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Endorsement of 2025/26 Budget Estimates and Rates Resolution

Glamorgan Spring Bay Council endorsed its 2025/26 Budget and Rates Resolution at its Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 24th June 2025.

Mayor Arnol said that the Budget is the result of wide community consultation and a commitment to fairness and equity. Council have set an overall general rate income increase of 4%, including a proportion for natural growth, which is in line with the Long-Term Financial Management Plan projected needs. Rate notices include the fire levy collected for the State Government which has increased by 10%, waste charges which have been adjusted from as low as 2.7% and cents in the dollar increases to land types from as low as 2.7%.

Council is very pleased to continue to maintain its commitment of funding asset renewal at 100%. With secured grant funds, Council can continue to reduce the backlog of asset renewals and address high-priority needs identified by the community with modest allowances for new infrastructure. Budgeted projects are based on Council's Asset Management Plans.

Key capital and renewal projects for 2025/26 include:

- \$2.475m for road works
- \$0.4m for bridge works
- \$0.926 for building works
- \$0.482m for parks and recreation
- \$0.36m for stormwater and sewerage

Despite ongoing economic challenges, including the unfair distribution of State Financial Assistance General Grants and the unavoidable rising costs of Council operations, Council is pleased to continue to meet its long-term financial goals with this Budget.

Clr Cheryl Arnol
MAYOR

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