

Shaping Tomorrow - Have Your Say on Council's Future Plans and Improved Long-Term Financial Sustainability

Council has endorsed key strategic plans to articulate the community's priorities, deliver Council services, facilities and maintain assets and importantly to ensure the financial sustainability of Council and the growth and prosperity of the Glen Innes Severn region.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting this morning, councillors endorsed a number of strategies and plans that will be discussed with the community through a comprehensive Community Engagement Program – [Shaping Tomorrow](#).

Among ensuring that the community is aligned with the future plans Council will gauge ratepayers' sentiments on the various scenarios in consideration of applying to the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a Special Rate Variation (SRV) for July 2026.

Council's budget faces significant pressures and that like many other Council's in NSW Glen Innes Severn is faced with an income gap, with costs increasing at a greater rate than revenue. This imbalance is projected to grow over the coming decade.

A number of factors have culminated in the need for an SRV, the fact that the rate peg set by IPART has not kept pace with rising inflation and other growing costs. Other impacts are the increased cost of wages, scarcity of contractors and materials, reduced available grants and funding, cost-shifting from state and federal government and the Federal Assistance Grants (FAGs) of only 0.54% instead of 1%.

As a result, the Council is now asking the community for feedback on four SRV options.

To view these options, learn more and Have Your Say - please visit:
haveyoursay.gisc.nsw.gov.au

Find out how you can participate online at: haveyoursay.gisc.nsw.gov.au/

SHAPING TOMORROW

2025 Federal Election Voting Locations

The 2025 Federal Election will be held on Saturday 3 May 2025.

The Election coincides with the Australian Celtic Festival weekend. With increased traffic and limited parking expected, residents are encouraged to consider pre-poll voting to avoid potential delays.

Pre-poll and polling day locations across Glen Innes Severn are available on [Council's website](#).

For more information about the 2025 Federal Election, including enrolment details and voting requirements, visit the [Australian Electoral Commission \(AEC\) Website](#).

Goodness Gravel Event

The 2025 Goodness Gravel Glen Innes event, held on Saturday 12 April, welcomed 135 registered riders who took on the region's scenic and challenging gravel trails.

While numbers were down compared to 2024—due to a major road cycling event in Brisbane attracting over 3,000 riders the same weekend—the feedback from participants remains overwhelmingly positive.

Riders continue to rave about the breathtaking landscapes and gravel-friendly routes Glen Innes has to offer, with glowing reviews available on the Goodness Gravel website.

LC-SS Sensory Garden Official Opening

The Sensory Garden at Life Choices Support Services was officially opened on Thursday 17 April by Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan MP. The event marked the completion of one of the key upgrades delivered through the Community Services Social Infrastructure Upgrades project, made possible by a \$100,000 funding boost from Round 5 of the Stronger Country Communities grant.

The project was the vision of the late Anthony Williams, Former Manager of Community Services, whose commitment to creating inclusive community spaces continues to make a lasting impact.

Designed to provide a calming, inclusive space for individuals with sensory processing needs, the Sensory Garden will be used by all members of the community, including people of all abilities. The purpose-built space will provide a calming, welcoming environment that supports sensory learning and wellbeing.

Infrastructure Works Program

The following works are scheduled in the period ending Friday, 2 May 2025 subject to weather conditions and unforeseen delays:

- Jet patching in Glen Innes Township and Old Grafton Road
- The Roads Construction Crew will be working at Wellington Vale Road
- Maintenance grading is scheduled Hazelwood Road, Tindal Road, Riley's Road, Euroka Road Grahams Valley Road, Nant Park Road, Rangers Valley Road, Wycliffe Road, and Spicers Road
- The Bridge Team is working on Coxs Road
- The Drainage Team is working on Ten Mile Road and Nine Mile Road
- The Maintenance Crew will be prioritising Rural Roadside Signage installations and line marking at various locations
- The Heavy Patching crew will be working on the Urban Heavy Patching Program at various locations.

For upcoming road closures, please visit the [Roads page](#) on Council's website.

JOBS AT COUNCIL

Team Leader (Drainage)

Heavy Plant Operator (Drainage)

Heavy Plant Operator (Heavy Patching)

Heavy Plant Operator (Maintenance Grading)

Plant Mechanic 2025

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE HIGHLANDS

Every Saturday
Australian Standing Stones Parkrun
8am

25 April
ANZAC Day Marches & Services
Glen Innes & surrounds

28 April - 4 May
Celtic Food Trail
Glen Innes & surrounds

30 April - 3 May
Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale
Glen Innes Scout Hall

1-4 May
Australian Celtic Festival
SAVE THE DATE!

17 May
Author Event - Nicole Alexander
Glen Innes Library

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