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Glamorgan Spring Bay holds down rate increase, but State charges impact

Glamorgan Spring Bay Council has held down rate rises for the next year, with no increase in the Assessed Annual Value (AAV) component and the fixed charge to go up by just \$100.

Mayor Cheryl Arnol says Council has been mindful of current cost-of-living impacts on the community and has worked to ensure the efficiency of its operations to keep the rate rise as low as possible. The only other increase that ratepayers will see is in service charges and levies which are a result of ever-increasing State Government charges.

This year Glamorgan Spring Bay Council will embark on a significant capital works program covering new infrastructure and renewal projects across the municipality. This program, including funds carried forward from the current financial year, will amount to more than \$8.8 million over 2026/27.

“In challenging times, through careful management, we’ve been able to keep the rate increase to below the rate of increase in Council’s costs,” Mayor Arnol said.

“However, the cost of State Government charges in the form of the Fire Service and Waste Levies have increased significantly and Council has no alternative but to pass these on in full.

Mayor Arnol said Council’s Budget predicts a surplus, with depreciation fully funded and an extensive program of capital renewal throughout the municipality.

“This includes almost \$3.6 million on roads, footpaths and kerb renewal and reconstruction, as well as the major Triabunna Tomorrow Streetscape project, more than \$1 million on bridges and culverts, and a similar amount on stormwater renewal and flood mitigation. Almost \$2 million will be spent on improving public facilities including public toilets at Raspins Beach at Orford, the Bicheno Surf Club, Bicheno Skate Park, the Gulch at Bicheno, the Triabunna Marina, the Triabunna Recreation

Ground, Muirs Beach at Coles Bay, and shower refurbishment at the Swansea football clubrooms.”

Mayor Arnol said the budget demonstrated the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council’s financial strength and sustainability, and its ability to provide an extensive range of services and facilities for the community while keeping charges down.

“Glamorgan Spring Bay ratepayers continue to benefit from an extensive range of Council services and support at the lowest possible cost, and the decisions we’ve made will enable us to maintain this approach in the current challenging environment and into the future,” Mayor Arnol said.

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