

What are the options?

your say, your future.

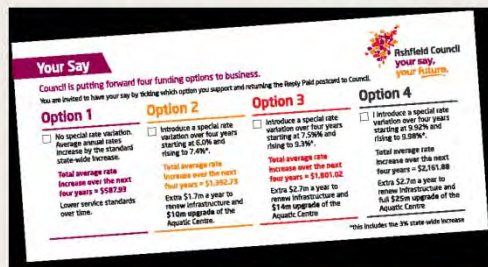
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INFORMATION FOR BUSINESS

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有哪些选择?

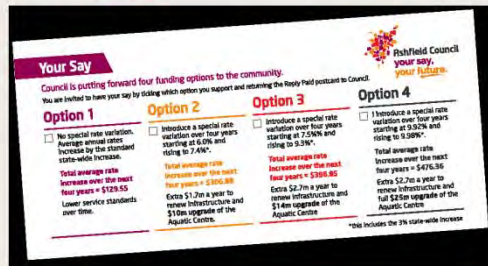
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居民如今需要作出一些重要选择。

与全州众多议会一样，本市议会也考虑引进特殊税率变化方案，以筹集更多的资金，以便我们在未来10年继续维护并改善当地的基础设施。

本册列出了提出的四个选项，作为“你的言论，你的未来”活动的一部分。我们邀请您加入我们的对话，说出您对当地未来发展的想法。

我们邀请您通过勾选所附明信片您支持的选项发表您的看法，明信片邮资已付。



加入对话

我们希望听到您对基础设施和服务优先顺序的意见以及您对“筹资”方式的想法。

请访问我们的网站了解更多信息
www.ashfield.nsw.gov.au

参加我们的四大社区开放日：

- Haberfield图书馆
2014年9月22日
下午6:00 - 下午7:30
- Ashfield水上中心
Cadigal房
2014年10月1日周三
下午6:00-下午7:30
- Ashfield市政中心
活动室
2014年10月8日周三
上午11:00 - 下午12:30
- Summer Hill Church Hall
Cnr Henson和Smith街
2014年10月16日周四
下午6:00 - 下午7:30



对话截止时间：2014年10月31日周五下午5点。

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我们的基础设施和服务

Ashfield议会需要一笔不小的投资，用于未来维护并升级基础设施。

有何选择？
你是否支持税率上升？

我们的基础设施和服务

Ashfield议会为当地社区提供重要的基础设施、设备和服务——从维修通往垃圾回收处的当地人行道，到维护体育场的安全性和可用性。

与此同时，议会还负责更新维护一些市民的重大资产，包括备受大众喜爱的水上活动中心、社区会堂以及图书馆等公共建筑。

在过去的五年里，议会一直在努力维护服务标准并出台改进措施，防止我们的基础设施资产进一步老化。

我们一直做得很好，但我们可以做的更多。

规划未来

在过去的几年里，大众已向我们呼吁，他们需要更多的基础设施建设以改善本地的状况。他们希望我们创造一个充满活力的城市中心，以改善当地街道的状况，并升级我们的水上活动中心及社区大楼。

目前我们需要就如何最好地满足大众的期望做出一些决定，并规划好未来的发展。

议会一直在以力所能及的方式努力进步，以确保城市的运转。新南威尔士州财政部公司近日证实，议会的财务状况良好。

但与众多议会一样，Ashfield也面临着如何最好地维护服务和老化的基础设施这一挑战——相关开销不断增长，超出了议会获得收入的速度。

于此同时现有的税率变化近日刚结束，这都意味着我们目前须就我们想要的基础设施标准以及如何为其筹资做出决定。

有哪些选择？

议会为大众提出了四种筹资选择。

1.

无特殊税率增加。
随时间推移降低服务标准。

- 道路、人行道、社区建筑、公园和运动场状况随时间推移而老化。
- 水上活动中心的安全性和功能性将出现危险隐患并可能最终关闭。

此前的特殊税率变化现已结束。议会如今只依赖于全州约3%的小额增幅。由于资金短缺，资产将无法继续以当前的标准得到维持。

\$129.55
4年整体平均税额增幅

2.

引入特殊税率增长方案，在四年内从6.0%起，上升至7.4%。

- 1000万澳元用于部分升级Ashfield水上活动中心。
- 在未来10年里，170万澳元预算用于更新基础设施，包括每年60万用于建筑维护、70万用于道路及人行道修缮、40万用于公园维护。

\$306.88
4年整体平均税额增幅*

这一方案中，平均年税额将从2015/16年度起每年上涨61.93澳元，直至2018/19年度的92.26澳元。

3.

引入特殊税率增长方案，在四年内从7.5%起，上升至9.3%。（包括3%的全州增幅）。

- 1400万澳元用于部分升级Ashfield水上活动中心。
- 在未来10年里，270万澳元预算用于更新基础设施，包括每年100万用于建筑维护、110万用于道路及人行道修缮、50万用于公园维护以及10万用于改善排水系统。

\$396.85
4年整体平均税额增幅*

这一方案中，平均年税额将从2015/16年度起每年上涨77.42澳元，直至2018/19年度的121.59澳元。

4.

引入特殊税率增长方案，在四年内从9.92%起，上升至9.98%。（包括3%的全州增幅）。

- 2500万澳元用于完全升级Ashfield水上活动中心。
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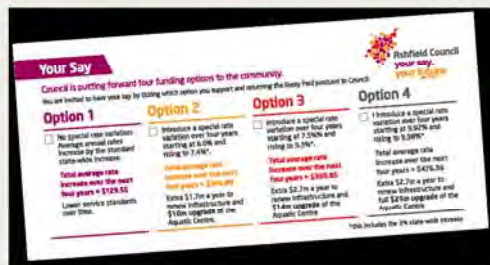
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I residenti ora hanno alcune scelte importanti da fare.

Come una serie di comitati in tutto lo Stato, il Consiglio sta valutando l'introduzione di una Speciale Variazione di Tasse per raccogliere ulteriori finanziamenti in modo da poter mantenere e migliorare le infrastrutture e le strutture locali nel corso dei prossimi 10 anni.

Questo opuscolo descrive le quattro opzioni avanzate come parte del Dite la vostra, la Campagna del Vostro Futuro. Siete invitati a partecipare al dibattito e dire la vostra sul futuro dell'area locale.

Siete invitati a dire la vostra spuntando l'opzione che sostenete sulla cartolina preaffrancata allegata.



Partecipate al dibattito

Vogliamo sentire la vostra sulle vostre priorità di infrastruttura e servizio e su come pensate che dovrebbero essere finanziati.

Visitate il nostro sito internet per ulteriori informazioni www.ashfield.nsw.gov.au

Partecipate a uno dei nostri quattro open days di comunità:

- **Haberfield Library**
Lunedì 22 Settembre 2014
dalle 18:00 alle 19:30
- **Ashfield Aquatic Centre**
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ottobre 2014 dalle 18:00 alle
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12:30
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Giovedì 16 ottobre 2014 dalle
18:00 alle 19:30



Il dibattito finisce Venerdì 31 ottobre 2014 alle 17:00

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La nostra infrastruttura e i nostri servizi

Il Consiglio di Ashfield necessita di un investimento significativo per mantenere e modernizzare la propria infrastruttura.

Quali sono le opzioni?

Sei favorevole a un aumento delle tasse?

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Il Consiglio di Ashfield fornisce importanti infrastrutture locali, strutture e servizi per la comunità locale, che vanno dal riparare marciapiedi locali alla raccolta di rifiuti, al garantire che i nostri campi sportivi siano sicuri e in buone condizioni.

Allo stesso tempo, il Consiglio è responsabile per la manutenzione e il mantenimento di alcune risorse molto grandi, tra cui il nostro amato centro acquatico, le sale della comunità ed edifici pubblici come le nostre biblioteche.

Il Consiglio ha lavorato duramente nel corso degli ultimi cinque anni per mantenere gli standard del servizio ed effettuare i miglioramenti necessari per arrestare ogni ulteriore deterioramento dei nostri beni infrastrutturali.

Abbiamo fatto un buon lavoro, ma possiamo fare di più.

Pianificazione per il futuro

Negli ultimi anni, la comunità ci ha detto che vorrebbe vedere intraprese più opere infrastrutturali per migliorare la zona locale. Vorrebbero che creassimo un centro città vivace, che migliorassimo la condizione delle strade locali e che modernizzassimo il nostro centro acquatico e gli edifici della comunità.

Siamo ora al punto in cui abbiamo bisogno di prendere alcune decisioni su come rispondere al meglio alle aspettative della comunità, pianificando in modo adeguato per il futuro.

Il Consiglio ha lavorato duramente per essere sicuro di operare entro i propri mezzi. Il Ministero del Tesoro del New South Wales ha recentemente confermato che il Consiglio è finanziariamente solido.

Tuttavia, come molti consigli, Ashfield si trova ad affrontare sfide su come mantenere al meglio i servizi e le infrastrutture che stanno invecchiando, i cui costi aumentano più velocemente rispetto al reddito del Consiglio.

Questo, insieme al fatto che una variazione speciale delle tasse si è recentemente conclusa, significa che siamo ora al punto in cui dobbiamo prendere una decisione circa il livello di infrastrutture che vogliamo per il futuro e come pagare per esse.

Quali sono le opzioni?

Il Consiglio sta proponendo alla comunità quattro opzioni di finanziamento.

1.

Nessun incremento della variazione speciale delle tasse. Standard di servizio più bassi nel corso del tempo.

- Nel corso del tempo la condizione di strade, marciapiedi, edifici per la comunità, parchi e campi sportivi peggiorerà.
- La sicurezza e la funzionalità del Centro Acquatico potrebbero essere messe a rischio fino a una possibile chiusura.

La Variazione Speciale delle Tasse precedentemente in atto si è ormai conclusa. Il Consiglio ora si affida a un piccolo aumento delle tasse a livello statale di circa il 3%. Data la mancanza di fondi, non sarà possibile mantenere le risorse ai livelli attuali.

\$129,55
aumento medio annuale delle tasse per i 4 anni

2.

Introduzione di un aumento speciale delle tasse nel corso di quattro anni a partire al 6,0% fino ad arrivare al 7,4%.

- 10 milioni di dollari per il rinnovamento parziale del Centro Acquatico di Ashfield.
- 1,7 milioni di dollari l'anno per rinnovare le infrastrutture tra cui un extra di 600.000 dollari per gli edifici, 700.000 dollari per strade e marciapiedi e 400.000 dollari per i parchi ogni anno per i prossimi 10 anni.

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- 14 milioni di dollari per il rinnovamento parziale del Centro Acquatico di Ashfield.
- 2,7 milioni dollari l'anno per rinnovare le infrastrutture tra cui un extra di 1 milione di dollari per gli edifici, 1,1 milioni di dollari per strade e marciapiedi, 500.000 dollari per i parchi e 100.000 dollari per il drenaggio ogni anno per i prossimi 10 anni.

\$396,85
aumento medio annuale delle tasse per i 4 anni

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4.

Introduzione di un aumento speciale delle tasse nel corso di quattro anni a partire dal 9,92% con aumento fino al 9,98% (include l'aumento a livello statale del 3%).

- 25 milioni di dollari per il rinnovamento completo del Centro Acquatico di Ashfield.
- 2,7 milioni dollari l'anno per rinnovare l'infrastruttura di cui 1 milione di dollari per gli edifici, 1,1 milioni di dollari per strade e marciapiedi, 500.000 dollari per i parchi e 100.000 dollari per il drenaggio ogni anno per i prossimi 10 anni.

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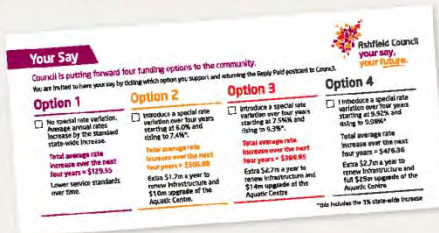
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- \$25 million full upgrade of the Ashfield Aquatic Centre.
- \$2.7 million a year to renew infrastructure including \$1 million for buildings, \$1.1 million for roads and footpaths, \$500,000 for parks and \$100,000 for drainage each year for the next 10 years.

\$476.36
total average rate increase for the 4 years*

This would see average annual rates increase by \$102.39 a year in 2015/16 rising to \$136.89 in 2018/19.

*all options include a 3% state-wide rate increase.

your say, your future.

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Dear Resident,

Like a number of Councils throughout the State, Ashfield Council is under increased pressure to maintain and improve our very important infrastructure, facilities and services such as our roads, footpaths, parks, sporting grounds and the Ashfield Aquatic Centre.

The NSW Treasury Corporation recently confirmed that Council is financially sound, however:

The costs of maintaining infrastructure and running services are rising faster than Council's income is being generated,

- A special rate variation which had been providing us an additional \$730,000 for spending on infrastructure ended last year,
- Our infrastructure, particularly our Aquatic Centre, is ageing and will need significant upgrades to remain functional for the community into the future, and
- The community is calling for infrastructure to be upgraded and services to be expanded but we can't do this without additional funding.

This, coupled with the fact that the costs of maintaining the local area's ageing infrastructure and running services are going up faster than the normal rate increase of around 3%, means additional funds are needed if we are to continue to maintain and improve our services.

Council is putting forward four funding options which involve raising additional funding of between \$30 million to \$59 million so we can maintain and improve local infrastructure and facilities over the next 10 years.

You can have your say on which option you prefer by taking part in Council's Your Say, Your Future campaign, as outlined in the brochure attached.

I would also like to invite you to attend one of our four community open houses which will be held at Haberfield Library, Ashfield Aquatic Centre, Ashfield Civic Centre and the Summer Hill Church Hall. Dates and times are listed in the brochure.

For more information about Your Say, Your Future please visit www.ashfield.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



Vanessa Chan
General Manager

Your Say

Council is putting forward four funding options to the community.

You are invited to have your say by ticking which option you support and returning the Reply Paid postcard to Council.



Option 1

- No special rate variation. Average annual rates increase by the standard state-wide increase.

Total average rate increase over the next four years = \$129.55

Lower service standards over time.

Option 2

- Introduce a special rate variation over four years starting at 6.0% and rising to 7.4%*.

Total average rate increase over the next four years = \$306.88

Extra \$1.7m a year to renew infrastructure and **\$10m upgrade** of the Aquatic Centre.

Option 3

- Introduce a special rate variation over four years starting at 7.5% and rising to 9.3%*.

Total average rate increase over the next four years = \$396.85

Extra \$2.7m a year to renew infrastructure and **\$14m upgrade** of the Aquatic Centre

Option 4

- Introduce a special rate variation over four years starting at 9.92% and rising to 9.98%*.

Total average rate increase over the next four years = \$476.36

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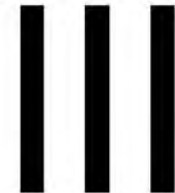
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Your Say

Council is putting forward four funding options to business.

You are invited to have your say by ticking which option you support and returning the Reply Paid postcard to Council.



Option 1

- No special rate variation. Average annual rates increase by the standard state-wide increase.

Total average rate increase over the next four years = \$587.93

Lower service standards over time.

Option 2

- Introduce a special rate variation over four years starting at 6.0% and rising to 7.4%*.

Total average rate increase over the next four years = \$1,392.73

Extra \$1.7m a year to renew infrastructure and **\$10m upgrade** of the Aquatic Centre.

Option 3

- Introduce a special rate variation over four years starting at 7.5% and rising to 9.3%*.

Total average rate increase over the next four years = \$1,801.02

Extra \$2.7m a year to renew infrastructure and **\$14m upgrade** of the Aquatic Centre

Option 4

- Introduce a special rate variation over four years starting at 9.92% and rising to 9.98%*.

Total average rate increase over the next four years = \$2,161.88

Extra \$2.7m a year to renew infrastructure and full **\$25m upgrade** of the Aquatic Centre

*this includes the 3% state-wide increase

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**Important choices to make
for business.**

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September 8, 2014

MEDIA RELEASE

Your Say, Your Future campaign

Ashfield Council General Manager, Vanessa Chan today launched the “Your Say, Your Future” campaign, inviting residents to join the conversation about the future funding of Council’s facilities and services.

“Residents have some important choices to make about how they want Council to maintain and improve our very important infrastructure, including our roads and footpaths, buildings, parks and our Aquatic Centre,” Ms Chan said.

“NSW Treasury Corporation recently confirmed Ashfield Council is financially sound, however like many councils, Ashfield is facing challenges as to how best maintain our services and ageing infrastructure and meet the demands of the future.

“A Special Rate Variation has recently ended which provided Council with \$730,000 a year. This, coupled with the fact that the costs of maintaining infrastructure is going up faster than the normal rate increase of around 3%, means we require significant investment to maintain and upgrade facilities.

“Under the options being put forward, Council is seeking to raise additional funding of between \$30 million to \$59 million to maintain and improve local infrastructure and facilities over the next 10 years.

“Residents and local business owners and operators are now being asked to have their say on the four funding options being put forward by Council.”

- **Option 1. No special rate variation increase. Lower service standards over time. Increase in rates subject to permissible state-wide increase. Total average increase over four years \$129.55.**

A Special Rate Variation Council previously had in place has now ended leaving Council to rely on a small state-wide rate increase of approximately 3% per annum. Assets will not be able to be maintained at the current standards and over time the condition of roads, footpaths, community buildings, parks and sportsgrounds will decline. The safety and functionality of the Aquatic Centre will be put at risk and it may eventually have to close.

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- **Option 2. Introduce a special rate increase over four years starting at 6.0% and rising to 7.4% (includes the 3% state-wide rate increase).**
Total average increase in rates over four years \$306.88
 Council would undertake a \$10 million partial upgrade of the Ashfield Aquatic Centre. An additional \$1.7 million a year would be allocated to renew infrastructure including an extra \$600,000 for buildings, \$700,000 for roads and footpaths and \$400,000 for parks each year for the next 10 years.
- **Option 3. Introduce a special rate increase over four years starting at 7.5% and rising to 9.3% (includes the 3% state-wide increase).**
Total average increase in rates over four years \$396.85
 Council would undertake a \$14 million partial upgrade of the Ashfield Aquatic Centre and build a new water polo pool. Additional funding would be allocated to renew infrastructure including an extra \$1million for buildings, \$1.1 million for roads and footpaths, \$500,000 for parks and \$100,000 for drainage each year for the next 10 years.
- **Option 4. Introduce a special rate increase over four years starting at 9.92% and rising to 9.98% (this includes the 3% state-wide increase).**
Total average increase in rates over four years \$476.36
 Council would undertake a \$25 million upgrade of the Ashfield Aquatic Centre. Additional funding would be allocated to renew infrastructure including an extra \$1 million for buildings, \$1.1 million for roads and footpaths and \$500,000 for parks and \$100,000 for drainage each year for the next 10 years.

"It is important the Community has their say on which of the four options they would like Council to take," Ms Chan said.

"If the community decides to reject a rate increase the expectations about the standard to which our infrastructure is maintained will need to be re-adjusted, and if the community wants to carry out improvements in the area, we need to ensure work is properly planned and financed."

Residents will receive a letter and brochure outlining the plans being put forward by Council and are being encouraged to attend one of four community open houses being held throughout the area. Dates, times and more information about the campaign will be made available in the coming weeks at www.ashfield.nsw.gov.au.

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YOUR SAY YOUR FUTURE OPTIONS

Option 1	No Special Rate Variation Only State-wide increase	Average annual increase \$ Residential	Average increase \$ Business
2015/16	3.0%	\$30.97	\$140.53
2016/17	3.0%	\$31.89	\$144.75
2017/18	3.0%	\$32.85	\$149.09
2018/19	3.0%	\$33.84	\$153.56
2019/20	3.0%	\$34.85	\$158.17

Option 2	Annual % increase*	Average annual increase \$ Residential	Average increase \$ Business
2015/16	6.0%	\$61.93	\$281.07
2016/17	6.5%	\$71.12	\$322.76
2017/18	7.0%	\$81.57	\$370.18
2018/19	7.4%	\$92.26	\$418.72
2019/20	3.0% (back to state-wide increase)	\$40.17	\$182.31

Option 3	Annual % increase*	Average annual increase \$ Residential	Average increase \$ Business
2015/16	7.5%	\$77.42	\$351.33
2016/17	8.2%	\$90.99	\$412.93
2017/18	8.9%	\$106.85	\$484.93
2018/19	9.3%	\$121.59	\$551.83
2019/20	3.0% (back to state-wide increase)	\$42.87	\$194.56

Option 4	Annual % increase*	Average annual increase \$ Residential	Average increase \$ Business
2015/16	9.92%	\$102.39	\$464.69
2016/17	9.94%	\$112.78	\$511.82
2017/18	9.97%	\$124.30	\$564.11
2018/19	9.98%	\$136.89	\$621.26
2019/20	3% (back to state-wide increase)	\$45.26	\$205.39

*assumes a 3% permissible increase each year

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Our infrastructure and services

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for more information go to:

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Our infrastructure and services

Ashfield Council requires a significant investment to maintain and upgrade its infrastructure into the future.

What are
the options?

1.

**No special rate
variation increase.
Lower service
standards over time.**

A Special Rate Variation previously in place has now ended. Council now relies on a small state-wide rate increase of approximately 3%. Given the funding shortfall, assets will not be able to be maintained at the current standards.

**your say,
your future.**

- Over time the condition of roads, footpaths, community buildings, parks and sportsgrounds will decline.
- The safety and functionality of the Aquatic Centre would be put at risk and may eventually close.

\$129.55
**total average
rate increase
for the 4 years**



What are
the options?

2.

Introduce a special
rate increase over four
years starting at 6.0%
and rising to 7.4%.

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- \$10 million partial upgrade of the Ashfield Aquatic Centre.
- \$1.7 million a year to renew infrastructure including an extra \$600,000 for buildings, \$700,000 for roads and footpaths and \$400,000 for parks each year for the next 10 years.

\$306.88

**total average
rate increase
for the 4 years***

This would see average
annual rates increase by
\$61.93 a year in 2015/16
rising to \$92.26 in 2018/19.

*Includes a 3% state-wide increase



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What are
the options?

3.

Introduce a special rate increase over four years starting at 7.5% and rising to 9.3% (includes the 3% state-wide increase).

\$396.85
total average rate increase for the 4 years*

This would see average annual rates increase by \$77.42 a year in 2015/16 rising to \$121.59 in 2018/19.

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- \$14 million partial upgrade of the Ashfield Aquatic Centre.
- \$2.7 million a year to renew infrastructure including an extra \$1 million for buildings, \$1.1 million for roads and footpaths, \$500,000 for parks and \$100,000 for drainage each year for the next 10 years.



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What are
the options?

4.

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Ashfield 2023

Our Place, Our Future consultation
the community said it wants:

- Public spaces/facilities that connect people
- More facilities, green spaces and public spaces
- Respect and care for our public domain: clean streets and well maintained footpaths, community buildings, parks and sports fields
- Clean attractive streets, well maintained footpaths and street furniture
- Pedestrian routes and cycle ways
- Facilities for recreation and healthy ageing, including redeveloped Aquatic Centre
- Beautification of streetscape and public domain in town centres



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Recent infrastructure Projects



Forbes Street, Croydon Park



Croydon streetscape enhancements



Holden Street, Ashfield



Croydon CBD



Norton and Queen Street, Ashfield



Pratten Park change rooms



Wolseley Street, Haberfield



Chandos Street, Ashfield



Yeo Park facilities



Condition of our infrastructure

Roads



Condition 1 - Byron Street, Croydon



Condition 2 - Denman Street, Haberfield



Condition 3 - Carshalton Street, Croydon



Condition 4 - Denman Avenue, Summer Hill



Condition 5 - Dalhousie Street, Haberfield

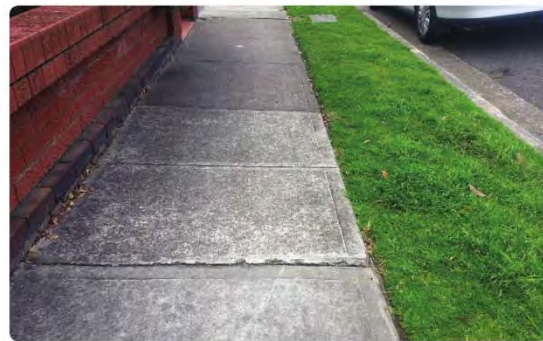


Condition of our infrastructure

Footpaths



Condition 1 - Hillcrest Avenue, Ashfield



Condition 2 - Carshalton Street, Croydon



Condition 3 - Arthur Street, Ashfield



Condition 5 - Bland Street, Ashfield



Condition 4 - Seaview Street, Summer Hill



Condition of our infrastructure Facilities



Condition 1 - Ashfield Civic Centre



Condition 2 - Summer Hill Community Centre



Condition 3 - Thirring Villa Pratten Park



Condition 4 - Haberfield Library



Condition 5 - YMCA Building Yeo Park



Condition of our infrastructure

Playgrounds



Condition 1 - Yeo Park



Condition 3 - J.G McCartney Reserve



Condition 2 - Carrington Reserve



Condition 4 - Algie Park



Condition 5 - Sutherland Reserve



1. Aquatic Centre No Upgrade

- No special rate variation increase will result in lower service standards over time.
- Assets will not be able to be maintained at the current standards.
- Over time the safety and functionality of the Aquatic Centre will be put at risk and may eventually have to close.



Pool steps that are collapsing



Pool edge which is collapsing from concrete cancer



Concrete cancer on the pool tiles



2. Aquatic Centre Partial Upgrade



PARTIAL REDEVELOPMENT CONCEPT OPTION 2

FEATURES

- New indoor 25m pool
- New 50m pool
- Retention of existing indoor pool
- Demolition of all outdoor pools
- New 10 lane 50m pool and new plant with optional bulkhead
- New passive play space

DESCRIPTION

- Additional indoor pool
- Replace and reconfigure pools
- Maintain existing buildings
- Remove old plant room
- Water polo in 50m pool

INDICATIVE COST

- \$10M excluding optional second change rooms



3. Aquatic Centre Partial Upgrade



PARTIAL REDEVELOPMENT CONCEPT OPTION 3

FEATURES

- New indoor 25m pool
- New 50m pool
- Retention of existing indoor pool
- Demolition of all outdoor pools
- New passive play space
- New Olympic Size Water Polo Pool with new plant

DESCRIPTION

- Additional indoor pool
- Replace and reconfigure pools
- Maintain existing buildings
- Remove old plant room

INDICATIVE COST

- \$14M excluding optional second change rooms



4. Aquatic Centre Full Upgrade



FULL REDEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL WATER POLO POOL CONCEPT OPTION 4

FEATURES

- New indoor 25m pool (warm water pool)
- New 10 lane 50m pool with new plant and optional bulkhead
- New Entry, Café, Landscaping and Western Grandstand
- New Crèche, Retail and Outdoor Amenity
- New Health and Fitness Centre
- New Spa
- New Olympic Size Water Polo Pool with new plant

INDICATIVE COST

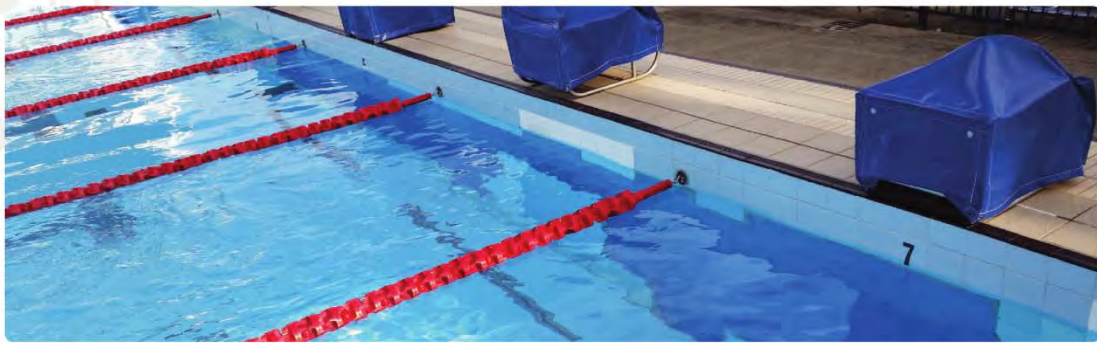
- \$25M excluding optional second change rooms

DESCRIPTION

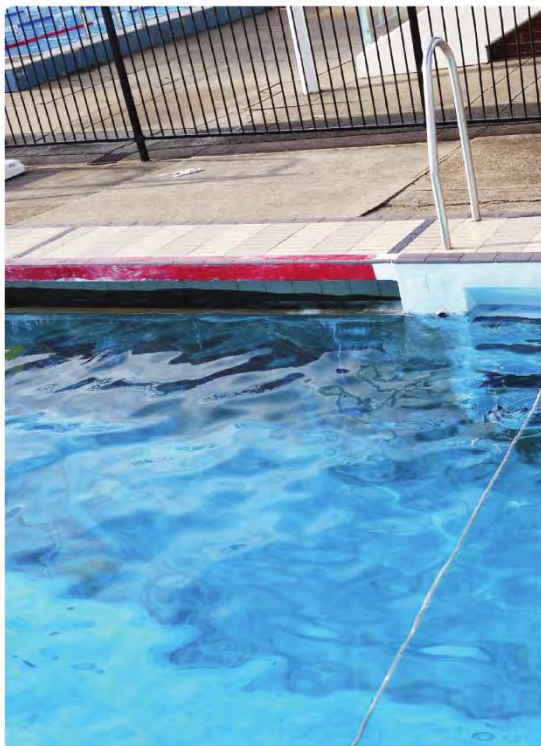
- Retention of existing indoor play pool
- Demolition of all outdoor pools and other buildings
- Replace and reconfigure pools and create dry fitness and health and community functions
- New learn to swim classes
- Carpark upgrade to 92 spaces



Current condition of the Aquatic Centre



The pool wall is too uneven to tile



Pool surface worn back to bare



Concrete and nails in the floor to hold down the covering



Current condition of the Aquatic Centre



Old pool pumps



Old outdoor pool filters



Old outdoor pipe-work



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Next steps

1.
Community
engagement

Sept and Oct 2014

2.
Council to
consider
community
feedback

November 2014

3.
Council
decision
on how to
proceed

December 2014

4.
Deadline to
lodge Special Rate
Variation application
with IPART

February 2015

5.
IPART to
make its
decision

June 2015

6.
Special Rate
Increase if
approved
commences

1 July 2015





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Our infrastructure and services

Ashfield Council provides important local infrastructure, facilities and services for the local community - from repairing local footpaths to garbage collections to ensuring our sporting fields are safe and in a usable condition.

At the same time, Council is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of some very large assets including our much loved local aquatic centre, community halls and public buildings such as our libraries.

Council has been working hard over the last five years to maintain service standards and to carry out improvements to arrest any further deterioration of our infrastructure assets.

**We've been doing well,
but we can do more.**





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Planning for the future

Over the past few years, the community has been telling us they want to see more infrastructure works undertaken to improve the local area. They want us to create a vibrant town centre, to improve the condition of local streets and to upgrade our aquatic centre and community buildings.

We are now at the point where we need to make some decisions about how to best meet the expectations of the community whilst properly planning for the future.

Council has been working hard to ensure it operates within its means. The NSW Treasury Corporation recently confirmed that Council is financially sound.

However like many councils, Ashfield is facing challenges as to how to best maintain services and ageing infrastructure – the costs of

which are rising faster than Council's income is being generated.

This, coupled with the fact that an existing special rate variation has recently ended, means we are now at the point where we need to make a decision about the standard of infrastructure we want for the future and how to pay for it.



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What are the options?

Residents now have some important choices to make.

Like a number of councils throughout the State, Council is considering introducing a Special Rate Variation to raise additional funding so we can maintain and improve local infrastructure and facilities over the next 10 years.

This brochure outlines the four options being put forward as part of the Your Say, Your Future Campaign. You are invited to join the conversation and have your say about the future of the local area.



You are invited to have your say by ticking which option you support

Your Say
Council is putting forward four funding options to the community. You are invited to have your say by ticking which option you support and returning the Reply Paid postcard to Council.

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
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Council warns status quo on rates will halt progress

Sean Thompson

RESIDENTS URGED TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON FEE OPTIONS

ASHFIELD residents could be slugged an additional \$476 in rates over the next four years as part of an application for a special rate variation.

And council has warned that if no special rate variation is chosen, community facilities such as the aquatic centre could be in danger of falling by the wayside.

Council is calling on the

community to provide feedback on its Your Say, Your Future campaign, asking residents to choose one of four rate-increase options.

Council's previous rate variation netted the municipality an extra \$730,000 of annual income, which was poured into various projects across the region.

The rate options start with

a base 2 per cent increase up to a whopping 9.92 per cent over four years. Council is hoping to raise an additional \$30-to-\$59 million in rates to reinvest in local infrastructure and facilities.

Ashfield Council general manager Vanessa Chan said community feedback would help council decide on the best way forward.

"If the community decides to reject a rate increase the expectations on the standard to which our infrastructure is maintained will need to be readjusted," she said.

"And if the community wants to carry out improvements in the area, we need to ensure work is properly planned and financed."

Residents will receive a

letter and brochure outlining the plans being put forward by council and are being urged to attend one of four community open houses being held in the area.

Dates, times and more information about the campaign will be made available in the coming weeks.

Visit the website at ashfield.nsw.gov.au.

Chance to have say

ON SEPTEMBER 22, I attended the first of Ashfield Council's public information sessions on sorely needed upgrades to the municipality's infrastructure ("Bold vision for centre revamp", *Courier*, September 23).

I was impressed by the proposals, but mostly by the access to the council's senior staff and their patience in explaining and discussing the proposals with me.

Ashfield Council is to be congratulated on staging them and I urge local residents and businesses to attend one of the three remaining sessions, to find out about and comment on what is proposed.

JOHN HYDE, Ashfield

MAYORAL COLUMN

Infrastructure funding and Special Rate Variation



Over the coming weeks Council is going to ask residents to make some important choices about how you want us to maintain and improve our very important infrastructure, including our roads and footpaths, buildings, parks and our Aquatic Centre and properly plan for the future.

The costs of maintaining our facilities and running services are rising faster than Council's income is being generated.

This coupled with the fact that an existing Special Rate Variation specifically for infrastructure that Council had in place has now ended means that Council is now at the point where decisions need to be made about funding options for the future.

NSW Treasury Corporation recently confirmed Ashfield Council is financially sound, however like many councils, Ashfield is facing challenges as to how best maintain our services and ageing infrastructure.

Residents and businesses owners will soon receive a letter and brochure from Council outlining different funding options being put forward by Council as part of the 'Your Say, Your Future' campaign.

Council is putting forward four funding options to the community for consideration including the option to introduce a Special Rate Variation so Council can carry out improvements in the local area and upgrade the Ashfield Aquatic Centre.

The Your Say, Your Future campaign will include an on-line survey, community information sessions and displays. I hope you will join in on this very important conversation and learn more about what this might mean for you and your community.

Mayor Lucille McKenna OAM



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Open House and Telephone Survey

Like a number of Councils throughout the State, Ashfield Council is considering introducing a Special Rate Variation to raise additional funding so we can maintain and improve local infrastructure and facilities. **Join the conversation and have your say at our next community open house:**

Summer Hill Church Hall

Cnr Henson and Smith Streets Thursday 16 October 2014 from 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Some residents may also receive phone calls from a company called Micromex that has been engaged by Council to further assist in the consultation process. Your participation in the phone survey is greatly appreciated.

For more information please visit www.ashfield.nsw.gov.au

COMMUNITY NEWS



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The Feasting Begins this Friday night! Be sure to leave room for Sunday lunch!

Come celebrate Feast of Flavours with mouth-watering events to suit every palate. Proudly sponsored by Wests Ashfield Leagues, Romeo's SUPA IGA and HSBC.

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Message from the General Manager

Our infrastructure and Services

Ashfield Council provides important local infrastructure, facilities and services for the local community - from repairing local footpaths to garbage collections to ensuring our sporting fields are safe and in a usable condition.

At the same time, Council is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of some very large assets including our much loved local aquatic centre, community halls and public buildings such as our libraries.

Council has been working hard over the last five years to maintain service standards and to carry out improvements to arrest any further deterioration of our infrastructure assets.

We've been doing well, but we can do more.

Planning for the future

Over the past few years, the community has been telling us they want to see more infrastructure works undertaken to improve the local area. They want us to create a vibrant town centre, to improve the condition of local streets and to upgrade our aquatic centre and community buildings.

We are now at the point where we need to make some decisions about how to best meet the expectations of the community whilst properly planning for the future.

Council has been working hard to ensure it operates within its means. The NSW Treasury Corporation recently confirmed that Council is financially sound.

However like many councils, Ashfield is facing challenges as to how to best maintain services and ageing infrastructure - the costs of which are rising faster than Council's income is being generated.

This, coupled with the fact that an existing special rate variation has recently ended, means we are now at the point where we need to make a decision about the standard of infrastructure we want for the future and how to pay for it.

Your say, Your future

Residents now have some important choices to make.

Like a number of councils throughout the State, Council is considering introducing a Special Rate Variation to raise additional funding so we can maintain and improve local infrastructure and facilities over the next 10 years.

Four options are being put forward as part of the Your Say, Your Future Campaign. You are invited to join the conversation and have your say about the future of the local area.

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What are the options?

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<p>1.</p> <p>No special rate variation increase. Lower service standards over time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over time the condition of roads, footpaths, community buildings, parks and sportsgrounds will decline. The safety and functionality of the Aquatic Centre would be put at risk and may eventually close. <p><small>A Special Rate Variation previously in place has now ended. Council now relies on a small state-wide rate increase of approximately 3%. Given the funding shortfall, assets will not be able to be maintained at the current standards.</small></p> <p>\$129.55 total average rate increase for the 4 years</p>	<p>2.</p> <p>Introduce a special rate increase over four years starting at 6.0% and rising to 7.4%.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$10 million partial upgrade of the Ashfield Aquatic Centre. \$1.7 million a year to renew infrastructure including an extra \$600,000 for buildings, \$700,000 for roads and footpaths and \$400,000 for parks each year for the next 10 years. <p>\$306.88 total average rate increase for the 4 years*</p> <p><small>This would see average annual rates increase by \$61.93 a year in 2015/16 rising to \$92.26 in 2018/19.</small></p>	<p>3.</p> <p>Introduce a special rate increase over four years starting at 7.5% and rising to 9.3% (includes the 3% state-wide increase).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$14 million partial upgrade of the Ashfield Aquatic Centre. \$2.7 million a year to renew infrastructure including an extra \$1 million for buildings, \$1.1 million for roads and footpaths, \$500,000 for parks and \$100,000 for drainage each year for the next 10 years. <p>\$396.85 total average rate increase for the 4 years*</p> <p><small>This would see average annual rates increase by \$77.42 a year in 2015/16 rising to \$121.59 in 2018/19.</small></p>	<p>4.</p> <p>Introduce a special rate increase over four years starting at 9.92% and rising to 9.98% (this includes the 3% state-wide increase).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$25 million full upgrade of the Ashfield Aquatic Centre. \$2.7 million a year to renew infrastructure including \$1 million for buildings, \$1.1 million for roads and footpaths, \$500,000 for parks and \$100,000 for drainage each year for the next 10 years. <p>\$476.36 total average rate increase for the 4 years*</p> <p><small>This would see average annual rates increase by \$102.39 a year in 2015/16 rising to \$136.89 in 2018/19.</small></p>
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Impact on Residents

Click [here](#) to download a table showing the average impact the four different options being put forward by Council would have on residents.

Click [here](#) to download a 'ready reckoner' of comparative rates to see how you will be affected. Please note - The calculations are indicative only and are based on the current land values and Council's current rating structure and rate income levels. General revaluations of land values occur every three years and this will have an effect on the figures. Any change to Council's rating structure would also have an effect on the above figures.

The four options being put forward by Council are shown below.

What are the options?

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YOUR SAY YOUR FUTURE OPTIONS

Impact on Ratepayers - first five years

Option 1	No Special Rate Variation Only State-wide increase	Average annual increase \$ Residential	Average increase \$ Business
2015/16	3.0%	\$30.97	\$140.53
2016/17	3.0%	\$31.89	\$144.75
2017/18	3.0%	\$32.85	\$149.09
2018/19	3.0%	\$33.84	\$153.56
2019/20	3.0%	\$34.85	\$158.17

Option 2	Annual % increase*	Average annual increase \$ Residential	Average increase \$ Business
2015/16	6.0%	\$61.93	\$281.07
2016/17	6.5%	\$71.12	\$322.76
2017/18	7.0%	\$81.57	\$370.18
2018/19	7.4%	\$92.26	\$418.72
2019/20	3.0% (back to state-wide increase)	\$40.17	\$182.31

Option 3	Annual % increase*	Average annual increase \$ Residential	Average increase \$ Business
2015/16	7.5%	\$77.42	\$351.33
2016/17	8.2%	\$90.99	\$412.93
2017/18	8.9%	\$106.85	\$484.93
2018/19	9.3%	\$121.59	\$551.83
2019/20	3.0% (back to state-wide increase)	\$42.87	\$194.56

Option 4	Annual % increase*	Average annual increase \$ Residential	Average increase \$ Business
2015/16	9.92%	\$102.39	\$464.69
2016/17	9.94%	\$112.78	\$511.82
2017/18	9.97%	\$124.30	\$564.11
2018/19	9.98%	\$136.89	\$621.26
2019/20	3% (back to state-wide increase)	\$45.26	\$205.39

*assumes a 3% permissible increase each year

SPECIAL RATE VARIATION COMPARATIVE RATES

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Option 1 - No Special Rate Variation Increase

Rate Increase	2014/15		3.00%		3.00%		3.00%		3.00%		3.00%		3.00%		3.00%		3.00%		3.00%			
Year	2014/15		2015/16		2016/17		2017/18		2018/19		2019/20		2020/21		2021/22		2022/23		2023/24		2024/25	
Land Value	Annual Rate	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate	Quarterly Rate
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30,240	\$550.07	\$138.00	\$566.57	\$142.00	\$583.57	\$146.00	\$601.08	\$150.00	\$619.11	\$155.00	\$637.68	\$159.00	\$656.81	\$164.00	\$676.52	\$169.00	\$696.81	\$174.00	\$717.72	\$179.00	\$739.25	\$185.00
112,000	\$655.69	\$164.00	\$675.36	\$169.00	\$695.62	\$174.00	\$716.49	\$179.00	\$737.98	\$184.00	\$760.12	\$190.00	\$782.93	\$196.00	\$806.42	\$202.00	\$830.61	\$208.00	\$855.53	\$214.00	\$881.19	\$220.00
204,000	\$774.54	\$194.00	\$797.78	\$199.00	\$821.71	\$205.00	\$846.36	\$212.00	\$871.75	\$218.00	\$897.90	\$224.00	\$924.84	\$231.00	\$952.59	\$238.00	\$981.16	\$245.00	\$1,010.60	\$252.00	\$1,040.92	\$260.00
300,000	\$898.55	\$225.00	\$925.51	\$231.00	\$953.27	\$238.00	\$981.87	\$245.00	\$1,011.33	\$253.00	\$1,041.67	\$260.00	\$1,072.92	\$268.00	\$1,105.10	\$276.00	\$1,138.26	\$285.00	\$1,172.40	\$293.00	\$1,207.58	\$302.00
456,000	\$1,100.88	\$275.00	\$1,133.91	\$283.00	\$1,167.92	\$292.00	\$1,202.96	\$301.00	\$1,239.05	\$310.00	\$1,276.22	\$319.00	\$1,314.51	\$329.00	\$1,353.94	\$338.00	\$1,394.56	\$349.00	\$1,436.40	\$359.00	\$1,479.49	\$370.00
650,000	\$1,350.70	\$338.00	\$1,391.22	\$348.00	\$1,432.96	\$358.00	\$1,475.95	\$369.00	\$1,520.22	\$380.00	\$1,565.83	\$391.00	\$1,612.81	\$403.00	\$1,661.19	\$415.00	\$1,711.03	\$428.00	\$1,762.36	\$441.00	\$1,815.23	\$454.00
800,000	\$1,544.47	\$386.00	\$1,590.80	\$398.00	\$1,638.53	\$410.00	\$1,687.68	\$422.00	\$1,738.31	\$435.00	\$1,790.46	\$448.00	\$1,844.18	\$461.00	\$1,899.50	\$475.00	\$1,956.49	\$489.00	\$2,015.18	\$504.00	\$2,075.64	\$519.00
960,000	\$1,751.17	\$438.00	\$1,803.71	\$451.00	\$1,857.82	\$464.00	\$1,913.55	\$478.00	\$1,970.96	\$493.00	\$2,030.09	\$508.00	\$2,090.99	\$523.00	\$2,153.72	\$538.00	\$2,218.33	\$555.00	\$2,284.88	\$571.00	\$2,353.43	\$588.00
1,100,000	\$1,932.02	\$483.00	\$1,989.98	\$497.00	\$2,049.68	\$512.00	\$2,111.17	\$528.00	\$2,174.51	\$544.00	\$2,239.74	\$560.00	\$2,306.93	\$577.00	\$2,376.14	\$594.00	\$2,447.43	\$612.00	\$2,520.85	\$630.00	\$2,596.47	\$649.00
1,250,000	\$2,125.80	\$531.00	\$2,189.57	\$547.00	\$2,255.76	\$564.00	\$2,327.92	\$581.00	\$2,392.61	\$598.00	\$2,464.38	\$616.00	\$2,538.32	\$635.00	\$2,614.47	\$654.00	\$2,692.90	\$673.00	\$2,773.69	\$693.00	\$2,856.90	\$714.00
2,800,000	\$4,128.15	\$1,032.00	\$4,251.99	\$1,063.00	\$4,379.55	\$1,095.00	\$4,510.94	\$1,128.00	\$4,646.27	\$1,162.00	\$4,785.66	\$1,196.00	\$4,929.23	\$1,232.00	\$5,077.10	\$1,269.00	\$5,229.42	\$1,307.00	\$5,386.30	\$1,347.00	\$5,547.89	\$1,387.00

Option 2 - \$10 m pool upgrade + \$1.7 m per year for infrastructure

Rate Increase	2014/15		6.00%		6.50%		7.00%		7.40%		3.00%		3.00%		3.00%		3.00%		3.00%		3.00%	
Year	2014/15		2015/16		2016/17		2017/18		2018/19		2019/20		2020/21		2021/22		2022/23		2023/24		2024/25	
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30,240	\$550.07	\$138.00	\$583.07	\$146.00	\$620.97	\$155.00	\$664.44	\$166.00	\$713.61	\$178.00	\$735.02	\$184.00	\$757.07	\$189.00	\$779.78	\$195.00	\$803.18	\$201.00	\$827.27	\$207.00	\$852.09	\$213.00
112,000	\$655.69	\$164.00	\$695.03	\$174.00	\$740.21	\$185.00	\$792.02	\$198.00	\$850.63	\$213.00	\$876.15	\$219.00	\$902.44	\$226.00	\$929.51	\$232.00	\$957.39	\$239.00	\$986.12	\$247.00	\$1,015.70	\$254.00
204,000	\$774.54	\$194.00	\$821.01	\$205.00	\$874.38	\$219.00	\$935.58	\$234.00	\$1,004.82	\$251.00	\$1,034.96	\$259.00	\$1,066.01	\$267.00	\$1,097.99	\$274.00	\$1,130.93	\$283.00	\$1,164.86	\$291.00	\$1,199.81	\$300.00
300,000	\$898.55	\$225.00	\$952.46	\$238.00	\$1,014.37	\$254.00	\$1,085.38	\$271.00	\$1,165.70	\$291.00	\$1,200.67	\$300.00	\$1,236.69	\$309.00	\$1,273.79	\$318.00	\$1,312.00	\$328.00	\$1,351.36	\$338.00	\$1,391.90	\$348.00
456,000	\$1,100.88	\$275.00	\$1,166.93	\$292.00	\$1,242.78	\$311.00	\$1,329.78	\$333.00	\$1,428.18	\$357.00	\$1,471.03	\$368.00	\$1,515.16	\$379.00	\$1,560.61	\$390.00	\$1,607.43	\$402.00	\$1,655.65	\$414.00	\$1,705.32	\$426.00
650,000	\$1,350.70	\$338.00	\$1,431.74	\$358.00	\$1,524.81	\$381.00	\$1,631.54	\$408.00	\$1,752.28	\$438.00	\$1,804.84	\$451.00	\$1,858.99	\$465.00	\$1,914.76	\$479.00	\$1,972.20	\$493.00	\$2,031.37	\$508.00	\$2,092.31	\$523.00
800,000	\$1,544.47	\$386.00	\$1,637.14	\$409.00	\$1,743.55	\$436.00	\$1,865.60	\$466.00	\$2,003.66	\$501.00	\$2,063.76	\$516.00	\$2,125.68	\$531.00	\$2,189.45	\$547.00	\$2,255.13	\$564.00	\$2,322.79	\$581.00	\$2,392.47	\$598.00
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1,100,000	\$1,932.02	\$483.00	\$2,047.94	\$512.00	\$2,181.06	\$545.00	\$2,333.73	\$583.00	\$2,506.43	\$627.00	\$2,581.62	\$645.00	\$2,659.07	\$665.00	\$2,738.84	\$685.00	\$2,821.01	\$705.00	\$2,905.64	\$726.00	\$2,992.81	\$748.00
1,250,000	\$2,125.80	\$531.00	\$2,253.35	\$563.00	\$2,399.82	\$600.00	\$2,567.80	\$642.00	\$2,757.82	\$689.00	\$2,840.55	\$710.00	\$2,925.77	\$731.00	\$3,013.54	\$753.00	\$3,103.95	\$776.00	\$3,197.07	\$799.00	\$3,292.98	\$823.00
2,800,000	\$4,128.15	\$1,032.00	\$4,375.84	\$1,094.00	\$4,623.00	\$1,165.00	\$4,886.49	\$1,247.00	\$5,355.49	\$1,339.00	\$5,516.15	\$1,379.00	\$5,681.64	\$1,420.00	\$5,852.09	\$1,463.00	\$6,027.65	\$1,507.00	\$6,208.48	\$1,552.00	\$6,394.73	\$1,599.00

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Rate Increase	2014/15		7.50%		8.20%		8.90%		9.30%		3.00%		3.00%		3.00%		3.00%		3.00%		3.00%	
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112,000	\$655.69	\$164.00	\$704.87	\$176.20	\$762.67	\$191.00	\$830.54	\$208.00	\$907.78	\$227.00	\$935.02	\$234.00	\$963.07	\$241.00	\$991.96	\$248.00	\$1,021.72	\$255.00	\$1,052.37	\$263.00	\$1,083.94	\$271.00
204,000	\$774.54	\$194.00	\$832.63	\$208.20	\$900.91	\$225.00	\$981.09	\$245.00	\$1,072.33	\$268.00	\$1,104.50	\$276.00	\$1,137.63	\$284.00	\$1,171.76	\$293.00	\$1,206.91	\$302.00	\$1,243.12	\$311.00	\$1,280.42	\$320.00
300,000	\$898.55	\$225.00	\$965.94	\$241.50	\$1,045.15	\$261.00	\$1,138.17	\$285.00	\$1,244.02	\$311.00	\$1,281.34	\$320.00	\$1,319.78	\$330.00	\$1,359.37	\$340.00	\$1,400.15	\$350.00	\$1,442.16	\$361.00	\$1,485.42	\$371.00
456,000	\$1,100.88	\$275.00	\$1,183.45	\$295.90	\$1,280.49	\$320.00	\$1,394.45	\$349.00	\$1,524.14	\$381.00	\$1,569.86	\$392.00	\$1,616.96	\$404.00	\$1,665.46	\$416.00	\$1,715.43	\$429.00	\$1,766.89	\$442.00	\$1,819.90	\$455.00
650,000	\$1,350.70	\$338.00	\$1,452.00	\$363.00	\$1,571.07	\$393.00	\$1,710.89	\$428.00	\$1,870.28	\$468.00	\$1,926.10	\$482.00	\$1,983.89	\$496.00	\$2,043.40	\$511.00	\$2,104.71	\$526.00	\$2,167.85	\$542.00	\$2,232.88	\$558.00
800,000	\$1,544.47	\$386.00	\$1,660.31	\$415.10	\$1,796.45	\$449.00	\$1,956.33	\$489.00	\$2,138.27	\$535.00	\$2,202.42	\$551.00	\$2,268.49	\$567.00	\$2,336.55	\$584.00	\$2,406.65	\$602.00	\$2,478.84	\$620.00	\$2,553.21	\$638.00
960,000	\$1,751.17	\$438.00	\$1,882.51	\$470.60	\$2,036.87	\$509.00	\$2,218.16	\$555.00	\$2,424.44	\$606.00	\$2,497.18	\$624.00	\$2,572.09	\$643.00	\$2,649.25	\$662.00	\$2,728.73	\$682.00	\$2,810.59	\$702.00	\$2,894.91	\$724.00
1,100,000	\$1,932.02	\$483.00	\$2,076.92	\$519.20	\$2,247.23	\$562.00	\$2,447.23	\$612.00	\$2,674.83	\$669.00	\$2,755.07	\$689.00	\$2,837.72	\$709.00	\$2,922.85	\$731.00	\$3,010.54	\$753.00	\$3,100.86	\$775.00	\$3,193.88	\$798.00
1,250,000	\$2,125.80	\$531.00	\$2,285.24	\$571.30	\$2,472.62	\$618.00																

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Impact on Business

Click [here](#) to download a table showing the impact the four different options being put forward by Council would have on business.

Click [here](#) to download a 'ready reckoner' of comparative rates to see how your business will be affected. Please note - The calculations are indicative only and are based on the current land values and Council's current rating structure and rate income levels. General revaluations of land values occur every three years and this will have an effect on the figures. Any change to Council's rating structure would also have an effect on the above figures.

The four options being put forward by Council are shown below.

What are the options for business?

Council is putting forward four funding options to the community.

<p>1.</p> <p>No special rate variation increase. Lower service standards over time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over time the condition of roads, footpaths, parks and sportsgrounds will decline. The safety and functionality of the Aquatic Centre would be put at risk and may eventually close. <p><small>A Special Rate Variation previously in place has now ended. Council now relies on a small state-wide rate increase of approximately 3%. Given the funding shortfall, assets will not be able to be maintained at the current standards.</small></p> <p>\$587.93 total average rate increase for the 4 years</p>	<p>2.</p> <p>Introduce a special rate increase over four years starting at 6.0% and rising to 7.4%.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$10 million partial upgrade of the Ashfield Aquatic Centre. \$1.7 million a year to renew infrastructure including an extra \$600,000 for buildings, \$700,000 for roads and footpaths and \$400,000 for parks each year for the next 10 years. <p>\$1,392.73 total average rate increase for the 4 years*</p> <p><small>This would see average annual rates increase by \$281.07 a year in 2015/16 rising to \$418.72 in 2018/19.</small></p>	<p>3.</p> <p>Introduce a special rate increase over four years starting at 7.5% and rising to 9.3% (includes the 3% state-wide increase).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$14 million partial upgrade of the Ashfield Aquatic Centre. \$2.7 million a year to renew infrastructure including an extra \$1 million for buildings, \$1.1 million for roads and footpaths, \$500,000 for parks and \$100,000 for drainage each year for the next 10 years. <p>\$1,801.02 total average rate increase for the 4 years*</p> <p><small>This would see average annual rates increase by \$351.33 a year in 2015/16 rising to \$551.83 in 2018/19.</small></p>	<p>4.</p> <p>Introduce a special rate increase over four years starting at 9.92% and rising to 9.98% (this includes the 3% state-wide increase).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$25 million full upgrade of the Ashfield Aquatic Centre. \$2.7 million a year to renew infrastructure including \$1 million for buildings, \$1.1 million for roads and footpaths, \$500,000 for parks and \$100,000 for drainage each year for the next 10 years. <p>\$2,161.88 total average rate increase for the 4 years*</p> <p><small>This would see average annual rates increase by \$464.69 a year in 2015/16 rising to \$621.26 in 2018/19.</small></p>
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*All options include a 3% state-wide rate increase.

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YOUR SAY YOUR FUTURE OPTIONS

Impact on Business - first five years

Option 1	No Special Rate Variation Only State-wide increase	Average annual increase \$ Residential	Average increase \$ Business
2015/16	3.0%	\$30.97	\$140.53
2016/17	3.0%	\$31.89	\$144.75
2017/18	3.0%	\$32.85	\$149.09
2018/19	3.0%	\$33.84	\$153.56
2019/20	3.0%	\$34.85	\$158.17

Option 2	Annual % increase*	Average annual increase \$ Residential	Average increase \$ Business
2015/16	6.0%	\$61.93	\$281.07
2016/17	6.5%	\$71.12	\$322.76
2017/18	7.0%	\$81.57	\$370.18
2018/19	7.4%	\$92.26	\$418.72
2019/20	3.0% (back to state-wide increase)	\$40.17	\$182.31

Option 3	Annual % increase*	Average annual increase \$ Residential	Average increase \$ Business
2015/16	7.5%	\$77.42	\$351.33
2016/17	8.2%	\$90.99	\$412.93
2017/18	8.9%	\$106.85	\$484.93
2018/19	9.3%	\$121.59	\$551.83
2019/20	3.0% (back to state-wide increase)	\$42.87	\$194.56

Option 4	Annual % increase*	Average annual increase \$ Residential	Average increase \$ Business
2015/16	9.92%	\$102.39	\$464.69
2016/17	9.94%	\$112.78	\$511.82
2017/18	9.97%	\$124.30	\$564.11
2018/19	9.98%	\$136.89	\$621.26
2019/20	3% (back to state-wide increase)	\$45.26	\$205.39

*assumes a 3% permissible increase each year



SPECIAL RATE VARIATION COMPARATIVE RATES

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Option 1 - No Special Rate Variation Increase

Rate Increase Year	2014/15		3.00% 2015/16		3.00% 2016/17		3.00% 2017/18		3.00% 2018/19		3.00% 2019/20		3.00% 2020/21		3.00% 2021/22		3.00% 2022/23		3.00% 2023/24		3.00% 2024/25	
Land Value	Annual Rate	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate2	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate4	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate6	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate8	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate10	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate11	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate12	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate13	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate14	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate20	Quarterly Rate20
1,450	\$531.50	\$133.00	\$547.45	\$137.00	\$563.87	\$141.00	\$580.78	\$145.00	\$598.21	\$150.00	\$616.15	\$154.00	\$634.64	\$159.00	\$653.68	\$163.00	\$673.29	\$168.00	\$693.49	\$173.00	\$714.29	\$179.00
115,000	\$617.44	\$154.00	\$635.96	\$159.00	\$655.04	\$164.00	\$674.69	\$169.00	\$694.93	\$174.00	\$715.78	\$179.00	\$737.26	\$184.00	\$759.37	\$190.00	\$782.15	\$196.00	\$805.62	\$201.00	\$829.79	\$207.00
153,000	\$821.46	\$205.00	\$846.10	\$212.00	\$871.49	\$218.00	\$897.63	\$224.00	\$924.56	\$231.00	\$952.30	\$238.00	\$980.87	\$245.00	\$1,010.29	\$253.00	\$1,040.60	\$260.00	\$1,071.82	\$268.00	\$1,103.97	\$276.00
352,000	\$1,889.90	\$472.00	\$1,946.60	\$487.00	\$2,004.99	\$501.00	\$2,065.14	\$516.00	\$2,127.10	\$532.00	\$2,190.91	\$548.00	\$2,256.64	\$564.00	\$2,324.34	\$581.00	\$2,394.07	\$599.00	\$2,465.89	\$616.00	\$2,539.87	\$635.00
570,000	\$3,060.35	\$765.00	\$3,152.16	\$788.00	\$3,246.73	\$812.00	\$3,344.13	\$836.00	\$3,444.45	\$861.00	\$3,547.78	\$887.00	\$3,654.22	\$914.00	\$3,763.84	\$941.00	\$3,876.76	\$969.00	\$3,993.06	\$998.00	\$4,112.85	\$1,028.00
1,000,000	\$5,369.03	\$1,342.00	\$5,530.10	\$1,383.00	\$5,696.00	\$1,424.00	\$5,866.88	\$1,467.00	\$6,042.89	\$1,511.00	\$6,224.18	\$1,556.00	\$6,410.90	\$1,603.00	\$6,603.23	\$1,651.00	\$6,801.33	\$1,700.00	\$7,005.37	\$1,751.00	\$7,215.53	\$1,804.00
2,550,000	\$13,691.03	\$3,423.00	\$14,101.76	\$3,525.00	\$14,524.81	\$3,631.00	\$14,960.56	\$3,740.00	\$15,409.37	\$3,852.00	\$15,871.66	\$3,968.00	\$16,347.81	\$4,087.00	\$16,838.24	\$4,210.00	\$17,343.39	\$4,336.00	\$17,863.69	\$4,466.00	\$18,399.60	\$4,600.00
26,000,000	\$139,584.78	\$34,896.00	\$143,772.32	\$35,943.10	\$148,085.49	\$37,021.00	\$152,528.06	\$38,132.00	\$157,103.90	\$39,276.00	\$161,817.02	\$40,454.00	\$166,671.53	\$41,668.00	\$171,671.67	\$42,918.00	\$176,821.82	\$44,205.00	\$182,126.48	\$45,532.00	\$187,590.27	\$46,898.00

Option 2 - \$10 m pool upgrade + \$1.7 m per year for infrastructure

Rate Increase Year	2014/15		6.00% 2015/16		6.50% 2016/17		7.00% 2017/18		7.40% 2018/19		3.00% 2019/20		3.00% 2020/21		3.00% 2021/22		3.00% 2022/23		3.00% 2023/24		3.00% 2024/25	
Land Value	Annual Rate	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate2	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate4	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate6	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate8	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate10	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate11	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate12	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate13	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate14	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate20	Quarterly Rate20
1,450	\$531.50	\$133.00	\$563.39	\$141.00	\$600.01	\$150.00	\$642.01	\$161.00	\$689.52	\$172.00	\$710.21	\$178.00	\$731.51	\$183.00	\$753.46	\$188.00	\$776.06	\$194.00	\$799.34	\$200.00	\$823.32	\$206.00
115,000	\$617.44	\$154.00	\$654.49	\$164.00	\$697.03	\$174.00	\$745.82	\$186.00	\$801.01	\$200.00	\$825.04	\$206.00	\$849.79	\$212.00	\$875.29	\$219.00	\$901.54	\$225.00	\$928.59	\$232.00	\$956.45	\$239.00
153,000	\$821.46	\$205.00	\$870.75	\$218.00	\$927.35	\$232.00	\$992.26	\$248.00	\$1,065.69	\$266.00	\$1,097.66	\$274.00	\$1,130.59	\$283.00	\$1,164.51	\$291.00	\$1,199.44	\$300.00	\$1,235.42	\$309.00	\$1,272.49	\$318.00
352,000	\$1,889.90	\$472.00	\$2,003.29	\$501.00	\$2,133.51	\$533.00	\$2,282.85	\$571.00	\$2,451.78	\$613.00	\$2,525.34	\$631.00	\$2,601.10	\$650.00	\$2,679.13	\$670.00	\$2,759.51	\$690.00	\$2,842.29	\$711.00	\$2,927.56	\$732.00
570,000	\$3,060.35	\$765.00	\$3,243.97	\$811.00	\$3,454.83	\$864.00	\$3,696.67	\$924.00	\$3,970.22	\$993.00	\$4,089.33	\$1,022.00	\$4,212.01	\$1,053.00	\$4,338.37	\$1,085.00	\$4,468.52	\$1,117.00	\$4,602.57	\$1,151.00	\$4,740.65	\$1,185.00
1,000,000	\$5,369.03	\$1,342.00	\$5,691.17	\$1,423.00	\$6,061.10	\$1,515.00	\$6,485.37	\$1,621.00	\$6,965.29	\$1,741.00	\$7,174.25	\$1,794.00	\$7,389.48	\$1,847.00	\$7,611.16	\$1,903.00	\$7,839.50	\$1,960.00	\$8,074.68	\$2,019.00	\$8,316.92	\$2,079.00
2,550,000	\$13,691.03	\$3,423.00	\$14,512.49	\$3,628.00	\$15,455.80	\$3,864.00	\$16,537.71	\$4,134.00	\$17,761.50	\$4,440.00	\$18,294.35	\$4,574.00	\$18,843.18	\$4,711.00	\$19,408.47	\$4,852.00	\$19,990.73	\$4,998.00	\$20,590.45	\$5,148.00	\$21,208.16	\$5,302.00
26,000,000	\$139,584.78	\$34,896.00	\$147,959.87	\$36,990.00	\$157,577.26	\$39,394.00	\$168,607.67	\$42,152.00	\$181,084.63	\$45,271.00	\$186,517.17	\$46,629.00	\$192,112.69	\$48,028.00	\$197,876.07	\$49,469.00	\$203,812.35	\$50,953.00	\$209,926.72	\$52,482.00	\$216,224.52	\$54,056.00

Option 3 - \$14 m pool upgrade + \$2.7 m per year for infrastructure

Rate Increase Year	2014/15		7.50% 2015/16		8.20% 2016/17		8.90% 2017/18		9.30% 2018/19		3.00% 2019/20		3.00% 2020/21		3.00% 2021/22		3.00% 2022/23		3.00% 2023/24		3.00% 2024/25	
Land Value	Annual Rate	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate2	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate4	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate6	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate8	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate10	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate11	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate12	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate13	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate14	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate20	Quarterly Rate20
1,450	\$531.50	\$133.00	\$571.36	\$143.00	\$618.21	\$155.00	\$673.24	\$168.00	\$735.85	\$184.00	\$757.92	\$189.00	\$780.66	\$195.00	\$804.08	\$201.00	\$828.20	\$207.00	\$853.05	\$213.00	\$878.64	\$220.00
115,000	\$617.44	\$154.00	\$663.75	\$166.00	\$718.18	\$180.00	\$782.09	\$196.00	\$854.83	\$214.00	\$880.47	\$220.00	\$906.89	\$227.00	\$934.09	\$234.00	\$962.12	\$241.00	\$990.98	\$248.00	\$1,020.71	\$255.00
153,000	\$821.46	\$205.00	\$883.07	\$221.00	\$955.48	\$239.00	\$1,040.52	\$260.00	\$1,137.29	\$284.00	\$1,171.41	\$293.00	\$1,206.55	\$302.00	\$1,242.74	\$311.00	\$1,280.03	\$320.00	\$1,318.43	\$330.00	\$1,357.98	\$339.00
352,000	\$1,889.90	\$472.00	\$2,031.64	\$508.00	\$2,198.24	\$550.00	\$2,393.88	\$598.00	\$2,616.51	\$654.00	\$2,695.01	\$674.00	\$2,775.86	\$694.00	\$2,859.13	\$715.00	\$2,944.91	\$736.00	\$3,033.25	\$758.00	\$3,124.25	\$781.00
570,000	\$3,060.35	\$765.00	\$3,289.88	\$822.00	\$3,559.65	\$890.00	\$3,876.45	\$969.00	\$4,236.96	\$1,059.00	\$4,364.07	\$1,091.00	\$4,495.00	\$1,124.00	\$4,629.85	\$1,157.00	\$4,768.74	\$1,192.00	\$4,911.80	\$1,228.00	\$5,059.16	\$1,265.00
1,000,000	\$5,369.03	\$1,342.00	\$5,771.71	\$1,443.00	\$6,244.99	\$1,561.00	\$6,800.79	\$1,700.00	\$7,433.26	\$1,858.00	\$7,656.26	\$1,914.00	\$7,885.95	\$1,971.00	\$8,122.53	\$2,031.00	\$8,366.20	\$2,092.00	\$8,617.19	\$2,154.00	\$8,875.71	\$2,219.00
2,550,000	\$13,691.03	\$3,423.00	\$14,717.86	\$3,679.00	\$15,924.72	\$3,981.00	\$17,342.02	\$4,336.00	\$18,954.83	\$4,739.00	\$19,523.47	\$4,881.00	\$20,109.18	\$5,027.00	\$20,712.45	\$5,178.00	\$21,333.83	\$5,333.00	\$21,973.84	\$5,493.00	\$22,633.06	\$5,658.00
26,000,000	\$139,584.78	\$34,896.00	\$150,053.64	\$37,513.40	\$162,358.04	\$40,590.00	\$176,807.90	\$44,202.00	\$193,251.04	\$48,313.00	\$199,048.57	\$49,762.00	\$205,020.03	\$51,255.00	\$211,170.63	\$52,793.00	\$217,505.74	\$54,376.00	\$224,030.92	\$56,008.00	\$230,751.84	\$57,688.00

Option 4 - \$25 m pool upgrade + \$2.7 m per year for infrastructure

Rate Increase Year	2014/15		9.92% 2015/16		9.94% 2016/17		9.97% 2017/18		9.98% 2018/19		3.00% 2019/20		3.00% 2020/21		3.00% 2021/22		3.00% 2022/23		3.00% 2023/24		3.00% 2024/25	
Land Value	Annual Rate	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate2	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate4	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate6	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate8	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate10	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate11	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate12	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate13	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate14	Quarterly Rate	Annual Rate20	Quarterly Rate20
1,450	\$531.50	\$133.00	\$584.22	\$146.00	\$642.30	\$161.00	\$706.33	\$177.00	\$776.83	\$194.00	\$800.13	\$200.00	\$824.13	\$206.00	\$848.86	\$212.00	\$874.32	\$219.00	\$900.55	\$225.00	\$927.57	\$232.00
115,000	\$617.44	\$154.00	\$678.69	\$170.00	\$746.15	\$187.00	\$820.54	\$205.00	\$902.43	\$226.00	\$929.51	\$232.00	\$957.39	\$239.00	\$986.11	\$247.00	\$1,015.70	\$254.00	\$1,046.17	\$262.00	\$1,077.55	\$269.00
153,000	\$821.46	\$205.00	\$902.95	\$226.00	\$992.70	\$248.00	\$1,091.67	\$273.00	\$1,200.62	\$300.00	\$1,236.64	\$309.00	\$1,273.74	\$318.00	\$1,311.95	\$328.00	\$1,351.31	\$338.00	\$1,391.85	\$348.00	\$1,433.61	\$358.00
352,000	\$1,889.90	\$472.00	\$2,077.38	\$519.00	\$2,283.87	\$571.00	\$2,511.57	\$628.00	\$2,762.23	\$691.00	\$2,845.09	\$711.00	\$2,930.45	\$733.00	\$3,018.36	\$755.00	\$3,108.91	\$777.00	\$3,202.18	\$801.00	\$3,298.24	\$825.00
570,000	\$3,060.35	\$765.00	\$3,363.94	\$841.00	\$3,698.31	\$925.00	\$4,067.03	\$1,017.00	\$4,472.92	\$1,118.00	\$4,607.11	\$1,152.00	\$4,745.32	\$1,186.00	\$4,887.68	\$1,222.00	\$5,034.32	\$1,259.00	\$5,185.34	\$1,296.00	\$5,340.90	\$1,335.00
1,000,000	\$5,369.03	\$1,342.00	\$5,901.64	\$1,475.00	\$6,488.26	\$1,622.00	\$7,135.14	\$1,784.00	\$7,847.23	\$1,962.00	\$8,082.64	\$2,021.00	\$8,325.12	\$2,081.00	\$8,574.88	\$2,144.00	\$8,832.12	\$2,208.00	\$9,097.09	\$2,274.00	\$9,370.00	\$2,342.00
2,550,000	\$13,691.03	\$3,423.00	\$15,049.18	\$3,762.00	\$16,545.07	\$4,136.00	\$18,194.61	\$4,549.00	\$20,010.43	\$5,003.00	\$20,610.75	\$5,153.00	\$21,229.07	\$5,307.00	\$21,865.94	\$5,466.00	\$22,521.92	\$5,630.00	\$23,197.58	\$5,799.00	\$23,893.51	\$5,973.00</

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What do your rates pay for?

Infrastructure

Your rates pay for Infrastructure provided by Council and the operation, maintenance and renewal of Infrastructure throughout the local area. For example, recent major works undertaken have included:

- Progressive repairs and relaying of paving and extending the kerb ramps in the Ashfield CBD along Liverpool Road as part of the Road Resurfacing Program.
- Road resurfacing, re-sheeting and major patching to streets included Banks Street, Carlton Crescent, Crane Avenue, Carrington Laneway, New Street, and Palace Street. Cost \$569,067.
- Replacement of larger sections of condition 4 footpath at the following locations was undertaken: Thomas Street and Seaview Street. Cost \$67,096.
- Drainage Work as part of Council's stormwater infrastructure CCTV inspection survey program, pipes are identified for water pressure cleaning, repairs and replacement. Major pipe repairs/replacement included stormwater pipes in Dalmar Street, Arthur Street and Shepherd Street. Cost \$42,452.
- The construction of an accessible playground in Ashfield Park, which included new playground equipment, seating and tree planting. Cost \$121,720.
- Bede Spillane was converted to an off leash dog park, which included the erection of a perimeter dog fence, dog dispenser bag units and associated works to the park. Cost \$18,834.68
- New shade sails installed at DJ Gardens, Richard Murden Reserve, Hammond Park and Yeo Park. Cost \$26,895.00
- Centenary Playground - the old synthetic playing surface in the playground area was replaced with new rubber soft fall surface. Cost \$42,527.10.

Services

Services provided by Ashfield Council and funded by your rates include:

- Waste and recycling services
- Graffiti management
- Illegal dumping
- Tree management
- Art and Culture
- Ashfield and Haberfield Libraries
- Community programs
- Community grants programs
- Youth services
- Community events
- Food Festivals
- Carnival of Cultures
- Companion animals
- Food safety inspections
- Kerb side clean ups
- Sign maintenance
- Parking patrols
- Community education
- Customer Service
- Online communication

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Condition of our Infrastructure

The condition of our major types of infrastructure is assessed on a scale of 1-5 where

Condition 1-2 = very good to good condition.

Condition 3 = fair condition

Condition 4-5 = poor to very poor condition.

Roads



Condition 1 - Byron Street, Croydon



Condition 2 - Denman Street, Haberfield



Condition 3 - Carshalton Street, Croydon



Condition 5 - Dalhousie Street, Haberfield



Condition 4 - Denman Avenue, Summer Hill

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Footpaths



Condition 1 - Hillcrest Avenue, Ashfield



Condition 2 - Carshalton Street, Croydon



Condition 3 - Arthur Street, Ashfield



Condition 5 - Bland Street, Ashfield

Facilities



Condition 1 - Ashfield Civic Centre



Condition 2 - Summer Hill Community Centre



Condition 3 - Thimning Villa Pratten Park



Condition 4 - Haberfield Library



Condition 5 - YMCA Building Yeo Park

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Playgrounds



Condition 1 - Yeo Park



Condition 3 - J.G. McCartney Reserve



Condition 2 - Carrington Reserve



Condition 4 - Algie Park



Condition 5 - Sutherland Reserve

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Recent infrastructure works

Council carries out works to improve local infrastructure throughout the local area.

Pictured below are recent works carried out to improve roads, footpaths and facilities throughout the local area.



Forbes Street, Croydon Park



Croydon streetscape enhancements



Holden Street, Ashfield



Croydon CBD



Norton and Queen Street, Ashfield



Pratten Park change rooms



Wolseley Street, Haberfield



Chandos Street, Ashfield



Yeo Park facilities

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Your rates at work - Snapshot of Council's 2013 major achievements at a glance

- Ashfield Council was named by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure as Sydney's top performing Council when it comes to processing Development Applications for the third year in a row.
- Council processed 334 Development Applications during 2012/13.
- The Ashfield Council Clean Team removed 451 incidences of graffiti in the area.
- Council conducted two major clean up events for all households in the area which saw an estimated 826 tonnes of general rubbish and 54 tonnes of green waste collected.
- Hosted Artists in Residence at Thimling Villa and held a series of workshops for local residents across a range of artistic mediums.
- During the past financial year 270 requests for information under the GIPA Act (which replaced the former Freedom of Information Act) were processed.
- The Justice of the Peace (JP) service at Ashfield Library signed over 21,156 items including 18,793 certifications, 77 affidavits, 1,692 statutory declarations and 168 annexures.
- Ashfield Aquatic Centre celebrated its 50th year of operation on Australia Day 2013. The facility has had over 10 million visits since it opened its doors 50 years ago in 1963.
- Council received 12,602 requests for service which have been processed by Council. Council responded to 76% of these requests within 10 days.
- Ashfield and Haberfield Libraries provided a wide range of free school holidays activities this year which were frequently booked out. Over the past financial year 1,241 people attended school holiday programs.
- A new equal access playground, suitable for children of all abilities, was installed in Ashfield Park. As part of the project Council also installed new footpaths in Robson, Centenary, Hammond and Ashfield Parks to improve facilities and play equipment.
- The new Youth Centre and refurbished Town Hall was officially opened by her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO Governor of NSW.
- The refurbished Town Hall was opened. It will be used for community and educational events, dance and theatre recitals and productions, fundraising events, community functions and forums.
- Ashfield Councillors agreed to permanently fly the Aboriginal Flag in front of the Civic Centre following the installation of new flag poles.
- Council hosted a program of events and activities to celebrate White Ribbon Day, Mental Health Awareness Month, Good Food Month, Day of People with a Disability, Recycle Week, Lunar New Year, Seniors Week, Harmony Day, National Playgroup Week, International Women's Day and Library Lovers' Day.
- Council held a pop up garden in the Civic Centre Forecourt to launch Council's Community Gardening Policy and to promote Community Gardening.
- 4,588 children attended Rhymetime and Storytime at Ashfield and Haberfield Libraries.
- Council hosted a regional high school climate change program with the Youth Climate Coalition which attracted over 100 students.
- Council presented over 40 sustainable living events and workshops in collaboration with 4 other Inner West Councils. The Treading Lightly series at Ashfield Council attracted 170 attendees.
- Council delivered E-waste Events with over 30 tonnes of material collected and diverted from during the 2012-13 period.
- Ashfield Council coordinated the distribution of 600 trees to local schools to plant for National Tree Day.
- Council installed signage across the local government area regarding 'Stealing from Cars' at crime hotspots which included signage translations in Italian and Chinese.
- Ashfield Aquatic Centre hosted over 20 swimming carnivals for schools from the local area.
- Council officers carried out new planting at Hammond Park, Robson Park, Ashfield Park and Yeo Park.

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- Council undertook 983 square metres of footpath repairs at Hawthorne Parade, Tillock Street, Albert Street, Ormond Street, Dudley Street, Farleigh Street, Thomas Street, Seaview Street and Loftus Street.
- During 2012/13 Council undertook 101 inspections for beauty salons, skin penetration, 48 boarding house inspections, 1 legionella control inspection, and 514 food shop inspections.

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State of Council's assets

Please click [here](#) to download a table showing the current state of Council's assets and the predicted effect each different special variation option will have on the assets.

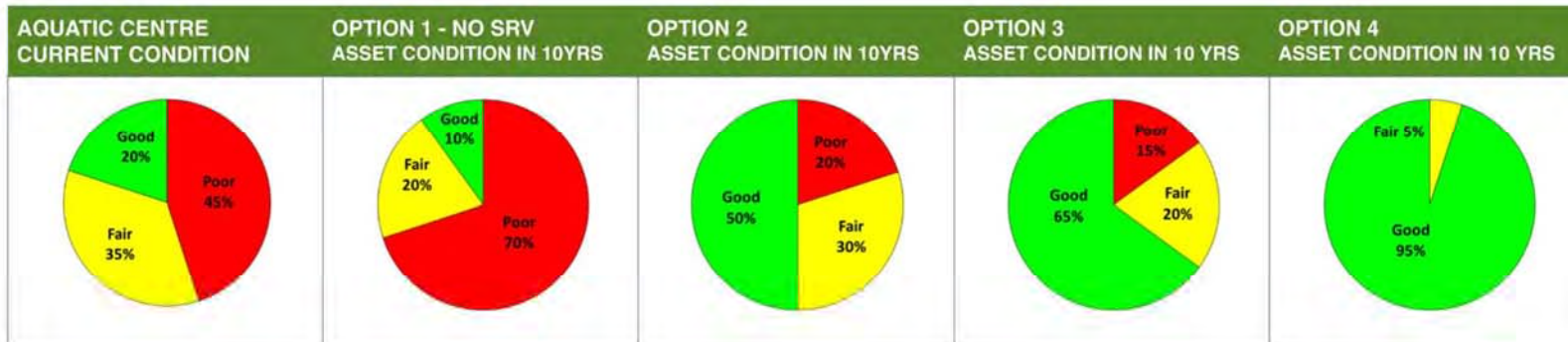
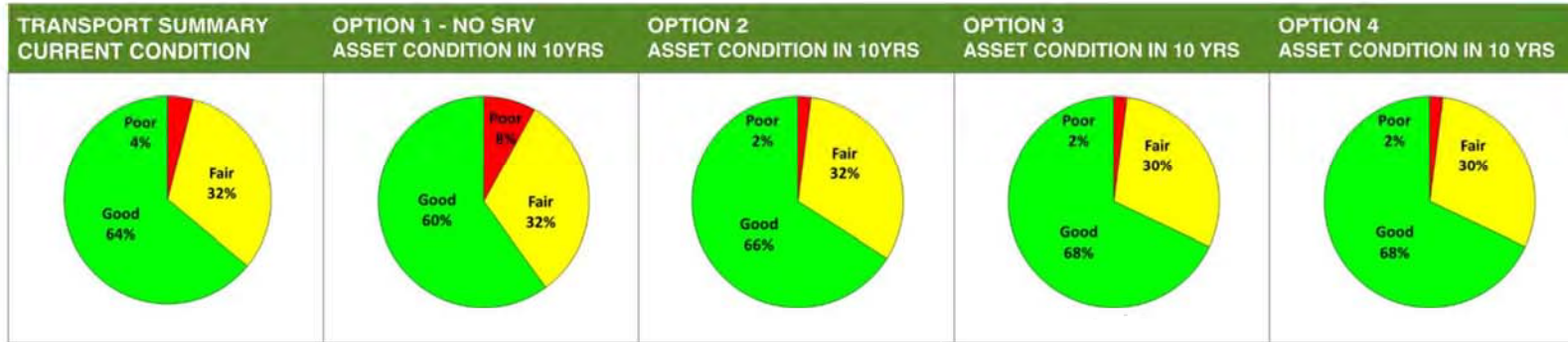
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The Ashfield Aquatic Centre

Since it opened in 1963, the Aquatic Centre has had over 10 million visits.

The Ashfield Aquatic Centre provides a valuable community resource. Thousands of local residents have learnt to swim at the pool and it is used by a number of sporting groups, local schools and members of the community.

The facility is currently home to the Ashfield Swim Club and is used by Wests Water Polo, NSW and Australian Water Polo. It is also used as a training venue for International Water Polo teams, schools in the area and is now home to the new Ashfield Swim School.

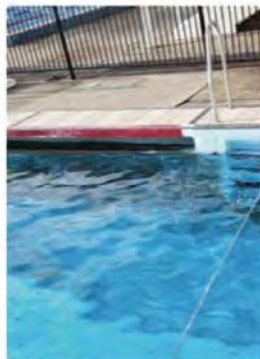
During the past financial year, over 360,000 people visited the Aquatic Centre.

In 2007 a report detailing the poor condition of various components of the indoor and outdoor pools at the Aquatic Centre highlighted that significant funds would be required to bring the Centre to an appropriate standard. After 50 years, the 50 metre pool is at the end of its useful life and requires replacement.

The Community Strategic Plan, Ashfield 2023, identifies development of a new Aquatic Centre as one of the key strategic focus areas. The Aquatic Centre infrastructure is ageing and the existing 50m and water polo pools require a high level of maintenance. These assets are unlikely to meet community expectations without future redevelopment.



The pool wall is too uneven to tile



Pool surface worn back to bare



Concrete and nails in the floor to hold down the covering

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Old pool pumps



Old outdoor pool filters



Old outdoor pipe-work

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Proposed redevelopment of the Aquatic Centre

Option 1.

No special rate variation increase. This option would result in lower service standards over time. Council would have to rely on a small state-wide rate increase of approximately 3% per annum. Assets will not be able to be maintained at the current standards and the safety and functionality of the Aquatic Centre will be put at risk and it may eventually have to close.

Option 2.

Council would undertake a \$10 million partial upgrade of the Ashfield Aquatic Centre.

Click [here](#) to view the concept plan for Option 2

Option 3.

Council would undertake a \$14 million partial upgrade of the Ashfield Aquatic Centre and build a new water polo pool.

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Option 4.

Council would undertake a \$25 million upgrade of the Ashfield Aquatic Centre.

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ASHFIELD AQUATIC CENTRE | PROPOSED RE-DEVELOPMENT | OPTION 2





**PARTIAL REDEVELOPMENT
CONCEPT OPTION 3**

FEATURES

- New indoor 25m pool
- New 50m pool
- Retention of existing indoor pool
- Demolition of all outdoor pools
- New passive play space
- New Olympic Size Water Polo Pool with new plant

DESCRIPTION

- Additional indoor pool
- Replace and reconfigure pools
- Maintain existing buildings
- Remove old plant room

INDICATIVE COST

- \$14M excluding optional second change rooms

ASHFIELD AQUATIC CENTRE | PROPOSED RE-DEVELOPMENT | OPTION 3





**FULL REDEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL WATER POLO POOL
CONCEPT OPTION 4**

FEATURES

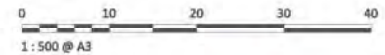
- New indoor 25m pool (warm water pool)
- New 10 lane 50m pool with new plant and optional bulkhead
- New Entry, Café, Landscaping and Western Grandstand
- New Crèche, Retail and Outdoor Amenity
- New Health and Fitness Centre
- New Spa
- New Olympic Size Water Polo Pool with new plant

DESCRIPTION

- Retention of existing indoor play pool
- Demolition of all outdoor pools and other buildings
- Replace and reconfigure pools and create dry fitness and health and community functions
- New learn to swim classes
- Carpark upgrade to 92 spaces

INDICATIVE COST

- \$25M excluding optional second change rooms



ASHFIELD AQUATIC CENTRE | PROPOSED RE-DEVELOPMENT | OPTION 4



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Frequently asked questions

What is a Special Rate Variation?

Residents pay rates to their local council to help them maintain, upgrade and build local infrastructure and operate community services. Rates increase by a small amount – about 3 per cent on average each year. A council may apply to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal for an additional increase in order to undertake works such as redeveloping facilities, addressing maintenance backlogs and providing additional environmental services. This is called a special rate variation. Ashfield Council requires a significant investment to maintain or upgrade its ageing infrastructure and facilities to the standard the community has said it wants. A special rate variation is one of the ways we can finance this investment.

How will the Special Rate Variation Work?

The answer to this question ultimately depends on which option is chosen. However, the rate increase will be phased in over four years and will remain in the rate base permanently. At the fifth year mark, rates will go back to increasing by the small state-wide increase only - approximately 3% per annum.

Why do we need a Special Rate Variation?

NSW Treasury Corporation recently confirmed we are financially sound. However, we face a number of challenges that will affect how we continue to fund infrastructure, facilities and services. Into the future, Council will not be able to produce a balanced budget within its existing income, without a deterioration in the condition of key infrastructure or a reduction in some services. This is not because of financial mismanagement. It is simply because over the next decade, Council's income is not expected to grow as fast as the costs to maintain our infrastructure and run our services will grow. In addition, a previous special rate variation ended last year which has been providing us with an additional \$730,000 a year for spending on infrastructure.

Over the last five years or so, Council has made significant efficiencies in existing operations and will continue to seize new opportunities. However, excepted savings from efficiencies will be insufficient to cover the additional funds needed to maintain key infrastructure, facilities and standards at the level the community is seeking. If services are not to be cut, the only way of balancing the budget and meeting community needs is to raise the amount of income that Council receives.

We face a number of challenges that will affect how we continue to fund infrastructure, facilities and services:

- The costs of maintaining infrastructure and running services are rising faster than Council's income is being generated
- A previous special rate variation ended last year which had been providing us an additional \$730,000 a year for spending on infrastructure
- Our infrastructure, particularly our aquatic centre, is ageing and will need significant upgrades to remain operational for the community over the medium to long term
- The community is calling for infrastructure to be upgraded and services to be expanded but we can't do this without additional funding solutions.

What infrastructure does Council have responsibility for?

The role of local councils has come a long way since the days of "roads, rates and rubbish". The Ashfield Council area is located in the inner-western suburbs of Sydney, about 6-9 kilometres from the Sydney GPO. Ashfield Council is 8.29 square kilometres in size and includes the suburbs of Ashfield, Summer Hill, Haberfield, the eastern part of Croydon and parts of Croydon Park, Hurlstone Park and Ashbury. The Ashfield Council area Estimated Resident Population for 2013 is 44,175, with a population density of 53.32 persons per hectare. It is one of the most culturally diverse local government areas in inner Sydney with 42.51% of the population born overseas.

Ashfield Council takes care of a number of infrastructure, facilities and services, including:

- Ashfield and Haberfield libraries
- Community centres and halls
- Ashfield Aquatic Centre, including the swim school
- Parks, including Pratten Park
- Local roads, buildings, sewerage and drainage and public toilets
- Environmental and health services
- Waste management, including recycling services
- Controlling companion animals
- Planning and development
- Services for specific groups in the community such as children and youth, older people, people with disabilities, Indigenous people and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

What are the proposed options?

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What are the options?

Council is putting forward four funding options to the community.

<p>1.</p> <p>No special rate variation increase. Lower service standards over time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over time the condition of roads, footpaths, community buildings, parks and sportsgrounds will decline. The safety and functionality of the Aquatic Centre would be put at risk and may eventually close. <p>A Special Rate Variation previously in place has now ended. Council now relies on a small state-wide rate increase of approximately 3%. Given the funding shortfall, assets will not be able to be maintained at the current standards.</p> <p>\$129.55 total average rate increase for the 4 years</p>	<p>2.</p> <p>Introduce a special rate increase over four years starting at 6.0% and rising to 7.4%.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$10 million partial upgrade of the Ashfield Aquatic Centre. \$1.7 million a year to renew infrastructure including an extra \$600,000 for buildings, \$700,000 for roads and footpaths and \$400,000 for parks each year for the next 10 years. <p>\$306.88 total average rate increase for the 4 years*</p> <p>This would see average annual rates increase by \$61.93 a year in 2015/16 rising to \$92.26 in 2018/19.</p>	<p>3.</p> <p>Introduce a special rate increase over four years starting at 7.5% and rising to 9.3% (includes the 3% state-wide increase).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$14 million partial upgrade of the Ashfield Aquatic Centre. \$2.7 million a year to renew infrastructure including an extra \$1 million for buildings, \$1.1 million for roads and footpaths, \$500,000 for parks and \$100,000 for drainage each year for the next 10 years. <p>\$396.85 total average rate increase for the 4 years*</p> <p>This would see average annual rates increase by \$77.42 a year in 2015/16 rising to \$121.59 in 2018/19.</p>	<p>4.</p> <p>Introduce a special rate increase over four years starting at 9.92% and rising to 9.98% (this includes the 3% state-wide increase).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$25 million full upgrade of the Ashfield Aquatic Centre. \$2.7 million a year to renew infrastructure including \$1 million for buildings, \$1.1 million for roads and footpaths, \$500,000 for parks and \$100,000 for drainage each year for the next 10 years. <p>\$476.36 total average rate increase for the 4 years*</p> <p>This would see average annual rates increase by \$102.39 a year in 2015/16 rising to \$136.89 in 2018/19.</p>
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*All options include a 3% state-wide rate increase.

What improvements to infrastructure and services will be seen?

This depends on which special rate variation option the community wants and what is approved by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART).

How much will my rates increase by?

This depends on which special rate variation option the community wants and what is approved by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART).

How will pensioners be affected?

Council is sensitive to the cost of living pressures on pensioners. In 2013 Council introduced an additional rate rebate of \$25 for pensioners. Council is also able to assist pensioners or other ratepayers who are having difficulty by allowing them to pay their rates over a longer period. For more information on special assistance provisions please call Council on 97161800 and ask to speak to our rates department.

Who makes the decision about whether the special rate variation is approved or not?

Council will look at the comments and feedback received during the Your Say, Your Future campaign and if the community support a Special Rate Variation Council will submit an application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal who will make the final decision as to whether a rate variation would proceed and by how much.

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We want to hear from you about your infrastructure and service priorities and how you think they should be funded.

Residents will receive a letter and brochure outlining the proposals being put forward as well as a Reply Paid postcard so you can have your say on which option you support.

You are invited to attend one of our community open houses:

Haberfield Library

Monday 22 September 2014
from 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Ashfield Aquatic Centre

Cadigal Room
Wednesday 1 October 2014
from 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Ashfield Civic Centre

Activity Rooms
Wednesday October 8 2014
from 11.00am - 12.30pm

Summer Hill Church Hall

Cnr Henson and Smith Streets
Thursday 16 October 2014
from 6.00pm - 7.30pm

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