

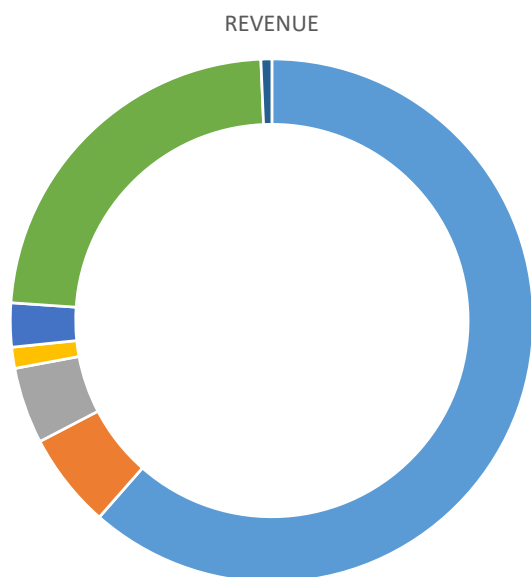
Important information on YOUR RATES



WHERE OUR REVENUE COMES FROM

The below diagram shows where Council's revenue comes from.

On the back page of this newsletter you will find a list of projects where this revenue will be spent during the 2022/2023 financial year.



- Rates and Charges
- User Charges
- Grants
- Other Income
- Investment Income
- Capital grants
- Profit or Loss on Sale of Assets

Rates and Charges	\$10,952,767
User Charges	\$1,048,696
Grants	\$840,445
Other Income	\$232,402
Investment Income	\$483,369
Capital grants	\$4,141,381
Profit or Loss on Sale of Assets	\$120,000

YOUR RATES EXPLAINED

Your rates account for more than 50% of Council's operating budget. This means rates play a big part in determining our annual budget. We also use a financial plan to help us make sure financial decisions are; sustainable, financially sound and beneficial to the long term viability of our Council and its communities.

A 3.75% increase in the general rate has been adopted for 2022/2023.

General Rate Charge:

The general rate charge is determined by property valuations which is determined by the Office of the Valuer General. There has been significant increases in property values in our area; Residential 35%, Vacant Residential 100%, Commercial 10%, Primary Production & Forestry 60%. Taking these increases into account, Council has decreased the cents in the \$ to be charged for 2022/2023 to help limit the impact of the increased property values where possible

Waste Charges:

Your waste charges are broken in to Waste Infrastructure and Waste Collection charges. The Waste Infrastructure charge refers to the maintenance and management

of our six waste transfer stations as well as public bin collection etc. The waste collection charge refers to the physical collection and disposal of both general waste and recycling.

The State Government's Waste Levy along with rising costs for disposing of recycling and general waste means we have had to increase our waste charges. (More information on the State Levy over). This means there has been an increase of 13% on the waste infrastructure charge \$200 to \$226. Recycling collection charges have increased by 22.5%, from \$84 to \$103. Overall the increase in waste and recycling charges averages out to 11% because the waste collection charge remains the same as last year.

Fire Levy:

This is determined by the State Fire Commission and this year they have increased the Fire Levy contribution by 2.54%. However the cents in the \$ for both rural and urban properties has been reduced, this is due in part to the valuation increases and new properties being created through subdivisions. The minimum levy is \$44.

WE ALL HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY IN REDUCING WASTE

AVOID, REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE AND SAVE MONEY AS WELL AS THE PLANET

*The below information has come from Rethink Waste Tasmania and you can find plenty more information on how to reduce your waste on their website: www.rethinkwaste.com.au

1. AVOID

It's no secret that the easiest way to cut down on waste is to avoid it in the first place. You'll also be helping to save energy and resources as fewer goods will need manufacturing in the first place.

- ✓ Take your own containers and bags to the shops.
- ✓ Buy less food by planning meals in advance and shopping with a list.
- ✓ Choose products and produce with little or no packaging.
- ✓ Borrow or hire instead of buying – think book, toy, and tool libraries.
- ✓ Make the time to sit in to eat rather than choosing takeaway.

2. REDUCE

When it's impossible to avoid waste, there are plenty of ways to keep the amount to a minimum. Start at the source. It's easier than you think to create better habits when buying products and food.

- ✓ Buy items in bulk and transfer into reusable containers at home (including single portion containers for lunch boxes and snacks).
- ✓ Buy food that's in season and store produce correctly so it stays fresh longer.
- ✓ Switch to products that are easier to recycle or compost – think bamboo toothbrushes etc.
- ✓ Choose rechargeable batteries over single-use ones.
- ✓ Set your printer to 'double sided' printing as the default, if available.

3. REUSE

Choose products you can use many times, rather than single-use, and buy the best quality you can afford so items last longer. Challenge yourself to find new ways to use or repair items you'd otherwise throw out.

- ✓ Choose reusable travel mugs and refill your water bottle.
- ✓ Switch to reusable food storage, such as beeswax wraps, jars and bottles with lids, silicone ziplock bags, reusable containers.
- ✓ Cook up your next meal from leftovers.
- ✓ Compost any food and green waste.
- ✓ Shop at (and donate to) your local charity shop or tip shop, or host a garage sale.

4. RECYCLE

- ✓ Support businesses doing the right thing by choosing products and items made from recycled materials
- ✓ Use your kerbside recycle bin for household glass, steel, aluminium, hard plastic bottles and tubs, paper, and cardboard.
- ✓ Contaminated recyclables are rejected at the sorting facility and sent to landfill, so be a Good Sort and learn what to recycle and how to reduce contamination
- ✓ Additional recycling services are available for batteries, electronic waste, light globes, paint, chemical containers, mobile phones, tyres, and much more.

After using, recycle what you can. But be a 'Good Sort' and check it before you chuck it. Recycling services are improving all the time, making the most of the valuable resources already used to manufacture items.

Grant Funding

Break O'Day Council has secured the following grants for the 2022-2023 Financial Year.

Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program

Fingal Community Shed	\$378,497
Mangana Communications Cell	\$115,119
St Marys Indoor Recreation Facility	\$1,146,727
Fingal Youth Playground	\$345,767

State Government Grant

Pump Track	\$500,000
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Local Roads Community Infrastructure – Federal Grant

Cecilia Street, St Helens	\$320,000
North Ansons Bay Sealing	\$539,000
Mount Paris Dam Sealing	\$50,000
Medea St/Circassian St intersection	\$200,000

STATE WASTE LEVY

As of 1 July 2022, the State Government will introduce a State-wide Waste Levy which means waste to landfill charges will increase from \$7.50 to \$20 per tonne. After two years this charge will increase to \$40 per tonne and then after another two years, \$60 a tonne.

The amount of waste we are sending to landfill is increasing which is further increasing the costs of disposing of waste. This year we will send approximately 3500 tonnes of waste to landfill, an increase of more than 500 tonnes from the previous year. The increasing amount of waste combined with increasing costs to dispose of the waste will cost an additional \$47,500 this year.

The State Government's main objective with this levy is to get us all, from Local Government, to you, the householder, to think about ways we can reduce waste to landfill. The levy will also provide a revenue stream to the state government to be reinvested back in to

the State's waste services that will foster a circular economy. (A circular economy is a model that sees the life of products and materials extended through initiatives like repairing and recycling, minimising the need to landfill materials and to consume resources in making new materials.)

Another initiative of the State Government is to start a container deposit scheme. This will allow people to take empty drink containers, glass, plastic or aluminium cans to a nominated collection area. The details on where these collection points will be as well as which containers are acceptable will be released later in the year. The hope is that this scheme will help keep these items out of landfill. You can find more information on the State's plans online, www.nre.tas.gov.au.

Waste is all of our responsibility and we all need to start thinking about the top four ways to reduce your own waste to landfill - Avoid, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

Council and community – working together

It has been a busy 12 months for Council staff as we worked through a range of projects from physical infrastructure to developing strategies all aimed at better planning for our future.

When we develop a strategy or infrastructure for our community we want to make sure that it is appropriate and meets your needs – this is why we consult, collaborate and co-create these documents with you, our community.

Over the last 12 months some of the documents we have asked for your contribution to or feedback on include:

- Volunteer Strategy
- Township Plans
- Recreational Trails Strategy
- Community Engagement Strategy

Just before writing this we also launched the Georges Bay Activation Strategy Survey which will help us determine the best way to improve/develop Georges Bay for a range of users and uses.

Another project we are working on with the community is the development of a Bay of Fires Master Plan. This plan is being designed with a committee made up of stakeholders like Parks and Wildlife, Council, Aboriginal and environmental representatives as well as community members. This project is currently tendering for a consultant to undertake the work required to develop the plan which will include community consultation.

We are also in the process of co-creating a volunteer

strategy with a committee of community members and support and guidance from Volunteering Tasmania. This document will provide us with a plan to attract and retain volunteers in our area. Something very important to our community which relies on volunteers for so many things. We are also in the process of consulting with our various communities on community infrastructure projects including:

- St Helens Sports Complex DRAFT CONCEPT Plan
- Fingal Youth Park
- St Marys Sports Complex

We seek feedback on projects in a variety of ways from public meetings and workshops to online surveys but no matter how we do it, you can always find the information and any relevant links on our website under My Community/Community Engagement.



KEEP UP TO DATE ON COUNCIL PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

We use a variety of ways to communicate with our community and make sure you are informed of Council activities but there are four easy things you can do yourself to make sure you get the news in a timely manner.

1. **Check our website** – Our website hosts a heap of information from Community Engagement Projects to Current Works updates. Just about everything you need to know can be found on our website.
2. **Follow our Facebook page** – The Facebook page is the only real form of communication we have that allows us to update you in real time. This page is especially useful in an emergency event.

3. **Pick up our newsletter** – We still print around 650 newsletters a month that we send out to Post Offices, Newsagents, Supermarkets and more from Gladstone to Mathinna and the towns in between.

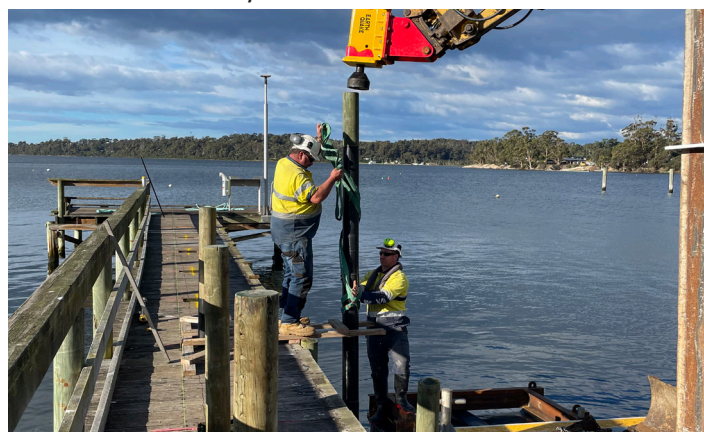
4. **Join one of our databases** – We have databases for each township as well as a newsletter database that we use to send out the newsletter as well as inform the wider community on other Council activities like community consultation.

To join one of our databases please email admin@bodc.tas.gov.au and specify which database/s you would like to be added to. A big thank you to all our residents who have already joined.

Pictured below: Footpath works near Parkside



Pictured below: Jetty works at Kirwans Beach



Where will my rates be spent in 2022-2023

Future Planning **TOTAL:\$110,000**

- Marine Facilities Strategy development \$30,000
- St Helens Wharf and Foreshore Area Master Plan development \$50,000
- Feasibility study for an Aquatic Centre and Hydrotherapy Pool \$40,000

Community Facilities **TOTAL \$220,000**

Including, but not limited to:

- Marine Rescue Building \$24,000
- Scamander Sports Complex Upgrades \$50,000

Road Resheeting **TOTAL \$457,000**

Including, but not limited to:

- Roses Tier \$60,000
- Eddystone Road \$50,000
- Policeman's Point Road \$50,000
- Anchor Road \$37,000
- Forest Lodge Road \$50,000

Road Resealing **TOTAL \$515,600**

Including, but not limited to:

- St Columba Falls Road, Pyengana \$42,874
- Mathinna Road, Mathinna \$25,901
- Upper Esk Road, Fingal \$73,341
- North Ansons Bay Road, Ansons Bay \$79,115
- Champ Street, Fingal \$8,244
- Story St, St Marys \$55,000

Footpaths **TOTAL \$827,000**

Including but not limited to:

- Main Street, Mathinna \$85,000
- Young Street, St Helens \$110,000
- Akaroa Avenue, Akaroa \$25,000
- Parkside Foreshore footpath \$400,000

Bridges **TOTAL \$526,571**

Including but not limited to:

- St Columba Falls Road, Pyengana \$215,571
- Cecilia Street, St Helens \$224,000
- Gardiners Creek Road \$47,000
- Mathinna Plains Road \$30,000
- Newman Street Footbridge, St Marys \$10,000