingston Town and CBD.
- Would love to have not seen a million dollars spent on redeveloping a road to accommodate an extremely unpopular and poorly considered housing development in Blowhole Rd
- Safe bicycle paths and lanes e.g. in the Kingston CBD; linking existing bike/walking paths together e.g. new Spring Farm area across to Huntingfield safely; ensuring secure undercover bike parking is available in the Kingston CBD;
- Sealing of Gormley Drive
- You have no plans for Sandfly/Margate

- Dru point upgrade skate park
- Dru Point playground upgrade. We've been waiting for years for this. It was supposed to be done this year but there has been no mention of it since the budget consultation last year. Our teenagers have had all their equipment removed years ago and still no mention of replacement. Dru Point must be a priority. Stop prioritising new parks and other upgrades over this one.
- Funds to get the electricity poles out of the middle of the footpath in the middle of Margate Channel Hwy and also install a sheltered bus stop. It is not a very good place at all for elderly, disabled and people with young children/prams.
- Better vehicle access in/out of Huntingfield
- Fehres road Margate and other dirt roads that are being increasingly damaged by extreme weather
- Willowbend (summerleas) stormwater upgrade
- Golf course/Kingston beach walking path near the wetlands
- Firthside park upgrade.
- Free worker parking continued on skipper lane
- Proper drainage on Hillcrest and Sandfly roads
- Wide dual lane pedestrian pathway along Kingston beach foreshore, connecting to wetlands walk
- Margate centre
- Better stormwater at Leslie road and summerleas Junction
- Summerleas Rd stormwater upgrade
- Disappointed that the proposal for a swimming pool didn't get up.
- Improving track that goes from Channel Court to Summerleas Rd
- All the above are great, again we are growing. Still no plan for emergency services to be permanently positioned at Kingston.
- installation of flood management strategies rather than widening the Whitewater Track which gets washed away during floods
- Margate CBD planning and refresh of the main street
- Council employed arborist
- Implementing the recommendations of the investigation into the flooding of the Whitewater Creek catchment as development in the Spring farm catchment area will increase runoff from new dwellings and hard surface areas into Whitewater Creek
- Blowhole reconstruction
- Footpath and guttering improvements to the northern end of Roslyn Avenue. Mobility impaired residents cannot walk safely on the uneven, cracked surface of the footpath. Box gutters are too small to cope with significant rainfall.
- Spring Farm Link road to Kingborough Sports Precinct and Spring Farm / Whitewater playground
- skate park
- Tinderbox Road resealing
- The proposed multi-use North West Bay River track linking Longley to Margate. This track sounds absolutely brilliant. I strongly support it and feel it would add strong positive amenity to the area and support the well-being of the community.
- Balmoral Road Kingston Beach,
- Dru Point upgrade particularly teenager area.

- Cycling/shared paths in Blackmans Bay. Blackmans Bay has the second largest population in Kingborough, schools, childcare centres, numerous shops and other businesses, yet only gets \$30k for a shared path design? Yet the area from Spring Farm (which has a tiny population and no shops/schools etc) - Whitewater Creek - Twin Ovals area - Kingston gets a few million dollars spent on it (shared paths and underpass). That's in addition to the grants/loans/funds from land sales that are funding the new park and the redesign of Kingston centre. How is that right?
- Design and planning of footpaths/shared paths/park and ride/bus stops/pedestrian crossing or underpass etc in Margate centre before new shops etc are built.
- sealing of Proctors Road between the Lea and Southern Outlet underpass
- Not a priority per se, but long-term plans for an extension of the Kingston Beach boardwalk from the existing section at Beach Rd x Osborne Esplanade, all the way north to Osborne Esplanade x Balmoral Rd.
- I am not sure why so much is spent on Spring Farm (which is a brand new suburb that people recently chose to build in) - compare that to places like Margate or Snug which have significant and long standing issues and have had little investment for many years particularly on there main streets and surrounding areas. A visual refresh (new plants, seats, signs, paint, lighting and general improvements etc) of the main business Street of Margate would go a long way and not cost a significant amount. All Channel and Bruny residents and tourists have to travel through the Margate main Street which looks terrible. I realise this is not councils fault but Council can make a difference.
- Funds towards a feasibility study for the Algona Rd shared path, and some progress made with communication with the state government regarding this important active transport link. Also, progress with at least one of the Kingston to Margate shared paths. Funding should be made available for the paths which are of the highest priority (in terms of safety, congestion and potential user numbers). A lower priority path (eg Spring Farm) should not take priority just because it is easier and does not require collaborative working with the state government.
- Footpath/cycle way from Kingston Beach to Kingston Wetlands using part of the golf course land
- Park and ride
- Community work in the Channel
- Connect bike track from Kingston to Snug
- Bike lane Roselyn ave Rubbish traps for stormwater outlets on beaches
- Cancellation of the maryknoll estate - returned back to the community for parkland and recreation - if this goes ahead our crime rate will go through the roof there will be rubbish everywhere and the local area will no longer be safe and enjoyable - it equals the destruction of our lifestyle - there are hundreds of examples of this please stop this development from going ahead - buy the land and give it to the residents of Kingborough
- restoration of footpaths on the northern side of Diamond drive
- Browns River Park upgraded

**Q11: Do you think the proposed increase of 2.8% for general rates is (about right, should be lower, should be higher)?**



### Comments about the rates

Considering that CPI is increasing, I don't think it is unreasonable that costs of council are increasing. Additionally the Kingborough Council is undertaking a substantial program of works to try to cater for the rapidly increasing population of the area. I think it is more important to improve communal services and resources, even if this means increasing rates, than to try (and fail) to keep ratepayers happy by artificially keeping rates at a lower level.

This value reflects the difficult financial position for both council and home owners. It is a balanced approach.

Cost of living is out of control, in the time I've owned my home rates have frequently increased

There are more and more homes being built, has this been included in the expected rise, has council imposed completion dates on buildings that would provide a forecast on rates to give a true reason for increase, subdivisions going in all over the place some have numerous vacant blocks sitting there for long periods creating fire hazards, places for people to dump rubbish and a visually untidy mess

It depends in each area. A lot of work and road maintenance happening in Kingston but the ones who live in Margate area see no change

Households are struggling with other expenses

The rates are high enough considering the level of wage increase is stagnant

The \$36 PA isn't a huge increase but I don't feel I get many improvements in my area given the total cost of rates. I receive no water, sewage or garbage collection, just a minimally maintained gravel road.

All things are going up, even the same spending will cost more than it used to as CPI rises

If stormwater upgrade at Summerleas and Willowbend will occur in the near future (and not until another disaster will happen). No upgrade (or maintenance) has been done since the 2018 flooding. It happened again now 4 years later. I expect a solution in the short term

Good balance for helping families/cost of living

If the council is spending more to upgrade facilities and infrastructure I'm happy to pay to the increase

Nothing gets done south of mitre 10

Have been expecting rates to rise with inflation pressures so 2.8% is not a huge burden

Too high already

Is in line with the average but we need to see return for the money we pay

With the cost of living skyrocketing, no! How about stop creating walking tracks and deal with our current issues like roads and drainage!

It's a fact that the cost of everything is rising. I don't mind paying a fair amount if the money is spent sensibly.

I understand why but we need to see what the additional is paying for

The cost of living and CPI have both increased so rates would be expected to as well

I think that you should manage your budget and not rely on excessively increasing rates to cover it, less of the "cherries on top" projects and concentrate on the basics

Increases in the payment to external agencies eg fire services and rising waste management costs will increase payments to be made by ratepayers above rate increases for Council purposes.

Too little information provided to make an informed assessment

This explanation of the rates increase is too simplistic and contains no comparisons to the previous year. Neither does it contain information relating to other charges. Last year the overall rates and charges revenue was shown in the budget papers as 7.26%. Council officers did not dispute this claim. CCI is only one factor to be taken into consideration. What about CPI or long-term CPI which has been 2.4% for the past 10 years? This year the cost of inflation will have an impact on the budgets of ratepayers and council alike. Some discussion of this factor and how it might impact other charges is warranted.

Sensible balance of ratepayers contributing to the increased running costs and Council findings savings to make up the remainder.

OK given inflation and cost of living expenses

If operational costs rise for Council the rates should rise accordingly otherwise it is not sustainable.

For someone on a part time wage it is one of the biggest yearly costs, it is now over 2k per year. That's quite a lot, I'm lucky to still be working but for pensioners & single income families it's really high. If it goes up higher I won't be able to stay here on retirement. At all.

Seems fair.

It is showing good restraint. (would like more info on what makes up the Council cost Index of 4.06%)

I'd first note that I believe that revenue for Council services should be being raised from a better source than local rates - i.e. more equitable and efficient revenue and taxation options available to State and Commonwealth governments, with revenue provided to Councils by way of a grant. In lieu of this major change, however, I believe the rate rise proposed is appropriate. On face value, it demonstrates a commitment to not unduly increasing the already significant cost of living pressures currently being faced by residents, and hopefully takes advantage of reasonable interest rates to cover the shortfall in revenue with strategic debt holdings. To make any finalised rate increases more equitable, Council should consider its options with regard to variable rating on properties used for short stay accommodation.

Some households are vulnerable to cost of living increases so full 4.06% might be difficult. This seems reasonable.

I think Kingborough Rates are high enough

Seems fair and reasonable

#### Q12: Anything Else About the Budget

Please consider the environment/ natural habitat throughout all works/ processes. E.g. tree removal by council should follow the same process that private landholders have to go through.

I think that the increasing population of Kingborough, particularly younger people and younger families, will encourage the 'revitalisation' and economic growth of the area. I think that Council should prioritise making Kingborough a safe place to live (for everyone - not just people in cars!) that has pleasant, environmentally friendly public areas and amenities.

Investing in Gormley Park is well needed and a sound investment for a site that is used so heavily for local sports.

The council rubbish bins at Margate Takeaway is an absolute disgrace !!!! There are not enough bins around the street especially in a reasonable radius around local takeaway stores

It's a huge area you are trying to cover maybe re look and spread out further I don't think you have covered very evenly.

Push for marina update so we can have a boat ride to city like eastern shore not Kingston let's boost Margate

We need more supporting information. I hope the \$1 million for Kingston Park isn't an additional and previously not budgeted for \$1 million. Is the \$300k for Silverwater Park in addition to the amount in last year's budget? Is the Dru Point allocation for this current year carried over?

The rate rise seems about right

Too much focus on recreation instead of infrastructure

Fairer spending of funds across all the districts, not just closer to the Kingston CBD areas.

I would like to better understand the labour force strategy and what is being found to attract and retain good staff

Looks good overall but stormwater and traffic management are areas that need to be prioritised in a growing community

A bit more spent towards improving information available to public via Council website. data available online should expand similar to the surrounding counterparts. Ex: Maps indicating Council's storm water network, public amenities, etc.

Please fix the drainage on Hillcrest road

More accessible footpaths for wheelchairs and prams

Another \$1m on Kingston Park? It is beginning to be a huge expense on the ratepayers.

The stormwater is less than adequate to deal with the infrastructure that has been installed in the last decade

Stop wasting our rate payers money on things that not many people will use. Fix our current issues before creating new ones!

Pleased to see stormwater upgrades but the recent rain events has demonstrated that much of Kingborough's stormwater infrastructure is inadequate and poorly maintained in places.

You have top heavy staffing, you need more workers on the ground and fewer bureaucrats and paper shufflers and soft and fuzzy jobs

Auburn Rd upgrade is again overlooked.

Minor plant expenditure should include a spade and shovel to be used to clear vegetation from around traffic islands and similar road infrastructure work not capable of being done with a road sweeper. The draft document does not identify renewing road markings and centrelines.

More detail regarding why rates increases are 2.8%

Please include a more comprehensive explanation of rates increases and charges costs in next year's Draft Budget survey. Another suggestion for next year is to attach the whole Draft Budget document to council's website for the perusal of those ratepayers who are interested in the transparency of rates increases and charges costs.

I think Council have done a good job listening to the community in terms of projects and works that they'd like to see done. The budget also provides quite a good balance across several suburbs within Kingborough.

I can't see where any inclusion is occurring in these draft upgrades.

Looks good. Well done.

Think about middle/low income families too please. We still exist and don't want to be costed out of our own neighbourhoods. We're not all lawyers with richie husbands looking at a cosy government pension. I doubt I'll ever retire here though. Not the way it's going. I love this place, but it's too expensive now I'm on a very average wage and even that is too much. Everything gotta cost more and more every year. Build a solar/wind farm and give the area cheap power!

There is a lack of parking in the center of Kingston.

Please include luxury/exciting capital projects from throughout Kingborough. Obviously stormwater and road sealing etc is different and has to be based on need.

Staff are terrific

A reasonable and prudent budget which, although modest in comparison to recent activity, still progresses important projects in line with long-term priorities, and continues to renew and expand existing assets in a responsible way.

Please take more interest in Blackmans Bay and Margate. Kingston (and Spring Farm) take a much higher proportion of council resources than is appropriate.

A lot of focus on sport and ovals at the expense of other groups in the community such as built infrastructure improvements for people with disabilities.

Great that you are sharing it with the community and are seeking feedback. Thank you.

Please develop a proper city centre and improve access roads in and out of the city plan for a hospital a pool a cinema more private schools - population increase will happen and we need to be thinking ahead to make it a great city - hobart is an absolute embarrassment to the nation the worst planned City in the entire country - please make Kingborough a city of the future - Western Australia is excellent at this you should visit them and take a look at their lifestyle suburbs - beautiful roads parks everywhere concrete biking and walk tracks everywhere - beautiful lifestyle suburbs - Tas has much to learn Thankyou 😊

looks good

After speaking to staff it sounds like you need more support on the ground...