

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

Organisation: Glamorgan Spring Bay Council

Subject: Small Council commits to helping those in need

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## Small Council commits to helping those in need

At the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council Meeting held 28 April 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Council:

- Agreed not to increase the General Rate associated with the Rates and Charges for next financial year (2020/2021),
- Endorsed the Rate Relief Policies for Community Groups and Religious Organisations,
- Introduced a Financial Hardship Assistance Policy.

Council has temporarily suspended debt collection action on existing outstanding debts and accumulation of interest on outstanding rates until 30 June 2020.

Council continues to provide options for payment of Rates and Charges such as fixed weekly, fortnightly or monthly deductions direct from bank accounts without penalties being charged.

Payment arrangements for other debts can be negotiated, for example, annual wharfage charges and marina berth charges.

Please contact Council's Rates Officer on 03 6256 4777 or alternatively via email <a href="mailto:rates@freycinet.tas.gov.au">rates@freycinet.tas.gov.au</a> for a confidential conversation on how Council may be able to assist during this difficult period.

All Council Policies are available on the following link gsbc.tas.gov.au.

The Glamorgan Spring Bay Council is committed to assisting the community and local businesses during these unprecedented times.

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For more information please contact: Mayor Debbie Wisby, 0439579652