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ANNUAL PLAN AND BUDGET APPROVED



COUNCIL UPDATE

Most Devonport ratepayers are set to receive a general rate increase below CPI following Council's adoption of the 2018/2019 Annual Plan and Budget Estimates at last night's meeting.

Across all property classes, the rate rise approved by Council, will average around 1 per cent.

Of the 12,456 properties in Devonport, 10,746 are residential. The proposed general rate rise for 8,678 (over 80%) of these properties is less than 1.5 per cent.

Considering that the Hobart Consumer Price Index rise, between March 2017 and March 2018 was 2.1 per cent, Council believes it has been responsible in setting its budget and determining the rating levels for the next 12 months

There has been no real increase in the general rate over the previous four financial years.

The minimal increase has also been achieved despite a \$500,000 reduction in Council's TasWater

dividend.

Council's 2018/19 Capital Works program outlines a total spend of \$11.86 million, with \$1.55 million expected to come from external funding.

The program includes \$1.95 million for public open space and recreation, \$4.34 million for transport (roads and footpaths), \$1.18 million for stormwater and \$3 million for LIVING CITY prioritisation projects, particularly relating to the waterfront development **(See page two for more information).**

The Fire Service Levy, collected by Council on behalf of the Tasmanian Fire Service, has increased by 4.5%.

Council has no control over this increase and is merely acting as a collection agent on behalf of the State Government.

A copy of the 2018/19 Annual Plan and Budget Estimates is available on Council's website.

COUNCIL APPROVES \$11.85 MILLION CAPITAL WORKS BUDGET

The Council's 2018/19 Capital Works program outlines a total spend of \$11.86 million, with \$1.55 million expected to come from external funding.

This includes –

- \$1.95 million for public open space and recreation
- \$4.34 million for transport (roads and footpaths)
- \$1.18 million for stormwater and;
- \$3 million for LIVING CITY prioritisation projects, particularly relating to the waterfront development.

Key projects are –

Public Open Space & Recreation

Mersey Vale Cemetery (Stage 2 Modern Burial System)	\$1,050,000
Victoria Parade path renewal and lighting	\$218,000
Maidstone Park gymnastics building car park	\$150,000
Maidstone Park ground lighting replacement	\$125,000
Miandetta Children's Playground	\$100,000
Playground equipment renewal (East Devonport Foreshore)	\$80,000

Transport

Southern Rooke Street renewal	\$1,000,000
Resealing program	\$700,000
Wenvoe Street renewal	\$420,000
Winspears Road renewal	\$250,000
Montague Street renewal	\$130,000
North Street renewal	\$130,000
Melrose Road & Buster Road intersection renewal	\$120,000

Stormwater

William Street stormwater catchment update (stage 8)	\$600,000
Brooke Street upgrade (Caroline catchment stage 1)	\$200,000

Buildings & Facilities

Don Memorial Hall installation of public toilet	\$80,000
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Plant & Equipment

Side-Arm Garbage truck replacement (less trade-in)	\$310,000
Information Technology renewals & upgrades	\$276,000
Girdlestone Park scoreboard renewal	\$25,000

LIVING CITY	\$3,000,000
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FREE PARKING AFTER 3 PM IN JULY

Free parking will apply to all Devonport City Council Car Parks after 3 pm every day in July, with the exception of street meters and the new Multi-level Car Park. Just drive in, stop and shop!

To find out the location of your most convenient Car Park visit www.devonport.tas.gov.au

FEEDBACK SOUGHT ON TRANSPORT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

Council has released its draft Asset Management Plan-Transport for a 30-day public consultation period.

The AM Plan communicates the actions required for the management of transport assets (and services provided from these assets), compliance with regulatory requirements, and funding needed to provide the required levels of service over a 10-year planning period.

It details information about transport infrastructure assets including actions required to provide an agreed level of service in the most cost-effective manner while outlining associated risks.

The transport network comprises bridges, footpaths), formations, kerb and channel, parking equipment, pavements, wearing surfaces and other transport infrastructure.

Present funding levels for transport assets are sufficient to continue to provide existing transport services at current levels in the medium term.

Anyone interested in having a say is encouraged to visit www.speakupdevonport.com.au by 5pm, Thursday 26 July 2018. Copies of the strategy, and feedback forms, are also available from the Council's Fenton Way offices.