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## Council adopts Annual Plan and Budget

*Circular Head Council adopted the Annual Plan and Budget Estimates and Rates Resolution for 2018/19 at the June Council meeting last night.*

Mayor Daryl Quilliam said balancing the cost of living for residents with increasing cost pressures, especially associated with the new Circular Head Community Wellbeing Centre was a priority for Council.

“This has been a challenge, but I believe we have found the right balance for our ratepayers,” Mayor Quilliam said.

“There will be a general rate increase of 2%, which is actually lower than the Local Government Association of Tasmania’s 2018 Council Cost Index.

“In order to prevent large rate rises in the future and to deal with an immediate deficit incurred by the opening of the new wellbeing centre, there has been a large focus upon efficient operations and re-shaping how we continue to deliver services to the community.”

The opening of the Circular Head Community Wellbeing centre later in the year is one of the major highlights of the Budget.

“This is a huge project not only for Council, but for the whole community and we know many are waiting with great anticipation for the opening,” Mayor Quilliam said.

The Budget includes a significant Capital Works Program, with funding allocated for rural road resheeting and resealing and for the rehabilitation of Mawbanna Road.

There is also additional funding for Circular Head Tourism Association projects, including year two of a marketing plan, and installation of life size tourist photo frames at Marawah, Stanley and Smithton.

Other highlights include commitments to a shared service business improvement project with Waratah-Wynyard and Burnie City Councils and improvements to Information Technology, which will enable staff to access information and data remotely and in the field.

### Highlights at a glance:

**\$5,000,000 Circular Head Community Wellbeing Centre**

**\$20,000 Smithton Landscape Development Strategy**



- \$30,000 West Esplanade drainage**
- \$85,000 Hellyer Beach walkway improvements**
- \$110,000 Renew Montagu Park jetty (dependent on MAST funding)**
- \$25,000 Fencing, seats and shelter at Smithton skate park**
- \$548,000 Road resealing**
- \$1,000,000 Rural road resheeting**
- \$1,040,000 Mawbanna Road rehabilitation**
- \$160,000 Connells Cross Road sealing**
- \$120,000 Main Road Stanley (Cripps to Victoria Streets) reconstruction**
- \$340,000 Massey Street (King to Smith Streets) reconstruction**
- \$84,000 John Street footpath**
- \$373,000 Waste truck replacement**
- \$25,500 Tourism photo frames**
- \$60,000 Shared services business improvement project**